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**Question Of \$3000  
Bond Issue Carries**

**THE BONDS WILL SELL  
AT SLIGHT PREMIUM**

Madras District Votes To Issue Bonds  
For New Schoolhouse--Vote  
Stands 40 To 11

At the school meeting held last Saturday afternoon the Madras district voted to issue \$5000 bonds for the purpose of building a new schoolhouse, the vote standing 40 for the bonds to 11 against. The voters also declared in favor of selling the bonds under subdivision 31 of section 3389 of the Code, which provides that the bonds may be sold in the open market by the County Treasurer, for the benefit of the district. The bonds sold in this manner will net the district not less than the face value of the bonds. In fact, a Portland firm of bond brokers have already made an offer of a small premium more than the face value of the bonds, and it is likely that they will be sold to this firm.

The majority favorable to the bond issue was a great surprise to all, as there has been some opposition to the measure and at a former meeting held for the purpose of getting the sentiment of the district upon the question of a bond issue, the proposition was overwhelmingly defeated. That meeting was informally held, however, and many of the friends of the proposed bond issue did not attend the meeting because they realized that its action would not be binding. At Saturday's meeting there was 51 votes, and all but 11 of these voted for the bond issue.

The proceeds of the bond issue will be used in building a new schoolhouse in the Madras district, which has been made necessary by the growth of the Madras school in the last year. A modern and conveniently arranged building will be put up, and it will be large enough to accommodate the present school and provide for its expected growth in the few years. The building will be constructed on a plan so that additions can be made later without disarranging the general plan of the building, thereby providing for increasing the capacity of the school without any great expense to the district. No definite plans for the construction of the new building have been made by the board of directors, but the above is an outline of the general plan for the improvement contemplated, as agreed upon by them.

The amount received from the bond issue, which will be slightly in excess of \$3000, will provide a very comfortable building for the Madras school. It is the intention of the directors to proceed with the plans for the new building at once, so that the new schoolhouse may be ready for occupancy when the next term of school opens. Great care was taken in seeing that all the steps in the issuing of the bonds were legal, and it is believed that there is no possibility of any delay because of irregularities. The disposal of the bonds will take but a short time, and in the meantime the directors will prepare the plans for the new building.

**FARMERS' UNION TO  
BUILD WAREHOUSE**

A meeting of the county organization of the Farmers' Union was held at Madras last Friday afternoon, and a number of prominent farmers from the various districts adjacent to Madras were in attendance. It is currently reported that at this meeting it was definitely decided to build a warehouse at Shaniko in time to handle this season's crop. This matter has been under advisement for some time and it is understood that an agreement was recently reached with the railroad company regarding a site for the warehouse at the terminus of the railroad at Shaniko.

It is said that there was some opposition to the proposal to build a warehouse, this opposition arising out of the fact that with good prospects for the early construction of a railroad into this section, it was believed that the warehouse at Shaniko would be serviceable to the farmers for not to exceed two years. This opposition was overcome, however, for a decision to build the warehouse was reached at Friday's meeting.

The county unions, which is composed of members of a number of branch unions in this locality, has become a very

strong organization. A majority of the farmers of this and adjacent districts are members of the union, and these members represent a large proportion of the grain grown in this section. The details of their present plans to build a warehouse have not been made public, further than that the warehouse will be built and operated by the union, and that it will be built in time to handle the 1909 crop of wheat.

**WILL BUILD ELECTRIC  
LINE THROUGH STATE**

The Inland Oregon Electric Railroad Company was incorporated yesterday with a capitalization of \$1,000,000. The incorporators are Mark W. Gill, H. J. Martin and C. D. Charles, says the Oregonian.

The corporation proposes to construct an electric line from Condon to Canyon City, passing through Fossil. A spur is to be built from Fossil to the confluence of Trout creek with the Deschutes river. The line will also run from Cross Keys to Bend, through O'Neil, and also from O'Neil through Prineville to Howard.

The article provides for the construction of telegraph lines and bridges, and to purchase or consolidate with any railroad in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or California. They also provide for the corporation's assistance in the operation of steamship lines in any one or all of the four states named. The corporation may also purchase or lease land in these states.

**WASCO ENFORCING PROHIBITION**

The Dalles, Or., April 28.—Being fined \$100 for selling intoxicating liquors in a dry precinct did not stop Wm. Norton of Celilo, from continuing to sell them, for he was found guilty before Justice J. A. Douthitt yesterday on the same charge, being fined \$200, besides sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail. Norton pleaded guilty when arraigned the first time, March 14, but will not follow this action now, having decided to appeal the case to the circuit court.

**ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES**

**Railroad Building From South**

Bend Bulletin  
While all eyes have been turned Northward and while everyone has been watching the Deschutes road and waiting to see actual construction begun, in the meantime a railroad is being built quietly into this section, accompanied neither by blast of trumpets nor long-winded newspaper articles. But the work is progressing nevertheless and a railroad is actually under construction. We refer to the extension Northward of the railroad at Klamath Falls.

Harriman's railroad will be completed into the Falls by May 15, it is now announced. Reports and rumors that have been drifting Northward all Winter would not stop there long, but that it will be pushed Northward. These reports have recently been verified, and it is now known that construction crews have been at work all Winter North of Klamath Falls. A contract for 40 miles of roadbed has been let, and three construction crews are at work. This news is brought by men who have passed through that section, and who claimed to have seen the work in progress.

**Cigarette Causes Panic**

A spark from a cigarette which ignited the clothes of the driver of an automobile in which were a party from The Dalles, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mays; Miss Bessie Eddon. Miss Prudence Patterson, who passed through Antelope Monday, caused great excitement just after leaving Shaniko. Smelling the smoke from the burning cloth they thought the machine was on fire and everyone climbed out and abandoned it, fearing that the gasoline tank would blow up. The scare occurred up at the head of the canyon just after turning the grade and in his excitement the chauffeur failed to set the brakes and only for quick action in returning to the machine saved it from taking a plunge over the grade down into the canyon.—Antelope Herald.

State Sheep Inspector Dr. W. H. Lytle reports that it has been decided by the state board of sheep commissioners to dispense with the annual dipping of sheep which the law requires every Spring. Twelve inspectors have been working in Oregon during the past year and very few cases of scab are reported. Woolgrowers in the Willamette valley, however, will be required to dip this Spring for lice and ticks as many locks have been found to be infested. Scab in Oregon is practically eradicated.—Antelope Herald.

**MAY BUILD BIG FLOUR-  
ING MILL AT MADRAS**

Prominent Mill Man Likes The Madras Country And Predicts Great Future

E. S. Isaacs, a prominent flouring mill man from Walla Walla, Washington, spent Friday and Saturday in Madras, looking over the situation with a view to building a 200-barrel flouring mill at this point, and it is understood that he was so favorably impressed with the district that he has taken steps for the organization of a company at once. Mr. Isaacs made a thorough investigation of the entire wheat district, from the Lemonta district on the South to Agency Plains district on the North, and he predicts that this will be one of the greatest wheat-raising districts in the state when adequate transportation facilities are available.

The plan of Mr. Isaacs, as outlined to a number of business men and prominent farmers of this section, was most favorably received and he was given a good deal of encouragement for his project while here. The plan contemplates the building of a 200-barrel mill at Madras before the end of 1910, so as to have it in readiness for operation by the time the railroad is built. No bonuses or gifts were solicited, but local co-operation in the enterprise was invited, and from the reception which Mr. Isaacs' proposition received it is more than probable that strong local support will be given to the project.

Mr. Isaacs has had a large milling experience in Oregon and Washington. His father built the 200-barrel mill at Wasco, and when the senior Mr. Isaacs died, his son moved to Walla Walla and built a large mill there. It is a matter of common knowledge that flour made from Sherman county wheat commanded a premium over any other flour made on the coast, and does at this time command the highest price. This is due to the high percentage of gluten. Mr. Isaacs says that he believes the Madras country will produce as good, or even better wheat than that produced in Sherman county, from a miller's standpoint, and he predicts a great future for this district as a milling point.

While here Mr. Isaacs was asked as to the best varieties of wheat for milling purposes, and in reply stated that little club and blue stem were the banner milling varieties. He also stated that forty-fold was not equal to the blue stem for family flour, and that the little club or red chaff was the leader for the strong export grades of flour.

**LARGE AREA SET ASIDE  
FOR 320-ACRE FARMS**

Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department has designated as coming within the provisions of the 320-acre dry farming homestead law, approximately 175,000,000 acres of land lying in the Western States. Of this area more than 7,000,000 acres lie in the state of Oregon, but the exact locations of the lands subject to entry under this act are not given in the press dispatches. Diagrams showing the land subject to entry are being supplied to the local land offices, and will be on file there.

It is stated that fully 40 per cent of the area designated has already been filed upon by settlers, and that in Washington and Idaho the percentage was even greater than that. In designating certain areas as coming within the meaning of the dry farming homestead act, appropriated as well as unappropriated lands are included. Under the provisions of the act, land which was susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply could not be filed upon, and the above mentioned lands have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as not susceptible of irrigation. The largest area set aside was in Nevada where approximately 50,000,000 acres were designated as subject to entry under the dry farming act.

**APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL FUNDS**

The apportionment of school funds was made by County Superintendent Ford on April 27. The total amount apportioned among the 72 districts of the county was \$10,084.32, which was divided up in sums ranging from \$20.88 for the Meadow Brook district to \$3005.04 for the Prineville district. The apportionment provided for Madras and the adjacent districts the following amounts: Madras, \$1045.10; Mountain View, \$845.80; Mud Springs, \$360.00; Killingbeck, \$271.40; Red Rock, \$251.52; Methodist Hill, \$241.64; Ditzney, \$132.48; Opal Prairie, \$122.38; Vibbert, \$298.72; Lyle Gap, \$184.00.