

THE MADRAS PIONEER

MADRAS, CROOK COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1912.

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COMMISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED

Consist of Three Disinterested Persons

LOCATION CHANGED

Application of Martin Phillips to Change Location of Saloon License Granted

Monday evening, the 24th, the city council met at an adjourned session, all of the members present and much business was disposed of. The first application for a saloon license was that of Martin Phillips to change the location of his license, that had been in the table since the last session, was taken up and after consideration by the council it was voted that he be allowed to change his location to the Oregon Trunk near the Loucks building.

The proposition of the change in location of the new city hall has been talked of among the council members prior to the meeting. A resolution was passed by the committee on public buildings to meet at Prineville, February 5th, which is the date of the adjourned term of the county court, to decide whether an election will be held on the question of bonding the county.

It is also the pleasure of the council to have the different communities settle as to what side roads they desire, so that the bond issue, if carried, can be made to carry it. They also desire to have some way provided as to who shall expend this money.

Matter of a water commission was discussed, and a resolution was presented and that an ordinance be presented at the next meeting of the city council to have a water commission for the purpose of having charge of the water system after being established by the contractors. The idea of the council to have three persons outside of the city act in conjunction with the present water committee, to have full charge of all matters pertaining to the water system.

Next meeting of the council is January 31st, to which adjournment was taken.

100,000 FIRE AT PRINEVILLE

Business Houses Destroyed by Fire Started in Restaurant of Charles Prezt

City of Prineville had an disastrous fire Monday night which destroyed several buildings in the central part of the town. The origin of the fire was in the restaurant of Chas. Prezt discovered about 2 a. m. The fire gained such headway that the general business houses adjacent were destroyed before the fire could be checked. The places of business were destroyed on the main business street and those who suffered were G. M. Cornett, owner of the buildings destroyed, L. Kamstar, jeweler, J. P. Crocius, saloon, Charles Prezt, restaurant, and A. W. Confectionery. The total loss is about \$25,000.00.

Ed Cook and family of Innes are visiting friends in this locality. W. Weaver of Bend is in the city several days this week on his way to Madras.

PETITION PRESENTED TO COUNTY COURT

Would Bond the County to Build More and Better Roads—Outcome of State Good Roads Movement

The county court has been petitioned by many residents of the county to consider the matter of bonding the county for the purpose of constructing better roads, and more particularly a main north and south road to connect with similar roads in the counties adjoining, the idea being to have a direct road reaching from the Columbia river to the California line, built and maintained by the counties through which it passes.

The petition is partly the outcome of the efforts of the State Good Roads Movement, and it is thought that a bond issue would be the most satisfactory means of financing the undertaking, and to have the roads run for twenty years.

It is also further proposed in the petition that numerous feeders or short pieces of road be built to connect with this road in directions east and west from the main road at the same time. In this many sections of the county will be interested.

In a conversation with the county judge a few days since, it was learned that the county court desired to have the people say whether this should be done and had accordingly called a meeting of representatives of different sections of the county to meet at Prineville, February 5th, which is the date of the adjourned term of the county court, to decide whether an election will be held on the question of bonding the county.

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SPRING COLONIST PERIOD EXTENDED

Transcontinental Passenger Association Extends Time From 30 to 46 Days—March 1 to April 15

Owing to the unusual preliminary demands from homeseekers for information on the northwest, the transcontinental railroads will extend the Spring colonist period over a period of 46 days this year instead of 30 days as formerly.

The Transcontinental Passenger Association, in session at Chicago a few days ago, decided to grant the extra length of time to accommodate the heavy volume of business sure to result from the persistent publicity campaign conducted by the railroads and the various communities of the Northwest.

The one-way rates to Portland and other points in the Northwest that may apply from March 1 to April 15, inclusive, on all roads operating to the Pacific Coast will be:

From Chicago, \$33; from St. Louis, \$31; from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph and Missouri river common points, \$25, with correspondingly low rates from points east of Chicago.

Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, one of Oregon's most enthusiastic supporters, worked for the 46-day rate.

He has expressed a desire to bring a party New York and St. Paul friends to Portland for the Rose Festival.

This office is in receipt of one of the first issues of the Terrebonne Oregonian. The sheet is certainly well gotten up and looks like business. We wish Editor Johnson all the luck possible in his new field of labors.

DISASTROUS FIRE FOR THE O. T. CO.

Building and Contents a Total Loss

WAS PARTLY INSURED

The Origin of the Fire is Not Known, but Thought to Be From Air Tight Stove

Last evening about 5 p. m. fire was discovered to be burning in the building owned and occupied by the Owen Trading Company, located in the Depot Addition to Madras, and, soon consumed the building and contents.

At the time of discovery, the wind was blowing a terrific gale from the south endangering the residence of Otto Northy's, but men were stationed near there with a chemical engine as well as near other buildings in the vicinity of the fire and with the wind favorable the residence of Mr. Owen was also saved by being kept wet.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the fire apparatus to the fire, owing to the heavy condition of the roads, however, through the aid of horses, the fire company made good time under the circumstances, but were too late to be of much assistance at the fire only to keep other buildings from being destroyed.

The origin of the fire is not known, but Mr. Owen thinks that it may have started from an air-tight stove that he had built a fire in not long before the fire was discovered, and had closed it up before going out. The loss is estimated at about \$2500.00, which is partly covered by insurance.

Holland Colony Coming

Guy Dyk and J. Vander Wal, of Lynden, Washington, have been in Madras and vicinity a couple of days, looking after a location for a large colony of settlers, of Holland descent.

These gentlemen represent from twenty-five to thirty families who desire to locate on government land in one body, or else buy deeded land providing that they can get what they desire in one tract. They have been out on the Agency Plains and in the sections near Haycreek, but as yet have not found a large enough tract to accommodate the settlement.

TITLE MADE EASY ON PUBLIC LANDS

Measure to Allow Homesteaders to Work Elsewhere Half of Time. Will Pass Senate

By a unanimous vote, says the Oregonian of the 24th, the Senate committee on public lands combined and favorably reported the Borah three-year homestead bill and the Jones bill granting homesteaders six months' leave of absence in each year of residence.

As the bill is reported, homesteaders, after the first six months of continuous residence upon their land, will be entitled to leave their homestead for six months in each succeeding year, the time when absent to be counted as part of the three years' residence required by law. Thus, the homesteader will be able to get title after cultivating his land for three successive summers, and will be permitted to be away from his land each winter to earn money elsewhere.

The committee was unanimous in reporting the bill and it will be called up and unquestionably will pass the Senate at an early day. This combined bill is in direct line with the reform urged by Senator Borah in his speech last week. So effective was that speech that many eastern Senators stand ready to vote for the measure, which is framed to facilitate the acquirement of title by homesteaders. It is believed that the bill will pass without opposition.

The bill applies to enlarged homesteads, as well as to 160-acre entries.

Three New Families Moved in Town This Week

Several families of late have moved into Madras to make their future home, principally men that are employed on the railroad in different capacities. Yesterday three families came in and secured places to reside for several months that employment will be had for the men at the tunnels, six and seven on the Oregon Trunk Road, located about three miles west of Madras. The railroad men regularly employed are Conductor F. H. Crosby, who has the Boyce place rented, E. R. O'Brien the Tucker cottage, and W. H. Wheeler, the Dixon house, and, has employment as an electrician for the firm of Henry & McFee.

John Lewis of Grizzly was in town the latter part of the week attending to business matters.

BOOKS FOR REGISTRATION RECEIVED

J. H. Jackson Will Register For Madras Precinct and D. W. Barnett For Kutcher Precinct

The registration books for the year 1912 have been received for Kutcher and Madras precincts, and will be in the hands of D. W. Barnett for Kutcher precinct, and J. H. Jackson will register for Madras precinct.

The county clerk has instructed the persons who have charge of the registering that every "foreigner" must show his citizen papers at the time of registering, and that he is not entitled to vote until the expiration of one year after declaring his intention to become a citizen.

For the further information of the legal voters will say that: The last day to file petitions for nomination is April 3d.

Last day for registering for primary election is April 9th.

Primary election, April 19th.

Polls open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Last day for candidates to file statement of expenditures, May 4th.

All candidates must file their declaration before circulating petitions, and all candidates elected must file their acceptance with certificate of nomination.

GENERAL ELECTION

Opening of registration, April 24th.

Close of registration, May 15th.

Opening of registration, June 4th.

Last day to file local option petitions, Oct. 5th.

Last day to file certificate of nomination by political party or assembly, Oct. 5th.

Last day to file certificate of nomination by individual electors, Oct. 19th.

Last day to register, Oct. 20th.

General election, Nov. 5th.

Polls open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures.

All candidates must file acceptance with certificate of nomination.

STATE ENGINEER RECOMMENDS WATER

Recommends that Surplus Water from Deschutes River Be Used On Agency Plains

An extension of time on the 75,000-acre Benham Falls contract, a portion of the 240,000-acre Central Oregon Irrigation Company project, will not be granted if the recommendations of State Engineer Lewis to the Desert Land Board are approved.

This matter is considered as entirely separate from the North Canal contract which has been the bone of contention in recent negotiations.

If the Benham Falls contract is approved, it is asserted from the office of the State Engineer, storage in the Crane Prairie reservoir site may defeat the construction of the larger and what is considered the more logical reservoir on the main stream.

The proposed dam will be just above Benham Falls and can hold back the entire flow amounting in 1909 to 1,200,000-acre feet, or enough to reclaim more than the present segregated area.

The State Engineer is now co-operating with the United States Geological Survey on a comprehensive plan for the highest development of all the waters of the Deschutes River.

The State Engineer says that every drop of water available at Bend should be diverted or stored for irrigation purposes. He says there are enough power sites on the upper tributaries and the lower river more than to supply all future demands, and that to hinder or complicate irrigation development at the only possible diversion is to limit the future development of this section. This surplus water from this

MADRAS WILL SOON HAVE WATER SYSTEM

Trenches Are About All Completed

PIPE LAYING COMMENCED

Reservoir and Pumping Plant Well Under Way—Contractors to Complete System in 20 Days

The work on the new water system for the city of Madras is progressing rapidly under the direction of Mr. Jeffery, of the contracting firm of Jeffery & Bufton.

They have met with many delays, however, owing to their not being able to get material and supplies shipped out of Portland, and the blockades of the railroads have kept the material from arriving on the ground as soon as it should.

The work of digging the trenches is all completed with the exception of the roadways, and the laying of the pipe was started yesterday by Mr. Johnson, the man sent out by the Portland Wood Pipe Co. to superintend the work. It will not take many days to lay the pipe and by the time that is laid the engine and pump house will be completed and connections made to the pump so that the contractors may pump the water up to the reservoir for use in the concrete work on it.

A few changes in the location of mains has been made since the work commenced, to accommodate a greater number of patrons at the beginning, and not to cost the city more than on the original contract. One important change being in the east part of the town so that more fire plugs will be nearer the business district.

The work on the reservoir has progressed as far as possible until the arrival of more material, the roof having been built up from the ground so that if the weather should get cold at the time the concrete is being placed in the forms, that canvas may be placed around it and the temperature kept from the freezing point. The plan of the reservoir at the present time being 45 feet square and twelve feet deep, with a dividing wall in the center, so that it will not be necessary for the town to be entirely without fire protection, while one side is being repaired or cleaned out.

The completion of the system is promised by the contractors to be within the next twenty days, if they are not delayed in getting the proper fittings under the contract. One thing that will hold them back is the hydrants, which have been ordered from the east, they being a different style than the ones at first planned to be used. There will be twelve of them and be stationed in different parts of the town to afford the greatest fire protection to the present buildings.

YOUNGS ITEMS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Percival, January 23, a daughter.

There will be preaching at the Hotel Daly at Gateway, Sunday, January 28, at 3 p. m., by L. T. Larson. Sunday school at 2 p. m. All are most cordially invited to attend.

Gateway school patrons met last Saturday and organized School District No. 47, recently granted by county boundary board. This district was formed from parts of Cross Keys and Lyle Gap districts. The first officers are S. D. Percival, Jas. Hurt, O. S. Martin, directors; W. F. Hershey, clerk. The district will have 18 or 20 pupils.

larger reservoir, he says, can be diverted onto lands in the vicinity of Prineville or conveyed to Agency Plains.

AND THEY CALL THIS WAR!



—Gail in Los Angeles Times.