

# THE MADRAS PIONEER

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## GOOD WEATHER IS BOON TO FARMERS

Work in Madras Grain Fields Continues Unbroken.

## 40 BUSHELS PER DAY

Coming to Local Warehouses—Work Being Held for Future Prices, but Fair Quantity Shipped.

When God sends rain why is my choice" sang some long ago and while Oregon can usually throw these sentiments heartily some has any kick coming the brand of weather the man is doling out just With but little over half their grain harvested the weather means money in letters to the farmers of section and they are taking stage of every working hour every day. The little sprinkles Sunday evening and Wednesday merely as reducers temperature and were in no way noticeable. There yet three to four weeks of work and as the harvest progresses the yields from after tract run into figures set an average previously.

is still early for the grain to coming in in large quantities neighbors are helping neighbor delaying hauling until the crop as a whole is Nevertheless the warehousemen are fairly busy receiving wheat and it is going in at the rate of over 2000 daily. The greater portion being held for future sale and is sold outright is being immediately to make for the great quantity that come in a little later. That warehouses will be taxed their utmost capacity is a conclusion. There is a market for all grain offered sale at a minimum price cents and as high as 75 for choice Turkey Red and growers are optimistic over outlook for a still better future.

number of cars of Madras have already found their to outside mills and warehouses and several cars were set for loading today. the end of the active operation of harvest the grain will coming in in earnest and then obtainable will be a even to the most opti-

following from Duns Re is founded on conditions exist not merely in the Northwest but over the at large:

With crop prospects increasing brilliant with the principal series working to full normal capacity, with trade distribution expanding and business sentiment becoming more and more confident and buoyant the whole situation both in fundamental conditions and in volume of transactions is better than it has been years. The problems now are those of depression but beyond those of prosperity. It longer a shortage of orders capacity to supply demand in some cases consumers premiums for prompt delivery. A shortage of labor not

alone in the wheat fields but in some of the industries is reported. The railroads are buying liberally of supplies and are placing heavy advance orders but there is a prospect of shortage of cars to carry the traffic of the country. An actual shortage of money has not been reached but threefold demand for money to provide for business to move the crops and to finance new enterprises and speculation is beginning to make an impression on rates for loans. It is noticeable that merchants are now disposed to buy more freely for advance needs."

### More Crook County Beef

Tuesday morning another train load of beef cattle passed through Madras over the Deschutes line for the Portland market.

They were loaded at Terrebonne, two cars belonging to Grant Mays of The Dalles and eight cars to W. Eddon a Portland buyer. This is only one of the many shipments that Central Oregon has furnished the Portland market this spring and summer.

M. Van Tassel of Opal City, was a business visitor in Madras last Friday. Mr Van Tassel has commenced the erection of a large grain warehouse at Opal City and will be open for business by September 1st.

### Young Becomes a Benedict.

Our genial friend O. C. Young, one of the pencil pushers of the Deschutes Valley Tribune, has taken upon himself a rather solemn and binding obligation endeavoring thereby to slip one over on the readers of that notable sheet; however we do not propose to allow such a thing as his going and getting hitched up and not letting any of his friends and readers know of the details. The drawing card was in the way of Miss Ruth Johnson of Culver as the bride. The ceremony was performed Thursday, August 15th. We are told by his partner that the control of the paper last week was dominated by Mr. Young so that it was impossible to get in even a little squib mentioning the marriage of the happy couple, however if the bridegroom still persists this week, we hope that the bunch will have already given them a warm reception on their return from Opal Springs. Good luck with plenty of it is the wish of their many friends.

### Marwick Goes to Pomeroy

Patrons of the Central Oregon Mercantile Co. and residents of the vicinity in general will learn with both regret and pleasure that Mr. A. Marwick expects to leave the city; regret that he is going, pleasure because he is to embark in business for himself. Pomeroy, Wash., a good town in the Palouse, is to be the scene of Mr. Marwick's venture, and he will leave Sunday for that place to open a modern haberdasher's shop of his own. The popularity he has gained here will doubtless be his in his future home, and local people will hear with pleasure of his continued success.

Mrs Frank Loveland, of Paisley, Oregon, accompanied her son, Gus home last week and is visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs Claude Ramsey on the Agency Plains.

G. W. Kidder and family spent the early part of the week in Madras being on their way to their former home eight miles south of Madras where they expect to remain a few weeks looking after their interests in this section.

## M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS AT VANORA

Big Crowd of Youngsters and Teachers Enjoy Day's Outing on the Des Chutes.

Wednesday was a red letter day for the lads and lassies, and some older folks, of the M. E. Sunday School, as that was the day for the long expected picnic on the Des Chutes.

Early in the morning the party assembled at the church with filled baskets, and were taken by auto to the station of the Oregon Trunk, where they boarded the train for the grove, north of Vanora, the train making a special stop for them at the picnic grounds.

Swinging, playing games, fishing and exploring the natural attractions along the river were the amusements of the day. Shortly after noon the baskets were opened and dinner spread in the grove.

Mr. Houghteling, living near the grove made himself immortal in the memories of the party by appearing unexpectedly on the scene with a couple of dozen big, juicy, Oregon watermelons. The kids want him to run for governor.

About five o'clock the south-bound train stopped for the party, and in another hour they were home, tired but happy.

J. S. Jacks, but a few months away from the banks and braes o' Bonnie Scotland arrived from Portland last week and is employed at the Balfour-Guthrie warehouse.

## SCHOOL BELL RINGS MONDAY, SEPT. 16

Shutt & Eichelberger Get Contract for Improving School House—Completed Sept. 10.

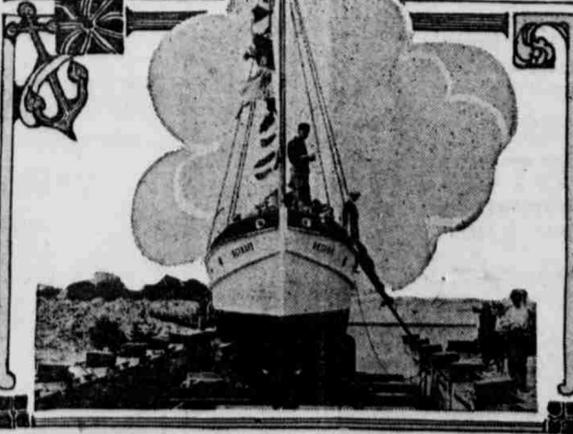
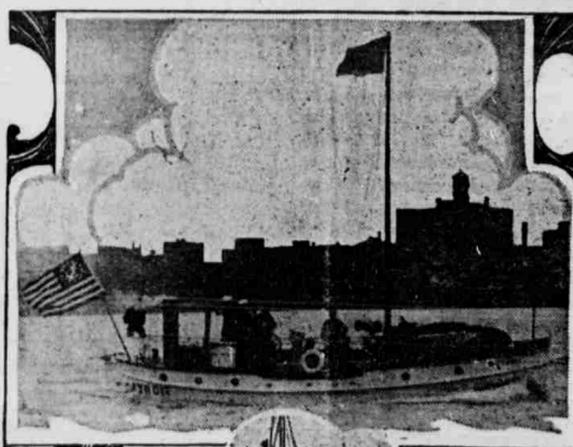
At the meeting of the Directors of the Madras district Saturday evening in the office of Dr. Long, the bids for the improvement work on the school house were opened and considered. In answer to the board's call for bids, three were received, as follows:

H. E. Rhoads, \$808.50; Shutt & Eichelberger, \$564.00; E. Lambrecht, Metolius, \$495.00 After due consideration the contract was awarded to Shutt & Eichelberger and the work will be commenced at once.

The specifications call for the finishing of the lower and upper halls, the necessary stairway, and one room 24 by 30½ feet, giving an increase of at least 40 in the seating capacity of the building and enabling the district to take adequate care of its constantly increasing juvenile population, including the Union High School.

In addition to the above improvements, the heating system will be extended to the upper floor, and a modern bubbling drinking fountain will be installed in a convenient place in the lower hall. This work will cost an additional \$120.00 and has been awarded to B. Randolph. Shutt & Eichelberger built the present school building, and with them in charge of the construction work and Mr. Randolph looking after the plumbing and

## Motorboat Detroit, Which Crossed the Atlantic Ocean



In a thirty-five foot motorboat, the Detroit, Captain Thomas F. Day of New York city and his crew recently crossed the Atlantic from New York to Queenstown in twenty-four and a half days. Captain Day, who is the editor of the Rudder, says that he has proved the feasibility of a motorboat race across the ocean. The Detroit encountered terrific gales and shipped a good deal of water, but her captain says she was never in danger from the weather. Other perils which the crew experienced were the taking fire of the gasoline in the engine room and the spilling of the fresh water. The little craft pursued its way by water to St. Petersburg. The route taken was the English channel and the North and Baltic seas. The best day's run on the transatlantic voyage was 156 miles, the poorest twenty-two miles. The illustrations show the boat as she floats and in drydock.

furnace improvements the people who are furnishing the money are assured of full value for the money expended, and the awards of the directors will meet with the general approval. Both contracts call for the completion of the work by September 10. With the building completed and at their disposal at this date, the directors have set Monday, September 16, as the day for the opening of the fall term. The increase in population and the inauguration of the complete High School course have combined to swell the attendance this year and the improvement will be but little more than sufficient to meet this increase.

The High School movement has proven especially popular, and a number of farmers living in northern Crook County are arranging for their families to spend the months of the school year in town in order to take advantage of the new department. The directors, realizing the importance of improved educational facilities, have planned to make the Madras school to be placed on the accredited list at the various State institutions and other western universities and its graduates admitted thereto without examination.

Thus does Madras keep pace with the forward movement. When further improvements are necessary they will be found forthcoming without delay.

### Chapman Pleased With Trip

That the demonstration farms at Redmond and Metolius will prove of inestimable benefit to the farmers in Central Oregon is the conviction of C. C. Chapman, publicity manager of the Portland Commercial Club, who passed through Madras Tuesday, on his way home from his Lakeview trip. Mr. Chapman said that the sessions of the Central Oregon Development League were highly interesting and instructive.

"The work of the demonstration farms at Metolius and Redmond is of great value to the state," said Mr. Chapman. "The farmers and settlers, for the most part, are new to Central Oregon and they find that they can receive the right kind of information and instructions as to cultivation and soil production. Demonstration of irrigation farming is conducted at Redmond and dry farming demonstration work is carried on at Metolius.

"These stations are maintained jointly by the railroads, the people of Central Oregon and business men of Portland. The Portland men who are contributing to the work cannot be complimented too highly for the interest they are showing in the enterprise. Both stations are in Crook County. There should be at least 15 more demonstration farms in Central Oregon.

"A movement has been started to secure state aid for farm extension and demonstration work in all parts of the state. It is planned to submit the matter to the next Legislature and to secure an appropriation sufficient to carry on this work on a larger scale."

Several changes have been made recently in the location of the operative offices of the Oregon Trunk Railroad, one by which Metolius is the looser, the trainmasters office having been transferred from that town to Vancouver, Washington. Three dispatchers who have been stationed at Metolius are included in the order and Oregon Trunk trains will hereafter be handled from the Vancouver office.

## DESERTS THE PLAINS FOR COEUR D'ALENES

P. T. Atkins Goes to Wallace, Idaho, To Add to the Ginger of the Morning Times.

Madras and Crook County lost a "live wire" last Saturday when P. T. Atkins, Attorney, scribe, mighty hunter and the self styled meanest man in the world, casting a regretful thought to the happy days gone by when a newspaperman was always good for a pass to his destination, near or far, reluctantly dug into his jeans and produced the price of a ticket to Wallace, Idaho, where he has accepted a pleasant position with the Morning Times as desk man.

Mr. Atkins had been a resident of Madras for about a year and a half, maintaining a law partnership with L. H. Irving, and for six months has been the mainstay of the Pioneer's news supply. In both capacities he proved that he knew the game, and made for himself a large circle of friends who regret that Wallace had more to offer him than Madras. Doubtless the pines and the lead-sweet water and the shut in hills of the Coeur d'Alenes will cause him to long more than once for the wheat and sage brush and the wide reaches of the rolling plains of Crook, and some day he will back track to the land of his plainsmen friends.

Meanwhile, P. T., here's how, and if ever you suck your lead pencil for a fleeting moment while your wits round up a fresh idea, here's hoping that it isn't one of those blamed indelible ones.

Dr. Clark and wife came over from their ranch in the Blizzard Ridge section Tuesday of this week. Doc. says that he rather likes farm life, but a fellow gets out of eats too often.

Taking advantage of the close hours of Sunday the local telephone exchange was moved from its location on the west side of the street to a few doors south, and across from the City Hall where it is now doing business as though it had always been there. The removal under the supervision of Manager Frank Pope was accomplished smoothly and without inconvenience to the users of the system.

## GOVERNOR WEST



Governor West, of Oregon, who has announced a crusade against vice in Portland, declaring local officials have not been doing their duty.