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AND STOCK SHOW

Portland Fair & Livestock show has decided upon the same used last year for the Fall and will open September 15th. Large business interests in the city who are behind it are supporting it generally and the coming show is expected to be far more successful than the animal fairs of the past. It is expected to attract a large number of tourists and representatives from the entire country to Portland at making it an attraction of great interest.

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EVERYBODY'S STORE

BEGIN WORK ON CITY WATER SYSTEM

Action Upon An Electric Light Plant to be Taken By City Council

Actual construction work on the new water works system for Madras commenced Tuesday morning when Engineer Gordon placed a crew of men at work on the well and the pipe line ditch.

Only a few men will be worked for a few days until the material and tools can be secured to carry on the work on a larger scale, but as soon as this can be done the work will be rushed as fast as possible, and it is estimated that it can be completed inside of sixty days.

A site for the well has been selected on the J. W. Robinson tract south of town, where it has been demonstrated that plenty of water can be secured at a depth of between 70 and 100 feet. It is the intention to dig the well to a depth where a good supply of water can be found and then tunnel each way so as to make a storage reservoir at the bottom.

Engineer Gordon has completed a rough estimate of the approximate cost of the project, which it is thought will be \$11,000, this including a reservoir

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Pioneer Resident Goes Beyond

MANY AT FUNERAL

Services Conducted By Rev. Weaver --Remains Interred At The Gard Cemetery

John Wagonblast, one of the oldest pioneer residents of the Agency Plains, passed away at his residence six miles north west from Madras, Friday February 3, 1911.

Mr. Wagonblast has been a very active man during his life until the past three years, when he has been confined to his bed a greater part of the time afflicted with tuberculosis of the lungs, which was the cause of his death. He was born at St. Joseph, Mo., October 24, 1848, and crossed the plains in the year 1855, with his parents, who located in the vicinity of Oregon City. In 1873 he was married to Mary Payne of Vancouver, Wash. They resided in Multnomah county until 1879 when they removed to The Dalles, making that place their home until eight years since when they moved on their homestead near this city.

The deceased is survived by his wife, three boys, Charles who lives at home, Benjamin C. of Oakland, Cal., and Harry M. of San Francisco and five brothers and three sisters.

The deceased has been a member of the Artisan Lodge for a number of years and carried a considerable amount of insurance in the order.

Services were held at the Mountain View Schoolhouse on Agency Plains, a large circle of

friends were present to pay their respects to their friend. M. W. Weaver, pastor of the Madras Methodist Church officiated and interment was had at the Gard cemetery.

Steel Only Six Miles Distant

As the Pioneer goes to press it is learned that the rails on the Oregon Trunk line are only about six miles west of Madras, or about the mouth of Willow Creek Canyon.

The track-laying crew are working on the decking of the large bridge near the construction camp number 5, and it is expected that without any accidents that they will have the bridge decked by tomorrow evening, and will be ready to commence laying this side of the bridge, and at the rate they have been laying the track the rails will be as far as Madras by Tuesday evening.

Railroad Day has been set for Wednesday, the 15th, the day after the arrival of the track-layers.

Noted M. E. Minister Dies

Dr. D. L. Rader, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, and a noted divine of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home in Portland Sunday morning, February 5, 1911. Dr. Rader was a fluent speaker and lecturer and well known throughout the Rocky Mountain region and the Northwest.

The news of his death will cause a feeling of sorrow among many in this vicinity as Dr. Rader has spoken a number of times in Madras and made numerous friends during his visits.

RAILROAD DAY TO BE CROWNING EVENT OF MADRAS' HOPES

Committees All Working to Make The Day Grand Success

BARBECUE MONSTER OX FOR BIG EATS

President Stevens To Be Guest Of Honor--Story of Pioneer Days Will Be Told By Honorable J. N. Williamson of Prineville

"Look Out For The Cars!" Wednesday, February 15, has been designated as the day for celebrating the coming of the railroad into Central Oregon.

Railroad Day promises to be the greatest event in the history of Madras, which is unquestionably deserving of the title "Gateway to Central Oregon." Preparations for the big time are going forward with perfect system, and the various committees are working with a will which will make Railroad Day the acme of success, as the advent of the railroad into Central Oregon will be the crowning event to the hopes of the past 20 years of the residents of this vast inland empire.

The finance committee for this event are rustlers and in less than a day secured \$400 toward defraying the expenses of the celebration. It is probable that between \$500 and \$600 will be subscribed within the next week.

Wednesday, the 15th, has been named as the big day, which will give the residents of Central Oregon plenty of time to gather to catch the first glimpse of the cars.

The barbecue of two monstrous steers will supply savory meats for the many guests of Madras on that day, and the commissary committee has

promised that, the meat when roasted, will suit the taste of a finished epicurean.

A communication was received from President Stevens of the Oregon Trunk last week and he has promised to be present provided he is in the state, and in the event that he is not will send a representative for the railroad. Among the speakers for the occasion will be Hon. J. N. Williamson of Prineville, a pioneer of Crook County, and large stockman and probably none will be able to tell better than he the story of the transition of Central Oregon from a stockman's domain to the advent of the farmers and the coming of the railroad.

BRASS BAND FOR MADRAS

A number of the musically inclined residents of Madras are talking of organizing a brass band for the city. There is about 10 or 12 former band players in the city and it is very probable that with a little solicitation a band of 12 or 15 pieces could be organized.

A band of wind instruments would not only be an excellent advertisement for the town but would be a great auxiliary to the entertainment of large gatherings in the city.

The citizens should lend every assistance within their power toward establishing a band in Madras.

Central Oregon Wool Market For Madras

Two Million Pounds Will Go From City To Factories--Wool Season Is Near

The matter of bringing the large wool products of Central Oregon through the Farmers' warehouse has been taken up with that concern and it behooves the citizens and business interests of Madras to do everything possible toward having the wool producers accommodated at this city.

The wool shipments would make a very lucrative business for the Farmers' Union Warehouse Co. as well as the commercial houses of Madras. There are upwards of 2,000,000 pounds of wool annually shipped from Central Oregon, and Madras being at the "Gateway," should leave no stone unturned to make this city the shipping point for that immense product.

Central Oregon's wool has formerly been shipped from Shaniko and that place is making a strong pull for it this year, but with a concerted effort there is little doubt but that this trade can be secured for Madras.

Farmers Warehouse Handles Freight For Interior

Merchants Order New Stocks Billed To Madras--Shipments By First Of March

At a meeting of the directors of the Farmers Union Warehouse Company yesterday it was decided that efforts would be made to get to handle all the freight for the interior points beyond this point, especially Prineville freight. They expect to build another oil warehouse for the accommodation of petroleum products, of which there will be many large shipments soon after the railroad is completed this far.

It is seen that as soon as the railroad is completed this far that the vast amount of wheat now stored will soon move out of the way, and it will be an easy matter to handle all the freight that may be shipped to this point.

The matter has been taken up with the merchants of the different towns south of here, and many have expressed a desire to have their freight billed to Madras.

Railway officials have stated that freight can be hauled to Madras by March 1.