

Monday afternoon and night measuring seven-tenths of an inch, according to Robert Rea, the local weather observer in charge of the government instruments here. The rains of last week combined with those of the past few days make a total precipitation during this month of a little more than two and three-quarter inches, to be exact 2.76 inches.

Since early fall there has been an abundance of moisture in the soil and farming conditions have been all that could be desired. With the opening of spring the grain crops have made a fine growth, and these heavy rains coming at this time before there has been any chance for the ground to become dry, plant life is developing now in leaps and bounds, and there is every assurance that crops will be bumper this season.

Year by year the rainfall over this section seems to be increasing with cultivation of the soil, as has been the history of other semi arid regions. With the increase of only a few inches in the annual rainfall, the great farming belt comprising northwestern Crook county and the Madras country can discount the new irrigated sections on the production of crops. Even now the farmers hereabouts are producing just as profitable crops as those who farm in the irrigated sections, not only in grain, but in garden, roots, melons and other products. In potatoes alone this section has all other parts of Central Oregon beaten. This by itself is a great resource. The prospect for securing irrigation in this district is better at present than ever before, but even without it the Madras country could stand its own with other districts on profitable crops.

"Opening Up Central Oregon" is the caption of an attractive folder descriptive of this section issued from St. Paul by the Great Northern Railway. This is the first matter to be sent out by the Hill interests in beginning the work of colonizing the country that will be opened up by the building of the Oregon Trunk Line. A supply of these folders was left at the Pioneer office and can be had gratis.

Besides general descriptive matter about the soil, crops, climate and resources of Central Oregon, the pamphlet contains special write-ups of Madras, Prineville, Redmond and Bend, also letters from farmers of this district who are prospering on the irrigated and non-irrigated lands. Half-tone cuts of Crook county scenes adorn each page, while the front is mostly covered by a map of Oregon, with the route of the Oregon Trunk Line indicated by a red line.

When the Hill party stopped at Madras last Saturday a limited number of the new folders advertising Central Oregon were distributed but the supply is already exhausted.

CLEVELAND'S Baking Powder.

WARNING—The public is notified that a promissory note payable to me has been lost. I have not endorsed, nor authorized endorsement of same, and you are warned not to negotiate it.—J. S. ARKINS.

one true bill and eight not true bills. We have had a large number of witnesses appear before us upon many matters and have given our most careful attention to all complaints of every kind made to our body, some of which are mentioned in this report.

A great deal of attention has been given to a petition signed by some of the citizens of Madras, reciting that certain evils exist there and asking that the grand jury seek to eliminate them. Upon investigating we find that Madras is an incorporated city and that municipal ordinances are in force providing for the punishment of people operating the establishments complained of. We also find that the municipality of Madras employs a marshal and night watchman at a salary of \$75 per month each and further that there has been paid into the city treasury of Madras from April 12, 1910, until the end of that month, the sum of \$725. Under these circumstances this grand jury believes that this matter is one that should be left to the jurisdiction of the city government of Madras, and that the taxpayers of the county at large should not be called upon to bear the burden of what is within the jurisdiction of a municipality. This conclusion not only applies not only to the city of Madras but to all municipalities within Crook county. We say this not in any spirit of criticism but because, owing to the work of railroad construction now in progress in this county on a large scale, bringing in a vast number of transient people, this question and similar ones will probably arise in other incorporated towns, and we do not feel that the county at large should be called upon to bear the expense of interfering with matters covered by local ordinances.

We have visited the different county offices and in regard thereto we would state that not being expert bookkeepers and having but limited time at our disposal we could not pass upon the correctness of the various accounts of the various officers, but as far as we could ascertain the books of the different county officers are neatly and systematically kept. We also find that the county courthouse is in good condition but recommend that a bathtub, with proper sanitary plumbing connections, be installed in a room in the county jail for the use of the prisoners.

We have had many perplexing questions to pass upon and decide. To all of these we have given our best consideration and have reached our conclusions having in mind the best interests of the taxpayers of the county and due regard for the law, and flash out favors feeling that we have left undone nothing which should have been done in connection with the work given us.

Willis W. Brown, Foreman;

J. F. Blanchard,

S. S. Stearns,

C. F. Smith,

C. W. E. Foote,

Henry Tweet,

C. R. Heary.

Nightwatch's Salary Raised

The city council met last Thursday evening to discuss the provisions of the proposed ordinance granting a franchise for a telephone system within the incorporation to I. F. Shutt and Ed Mason. It was not the intention to take any other action on the matter at this time as no franchise law can be enacted except at a regular meeting. Several changes in the ordinance as originally drafted were made, and the measure was laid over to the next regular meeting in June.

At the meeting held Tuesday of last week Councilmen T. B. Tucker and W. R. Cook were appointed as a special committee to confer with Nightwatch A. J. Weston in regard to salary. This committee reported that Weston agreed to act as nightwatch until October 1, 1910 at a salary of \$100 per month. The council voted unanimously to employ him at that salary, which is a raise from \$75 per month.

Following this a proposal was made to raise the salary of the city marshal from \$75 to \$100 per month, but the motion was lost with a vote of four against, two in favor of it.

The meeting adjourned to the first Tuesday in June.

Oil Prospects at Haycreek

Crook County Journal: W. H. W. Hamilton, an experienced mining engineer, together with W. H. Huston, has discovered what several men of some mining knowledge believe to be a good prospect for oil in the vicinity of Haycreek. Sixteen hundred acres of lands have been located in claims of 20 acres each. Considerable excitement is manifest in the district over the discovery.

The locations have been made on a bed of shale four miles wide by six miles long, lying in a manner that would indicate that the Grizzly wells are cropping from the oil field proper. The location of the Haycreek coal lands and croppings of oil shale being favorable. Samples of oil were obtained from springs and gas tests were made with favorable results in several different places.

Among the men who have pronounced the prospects good are Mr. Wilbur of the Sumpter railway and Mr. Hammond of the Cline Falls Power Company. Mr. Hamilton and others propose to sink a well.

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HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 3, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that KATHERINE A. ROUSH, formerly Katherine A. Hering, of Madras, Oregon, who, on October 7, 1905, made Homestead [Serial No. 01180] for [sic], [sic] sec 24 and sec 25 sec 13, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m.

Has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Howard W. Turner, United States Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 25th day of June, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: M. G. Irwin, Max Wilson, Geo. W. Richardson, M. L. Lucks, all of Madras, Oregon. H. H. COOK, Register.

STATE SELECTION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 7, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has filed in this office its application, No. 4092, to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1898, and the Act supplementary and amendatory thereto, the sections of sec 25, tp 9 s, r 14 e, W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 25th day of June, 1910.

H. H. COOK, Register.

UNITED STATES Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 9, 1910. Serial No. 00688.

Notice is hereby given that Charles M. Cartwright, whose post-office address is Haycreek, Or., has filed application to select, under act of June 4, 1897, the following described lands: N. 10w1, sec 17, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m; sec 10, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m; sec 15, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m; sec 15, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m; sec 25, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m; sec 25, tp 11 s, r 13 e, w m.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of the applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 25th day of June, 1910.

H. H. COOK, Register.

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