W. R. & N. ROAD HIRES SOIL EXPERT

of New Official Are to Visit ns and Advise Growers in Upbuilding Territory

L. Smith, a farmer of many experience, last week was nted agriculturist for the R. & N. Company, a posi- st created.

Smith, who is a resident kane, will assume his new at once, and will establish and headquarters in the Fargo building in Portland. expected to pass much of me in traveling over the ory served by the road, for rpose of getting into direct with the farmers and ng their needs. His work e under the direction of the department.

Smith has devoted much life to the development of lture in the Northwest. st activities were in Min- and in the vicinity of St. nd Minneapolis. About ten ago he was engaged to de- their dairy interests in the nette valley. He has en- extensively in farming his roperties and recently was ed to assist farmers in work in several commun- f Western Washington. He in Portland last week rranged with O.-W. R. & cials to take the new po-

ials of the railroad com- xpect Mr. Smith to co-op- with the agricultural col- n their territory and to do e can to improve agricul- conditions generally hout the Northwest. He vote particular attention encouragement of diversi- rming, to grasses, grains vestock raising. He will meetings of farmers' or- ions and endeavor to learn hand the various problems ing themselves to the s. It is his intention also t upon the farms, visit e farmers and help them actual work if necessary what can be done to im- he general farming condi- d make the farms more tive. He will be associat- the demonstration trains e company will send out future, and is detailed to active and useful

ces at the M. E. church day morning at 11 subject, "Life's Book." service at 8 o'clock, sub- emas a Character Study." o'clock the same night Night Service" will be Rev. John J. Pacey, pas- ll are welcome.

o hotel, considered one of the most popular resorts for people on their way to Madras and Central Oregon, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. The fire is said to have started in the cold-storage building belonging to the hotel, which was located within two feet of the main building. Within an hour the hotel was a total loss, estimated at $12,000. There is said to have been about $3500 insurance on the building held by the Condon National Bank. During the excitement attending the fire, a thief entered the Columbia Southern hotel and robbed the cash register of $45. This is the third disastrous fire in Shaniko within the past year and is thought to be the work of incendiaries.

Abstract Report

Of instruments filed in the office of Recorder of Deeds. Issued by Crook County Abstract company, inc., Prineville, Oregon, December 4 to 23, inclusive.

DEEDS

J. N. Elliott to Emil Mosier; s½sw¼ sec. 19-10-13, s½nw¼ sec. 22 and s½nw¼, e½ne¼ sec. 16-11-14, $1.

H. N. Lawrie et al to First Christian Church, Culver; lot 1, blk.1, Culver, $1.

Hester P. Davis to Hugh R. Davis; se¼ sec. 22-9-13, $1.

H. A. Kaeppler to Josephine Korinek; lots 31, 32, blk. 6, Gateway, $1.

H. N. Lawrie et al to D. M. Smith et al; lots 15, 16, blk. 30, Culver, Con. $405.

Madras Townsite Co. to Inland Empire Co.; numerous lots in the town of Madras, $10.

Samuel E. Gray et ux to G. V. Stanton; lot 2, blk. 6, Depot add., Madras, $80.

Madras Townsite Co. to Madras Gateway Hotel Co.; lots 4, 5, blk. 3; lots 13, 14, blk. 9; lots 3, 4, blk. 10; lot 1, blk. 11; lots 13, 14, blk. 35; lots 1, 2, blk. 36 and lots 6, 7, 8, "Tract S," Palmain, $3500.

Milton G. Pillette et ux to Freda Culp; lots 4, 5, blk. 6, Depot add., Madras, $350.

J. H. Lockard to M. E. Snook; tract 50x100 feet, lying south of blk. 32, Palmain, $325.

M. E. Snook to J. H. Lockard; one-half int, in tract lying south of blk. 32, Palmain, $200.

J. H. Lockard et al to the public; strip for streets, Palmain.

Max Lueddemann to Manford Dickerson; lot 1, blk. 1, Ashwood, $1.

Bond for deed.—Fred A. Fulgnam to John R. Cook; lot 12, blk. 30, Culver, $750.

H. N. Lawrie et al to Wm. Boegli; lots 7, 8, blk. 17, Culver, $315.

H. N. Lawrie et al to Lew E. Wallace; lot 12, blk. 21, Culver, $200.

PATENTS FROM U. S.

Louis A. Young; w½se¼, e½sw¼, sec. 20-10-14.

Hester P. Davis; se¼, sec. 22-9-13.

Maud C. McDonald; se¼, sec. 29-19-13.

Emil Zemke; se¼, sec. 31-11-13.

Louis Falkenhagen; s½nw¼, n½sw¼, sec. 34-10-13.

Seth S. Crawford; n½sw¼, se¼sw¼, sec. 27, ne¼nw¼, sec. 34-13-13.

William N. Farrell; se¼ne¼, ne¼se¼, sec. 32, sw¼nw¼, nw¼sw¼, sec. 33-9-14.

Lily M. Hinton; n½se¼, s½ne¼, sec. 33-11-13.

John Green; sw¼, sec. 13-13-13.

Edward E. Echelberger; s½ne¼, ne¼se¼, sec. 22, nw¼sw¼, sec. 23-10-14.

George M. Gould; sw¼, sec. 2-10-13.

Margaret J. Bachmann; s½nw¼, nw¼ [illegible] sec. 11-[illegible]-14.

CERTIFICATES OF PATENT

Winsted J. Stebbins; w½nw¼, w½sw¼, sec. 32-10-14.

Pauline Jackson; lot 2, se¼nw¼, s½ne¼, sec. 7-12-15.

John O. Wolf; n½se¼, sw¼se¼, sec. 30-13-13.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assignment of personal property for creditors, by H. O. Wilson.

CHRISTMAS SERMON BY BISHOP PADDOCK

Noted Divine Takes His Audience With Him to Bethlehem Where the Christ Child Was Born

Bishop Paddock, in charge of the Eastern Oregon division of the Episcopal church, delivered an excellent Christmas sermon at the Christian church last Sunday morning. On account of the short notice given announcing his coming, only a small audience was present.

The bishop told the sweet old story of the birth of Christ, carrying his hearers with him on his trip through the Holy Land and right to the very place where the babe of Bethlehem, "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," was found over nineteen hundred years ago. He described in detail the church and the steps leading down to the basement where the manger is located. He also related many other interesting and instructive incidents of his journey in the far east.

Bishop Paddock is probably better known than any other divine in the state. For several years it has been his duty to visit, as often as possible, every postoffice and town in Central Oregon and during that time many a lonesome trading post, far from civilization, has been brightened by these visits. His friends are numbered by those who have had the pleasure of listening to one of his delightful sermons.

LONG MOTOR TRIP WITHOUT MISHAP

R. P. Shire Returned Last Week From 1500 Mile Journey Through Northern California and Nevada

R. P. Shire, local automobile man, returned last week from a 1500 mile trip through Southern Oregon, Northern California and a portion of Nevada, making the entire journey without a puncture or mishap of any kind, barring a slight break just out of Bend on the return trip. He had with him as passengers, three traveling men representing a Portland firm. Mr. Shire said on his return that with one or two exceptions he found the roads in excellent condition, the only bad being in the mountains or in the extreme low lands. At Fort Bidwell, in California, while motoring in the mountains on top of the frozen snow, the crust gave way letting them down into four feet of snow.

The men whom he had with him were pleased with the service given and signed a contract to take them out on a three month's trip next May. Their 1912 tour covers parts of Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada. Mr. Shire's machine is a Stoddard-Dayton.