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IRRIGATION FOR CROOK COUNTY DIVISION IS AGAIN ON FOOT

and West Line to Cut off Northern Portion of County for One New County and North and South Line to Cut off Western Part

MOVEMENT STARTED IN PRINEVILLE

Prints Showing Boundaries of New Counties to be Seen at Engineer Office, Madras Bank and Tucker & Culp's—Sentiment of the People to be Ascertained

county division is up again, the prints, showing the proposed new lines of division are being circulated generally throughout the county for the purpose of ascertaining the general feeling on the subject.

When this time it seems, that in Prineville, from the place the first blue prints were sent to Culver. The Culver however did not like the proposed division, and have prepared another set of prints with boundaries of the proposed counties drawn as they would have them. Copies of these prints as prepared by the people have been received at Madras, and may be seen at the office, at the Madras State Bank and at Tucker & Culp's.

The plan is to divide the present county into three counties, the eastern part of the present county, including Prineville, to be a new county, and the western and northern part into two new counties. The exact lines of the proposed division are described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Wheeler County, on the line between townships 20 and 21 north, thence in a westerly direction three miles to the section line between townships 13 and 14 south, thence 51 miles in a westerly direction to this section line, to the intersection of this line with the creek, thence in a southerly direction along the creek until it intersects the section line between townships 14 and 15, south, thence west 16 miles to the Lane county line.

The territory north of this east and west line to comprise one county. A second new county is formed by making an east and west division by drawing a line south from the first east and west line on the north to the Lake County line on the west, this division line to be the line between sections 14 and 15 east, all the territory north of this line to comprise the territory of the new counties.

Under these new proposed divisions, the new county in the east would comprise about 1900 square miles and include Madras, La Grange, Cuvier, Opal City, La Grange, Grizzly, Pine Ridge, Hayward, Heislars, Hay Creek and the Axhandle county. The new western county would comprise about 2100 square miles and include Redmond, Terrebonne, La Pine, Laidlaw, and Oneil, while the old county with Prineville as its county seat would include about 6000 square miles.

The plan of those back of the movement is to present the facts to the people of the county

through mass meetings and conventions, and learn their feelings in the matter, and if conditions warrant it, put the division up to the voters of the state at the next general election.

HOMESTEAD BILL IS STILL IN CONGRESS

Conference Committee Ready to Report, and Measure should Soon become Law

Washington, May 3.—The conference committee tonight reached an agreement on the Borah-Jones three-year homestead bill and probably will make a report to the Senate and House on Monday.

The bill as finally agreed upon, is practically the bill as it passed the House, with an added amendment requiring the cultivation of one-sixteenth of the area of entry during the second year of residence and one-eighth of the area the third year, before making final proof. The essential features of the Senate and House bills are retained.

The homestead period is reduced from five to three years and homesteaders are permitted to be absent from their land not to exceed five months in each year after establishing a residence.

The three-year period will begin to run from the time of establishment of actual residence upon the land and if, because of climatic conditions, sickness or other unavoidable cause, a settler cannot establish residence at the time of filing, he may be allowed 12 months from the date of filing in which to commence his residence.

The cultivation requirement adopted by the conference committee will apply to enlarged homesteads as well as to 160-acre homesteads and to homesteads on reclamation projects.

This agreement of the conference committee probably means the early enactment of the bill and its approval by the President, as conference reports have right of way over other legislation in Congress.

Dr. T. A. Long and wife, and W. G. Loucks and wife returned Monday from a trip to Lake County, where they secured some government land under the Desert Act. The trip was made in the Doctor's auto and they reported the roads in very good condition.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mother's Day to be Appropriately Observed in Madras next Sunday Evening

Special Mother's Day services will be held in the Christian Church at 8 o'clock, next Sunday evening. Similar services will be held at some time during the day all over the United States, the Mother's Day movement originating in Texas several years ago, having spread and being now generally observed in all parts of the country. The only public demonstration indulged in is the wearing of a white carnation, each person so wearing a carnation, thereby showing respect and love for their mother.

Governor West's proclamation officially naming May 12 as Mother's Day will be read by Mrs. Gillis Disney, papers will be prepared and read by Miss Ethel Klann and Miss Smith, recitations will be given by the Olsen girls, Walter Cowherd, Lyle Hardy, Roscoe Crosby and Eugene Cook. A special feature of the services will be the singing of appropriate songs by the children of the Christian and Methodist churches. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Culp will sing a duet, and other special music will be furnished by a quartet, in addition to the regular congregational singing.

Big Cattle Shipment

Bidwell Cram, of Lower Trout Creek, has shipped to Kidwell & Caswell, the Portland commission men, a special carload of Central Oregon cattle, the consignment consisting of 350 head.

The cattle were loaded at Gateway Tuesday, and were shipped to Portland by special train.

This is the second big cattle shipment made from Gateway during the past month. Leslie Friday having received record prices for a shipment several weeks ago, Friday's consignment being handled by the same Portland firm.

J. Mc Taggart returned Tuesday from a trip to the Burns country.

MADRAS BALL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

O. A. Pearce and G. V. Stanton Will Manage and Ben Ashley Captain Local Club

O. A. Pearce and G. V. Stanton were elected managers and Ben Ashley captain of the Madras Base Ball Club at a meeting of the local fans and ball players held in the City Hall Tuesday night. What ball playing has been done heretofore was without the aid of any organization and at the expense of those who were playing, they being willing to meet what small expenses that have been incurred. However to maintain a team throughout the summer, which will provide good sport for the local "bugs", it was necessary to perfect an organization, and work on a more systematic basis.

A practice diamond has been laid out on the vacant lots just west of the M. E. Church, where Captain Ashley has been putting his men through hard batting and fielding practice during the past week. There is considerable base ball talent running loose around the town, which with practice and coaching, could be made into a formidable ball club. This is the object of the meeting and organization. Since the reorganization, there have been about twenty five candidates out to practice each evening on the new diamond which is more conveniently located than the one over by the school house. All regular games will be played however on the old diamond, the new one being used simply for practice.

The Madras State Bank has started a subscription with a ten dollar donation, toward a fund to be raised by the local merchants and business men to be used by the managers in supporting and maintaining a club. This money will be used for supplies and outfits, the actual expenses of the team being raised at the games played at home. A regular schedule will be arranged for the summer, including games with Prineville, Metolius, Redmond, Bend, Lamonta, Culver and probably Maupin.

MADRAS PLANS TO HAVE BIG JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

Ball Games, Horse Races, Foot Races, Brass Band, Dancing, Street Parade and Other Amusements to be Arranged for Big Local Celebration

COMMITTEE TO BE NAMED THIS WEEK

Business Men Promise to Co-Operate with Those in Charge of Celebration, and do All Possible to Make It Biggest Day Madras Ever Had

United States Commissioner Howard W. Turner expects to leave Sunday morning for a trip to the southern part of the state. Persons desiring to attend to land matters please come in Saturday of this week. Mr. Turner and wife will go with a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Pearce and A. W. Culp, making the trip in Mr. Pearce's new automobile.

IRRIGATION PROJECT ON METOLIUS RIVER

Application for Water Filed With State Engineers at Salem Last Week

Salem, Ore., May 4.—By the filing of an application for water by C. W. Allen yesterday with the State Engineer, plans are shown to be on foot for using all of the waters of the Metolius River in the development of a 50,000 acre irrigation project west of the Deschutes River and south of the Warm Springs Indian Agency.

Allen asks for 600 second feet of water to be carried in a canal for seven miles and then directly through a mountain range by a tunnel two and one-quarter miles in length. The waters of the river are of a peculiar nature, as they rise from under the base of Black Butte, an extinct volcano 3500 feet high in the midst of the plains of Central Oregon. The river's source is not known, but probably is many miles away, near the Three Sisters Mountains.

Beauty Transferred

The scene at Opal Springs is one of great beauty. Nature has done some wonderful work there. It is with some regret that work is being done there which will detract from the beauty. A hydraulic system is being installed and the latter part of the week the hose with a big pressure of water will be turned on and a certain amount of the beauty will be destroyed in a very short time.

The compensations, however, will so far exceed the present beauty as to make it of small consequence. The water system will bring beauty about hundreds of homes in flowers, fruits and shrubbery. The entire Culver country will then be a region of extreme beauty.—Deschutes Valley Tribune.

Mrs. J. E. Dean is visiting with friends at Haycreek this week.

July Fourth will be appropriately celebrated in Madras this year. Already plans are being made for the big day, and if there is nothing unexpected to cause any of these plans to go astray, there will be big doings around these parts on the National holiday.

The big features of the day will be a ball game, horse races, a brass band and a big dance in the evening. These are simply tentative plans that have been decided upon, the detailed program being left to a committee to be named at a public meeting to be held this week. This committee which will have complete charge of the celebration will have authority to appoint assistants as it may see fit, raise funds for the celebration provide the various forms of entertainment, and be the big ring master of the whole occasion, they detailing other committees to look after the various departments of the day, such as the street parade, the ball game the dance, the horse races, the carnival and such other forms of amusement as may be arranged for. Several Fourth's have gone by in the same number of years, and Madras has always been forced to go elsewhere for their amusement on that day. This it has been decided is not the proper thing to do, and different arrangements are to be made for this year. Every merchant that has been approached on the subject has approved of the plan, and has promised to do all in their power to promote the scheme. With the hearty support of all, Madras should be able to do her self proud. Those who are backing the determined that it shall be a success, and will meet this week to name the committee that will have the pleasure of making all arrangements for the celebration.

Half-Cut Prices Coming

Washington, May 3.—The Treasury Department has withdrawn its opposition to the coinage of additional denominations of money and is not opposing the bill introduced by Representative Bulkley, of Ohio, providing for three-cent and one-half cent pieces.

George Roberts, Director of the Mint, today declared the Treasury was passive in the matter and would offer no objection if precautions were taken to guarantee distinctiveness in design.

H. F. Dietzel owner of the Madras Flour Mills left for a business trip to Portland Tuesday of this week.



The Portland Union Stock Yards Co. gives a Shetland pony to the boy or girl, who exhibits the best sow and litter of pigs at the state fair at Salem, Sept. 2-7. This is a sample of the many fine prizes to be given the school children of Oregon who do the best in raising and making things worth while.—The prize list comprises \$1,000 cash and \$2,000 worth of special prizes.—If you have not had the Bulletin telling it, ask your teacher for one.