

The Madras Pioneer

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VOTES TO BOND FOR WATER BY BIG MAJORITY

Plans Have Been Ordered and Service Will Be Ready in 30 Days.

Proposal to bond the city of Madras for \$10,000 for the purpose of installing a city water system was carried at the special election held Tuesday afternoon by a ratio of seven to one, with little opposition to the plan developed.

The matter having been discussed, the water system will be completed at once. The order for the pipe was sent out Tuesday, and it is expected within less than 30 days the city will have a good water supply for domestic use and fire protection. A reservoir has already been located and the greater part of the ditches dug. This work has been accomplished at an expense of about \$4,000, which has been paid from funds on hand.

Deep Pasture to Wheat Field

At the coming of the railroads means to the development of central Oregon may be well illustrated by the announcement that 200 acres of land about four miles east of Madras owned by W. & Keenan, the Willow sheepmen, which has heretofore been used exclusively for pasture, is shortly to be plowed up and transformed into a wheat ranch. The plowing is being done by Tom Taylor's big outfit which has a capacity for plowing 40 acres

in a cash market for every bushel of wheat that can be produced at our doors it is estimated that thousands of acres of sagebrush lands will be plowed up this year that have heretofore been used for nothing but grazing.

Out of the 200 acres of wheat land probably less than one-third of which is under cultivation. The transformation that is to take place in this section hardly can be conceived, by anyone who has the question of Madras in his mind as to the results of Madras might contemplate these facts with profit.

Engineer Badly Burned.

Yesterday, an Oregon Trunk locomotive engineer, was severely burned in the local yards Tuesday morning at about 7 o'clock while working about his engine with a pan of oil, trying to put out the fire in the firebox. The flaming oil flashed up in his face and he was badly burned. The doctor was called and dressed the injuries. Although the accident was a painful one, no serious results are anticipated. Mr. Reuter left on the morning train for his home at Vancouver, Washington.

Lost Mail Sack.

Yesterday, it being reported that the stage driver had lost a mail sack in Cow Canyon the day before. Postmaster Fred Reuter expects the railway mail to be inaugurated by

such a strong flow of water has been encountered that a pump will have to be operated in order to finish the job. It is proposed to install a power pump and keep it running constantly, and three 8-hour shifts of workmen will be employed until it is finished. The bottom of the well is to be enlarged so as to make a reservoir for the pumps to work in.

For the present the pumps will feed directly into the mains, pending the completion of the reservoir, which will be lined with cement.

An arrangement has been made with Jesse Hobson, who already has a tank erected on his South Addition to Madras, and probably pipes will be connected with this tank, which will give a temporary reservoir of 10,000 gallons for fire protection. A main will probably be extended to the Oregon Trunk depot, and other lines will be laid along the principal streets.

The city authorities anticipate no difficulty in disposing of the bonds, as several bond buying firms are already after them.

This improvement without doubt will give a greater impetus to the growth of the city than any other one thing that could be supplied, as many people have announced their intention of constructing substantial buildings as soon as adequate fire protection could be assured for their property.

Reuter Plans to Show Products

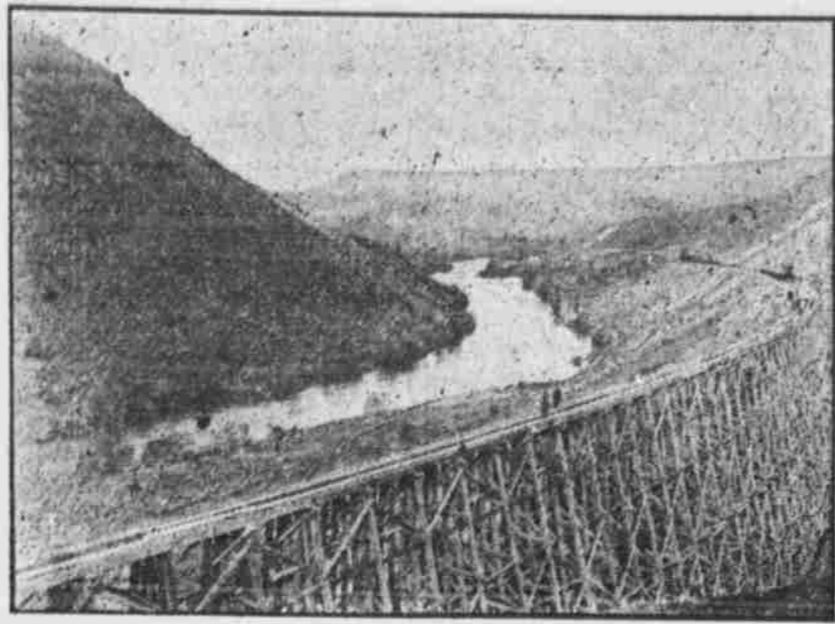
Portland Oregonian: In an endeavor to interest the people of Portland and local commercial bodies in a movement to give Oregon, and especially Central Oregon, unbounded effective publicity, Tillman Reuter, whose success in dry farming near Madras has attracted almost world-wide attention, has been in the city for the last few days. Mr. Reuter hopes to obtain encouragement in his ambition to operate a special car of state agricultural exhibits and another car of Oregon enthusiasts to the national dry farming congress at Colorado Springs next fall.

Mr. Reuter is a practical farmer whose principal ambition, next to acquiring a comfortable living for himself and his family is to exploit the remarkable agricultural advantages of Central Oregon, in which he has implicit faith.

Last year his success attracted the world's attention. He started out in an effort to see how many varieties of grain, forage plants, root crops and potatoes he could grow. In spite of the dry summer he obtained better results than ever, and his exhibits took first prizes at all the dry farming fairs where shown.

This year Mr. Reuter will make an individual display at the Colorado Springs exhibit, and is trying to interest the farmers of Wasco, Crook, Sherman, Lake and Harney counties to join him in sending a special carload of Oregon products to advertise the advantages of the state,

Engineering Feats on Oregon Trunk Are Marvels of Skill and Beauty.



HIGH TRESTLE NEAR WARMSRING FERRY.

NEW \$40,000 BRICK HOTEL TO BE STARTED AT ONCE

According to announcements made by Robert Rea and other representatives of the Madras Townsite company, work on the new \$40,000 hotel in this city is to begin at once. Workmen will begin breaking ground for the building during the coming week, the plans are all completed and approved, and a shipment of 120,000 pressed brick for the facings of the structure is now on the way from Portland. This company also owns the big kiln of brick that was burned in the eastern edge of town last summer, and probably these will be used in the building of the inside walls.

A. E. Hammond and several of the men who are associated with him in his Madras enterprises are expected here the last of this or the first of next week to attend to matters in connection with the building of the new hotel. The building is to be located on the corner of Sixth and B streets, which is one block east of Main and on the first east-and-west street north of the Madras State Bank.

Madras District Has Always Produced Profitable Crops

While the region about Madras may not appeal to the new comer from the beauty point of view so strongly as some other parts of Central Oregon, it might be worth while to call the attention of those unacquainted with this country to some of her strong points, that to the sober minded man or woman who is looking for an investment, are worth more than scenic beauty.

The Madras section always has been self-supporting and all her progress has been dependent upon the crops produced by the people who have settled on the land hereabouts and made their homes here.

Several other sections of Central Oregon have been the scenes of great enterprises where large amounts of capital have been paid out to construction forces and they have been kept up and developed at the expense of imported capital. But until the last year when the railroad construction crews commenced operations here, Madras has never enjoyed this sort of a boom, her people have had to depend on what they produced from the land.

But with it all, this district has kept pace and even passed some of these other districts that had all the advantages of big payrolls to help them along, and as a matter of fact Madras ranchers have supplied to a very great degree the grain, fruit and vegetables that have been consumed by the people who were living in these other sections.

Mr. Settler, the Madras country has made good on her own resources with the capital produced from the farm lands,

and that under transportation facilities and other conditions that have handicapped her to a great degree. The dry lands of this section have produced better crops than some of the famed irrigated lands further south.

Now with the advent of the railroad, making an actual saving to the growers here of at least 25 cents per bushel on their wheat in freight and the other general development of the entire region which is following the railroads, with a bright prospect for irrigation of most of the lands hereabouts, does it not seem that this immediate locality has much to offer the man who wants to build a home and engage in farming or any other line of business.

Construction on Bridge Begins

Work has been commenced on the foundations for the big Harriman bridge across Willow creek gorge on the west edge of town, and construction crews will be engaged there from now until the bridge is completed. Large quantities of materials—cement, etc., a concrete mixer, and donkey engine and equipment are already on the ground, while the excavation for the concrete bases for the four steel towers that are to support the bridge is being done.

The completion of this bridge will add greatly to the scenic interest of the city, reaching across the canyon between Agency Plain and Little Plain, and being about 1200 feet long

WOOL WAREHOUSE IS CINCHED FOR MADRAS

Company Incorporated for \$15,000 ---Will Build Immediately.

Another strong factor for the future of Madras was cinched this week by the incorporation of the new wool warehouse company and the announcement that all of the wool of this part of the country will be pooled at this place and the annual wool sales held here. Incorporation papers for the new company were filed with the county clerk Tuesday, the incorporators being James Rice of Haycreek, W. H. Taylor of Spokane, C. E. Roush and H. W. Turner of this city.

Plans for a new wool warehouse have just been completed and accepted and the construction of the building is to be commenced just as soon as materials can be put upon the ground. The new building is to be located 100 feet south of the new Farmers Union Warehouse in the Oregon Trunk yards and will be 60x90 feet, having a clear floor space of 48 feet, six inches by 90 feet. The warehouse and wool press will cost about \$5000.

The new company has a capitalization of \$15,000 one half of the amount to be paid up. The stockholders include nearly every business man in the city, those interested beside the incorpora-

and 225 feet high. The bridge overlooks the townsite. Passengers on the Deschutes railway can see the city, while residents of Madras can look up and see the passing trains.

This great bridge is to be a steel girder viaduct, that is, there will be no truss-work above the track. Beyond any doubt the building of this fine piece of engineering will attract more interest than any other of the many construction features of railroading that have been noted in this vicinity.

Old Fellows Buy Cemetery.

The Mayes cemetery, east of town, commonly known as the Madras Cemetery has been purchased by Mt. Jefferson Lodge No. 196, the local lodge of Odd Fellows. It was the common understanding that this tract was to be dedicated to the city of Madras as soon as the town should be incorporated, but it seems that this action was never taken, and the local Odd Fellows are now the owners. It is the intention of the local fraternal order to improve the cemetery.

New Road Completed.

County Commissioner R. H. Bayley was in the city Tuesday from Nigger Brown canyon, where he had a force of men engaged in the construction of the new county road from Vancouver station on the Oregon Trunk near the Ed Campbell place, up the canyon to Agency Plain. The road is now practically completed and will be opened to the public shortly. The work on which Mr. Bayley has been engaged extends over about two miles and the construction on it has cost close to \$3400. The new route makes an outlet for the ranchers living on the north end of Agency Plain and gives them a shorter haul for water.

FUND—Spas of barbed wire. Owner call at A. J. Strausser's.

tors named above being A. C. Sanford, H. F. Dietzel, John McTaggart, R. T. Olson, J. M. Conklin, W. F. Hammer, William H. Lancaster, S. J. Sellers, A. E. Hammond, Robert Rea and many others.

Besides the building of the new wool warehouse the company has leased of the Farmers' Union the warehouse already built, and will do a general grain and freight warehouse business.

This matter is one that means much to the city and insures that the majority of the wool grown in Central Oregon will be brought here for sale. Sheepmen with a total of over three-quarters of a million pounds have already agreed to bring their 1911 clips here. It is expected to have the warehouse completed and everything in readiness to hold the June sales at this place.

Grain Agency Is Established

The Balfour-Guthrie company of Portland, one of the largest grain dealing companies on the Pacific coast have established permanent offices in Madras, which are to be in charge of Mr. F. D. Stewart. Office room has been leased from the Central Oregon land company for a year and upon the return of Mr. Stewart from Portland the room will be fully equipped for a grain agency, a cabinet will be installed for caring for samples of wheat, and a grain buying agency established.

Besides conducting a general grain buying business this company will also handle grain bags and twine, and other supplies of that kind.

Mr. Stewart will open his offices on April 1st and will reside here to look after business for his company. A large portion of the grain that was produced here last year and held by the growers until the railroads reached this point was purchased by this company, which considers the field so promising that they have decided to open permanent offices here.

After New County Road.

Frank Irvine, from the mouth of Trout creek and F. P. Harding were here the first of the week on business connected with the filing of a petition with the county court for a new county highway from the mouth of Trout creek to the Prineville-Shaniko stage road. They have already secured more than the required number of signatures and have posted the notices required by law.

Dave Peck Injured.

The report comes from Hood River that Dave Peck, formerly of this place, had met with an accident while in the woods, and one of his legs was broken in two places. Mr. Peck and a companion were going through the timber from their work, when a tree fell, striking them. The man who was with Dave was injured so badly that he is not expected to recover. W. H. Peck, father of Dave, has gone to Hood River to attend his son.