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RAILROAD SURVEYORS CAMPED AT MADRAS

Survey Completed Between O'Neil
And Madras--Grade Reduced
on Old Survey.

Robert Rea and the party of Central Oregon railroad surveyors reached Madras the last of the week, having practically completed the survey for the projected line between this place and O'Neil. They came into Madras last Friday evening and pitched their camp, and next day "backed up" three miles on the survey in order to make some slight changes in the line where it comes into Madras. The new survey practically follows the old Columbia Southern survey, though a few changes have been made where the line comes into Madras and where it crosses Crooked river near O'Neil, a slight reduction in the grade having been found possible at both of these places. The old survey got out of Crooked River on a 1.6 per cent grade, and out of Willow Creek basin on practically the same, while the new survey reduces the grade about .1 per cent, so that the heaviest grade on the line will be a 1.5 per cent.

There are 11 men in the surveying party and they will probably be camped here for several days. Mr. Rea says that the line from this place South to Bend is one that can be easily built, with no heavy work to speak of. He declined, however, to express an opinion as to when construction would be started, although he says he believes that will depend largely upon the attitude of the people of this section toward the railroad project. Mr. Rea has been acquainted with the Central Oregon country for a number of years, and he has known of this section's transportation troubles, as well as of the numerous promises that have been made from time to time of immediate construction of one of the various extensions projected into this section. He ran the survey for the Columbia Southern Extension, which line would have been built into this section years ago had Mr. Lytle's ownership of that line continued, but he was forced to sell to Harriman, and the proposed extension of the Columbia Southern road was abandoned. Being familiar with the past record of broken promises and blighted hopes of railroad construction into Central Oregon, Mr. Rea is firmly convinced that the people of Crook county will have to render some very material assistance themselves, if they want immediate relief from their transportation troubles.

FIRST OFFENSE AGAINST LOCAL OPTION LAW

Bond Man Arrested--Charged With
Selling Liquor--A Change of
Venue Given.

Bend Bulletin
A. B. Estebenet was arraigned before Justice O'Connor Thursday afternoon on the charge of selling liquor in violation of the law. He entered a plea of not guilty and through his attorney, F. H. Greenman, submitted an affidavit and a motion for a change of venue. The motion was granted by Justice O'Connor and the trial will be heard at some other place than Bend. When a change of venue is granted, the attorneys for the State and for the defense have the privilege of choosing the trial court, but if they cannot agree then Justice O'Connor will designate such court. Attorney G. L. Bernier of Prineville appeared in behalf of the State, as special prosecutor appointed by District Attorney Wilson.

For the past three or four days Sheriff Elkins and Attorney Bernier have been in Bend quietly sifting this matter to the bottom and gathering evidence. It is understood that the state has a number of affidavits from men who affirm that they have purchased liquor from Estebenet since his saloon was closed under the local option law. Estebenet makes denial and the question of whether he is guilty or not guilty will be thrashed out before the trial court.

OFFICIALS OF IRRIGATION COMPANY HERE

A party of officials and stockholders of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. were in Madras last Thursday on their way to Bend to look over the company's project, where they are reclaiming something like 225,000 acres of land under the Carey law. In the party were H. D. Turney, an Ohio capitalist, president of the irrigation company; Fred S.

Stanley and A. F. Biles of Portland, large stockholders in the company and Messrs. Buckley and Hill, who are also interested in the irrigation project.

Governor Chamberlain, who it was reported would accompany the party, was unable to leave and did not come with them.

All the members of the party, during their short stay in Madras, made numerous inquiries regarding the progress of the Central Oregon railroad project, and expressed the opinion that in that plan rested the best prospect the people of Crook county have for a solution of their transportation problem. Owing to their heavy investment in the Bend country, these gentlemen are very much interested in the transportation question in Crook county.

WATER WHEEL FOR IRRIGATING PURPOSES

T. B. Tucker has installed a large water wheel for pumping water for irrigation purposes at his ranch on the Deschutes. The wheel is 18 feet high and eight feet wide, and will deliver somewhere between 600 and 800 gallons of water per minute. It rests on two piers built into the river and the wheel is propelled by the current of the river, buckets being attached to the paddles on the big wheel for carrying the water and delivering it into the flume. There are 42 buckets holding six gallons each and the wheel makes four revolutions each minute, so that if the buckets were carried full the wheel would deliver over 1000 gallons per minute, but allowing for waste it is estimated that the wheel will deliver about 700 gallons. The wheel is made entirely of iron, with the exception of the paddles, which are of wood.

Several people in Madras, who have seen Mr. Tucker's water wheel since it was installed, say that it works like a charm, the current of the river being strong enough to keep the wheel turning and lifting the big buckets. The wheel will supply sufficient water to irrigate probably 50 acres, although Mr. Tucker has not that amount under irrigation at this time. He has a fine orchard started, with in the neighborhood of 1500 trees in a flourishing condition and by next Spring he expects to have nearly double that amount of trees. With plenty of water for irrigating the orchard, it will become a very valuable piece of property, for fruit of fine quality is produced under similar conditions on land along the Deschutes river.

NOTES EVIDENCES OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT

H. D. Turney, the Ohio capitalist, who is president of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., was with the party of officials and stockholders who came through Madras last Thursday on their way to Bend. Mr. Turney had not been through the Madras country in two years, and while here he expressed great surprise at the development of the country since his last visit. Sections of the country which were then raw land have fallen under the plow and become grain fields, and everywhere is evidence of increasing toil which is converting this country into a prosperous farming district.

Mr. Turney was very much interested in the transportation problem of this section, and said that it was a constant source of wonder to him, not only how this immense and rapidly developing territory had so long been denied a railroad, but also how it had reached its present state of development without the aid of rail transportation. And, he ventured the prediction that Crook county would not much longer be without a railroad.

GOVERNMENT SURVEYS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED

A party of government surveyors were in Madras the first of the week, returning from the Southern part of the county, where they have been inspecting the surveys made on a number of tracts. They also inspected one survey of a tract about 12 miles Southwest of this place. This survey was made several years ago, but was rejected on a former inspection because the lines had not been blazed. This has since been done, and the survey will doubtless be approved and the tract thrown open to entry. It is practically all settled upon now, the settlers holding it by a "squatter's right."

The survey of unsurveyed tracts in this county has been very slow, and from the fact that these inspectors have been sent in, it is believed that a number of surveys are to be approved and the tracts thrown open.

FOREST FIRES DEVASTATING LARGE AREAS

Forest Rangers Call in Vain For Volunteers to Help Fight Fires in The Cascades.

Because of the lack of sufficient help the forest rangers are almost powerless to fight the big forest fires now raging in the Cascades 15 miles Northeast of Detroit, the terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, and much damage to timber has resulted. An Albany dispatch says that a ranger in the forest service threatened to invoke government authority to force men to go to the rescue of the reserve, after making a futile effort at Detroit to secure assistance.

The fires have so far damaged very little green timber, the flames being confined to the areas heretofore swept over by forest fires but upon which there is much dead timber still standing. The flames spread rapidly, sweeping the burned area almost clean, and unless sufficient help can be secured to control the fires a great amount of damage will be done to the immense tracts of green timber in that locality.

There have been an unusual number of forest fires this season and property loss will be enormous. Marshfield, in Coos county, has been endangered by forest fires which surround the town, and much property has been destroyed. A large force is kept busy fighting fires, while others keep a close watch for flying sparks carried into the town by the high wind.

The Crows Nest region in East Kootenay, Canada, is said to be an ashen waste as a result of the forest fires which have swept over it. The loss of life has been heavy, some reports giving the death list as high as 200, while the property loss will run into the millions. Four towns in Western Canada, Fernie, Elko, Olson and Cokato, have been wiped out of existence and several other towns are threatened unless the flames are checked. An entire section of country, towns, railways, bridges and forests have been swept away. In the district swept by the flames there is estimated to have been 7000 people.

SHERIFF GETS C. O. D. PACKAGE

Sheriff Elkins was handed a C. O. D. package last Saturday night that never took his breath away. He was notified by telephone that it was coming and to be in readiness to receive it. Always prompt to the call of duty the custodian of the law was on hand to see what was coming to him. While waiting for the Paulina stage to come in the sheriff had visions of lemons and other nice things that are sometimes handed to a man, but was not prepared to receive a young woman on the C. O. D. basis.

"No, her fare hasn't been paid," said the stage office man.
"Well, what have I to do with that?" said the sheriff, blushing slightly. "You know I am a married man and if my wife ever found out that I put up for a young woman's stage fare there would be no end of—"

"Yes, yes, I know," broke in the stage man, "but this woman is a prisoner, and her fare hasn't been paid."—Crook County Journal.

The young woman in question was Ada Pierce of Dayville, who was charged with larceny of a horse and saddle, the complaint being sworn to by J. H. Beckley, who resides south of Prineville.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Walter Mendenhall was in town from his ranch near Culver the last of the week. Mr. Mendenhall is now having a deep well drilled on his land and expects soon to be rid of the task of hauling water for a distance of several miles.—Prineville Journal.

W. H. Porter came in Tuesday with, among other freight, six barrels of beer consigned to six different persons of the city, and a five gallon keg of stronger fluid. Which shows that Prineville knows how to assuage its thirst even if the city did vote prohibition. These refreshments were purchased at Shaniko.—Review.

A miniature sawmill is being operated at the court house grounds by contractor J. B. Shipp. In order to get the joist for the new building of exact width after they were cured, ample allowance was made in cutting them for shrinkage and now a frame containing a small circular saw that is propelled by the gasoline engine belonging to Hobb's wood saw has been arranged and is being used in trimming the big timbers to their proper size. Five men are required to handle the small sawmill.—Journal.

Cash terms means better prices.—A. C. Sanford, Madras.