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DELEGATES TO BURNS ENCOUNTER BAD ROADS

H. F. Deitzel Reports Splendid Time With no Serious Accidents to Autoists

H. F. Deitzel returned Wednesday from Burns, where he went to attend a meeting of the Central Oregon Development league. The trip was made by auto and barring a few minor accidents was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Mr. Deitzel after leaving here joined the Redmond bunch and two delegates from Prineville. A snow storm Sunday night halted the crowd in the mountains of Crook county and the excursionists put up for the night at comfortable places en route. After the snow storm the trip was made in relays, cars being sent out from Burns by President Wm. Hanley to meet the incoming delegates who were stranded with a disabled car. Mr. Hanley himself, with his own car, was a member of the automobile caravan sent out to assist the visitors.

Burns was beautifully decorated and the visitors were received with great enthusiasm. A luncheon was served soon after arrival in the Masonic hall and Mr. Deitzel is praising the Burns people very highly for the courtesy and good-fellowship extended to the outsiders.

Considerable disappointment was felt when it was learned that Jas. J. Hill and his party would not be able to attend. After reaching Prineville Saturday day night the Hill party decided to abandon the trip because of the bad condition of the roads.

Mr. Deitzel says that as soon as the road to Bend is opened for traffic it will be the main shipping point for Burns and tributary country. The people down there are jubilant over the progress of railroad construction in Central Oregon and feel sure of rail connection with the outside world in the near future.

The sum of \$10,000 for an experiment station somewhere in Central Oregon was subscribed at the meeting. The location of the farm will be left to the discretion of experts now working on the subject. The next meeting will be held at Lakeview either in June or July, 1912. The exact date was not decided upon.

The delegation of Portland business men in attendance together with the other delegates and a large representation from Burns left immediately after the meeting for Bend to be present at the driving of the golden spike this afternoon.

BIG MADRAS DELEGATION ATTEND SPIKE DRIVING

Estimated That 75 People Boarded the Train Here Last Night—Hill Will Not Drive Spike

It is estimated that seventy-five people from Madras and vicinity boarded the train last night for the golden spike driving celebration at Bend. With the crowd going from the other towns along the line it was estimated that fully 300 people would reach Bend last night over the Oregon Trunk line. The regular train only went as far as Opal City, the excursionists transferring there to a special train. It was learned today that Jas. J. Hill and party would be unable to attend.

JAS. J. HILL AND PARTY VIEW EXHIBIT SENT TO LAND SHOWS

Trip to Burns Abandoned at Redmond Because of Poor Roads

EXHIBIT CAR LEAVES FOR LAND SHOWS

Tillman Reuter Presents Mr. Hill With Big Spud—Exhibits Gathered at Crook County Fair and Bend Will Go to St. Paul, Minn.

MEMBERS OF HILL SPECIAL

JAS. J. HILL, Chairman.
LOUIS W. HILL, President.
W. H. DUNWOODIE, Banker of Minneapolis.
JOHN H. CARROLL, Counsel of Washington, D. C.
A. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Development Commissioner.
A. BODINE, Secretary to President Hill.
CARL A. GRAY, President Oregon Trunk.

The Hill special train, with the above named notables, arrived in Madras last Sunday afternoon on their way to a meeting of the Central Oregon Development league at Burns. The distinguished visitors were met at the train by F. W. Graham, western industrial and immigrant agent of the Great Northern railway, of Seattle, and a few citizens showed them through the car of exhibits gathered from different sections of Crook county for the International Dry-Farming Congress at Colorado Springs and the other land shows at St. Paul, Chicago and New York. Mr. Hill expressed himself as very much pleased with the collection.

After his inspection of the exhibit car, Tillman Reuter, delegate from Crook county to the Dry-Farming Congress, presented a three-pound potato to Mr. Hill. The potato was grown on Mr. Reuter's ranch without irrigation, and the great empire builder remarked as he held the potato in his hand, "You didn't have a good year, either." After leaving here the train proceeded to Metolius where the party were met by autos and taken to Prineville. The trip was made through a heavy rain and the next day, on account of the bad condition of the roads, the trip to Burns was abandoned, the party returning to Redmond where they boarded a special train and returned to Spokane.

Mr. Reuter left last night for Bend where he will make a collect produce for the St. Paul Land Show. Immediately upon his return from Bend he will leave for Colorado Springs.

Mr. Graham will return here from Seattle next week and make a trip to Prineville after more exhibits. He expects to take a large part of the Prineville display to the eastern shows.

DESCHUTES RIVER YIELDS BIG GAME

A. W. Culp and Lewis H. Irving Hold Record Catch of the Season for Big Trout

A. W. Culp and Lewis H. Irving hold the belt among Madras anglers for the prize catch of the season. They left here last Saturday morning for South Junction and on their return Sunday evening had 116 of the finny tribe, which they had taken from the turbulent waters of the Deschutes river.

Two of the catch, members of the Dolly Varden family, are the largest trout landed by local sportsmen in this locality this season. The largest one, caught Saturday afternoon, was 33 inches long and weighed 10 1-4 pounds. The other was landed late Sunday evening and weighed 8 3-4 pounds.

Big fish talk was the main topic indulged in for a couple of hours after their arrival home by a group of friends of the two fishermen gathered at Tucker & Culp's cigar store where the trophies of the hunt were displayed.

Judge Jackson and M. W. Bennett also returned Sunday evening with an excellent catch.

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BANK BUILDING TO START IMMEDIATELY

Fixtures Have Been Ordered—Contract for Building Will Be Let Within Two Weeks

O. A. Pearce, cashier of the Madras State Bank, announced after his arrival last Monday from a two month's trip to his old home at Page, North Dakota, that work on the new bank building would commence very soon. Contractor Rhoades is now working on the plans and as soon as they return from Spokane where they will be sent for the approval of Vice-President Crothers, the contract will be let.

Mr. Pearce said that new fixtures had been ordered and would be here long before the building was ready for occupancy. The structure will be constructed of brick, one story high 25x60. It was the original intention of the directors to have a building two stories high, but this plan was later abandoned. The foundation will be laid for a two story structure so that an additional story can be added at any time.

H. S. Crothers, one of the principal stock holders of the Madras State Bank, returned to his home in Spokane Thursday.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED TO ENTRYMEN

Homesteaders in This District May Now Leave Their Land Without Making Application

Circular No. 54, issued from the general land office at Washington, D. C., relative to leaves of absence from homesteads, was received last week by U. S. Commissioner Turner. The circular is provided for by an act of congress approved August 19, 1911, and reads in part as follows:

"That all persons who have heretofore made homestead entries in the Burns, Vale, La Grande and The Dalles districts in the State of Oregon, are hereby relieved from the necessity of residence and cultivation upon their lands from the date of approval of this act to April 15, 1912.

"Provided, that the time of actual absence during the period named shall not be deducted from the full time of residence required by law."

Homestead entrymen coming under the above act who are absent from their claims for any period between August 19, 1911, and April 15, 1912, are not required to file application for such leave.

In the examination of final proofs, and in cases of contest alleging abandonment during the above period, you will give due consideration to the foregoing provisions.

FORMER MADRAS MAN CONVICTED OF PERJURY

Six Months Imprisonment and \$100 Fine for False Testimony in United States Court

Sel Masterson, formerly of Madras, was indicted for perjury in connection with his testimony given in his recent trial before the United States Court in Portland, on the charge of selling whiskey to Indians. Masterson was convicted at the June term of the district court on the Indian charge, and is now serving his sentence, having been given a \$100 fine and six months' imprisonment. The date of his trial on the new indictment has not been set.

Masterson's indictment was one of 28 true bills brought in by the federal grand jury the early part of the week, before being excused by Judge Bean until the latter part of this month, when they will be reconvened to take up another important case being prepared at present by District Attorney McCourt.

Farmers Union Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Crook County Farmers' Union at Madras, on Saturday, October 14. All delegates are requested to be present as matters of importance are to be discussed.

A. Monner returned last week from Portland where he has been visiting at the home of his sons.

C. T. McCall, well known mixologist at Baldy's saloon, left today for Portland.

John H. Lockard has let the contract for the construction of another dwelling house in the Lockard & Snook addition. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit, and the building will be a very up-to-date and modern structure in all respects.

MORE MAIL BOXES WANTED ON ROUTE 2

Patron Thinks Service May be Discontinued

DAILY SERVICE POSSIBILITY

Epistle Directed to This Office Urges Subscribers on Route to Put Up Boxes

Madras, Ore., Oct. 4, 1911.
Editor Madras Pioneer,

Dear Sir:—Will you allow me a little corner of your space to talk R. F. D. matters? It may interest a few of your readers who live on the Plains under Route No. 2. At least I want them to get interested and then get busy. We have the route established and while we are all displeased with the tri-weekly service, shall we not thankfully take the half loaf and hold out our hands for more?

I understand the department requires at least 50 boxes and we are short on that number, just enough to lose to us the convenience perhaps. There are enough boxes subscribed for to get the route started, but now why don't the boxes go up? If it is because the service is only tri-weekly, do you suppose such a course will have a tendency to raise it to a daily service? If it is because the route does not pass immediately before your doors, have you ever thought of the other fellow who has to go still farther than you do for his mail? It is impossible for the route to pass before every man's door. The greatest good to the greatest number is a rule that will not work much ill to the community. If it is because you live close enough to the office to get your mail easily, direct from the delivery window, just exchange places with some farmer who likes to get papers red-hot from the press as well as you do, who has to wait until the water supply is exhausted so that one stone will kill two birds. Do you kumtux? "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," i. e., help to maintain a system that will bring pleasure and convenience to your neighbor. It has not cost you very much so far. You can get a box at Hammer's store with your name nicely stamped on it, and your name would look nice on a mail box, don't you think, or are you ashamed of it. I paid him \$1.10 for mine and you'll find it up on a post at a road crossing.

Now, my neighbor, I will suggest a thought. There is no graft in this matter. It is just one step in a socialistic form of government that we all admire and we can hold it if we try. Shall we try? It is up to you now. If this R. F. D. falls down it may fall on your toes, and you will feel bad about it some frosty morning when you see your neighbor going to Madras for his Pioneer to get the news, sabb. I spent a good many hours of time and traveled a good many miles of distance to get this matter thus far along, but I cannot hold on without your help. Will you help? You cannot do an act that will bring so much convenience to the whole community with so little expense—will you do it?

Yours, truly,
A. P. CLARK.