

WATER SYSTEM IS IMPERATIVE

The time is ripe for Madras to take some decisive steps toward permanent city development in the way of securing some kind of water service for the town for fire protection and domestic purposes. Everyone acknowledges this to be a fact, but the weeks slip away into months, and nothing is done. The difficulty appears to be that no definite plan can be decided upon, and in consequence these days that ought to be filled in with civic progress and construction of a water plant are gliding into the past and the growth of the city is hampered.

Division Engineer Griswold of the Oregon Trunk is one of those who sees the difficulty and without any spirit of officiousness he offers to submit a plan for a water system, do all the engineering work gratis and put the proposition up to the people of Madras in dollars and cents.

"As a representative of the company I have a right to take an interest in the development of Madras," says Mr. Griswold. "The Oregon Trunk will be one of the heaviest tax payers in the city, and we want this town to be just as big and progressive as possible from a business standpoint and are willing to do everything in our power to make it so."

Mr. Griswold's idea is to install a well system with a gas engine to operate pumps with either a tank or excavated reservoir of sufficient capacity to furnish water to combat a fire of some size. He will make the surveys, get prices of machinery

and pipe and other materials, estimate the cost of installing and submit the matter to the people in a tangible form—in dollars and cents.

Mr. Griswold is not butting in on this matter. He along with every one else in town wants something done at once toward getting a water system for Madras. There is not any other one thing that will do so much for the good of the city at this time as a water system. The property owners and residents of Madras might just as well come to the conclusion now as later, that it's up to them to develop the town. No one else is going to do it.

Fight to Last

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would help us get another new county for this section in a year or two. Just how absurd this proposal is can be shown in few words.

Unless the northwestern part of the county took in larger portion of the proposed Deschutes county, we would not have enough territory to make a county at all. And according to law a new county cannot take half of the territory from the mother county. Then if we tried to take a slice off of what is left of Crook County to the east of Deschutes county line we would have old Crook County into our wool again. If the Deschutes county bill passes in the coming election we are doomed for eternity to go to Redmond as our county seat.

The people from Redmond claim that they had satisfied Prineville by withdrawing their line from that town to a distance of ten miles instead of encroaching to within six miles as their petition is worded. But this statement is not borne out by the Prineville people. The lines of the proposed new county

can't be changed without a new petition is prepared and a new set of signatures secured. It's too late now to make this change so no one should be bamboozled by any such talk as this. If the Redmond county bill goes she will have to go as she looks. Furthermore the people of Prineville pledged themselves to fight the bill, and they are fighting it.

Redmond representatives at Prineville the other day were asked some rather pointed questions. They were asked if they thought the new county proposal would carry if it were left to the vote of Crook county and they were forced to acknowledge that it wouldn't. They were also asked if this new county bill was not largely to boom for Redmond townsite company, proposed and launched by them without general knowledge and consent of the people of the town, and they also acknowledged that this was a fact. What do you think of Redmond's new county scheme, the idea which gave birth to, and the manner in which it is being promoted?

SPECIMENS FOR EXHIBITION WANTED.

I would like to ask all parties having extraordinary samples of grain and farm produce to bring them to my office to be placed on exhibition July 1st.

ORA VASSEL.

\$20 REWARD FOR HORSES

Strayed from my place at Madras Oregon one bay horse branded on left shoulder with small blotched brand, his left eye is out, also one bay mare branded with large S with bar under it on left shoulder. The above reward will be paid to anyone returning them to me.

S. E. GRAY.

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

Services will be held at Mt. Jefferson schoolhouse next Sunday morning, July 3, instead of the following Sunday on account of the Epworth League convention at Madras July 9 and 10. Services will be held at Madras in the evening.

The 4th quarterly conference will be held Friday, July 1, at 10:30 a. m.

G. R. MOORHEAD, Pastor.

SPECIAL EVENT for the

The Madras Trading Co. offers a **\$5** purse for a 50-yd dash race by girls under 15 years of age

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

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SOFT DRINKS

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Leave orders at J. E. Wilson's harness shop or postoffice.

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PREPARE TO SPEND THE FOURTH OF JULY AT MADRAS GRAND CELEBRATION

Sunrise Salute
Monster Parade

String Band Music
Patriotic Speaking

Basket Dinner at Noon
Grand Ball at Night

Fireworks \$1000.00 Display

Will be the best exhibition ever shown in Central Oregon

BASEBALL--\$100.00 IN PURSES

PROGRAMME AS PERFECTED TO DATE

9:30 a. m., Parade	50 yard dash, free for all	3.00	2.00	Potato race, 15 years of age	1.50
11 a. m., Patriotic Speaking	Sack race,	1.00		Tug of War, 10 on a side	5.00
DINNER		Boys' Race, under 12 years	watch	.50	
1:00 p. m.--CONTESTS	1st prize	2nd		Boys' Pony race, free for all	5.00 2.00
Rock drilling Contest	\$5.00	\$2.50		Horse Race, free for all	10.00 5.00
100 yard dash, free for all	3.00	2.00		Broncho "Busting"	5.00 2.50
				Baseball game, -- \$100.00 In Purses	
					8:30 p. m., FIREWORKS