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FRUIT COUNTRY

M. E. Percival, who has been visiting here during the summer, has left for her home in Madras, Oregon. Mrs. Percival, S. D., is foreman on the Madras Pioneer. Mrs. Percival took some choice fruit from her home country and adapted it to fruit raising. She leaves many friends who were loth to see her from the mouth of the Herald.

Above is not exactly correct reference to fruit, as the season the "Madras Pioneer" has made an enviable showing from new orchards just going into bearing, and it is that in less than five years this section will produce fruit for home consumption with some to export. Especially did the dry farming exhibit of fruit at the county fair in Madras last week provoke comment from strangers to this section, who, along with many others, had heard of the country classed as non-fruit raising.

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BETTER MAIL SERVICE SOON

Bend, Redmond and Prineville Are Included In Change of Route For Central Oregon

F. E. WHITNEY MAKES RECOMMENDATION

Rapid Increase Of Business Demands Improvement
---Better Time Over New Route---Wet Season Makes Change More Urgent

A change in the mail routes which will make a better service for Madras, Lamonta, Redmond, Bend, and even to Silver Lake, is promised by F. E. Whitney, of Portland, superintendent of the star mail routes for Oregon, who was in Madras Saturday accompanied by postal inspector H. G. Durand. Mr. Whitney is upon a tour looking over the star routes in Central Oregon, and during a conference with the business

men here stated that he had concluded to recommend that the through mail line from Shaniko to Prineville be changed to come around by way of Madras, Prineville and Lamonta, mail to be segregated at this place, while mail contractor, G. M. Cornett, who was present at the meeting, said that he would see that the mail for Redmond, Bend and points south would proceed direct from Madras, instead of going

around by way of Prineville as is the case now.

This change is recommended now because of the rapidly increasing business between Madras and Redmond and Bend, and also because of the near approach of the season of bad roads, when the mail line over the road between here and Heisler is almost impossible of travel. Even by the increased distance by way of Madras to Prineville, which is estimated at between eight and ten miles, this distance can be made in half the time over the Madras-Prineville road, than it could between Heisler and Prineville when those "doby" roads become wet and cut up. It is not infrequent that a mail stage has to take a day and a half to cover the distance between Heisler and Prineville when the "doby" gets to clogging the wagon wheels.

The volume of business transacted between Madras and Bend has become quite large during the past year, and for a letter to consume from four to six days between these points is a great inconvenience and also a great handicap to commercial relations.

Mr. Whitney said that he was convinced that the residents of Crook county were deserving of better mail service, and he had decided to try and secure it at this time because of the increased business coming from this section, and also because the coming of the railroads would necessitate a change in a short time anyhow, and by making this alteration now the postal department could more easily adapt itself to permanent improvement subsequently. G. M. Cornett has also been a great factor in securing this recommendation, as he has brought his influence to bear to secure it. When this change was recommended heretofore Mr. Cornett, for various reasons opposed it, and there was also opposition from Prineville, but these obstacles have since disappeared and there is a strong possibility that this change of route from Shaniko to Prineville by way of Madras and from Madras to Redmond and Bend will in a short time become a reality, as the recommendations of the Superintendent of the Star Routes are followed almost entirely by the Postal Department.

Haycreek, which is now on the main line, will probably be served by the mail stage which now serves Madras, and Grizzly will be served from Lamonta, instead of Lamonta from Grizzly, as at present, as Lamonta will then be on the main line. Mr. Whitney said that he could not yet state exactly as to these other changes, although he assured the Madras business men that the Haycreek and Grizzly service would not be allowed to retrograde in any way.

Big Boost For Central Oregon

What is considered the best boost Central Oregon has received since the Oregon Trunk and Oregon Central began construction on their lines, is the record made by Tillman Reuter, of Madras, who won five sweepstakes prizes at the National Dry Farming Congress held at Spokane recently, says the Oregonian.

In competition with all the prominent dry-farming districts west of the Mississippi. Mr. Reuter, the only delegate from

Oregon, took first prizes on sheaf grain, vegetables, onions, corn and alfalfa.

Where Mr. Reuter's farm is located in Crook County the annual rainfall is light, being around ten inches. A few years ago Mr. Reuter adopted the methods of dry farming advanced by Professor Campbell and his efforts along improved lines of cultivation soon produced attractive results. The quality of products raised by Mr. Reuter as shown by the exhibit judges at Spokane, is considered the best that can be raised by the dry-farming system.

"I consider that Mr. Reuter's success is one of the great achievements for Central Oregon," said Don P. Rea yesterday. "His work will open up a great new field for dry farming in the central part of the state, where thousands of acres hitherto considered worthless save for grazing purposes, can be made highly productive by using the dry-farming system."

The showing made by Mr. Reuter has been brought to the attention of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. It is planned to bring Mr. Reuter to Portland soon to give a demonstration of the work he has been doing on his farm. Efforts will be made to secure the display made by Mr. Reuter at Spokane and install it among the permanent exhibits at the Chamber of Commerce.

Madras Doesn't Need Redmond

The Redmond papers produce about the latest argument extant for the creation of "Deschutes" county. Their principal reason is that Crook county is too large and should be cut up. For why? Because a dozen or so of Redmond townspeople boomed can afford to speculate upon the possibility of getting a new county. If it wins, they get paid big; if it fails, they lose nothing and will not feel the expense.

It is charged that the greatest opposition is from Madras, but they choose not to notice the protest from Prineville and Bend. Culver, Lamonta, Sisters, Oneil and Landlaw would also denounce the scheme if they had newspapers to voice their opposition.

Redmond papers say Madras has county schemes of its own. True. But Madras' new county as outlined four years ago, was framed with a thought to the need of residents to be included within its boundaries. Redmond was not included. It is not considered to be an "affinity" of Madras. If the county lines as proposed by the "big interests" at Redmond contained an iota of equity, the scheme would not be so diabolical.

The Dalles is still favored by having ripe strawberries on the market. Joe Parodi, who has a market garden in the southeast part of town, has been bringing in the berries for sale all fall, bringing in more than a dozen boxes a week. They are fine specimens of the Everbearing variety.—The Dalles Optimist.

New Store Changes Handed

I have purchased the Variety Notions and Gents' Furnishings store formerly owned by Jean Schiffer, and would be pleased to receive the patronage of former customers and will endeavor to please new ones. Your money's worth to every one.

W. J. Cowherd.

FOR SALE—Cornish Organ, 6 octave, chapel style; Corinthian action. Inquire of E. T. Milner, Madras Flour mill.

Madras Country Takes Prizes

ATTENDANCE IS LARGE

Livestock, Fruit And Vegetables Make Fine Showing

The Crook County Fair held at Prineville, October 19 to 22, was the most successful ever held, and the old-time fair spirit seemed to pervade the throngs which on the best days is said to have numbered nearly 2500 persons. The exhibits were of better merit and comprised a diversity which speaks well for the producing area of Central Oregon. The exhibit of Tillman Reuter, whose showing was of typically dry farming production, and that of William Boegli, whose ranch is irrigated, were of special excellence as can be

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Mr. Lafferty Visits Madras

A. W. Lafferty, Republican nominee for congressman from the second district of Oregon, was a visitor in Madras Monday getting acquainted with the voters in this section. Mr. Lafferty was a popular candidate at the primaries, receiving more than 2500 votes plurality, and upwards of 6000 votes more than the low-



est candidate. This remarkable showing is due to the fact that Mr. Lafferty is known to be especially fitted for the position and also to the fact that he represents progressive republicanism.

It is also pertinent that the newspapers antagonistic to Mr. Lafferty have not been able nor even attempted to "dig up" anything derogatory to his character or reputation. Mr. Lafferty is a clean, able man with a pleasing personality who will be able to command useful legislation for Oregon.

Oregon is vitally interested in irrigation and public land matters, and per-

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100 Men Wanted.....



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