

THE MADRAS PIONEER

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NO 4

FARMERS SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION TRAIN IN MADRAS NOVEMBER 4

Event Will Be Made Gala Day By Citizens and Farmers

Lectures by COLLEGE EXPERTS AND OTHERS

Farmers Union Will Take Matter Up and Appoint Committees at Their Meeting Saturday-- Train Will Carry About Fourteen Cars

Telegram Advising Date of Arrival

Portland, Oct. 10, 1911.

M. Woodward,
O. W. R. & N. Agent, Madras.
Demonstration train will arrive at Madras Friday, November 4, 5:45 p. m. Lectures and demonstrations will be given Saturday from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Am glad to note the interest of the Farmers' Union.
R. B. MILLER, Traffic Manager.

Thursday, November 4, will be a gala day for the citizens and farmers of Madras and tributary territory. Nothing has created such a widespread interest among the people of this community, since the advent of the two railroads, the Farmers' Special Demonstration Train, which will arrive at Madras Friday evening, November 3. Since the announcement was made in The Pioneer a few weeks ago that such a train would be here next month, this has been deluged with inquiries from farmers living far and near, anxious to learn the date when the train would arrive. The train will carry eight excursion cars from the Oregon Agricultural College and several cars of stock, implements, etc., to the best methods for successful farming in the dry district. A number of breeds of sheep and some packer's models will be furnished from the colleges, herds, and one car will show automatic watering devices, portable houses, feeding troughs and material. Another will contain poultry and colony houses to show how hens should be raised. Among the experts who will accompany the train are Dr. W. H. Withycombe and Prof. E. C. Potter of the animal husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural College; Prof. H. D. Scudder, of the agronomy department; Prof. James Dryden of the poultry department; C. E. Robinson, foreman of the college stock farm; Supt. H. J. Umberger, of the Moro experiment station; Orren Beatty, traveling agricultural adviser. Representatives of the railroad accompanying the train are R. B. Miller, traffic manager; Frank W. Robinson, general freight agent; A. A. Morse, special agent traffic department; William McMurray, general passenger agent; H. C. Oliver, traveling freight agent and J. H. O'Neill, traveling freight agent. D. O. Lively, vice-president and general manager of the Portland Union Stock Yards, will be on board to lecture on hog raising. He is one of the leaders in the movement to develop the industry in Oregon. Further details of the special will appear in the next issue. The matter will be taken up by the farmers at their meeting next Saturday and a program prepared. As the train will be here from 10 a. m. until 2 o'clock in the afternoon it is probable that refreshments of some kind will be furnished on the grounds. The demonstrations will be held at the O. W. R. & N. depot where the train will be sidetracked upon arrival.

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MURDERED RANCHER HAS RELATIVE ON PLAINS

Poulson Believes Murderer Has Been Headed This Way--Police Are Watching for Suspect
Thomas, the aged farmer murdered in his home at Sycamore station near Oregon City, Friday night, October 1st, was a relative of N. P. Poulson, a well known rancher living about three miles from Madras on the Agency road. The murdered man was known to many of the old timers in this section, having lived at Two Mile creek near The Agency several years ago. The circumstances surrounding the death are a mystery. An examination showed that his neck was broken by being struck a blow on the jaw. The place is but a short distance from Ardenwald station near the scene of the recent murder. Poulson rests upon Charles as the murderer. He had

been working for Thomas one week as a hired man, having been sent there by a Portland employment agency. It is known that Swain saw Thomas open his purse exposing \$65 in gold, which, with the watch worn by Thomas, is missing. Circulars giving an account of the death of Thomas and a description of Swain have been printed and sent broadcast throughout the northwest. It is believed that Swain is headed for Central Oregon and a close watch is being kept by the local police for the suspect. The circular gives Swain's description as follows: About 40 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, slender built, dark hair, dark sandy mustache of medium length and weight, blue or gray eyes, quite large; pointed nose, long face and hollow cheeks. Any information is to be forwarded to Sheriff Mass at Oregon City. J. C. Robinson left for Portland Friday morning on a business trip.

Local Talent Presents a "Spinsters Convention"

Old Maids Transformed into Beautiful Young Maidens Right Before Your Eyes--Sanford's Hall Friday Night, October 20

The "Spinsters' Convention," by well known local characters, will be offered to the public next Friday night, October 20, at Sanford's hall. The play is not presented under the auspices of any society or church, it being the intention of the promoters to organize some kind of a club for the betterment of social conditions in Madras this winter. The organization has been named the Madras Dramatic Club. No one benefits financially in the undertaking, the surplus money left from one play going into a fund for the production of other entertainments.

The "Spinsters' Convention" is a comedy built for laughing purposes only. In fact it is a scream from start to finish. The queer combinations in the play are ones that only an old maid could invent.

For instance, Mr. Bachelor and married man, you will behold for the first time, if you attend the performance, and no doubt you will, a peculiar piece of machinery called the Remodeloscope, in other words a transformer.

This remodeloscope is a great mechanical invention and one that every old maid longs to possess. On the evening of the performance this machine is displayed on the stage in front of

the audience and the mysterious transformation takes place right before your own little eyes. Wrinkled, homely old maids with long noses, who have long since passed the stage where the powder and paint refuses to restore their angelic features, are run through the Remodeloscope, while one of her sympathetic sisters turns a crank and they come forth again from the machine again with bright eyes and rosy cheeks. Wonderful isn't it.

But the Remodeloscope isn't the whole show by any means. Sweet little girls with sweet voices will sing, and old maids with squaky voices will sing too. Some have wonderful voices, worth going miles to hear. Then just at a time when you think there might be a dull moment, a sedate looking spinster steps before the lights and in a meek voice springs a funny joke on one of the good looking men in the audience and you have to start laughing again.

The biggest crowd that ever packed into Sanford's hall will be there to join in the fun and listen to the witty jokes they inaugurate against the other fellow. If you can't laugh stay home.

There will be a dance after the show.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

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| Josephine J. Green, President | Isa E. Crosby |
| Abigail Hodge, Secretary | Julia E. Dean |
| Calamity Jane Higgins, Treasurer | Lilly Turner |
| Rebecca Rachel Sharp | Grace Northey |
| Tiny Short | Minnie Monner |
| Mary Ann Fraddler | Lula Thomas |
| Jerusha Matilda Spriggins | Stella Robard |
| Sophia Stuckup | Marie Dizney |
| Juliet Long | Anna Falkenhagen |
| Betsy Bobbett | Carrie Castleman |
| Charity Longface | Pearl Osborne |
| Polly Jane Pratt | Hazel Barnett |
| Belinda Blugrass | Maude Elkins |
| Hannah Biggerstaff | Emma Monner |
| Frances Touch-me-not | Edna Nissen |
| Violet Ann Ruggles | Sarah Peterson |
| Prof. Makeover | Dr. Long |
| The Professor's Assistant | Marion Loug |

Barton-Holman

Ed Barton and Miss Grace Holman were in Madras for a few days last week on their honeymoon trip, visiting friends. The groom is a brother of Ralph Barton, tonsorial artist at Smith's shop, and formerly lived in Madras. Miss Holman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holman, well known people of Hood River. The marriage ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride in the presence of only a few intimate relatives and friends. Rev. J. H. Hargraves of the the Baptist church officiated. The young couple returned to their home at Hood River the first of the week where Mr. Barton will engage in the transfer business.

J. M. Crawford, of Walla Walla, Wash., and one of the principal stockholders in the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Company, is in Madras and vicinity this week negotiating for the purchase of some of the lumber yards of other concerns in Central Oregon.

Principal W. R. Cook, Leora Myers, Anna Warmoth, Ethel Klann and Catherine Lowther, Madras teachers, are attending the institute at Prineville this week.

O. A. Pearce, cashier of the Madras bank, has commenced the foundation and cellar for his house that he purchased from Archie Fauselt, and located in the Railroad addition, which he expects to have moved to the lots adjoining the S. E. Gray property.

William Hanley, President of the Central Oregon Development League, and one of the best known men in the state, who was arrested on August 23 on a charge of having wild ducks in his possession out of season, pleaded guilty before Judge Randall at Burns last Friday and was fined \$25, which he paid at once.

A half tone cut of Contractor H. E. Rhoades and two companions with a string of fine trout was printed in the LaPine Inter-Mountain last week to illustrate the superb fishing in that locality.

Max Putz and wife returned to Madras Friday from California, where they have been residing during the past year. Mr. Putz says that he can see a considerable improvement in the town and country since the railroads have come through. He also says that this Central Oregon climate seems good to him, and they expect to remain here for some time.

FIRE DESTROYS BLOCK IN BEND BUSINESS DISTRICT

Flames Threaten New Bend Hotel and Wenandy Livery Stables

HEROIC WORK OF FIREMEN SAVES TOWN

District Destroyed Mostly Occupied By Saloons and "Red-Light"--Loss Estimated at \$10,000--New Structures on Burned Area

Fire starting in a frame building occupied as a saloon directly across the street from Wenandy's big livery and transfer stables, threatened the total destruction of town of Bend this afternoon. The volunteer fire department responded quickly after the alarm was sounded and by heroic work succeeded in confining the flames to the row of buildings on the east side of the street in the block occupied by Lara's big store. A phone message from there just as we go to press says the fire is still burning, but under control and no danger of spreading. The buildings burned were occupied mostly by saloons and the "red-light" district. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000 partially covered by insurance. It is understood the property owners will immediately rebuild. Had the flames got beyond control and leaped across the street the entire business district would have burned.

AUTHORITIES AFTER MADRAS BLACKSMITH

Fred Fine Departs Very Suddenly Leaving Behind Many Alleged Obligations

Fred Fine, well known Madras blacksmith, left very suddenly last Monday night for parts unknown, leaving behind several obligations that should have been paid. They are traveling by auto. The driver of the car, Bert Meland, is also said to be indebted to Madras merchants. When it became known they had left with the intention of seeking greener fields, several of the business men who had been "stung" phoned to the authorities to hold Fine and party at LaPine. They received a message from there stating that said Fine and party had been there, secured a quantity of gasoline on "jaw-bone" and were journeying southward. A message was then forwarded to Lakeview to hold them when they reached there. Fine's home was formerly somewhere in California and it is thought he intends to return there.

MAGNIFICENT SAMPLES OF LATE POTATOES

A. C. Sanford Digs Fifty-four Fair Sized Potatoes From One Hill--Vines Still Green

A. C. Sanford, local real estate dealer, brought some of the finest samples of late potatoes to town Wednesday afternoon that have ever been displayed here. The potatoes were dug on the ranch of Carl McGee, eight miles east of town.

From one of the hills, 54 good sized potatoes were dug, enough to last an ordinary family a week. He also brought in the vines from two hills. They were still green and growing and measured over three feet in length. The recent rains have been a great benefit to the late potato crop; potatoes that would ordinarily have been only an average size have taken another start and will continue to grow until the heavy frost comes to kill the vines.

Harry G. York was over from his ranch at Haycreek Wednesday.

FISHERMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Charley Foote Slips From Boulder at Dangerous Place in the Deschutes River

Charley Foote, one of the popular young clerks at the Central Oregon Mercantile Co., had a narrow escape from death by drowning in the Deschutes river near Mecca last Sunday while on a fishing trip.

The river at the point where the accident happened is quite wide and the intrepid fisherman sought to gain a large boulder in the middle of the stream where he knew there was lots of "big ones." He had reached his vantage point safely and with the first cast hooked a large Dolly Varden, when he lost his balance and slipped off the boulder into the icy water.

Dazed by his cold plunge, and a badly bruised knee, caused by falling on the rocks, the unlucky angler drifted into an eddy and crawled out on the bank to safety. His fishing apparatus including a costly casting rod and reel were lost.

His two companions, A. W. Culp and Lewis Irving, say that had Mr. Foote drifted into mid-stream instead of the eddy, it would have meant certain destruction as the river where the accident happened is white with foam as it dashes against the boulders in the rocky gorge.

T. C. Shankland, insurance adjuster, was in Madras the first of the week settling with J. H. Barkley, for the loss suffered the latter part of last month in the destruction by fire of his store at Gateway. Mr. Barkley says that in all probability he will not resume business again at Gateway.

J. H. Jackson, M. C. Mason, Jerry Crammer and others were out at Metolius Monday afternoon conducting an attachment sale on the property of Malcolm McDonald, a former railroad contractor.