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MADRAS, CROOK COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1910.

NO. 5

Source of Prevention
Worth :-
Pound of Cure

ED CROSS
Typhoid

AND
Diphtheria
PREVENTION

No. 1498

Prevention for
children and adults

CROSS DRUG STORE
MADRAS, OREGON

MADRAS
Oil Drilling Co.

MAN AND SURFACE WELLS
DEPTH GUARANTEED
ESTIMATES FURNISHED
OFFICE AT PIONEER OFFICE
MADRAS, OREGON

GAS STRUCK IN OIL WELL

At Depth of 600
Feet

ON FIRE SEVERAL TIMES

Gas Rising Through 300 Feet of
Water Makes Noise Like
Boiling Well

A flow of gas has been encountered in the Grizzly oil well at a depth of about 600 feet. The gas is inflammable and was set on fire several times Tuesday at the surface of the well. One man who set it on fire had his whiskers singed, the flames leaping as high as his head.

The gas flow is strong enough to swing the cable in the drill hole. There is about 300 feet of water in the hole and the escaping gas causes the water to bubble and boil so that the sound can be heard by the workmen.

The drill is now working in a hard black shale, where progress is slow. Mr. Kate, the driller,

thinks that when this formation is pierced that it will show up something of importance, either in the way of oil or a strong flow of gas. The last hundred feet of the well has been made since work was resumed a short time ago. Several times the hole has been dry, the water having been cased out, but this has again seeped in, and the only way it can be kept out successfully, is said to be by inserting a smaller casing and using cement, thereby reducing the size of the hole, which is an undesirable feature. The hole is now 8 inches in diameter at the bottom and it is not desired to make it smaller if it can be avoided.

The announcement of the striking of the gas flow has aroused great interest among local people in the developments that may be expected from the Grizzly well.

Socialist County Convention

The Socialist County Convention for Crook County, State of Oregon, is hereby called to meet at the Circuit Court room at Prineville, Oregon, on Saturday, September 17, 1910, at 1 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for all the county offices to be filled at the next general election, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said convention. This will be a mass convention and all persons in Crook County, State of Oregon, known to be identified with the Socialist movement will be entitled to a voice in the proceedings of the convention.

Done by order of the Socialist County Central Committee, August 1, 1910. J. H. Horney, Chairman, J. H. Smith, Secretary. A speaker of national reputation will address the convention. a18

MAN THOUGHT HE WAS SHOT

Struck A Fence
Gun Went Off

YOUTH "BORROWS" HORSE

Blacksmith Is Held Up—Wounds
One of Assaultants By
Biting Finger

Nick Ruyke, an Austrian laborer, got full of near-whiskey Saturday evening and was behaving with unbecoming activity in one of the joints near the moving picture show, when Officer Weston went after him. Ruyke fled with Weston in pursuit and the Austrian went headlong into a barbed wire fence. As he fell, a revolver which he had in the front pocket of his trousers went off, and the frightened man thought the officer had shot him. He hurt his knee on the fence and this fact added to his belief. He heard the shot, felt the pain, and as the powder set fire to his pants, he thought he had been shot and killed and was already being consumed by the everlasting fires of the lower regions.

"Weston you shoot me. What for you shoot me," howled the fellow as he rolled over and over, unable to rise. Four men picked Ruyke up and carried him into a saloon where he continued to rail at Weston for shooting him. In the neighborhood of a hundred men had gathered around by this time. Dr. Snook was hurried in and as soon as he had a chance to examine the man it was discovered that he wasn't shot at all. The only damage was a smoldering fire in his clothes. Then such a roar of laughter went up as is seldom ever heard, and the incident has made fun for the town ever since.

Ruyke refused to walk to jail. "If you want me to go to jail you have to carry me," he said. He was dragged to the lockup, and had a hearing in the Recorder's Court Monday morning on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was fined \$22, and after being taken to jail, paid the fine. Then he was brought up on a charge of assault with intent to kill, but this charge failed to stick for want of evidence. Ruyke was said to be attempting to get into the saloon where he had quarreled with some companions about paying for some beer, and it was claimed that he had a pistol in his hand and was threatening to shoot, when Weston arrived and chased him into the barbed wire fence.

BOY BOUND OVER FOR HORSE STEALING

Howard Hilkey, a youth 17 years old, is in jail at Prineville under \$500 bonds, on a charge of horse stealing. Hilkey had been working with O'Kelley's threshing crew at Culver. He went to Jim Read's place Friday morning and borrowed a mare and saddle to ride to Madras. He came to Madras but on the return kept going south. Read got track of him Saturday and the telephone headed him off at Bend where the officers took him in. He had a hearing at Prineville and was bound over to the

grand jury. The boy's home is at Grants Pass, and it is supposed he had started to go there with the horse and saddle which he had borrowed.

BLACKSMITH HELD UP BY TWO MEN

Joe Johannson, the blacksmith employed in Tucker & Culp's shop, was held up by two men near the flour mill last Saturday night and relieved of \$2.50 and his watch. One of the men hit Johannson on the head with something and knocked him down then one of his assailants clapped his hand over the victim's mouth while the other went through his pockets. Johannson got one of the fingers of the holdup's hand in his mouth and bit with all his might, and the man screamed with pain and cried, "He's biting me," then Johannson was released. Johannson says his mouth was full of blood and he knows that the finger was bitten to the bone. The man with a sore hand is now liable to be under investigation should he show up soon.

Johannson had been to Porter & Clarkson's camp visiting with a friend and was returning home when he was "stuck up." For the benefit of those who don't know him, it may be said that Johannson doesn't get drunk.

METOLUS WELL IS NOW 868 FEET DEEP

(Special by Shortest Wireless on Earth.)

METOLUS WELL, Sept. 15.—Our well is 868 feet deep, and while we have not lost any of the water that we found at 677 feet, it is a fact that we have not found any more. The formation that we are now in is hard, and if we keep on pounding we will find the center of the earth, or more water, or gas.

METOLUS. The above dispatch is the latest authoritative information we have received from the drilling operations at the railroad division point, south of town. The formation which the bit is cutting now is so hard that only about five feet a day can be made in it.

NEW ROAD GRANTED BY COUNTY COURT

The new county road from the corner of the William Harper place on Agency Plain westerly down the left fork of Nigger Brown Canyon about 4 and 1-2 miles to a junction with the Warm Springs road near the Ed. Campbell place, was allowed by the county court last Friday. This is known as the Gard Road and the estimated cost of building it is \$3000. Of this sum, a part is to be subscribed by the farmers on Agency Plain and a subscription paper for the same is now in circulation, several hundred dollars having been signed for already. The remainder of the expense is to be borne by the county. The maximum grade on the new route will be 7 per cent.

FOR SALE—A good three-year-old, part Jersey milk cow, Gentle. Inquire of Mrs. M. E. Bradford, Opal Prairie. s15

BIG IMPETUS TO FARMING

Railroads Bring
Cash Market

SAGEBRUSH WILL ALL GO

Land Too Valuable To Be Left
Uncultivated—Grain Yield Is
Surprise to Harvester Man

That the completion of the railroad to Madras will give to grain farming in this section a far greater impetus than the people residing here realize is the belief expressed by W. A. Hunt, special salesman for the Holt Manufacturing Co., who has been here the past two weeks taking orders for combined harvesters.

"My work for many years," said he yesterday, "has taken me into the grain regions, many of which I have seen before transportation was supplied, and again after railroads have been built into them. It makes all the difference in the world. With the railroad station and the grain warehouses right at the farmer's door, every bushel of wheat means just so much cash to him. There is always the ready cash market, the market of the whole world.

With this condition it doesn't take a farmer long to see that the thing to do is to raise every bushel of grain possible, and the way the sage brush will come off of this country and every available acre put under cultivation will be a surprise to the residents here within the next few years. Since I have been here I notice there is a great acreage of land that will raise fine grain, that has not yet been cleared. It will be different in a very short time.

"And look, too, at the grain yield you get here. I hear of no wheat in this section this year that is not above 20 bushels per acre, and some as high as 30. In a number of good wheat countries 15 bushels is all that is expected. It isn't likely that land capable of producing so nearly its price every year will be allowed to remain idle.

"Heretofore the market has been local. The freight to Shaniko has ranged from 20 to 25 cents per bushel, with another 11 cents to Portland, all of which came out of the grower. A normal freight rate from here to Portland on the new roads ought not to be far from 10 cents per bushel. All this difference goes into the grower's pocket."

An interesting film shown at the picture show this week was that entitled "Through the Hood River Valley," and "Salmon Fishing Along the Columbia River." The pictures show apple orchards, the gathering, packing, etc., and in the fishing pictures the fishermen may be seen laying out and hauling in their nets from which are taken the great salmon. There is a show every night.

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.

PRICES from 50c to \$3.00 EACH

FREE!-\$10 Dinner Sets-FREE!

EVERY WEEK

Next prize will be given on Wednesday, September 21. Don't forget the date, you may be the winner.

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R. T. OLSON, Manager
MADRAS, OREGON

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