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MADRAS COUNTRY TAKES SWEEPSTAKES

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MADRAS SCHOOL TAKES 15 FIRST PREMIUMS

Fruit And Vegetables Of This District Excelled By None Other—Exhibit Of Public School Is Excellent

The exhibits from the Madras country at the Crook County Fair held at Prineville last week shows that the North-western section of Crook County is pre-eminently a prize winner. With very few exceptions the first prizes in every class in which exhibits from this section were entered received first premium. The Madras country was awarded a majority of the premiums on the Belgian horses and all kinds of draft horses. The general agricultural exhibit from this vicinity was awarded sweepstakes. Even the exhibit of alfalfa by Tilman Reuter of this district was awarded first premium over exhibits from the irrigated sections. The fruit exhibit from the Cove Orchard by William Boegli was very tastily arranged and included a large variety of the fruits raised in that locality. This exhibit was a sore temptation to the appetites of the many who viewed it. A detailed list is not given of the premiums awarded this exhibit. It received about 80 per cent of all the prizes. The babies from this section, not to be outdone by other products, are also prize-winners, the 6-week-old little one of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douthit of Trout Creek being awarded first premium for the prettiest baby under 6 months old.

This section was not represented in a considerable number of the classes of exhibits at the fair which is probably accounted for because of the newness of the country, there not now being the diversity of farming pursuits in the Madras country which will probably be represented a few years later, when this district will be able to enter exhibits in almost any class and secure creditable premiums. A detailed list of the premiums awarded to this section follows:

Haystack Livestock Ass'n, Belgian stallion, 1st premium, also, best draft stallion, 1st premium.
G. Springer, Belgian stallion under 1 year, 1st; Belgian mare, 2d; Percheron stallion, 2d; draft colt under one year, 1st; draft double team, 1st, special.

J. L. Windom, Belgian mare, 1st; filly Belgian under 1 year, 1st; grade draft mare over 2 years, 1st.
Tilman Reuter, best display alfalfa, 1st; winter wheat, 1st and 2d; wheat in stalk, 2d; barley in stalk, 1st; Early Rose potato, 1st and 2d; Blue Victor potato, 2d; any new kind potato, 1st; field corn, 1st and 2d; best display farm products, 1st—sweepstakes.

THE SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Quality was the main factor considered in preparing the exhibit from the Madras school, and considering the amount of material placed on exhibition this school was awarded as many premiums as any other school in the county. As the competition for the various premiums was grade against grade throughout the schools of the county, the awards to the Madras public school tends to show that its work is not excelled by any other school in the county.

The Madras public school was awarded the following first premiums:
10th grade Algebra, individual work, 1st premium, Ray Jackson.

8th grade, Language, 1st premium for grade work; 8th grade, History, 1st for grade work, and individual History, 1st Mabel Braun; Arithmetic, first premium, individual work, Lea Mayes; 7th grade, History, individual work, 1st, Mamie Boyce; 6th grade, Physiology, 1st, for grade work, and individual work 1st, Etta Richardson; 5th grade, Physiology, 1st for class work, and individual, 1st, George Powell; 5th grade, Geography, individual, 1st, Johnnie Robinson; 4th grade, Hygiene, 1st on class work; 3d grade, Arithmetic, 1st on grade work; 2d grade, Arithmetic, 1st for individual work, Robert Cook; 1st grade, arithmetic, 1st premium on class work.

NOTE—(Possibly some of the premiums awarded to the Madras country are omitted, in which case it is entirely

EXTRA

Contract Let For Hill Road Up Willow Creek

It has just become known here that the contract for constructing the Oregon Trunk Line from a point 17 miles North of Madras up the Deschutes and Willow Creek to this city has been let to Jack Porter, a son of one of the Porter Brothers. Construction will start as soon as the permanent location is made. This news comes from a source which is considered reliable.

an oversight, as the reporter's time was limited for writing up the exhibit, and he was unable to see all of the award sheets.—ED.

Private Parties Investigate Crooked River Project

WILL STORE WATER IN LAKES OF CASCADES

Prospects Of Irrigation For This Section In Comparatively Short Time—Work Done Is Preliminary

That all of the country North of Crooked River in the Northern part of Crook County is to have irrigation in the near future, is the plan now being worked out by a Mr. Rogers and son, who have been connected with several irrigation projects in Idaho. They are assisted in their work by Engineer Stevenson, who is recognized as a prominent and able man in this kind of work. Two of the most recent enterprises that these men have been interested in, and have helped to build, are the Payette segregation that covers about 80,000 acres and the Owyhee segregation which covers about 150,000 acres.

It is thought by these men that the most practical way to furnish irrigation for this section, including the Agency Plains, is to conserve the water supply in the mountains by constructing large reservoirs, and with this end in view Mr. Rogers and his party have decided to look into the matter very thoroughly and get a definite knowledge of the storage capacity that can be obtained.

They have fitted out camping equipment at this place, expecting to take several weeks to look into the matter, which will include a visit to all the larger lakes in the Cascade Mountains whose drainage flows this way, when accurate data will be gathered concerning quantity of water available for irrigation purposes. Their first camp is expected to be in the vicinity of Crescent Lake, which it is thought will be the main source of water supply.

The party spent Thursday and Friday running preliminary lines and taking elevations, which will aid in carrying out their work in the future. Mr. Rogers expressed himself as being very much gratified with the existing conditions and felt confident that from present prospects the problem would be worked out, and as soon as preliminary work was completed, work upon the project would commence and be pushed to completion as rapidly as labor could be secured. The party upon its return will be in a better position to make a more complete statement in regard to the future developments for irrigation in the Madras country.

DOINGS OF RAILROAD SURVEYORS AT MADRAS

Sunday evening a party of surveyors, under the direction of Engineer J. L. Stacer, arrived in Madras. This party has been working on the Deschutes River in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend for the Oregon Trunk Line, and having completed their work in that vicinity, they were on their way to the Crooked River crossing, and will endeavor to lower the grade and straighten the curvature between that point and Redmond, and this work is to be followed by permanent location. Monday evening another party under Engineer McVicker arrived in town and it is understood that they will establish a camp in the vicinity of Culver, their object

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Water System And Irrigation For Madras

NEW BRICK HOTEL WILL SOON BE CONSTRUCTED

V. D. Williamson Contemplates Many Improvements For City—Oregon Trunk Interested In Madras Townsite

Along with the continued activity of the construction of the Deschutes Railroad and the Oregon Trunk Line up the Deschutes canyon to Madras, comes the gratifying news of the extensive improvements for this city and the immediate vicinity, which will be carried out as planned as fast as labor and material can be secured.

In the recent visits of some of the gentlemen who have not long since acquired an interest in the Madras Townsite Company and other valuable property in this locality, among these investors being V. D. Williamson, a heavy stockholder in the Oregon Trunk Line, President John F. Stevens and Chief Engineer G. A. Kyle of the same line, it was learned that the plans have been made for the expenditure of a considerable amount of money in developing several projects at this point. These gentlemen having the railroad situation well in mind have realized the natural resources and the prospects of development in this section of the Deschutes Valley, principally as a wheat producing belt, have invested extensively in the town and in farm property in this locality.

Among the first improvements which will be inaugurated by the new townsite people will be a large brick hotel, plans and specifications for which are now being prepared. Several brick business blocks are also being considered. It is expected these buildings will be erected as soon as the material can be secured and placed upon the ground. There is now under construction a large plant for the manufacture of brick, which is located on one of the recently purchased tracts of V. D. Williamson adjoining the townsite. The men erecting the plant have taken a contract to burn 500,000 brick in the first kiln, and it is probable the plant will be enlarged as work progresses.

Mr. Williamson is also making preparations to construct a large storage reservoir at the mouth of Willow Creek gorge above the Phillips tract, which is intended besides irrigating his own land, which includes about 800 acres of fine bottom land, to install a city water system. The supply that will be obtained from this source will be adequate to supply water for domestic purposes, fire protection and for beautifying lawns.

It has been intimated by the Oregon Trunk officials that Madras would be the first division point on that line South of the Columbia River. With the heavy investments of capitalists in this section, and the extensive improvements planned by those interested in the town, it would indicate that the rumor is authentic.

PORTLAND PEOPLE WILL START NEW TOWNSITE

Other Schemes For Development Will Also Receive Attention

F. P. Cooper and A. E. Hammond, of Portland, representing the Crook County Irrigation & Investment Company, a close corporation, capital stock \$100,000, composed of F. P. Cooper, president; T. W. Taylor, vice-president; Judge Littlefield, secretary, and A. E. Hammond, engineer, arrived in Madras last Saturday, and later went farther South. These gentlemen are making a thorough study of the needs of this section of the county and it is understood that it is their intention to exploit and advertise some new projects for the development of this and other sections of the county.

Mr. Cooper, the head of this organization, is a man of great business energy, and is heartily enthusiastic over the prospects of this section of the county. He is well recommended by business men of authority in Portland and by his associates elsewhere. This section is awakening to a slight realization of the vast amount of dormant wealth lying within its boundaries, and it is a matter of congratulation that this gentleman has seen fit to become a factor in its development.