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COME TO OREGON

This issue of THE PIONEER is designed for the purpose of interesting Eastern people who want to learn of the merits of Crook County and the whole of Central Oregon.

On the front page are two half-tone reproductions of the exhibit sent from this county to the Dry-Farming Congress held last month at Colorado Springs, Colo. Among the attractions at this great institution were similar exhibits from all parts of the world. Competent judges were selected to pass on the collection of farm produce raised without irrigation with the result that Madras farmers were awarded 14 first prizes, 15 second prizes, and 3 third prizes.

Crook County in Central Oregon presents more opportunities for the person with moderate means, than any other territory in the west today. With the coming of the two great railway systems into Central Oregon early this spring, hundreds of men and women, seeking homes and land that in a few years would make them independent, came with them.

The old settlers and pioneers, who formerly had to freight their produce great distances, awakened to the fact that the railroads brought the great markets of the world right to their door. Farmers who before only raised enough produce for his own family, or enough livestock or poultry

for his own consumption, has branched out and today the two railroads are hauling trainload after trainload of livestock and produce to the congested districts on the outside.

The first town of any consequence that greets the stranger coming to Central Oregon is Madras. After leaving the Columbia river the train plunges into the Deschutes canyon, which for scenic beauty and grandeur equals the famous Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

In any direction from Madras as far as the eye can see, are the homes of thrifty farmers. Farther away, but less than a day's travel by wagon or automobile, are stretches of pine timber that as yet has been practically untouched by the woodman's axe.

Twelve miles to the east in the district known as Haycreek, vast deposits of coal and lime have been uncovered—the holdings now comprise several thousand acres. The finding of coal also led to the discovery of strong indications of oil which experts declare will soon be found in merchantable quantities.

When James J. Hill was in Portland a couple of years ago, before he commenced building the line that is today making Central Oregon, he said: "I am here in the Pacific Northwest this time to see what we have and what needs to be done. We intend to do all that a great railroad system can do toward developing this vast Central Oregon empire regardless of cost. We are preparing to handle a great deal of traffic, and will soon be in a position to do so. My belief in the future of Central Oregon is best illustrated by the investments I am making through the medium of the Oregon Trunk Line." Nearly \$100,000,000 has already been expended in railroad work to develop Central Oregon.

Madras was here before the railroad, it is true, but what was then, and what is now, are conditions that only the rugged pioneer can tell about. What was formerly a trading post for cattle and sheep men is now a hustling little city, and it has been only a few months—less than year—since it took its place along with towns in other territories that smoldered for years waiting for the man with the "iron horse" to bring it in touch with the schools, colleges and markets on the outside.

Hallowe'en was pretty generally observed by old and young alike in Madras Tuesday night. While the ladies of the Christian church were holding an auction sale of pies the small boy and his older brother were busy hanging tick-tacks on the windows, removing wheels from the farm wagons or stretching wires across the path to trip up the unlucky pedestrian. Occasionally these observances are carried too far, and the result is trouble, either for the perpetrator or the victim. The most serious prank reported thus far came from Tommy McCormack. A crowd of boys made a visit to his zoo sometime during the early morning hours and released a couple of untamed wildcats. Tommy says his loss is insignificant compared with the great destruction one of the cats might inflict on a small child if it should happen they are still roaming at large in the city.

A big stock show will be held at the Portland Union stockyards next March, the dates being 18, 19 and 20. It will take \$6,000 to pay the premiums. Considering there are no entry charges and no gate fees, this is a very liberal prize list. The event is the second annual Pacific Northwest Livestock Show and is strictly educational in character. J. J.

Hill and R. S. Lovett have again consented to act as vice-presidents and M. K. Parsons of Salt Lake City is president. The show next year will be broader in its scope than heretofore, so as to include the breeding classes of cattle, sheep and hogs.

Southern Oregon's coast country has a unique sport found nowhere else in the state. This is hunting wild hogs, the season for which is now beginning. Curry county people go back into the hills some distance from the coast and shoot enough hogs to furnish a season's supply of bacon and hams. The hogs get fat in the Fall of the year on acorns from oak trees in the Curry county forests. They run wild and are common property. The animals are fierce enough to furnish real sport for hunters.

Crater Lake may be included in a big national park, similar to the Yellowstone or Mount Rainier parks. A movement has been started to set aside the lands surrounding the lake in a national reserve and Secretary Fisher of the Interior Department is said to be favorable to the proposal and will incorporate it in his recommendations to the next session of Congress.

Through the efforts of the Bend Commercial Club, says the Bulletin of that town, Game Warden W. L. Finley has alloted 100,000 English brook trout to be planted in the river there. This is pretty good evidence that but few trout escaped a trio of Madras sportsmen named Culp, Irving and Jackson.

Deputy Sheriff Williams who shot and killed Thos. Miller near Opal City last summer while attempting to escape was acquitted by the grand jury in session at Prineville last week.

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