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DOUBLE SHOW FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Considerable Courtship"
and "Dressing Gown"

THE CROWD ANTICIPATED

Entertainment This Year—Both
Are Cures For the Blues—
Singing is Feature

Madras theatre-goers are anxious with expectancy for the show to raise next Monday night on the two comedies, of which each, to be given by the Dramatic Club. The big show is by far the most elaborate yet presented and the last one until after the year.

Of the plays, "A Considerable Courtship," and "The Dressing Gown," are cures for the blues, and the biggest crowd of the season is expected at San Francisco hall on next Monday. The expected complications concerning arising during the entertainment keeps the audience in a matured mood. In "A Considerable Courtship," the stage is arranged to represent a boarding house, and the landlady and daughter keep the fun bubbling all the time while making a rich tourist and his son stay at the boarding house during the summer.

"The Dressing Gown" is still the scene, and the fun begins with Mrs. Peabody presents her daughter with a dressing gown of yards too long. In making the alteration every member of the family slices off a piece to the required length with the result that the gown is entirely cut away, leaving Miss Peabody with a garment too short.

Between the two comedies several vocal and instrumental numbers have been arranged, including singing by Mrs. Grace Norwood, Mrs. Ben Ashley, A. F. Hart and Dick Anderson, a duet by Roscoe Crosby and McTaggart and singing by a quartette.

Mr. Crawford who appeared in minstrels about a month ago has promised a selection on Monday with singing accompaniment. He is the one best bet for it comes to entertaining in a variety work and could sing a variety of prescriptions and make a variety.

There will be dancing after the show. These entertainments are growing popular and each one brings more people from nearby places. Metolius has promised a delegation Monday night and a number from Hay-Lamonta, Grizzly and The Pioneer will be present.

WAGON ROAD ACROSS DESCHUTES

Farming District Will Be Tapped
Two Large Camps With 40
Men Now At Work

It was started last week a large force of men to construct a wagon road across the Deschutes river and tap the rich farming land that has hitherto been practically isolated because of impossibility to get across

the Deschutes canyon. The people of the district that comes under the new road formerly had to drive a distance of about 50 miles out of their way to get to market. With the road across the river they are within easy driving distance from the town of Culver, which will be the nearest town of any consequence.

There are two large camps now established with about 40 men at work. L. H. Powell of Culver has taken the contract and has laid in a large amount of supplies. The road from Culver to the Cove hill will also be enlarged. Road Supervisor Jacob Quiberg has a force of men at work now making this improvement.

Some time ago a petition was circulated and presented to the County Court for approval. The petition was allowed but operations were not commenced until last week. It is also understood that a bridge will be built across the Deschutes.

HOMESTEADERS WAIT FOR NEW RAILROAD

H. Kersten Returns From Prosperous
Silver Lake District—Big Rush
Expected in Spring

H. Kersten returned last Saturday from a trip to his homestead near Silver Lake in the southern part of the state. Mr. Kersten is greatly pleased at the prosperous condition of that district and predicts that after spring opens there will be a bigger rush than ever before into that country by people looking for homestead land. The all absorbing question with the homesteaders now is the talk of a railroad through that part of the state in the near future. Ever since it was learned that the line from Vale to Burns and eventually to connect with Bend on the north and the Southern Pacific on the west, was going to be built, the present land owners are feeling greatly encouraged, and with a market in sight for their products, development will proceed rapidly. Mr. Kersten has a choice homestead and declared his intention of putting the greater part of it under cultivation the coming season.

CATCHY ADVERTISING ATTRACTS ATTENTION

W. F. Hammer Co., Adopt Novel Plan
to Interest the Public Who Are
Watching Eagerly

Catchy advertising is something that every merchant is striving to furnish, but the most novel scheme that has come to our attention in a long time is the one now being carried on at W. F. Hammer's store. They have placed three of their best stoves on exhibition including a fine \$50 steel range; a coal burning heater worth \$27; and an air-tight heater worth \$4. The methods employed to sell these stoves, and it never fails, is as follows: The steel range will be reduced \$1 each day, the coal heater 50 cents each day and the small wood heater 25 cents each day until sold. Already several points have dropped off the original price and by the end of another week the price will be way below cost. This state of affairs is liable to last for two weeks and the persons who get the stoves will secure them at ridiculously low prices. The daily reductions are being watched with interest.

William J. Smith made final five year proof on his homestead before Commissioner Turner Monday. Mr. Smith has resided almost continuously on his place during the past seven years.

MADRAS TERMINUS FOR PRINEVILLE ROAD

Engineers at Work Re-
veal Proposed Route

WILL USE GASOLINE CARS

New Road Will Connect Madras With
Rich Farming District—Right of
Way Partially Secured

Notwithstanding that the proposed Prineville railroad has been shrouded in mystery, and every avenue of information sealed up tight, the news leaked out this week, and it comes from a reliable source, that Madras will be the terminus of the new road. It is also known that the road will use gasoline cars, the same as are used on several of the Harriman lines throughout the state of Washington.

The first of the week three engineers arrived at Madras and a few hours later they climbed into an awaiting automobile and speeded off in the direction of Prineville on Willow Creek canyon, the natural outlet for all that vast area of rich farming land that is just now attracting the attention of the world because of the recognition it received at the Colorado Springs Dry Farming Congress, when Tillman Reuter and associates brought home 34 prizes in competition against other producing sections.

The greatest mystery attached to the whole proceeding is the question of who is back of the enterprise. Those who claim to know say that Portland capitalists with the aid of local people will finance the deal, while others are confident that local capital only, with the possible exception of one or two Prineville individuals, will furnish the necessary bank specie to finance the deal.

It is also understood that more than half of the right of way has already been secured and that when one or two obstructions are removed at this end of the line, work will be pushed along at a rapid pace. It is hoped that more definite news will be given out by the parties interested in time for publication next week.

J. N. Davis and Howard Crawford, auditors of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., were here Tuesday checking up the local yard. From here they went to Metolius and other of their yards in Central Oregon.

Roy Newell passed through Madras Friday on his way home from the work on the county roads in the southern part of the county where he has had charge of some of the work.

The friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Don P. Rea are offering congratulations over the arrival of an eight pound daughter in their family December 6th.

Mrs. J. W. Baker passed through Madras Monday morning on her way to Portland to be present at an operation to be performed on her son Charles for appendicitis.

Simon P. Burgess and sister, school teachers in the Culver and Opal Prairie sections, were in Madras Saturday calling on friends.

S. O. Herman and wife have moved into their home, recently built in the Gray addition, this last week.

Born to the wife of Ralph Pec k Friday of last week a daughter.

EXPECT MATERIAL HERE NEXT WEEK

Contractors Inform That
Order Has Been Placed

FIRE PROTECTION TALKED

Council Appoints Committee to Look
Into Matter of Purchasing Hose
and Ladders

Work on the water system will commence next week according to a letter received a few days ago from Jeffery & Bufton, the contractors. Following is the letter.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12, 1911.

Mr. H. W. Turner,

Mayor, Madras, Oregon.
Dear Sir:—We beg to advise you that we are placing the order today for the pipe and other material for the water-works in your city, and hope to have the material delivered and be on the ground sometime next week with a crew of men and rush the work along as fast as we can push it.

JEFFERY & BUFTON.

This is welcome news and means that the system will be complete about the first of February. The Oregon Trunk have agreed to use city water and a main will be extended to the depot and stock yards.

The matter of buying fire fighting apparatus was taken up at the council meeting Tuesday night and a committee appointed to look into the matter. Plenty of hose and ladders are all that is necessary at this time to give the town ample protection. It will also be necessary to build a tower so that the hose can be properly cared for after it has been used.

MADRAS TEACHER IS COMPLIMENTED

Miss Ethel Klann, Secretary-Elect
of the New C. E. Organization,
Praised For Paper Read

Miss Ethel Klann, teacher in the Madras public school, was complimented by one of the Portland daily papers on her paper, "How to Arouse Interest at Home," which she read before the Christian Endeavor Convention held at Redmond last month. Miss Klann is a graduate of the training department of the Prineville high school and has many young friends throughout the county who will read of her success with genuine pleasure.

The meeting held to perfect a permanent county C. E. Union was entirely successful. Delegates from all over the county were present and assisted in carrying out the program. C. E. Powell of Vanora was elected president for the coming year. The next convention will be held at Metolius in 1912.

FLAMES THREATEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Volunteers With Chemical Engine Do
Excellent Work in Subduing Blaze
—Fully Covered by Insurance

Spontaneous combustion, caused by painters leaving some oil soaked rags in the Christian church where they were working

last Saturday started a blaze that did about \$200 damage and but for quick work on the part of volunteers would have destroyed the edifice.

The Sunday school children had prepared a program for that evening and the decorators were at work in the afternoon fixing the church up for the occasion. After going over the fresh varnished wood, they left their rags, soaked with the combustible liquid, on a pile of wood in the front of the church. A fire had been started in the afternoon in the stove to heat the building for the evening's entertainment and the warmth in the room caused the rags to ignite.

The alarm was sounded about 7 o'clock by Gillis Dizney, and a few minutes later the chemical engine had been dragged to the scene and did excellent work in subduing the blaze. The flames were slowly eating their way to the roof and a few minutes delay in reaching the burning structure would have meant total destruction.

The damage was fully covered by insurance and work of repairing will start immediately.

J. L. CAMPBELL SUCCEEDS COUNCILMAN ROBINSON

Latter Hands in His Resignation At
Meeting—Matter of Securing Fire
Fighting Apparatus Discussed

J. C. Robinson handed in his resignation as councilman last Tuesday and was accepted. The resignation took effect immediately and the vacancy was filled by J. L. Campbell, a candidate for the place at the last election. Mr. Robinson gave business reasons as the cause of his resignation, saying that after the first of the year his business would keep him away from the city almost continually and for that reason felt it his duty to step out and give the job to someone who would be more closely affiliated with the city's affairs.

Other important business before the meeting was a discussion of means to secure fire fighting apparatus to be ready for use when the water is turned on in the mains shortly after the first of the year. The matter was discussed several months ago, but because of the delay in installing the system as soon as expected it was dropped. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

George Windom and wife were down from their ranch at Culver Saturday doing some Xmas shopping.

Charles Ortman and son Willie expect to leave tomorrow for Spokane to spend some time during the winter.

Edward Patterson came over from Ashwood Friday of last week and made a filing on a homestead in that vicinity.

Charles Lippe and his mother came over from their home five miles east of Haycreek Tuesday to purchase winter supplies.

W. J. Buckley, one of the proprietors of the Buckley Express company, was in Madras Friday looking after matters in Judge Jackson's court.

Frank Loveland, returned to this vicinity last evening after spending several months in southern California, at San Diego. Mr. Loveland states that his family are very much improved in health, and from his own looks the climate must have agreed with him.

FARMERS AND SOIL BEAT THE WORLD

Text of 50,000 Circulars
Just Issued

TILLMAN REUTER LAUDED

What Has Been Done by Him Can Be
Done by Others—Madras Receiving
Abundance of Advertising

"Central Oregon's volcanic ash soil and her skillful 'dry farmers' have again beaten the world. At Spokane in 1910, at the Dry Farming Congress, Tillman Reuter of Madras, Central Oregon, exhibited 23 varieties of grain, grasses and root crops and won 18 prizes. This year at Colorado Springs, at the Dry Farming Congress, he won 23 prizes—9 firsts, 12 seconds and 2 thirds. His sister, also a homesteader, won three prizes—two firsts and one second.

"The Madras Commercial Club had an exhibit at the Dry Farming Congress and won four prizes—two firsts, one second and one third. Haycreek, Central Oregon, won a second prize, and Prineville, the pretty county seat of Crook county (the county from which all the prize winning products came) pulled down a second prize."

The above two paragraphs are extracts from a batch of 50,000 circulars just printed and being distributed throughout the east and middle west by the Great Northern Railway Co. The circular is almost entirely devoted to the splendid exhibit made by Tillman Reuter at the last Dry Farming Congress. On one side of the circular is a photograph of Mr. Reuter's exhibit and on the other is a photograph of the Madras Commercial Club exhibit, just as they appeared in the Pioneer on Mr. Reuter's return from Colorado Springs.

Another paragraph of the circular says: "Without wishing to detract in any way from Mr. Reuter's skill and judgment, nor from the farming ability of any of the prize winners at the Dry Farming Congress, the fact remains that it is not impossible for any first class man to duplicate their performances."

Other Crook county farmers mentioned in the circular are A. Monner and Walter Arney of Madras; G. A. Kibbe of Haycreek, and P. H. LaFollette of Prineville.

Hundreds of other farmers throughout Crook county raised just as good produce as the above gentlemen and no doubt would have received prizes if they had displayed their produce. The advertising received by Madras and Crook county through the efforts of the farmers mentioned in the circular has been worth thousands of dollars. The circulars have been distributed in eastern districts where they will do the most good and will undoubtedly result in turning the attention of hundreds of farmers in the congested and high priced land areas of the east and middle west to the dry land farms of Sunny Central Oregon.

Thomas M. Burlen, who left this section a few months since for a visit with friends and relatives in his old home state, Missouri, returned to Madras Friday evening. Tom said that he had a grand old time but things in Oregon looked good to him.