

THE MADRAS PIONEER

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CITY PLAIN GETS RURAL MAIL ROUTE

Day Week Service Begins September 1

OUT OF MADRAS

Postmaster Davis Receives Order to Establish R. F. D. Route Number Two

The rural free delivery of mail on a route traversing City Plain from the post office has been authorized by the post office department. The service will commence September 1 and will be three times a week, leaving the Madras office at 8:30 a. m. and returning at 5 p. m. The route is designated for the delivery of mails on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

The new route will be known as R. F. D. No. 2, and the second to be established from the Madras post office.

A letter from the fourth assistant postmaster general or Postmaster Fred Davis to the effect, is in part as follows:

Washington, July 22, 1911. POSTMASTER, Madras, Oregon.

You are hereby authorized to establish three times a week delivery service from your office beginning September 1, with one carrier at a salary of \$100 per annum, the route to be designated No. 2, and to be established in accordance with the enclosed. No other allowance will be made for the carrier for performance of this service as authorized.

Establishment of the service must not be delayed for any reason, and you will promptly advise the department on the progress of the service as it becomes effective.

You will be duly notified of the carrier appointed upon certification by the civil service commission to serve the route.

The route will be 29 miles long and following are the lines to be traveled by the carrier:

Beginning at the post office the route will go north 4 and 1-4 miles to the Cook corner; west 1 mile to Brownhill corner; west 1 mile to Fox corner; west 1 mile to the Gould corner; north 1 mile to Connett corner; east 1 mile to Monner corner; north 1 mile to Frog Spring school; west 1 mile to Strain corner; west 1 mile to Blackabee corner; east 1 mile to Evick corner; west 1 mile to Arney corner; west 1 mile to McGill corner; west 2 miles to Branstetter corner; west 2 miles to Carney corner; south 1 mile to Hurt corner; east 3 miles to Hardy corner; south 1 mile to Pinkerton corner; east 1 and 1-4 miles to the corner; south to post office and 1-4 miles.

One on Vacation

Gray and family left yesterday for a vacation in the Cascade mountains and a visit to the Valley points.

NOTHING WRONG SAYS COMMITTEE

City Officials Exonerated After Investigation

COUNCIL ASKED TO RESIGN

Attorney Bergland Extends Invitation But Gets Angry and Quits the Meeting

As a result of the investigation of city affairs instituted by the Madras Development League, the investigating committee made a report at the meeting held last Friday night stating that they found nothing amiss. Following the acceptance of the report of the committee, a resolution was passed by the meeting expressing complete confidence in the honesty and integrity of the mayor, the council and all of the city officials.

Following this Attorney E. Bergland made a speech, requesting the council and all of the city officials to resign. Councilmen Culp and Roush replied saying that they wouldn't do it. Following this J. H. Barkley, armed with some of the correspondence that has passed between the city and the Denver bond buying firm, took the floor and endeavored to show that the city had proceeded in its adoption of the city charter and in other matters connected with the bond issue for the water system under the legal advice of Attorney Bergland. The meeting grew stormy, and finally Attorney Bergland walked out. Mayor Turner expressed his gratification at the result of the investigation, and in behalf of the administration thanked the citizens for their resolution of confidence.

There seemed to be no further to be said.

CONTEST AROUSES MUCH INTEREST

Seventeen Witnesses Give Testimony in Case of Miller vs. Hood

One of the most interesting contest cases ever held in the county has had a hearing before Commissioner Turner at this place during the past two days. The case is the contest of Isaac J. Miller against the entry of Douglas Hood, the land in controversy being located about eight miles northeast of town.

T. A. Hudson of the Hudson Land company of The Dalles was here to represent Mr. Hood, and Attorney E. Bergland had charge of the case for the contestant. Seventeen witnesses beside the interested parties were required to give testimony, and the work has covered the greater part of the two days. Miss Rose B. Schlattman, the stenographer, of Culver, recorded the 20,000 words of testimony given.

Much local interest is taken in the case on account of the fact that the improvements on the claim represent an outlay of about \$2000 and a large portion of the land has been cleared and put under cultivation.

Alleged insufficient residence has been made the main grounds for the contest.

WOULD THEY HAVE THE NERVE TO MOB A HAREM SKIRT ON THE BEACH?



—Fox in Chicago Evening Post.

METOLIUS HAS BAD FIRE; FOUR BUSINESS HOUSES BURN

Fire which started in the pool hall of Perry Wible at Metolius at 1:30 this (Friday) morning completely destroyed that and three other buildings and did \$8000 damage, the loss being partially covered by insurance.

The buildings burned were the property of McCreach and Becker, occupied by restaurants and pool halls, and the garage of John Moore.

Just how the fire originated, Mr. Wible stated this morning by phone, is not known, as it was discovered in the front of his building.

The place had been closed for the night and the proprietors had gone to bed. No means of combatting the fire were at hand except the resort to water buckets, and the fire got beyond control burned everything in reach, making a clean sweep of the four buildings which occupied the row.

"It's pretty hard on us," said Mr. Wible this morning, "but we will start in over. We aren't quitters."

Scarcely anything was saved of the contents of the buildings. The long continued dry spell and excessive heat has put wooden buildings in the condition to burn like tinder, and without fire protection and prompt action, anything that gets on fire at this time is practically doomed.

Miss Rose B. Schlattman of Culver spent yesterday and today in Madras assisting Commissioner Turner in the taking of the testimony in the Miller vs. Hood contest case.

R. R. Young, who carries the mail between Madras and Youngs and who it is said is contemplating matrimony, had the misfortune to lose his cookstove in the Dempsey fire at Gateway yesterday.

C. M. Woodruff and wife arrived in Madras last evening, Mr. Woodruff coming to relieve F. M. Lombard as agent for the Deschutes Railway at this place. Mr. Lombard expects to go to Portland Friday.

James Rice was here from Haycreek Wednesday evening to meet Mr. and Mrs. L. Enderud, who arrived from Portland and will visit at the Haycreek ranch. Mr. Enderud was formerly secretary of the Baldwin Sheep & Land company.

A. Zell, who has been very ill at his home in Prineville, has so far recovered as to make a visit to this place to look after his property interests.

Miss Ethel Criswell, who is in a Portland hospital, is very low with appendicitis and is not expected to live. Mrs. Jack Hardy is with the young lady, and Mr. Hardy leaves in the morning.

District Attorney Fred W. Wilson has made public a statement at The Dalles that he will not institute criminal proceedings against the people held to blame for the Oregon Trunk wreck, in which several lives were lost, on the findings of the state railroad commission. His opinion is based on the grounds that the commission does not place the blame specifically upon either the engineer or the company, and that it is not probable that anyone could be convicted upon a criminal prosecution where guilt must be proven beyond a doubt.

REUTER STARTS ON COLLECTING TOUR

Famous Madras Farmer Sent Out by G. N.

PEOPLE ASKED TO ASSIST

Specimen Products Will Be Taken To Farming Congresses and On Exhibit Car

Tillman Reuter started out the first of the week to gather exhibits for the Great Northern Railway, his territory to include all of Central Oregon. He will not only gather community exhibits in co-operation with the several commercial bodies of the interior, but will also receive individual exhibits as well. The displays will be taken to all of the land shows, the dry farming congresses, and other conventions as well as included in the several demonstration cars which that railway company will run on tours through the eastern states during the coming months in the effort to induce immigrants to come to Central Oregon to make their homes.

The office of A. C. Sanford has been designated as the depot for receiving the specimens which will be collected in this part of the county. Each product will bear a tag stating the name of the grower, etc.

Local people are urged to begin selecting specimens from their fields, gardens and orchards and to bring them to Mr. Sanford's office as soon as the different products arrive at the proper stage of development.

Mr. Reuter will travel with his own team and outfit and expects to go as far as Burns on his tour. It is understood that the expense of this work is being borne by the railroad company, and all that is expected and asked of the residents is to cooperate to the fullest extent in assisting these premier publicity people in getting a good representation of the products grown in Central Oregon.

CITY WANTS BIDS FOR SINKING WELL

Proposal To Go at Least Forty Feet Deeper—Other Business

The city council met Saturday evening, July 22, in continuation of the previous regular meeting. Present were Mayor Turner, and Councilmen Culp, Gray, Tucker, Stanton and Roush. Councilman Robinson was absent.

The report of the committee on the books of the city was laid over until the next meeting.

Councilman Tucker asked to be relieved of the superintendence of the sinking of the city well, and his request was granted.

The matter of completing the city well was then taken up. It was decided to let the finishing of the well by contract, and the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for increasing the depth to at least 40 feet below the present depth of 22 feet. The city proposed to furnish the machinery to keep the water out of the well, the contractor to pay all the expense of operation and maintenance. The bidder is required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$500 for the faithful completion of the work. The work is to be completed within 30 days after the contract is let.

The council passed a motion

FIRE AT GATEWAY DESTROYS NEW STORE

Dempseys Lose All But Clothes on Backs

LOSS IS ABOUT \$2500

Building Had Just Been Completed—Strenuous Efforts Save Dailey Hotel

Wednesday at about noon the two-story store building of W. C. Dempsey at Gateway burned with all the contents, entailing a loss of about \$2500. The origin of the fire has not been learned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey made their residence in the upper story and all of their household goods and clothing was destroyed. The building was a new and well finished one, with two store rooms on the ground floor, in one of which A. C. Kaeppler, the Gateway merchant had a quantity of goods stored.

The bucket brigade responded to the alarm and worked might and main to save the Dailey Hotel, located just across the street from the burning building, and in this they were successful.

The loss comes heavy on Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey, as everything they had in the world except the clothes they were wearing went up in smoke. Mrs. Dempsey had a fine gold watch and this morning the timepiece was scratched out of the ruins in a melted state. All of the keepsakes of the couple were also lost.

There was no insurance. The Deschutes Railway is constructing a 65,000 gallon water tank at Gateway, as a supply for their locomotives, the people of the town and the farmers in that vicinity. The source of supply will be the deep well recently completed by the Central Oregon Well Drilling company, which is 210 feet deep and has close to 190 feet of water.

T. H. Dennis, who was recently married at Gateway to Miss Hazel Blair, departed this morning for northwestern Canada where he will be engaged on a contract for railway construction. Mrs. Dennis will remain at the home of her father, Wm. Blair, until her husband gets located.

providing for the employment of a competent man to place the pump and engine at the well for use while sinking the well. It is understood that J. C. Robinson will have the superintendence of the work.

An ordinance empowering Councilman Robinson to act as agent for the city in the purchase of a 15-horse engine and pump with capacity for delivering 100 gallons of water per minute was passed, and an order directing him to make the purchase was made.

The following bills were ordered paid: Douglas Hood, for hauling pump and engine to well, \$22.50; International Harvester Company, for engine, \$622.99; Mitchell, Lewis & Staver company, for pump and fixtures, \$504.75; P. T. Atkins, \$5.

Council adjourned to meet at call of mayor.

Not Good After Aug. 7

The Madras Pioneer Popular Voting Contest This Ballot Will Count For 25 Votes

For _____

District No. _____ Address _____

Good for 25 votes when filled out and sent to the Contest Department by mail or otherwise on or before expiration date. No ballot will be altered in any way or transferred after being received by The Madras Pioneer.

In case of the prizes of equal value will be given to each of the contestant tied.