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Madras Office Not Informed

Secretary Ballinger has been called to conditions in western states, where to the dry season, it has been impossible for homesteaders to raise crops during the year. Several applications for leave have been received from the interior department as a result of these climatic conditions. The secretary has instructed the commissioner of the general

land office to grant these applications whenever possible.

It is one of the pre-requisites that settlers shall have established a residence upon the land, but where this is done and it is evident owing to failure of crops the settlers cannot make a living and is obliged to leave in order to earn money, Secretary Ballinger has directed the commissioner to act with favor upon the application.—Dufur Dispatch.

United States Commissioner Turner at Madras has not as yet received any circular or instructions regarding such ruling by the Interior Department, as above stated, but has taken the matter up with the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION

Odd Fellows were out in force Wednesday evening to attend the open installation of the officers elect of Mt. Jefferson Lodge I. O. O. F. of this city. Wives, daughters, visiting members and friends were given a special invitation to be present and the lodge room was nearly filled with those assembled. After the installation a luncheon was served prepared by the member's wives, the Odd Fellows playing host to perfection, the visitors seemingly enjoying the many good things without measure.

The installation of the new officers was conducted by District Deputy Grand Master VanTassel. The new officers elected follows: N. G., W. R. Cook; V. G., Tilman Reuter; secretary, M. G. Pillette; treasurer, John McTaggart.

Hill Lines Expend Large Sum

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Oregon Trunk Costs \$9,000,000—Crooked River Bridge Will Be Highest In U. S.

There was expended by the Hill System in Oregon in 1910 approximately \$14,000,000 in the construction of new lines and in improvement of the properties throughout the state. Of this amount more than \$9,000,000 is represented in the Oregon Trunk line building from Clarke, on the Columbia River, south to Bend.

The completion of the Oregon Trunk to Bend, 160 miles, will involve an additional expenditure of \$10,000,000. Construction on all lines in the state will aggregate a total outlay in 1911 of \$15,000,000.

From Clarke, 107 miles east of Portland on the North Bank road, the Oregon Trunk Railway crosses the Columbia River on a bridge consisting of 24 spans, the total length being 3348 feet. The longest span is 320 feet and the draw across the Government canal is 250 feet. The highest point of the bridge is 94 feet above low water. The bridge is unique in that it crosses a great river by comparatively short spans, all of the foundations of which rest on islands in the middle of the celebrated Celilo Falls of the Columbia. Five-tenths of 1 per cent grade is maintained on the bridge.

In the 110 miles between Clark and Madras there are six tunnels through solid rock, aggregating 3550 feet in length. The longest of these is at the mouth of the

Deschutes River, where the line pierces 850 feet to reach the side of the Deschutes Canyon from the Columbia River. Forty-four miles from Clarke and three miles east of Sherar the line crosses from the west side of the Deschutes River, cuts through a tunnel 820 feet long and rebridges the river to the west side within a distance of a quarter of a mile. Two miles east of Madras, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, are two tunnels aggregating 920 feet in length.

The line follows the Deschutes Canyon for 92 miles. The elevation at Clarke is 140 feet above the sea level and at Madras 2315 feet, the distance between these points being 110 miles. The ruling grade between Clarke and Madras, a distance of about 110 miles from Clarke, is six-tenths of 1 per cent or 31.6 feet per mile. The maximum curvature is six degrees.

One hundred and thirty miles south of Clarke, three miles east Hillman the track crosses Crooked River on a bridge which is interesting from the fact that it is the highest railroad bridge in the United States and the seventh highest in the world. It is a steel arch bridge 360 feet long and 350 feet above the water.

FACTIONS EVENLY DIVIDED

A compilation of the membership of the coming legislature shows that the Republican members are evenly divided on the question of assembly and anti-assembly there being 42 assembly Republicans, and 42 anti-assembly Republicans, including in the anti-assembly list those hold-over senators who signed Statement No. 1 at the time of their election in June, 1908. There are four Democrats in the senate and two in the house, making a total Democratic representation in the two houses of 6, consequently leaving a Republican majority of 84 on joint ballot. There are 12 assembly senators and 18 anti-assembly senators, giving an anti-assembly majority of 6 in the senate. In the house there are 30 assembly and 30 anti-assembly representatives leaving an anti-assembly majority of 6 on joint ballot.

MADRAS HAS STARTLING SHOOTING AFFRAY

Harper And Weston Have Argument And Serious Gun-Play

THE PRINCIPALS EACH RECEIVE TWO SHOTS

Jealously Over Office of Nightwatch Culminates In Gun-Duel—Condition of Principals Not Critical Unless Complications Occur—Hearings Are Continued

Intense excitement occurred yesterday in this city when J. B. Harper and A. J. Weston, who were having a heated argument, both pulled guns and began firing at each other at close range, their guns being 38 calibre revolvers. There has been extreme jealousy between Weston and Harper over the position of nightwatch, which the former held several months last Summer, when he resigned. Harper has also held the position of nightwatchman for several months just past, until suspended by the City Council Tuesday. Harper supposed Weston to be implicated in his discharge, as the latter had in circulation a petition asking that he be given the job, and a heated altercation ensued upon their meeting yesterday.

Seven shots were fired in all, according to bystanders, two bullets striking each participant. Weston

received one shot in the left leg near the knee, the bullet passing through. The other shot entered his left side near the liver, emerging at his back. Weston's injuries are not thought to be of a dangerous character unless complications should set in.

Harper's wounds are thought to be the more critical. One of the bullets which struck him entered the back of his head, and passing near the jugular vein, passed out of his neck just under the chin. Harper was also shot in the right hand, the bullet lodging in the small bones of the wrist. This wound is giving him extreme pain.

Complaints were filed against both parties for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Owing to the condition of the principals in the shooting affray, the hearings of both were continued until it is thought safe for them to appear at a hearing.

Madras Is Given Write-Up

Randall R. Howard Writes of Products In Oregon Journal.

Madras and the "Madras Country" are given a creditable mention in the New Year edition of the Oregon Journal of last Saturday, a portion of which follows:

One of the most heralded of central Oregon towns is Shaniko, and because it has been for the last ten years, the sole transshipping point for the thickly populated northern part of central Oregon. Shaniko is a town of great warehouses, crowded hotels, and the meeting place for more freight wagons, stage coaches and passenger automobiles than may be found at any other point in central Oregon.

But what will Shaniko be within a few weeks when the first units of the Deschutes river railroads are completed to Madras? The future alone can say, though we may guess that the greater part of its life and prestige will immediately be lost. Shaniko is located upon a high rocky plain, with little near-by agricultural wealth. Further

away, however, it is a considerable grain area, and a part of the terminal traffic from the south and the east will be retained.

Naturally the most rapidly developing towns of central Oregon are those along the lines of the Deschutes canyon railroads—which will soon have railroad transportation. Following up the Deschutes River, the first of these towns is Madras, which

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Harriman System Plans New Lines

The immense sum of \$14,977,600 was spent in Oregon by the Harriman Railway System during the year 1910, most of which was expended upon construction of new lines. Construction and improvements projected for the year 1911 are estimated to cost about \$12,338,000.

Sixty-six miles of the Deschutes Railroad are completed, leaving about 35 miles of track to be constructed before the trains can be run into Madras. Six million eight hundred thousand dollars were spent in constructing the 66 miles of road completed, and it is estimated that \$275,000 will be required to complete the laying of the track into Madras.

It is said of the extension of the Deschutes Railroad from Madras to Redmond that the track will be constructed jointly with the Oregon Trunk Line.

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