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## WATER BOND ELECTION CARRIED--WORK TO BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY

Jeffery & Bufton, the Portland Firm Who Have the Contract to Install the System Wire That They Will Resume Operations Immediately

### SYSTEM BEST ONE IN CENTRAL OREGON

Necessary Stove Will Be Put in Reservoir in Order to Enable the Work to Continue During Freezing Weather—Twelve Hydrants Will Be Installed Throughout Business District

A special water bond election was held Monday afternoon and was almost unanimously carried. Dissenting ballots were counted out of a total of 65 cast. Ballots were thrown out on account of defects in marking, leaving a count of 50 votes in favor of the bonds.

Immediately after the ballots were counted the result was telegraphed to the J. H. Causey Co., Denver bonding firm, and to Jeffery & Bufton of Portland, who have the contract to install the system. A telegram the next day from the latter firm said that work would commence immediately. The telegram reads as follows:

Portland, Ore., Nov. 21, 1911. Mr. W. Turner, Madras, Oregon. We will commence work immediately. We will hear it carried so well.

Jeffery & Bufton. A telegram received yesterday said that they had ordered material and would ship to this within the next few days. It is said the cold weather would interfere with their work but if necessary to complete

the job with the least possible delay they would cover the reservoir and put in a stove so as to enable them to continue the work without interruption from freezing weather. They will probably employ a force of at least 25 men. Besides the reservoir there is several hundred feet of trenches to be dug for the water mains. The system will cover the entire town and a main will extend to the Oregon Trunk depot.

The mains will be laid in depth sufficient so that there will never be any danger of freezing up even in the coldest weather. Twelve hydrants will be installed at different places throughout the business and residence district. The pressure from the high reservoir will be ample to combat any conflagration that might start.

When completed Madras will have as good, if not better, water system than any other town in Central Oregon. Undoubtedly some provision will be made in the ordinance to enable users to use the water at certain hours of the day for sprinkling their lawns.

### LOCAL BREVITIES

W. Turner and wife spent yesterday at their ranch at Powell.

A. Newbill of Grizzly was business visitor in Madras today.

Milliron and family have returned to their former home at Grizzly.

Van Tassel was in town Monday. Van says his city is growing.

Mary Pitzer of Grizzly was the early part of the week with friends at Madras.

Dee and John Lewis of Grizzly were visitors in Madras yesterday part of the week.

Mrs. Claude G. Ramon and Mrs. Claude G. Ramon are the proud possessors of a new Monday, the 20th.

Orney E. Bergland spent yesterday at Warm Springs attending to business matters.

G. Colliver, postmaster of Madras, was in Madras Wednesday after business matters.

Miss Rice and Jack Church were over from Haycreek Friday evening to attend the minstrel show and dance.

Mrs. Carl Windom and Mrs. Harry Windom were in Saturday afternoon from Grizzly at Culver.

Mr. O'Neill, traveling freight agent of the O. & N., was in town a short time today on business.

George A. Sims of Blizzard made final five year proof of homestead Tuesday before Commissioner at Madras.

Matilda McCrudden and Myrtle Joslyn drove in their homes on upper Haycreek to attend the entertainment Friday evening.

Attorney W. P. Meyers and wife spent Wednesday in Madras.

A. Segal returned from Portland Sunday evening and left Tuesday evening for Bend to look after his interests there.

Word was received Saturday morning by the family of C. McPherson, of Hisler, that Mr. McPherson was not expected to survive but a few days.

Chas. Bye left for Redmond Monday evening where he will have charge of the Oregon Grill during the absence of J. McTaggart, who is with his family in Madras for a few days.

G. V. Stanton has purchased the residence recently vacated by J. W. Dollarhide and has moved it to a lot adjoining the lots owned by Carl McGee. Mr. Stanton will have the house remodeled and I guess we all have a "guess" coming. What?

Geo. Austin, well driller for the Oregon Trunk railroad, was in town today after supplies for his well drilling outfit. Mr. Austin is now engaged in drilling a well at Opal City and says much difficulty is being experienced in caving in. The well is down to a depth of 355 feet now and the drilling is very slow, being through hard basalt rock. As yet there is no indication of water.

J. H. Barkley has been nominated by Portland Local No. 4, Socialist Party, for state commitment. Mr. Barkley is known throughout the northwest as a leader in the socialist ranks and he feels confident the day is not far distant when the socialist party will predominate. When that time comes, he says, if he keeps his health, the crowning achievement of his career will be to occupy the seat now occupied by Gov. West.

### LUMBERMEN AFTER HOMESTEAD LAND

Party of Five Buy Extensive Outfit Here and Leave for Harney County—Likes This Country

A party of five homesteaders from Snohomish, Wash., bought an extensive outfit here last Saturday and left Sunday afternoon for Harney county to look for homesteads. In the party were Jos. McCullough and two sons, W. W. Stoler and Henry House. These gentlemen spent over \$1700 for their outfit.

Mr. McCullough is a prominent citizen of Snohomish, having engaged in the lumber business there for several years and his companions are associated in the business. They purchased two teams of mules and several head of horses besides several hundred dollars worth of provisions. After securing what land they want, Mr. McCullough will go back to Snohomish, close up his business interests and return to Central Oregon.

He made a trip into the Harney county country several months ago and located the land they will file on. Before coming west the party were all farmers in North Dakota. Mr. McCullough says Central Oregon looks better to him than any section he has seen in the west and that many friends of his in Snohomish have their eyes turned in this direction.

### CENTRAL OREGON POTATOES WANTED

Railroads Would Use Them On Dining Cars

### GOOD POTATO COUNTRY

Scheme is Similar to That Adopted by the Northern Pacific to Advertise the Yakima Valley

The fame of Central Oregon potatoes, raised without irrigation, has spread to the outer world and as a result thereof, W. F. Hammer, president of the Madras Commercial Club, is in receipt of a communication from W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Puyallup Fruit Growers' Association, asking him to supply Central Oregon potatoes, delivered at Portland in carload lots.

The scheme is not a new one by any means. For several years the Northern Pacific railroad company, the steamboats on Puget Sound and boats plying between Seattle and California ports, have advertised on their menu cards, the famous Yakima Valley potatoes. These potatoes are charged the consumer 10 cents each. The result is that North Yakima and the entire valley which bears that name has received advertising worth thousands of dollars to them and the farmer who raised the big potatoes got his share of the profit from the sale of his goods.

The potatoes wanted by the railway company must weigh not less than a pound and three quarters. These potatoes are used exclusively by them in their dining car service. For instance, if a carload of large, smooth-skinned potatoes were shipped from here to Portland, the same potatoes might be served to some one who was traveling on the Hill or Harriman lines in the extreme eastern part of the United States. The person who was lucky enough to get one of these big potatoes would know they came from Central Oregon, and were raised without irrigation, because such information would be printed in big black letters on the menu card.

There is no better place in the world to raise potatoes than Crook county in Central Oregon. The writer has lived in the Yakima valley for a number of years, and even with all their irrigation they cannot produce potatoes superior to what has been grown here this season, and the ranchers declare this year to be the poorest one they have ever experienced.

Mr. Hammer has an ad in another column of the paper outlining the conditions the farmer must comply with. It isn't likely that any farmer in this vicinity raised a carload of potatoes of the required weight, this year, but it should be no trouble for several farmers to go together and ship a few carloads. Anyone desirous of further information should see Mr. Hammer.

Mrs. Isa E. B. Crosby has added a small line of jewelry, holiday novelties and optical goods to her line of millinery and if the venture proves profitable she will probably put in a complete stock of jewelry and silverware, with an experienced jeweler in charge. Mrs. Crosby is an excellent business woman and her many friends wish her success.

### GREEK VS. GREEK IN DEPERATE BATTLE

Message Received in Madras Calling For Armed Deputies to Quell Supposed Riot in Railroad Camp

A small riot in a Greek camp of laborers in the railroad yards at Metolius last Monday caused considerable excitement and for a time threatened to spread to the other camp.

In fear of a general uprising, messages were sent out to neighboring towns for deputies to quell any demonstration that might overreach the strength of the Metolius police force. No armed deputies went from here but an automobile loaded with adventurers journeyed there to satisfy a morbid curiosity of how they carry the dead from the field and bandage up the injured.

In this the adventure seekers were disappointed. The riot proved nothing more than an ordinary fight, in which the complaining witness, Gust Revallitus, was knocked down with a club, his cheek bone splintered and was kicked several times in the ribs and stomach. He was taken to the doctor's office where his wounds were dressed.

It could not be learned what started the melee, but it was said that the assailant is known among his countrymen as a bad man and that shortly after the fight he disappeared and could not be found. It is said he is wanted at other places for crimes of a more serious nature. His name could not be learned. A warrant for his arrest was procured and placed in the hands of Sheriff Balfour.

Mrs. J. E. Dean and daughter returned Wednesday from Haycreek where they have been visiting with friends for several days. Mrs. Dean says that several farmers of that district are planning to join the Madras Dramatic Club and have sent in their names. The club is not an exclusive order and the fact that residents of the farming districts are taking an interest in the work is very gratifying. Anyone wishing to become a member should send in their name to Mrs. Dean or give it to any member and it will be acted on accordingly.

### PRIZE CUP FOR OREGON

The Great Northern Offers Fifty Dollar Silver Trophy Cup for Best Display at St. Paul Land Show

Another cup has been put up by the Great Northern Railway for competition at the great Land Show to be held in St. Paul December 12 to 23, 1911. This trophy cup will be a handsome silver cup and can be won by any county, commercial club or individual in the big State of Oregon.

The county, commercial club or individual which makes the most attractive exhibit of Oregon's grains, grasses or fruits will win this cup. Perhaps you are going to exhibit as an individual, and if not, probably you will exhibit through your commercial club's or county's exhibit. In any case, even if you are going to exhibit individually and also through either your county or commercial clubs exhibit, you should do everything in your power to assist in gathering the best farm products in your section. Help boost. Try to win this cup for yourself and your section. Considering the fine condition of Oregon's crops this year, and the splendid showing Oregon's exhibits are making everywhere at

### MASQUERADE DANCE THANKSGIVING NIGHT

Anticipated That Big Crowd Will Attend

### VALUABLE PRIZES GIVEN

Grand March to Take Place at 8:30—Event Looked Forward to With Much Interest

The masquerade dance to be given Thanksgiving night at Sarford's hall by the Madras Dramatic Club is being looked forward to with great interest and the biggest crowd of the season is anticipated.

It was announced after the minstrel show last Friday night to have the dance on Wednesday night, but this has since been changed to Thanksgiving night. The change was made especially for the many country people who are planning to attend. A dance on Wednesday night would make it doubly hard on the women who had to drive home and prepare a Thanksgiving dinner the next day, while to have the dance after the dinner on Thursday, the ladies would have nothing to worry about.

The Madras orchestra of three pieces has been engaged and all who attend are assured of excellent music. An efficient corps of floor managers will have charge of the dance and any strangers will receive their special attention.

Four prizes will be given away as follows:

Best sustained character (gentleman)—Your pick of any hat in the store, given by the Central Oregon Mercantile Co.

Best sustained character (lady)—Sack of Madras Flour, given by Madras Flour Mill Co.

Best lady waltzer—Bottle of perfume, given by Red Cross Drug Co.

Best gentleman waltzer—Shaving set, given by W. F. Hammer Co.

Another feature of the dance is the excellent lunch to be served at midnight at McTaggart's hotel.

The grand march will take place promptly at 8:30. No limit has been placed on the time when the dance will close. Don't forget the date, and don't forget to come.

