

# THE MADRAS PIONEER

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## EXCELLENT EXHIBIT ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Excellent Results From Dry Land Farming

## POTATOES, CORN, MELONS

Successful Rancher Believes Others Would Turn Their Attention to Diversified Farming

Potatoes weighing a pound, one stalk of corn seven feet high with two well developed mature ears, one head of cabbage weighing eight pounds, pumpkins, squashes and a thirty pound watermelon are some of the farm produce on display at the barber shop of A. W. Freeberg this week. They were raised on the latter's ranch 10 miles northeast of Madras in the district known as Sage Brush

in an irrigated country a display of farm produce like the above probably would attract passing interest, but when it is known that such wonderful results were obtained without a drop of moisture except through nature, it means success and encouragement for the ranchers who are experimenting right now with the proposition of dry farming in this district.

Mr. Freeberg is very optimistic regarding dry land farming. During the five years spent on his 60 acre farm he has experimented with hundreds of different kinds of seeds to determine which variety is best adapted for this particular district. This year he planted four different varieties of potatoes on eight acres, including the famous Burbank, Early Rose, Banner and one other kind. The first two varieties named produced practically nothing while the Banner seed turned out an excellent crop like the ones on display.

He has several acres planted to fruit of different varieties all of which show an excellent growth, some of the young apple trees having new limbs three feet in length. Forage plants such as vetch, alfalfa, field peas and alfalfa grows to perfection and under these conditions it would be an easy matter to raise large numbers of cows and hogs. Eventually Mr. Freeberg expects to engage extensively in the latter business, the field peas growing to maturity without any attention whatever after sowing, and furnishing excellent feed for fattening hogs for the market.

Unlike most of the farmers in this district, he does not believe in the small farmer with a 160 acre ranch trying to engage in the wheat industry on a large scale. He believes that larger profits and more satisfactory results would be obtained if the farmer would devote his energies to diversified crops rather than depend all of his tillable land to cereals.

Mr. Freeberg is gradually putting his ranch in the best shape possible. Each year he adds a few more acres to what he already has under cultivation; he is constructing rabbit proof fences, has a fine well on the place and is otherwise following out the plans of progressive farming based on scientific principles.

Glen Bontrager made a trip by auto to Culver Monday night.

## CHICKEN DINNER NEXT WEDNESDAY

Ladies of Christian Church Adopt Novel Plan to Raise Money to Complete Church Building

Next Wednesday evening, September 20, between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 o'clock, the ladies of the Christian church will serve a chicken dinner in the Abbletz building, four doors north from the postoffice.

The chicken served won't be the ordinary boiled or stewed variety; it will be young spring chicken, raised and fattened especially for the occasion, and fried in butter (don't forget this) by chefs skilled in the art of chicken frying. Besides the nice juicy pieces of fried chicken, large fluffy slices of bread, dainty cakes, cookies and pies, the product of the best housewives in Madras, will decorate the white linen covered tables, along with fresh butter and real cream from the country.

From the sale of tickets which began yesterday it seems that the ladies will be very successful in their undertaking, which is for the purpose of raising money to complete the interior of the church. The tickets for the dinner are 35 cents and if you are overlooked by the sellers, don't feel slighted, come anyhow.

## ITALIAN SLASHED IN FIGHT AT OPAL

Wounded Man Taken to Portland Hospital in Serious Condition—Would-be Murderer in Jail

Joe Rossa, an Italian laborer on the ballasting crew of the Oregon Trunk road at Opal City, was taken to the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Sunday morning in a serious condition, the result of three knife wounds received in a fight early Sunday morning with another of his countrymen named Jos. Nell. The latter is in the county jail at Prineville awaiting the outcome

of the man's injuries.

Only meager details of what caused the men to engage in the dual could be obtained. Dr. Gale, the company's doctor, was summoned to Opal City Sunday morning to attend the wounded man, but owing to his weakened condition from loss of blood was unable to give an account of the battle. Two gaping wounds, one in the abdomen and another on the right side just above the liver are the most dangerous, the third stab being only a small flesh wound in the chest.

Deputy Sheriff C. W. Williams stated Monday that the fight was probably the outcome of too much booze. The wounded man was one of a party of 40 Italians shipped out of Portland Saturday morning and when they arrived at Opal were well supplied with whisky which they brought with them. Jos. Nell, his assailant, was an old friend of Rossa, and when the two met they proceeded to renew their former acquaintance with the assistance of a bottle of whisky. At about 4 o'clock in the morning they engaged in an altercation over some former trouble when Nell pulled a dagger and laid his opponent low with severe wounds.

About 8 o'clock Sunday morning Deputy Williams was informed of the affray and immediately arrested Nell and took him to the county jail at Prineville. The prisoner made the statement that he and his friend had been drinking and that he remembered nothing of what happened. The weapon used could not be found on the prisoner and a thorough search of the ground, by the deputy, where the men fought failed to disclose the weapon. Should the victim's wounds prove fatal Nell will be charged with murder.

J. N. Williams, a prominent sheepman of the Prineville district, shipped a trainload of sheep from Gateway last Saturday over the O.-W. R. & N. road. The train will go direct to Omaha, and if the market proves unfavorable there will continue to Chicago. The railroad has promised good feed and watering places and if the venture proves successful, several more trainloads will be shipped. Crook county farmers find the eastern markets more profitable than selling to Portland firms.

## FIRST DAY SHOWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Madras School Opened Last Monday With Largest Enrollment in Its History

The ringing of the school bell last Monday morning was a signal for children of school age that another nine months of study had commenced. Sixty-two pupils with their last year's report cards presented themselves for assignment to the different grades. This is a slight increase over the enrollment at the opening of school in 1910. The number is increasing daily and before the end of the school year it is expected that at least 150 pupils will have enrolled in the Madras school. Last year the enrollment reached a total of 126.

From some source a report is being circulated that the ninth and tenth grades would not be taught in the Madras school this year. This report is contradicted by Principal Cook who says that the first day ninth grade pupils were registered and that it is expected very shortly to establish a tenth grade.

A great deal of interest is being taken by parents whose children are attending school, and with their co-operation the Madras school will be foremost among schools of its class in the county.

Following is the corps of teachers employed: Mrs. Leora Myers, grades 1 and 2; Miss Ethel Klann, grades 3 and 4; Miss Anna Warmoth, grades 5 and 6; Principal W. R. Cook, grades 7, 8 and 9. In case the tenth grade is established, Miss Warmoth will assist Principal Cook in the eighth and ninth grade work.

F. M. Loveland has gone to San Diego, Cal., where he will make his future home.

J. M. Mayes expects to leave in about two weeks for his old home at Knoxville, Tenn. On his trip east he will make stops at Grand Rapids, Mich., and Rochester, N. Y. At the two last named places he will visit with relatives of his wife who died a few weeks ago.

## W. C. T. U. CONVENTION STARTS TOMORROW

Many Delegates Expected to Attend—Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, State President, Will Preside

Everything is in readiness for the W. C. T. U. convention in this city tomorrow at the M. E. church. Delegates and workers from nearly every town in the county will attend. Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, state president, will preside throughout the entire session.

The following interesting program will be carried out:

Friday Morning 10:30  
Devotional meeting—Local president.

Address of welcome—Pastor M. E. church.

Response—Prineville.

Assignment of delegates.  
Dinner.

Friday Afternoon 2:00

Devotional meeting—Redmond

Organizing county unions—State President.

Purity talk—Mrs. Unruh.

Friday Evening 7:30

Devotional meeting—Bend.

Ten minutes talk by visiting members and delegates.

Address—Mrs. Unruh.

Saturday Morning 10:00

Devotional meeting—Culver.

Organization topics with discussions:

"How best to organize our men and women for service."—Redmond.

"How to enlist the young people."—Bend.

"How to build up strong temperance sentiment in the young"—Culver.

Saturday Afternoon 2:00

Devotional meeting—Methodist Hill.

Business session topics for discussion:

Is the segregate district right? Is it expedient? Is it safe?—Prineville.

How to get rid of it and how to prevent its establishment—Mrs. Unruh.

What shall we do to protect our daughters and whose daughters are in danger.—Madras.

Does the segregate district protect our daughters—Laidlaw.

Shall we protect our boys—Metolius.

Saturday Evening 8:00

Loyal Temperance Legion silver medal contest, special music by the children of the L. T. L.

Sunday Morning 11:00

Address—Mrs. Unruh.

Sunday Afternoon 3:00

Address to men only—Mrs. Unruh.

Sunday Evening 8:00

Address—Mrs. Unruh.

Special music will be furnished throughout the convention.

## LAKE COUNTY LAND OPEN FOR ENTRY

Comes Under Enlarged Homestead Act—Land is About 12 Miles North of Silver Lake

Upon the petition of numerous residents of Lake County, endorsed by Senator Bourne, the Secretary of the Interior has designated as subject to entry under the Enlarged Homestead Act, lands in townships 26 and 27 south, ranges 15, 16 and 17 east, and township 28 south, range 16 east, Lake County, Oregon. This land is about 12 miles north of Silver Lake. The list of lands designated will be filed in land office at Lakeview.

## CROOK COUNTY EXHIBIT IS BEST EVER

Rain Will Help Late Vegetables and Potatoes

## ALFALFA SEVEN FEET LONG

Tillman Reuter Reports Excellent Success in His Hunt for Grain and Vegetable Exhibits

"The best exhibit Crook county ever had," is the way Tillman Reuter expressed himself last Monday evening on his return from a week's trip to the Ochoco valley and Prineville districts after exhibits for the Sixth International Dry-Farming Congress which will be held in Colorado Springs, October 16 to 20, 1911. "Seven foot alfalfa is one of the specimens secured on my last trip," said Mr. Reuter, "and if I am not badly mistaken this will be one of the contenders for special mention at the convention. The alfalfa exhibit will be one of the finest to be found anywhere and will be a big boost for this section of the country.

"Although coming late, the rain last week will do a lot of good, not only as a help to potatoes and other vegetables, but to the late fall grain, some of which is still standing in the Pilot Butte country. It was my intention to go to Bend last week and work in that district, but the heavy rains interfered with my plans and instead I made another trip to the Ochoco and Prineville territory.

"It is hard to determine at the present time just how much good has been done to the late vegetables and potatoes, but I am of the opinion it will add 20 per cent. to the quality and size."

Being a delegate to the convention at Colorado Springs, Mr. Reuter is working hard for the best exhibit possible from Crook county. He says the specimens thus far obtained have more than pleased him and he is satisfied Crook county will receive recognition from her exhibit with the other districts where farming is carried on without irrigation.

As stated in last week's paper persons who have grain or vegetables suitable for exhibit should leave them at this office or at the office of A. C. Sanford.

Mr. Reuter is now in the Bend district after specimens and on his return a list of the exhibits and contributors will be printed in this paper.

Fourteen cars of cattle passed through Madras today over the Oregon Trunk for the Portland market. The cattle were loaded at Opal City.

The new O.-W. R. & N. depot is undergoing a few finishing touches inside this week and will be ready for occupancy about the 25th of this month.

J. M. Crawford, president of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., stopped here last Friday looking after business interests on his way to Redmond.

Assistant Engineer Geo. Mattis of the O.-W. R. & N., who has been here for the past eight months superintending construction work on the Willow Creek viaduct, left today for Portland. Mr. Mattis while here made many warm friends by his obliging and courteous manners who regret his transfer from this station.

SOMEBODY GAVE HIM THE WRONG PILL AGAIN.



—Donahay in Cleveland Plain Dealer.