## FINISHING UP HARRIMAN **CRADE NEAR MADRAS**

"All of the grading on my residency will be finished in two weeks" says Resident Engineer St. Claire Thomas, "and our camps here will be dispersed at that time. I shall go to Grass Valley headquarters from here, but do not know now where my next work will be."

Mr. Thomas returned the last of the week from a visit to construction headquarters at Grass Valley and was asked if he knew anything new concering the Harriman work. "Yes, I know a lot," was the answer, "but nothing for publication at this time."

The fifteen miles of roadbed which has been under the immediate supervision of Mr. Thomas and assistants reaches from a point about five miles north of Madras to the juction of the two roads just north of the Culver townsite, from which point on south both roads will use the Hill track until Redmond is passed.

## MADRAS MAIDS DEAL DEATH TO RATTLESNAKES

Two brave and beautiful maidens, two "pizen" rattlesnakes and a rifle mixed up last week on a roadway along the The Southern Pacific has consouth side of Haystack Mountain, struction forces at both the with the result that the serpents were slain and the maidens now have the strings of rattles as trophies to show how they take vengeance on the species which tattled things to Mother Eve in the garden. Misses Clara Horney and Myrthena Taylor of Madras were on their way to Prineville, and were traveling the Haystack road to Miss Thursday ing into that portion of Oregon and Kent's home in order to take have had numerous reports on the her with them, when they en- country," he continued. "These recountered the pair of monster ports have been varied and so evenly rattlers in the way. A stranger with a rifle happened along and that I decided the best way to solve the young ladies borrowed the the question was to come out and see gun and shot the serpents to for myself. That was the object of

## VALUABLE NEW MAP

This office is in receipt of one of the new Crook County maps made by the Crook County Abstract Co. at Prineville. This is undoubtedly the most under cultivation. up-to-date and valuable map of Crook county that has ever been made, as it is accurately drafted and shows the exact location of county coads, railentire county is subdivided by sections, scale 1 inch equals 1 mile, with margiany section in any township and range gradually growing more faint, and it is November election.

Mr. Putz expects to retire from active establishment of Carey act projects. work in the milling business, although he will return to Madras this Winter would be very expensive. It is a rough and have charge of the flouring mill at country, and I should not be inclined

## F. N. CILLAM COT FINE DINNER SET

E. N. Gillam was the lucky holder of store Wednesday afternoon. The clock stopped at 9-50-14 and Mr. Gillam's ticket was 10-21-6. On August 31st another set goes to some custom. thereafter a set will be given away

## THRESHED CRAIN WANTED

The Great Northern Railway has reserved space at the Spokane Dry Farming Exposition for an exhibit of Dentral Oregon dry farming products, to compete for the cup shown on the first page and for other prizes. Some choice samples of threshed grains are desired. Ora VanTassel will receive

## THRESHING ANNOUNCEMENT

The undersigned have purchased a bran new 14 H. P. steam threshing outfit and will operate same east of Madras beginning about Aug. 10. We solicit the work of ranchers in that district, and insure satisfaction. Fields & Pierson

Extension of the Deschutes Railroad from Redmond, to which point it is now under construction, to a connection with the Klamath-Natron cut-off is the intention of the Harriman lines, according to Judge Robert S. Lovett, who reached Portland Thursday, browned by the sun and wind and tired by a six-day journey, in which 750 miles were covered by automobile.

Judge Lovett was otherwise non-committal as to the building intentions of the Harriman lines in interior Oregon. Neither was he prepared to outline the route or indicate what points would be LIST touched.

The statement concerning the extension from Redmond gives confirmation to the general belief that has existed that the Deschutes road would not stop at Redmond, but would be continued southward to a junction with the line building north- General Repairing ward from Klamath Falls. The former is now under construction from a junction with the main line of the O. R. & N. near the mouth of the Deschutes River, up the Deschutes River to Madras and thence to Redmond a distance of about 125 miles. The extension southward would be approximately 80 miles in length and form a junction with the Southern Pacific probably at or near Odell, or Crescent, as the post office is now known. Klamath and Natron ends of the cutoff, but the middle section is B. ABLOWITZ not yet covered.

"I am not prepared to make any definite statement concerning railroad construction," was Judge Lovett's reply to a request for a statement as to plans for railroad development of the large isolated portion of interior Ore-

"We have had under consideration for several years the matter of buildas the opinion been divided as to the justification for railroad construction

"There is a great deal of undeveloped country in Central Oregon. Some that, in order that a railroad into it may pay, every tillable acre must be

"One drawback to railroad development that I noticed was the price which some of the large land owners in that territory have placed on their roads, streams and postoffices. The holdings. My information on this point was gained from inquiries as to prices at which certain lands were held, and nal figures which make it easy to locate I may have been misinformed. But I was told that in the high dry-farming in the county. The maps sell for \$1.00, country east of the Deschutes one com-This map even shows dimly the boun- pany having large holdings has placed daries of the proposed Deschutes a price of \$100 and upwards on every county, but this proposal seems to be acre that can be plowed. In the Palouse country and Idaho, lands concernlikely that it will entirely disappear off ing the productive quality of which the map at about the time of the there is no uncertainty, may be purchased for \$70 and upward.

"Another matter that must be con-Max Putz has sold his interests in the sidered is the fact that in the valleys Madras Milling Company to his partner, most of the land has been taken up, Henry Dietzel, and has gone to Cali- and in some instances part of the water fornia to look up a location for a home, appropriated. This will prevent the

'Railroad building in Central Oregon this place. Mrs. Putz will remain here during her husband's temporary absence. to recommend the expenditure of several millions of dollars for railroad work there if a great portion of the land is held at exhorbitant figures or

the land generally appropriated.
"There are also other questions that must be considered, such as the finan-

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SKERIFF

To the Democratic voters of Crook I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Crook county, subject to the approval of the voters of the county at the pri

mary election to be held in September. Respectfully, N. BALFOUR Fife, Oregon.

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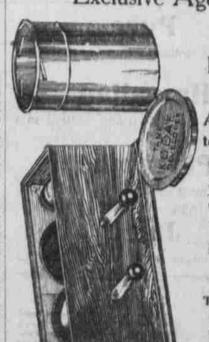
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