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EXPERIMENT STATION TRACT TO BE NAMED AT EARLY DATE

Committee From Agricultural College Visits Madras

AVAILABLE SITES

Prospects for Dry Farming to be Established on Property—Decision Expected Next Week

the south of town near the reservoir and other available tracts.

It was expected that considerable difficulty would be experienced in securing a suitable tract of land at this time of the year to demonstrate dry land farming on this year as the land would have to be already plowed, plowed last fall or summer so that spring crops could be planted at once without any extra preparation of the land this spring.

They promised to make known their choice of the selection as soon as possible after checking up on their data, and would probably announce some time during the coming week their choice for the second farm.

FISHERMEN READY FOR CALL TO ARMS

Local Contingency to Begin Operations Promptly on Next Monday

On Monday April 1st, the imagination of the local tribe of anglers will come out of its comatose condition, begin to take on real life again, and before many days have passed, we will have some fishing tales, as told by Jackson, Culp, Irving and others who are of the inclination to chase the finny tribe in their habitat in the Deschutes River. All this week the second rate fishermen have watched the anglers carefully caress the rod and line that have brought them glory in the past, and an exposure of their visions of prowess during the year 1912 would cause many of the less fortunate to desert them in envious wrath.

However there are several additions to the coterie of fishermen around this year, who are preparing to dispute the prestige of the present title holders, Jackson, Culp and Irving, as to the number of fish actually caught, the pith of the fabulous stories that are a part of the stock in trade of every fisherman, and the manner of the telling. And the Pioneer challenges any and all comers to do as well, fishing in the city well as did Judge Jackson and Irving last summer. Possibly that suggests a reason why the reservoir was covered.

Local parties who are handling the fishing affidavits report that an unusually large number of sportsmen are ready to take up the game where they left off last fall.

Pearl Tucker expects to leave the first of the week for Culver here he will work with Gus Love land. Wednesday night a number of his friends surprised him by coming in for a game of cards and a little farewell party. After the card games refreshments were served. A most pleasant evening was had.

Mrs. Susan E. Evans died at her home near Culver early last Tuesday morning being over sixty years of age. The funeral services were held at the Menonite Church Wednesday interment being made in the Hale cemetery.



ROBERT MARION LA FOLLETTE

EARLIEST in the field among "Progressive" Republican candidates was Robert Marion La Follette, senior senator from Wisconsin. His personality as a fighter and "mixer" is sufficiently indicated by the nickname of "Battle Bob," by which he is known among his constituents, a sobriquet which he earned early in his political career. He has been thrice governor of Wisconsin and has served in two congresses as representative. He was elected senator for the term 1905-11 and re-elected for the 1911-17 term. He led the movement to nominate all candidates by direct vote. Prominent among his supporters for the 1912 presidential nomination is Gifford Pinchot, who was the close friend and adviser of President Roosevelt during the latter part of his administration. Senator La Follette received twenty-five votes for the nomination in the last Republican national convention.

MADRAS WILL HAVE A WOOL SALE DAY

Railway and Warehouse Officials and Sheepraisers Held Conference

At a meeting of the officials of the Konoway Warehouse Company, representatives of the Oregon Trunk and the other Hill lines, and representative wool growers, held in Madras Saturday night, the local wool situation was discussed with the result that the Oregon Wool Grower's Association will be asked to name dates for a wool sale in Madras this summer. The meeting was the result of the offer of the Grower's Association to name dates for Madras, when they published their schedule of sale dates in the winter, it being their intention of satisfying the growers instead of the railroads.

Many of the larger growers of this country naturally tributary to Madras contend that Madras is the logical place for them to bring their clip. Those present at the meeting were H. F. Weitzel, C. E. Roush, Howard W. Turner, James Rice, Mr. Hardy, Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent of the Oregon Trunk and W. C. Wilkes, General Freight and Passenger Agent for all the Hill lines in Oregon. Communications were also at hand from other prominent wool grower's in this section, who had been recently visited by the railway officials, approving of the plan to secure a regular sale for this city, they preferring to haul their wool here.

OFFICIAL TEST MADE OF FIRE APPARATUS

Pressure Sufficient to Cope with Any Fire That Might Develop in City

In the presence of Mayor Howard W. Turner, Councilman O. A. Pearce, City Recorder J. H. Jackson, and a large gathering of spectators, the new fire hose and nozzle were tested last Friday afternoon with results that are reassuring to property holders throughout the city. There is more than sufficient pressure to throw a stream of water over the top of any building in the city, or on a straight line about 100 feet. It is all one man can do to handle the nozzle with the water turned on at its maximum pressure.

The successful demonstration Friday afternoon, assures Madras of water protection from fire, the absence of which heretofore has caused no small amount of anxiety to property holders in general, and particularly to those along Fifth street between the drug store on one corner, and the Loucks building on the other. Six hundred feet of fire hose and two nozzles have been secured by the city, and now are ready for their task of protecting the city.

The railroad have promised to grant intransit rates to those along their lines who wish to bring their wool to the Madras sale, the dates for which will be announced in the near future.

SUNDAY CLOSING ORDINANCE IS REPEALED BY COUNCIL

Three Year Homestead Bill Passes House

Washington, Mar. 27—The Borah-Jones three year homestead bill by a unanimous vote, passed the House of Representatives today in substantially the form in which it was left last Wednesday. The essential features of the original bill are retained, and what difference exists between the Senate and House will be adjusted in committee. It may require several days to shape the bill in conference, but its ultimate passage is assured and President Taft has promised Senators Borah and Jones that he will sign it.

The bill in brief reduces the homestead period from five to three years, gives homesteaders five months' leave of absence each year and six months in which to establish residence, after the original filing.

LIVESTOCK SHOW PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Quality and Quantity of Stock Exhibited and Attendance are Appreciated

Portland, Or., Mar. 26. (Special)—In quality of stock exhibited, in the number of thoroughbred animals entered, the prices realized by the stockmen for their fancy exhibits, the attendance and the absorbing interest manifested in the show, not only by the breeders of the entire northwest but by the general public, the Fat Stock Show held by the Pacific Northwest Livestock Association at Portland last week was the most successful event of the kind ever held on the Pacific Coast. Weather conditions were ideal and the attendance was estimated to exceed 6,000 people during the three days.

The quality of the stock was so far superior to that of last year that officials and stockmen were positive that the grand champions of former shows would not have been eligible even for the smallest prizes this year. The champion carload, consisting of fifteen head of magnificent Herefords, was probably never surpassed, if equaled, at any shown in the United States. This carload was sold at auction, bringing \$10.10 per hundred pounds, almost \$1 per hundred more than paid for the champion carload last year.

The grand champion steer, also a Hereford entered by the University of Idaho, was a beautiful two-year old of almost faultless proportions, and was sold for \$1.20 per pound, on foot, a price which has been exceeded but once in the United States or for a single meat animal. The second prize steer was sold for 50 cents per pound.

A prominent feature of the show was the splendid exhibit of hogs from Central and Eastern Oregon, alfalfa-fed and wheat-finished in every instance, equaling in size and quantity any similar showing made in recent years in the best corn and hog raising states of the middle West. Prices for hogs averaged nearly 8 cents per pound.

License Feature of Original Measure is Allowed to Stand

STRENUOUS SESSION

Madras Light and Power Companies Asks for 28 Year Franchise. Question will be Taken Up at Next Meeting

Ordinance No. 47, imposing a license on all pool and billiard halls and bowling alleys, and requiring that places of this character of amusements be closed at midnight Saturday and remain closed until 5 o'clock Monday morning, passed by the council two weeks ago, was the storm center of a somewhat strenuous meeting of the Common Council Wednesday night.

First an ordinance was offered to repeal ordinance No. 47. An aye and nay vote however laid this ordinance on the table until the next regular meeting of the council.

Councilman Cook then moved, and Councilman Randolph seconded the motion, that the council adjourn. This motion was voted down. An ordinance, repealing only the Sunday closing section of ordinance No. 47 was then offered, given its first, second and third reading, and passed by an aye and nay vote, those voting aye being Councilmen Campbell, Gray and Pearce, nay Councilman Cook; Councilman Randolph refusing to vote on the ground that a general ordinance covering the same provision had already been laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting, holding therefore that the ordinance under consideration was out of order. The original ordinance No. 47, passed two weeks ago, became a law when Mayor Turner signed it last week. As the matter stands at present, the closing ordinance is in effect, the posting as required by law, having been done. Until the new ordinance is signed, vetoed or allowed to become a law by the operation of law, the closing ordinance will remain in effect.

The Madras Light & Power Company, of which Wade Siler and H. F. Deitzel are the chief promoters, asked the council to grant them a franchise to construct, maintain and operate an electric power plant and lighting system, the same to extend until January 1st, 1940. The ordinance was given its first reading, and then laid on the table, by motion, to be given its second reading at the next regular meeting of the council.

The important features of this franchise ordinance are, that in the event the company has not completed the construction of its plant at the end of 18 months from the date of the acceptance of the franchise, as granted by the council, by the light and power company, the council shall have the right to cancel the franchise, and the section providing that the company shall pay to the city on the first day of every January, one per cent of the gross receipts of the company, as remuneration for the privileges and franchises granted by the ordinance.