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BREAD WAR WAGES FOR SEVERAL HOURS

Truce is Declared After Many Loaves Have Been Sold at Varying Prices

After General Sherman had completed his devastating march to the sea, he is quoted as having said that war was very similar to the abode of His Satanic Majesty. "Red" Hobson, living 50 years later, when modern methods of war-fare, inventions and ideas are running the universe, quotes by way of corollary of General Sherman's remark, that war means bankruptcy.

The peace and quietude of Madras was suddenly disturbed Tuesday when Mrs. Isa E. B. Crosby, dealer in ribbons and bonnets, also ice cream and bread, with emphasis on the bread, hung forth a placard from her place of business, announcing to the eager public that she would sell "the staff of life" to Madras residents, at the rate of six loaves for a quarter. Little did she suspect that she was hurling a broadside at our friend Hobson, who would promptly return her courtesy with a little bomb of modern commercial war-fare. Hobson realizing that no enterprise is stronger than its ability to meet emergencies, proceeded to his bread box, discovered to his delight that he was amply supplied with ammunition, and forthwith hung a placard from his front door to the effect that he would sell eight loaves for a quarter.

Surprised by the flank movement of her competitor, and realizing instantly, as General Sherman would have done, that it was too late to retreat without serious loss of property and prestige, with emphasis on the prestige, amended her first announcement by offering ten loaves for a quarter.

The genial financier across the way promptly noted the advantageous position occupied by his adversary, who had the opportunity of attracting the women shoppers into her establishment by means of displays of "rats" and ribbons, and then would urged the bread on them, emphasizing the bargain price. To protect himself and to insure his few remaining loaves a comfortable resting place in some Madras home, he further cut the prevailing price by offering twelve loaves for a quarter.

The millers and grocers became excited at the condition in the bread market, for, they figured, if Mrs. Crosby and "Red" Hobson sold enough bread to last the local population several months, they could not dispose of their stock in flour. At this stage of the bread war, however, supper time drew on, and all prospective purchasers had betaken themselves homeward, laden with bread, happily not bullets or booze. During the lull Hobson took invoice, found that he was bankrupt, and so announced that fact on his screen door, which but a short time before had carried his announcement of bargain day prices. He claims to have sold some fourteen hundred loaves, and the statement is probably true, for a spy brought in the information that Siler discovering that bread was cheaper than wood, also with the hope of relieving the situation, bought the entire supply for cord wood, and the activity around his wood shed the following day is strong circumstantial evidence against the pencil pusher.

HOW THE STRAW HAT PIONEER FEELS.



—Berryman in Washington Star.

J. J. HOYDAR PLEASSED WITH NEW LOCATION

Former Madras Oregon Trunk Agent Gives Interview to Albany Democrat

J. J. Hoydar, until recently agent at the local Oregon Trunk depot, upon his arrival in Albany, gave the following interview to the Albany Democrat, the daily paper in his new home town:

"I arrived in Albany yesterday noon and after dinner I spent the entire afternoon walking about the beautiful city. I was very much impressed with the many attractive homes and awns, the paved streets, and the substantial business blocks and its progressive appearance.

"Our freight department will probably be opened in about two weeks, the grading on Water street not having been completed yet. The freight depot of the Oregon Electric at this city is one of the best and most attractive ones that I have seen and is far better than any I have seen on the Hill lines in Central Oregon.

"Auditor L. C. Ream, of Portland, is now in Albany checking things up for the opening of business. E. R. Gould of Vancouver, Washington, who has been in the employ of the Hill people for several years will be the ticket agent at the passenger depot at Fifth and Lyon streets. I am unable to say yet who my telegraph operator will be, but I expect to be informed soon."

The Democrat goes on to say that "Mr. Hoydar is a young man of pleasing personality and is bound to make friends here." All of which The Pioneer heartily endorses.

Porter Ashley, local agent for Balfour Guthrie & Co., announces that he will give an A No. 1 four-horse whip to the farmer who brings him the first load, consisting of 25 or more sacks, of 1912 wheat.

L. H. James, J. W. Schaefer, George Sutherland, E. C. Reynolds and A. McDonald, of Vancouver, Washington, were visitors in Madras July 3rd and 4th, enjoying the celebration.

O. T. OFFICIALS ON INSPECTION TOUR

President Young Well Pleased With Prospects in Central Oregon After Visit

President Joseph H. Young, of the North Bank and other Northwestern Hill lines, accompanied by J. P. Rogers, superintendent, W. E. Coman, general freight and passenger agent, C. Whitfield, roadmaster, Judge Carey and F. A. Brainard, trainmaster, passed through Madras Saturday in a special car, inspecting the road, the party going as far south as Bend, and returning through Madras Sunday afternoon.

A delegation of local business men, headed by Mayor Turner, and including Councilman Pearce R. T. Olsen, Dr. Long, Fred Davis, H. F. Deitzel and E. Bergland met the officials at the depot, and welcomed them to Central Oregon. Pres. Young expressed himself as being well pleased at conditions at this end of the road, and expects to do a big freight business hauling grain and other produce this fall.

Borah Will Amend Bill

Washington, July 6.—Senator Borah had a conference today with Representatives Taylor, Mondell, Burke and Mann regarding his bill, which has passed the Senate and been reported to the House, providing that patent shall issue to homesteaders on Government irrigation projects as soon as they fully comply with the terms of the homestead law, relieving them of a wait of 10 to 15 years, as now required by law.

The bill was called up in the House on Thursday and went over on the objection of Mann, who is not satisfied with the foreclosure clause. This clause was inserted at the suggestion of the Department of the Interior and Borah is willing that it shall be eliminated. As a result of conference the bill will be amended to meet Mann's objection and Borah thinks it will pass the House next week.

Born to the wife of A. J. Ringo at their residence on Agency Plains, Tuesday July 9th., a daughter.

CITY WATER SYSTEM SHOW GOOD RETURNS

First Semi-Annual Report of the Commission Made to Common Council

Supplying thirty-eight families and business houses in addition to the O. T. depot and the stock yards, with water, through thirty-four meters, bringing into the city treasury a revenue of \$431.90, is the essence of the first semi-annual report of the Water Commission, made to the Common Council, at the regular July meeting held in the City Hall Tuesday night. Covering as it does the first six months of the year 1912 during only four of which the water system was in operation, it shows that the system is netting the city over one hundred dollars in total receipts monthly, this including both installation fees and water rentals. With the abundant rains that have fallen during the spring months and the rentals amounting to \$216.80, there is every indication that the rentals alone will amount to \$100 a month during the hot, dry months of July, August, September and October, before any appreciable amount of rain is likely to fall.

To show the rate of increase in the water consumption, it is but necessary to examine the amounts that have been received monthly for the service. In March only \$38.60 was collected; in April \$42.85; in May \$55.80 or an increase of about 31 per cent; and in June \$79.55, or an increase of 43 per cent over the preceding month. At the same rate of increase, namely 43 per cent, the July rentals should amount to over \$110., and there is no reason why they should not stand very close to those figures until October. The report of the Commission was read before the Council, approved and ordered filed.

An ordinance was introduced and passed authorizing the Recorder to draw a warrant on the Treasurer in the sum of \$500, said sum to be placed to the credit of the sinking fund, to be used in meeting the water bonds when the same shall become due.

Accepting and filing of the monthly reports of the Recorder and Treasurer, and the allowing of city claims comprised the remaining business before the meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION

Madras Commercial Club

WILL BE HELD

FRIDAY EVENING
JULY 12TH, 1912

AT THE

CITY HALL

Everybody Come
You Are Wanted

Born to the wife of Tom Fields, Monday July 8th., a girl.

NOTHING MARS THE GUESTS' PLEASURE

Celebration Passes off Without any Accident or Trouble

GOOD CROWD PRESENT

Madras Defeats Prineville in Ball Game Winning Easily 16 to 6—Water Fight Furnishes Much Amusement

With a representative crowd of visitors, lessened possibly by the show which was billed to appear here the Sunday following, Madras enjoyed a sane and healthy Fourth of July. Not an accident or an unpleasant circumstance happened during the day or evening to mar the pleasure of those who had come to enjoy the music, sports, ball game and dance, which comprised the amusements of the day. Early in the morning the visitors began to arrive, and though the attendance was smaller than it has been on other festal occasions, every one had a good time.

The most amusing event of the day was the contest between those bucking the hose. There was something going on every minute during that event, and those who were supposed to be behind the scenes, got their snare of the water, dividing honors almost with the contestants, who certainly got their share of a hard day's work.

Madras' victory over Prineville in the ball game was the feature event of the days program. So confident was Prineville that they would win, that they sent four of their men to Bend. They were out of it from the first inning and never had a chance to win though they played hard, fighting to the last to overcome the big lead piled up by the heavy hitting of the locals. The batteries for the game were Dobrej and Hinkle for Prineville and Schaefer and Sutherland for Madras. In the evening grand display of fire-works from the bluffs to the west of town was enjoyed by every one, the display being easily visible from all part of the city, and from much of the surrounding country. From 9:30 until after midnight dancing was enjoyed by about thirty couples.

The winners of first and second place in the various events are given below in the order named:

In the colt shows, a colt owned by J. A. Eads won the Southman prize, and a colt owned by F. H. King the Farmer's Belgian Horse Company prize.

Wheelbarrow race.—Irving and Oliver, and Smith and Jackson. 100 yards for boys.—M. Snook and M. Long.

100 yards.—Shaefer and Skee. Girls race.—Leta Bender and May Beal.

Ladies race.—Mrs. Bones and Miss Falkenhagen.

Sack race.—O. Oliver and R. L. Jorden.

Boys race.—Robert Cook and Ray Baker.

Girls race.—Myrtle White and Jennie Lee and Della Cowherd tied for second.

Fat man's race.—Nick Hahn and Jack Jones.

220 race.—J. W. Schaefer and H. A. Raudenbush.

Three-legged race.—Hahn and Campbell, and Dizney and Parkie.

Bucking the hose.—A. E. Hamilton and O. Oliver.

Bucking contest.—Wesley Smith and A. H. Parkie draw.

Horse Race.—Smith and Jackson.