

The Madras Pioneer

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STRIKE WATER AT 677 FEET

Drilling Continues Nevertheless

OREGON TRUNK GOING DEEP

Plans Regarding Work Kept
Secret (Almost)—Well To
Supply Locomotives

Water at 677 feet was struck in the big well being drilled for the Oregon Trunk Railway last Tuesday, at Metolus, four miles south of Madras. The water rose 30 feet in the well. There seems to be a plentiful flow, as the drillers were unable to lower the water level by baling the well with the sand buckets at the rate of 10 gallons per minute for a considerable time.

Although there appears to be strong flow of water in the well the drilling is going right along just as though no water had been found. It's hard to learn much about this well. There is a sign up that reads, "This well is pretty d-d deep. It's headed for China. Don't ask the man." The only way to learn the whereabouts of the bottom of

this well is to go out and measure it.

This is the deepest well in Central Oregon. The hole was drilled with a 12-inch tool. The pumping problem will be an expensive one, but the railroad company must have the water, and is able to get it. This well, it is planned, will furnish water for both the Hill and Harriman locomotives, and is located midway between the two tracks, at a point where they are 1000 feet apart.



Cup Offered for Best Apple Exhibit

The accompanying cup will become the property of some enterprising Oregon Orchardist. It is offered by the Portland Commercial Club for the best ten boxes of apples grown in an Oregon orchard and exhibited at the National Apple Show, Spokane, November 14-19.

The cup is a handsome one, of solid silver, valued at \$100. It stands 13 inches high and will be a splendid trophy for the apple grower fortunate enough to secure it. There promises to be a number of entries in this division, so the exhibit must needs be a good one.

SELFISHNESS IS MOTIVE

Of All New County Schemes

TIME TO PUT STOP TO IT

Proposed New Law Provides
Excellent Way—Vote "No"
on All County Division

Rob these county division schemes of the ambition of some little town which wants to be a county seat, and the desire of a few men to increase the value of their property, or to brighten up their political chances, and what is there left? These motives are the source of all this county division turmoil which is disturbing the state from border to border at this time. Not in a single instance does investigation of these movements prove this statement to be untrue.

County organization is a part of our government that most directly affects the welfare of the people, and this paper believes that such important interests as this ought to be put where every petty schemer in the state can't monkey with them. The time to put these county division schemes out of the way for all time is NOW, and the way to do this is to vote against each and every one of them, and to enact the Lawrence bill, placed on the ballot by the Madras Commercial Club, which makes ample provision for the creation of a new county, when the actual need of it develops.

The appeal to the voters of the state to vote against these county division bills which comes from responsible people in every county threatened by division ought to at least cause the uninformed voter to investigate the merits of these schemes. If he is mentally too lazy to do this, he ought to vote "No," and leave conditions no worse than they were. The disinterested voter rightfully has no voice in these matters, but a failure to vote "No" is a half vote in favor of a bill.

There are eight of these county seat creation schemes to be voted upon at the coming election, and the more closely one becomes acquainted with the conditions in each case, the less virtue there appears to be in them. There is not one of these proposals for county division that makes a sufficient showing that the general public will be benefited by its accomplishment. Neither is there a necessity for the creation of the new county shown in any case. Each of the proposals when sifted down shows unmistakably that it had its conception in the minds of a few people who expect to enhance the value of property or business interests owned by them, or to increase their chances of being elected to office in the new county.

Crook county is facing what appears to be the most senseless of all of the county seat schemes—the one which centers at Redmond, under the name of Deschutes county.

As a matter of fact this proposal for Deschutes county is an appeal to the ignorance of the voters of the state, rather than

to their intelligence. No argument whatever is being made by the promoters of this scheme, for the very good reason that there is none. The plan of campaign is simply to trust to the ignorance of the voters of the state, with the hope that they will not find out the truth, and will swallow the bait. There is not the slightest hope of any honest voter, who is fully informed about the Deschutes county bill, voting for it. Less than 10 per cent of the voters of Crook county signed the initiative petition. Only 217 of the more than 10,000 names were secured in Crook county, this number barely approximating the polling strength of Redmond and its immediate surrounding.

Is there any injustice likely to result to anyone by voting down all of these county division bills and at the same time passing the NEW COUNTY LAW which provides an equitable, honest and above-board method of creating new counties? Of course not. These division schemes are always several years ahead of the actual conditions which warrant them.

On the other hand, the creation of any one of these new counties will be forcing upon thousands of people injustice, inconvenience and undesired conditions. This is especially true of the Deschutes county plan, which includes all of the Madras country within its boundaries, and the population of this district, to a man, is opposed to it. And the voter should not forget that he may bump into the same kind of a deal in his own county next election. People who stand for a square deal everywhere in Oregon, favor the proposed new law because it is square. These proposals for county division under the initiative are all selfish one man schemes, originating in the mind of some individual who seeks personal profit, and it is high time that this class of laws be removed from the reach of schemers and submitted under a plan which requires all who have a voice in the matter to be informed upon the merits of the case. This is what is being asked for by those who are opposing these county division bills. The way to accomplish it is to cast your ballot against all new county bills and in favor of the "new county" law.



Lafferty at Prineville
Saturday Night

A. W. Lafferty, candidate for Congressman, seeking the republican nomination, will speak at the Commercial Club Hall in Prineville, Saturday evening, September 3.

DIPHTHERIA IN MADRAS

One Death, Three More Cases

OTHERS ON AGENCY PLAIN

Antitoxin Is Being Used And
Quarantine Laws Are Being
Rigidly Enforced.

Madras has diphtheria. During the past week one more death has resulted from this dread disease, and three other cases have developed. All of these cases are in the same family and are closely quarantined.

One of the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Newt. E. Melton died in Madras last Friday morning of diphtheria. Mr. and Mrs. Melton reside on a ranch on Agency Plains. Their child is said to have been exposed through the Campbell family, where one death occurred two weeks ago. The baby became sick and the family came into town to the home of Mrs. Melton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who live in one wing of the old school building, and death occurred as stated above. The remains were buried Friday afternoon.

The other three cases that have developed are those of Mrs. Ralston and her two children, a boy about 10 years old and a baby girl. They live in tents on the south side of the street, opposite the M. E. Church. Mrs. Pontius lives near by in another tent. These two places as well as the old schoolhouse, where the Melton baby died, are under strict quarantine.

Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, of Prineville, county health officer, was here last Friday, investigating conditions and directing the establishment of the quarantine. As soon as the true nature of the disease was determined, orders for antitoxin were wired to The Dalles and plentiful supplies of the serum are now on hand. The three patients and everyone who is known to have been directly exposed are being injected with the preventive and it is believed that with the thorough disinfecting and fumigating and strict quarantine, that there will be no further spread of the terrible malady.

All public meetings in the churches have been discontinued and the moving picture theatre is closed. The afflicted ones are now under the care of Dr. Snook and they are reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

Dr. Snook reports three more cases of diphtheria at the Jack Hardy home on Agency Plains, just as we go to press. The two Hardy children have about recovered from light attacks, but Carl Jones, a hired man 20 years old, has a bad case.

WANTED—To buy a good, young, fresh milk cow, Jersey preferred. Inquire of M. W. Weber, Lamonte, Oregon. sl-8p

New Umbrellas and Sunshades

We have just received a large shipment of umbrellas, suitable for all kinds of people and all kinds of weather. Positively the largest assortment ever shown in Madras, at prices that will tempt the most fastidious customer to buy. Do not miss this opportunity to save money. Call and see our line.

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EVERY WEEK

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