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**ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION**

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**SCHOOL BUILDING QUESTION**

The action of the voters at last Saturday's school meeting, in turning down the proposition to improve our public school facilities, was regrettable, to say the least. The Madras school is too crowded in its present quarters, and teachers and pupils alike are working at a great disadvantage. In the primary grades, for instance, one teacher has under her charge in one room over 60 children. The other grades and rooms are similarly crowded, and under such conditions it cannot be expected that the school will attain that high degree of excellence in its work which every well-wisher of the school and district desires. The blame for a failure to afford relief from these conditions rests upon those who opposed the measures offered at last Saturday's meeting, but unfortunately the effect is visited upon the entire district.

In the coming year the school will require at least one more teacher, two if it can be afforded. The question is going to be how to house the growing school, even uncomfortably, in the present building, already crowded beyond its capacity with only three teachers, when four or possibly five have to be taken care of next year. At the school meeting not only was the proposition for a new school house turned down, but a proposal to make additions to the present school quarters was rejected. It would be interesting to know how those who voted against the improvements expect to provide housing for their larger school in the coming year.

**320-ACRE HOMESTEAD LAW**

At the request of a number of our readers, we have secured a copy of the new 320-acre homestead law and are publishing its full text in another column. Although the state of Oregon is included in the public land states in which the law is operative, one provision appears to raise a question as to whether this particular section of the state comes within its operation. In section 1 it is provided that "no lands shall be subject to entry under the provisions of this act until such lands have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as not being, in his opinion, susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply."

It is generally known that the Reclamation Service within the last few months has made some preliminary investigation in this section, with a view to taking up a project for the irrigation of a large tract of land in this immediate locality. The project under investigation contemplated the storage of the flood waters of Crooked river in a large reservoir above Prineville, from which several hundred thousands of acres would be irrigated. While the engineers in charge of the work would not make the result of their investigations public, it is known that the project is feasible, but that its practicability is yet to be determined by the Reclamation Service engineers.

And with this investigation instituted, it does not seem likely that 320-acre homestead entries will be allowed in this section for the present.

**THE O. A. C. APPROPRIATION**

If the referendum is invoked on the Oregon Agricultural College appropriation, for the avowed purpose of which an agitation has been started at Ashland, it will seriously cripple the efficiency of that institution for several years to come. Friends of the college are not afraid of the verdict at the election, if it should come to that, but the question could not be submitted to a vote until November, 1910, and the appropriation could not become available until after that time. This would delay the buildings and other improvements for which the appropriation was made, and would impair the efficiency of the school to that extent. Furthermore, the federal government has offered to provide funds for aid in education and experimental work, provided certain conditions are fulfilled by the college, and this can not be done without the aid of the appropriation. The best interests of the state demand that the effort to invoke the referendum on this appropriation shall fail.

**A PIONEER GONE**

Ed Kutcher, who died yesterday morning at Prineville, was one of the first settlers in this part of the county. When he came here thirty-odd years ago stock ranged all the hills, and the nearest neighbors lived a dozen miles apart. In that time he has seen the country develop into a populous farming district, with a family on every quarter-section. These changes forced out of business the old stockmen, of whom he was one, but Mr. Kutcher with others accepted the new order of things and became a successful farmer.

Mr. Kutcher was a loyal friend, a good citizen, up right and honorable in all his dealings, and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. The news of his death will be learned with regret by a host of friends.

**DOLLAR WHEAT**

If the present local prices for wheat could be established and maintained permanently in Crook county, the farmers of this section would not care if Mr. Harriman never built his promised Central Oregon railroad. But the trouble is that the question of supply and demand is wholly responsible for the present "dollar wheat" in Crook county, and the proportions are usually just the reverse of what they are now, so that the local price is fixed by the net price at the railroad except under unusual conditions such as the present.

The trains from the East are crowded daily with settlers who are taking advantage of the low rates and moving to Oregon.

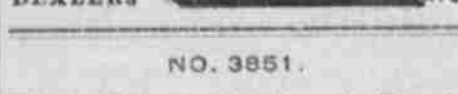
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**HOMESTEAD.** Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, March 19, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that LEWIS E. BAKER, of Madras, Oregon, who, on November 1, 1902, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 02631] No. 11892, for sec 21, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m. Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Howard W. Turner, United States Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: Harry W. Gard, Samuel Haberstick, Thomas B. Tucker, Don P. Rea, all of Madras, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register

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**HOMESTEAD.** Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, March 20, 1909. Notice is hereby given that

HOMER ALEXANDER, of Madras, Oregon, who, on October 26, 1903, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 03012] No. 13017, for Lot 1, sec 2 and lot 3 and 4, sec 1, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w m. Has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 4th day of May, 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: G. W. Kidder, H. H. Cook, I. L. Hale, of Madras, Oregon; William H. Banta, of Culver, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.

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