

The Madras Pioneer

MADRAS, CROOK COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1908.

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WILL LEVY TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

An annual meeting in School District No. 22 will be held at the school house in Madras next Saturday afternoon, at one o'clock, for the purpose of levying a tax to meet the expenses of the school for the current year. All qualified voters in the school district and all persons interested in the matter are urged to be present at this meeting.

Last year it was necessary to levy a tax of 8 mills in this district in order to meet interest on bonds and the expenses of the school, and it is likely the levy will have to be increased this year. By the addition of the 9th and 10th grades to the Madras school the expenses of the school were increased in the neighborhood of \$1000, a good portion of which will have to be met by a tax.

The enumeration this year, however, shows a greater number of children of school ages, which will to that extent reduce the amount to be raised by tax.

It is probable that the levy this year will be in the neighborhood of 10 mills for school purposes.

TAKES BACK TOWNSITE OF BEND

A. M. Drake, founder of the town of Bend on the Deschutes and original owner of the townsite, has again come into possession of that valuable property. The townsite and his other property at Bend was sold by Mr. Drake to the Central Oregon Development Company about a year ago, and this company failing to meet the deferred payments on the property it was re-conveyed to Mr. Drake last week. The failure of the company to meet payments is alleged to have been due to the financial conditions during the past year.

Mr. Drake is one of the best informed men in the state on the immense possibilities of development in Central Oregon and especially regarding the upper Deschutes country, and he is correspondingly optimistic regarding the great future of that country, and of all of Central Oregon. While in Madras 10 days ago Mr. Drake said he felt very sure that this section would have adequate transportation facilities in the immediate future, and that this was all the country needs to bring it into its own.

STANLEY GREWELL BUYS RANCH ON SAGEBRUSH

U. S. Grewell has purchased from Mrs. A. J. Friday and H. L. Friday 840 acres of land lying on Trout creek at the mouth of Sagebrush, the deal having been closed last week. The land includes a school section on the flat above the creek and 200 acres adjoining that, a portion of which lies on the creek. There is about 20 acres of alfalfa in the tract. This was formerly known as the Cowles place, and was bought by the Fridays from J. B. Cartright last year.

Mr. Grewell expects to stock the place when he takes possession, which will not be before May 1 next year. He expects to go into the hog business on an extensive scale and will also run some cattle there, although there is only a limited amount of open range adjoining this land.

The last survey of the Harriman line up the Deschutes comes out of the canyon at the mouth of Trout creek, and then on to the plains above by following up Sagebrush, and this line crosses the land bought by Mr. Grewell. If this line is built, Mr. Grewell will certainly have a station somewhere near his land.

IMPROVING THE FRED FISHER ROAD THIS WEEK

Some work has been done in the past two weeks on the Fisher road which enters Madras on the North near the public pumping plant. The principal work was done on the grade at this end of the road, which was very steep and had an abrupt turn in it which made it bad for heavily loaded wagons. The work has improved the road very much and it will probably be used more in the future by travel from that direction.

This is the only county road leading into Madras from the North, with the exception of the Agency Plains road, although the principal portion of the travel from that direction comes into Madras over the road through the James D. Mayes place, and which has never been declared a county road. There is no appreciable difference in the distance by the two roads, although the road through the Mayes place is more convenient for people and teams stopping in the lower part of town, and it has also been given the preference by

travel generally because it follows practically the old traveled road into town.

Although the road through the Mayes place is not a county road, it is understood that it will not be closed to travel by Mr. Mayes. The old-established road came into Madras by that direction, and a good many travelers in this section would be lost if that road should be closed.

STRIKES GAS AT ONTARIO

Ontario, Or., Dec. 7.—At 5 o'clock this evening a series of gas explosions occurred in the Ontario oil well and continued for more than an hour, throwing water, mud and pebbles into the air to a height of 150 feet. The gas flow, which opened last week, had been closed. This morning drilling was resumed, the shaft being extended another 90 feet. Today's find is the largest yet made, and proves an immense supply of gas here.

The directors of the oil company tonight applied to the City Council for a franchise to light and heat the town.

LOCAL POLITICAL FIGHT AT PRINEVILLE

The city election at Prineville comes off a week from next Monday and there promises to be a fight that will make the contest in the last county election look like a love-fest by comparison. Will Wurzweller, the retiring mayor, says the present administration of the city's government has reduced the floating indebtedness by \$2500, and that it deserves credit instead of censure for the manner in which the affairs of the city have been conducted. It appears, however, that the prohibition element of the city held a meeting at the Methodist church some time ago and nominated a full ticket for the city election.

Mayor Wurzweller is quoted as saying: "I was not at the meeting at the Methodist church which nominated the ticket now in the field, but I will be at the polls December 21."

HORSE BUYERS FAIL TO COME

Paul Brunzel & Son, who advertised several weeks ago that they would be in Madras to buy a car load of horses, and who asked that persons with horses to sell leave their names at the Pioneer office, have not yet put in an appearance, and it is surmised that they have found the horses elsewhere. It was reported here last week that they had gone through to Bend, but if so, they did not stop at Madras.

In the meantime several score of people with from two to six horses each to sell left their names at this office. Since the buyers fail to put in an appearance, the Pioneer is sorry to have been the instrument for disappointing so many, for the local advertisement brought a multitude of responses.

MADRAS FORCED TO A CALABOOSE

The following item from a Prineville correspondent appears in the Portland Telegram: Madras, in this county, which will probably be the first division point of the new Harriman railroad up the Deschutes river, and which is now the headquarters of numerous surveying crews, is building its first calaboose. With the coming of the railroad comes also the usual apportionment of "drunks and disorderlies" of every railroad town. Heretofore, Madras has been content with handcuffing its "bad men" to the proverbial telephone pole, but henceforth the town will have a regulation lockup.

CONTESTS JERRO PLACE

E. P. Robison filed a contest against the homestead of Joseph Jerro, and the hearing was had before Max Lueddemann yesterday. The defendant did not appear to defend the entry, and the abandonment of the homestead since the date of entry was shown by the witnesses of the contestant.

The Jerro homestead lies on the bench above the Cove Orchard on Crooked river, and a good portion of it is first-class land. Mr. Robison will file a homestead entry upon it when the Jerro entry is cancelled by the land office. Mrs. M. E. Bradford and U. S. Prine were his witnesses in the contest.

WATER AT 72 FEET

John Lovell has had a well drilled on his lots in the Snook and Lockard addition and water was struck at a depth of 72 feet last Saturday. Plenty of good water was found at that depth for all household purposes. The flow of water which was found is doubtless the same as that found in the wells in the flat, the difference in depth being due to the difference in elevation. The well on Mr. Lovell's place was drilled by Ivan Hale, who has sunk a number of wells in this locality.

ADVERTISE your "Wants" in the Pioneer. It gets results. Regular local advertising rates.

Will Corral Rabbits On Large Territory

LARGE CROWD WILL HELP WITH THE DRIVE

Will Move Rabbit Corral And Make Several Drives--No Guns Nor Dogs.

The rabbit fencing for the killing corral and its wings which will be used in the rabbit drive next Monday, has arrived and will be set up the last of this week. Arrangements are practically all made, and it is expected that there will be nothing to prevent the success of the drive next Monday. If the first drive proves a success the corral and wings will be moved to other sections and the drive will be continued for several days.

The first drive, to be made Monday, will take in the territory near the Monner place. The corral will probably be erected on the A Monner homestead, and it is the plan now to surround a big stretch of country adjoining the corral and gradually close in the lines so as to drive the rabbits into the corral. The corral itself will be only about 150 feet in diameter, but it will have wings extending on two sides for a distance of a quarter of a mile. There will be no guns and no dogs, and all who participate in the drive will probably have to go afoot on account of the fences. After the drive at the Monner place is completed, other drives will be made in other localities, and it is expected that the drive will be continued for several days.

General L. Paxton has been chosen as "Captain" of the drive, and with several "aides", he will see that the line stands firm against the onslaughts of the rabbits. There will be a large crowd in attendance at the drive, as the farmers of that locality will turn out in a body and there will be quite a number of people from neighboring towns. It is reported, also, that there will be several hundred Indians over from the Warm Springs reservation.

GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Madras merchants have been receiving large consignments of freight in the past few weeks, getting ready for the big holiday trade which is expected.

The business men of the community agree generally that business has been better in Madras this Fall than ever before, and they are all expecting a good holiday trade and are making preparations for it.

ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Plat Of Surveys Received

C. W. Moore, register of the land office, and Louis K. Arneson, receiver of the same, have issued notices that plats of the survey of townships nine south, range 14 east; 13 south, range 12 east; and 14 south, range 11 east have been received at the land office and placed on file for entries, filings and selections on December 31, 1908.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Hate To See It Go

Sheriff Elkins still holds the Esteban stock of liquors, the disposal of which has at last been arranged for by the defendant filing a petition in bankruptcy. The case having been thus transferred to the Federal court, the sheriff is expecting an order to ship the stock to Portland or Shaniko and turn it over to the proper authorities. Several Prineville people will be sorry to see that stuff leave the county.—Prineville Review.

Will Have To Hustle

Prineville must hustle! The people of this section must wake up if they want a railroad.

This is not "hot air," in the parlance of the street, but a cold hard fact.

A railroad is being built, or about to be built—all preliminary work having been completed—from the mouth of the Deschutes river as far as Madras, which is on the main line.

Where is Prineville? That's just the question. Where do we stand?

Prineville and its tributary country seems to be out of it—at least 20 miles out of it—according to an interview with General Manager O'Brien of the Harriman lines published in the Portland Telegram. O'Brien says that no advances have been made to him by any one in Prineville; hence he is led to believe, whether true or not, that Prineville does not want to get on the railroad map of Oregon.

What are you going to do about it.—Crook County Journal.