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WAITING ON MADRAS

The county court of Wasco county is in session this week at The Dalles, and Mr. H. C. Rooper of Antelope, one of the commissioners, says that the question of improving the Cow Canyon grade will be acted upon at this meeting, and he has no doubt that the work will be ordered done at once. This statement, however, was made upon the assumption that the \$600 which Crook county was to raise to assist in the work has already been subscribed, as Wasco county's appropriation of \$600 was made upon the condition that Crook county put up an equal amount.

Mr. Rooper says he has received satisfactory assurances from Haycreek and Prineville that they are ready to put up \$400 of the amount, but he has not heard from the Madras county, where it was expected \$200 would be raised. It is understood that the local branches of the farmers' union have raised a good portion of the money, and a committee of business men in Madras were appointed to raise the balance by subscription among the business interests of the town. This committee should ascertain the amount that is to be subscribed here and report the result to Mr. Rooper, or to Cashier J. C. Fowlie of the bank at Shaniko, who has charge of the funds, in order that there may be no further delay in the work. An expert road builder, who is to have charge of the improvement, has already been over the proposed new grade and is ready to begin work as soon as ordered to do so, and this will not be done until Crook county's pro rata of the expense is guaranteed.

TO SYSTEMATIZE ROAD WORK

A gathering of a unique kind in Crook county is being held at the county seat at Prineville today. It is a meeting of road supervisors from all sections of the county, called together for the purpose of discussing the work under their charge and general road improvement throughout the county. The county court is in session at this time and the road supervisors will meet with it and discuss needed improvements on the roads, and outline the work for the coming year.

At the January term of the county court the office of Roadmaster was abolished. Prior to that time all road work was under the direction of the county roadmaster, who drew a salary of \$1200 and expenses for his general supervision of the work. The office was abolished for the purpose of saving this additional expense and putting that money upon the roads, and the road supervisors in the county are to be given charge of the road work in their respective districts. This change was quite generally approved throughout the county. The present meeting at Prineville is for the purpose of talking over the new plan for road improvement, under the charge of the road supervisors.

The County Court has adopted a progressive policy with regard to road work in the coun-

ty, and the present meeting at Prineville is in line with this policy. It is known that all the members of the court favor good roads, and that they are making an effort to systematize the work in this county, so that the county roads may get the benefit of an economical handling of all the money available for that purpose.

MISDIRECTED EFFORT

If one-half the effort being made to boycott the Harriman lines were expended in aiding to secure the right of way through the Deschutes canyon, the Central Oregon road would be completed within the next two years. It is, perhaps, unfortunate for Portland that Mr. Harriman's plans do not include a road traversing the length and breadth of an Eastern Oregon wagon road land grant. However, if Mr. Harriman is prevented from building up the Deschutes, where he now desires to build, he may be forced to build from Ontario, which would force him to open up a considerable portion of this land grant, and that ought to satisfy the boycotters who are playing fast and loose with Portland's business interests. It is of small consequence to these Portland owners and agents of Central Oregon land grants whether the line drains the traffic to San Francisco or not, so long as their big grant is enhanced in value. But why should Portland refuse aid to the Deschutes route and at the same time play into the hands of the land-grant monopolists?—Oregonian.

TO BOND THE MADRAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

A move is on foot to bond the Madras school district for a sufficient sum to build a new school building during the coming year, and the matter will be submitted to a vote of the district at a special meeting called for Saturday, March 20. At that time the following questions will be voted upon:

First—Shall the district issue additional bonds for \$3000, to build a new schoolhouse at once?

Second—In case the former question is turned down, shall the district issue bonds in a sum sufficient to enlarge the present school building?

Third—In case the bonds for a new building are voted, where shall the building be located?

Fourth—In case a new building is decided upon, what disposition shall be made of the old building?

One thing seems to be very generally agreed upon, and that is that the Madras district needs additional room for its school, the present quarters being too crowded. The real question to be decided at this meeting, then, is: Shall the district build a new schoolhouse, or shall it add to the old building? And with only these alternatives to choose between, there is no doubt that the former should be adopted. It would be next to impossible to add on to the old building in a manner to make it comfortably and conveniently house the growing school in this district, and additions now would only be a temporary make-shift, for a new building will have to be built in the near future anyway. It would, therefore, be real economy now to erect a new building, large enough to accommodate the school for several years to come, and on a plan which would permit of additions later on.

1.29 INCHES OF RAIN FALL IN FEBRUARY

According to local weather observations, the rainfall in February amounted to 1.29 inches. The records of the rainfall at this place have only been kept since the first of February, at which time the station was

established here, with Don Rea as voluntary observer. According to the reports of the station at Warmsprings, which is the nearest to this point, there was more than three inches of rainfall in January, and it is believed that there was about the same amount of precipitation in this immediate locality. This includes the heavy snows in January, amounting to nearly 30 inches during the month, and which would equal close to three inches of rainfall. The rainfall for the last two months aggregates nearly five inches, which is the heaviest precipitation for several years past.

H. J. HEALY HAS BAD RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

H. J. Healy of Culver met with a serious accident last Saturday, while returning from a visit to Prineville. After crossing the divide on his way home, his horses ran away with him, throwing him out or the rig and inflicting a number of painful injuries. He was found several hours later in an unconscious state by William Steinke of Madras, and was taken home, where Dr. Belknap of Prineville came and looked after his injuries. Mr. Healy sustained a number of painful bruises and cuts, but fortunately no bones were broken. The worst injury was a long scalp wound, in which it was necessary to take 14 stitches. Mr. Healy's condition was at first thought to be quite serious, but a report from his home yesterday stated that he was able to be up and about the house, though still quite sore from his bruises.



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