

WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL

While E. S. Isaacs, the Walla Walla flour mill man, was in Madras a fortnight ago he leased the D. W. Barnett ranch south of this place for the privilege of drilling for oil. He also endeavored to lease other holdings for the same purpose, but was unable to get in touch with most of the owners from which he wanted to secure leases.

He went away leaving the announcement that he intends to organize an oil prospecting company and as soon as possible begin the work of sinking oil prospecting wells.

Mr. Isaacs kept his business to himself, but it is known that he was enthusiastic over the possibilities. One drawback to oil developments in this whole district seems to be that the indications for oil are too good to be believed. The seepages about many springs appear to be too nearly refined oil to look good to men who have had experience in mining the crude stuff. Mr. Isaacs' theory is that the oil which reaches the surface has been strained through the strata of rock which has the effect of robbing it of many of the crude characteristics.

Now the rumor is getting about that the drilling operations which are soon to commence on the Dunbrows place 4 miles southwest of town under the auspices of the Oregon Trunk Line for water, is but the initial step in a plan to exploit the oil possibilities on a number of ranches adjacent to there which were purchased last fall by Henry Kebo.

Among these are the Dunbrows, F. A. Smith, both the Blanchard ranches, that of H. K. Nisson and others, all of which were paid for at prices greater than were considered reasonable for farming lands.

The idea is that the drilling outfit is to be used to get a water supply for the railroads and is then to be put to work on the oil prospecting. As a matter of fact Kebo is a mining man, an oil miner who has carried on extensive operations.

The drilling outfit is one of the largest styles of plants manufactured and is equipped with tanks to use oil for fuel, which is to be hauled in from Shaniko. Railroad people claim that the drilling outfit belongs to the Oregon Trunk Line. The driller has made the statement here that he owns the plant himself.

At any rate there is the prospect of oil development work being taken up a few miles south of town in the near future.

TO RESTRAIN FIGHTERS

Gov. Gillett of California has directed the Attorney-General of that state to file a petition in the Supreme Court asking for a restraining injunction to prevent the Jeffries-Johnson fight. It is indicated that the governor will oppose the fight to the end.

NEW TOWNSITE MAYBE

F. N. Vibbert and son James were in from the north end of Agency Plains Tuesday attending the Farmer's Union rally. Mr. Vibbert announced that he intends building a warehouse on the line of the Harriman road at the mouth of Foster Spring canyon, where that road crosses his land. This will undoubtedly be a shipping point of some consequence upon the completion of the railroad, and indications point toward a townsite proposition near there being under consideration. S. D. Percival who has about 200 acres of desirable land near there was offered in the neighborhood of \$10 per acre for his holdings during the past week but has refused the offer.

Don P. Ren, well known here and Miss Kaddery of Portland were married at this city Wednesday. It is understood they will make a wedding tour to Honolulu.

Ernest A. Smith and family arrived from Athens last Tuesday evening and will reside for a time on their ranch on Agency Plains. Whether they will make a long stay or not is not decided as yet. Mr. Smith got a leave of absence from his position as station agent at Athens and came to look after his property here and take a little of the hot doors. Mrs. Norma Smith is spending a few days in town with friends and relatives.

FREE METHODIST SERVICES

Services will be held at the Free Methodist Church the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. All are invited.—A. S. Wright, Pastor.

Pioneer (Princeton) ice cream will make at Foe's.

I will sell part or all of my City property in Madras, cheap on easy terms.—Write to Harry G. Key, Redmond, Ore., for particulars.

HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 25, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM J. HADLEY, of Madras, Oregon, who, on July 4, 1907, made Homestead (Serial No. 6437) No. 15637, for s^{1/2} sec 2, sec 2, sp 10 s, r 12 e, w 1/4, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Edward W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 5th day of July, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Clarence Watts, W. F. Sherman, S. F. Clower, Charles T. McCull, all of Madras, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register

HOMESTEAD. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 21, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that SARAH E. FLECK, of Madras, Oregon, who, on December 22, 1904, made Homestead (Serial No. 6445) No. 14085, for s^{1/2} sec 2, sec 2, sp 10 s, r 12 e, w 1/4, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Edward W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 30th day of June, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: James Spicer, Elmer Mathers, of Youngs, Oregon; David Travis, W. H. Stonebocker, of Madras, Oregon.

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Most satisfactory moderate priced cars. Low cost of maintenance, few repairs, light running.

John Moore
AGENT FOR CROOK COUNTY, MADRAS, ORE.

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PREPARE TO SPEND THE FOURTH OF JULY AT MADRAS

GRAND CELEBRATION

Sunrise Salute Music Basket Dinner at Noon
 Monster Parade Public Speaking Grand Ball at Night

Fireworks \$10000.00 Display
 Will be the best exhibition ever shown in Central Oregon

BASEBALL--\$100.00 IN PURSES

PROGRAMME AS PERFECTED TO DATE

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| 9:30 a. m., Parade | 50 yard dash, free for all | 3.00 | 2.00 | Tug of War, 10 on a side | 5.00 |
| 11 a. m., Patriotic Speaking | Sack race | 1.00 | | Boys' Pony race, free for all | 5.00 2.00 |
| DINNER | Boys' Race, under 12 years | watch | .50 | Horse Race, free for all | 10.00 5.00 |
| 1:00 p. m.—CONTESTS | Boys' Race, under 14 years | 2.00 | 1.00 | Broncho "Busting" | 5.00 2.50 |
| Rock drilling Contest | 3-legged Race, free for all | 2.00 | | Baseball game, - \$100.00 In Purses | |
| 100 yard dash, free for all | Wheelbarrow race, 50 yds and return | 2.50 | | | |
| | Potato race, 15 years of age | 1.50 | | | |

8:30 p. m., FIREWORKS