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## Madras The Real Gateway

### BEST LOCATION

Always A Good Town  
Rapidly Becoming  
Better

ready influx of people into Oregon, via Madras, the coming of the trains, all the evidence that Madras is the Gateway to Central Oregon. Every day there are new arrivals in town than comfortably accommodated without the assistance of residences, and information the railway authorities east indicates that the movement has only just begun and they have sounded a warning to this inland to prepare to handle the number of homeseekers prospective investors which arrived.

vast majority of these seekers will naturally leave Madras, because it is the terminus of the railroad and it is up to the Commercial and citizens of Madras, that every one of the new arrivals are welcomed, and further, it is made to believe that Madras is the one place that will be the best. It would only be necessary for any of them to make a trip through the town part of the county and to convince them that this is the ideal and proper location. Madras is at least 2000 feet lower than the country which lies to the north, the only other available country, and enjoys the benefits derived from the low altitude. While there has been sufficient rain to insure the success of an abundant harvest, the absence of heavy snows, which characterize the higher altitudes of Madras Country, to get grain and other crops in weeks earlier than at other places in Central Oregon. The one further feature which recommends the Madras location to the investor is the absence of hard killing frosts, which characterize the higher altitudes of the country.

Some of the features which recommend this section of the country to the homeseeker, and which are the features which are emphasized should the investor not know of them, is the sufficient activity on the part of the local Commercial merchants and citizens, who will certainly get her the vast army of new citizens. Madras ought to have more because Madras can do as much for them than any other community, and certainly can do as much for Madras as any other community.

Madras has existed and thrived on her own resources, the difficulties of being an inland town and being compelled to travel forty-six miles to the nearest railway. The impetus of the daily train service has led to the development of the surrounding country and the estimated. True the influx has commenced, but only comes. For every one person who comes into the city this year there will be from three

to five arrive next month and during, May. These people are leaving their homes in the east, and bringing their families along, determined to be satisfied with their new home, wherever it may be. That is the spirit of the homeseeker, and that is the spirit which makes cities and communities grow and prosper. Those who have already come into this territory and located are eminently satisfied, and some have gone so far as to write to friends in the east telling of this country, and others will do the same thing.

Look out for big things this summer, for Railroad Day will never come again.

## RUSHING WORK ON NEW DEPOT

### Much Activity Along Oregon Trunk--Improvements at Madras

Towns on the line of the Oregon Trunk are rapidly undergoing a transformation from quiet country villages to active industrial centers, according to the reports of W. C. Wilkes, assistant general freight and passenger agent of that road who has had charge of the traffic on the southern end of the line since service was opened a week ago, says the Oregonian.

In a letter to W. E. Coman, general passenger agent, received yesterday, Mr. Wilkes says that the track has been improved remarkably since he traveled over it February 15 and that the ballasting gangs are working 10 miles north of Madras, getting the road in excellent condition. The eating station at Nathan has been completed and good meals are being served. Ample provisions for whole train loads of travelers have been provided.

A temporary station with good interior fixtures has been established at Madras. A tent has been provided for the agent. Plans have been made for the erection of a first class permanent passenger depot which is being put up just as rapidly as a dozen carpenters can handle the material.

The industrial track as originally planned in front of the station site, together with the warehouse, will be completed within 10 days. The road then will be well equipped for the accommodation of all kinds of freight traffic.

Several Portland oil concerns are preparing to enter the Central Oregon field and are erecting tanks and warehouses near Madras from which they propose to distribute their products. One concern has its buildings half completed and has five car loads of oil and other supplies on the way. Several other companies are preparing to enter the field.

Two stock pens have been built at Madras, each to hold about six car loads of cattle. The capacity of these will be increased to 10 or 12 car loads at once.

A company has incorporated and will soon commence building a first class hotel for the accommodations at Madras. Excavation will begin in a few days. The structure will be completed early in the Summer, it is predicted.

### NEW POSTMASTERS

Washington, March 13.—The Post-office Department has notified Congressman Lafferty of the failure of Joseph Shoemaker to qualify as postmaster of Brownlee, Baker County. The office will be discontinued unless another nominee is soon presented. Lafferty has recommended the appointment of John T. Disney as postmaster of Vanora, Crook County.

## Madras Rapidly Growing

### MANY NEW HOUSES

#### New Hotel and Lodging House Going Up at Once--Other Improvements

The most convincing evidence of the rapid growth of Madras in the very near future is the fact that just as soon as the building material can be delivered here by the railroads, no less than 10 or more new buildings will be begun and pushed to completion at the earliest possible date.

Possibly the first of these to be commenced and the one which will be pushed to completion the fastest, will be the new Gateway Hotel, a modern two-story brick hotel, the urgent need for which is admitted by all. In addition to the hotel, property has already been bought at the corner of Sixth and B streets, where a modern \$3500 rooming house will be built. The greater part of the lower floor will be converted into stores, the living apartments being installed on the upper floor. These two buildings will be commenced shortly, and finished in all possible haste, so that Madras will be able to accommodate the immigrants and homeseekers who are scheduled to arrive in this city during the next few months.

In addition to these two buildings, four other business institutions will be established in the down-town district in a short time. A modern steam laundry, with the most improved equipment, will be located in the next week or two, and before the summer is gone, will be prepared to handle the work of entire Central Oregon.

A general merchandise store, with a full and complete new stock, a hardware store, and a furniture store, are among the new institutions which will soon be housed in new buildings in Madras.

In addition to these developments, which have already been determined upon, information has been received at the local office of the Madras Townsite and Land Company that several other lots in the vicinity of the new hotel have been sold, and that business enterprises will be established on them at an early date.

The fact that outside capital is coming into Madras right on the heels of the railroad, as it were, and promoting various enterprises is conclusive proof of the business man's estimate of the Madras of the early future. They can recognize that the railroad company is going to throw as much business as possible this way, not to say anything of homeseekers, and believing in the theory of first come first served, are ready to do their part to make the town the "Gateway to Central Oregon."

### MILDRED LATHIM DEAD

Miss Mildred Lathim, 19 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lathim of The Dalles, and former pioneer resident of Agency Plains, died at her home Sunday, March 5, 1911. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Warren, pastor of St. Paul Episcopal Church at The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathim have many friends on the Agency Plains who sympathize with them most deeply in their bereavement. William Brownhill, an uncle of Miss Lathim, attended the funeral from Agency Plains.

## City Water Plant Is Progressing

In spite of the delay occasioned by the non-arrival of materials, satisfactory progress was made this week on the reservoir and water system. The reservoir has been dug out to the average depth of six feet and enlarged to meet specifications, 40x40 feet at the bottom. Three sides of the embankment have been thrown up. The fourth side has been delayed by the lack of piping, which must be put in before the bank is thrown up. The necessary pipe for this is already here, and will be unloaded this week and put in place, so that the fourth side of the reservoir can be thrown up.

The order for the pipe to be used has been sent in and will arrive within the next ten days or two weeks, and be immediately put in place. Over 4200 feet of the main ditch have been dug and 1200 feet of laterals. The work was held up for a few days for powder, but a sufficient quantity has arrived now, and the work will be pushed with all possible haste.

Water has been struck in the well, but not the main stream for which the engineers are looking, and the drilling will be carried on until a sufficient flow of water is obtained. The present depth of the well is 64 feet.

With all the necessary piping and other materials on the ground, the engineers intend to push the entire work with all haste, and turn the completed system over to the city as early as possible.

## Hotel Company Has Incorporated

Announcement is made by the Gateway Hotel Co. of Portland, that they will begin the erection of a two story brick hotel in Madras as soon as it is possible to have the materials shipped in. The structure will be modern in every particular. The building will be rushed in every way possible, with the intention of handling the immense traffic which promises to pass through the city this spring and summer. The plans and specifications have already been prepared and turned over to the contractors, and work will begin the day the first shipment of materials is received.

The building will be 100x100 feet, built of brick and two stories high. The general office, lobby and dining room will be on the first floor, the remainder of the first floor being converted into stores. The second floor will be given over to the living apartments. Fourteen private baths will be installed, in addition to a number of public baths, to increase the convenience to the traveling public. The rooms will be large and airy, with a view to making them as comfortable and pleasant as possible for the guests.

The new institution will be known as the Gateway Hotel, in accord with the new name adopted by the city, and will be built and operated by the Gateway Hotel Co., a corporation of Portland. The stock of the company has all been taken, and nothing stands in the way with giving Madras the hotel accommodations, she so much needs, at the earliest possible date.

## Pleasure Jaunts At Madras

### EASILY ACCESSIBLE

#### Trout Fishing, Health Resort, And Brilliant Gems Can Be Had By A Short Ride

Few locations in Central Oregon have such pleasant picnic jaunts right at their door as has Madras people. A 15 minute ride on the cars will take one to Pelton, at the mouth of Willow Creek on the Deschutes, where a day can be delightfully spent trout-fishing or basking in the mellow sunlight on the banks of the river, gazing at the tumultuous waters with their ceaseless roar.

The same pleasures can be experienced at Vanora or Kilmer with a little further ride, while farther down the river one can alight from the train six miles from the celebrated warm springs, whose health-giving waters are already visited by a large number of Crook, Wasco and Sherman County people, the Indian reservation upon which the springs are located deriving its name from them.

Another picnic jaunt of great merit which will be accessible to passengers of the Oregon Trunk is a trip to Opal Springs on Crook River, where glistening gems can be seen rising and falling in the crystal waters from morning until night. And not least of the attractive places easily to be visited is the Cove Orchard, where, in season, one can find the most delicious fruit, displayed by William Boegli, the hospitable proprietor, and who also has at his door the acme of trout fishing.

## Homeseekers Are Arriving

### HILL LINES CROWDED

#### Madras The Objective Point Preparations Made to Handle All The Arrivals

"You may say emphatically and without danger of challenge that Oregon to-day is the most talked-of-state in the Union, so far as investment and immigration is concerned," said H. A. Jackson, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern, who returned from a trip East this morning. Jackson has been back conferring with the heads of the Hill system and he expresses amazement at the amount of interest the prospective development and settlement of Oregon has aroused among people of the East and Middle West, who have heard of the wonderful opportunities afforded settlers out here.

"It is no exaggeration to say that our people have simply been taken off their feet by the great volume of colonist movement that is in sight for this state. They have figured on a westward movement ahead of former years but did not count on anything like the present indications point to."

Other telegraphic advices have been

received here from St. Paul railroad headquarters, stating that the first batch of colonists for Madras, on the Oregon Trunk Line, would arrive there 250 strong tomorrow. This is one of the heaviest initial movements of homeseekers ever recorded for a single town in the history of the state. This entire party is coming in on the first train over the Hill lines leaving the Twin Cities since the colonist rates went into effect, says the Portland Telegram.

Madras business interests, which are arranging to take care of the newcomers until they get permanently settled, have wired here for tents and are engaging every kind of emergency quarters, to take care of the rush. Reports are that a similar volume of colonists is coming on still later trains.

When this word came, the Madras Commercial Club wired to Portland to the Oregon Trunk headquarters, urging that 100 additional beds be forwarded to Madras at once. These sleeping accommodations will be distributed about the city wherever there is a nook or cranny that can house a family of new settlers.

Reports from interior towns add that provisions are being made for the temporary care of colonists by placing cots in rooms over stores, shops, in public halls and other places, so that the newcomers may be made to feel as much at home as possible.

The first important arrivals for this state will reach here tonight or in the morning, and from this time on for the next month the movement is expected to continue without abatement.

There is the same gratifying outlook for an enormous rush of homeseekers from points covered by the Harriman system, and these roads are arranging to run trains in two and three sections and to handle specials as the needs may require.

Regular and frequent mail service will be furnished interior points within a short time. Special postoffice department inspectors have visited the Central Oregon towns and have submitted reports to Washington and just as soon as the red-tape can be unwound, the Oregon Trunk will be in a position to put the mail service on a par with the transportation facilities. Train schedules are being revised in such a way that close connections will be made with Redmond, Bend, Prineville and other principal towns now off the line of rail communication. Automobile stage companies are modifying their schedules to conform to the running time of passenger trains.

### ROGERS-O'KELLY

Married—At the home of Mr. Christians in Prineville, Sunday, March 5, 1911, H. Clark Rogers and Georgia N. O'Kdley, C. P. Bailey officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are well known young people of the Culver country, where they have many friends. Mr. Rogers and bride left last week for Toppenish, Wash., where they will reside for some time.

W. H. Vandervert, one of the old-time settlers of the Lava Butte section of Crook county, was in Madras last Saturday. Mr. Vandervert arrived in the city from Portland over the Oregon Trunk Line, it being his first ride upon the new railway line into Central Oregon. He remarked to the conductor that it was the easiest, quickest and cheapest traveling he had ever done in Crook County. That official marked Mr. Vandervert's ticket and returned it to him as a souvenir of the occasion.

W. P. Myers was in the city from Culver Junction last Saturday looking after business matters. Mr. Myers says that the Culver people have received a letter from Governor West saying that he would be up to assist in the celebration of the Harriman railroad arriving at that place which is expected to take place some time in April. The Harriman officials are expected to be present, including President Robert S. Lovett, who has signified his intention of attending if possible. The railroad celebration is also to be made a reunion of the Crook County pioneers. It is expected to use the new warehouse at Culver Junction as an auditorium, the construction of which will begin in a few days.