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ESTRAY NOTICE—Came to my place
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ver, Oregon. d23

**Central Oregon Country Has
Lengthy Winter**

**UNPRECEDENTED FALL
OF MOISTURE RECORDED**

Precipitation Approximately Six Inches
—Record Crops Next Harvest
Almost Assured

Madras and the Willow Creek Basin has been experiencing one of the most severe winters for many years. Some of the old residents say that it beats all records, for length, in about twenty years past. It is now going into the seventh week since the first heavy snow fall, which was about 14 inches at that time, and during this time the Local Weather Observer reports that the instruments have recorded 25 degrees below zero as the coldest, and several other nights it has been 10 and 12 degrees below. The total depth of snow which has fallen since December 2, 1909, to the present time aggregates 33 inches. While the winter this season is extremely long and apparently has not yet ended, the severity of the cold is not nearly so great as last winter, when the thermometers registered 30 or more degrees below zero.

During the last fall of the year 1909, Northern Crook County has received an abundant amount of rainfall during the months of October, November and December, which has amounted in all to about 6 inches. This has insured plenty of moisture for the winter sowing of grain, but owing to the early freeze-up, many of the farmers had not all finished their seeding. However, many anticipate an early spring which will enable them to get their crops in the ground in due season. And, heretofore, in seasons of exceptional moisture like the present, Spring sown grain has made excellent crops, although as a rule in this section Spring sown grain neither yields so well nor is of as good quality as grain sown in the fall.

Prices for all kinds of grain, hay, feed and country produce are good, in consequence of the two railroads now building into this section, and the present outlook for bountiful crops insures the farmers a rich harvest from their produce during the year 1910. And, the assurance that any surplus they may have this year will be taken to outside markets by rail transportation, is a great incentive for the farmers to get all the land possible under crop, by which their revenue will also be materially increased.

**OREGON TRUNK GIVEN
CLEAR RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The General Land Office has denied the motion for review of the decision rejecting the Deschutes Railroad Company's map covering about 13 miles of road extending from section 8, tp 7 s, r 14 e, to section 32, tp 8 s, r 14 e. This, it is understood, is the last conflict between the maps of the Oregon Trunk and Deschutes Railroad and allows the Oregon Trunk, over this section, to build exclusively on its right of way as approved last Summer.

In view of the fact that both companies admitted the road could be built

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**Incorporation
Election
JANUARY 31, 1910
CITY OFFICERS
ALSO ELECTED**

on either bank of the Deschutes at this point, the Land Office held that the Harriman road, being the last to apply for right of way, should be required to build on the opposite bank of that on which the Oregon Trunk already has a right of way.

John F. Steyens, president of the Oregon Trunk line, who is in Washington looking after the affairs of his road, is urging the early passage of the Ellis bill giving his company the right to bridge the Columbia River and Celilo Canal, near the mouth of the Deschutes River.

He says plans for a \$1,500,000 bridge have been prepared, and the approval of the plans and the authority to build is all that is necessary before the contracts are let.

As it requires about two years to build the bridge he is anxious to start. Representative Ellis will ask the inter-state commerce committee to promptly report the bill, and at the first opportunity, he will call it up for passage through the House.

There seems no question but what the bill will pass, as it is in the usual form, and the necessity for the bridge is apparent, in that the Oregon Trunk is to connect with the North Bank road.

The bill requires the construction of a bridge that will not impede navigation on the river or the canal.

Steyens said today his road had now won out on everything they had pending before the Interior Department and are absolutely clear so far as a right of way over Government land is concerned.

**DOUBLE-TRACKING OF
O. R. & N. LINE BEGUN**

Oregonian

What is understood to be the first step in the double tracking of the O. R. & N. line between Portland and Huntington was taken yesterday, when authority was given for double tracking the road between The Dalles and Deschutes, a distance of 17 miles.

Recently the O. R. & N. let the contract for straightening the line between the two points, and it is presumed that the decision having been reached to double track to Huntington, both the line change and the additional track-laying could be accomplished at saving of expense over construction of the two improvements separately. The line change and double tracking will cost considerably more than \$1,000,000.

It is also hinted that mail contracts are at stake in a contest now waging between the Great Northern and the Harriman Northwest system. The Great Northern is said to be asking the Government for the Portland mail, intending to divert it from its fast mail train now in operation at Spokane and via the North Bank to Portland.

The Great Northern, according to reports, has declared that the Puget Sound mail tonnage alone is not sufficient to warrant the continuation of the fast mail train. The Harriman line is also operating a fast mail train, but it is recognized that improvements are necessary to keep pace with the strenuous competition that Hill is now giving on mail-carrying and other service.

The double-tracking of the O. R. & N., it is also understood, will be carried on in conjunction with other line changes, which will eliminate many curves and grades and shorten the line.

**J. C. & M. A. ROBINSON
DISPOSE OF BUSINESS**

The firm of J. C. & M. A. Robinson of this city has this week completed the sale of its store and mercantile business to the Central Oregon Mercantile Company, which is composed of R. T. Olson of Seattle, as general manager, who is associated with other Seattle gentlemen.

The firm of J. W. & M. A. Robinson was established at Ashwood in 1898 and removed to Madras in 1905 where it was merged into J. W. & M. A. Robinson & Co., and was conducted under that head for about two years, until the spring of 1907, when it was reorganized into a co-partnership, being called J. C. & M. A. Robinson. The business of this company, begun in comparatively small quarters and limited stock, has grown to one of the representative and best stocked mercantile houses in the interior with customers throughout Central Oregon.

The new firm comes to Madras well recommended, and the patrons of this store are assured a continuation of the courtesies heretofore shown.

**Chief Forester Pinchot Is
"Fired"**

Dispatch to Oregonian
Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester and intimate friend of President Roosevelt, was dismissed tonight from the service of the United States by President Taft for insubordination. Associate Forester Overton W. Price and Assistant Law Officer Alexander C. Shaw, Pinchot's immediate assistants in the Forestry Bureau, followed their chief out of Government employ.

Thoroughly indignant over the action of Mr. Pinchot in inducing Senator Dolliver to read a letter from him in the Senate yesterday, President Taft today would listen to no advice that the forester's violation of Executive orders be overlooked pending the inquiry soon to be undertaken by Congress.

He declared the dignity of the Presidential office was being attacked and he would be unfaithful to his trust if he submitted longer.

Mr. Taft undoubtedly realizes fully what the dismissal of Forester Pinchot means in a political way. He has been convinced for some time that the so-called "insurgents" and the other critics of his administration had enlisted the services of Mr. Pinchot and practically were defying him to dismiss Pinchot from office. The latter's letter of yesterday, few here doubt, was written with the direct purpose of "putting it squarely up to the President."

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Pinchot's immediate superior, it appears, was one of the forester's chief accusers. He told President Taft that he advised Mr. Pinchot not to send the letter to Senator Dolliver; that Pinchot told him he had such a letter in mind, and "could induce Senator Dolliver" to read it on the day that President Taft's special message transmitting the Attorney-General's exoneration of Secretary Ballinger was to be presented to the Senate.

It was this story of Mr. Pinchot's apparently calculated insubordination that raised the President to the keenest resentment.

The letter directing Secretary Wilson to dismiss the Forester forthwith was carefully framed in the afternoon sitting of the Cabinet and was revised several times before finally being made public. It is the President's own statement of the case.

"Sir—By direction of the President you are hereby removed from your office as Forester. You will deliver possession of your office affairs belonging to the Government to Mr. Albert F. Potter, Assistant Forester.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Petition for incorporation of Madras as a city approved.

Election set for Jan. 31, 1910, at which voters can vote for or against incorporating and also vote for Mayor, Recorder, Treasurer, Marshal and six aldermen.

Plat of sub-division of certain parts of Palmain (Madras) approved.

Plat of Madras approved.

Plat of Mayfair, being an addition to Madras, approved.

	Tax levy for current year	Tax levy 1908
General County & State	9 2-10	9 2-10
School	3 "	3 "
General Road	2 2-10 "	2 "
(except Prineville)	12 1-4 "	11-4 "
High School, except Dis. 12	1-20 "	1-20 "
Library	15 1-2 mills	15 1-2
Total levy	30 1-2 mills	30 1-2

The County Road Fund, General School Fund, County High School Fund and Library Funds each have small balances on hand.

The General County Fund is in good condition considering the fact that the new County Court-house building is entirely paid for. However, the general running expenses of the County and the fall payment of the State tax (about \$8,000) have necessitated registering warrants to the amount of about \$13,000.00; scalp bounty warrants to the amount of about \$900.00 have also been registered. The payment for the furniture and vault fixtures amounting to about \$4,300.00 comes due in 1910. Crook County's proportion of the State tax this year is \$17,454.34. The following summary shows the amount that must be raised for the General Fund:

State tax	\$17,454.34
Registered warrants	13,000
Registered warrants, scalp bounty	900
Furniture and fixtures	4,300
Total	\$35,654.34

It is assumed that taxes will be actually collected on about \$7,400,000 and at 9 mills this will amount to \$66,600, thus leaving about \$30,045.00 for salaries, supplies, paupers, expenses of elections, two terms of the Circuit Court, current expenses, etc.

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