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IMMIGRATION AGENT SEES GREAT REGION

In the Sunday Oregon Journal, Marshal N. Dana presents a write-up of Central Oregon, data for which was secured by F. W. Graham, industrial immigration agent for the Great Northern railroad. We publish extracts relative to the country in this section which was visited on this trip.

Central Oregon is an undiscovered country. It is a land of great distances and still greater hopes. It is the subject of lamplight conferences in thousands of homes. The land hungry of the continent's eastern half are wondering what this new country holds for them. They read the tales of the wagon road that the stage coaches still travel. They read the effusion of the speculators who would traffic on their sincere desires to grow up with the country, when they deserve to learn the truth.

The interior of Oregon is a country surrounded by the mountains and deserts. That is one of the reasons none knows and but few guess what the country actually is. But now up the Deschutes valley, the only water grade entrance, are creeping the lines of steel that mark the highway of rapid transportation. And with the railroads' building comes the immigration agent, whose task it is to learn where and into what sections it will be best to urge settlers to locate.

Such a task devolved recently upon F. W. Graham, immigration agent for the Great Northern railroad.

Mr. Graham was to get facts, not fancies. He was to learn what the country held, not what it is presumed to hold. He had to run the gauntlet where on one side stood the boomers with their lashes of bosh, and on the other side the knockers with their clubs of discouragement. He got his information first hand rather than from reports included within illuminated booklets.

The Warm Springs Indian reservation is 40 miles square and it is estimated that it will accommodate 10,000 families instead of the 770 Indians who now occupy it. The agent, C. C. Covey, has estimated that 25,000 acres could be very cheaply irrigated. In 1896 115,000 acres were allotted and it will be 25 years from that time before the Indians can get title.

There are now grazing on the reservation 18,000 head of sheep. It could be made to support 50,000 head of sheep and on the lower range, 15,000 head of cattle. There are only about 4,000 cattle and 10,000 horses at present. About 150 of the resident Indians are heads of families. They are not good farmers and their average production of 15 bushels of wheat to the acre should be greatly increased.

All supplies are now brought from the Dalles. The agency is about two miles from the Deschutes river, and about ten miles from the warm springs from which it takes its name. It is claimed for those springs that the water is hot enough to cook fish, and that miraculous cures of rheumatism are accomplished. There are 12 of the springs.

Twenty miles to the north of the Warm Springs agency is Simnasho with the Indian school and church but no store.

Madras is a name familiar to the man who discusses central Oregon possibilities. The town has a growing population, which when last enumerated, was in the neighborhood of 400. The town was founded seven years ago, and has an elevation of 2200 feet. There are several stores, harness shops, hotel, meat market, weekly paper, livery stable, bank with \$40,000 of deposits and a flouring mill. A short time ago an election was held in Madras and 400 votes were polled, of which 100 were in the town. The Agency Plains country is tributary and one of these days, when the settlers have come and gotten to work 2,000,000 bushels of wheat will be marketed annually at Madras. It will be the biggest wheat shipping point on the Oregon Trunk.

Big Agency Plains is a good name for the 175,000 acres lying around Madras. The country is high and level, well fenced and well settled. Improved land is worth from \$15 to \$25 an acre, and unimproved land not much less, for there is simply the first light cost of breaking the ground. Wheat yields average 15 bushels to the acre.

The best wheat county of central Oregon is Wasco, county with Sherman a close second. Agency Plains promises to be nearly as good as either of these. It is really a winter wheat country. Potatoes do splendidly, frequently yielding 300 bushels to the acre. Some of the water melons grow to a weight of 80 pounds each. Sweet potatoes, onions and other vegetables do well. The soil is a sandy loam. It is considered practicable to irrigate the entire Agency Plains area from the Deschutes river. Other plans are being made to start an irrigation canal from Cline Falls and conduct it over Crooked river and Willow Creek Canyon. In this way it is thought that it will be feasible to water 120,000 acres in Big and Little Agency Plains and Opal Prairie.

The Blizzard Ridge country lies east of Madras and contains 175,000 acres suitable for hay and potatoes, scarcely any of which is yet under cultivation. The Hay Creek country lies to the east and north of Madras and covers 80,000 acres of land including timber on the hills back of it. Not long ago the Hay Creek ranch, better known as the Baldwin Sheep and Land company and comprising about 20,000 acres of the Hay Creek country was sold to be divided into smaller tracts. It was the last big sheep ranch of its kind in the west.

The Haystack country contains land that a few years ago was being scripped for \$2.50 an acre and is now being sold for \$25 to \$30 an acre. Its average rainfall is ten inches and dry farming methods produce from 20 to 45 bushels of wheat to the acre. Rye produces from 10 to 20 bushels, barley and oats from 25 to 50 bushels an acre.

PRIMARY VOTE IN MADRAS PRECINCT

The vote in the republican primary for Madras Precinct is as follows:

Congress, second district: Ellis, 21;

Lafferty, 16; Reed, 18; Shepherd, 1.

Governor: Ahrsham, 15; Bowerman, 13;

Dimick, 10; Hofer, 8.

Secretary of State: Benson, 33; Wingate, 9.

State Treasurer: Hoyt, 24; Kay, 18.

Justice of Supreme Court, 4-year term: Bean 34, McBride 16; McCam- mont, 7. Six-year term: Burnett, 33

Moore, 21.

Attorney General: Crawford, 29;

Hart, 10.

State Superintendent: Alderman, 32.

State Printer: Clarke, 17; Dunningway, 23.

Commissioner of Labor: Hoff, 26;

Orton, 10.

Railroad Commissioner: Miller, 35.

State Engineer: Lewis, 35.

Water Supt, Div. 2: Cochran, 33.

Circuit Judge: Stark, 33.

Representative: Belknap, 32; Thomp- son, 7.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Sheriff: Coulter, 15; Elkins, 39;

Hodges, 2; Triplett, 0.

Clerk: C. A. Riddle, 22; Ralph Jor- don, 1. (These names were not on the ballot. Many voters forgot to make the x before the name, and their votes were not counted.)

Treasurer: Ralph Jordan, 18 (written in.)

Commissioner; Bayley, 16; Roush, 32.

Surveyor: Rice, 29; Young, 14.

Coroner, Dr. E. O. Hyde, 9.

Following is the vote for Madras Precinct in the Democratic primary:

Governor: Meyers, 4; West, 9.

Secretary of State: Oliver, 8.

Justice of Supreme Court: 4 year term, Slater, 9. Six-year term, King, 11.

State Printer: Godfrey, 7; Taylor, 4.

Railroad Commissioner: McLain, 6; Strain, 8.

Circuit Judge: Bradshaw; 10

COUNTY OFFICES.

Sheriff: Balfour, 12; Edwards, 3.

Clerk: Brown, 10.

Justice of the Peace: J. H. Jackson, 18.

RED LIGHTERS HAVE DAY IN COURT

Twelve women and four men were arrested in the red-light district of Madras last night and brought before the city recorder this morning, charged with being in a house of ill-fame. The women all plead not guilty, but the men acknowledged the charge and each paid a fine of \$10 and \$2 costs. The women were also found guilty by Recorder Jackson and fined \$10 each and costs. They refused to pay the fines and have been put in the custody of the marshal until it is paid. Deputy prosecuting Attorney T. E. J. Duffy of Prineville is here and on Friday the 12 women will be under examination on the state charge of conducting bawdy houses. The city's case against them is finished, except the collection of the fines.

Oliver McDowell, a son of D. A. McDowell, of Crooked River, died in the hospital at Salem Tuesday, the 27th. The remains will be shipped home, the funeral will be held Saturday, and interment will be made at the Prineville Cemetery.

Veterinary science has done much to safeguard the health of our domestic animals, and one of the direct results of its recommendations is the quite general use to which the dipping tank is put as a means of ridding hogs, sheep and cattle of parasites or bacterial ailments. A dipping tank for grown cattle is a large affair and quite expensive, but a tank large enough to accommodate hogs, sheep and calves may be bought at a very reasonable figure. And it is a good idea to give these animals an occasional dipping as a preventive measure. Not only their health is safeguarded and improved, but they are more thrifty and make a more rapid growth, as a result of the treatment, which is the prime consideration with every grower. Disinfectants for use in the dipping solutions are on the market and are both cheap and entirely effective.

The only way that seems possible of explaining the all too limited use to which the King road drag is put is that its very simplicity and cheapness of construction have tended to place it in disrepute, whereas if it were an implement of road improvement which cost ten times what it does it might have come into more general use. But, whatever the reason, the facts as they stand prove that as yet we come a long way from taking advantage of the means within our reach for road improvement. Another phase of this same regrettable failure to do the best we can is shown in the very limited use of broad tired wagons when they are not only handier in everyday use, but would do wonders for our highways if used instead of the narrow tired vehicles in hauling bulky produce to market. In some states and counties a portion of the road tax is abated to all users of broad tired wagons. The plan ought to become far more general than at present.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, September 26, 1910. Notice is hereby given that

LOTTIE C. MOHR

of Shaniko, Oregon, who on June 19, 1907, amended April 11, 1908, made Desert Land Entry No. 882, Serial No. 0225, for section 25 and 26, T. 14 N., R. 12 E., W. 3 M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 8th day of November, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: P. T. Monroe, E. A. Marks and H. L. Friday, all of Shaniko, Oregon, and Joe Stuart, of Youngs, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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