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AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS ARE ENCOURAGING

Abundance of Moisture Should Insure Big Yield

FARMERS ARE HOPEFUL

Reports from Oregon and Washington Lead to Belief that 1912 Will be Best Year in History of Northwest Country

Many a smile has been smiled this spring that never was smiled before, simply because crop conditions have not heretofore warranted any such smiles. Local reports, from all parts of Crook County, from all sections of Central and Eastern Oregon, and from the Northwest in general are to the effect that the heavy mortgages will be raised this year, after the harvest, as has all been done and the farmers get their returns from their crops.

And around Madras the big crops consist of grain, which is looking better than ever before at this time of the year. Especially are these splendid crops of that section which lie toward the south. However, Agency Plains looks as though there would be no complaint in that section if the advanced conditions continue. The crops which have fallen with regularity all spring, owing as it has, the heavy rains during the winter, have almost enough moisture in the ground to make a crop, even about any rain next month, as the weather turns exceptionally warm very suddenly, in such case there is some danger of damage to the wheat crops. The favorable conditions apply especially to the fall sown grain, which would suffer much less, as there were no more rain, as would the spring crops.

Conditions around through the sections of Central and Eastern Oregon, in the valley through the great fruit section of Washington are reported favorably as are the local conditions, an ample supply of wind and spring moisture indicate good crops.

With a favorable season, the advertising of the local companies, both through the papers and the expensive demonstration trains and land shows that are being conducted throughout the East and Middle West, the advertising the West bringing through the Pan-American exposition, should bring results, and make the best year of all.

Less personages than James Hill, and his son Louis Hill, approved of the demonstration trains that are going about the people of the East and West, and especially are they endeavoring to attract the farmers, realizing that the methods, must be educational along those lines before they can make the country bring results.

Wallenburg and H. C. Farwell in Maras from their Terrebonne and Grizzly districts, looking after business matters in Judge Jackson's

NEW AGENCY PLAINS GRADE IS COMPLETED

2000 Feet of New Roadway Completed to O-W R. & N. Depot—5 per cent Grade

Last week Supervisor Roy Newell finished the new grade from town up to the O-W R. & N. depot and Agency Plains, and has taken the larger part of his crew of men across the Deschutes River to work on the new grades which are being constructed on both sides of the river from the new bridges that are being put in at the Cove.

The new grade begins just a short distance beyond the Willow Creek bridge, and swings off to the left of the old grade, reaching the top at a point a little to the west of where the old grade ended. However the bad turn, at the top of the old road is done away with, thus eliminating the worst feature of the original road. About 2000 feet of new road was constructed, with a maximum grade of but 5 per cent. One bridge was put in, crossing the gulch half way up the hill, thus protecting the new road from bad washes. A correct estimate of the number of cubic yards of dirt and rock moved during the construction was not kept, but it will run way into the thousands, filling being required in many places, and cuts in others. The roadway is ample wide at every point to permit teams to pass in safety, a feature that was sadly lacking in the old road, and the distance from town to the depot has been perceptibly shortened.

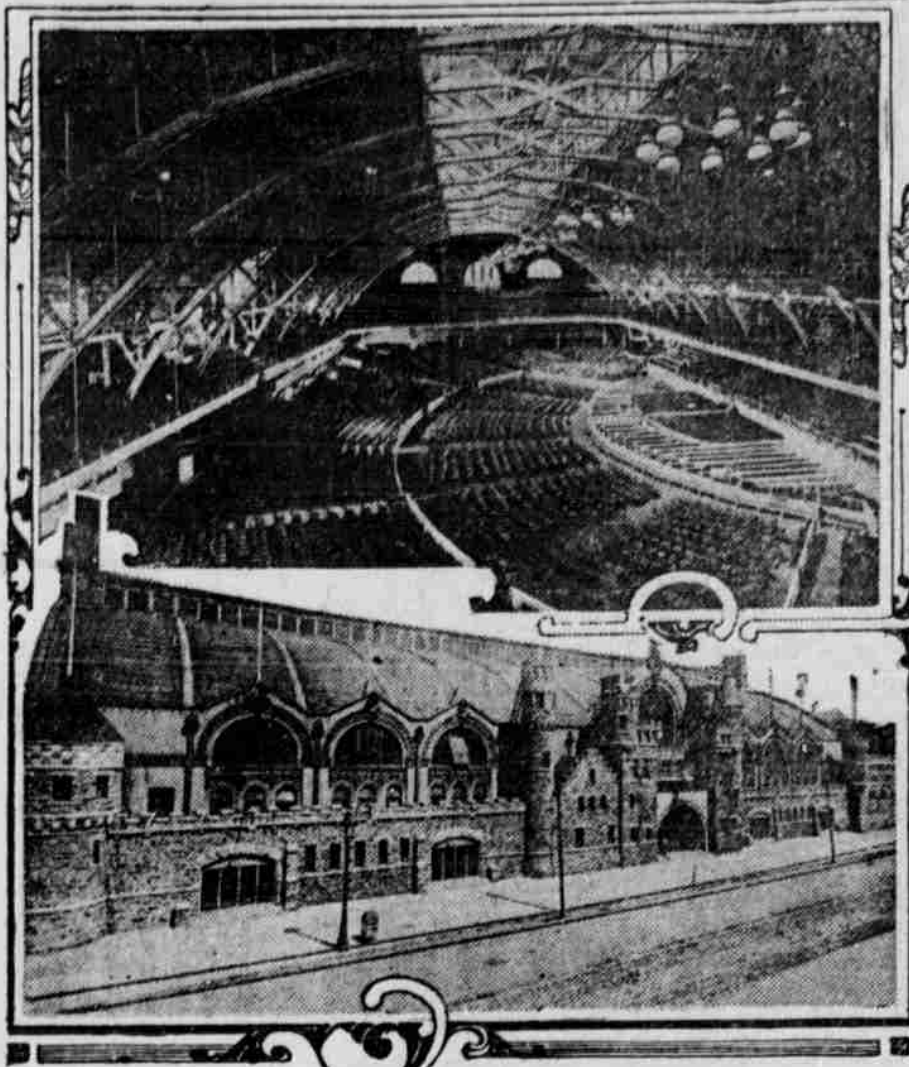
The work was undertaken about six weeks ago, the County Court and the Harriman railroad bearing the expense jointly. The road is open to traffic, and though a trifle soft, has already proven the more popular of the two routes to the top of the hill, and as traffic increases, will improve steadily.

The local anglers have fretted themselves thin during the past month awaiting the time when the Deschutes and Crooked rivers cease to roll in muddy turbulence, when the "fly" and the "spoon" will no longer pass unseen over the dolly and the rain-bow. These devotees of the rod are wearing smiles of anticipation since the weather has at last cleared, that equal in radiance the incomparable glory of an eastern Oregon summer day, a day that may be equalled but not beat any where in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The wise fisherman will take advantage of the few days now necessary for the water to clear and look to his rod and reel, his fly and spoon in order that he may be among those whose names and "wonderful catches" will be reported in these columns at an early date.

Tommy McCormack, the genial proprietor of the Shamrock Bar, received this week from St Paul, his collection of stuffed birds and animals. There were about 100 specimens, including all the smaller birds and animals found in Oregon. He says there are still more to come. At present he has them crowded on the walls, on the bar and in the windows, and invites one and all to come and see them.

A. C. Sanford was down from his ranch near Culver Saturday.

Scene of the Republican Convention



THE CHICAGO COLISEUM

THE building in which the delegates to the Republican national convention will assemble on June 18—the Chicago Coliseum—is on part of the ground occupied by the world's fair of 1893. It is in Wabash avenue, near Fifteenth street, a few blocks south of the hotel center. It was erected in 1909 on the site of the Libby prison exhibit, and was dedicated by President McKinley. The stone wall and turreted gate which stood in front of the old building are seen at the main entrance. It is 300 feet long, 150 feet wide and has a seating capacity of 10,000 people, which can be somewhat increased on occasion. It has an immense steel arched roof and has no posts to obstruct the view. A great balcony runs around the four sides of the hall. There are twenty exits, many windows and a glass roof.

The number of delegates will be 1,074, an increase of 64 since 1908. This is due to the reapportionment by congress, which increased the size of the house of representatives from 391 to 433 members or 436 with the representation from the new states of Arizona and New Mexico.

The distribution of delegates will be as follows: Alabama, 24; Arizona, 6; Arkansas, 18; California, 26; Colorado, 12; Connecticut, 14; Delaware, 6; Florida, 12; Georgia, 28; Idaho, 8; Illinois, 58; Indiana, 30; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 20; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 20; Maine, 12; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 38; Michigan, 30; Minnesota, 24; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 36; Montana, 8; Nebraska, 16; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 8; New Jersey, 28; New Mexico, 8; New York, 60; North Carolina, 24; North Dakota, 10; Ohio, 48; Oklahoma, 20; Oregon, 10; Pennsylvania, 76; Rhode Island, 10; South Carolina, 18; South Dakota, 10; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 40; Utah, 8; Vermont, 8; Virginia, 24; Washington, 14; West Virginia, 16; Wisconsin, 26; Wyoming, 6; Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Philippines and Porto Rico 2 each.

LOCAL CANDIDATES GET NOTIFICATIONS

Turner, Jackson and W. B. Smith of Metolius Receive their Party Nomination

Howard W. Turner, J. H. Jackson, of Madras, and W. B. Smith, of Metolius, have been notified of their nomination for county clerk, justice of the peace, Madras precinct and, justice of the peace, Kutecher precinct, respectively, by county clerk Warren Brown. Mr. Turner's nomination was at the hands of the Republican party, that of Judge Jackson was at the action of both the Democratic and Republican voters, and Mr. Smith's at the action of the Democratic party.

Now that all of the preliminaries have been disposed of, preparations are being made for the big race next November, when the Democratic and Republican candidates, and others who care to mix in the matter, will hang out as opposing candidates for public office. Then watch the fur fly.

The contest case of Elvie R. Crowley vs Clemon N. Greenwald was heard before U. S. Commissioner Turner, in his office Wednesday. John Brogan and Thomas L. Malloy were witnesses for the contestant. Jack Tuney, Miss Lents and Miss Greenwald, all of the Ashwood and Axhandle districts, were in Madras during the proceedings.

SPOKESMAN ISSUED FROM NEW PLANT

Redmond Paper Destroyed by Fire in February, Has Complete New Establishment

Last week's Redmond Spokesman was issued from the new establishment at Redmond. New number 10 Linotype Machine, new type, new press, it looked decidedly dressed up, and is a credit, not only to its owners, but to the entire Central Oregon. Less than three months ago, fire completely destroyed the entire plant of the Spokesman, however the Palmer Bros., the editors and proprietors were undismayed by the loss, and continued issuing their paper, the first one after the fire being printed in the Oregon Hub office, and since then in Portland.

Last week's paper is a six column, eight page affair, bountifully supplied with advertisements, which shows that the Redmond citizens are thoroughly in sympathy with the editor in building up his plant.

Wheat grown in northern Crook County, milled in Madras and disposed of in this county tends to produce local prosperity. Thursday the Madras Milling Company loaded three cars of flour, 51 tons made from northern Crook County wheat, to be shipped to Crook County points, one car going to Redmond and one to Terrebonne.

UMPIRING FEATURES LAST BALL GAME

Strong Club to be Organized from Madras and Metolius Teams for July 4th

In a game made less interesting because of the necessary and continuous wrangling which had to be done with the umpire, Metolius defeated Madras in the second ball game between the two teams by the score of 17 to 11. Unfortunately, "His Nibs, the Umps" was woefully lacking in inside information in regard to the finer points of the great national game, and was more or less hampered in giving his decisions until he had gotten his tip from some of the players.

The first man up with a suggestion was the man of the hour, and captain Hahn was generally the first man to come to the aid of the official with advice, and also was generally the first man to appear on the diamond at the psychological minute to see that his decision was enforced. The general all-round playing of Galloway was easily the feature of the game, while the hitting ability of the Metolius swatsmen was amply sufficient to turn the game into a victory for the visitors, notwithstanding good pitching by Ashley and Shugert, and without the assistance of the umpire.

Captain Hahn is in communication with the ball club of Bend, Prineville and Redmond, and hopes to schedule a game or two for July Fourth with a team from one of these towns, strengthening his Metolius team with a few of the Madras players. From the two teams, a strong club could be organized which would battle hard to uphold the reputation of this corner of the county.

Lured by News of Gold

Lakeview, Ore.—Lured by the news of gold strikes in the High Grade district at New Pine Creek, on the state line 15 miles south of Lakeview, an army of prospectors, miners and leasers are pouring into that town with tents, bed-rolls and miner's pans as artillery.

While surface showings in the High Grade district have for the past two years aroused much interest here, a few recent strikes in the Sunshine claim assaying up into the thousands, has excited prospectors from Alaska to Mexico. It is predicted by prominent mining men, that New Pine Creek will excel Cripple Creek and Goldfields if present values hold out.

News was received in Madras Saturday of the death of Ed Hall, at his home at Wamic. Hall first came to Madras several years ago as a member of the surveying crew, during the railroad construction days. While here he married the daughter of Rev. I. D. Brown. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Takes New Position

John I. Springer, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern, has resigned to become traveling freight agent for the Morrissey, Fernie & Michel Railway and sales agent for Oregon and Washington of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company. He will establish headquarters in Portland, and cover all territory in the two states, west of Spokane.

WOOL MEN PLAN TO TAKE WAREHOUSE

Will Handle Own Sales Through Joint Stock Company

BIG GROWERS BACK MOVE

Arrangements to Take Over Konoway Warehouse by Wool Growers, in Preparation and Announcement Expected Soon

With a view of taking over the interests of the Konoway Warehouse Company, the prominent sheep men of the Madras and tributary country are at work forming an organization to handle the local wool clip of 1912. The State Wool Grower's Association left Madras out when they published the first schedule of sale dates. A remonstrance was made, and a second schedule was adopted, giving Madras two dates, one in June and another in July. This schedule was then revised the second time, the third schedule leaving Madras out again.

The wool men realized that by working on a co-operative plan, they can secure better results at a smaller expense, and are making preparations to handle their own clips through a joint stock company, they being satisfied that once the wool clip of this section is put in a convenient warehouse, there will be no dearth of buyers, notwithstanding the fact that no regular sale dates have been named by the state association.

James Rice of Haycreek, Andrew Morrow of Willow Creek and others are at work interviewing the various wool men who have expressed a preference to haul their clip to Madras, rather than to other nearby towns, which have been included in the sales day schedule. It is expected that complete arrangements for the transfer of the Konoway interests to the wool men will be perfected in the next few days.

Wool Sales at Pendleton

Pendleton, Ore.—The first and one of the largest wool sales on record, was consummated within the last two days, when half of the 250,000 pound clip of Smythe brothers, of Arlington, was sold to J. P. Dufour, wool buyer for Henri Wattine and several foreign houses, as well as American manufacturers.

Although the price obtained is not known, it is thought to be the best price paid for many years.

The sale was the coarse wool end of the Smythe clip—the fine wool not having yet been shorn.

New Paper Born

Last week the first issue of the Sisters Herald made its appearance. It is published at Sisters and owned and edited by J. M. Crenshaw and George Aitken.—Bend Bulletin.

Mrs. Sarah B. Field Ehr Gott, organizer and speaker for the equal suffrage movement, will be in Madras Monday evening, May 8th., and will address an audience on "Campaign issues in regard to the equal suffrage amendment."