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How About Those Street Improvements?

What has become of those city improvements which the council took action upon, with the understanding that they were to be done at once? These included the establishment of a gutter drain for Main Street at the expense of the City, and after that had been done, a sidewalk grade was to be established and orders issued to property owners to build continuous sidewalks along Main Street.

It will only be a few weeks now until we can naturally look for some heavy rain storms, and without drainage, those of us who have lived in Madras through a Winter, know that it means a lake on the postoffice block of Main Street and a lollily of mud all over town. Then too, it will be necessary for persons passing along the street to hop off into the mud where the sidewalk ends and struggle along for 25 or 50 feet to regain the sidewalk on the next property which is provided with such an improvement.

According to the city treasurer there is at this date about \$1800 in the city treasury and as there has never been anything done by the city in the way of improvements, many residents think it would be nice to have these things actually done.

The Oregon Trunk engineer has offered to put a level crew on the gutter grade without charge. These engineers will not be here much longer, and in finishing up their work probably they will not have much time to spare. Should the city have to hire an engineering crew to come and establish the grade the cost would be considerable.

In case the sidewalk building is put off until the roads get bad, then the property owners will have the excuse that they can't get lumber from the mills to build the walks, and the townspeople will have to wallow through the mud all Winter. Even now with the dust four inches deep along the streets, continuous sidewalks would be worth while.

SHERMAN CO. SHERIFF GETS HIS MAN

Through the assistance of Madras people Sheriff Freeman of Sherman county was able to apprehend the man he came here seeking for last week, the one wanted proving to be Dan Gray, who is charged with forging a check which he cashed with Mr. Erby, a merchant of Kent, some time last June. Gray has a homestead in the Haycreek neighborhood, but was working for W. F. Mickle on the Phillips ranch just east of Madras, going under an assumed name. Jack Hardy was acquainted with Gray in Sherman county and recognized him in Madras last Thursday evening, and having been

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informed by the sheriff that this was the man wanted, Hardy pointed him out to Policeman Weston, who placed him under arrest. Sheriff Freeman had gone to Haycreek where he hoped to find the man on his homestead, but returned to Madras upon being notified of the capture, and left with his prisoner for Moro Thursday evening.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON WELLS

The big well on the Metolus townsite four miles south of town is progressing rapidly now, since the drill has reached a solid formation to work in. The hole is down about 500 feet but no water has been found.

Drilling on the new Culver townsite ten miles south of Madras seems to be a hard game. At a depth of 95 feet the drill has encountered a layer of iron basalt. The machine pounded away on this stuff for twelve hours or more and only gained four inches. This same black formation was struck when the well was drilled on the Redmond townsite, and it is almost impossible to make any headway in it.

The well on the residence property of M. G. Pullette in Depot Addition to Madras is now down about 160 feet but no water has been struck. This is only a short distance from Dave Barnett's well, where an abundance of water was found at 75 feet.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 5

The Madras Public Schools will open for the Fall term on Monday, September 5. The principal requests that all pupils bring their report cards from the last term, both from this district and from any other that they attended, so that the teachers here will be able to note their advancement and know which class to place them in. Parents are requested to co-operate in this plan as it will greatly aid in the organization of the work of the term.

Prof. W. R. Cook will be the principal and will teach the eighth and ninth grades; Miss Anna Warmouth, of Brownsville, will have charge of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades; Miss Katherine Lowther of Madras, the third and fourth, and Miss Verna Howard of Prineville the first and second grades.

NEW BUILDINGS AT COUNTY SEAT

A Prineville dispatch says that the contract has been let for the construction of a \$17,000 stone building on the ground recently purchased from Dr. H. P. Belknap by the Crook County Bank, to Portland contractors. Work on the structure will be commenced as soon as the two-story frame building can be moved off the lot.

The building will be 50x100 feet, two stories high, and will be on one of the choice corners of the city. The 50-foot front will be occupied by the bank and the rear and the upper story will be given over to office rooms.

The building will be of the same gray stone as that used in the First National Bank building, and will be the most beautiful structure in the city, though there are more than a dozen such business buildings. It will be steam heated and thoroughly modern in every respect.

Other buildings under construction are Mrs. C. C. Maling's business block on Main street, two storerooms, brick, cost about \$6000, and the Baptist church of stone, cost about \$10,000. Plans are being prepared for a two-story brick business building by G. M. Cornett on Main street, and a 12-room public schoolhouse of stone to be built next year.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

To the Democratic voters of Crook county:
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 primary election to be held in September.
Respectfully,
T. N. BALFOUR,
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