

W. HILL MAKES A HURRIED VISIT

Inspects Timber Holdings of Company in Cascades

W. HILL IS DELIGHTED

His First Trip to Central Oregon—Visit is Significant, in Light of Market Demand for Company's Oregon Timber

Thursday Chairman L. Hill of the Great Northern associated lines slipped into Madras and out again very unceremoniously, and that night arrived in Redmond, in company with Mrs. Hill and Messrs. W. S. Johnson and Lloyd McDowell, party leaving Redmond, by early Friday morning for Madras, having as its purpose inspection of the company's timber holdings in that section—where for which the markets are calling.

He made the trip to the interior of the state at this time to consider carefully several conditions we have in mind," Mr. Hill after his return to Madras early in the week.

While it was not our intention on this trip to attempt to inspect the agricultural districts of Central Oregon, since we are making a special trip to look at timber, we found wonderful quantities of grain and alfalfa from Oregon to the foothills of the Willamette in Western Oregon, as well as grain, fruit, and vegetable crops, that I doubt could be excelled anywhere.

If you want to realize just how much room there is in Oregon for thrifty families, it is but necessary to make a trip similar to the one we have just completed. It is apparent there is room for thousands of new families where they will have little difficulty in making a prosperous living with an enjoyable and comfortable home.

The coming fall season of state fairs will be an attraction even to the Coast cities of what their own resources and the Fall and Winter shows in the East should be an advantage of to exploit, in a profitable manner, before the people of the east the wonderfulness of the resources of Oregon. We are extremely glad to notice the result of our visit, and also that there is noticeable increase in inquiries for Oregon homes and lands.

"Several propositions" referred to by Mr. Hill can have but little meaning when sifted down, and the railroad mileage for Crook and Central Oregon, and the Harriman roads definitely heading for the big timber in the upper Deschutes, and with its own east and west surveys completed and a vast acreage of choice timber already under ownership, it is not likely that the Hill interests will remain idle.

The recent trip was the first of Mrs. Hill to Central Oregon, and she was very enthusiastic and outspoken in her praise of the "new" country, and the development of which members of her family are doing such an important part.

Chas. Parrish are happy parents of a boy, born August 26th.

TWO DEER FALL TO CAMPBELL'S GUN

Hunters Return with Venison, Health and Whiskers—Lots of Berries in the Mountains

Sunday witnessed the return to civilization of the last of the party of mighty hunters who set forth from Madras late in July with the avowed intention of decimating the ranks of the deer in the Cascades, J. L. Campbell and Merle Strite arriving safely at home, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roush, who had also been on a pilgrimage to the hills. The two parties got together some days ago at Fish Lake and had been braving the weather in company ever since.

Some hunting, more huckleberrying, a trip to Carpenter Mountain, and a great deal of enforced loafing around camp formed the program of the latter part of the trip.

Campbell, who appears to have been the T. Roosevelt of the outfit, succeeded in bagging one more deer after the return of the first deserters of the party, making two to his credit out of a total of three massacred by the entire bunch. There is a move on foot to bar him from future expeditions of this nature.

The party's return at this time was enforced by the fact that the grub supply had dwindled to baking powder and pepper, neither of which commodities, while each blends nicely with other things, finds favor as a straight diet. There is a wide difference in the stories told as to the whereforeness of the why in regard to this grub shortage. Campbell claims that it was due solely to the enormous appetites of Strite and Roush, while the latter assert that Campbell lost the main part of the provisions while making a wild stampede out of the vicinity of a few fresh bear signs.

Members of the party say that huckleberries are plentiful and of a very fine quality, though the continued bad weather is beginning to soften them. Pickers were scarce, and not until they were on their way home did they meet any inbound berry parties.

In addition to some choice cuts of venison brought in for the enjoyment of their friends, the masculine members of the party returned with some of the finest sets of whiskers ever held in captivity in this locality, and a generally bronzed and weather-beaten appearance. Postmaster Davis, meeting Campbell and Strite Sunday evening in Culp's pool hall, was convinced that they were "bad men", and it is claimed that the sight so upset him that he started back to make sure that he had safely locked the safe containing our Uncle Samuel's money before realizing his mistake. Everybody is going again next year, but they are already praying for better weather.

Harvest Home Festival

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League on September 3rd, it was decided to hold a harvest home festival in the Methodist church about the last of this month, and it is the intention of the members of the League to make the church very attractive with decorations of the various products of the vicinity. Dates and particulars will be announced later.

NO UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL NOW

ARE NO GROUNDS FOR CONTEST

Election Was Legal in Every Way and Will of Overwhelming Majority Will Be Heeded—

Directors Will Meet Here on Saturday

The transient population of Prineville was swelled Wednesday by the presence in the County Seat, among others, of that eminent practitioner, W. R. Cook, "The Madras Healer," George Irwin, "The Non-Tax-paying Clerk of Vanora," and J. E. Campbell, who were on hand to appear before the Boundary Board in the matter of the contest of the recent election establishing the Union High School District. However, there was no real occasion for the trip as, under the law, there never was any ground for the contest, and the election stands as announced—in favor of the movement by a very large majority.

The impression prevailed in some quarters—notably in the wilds of Metolius from which the Central Oregonian emanates and the isolated haunts of the "Essayist of Vanora", that a majority vote in each individual district was necessary, but Oregon, of all the States in the Union, changes laws to fit modern conditions, and the present law states very plainly that a majority of all votes cast shall determine the result. The opinion of

the Attorney General also invalidated the contest filed in regard to the election at Vanora, and the Boundary Board in their meeting Wednesday held that all votes cast there were legal votes, giving a return of 6 for and 5 against the High School. A wire from Attorney General Crawford received early in the week reads as follows: "Results depend on majority vote cast in all districts as a whole; adverse vote in one district which does not overcome majority in all other districts does not change result."

Supt. Ford was ordered by the board to notify the chairmen of all districts at once of the result of the election and contest, and a meeting of these gentlemen, who constitute the Board of Directors of the new High School, will be held Saturday afternoon at the school house in this city. At that time the organization will be perfected, a full four year course in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Education adopted, thoroughly competent instructors engaged—and the Union High School will be an established fact, no ifs or ands about it.

BOARD REJECTS FORMER BIDS

School House Improvement Contract Awarded to G. W. and S. V. Richardson

Owing to a misunderstanding between the contractors and the board of directors of the Madras School district, all negotiations pending last week were dropped and the board took advantage of their right to reject all bids and reopened the matter.

Early in the week a contract was drawn between the board and Messrs. G. W. and S. V. Richardson, whereby the latter gentlemen guarantee to perform the work in accordance with the plans and specifications and to the board's satisfaction, and work was commenced at once. There will be no delay in the opening of school, as the carpentry work on the lower floor will be completed by September 16, and that on the upper floor by October 1, such painting as remains unfinished at these dates to be done a little later, as vacations permit. A school warrant bearing the customary interest will be accepted by the contractors as payment for their work.

A. A. Netter, formerly a traveling salesman, for the Great Northern Shoe Company of Duluth, Minn., has accepted a position with the Central Oregon Mercantile Company, commencing work Monday morning.

TREACHEROUS RIVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD

Bodies of Williams and Walker Recovered Many Days After Time of Tragedy

About seven o'clock on the morning of Sunday August 25, watchers near the bridge at Shearers discovered the body of E. H. Walker, one of the victims of the tragedy of some days ago on the Deschutes, and three days later the body of Irvin Williams, his ill-fated companion, was taken from the river at a point about a mile and a half farther down. Relatives of the young men, who had been in the locality participating in the search for the remains and conveyed them to outside points for burial, the body of Walker being taken to Halsey, and that of Williams to Harrisburg.

Sunday afternoon a special train went south on the O. W. R. & N., carrying a goodly delegation of visitors to Central Oregon from Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. They were entertained at Bend by the Bend Park Company, and in addition to being treated to the genuine brand of Oregon hospitality, were extended every facility for visiting and forming an accurate opinion of the various demonstration farms and many local industries. Their train returned on the northern trip late Monday evening.

FARM EXHIBITS FOR LETHBRIDGE SHOW

Will be Given Personal Attention of Tillman Reuter—Good Display Anticipated

Tillman Reuter, one of the foremost among the dry farmers of the Northwest, was a visitor in Madras and vicinity, "home", this week, doing missionary work in the interest of a big Crook County display for the Dry Farming Congress to be held at Lethbridge, Sask., the week beginning October 21.

This will be the show of the year, attended by people from all parts of the two great North American countries, and many from abroad, and the value of an adequate display there cannot be overestimated. Crook County "has the goods", and every facility for making a successful exhibit will be extended to all who care to participate in the big event.

Mr. Reuter, who will have charge of the specimens from the Great Northern's five Oregon farms, will make a complete display of the products of his own farm southeast of this city where many prize winning grains, fruits, and vegetables have been raised in previous years, and will have a car here about the tenth of October for receiving the same. All who prepare specimens may load them here at that time, and they will be given free transportation to Lethbridge, free exhibition space, and the best care that experts like Reuter can provide. After the Lethbridge show, they will be turned over to the Great Northern for use in their displays at the Minneapolis show, and their exhibition rooms and cars at other eastern points, so that the exhibitors will be given a goodly amount of publicity. Both James J. Hill and Louis Hill will be in attendance at Lethbridge, the former being among the speakers.

Mr. Reuter is also hopeful for a good local exhibit at the Portland Land Show to be held later in the fall, and there is but little doubt that Crook County will be "right there" with a display that will be a revelation to those who are not familiar with the productive qualities of her soil and climate.

Meeting of High School Directors

There will be a meeting of the Chairmen of the ten districts composing the Union High School District at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, September 7, 1912, at the school house in Madras, for the purpose of effecting the permanent organization of the District and Board of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. The attendance of all Chairmen is urged.

Dr. T. A. Long, Chairman Madras District.

At the recent session of the Columbia River Methodist Episcopal Conference at Ellensburg, Wash., Rev. Israel Putman was assigned to the local church for the ensuing year, and regular services will be resumed Sunday next as announced by his letter of the 2nd. H. O. Perry was named as Superintendent of The Dalles district, and other appointments of local interest are as follows: Bend, G. R. Morehead; Grandview, H. J. Wood; Prineville, J. E. Williams; Redmond, J. M. Crenshaw.

PRICE OF WHEAT PLAYS CIRCUS TRICKS

Climbs from 63c to 67c, Then Slides Back to 64c.

ALMOST AN INCH OF RAIN

Fell in Crook County During August—Adverse Weather Delays Threshers, and Some Damage May Yet Be the Result

The price of wheat on the local market has been performing a few acrobatic stunts during the last few days, and at present is not so low as might be, and not so high as it was. The latter part of last week and the first of this week, the prevailing price was 67 cents net to the grower for Club and Fortyfold, and in the neighborhood of 70 for Turkey Red, the quality and condition of the latter having a good deal to do with the price. Late Tuesday afternoon wire advice caused the drop to the present level. Owing to the break in threshing, owing to the bad weather, and an impaired telephone service, the growers did not profit to any great extent by the raise, but they are confident of a still better future market.

While the good weather ended with a bump last Friday, and harvesting operations have been more or less hampered ever since by adverse conditions, the Madras district, at this writing, has gotten off much lighter than many other sections of Oregon, Wasington, Idaho, and the Canadian Northwest. Rain did considerable damage in some localities, and in a few instances was followed by light frost.

The actual local damage so far has been negligible, but a continuance of unfavorable weather would soon begin to work definite hardship to some.

August, 1912, will long be remembered as a rain maker. At the government station at the Agency at Warm Springs a total precipitation of 99 one-hundredths of an inch was recorded, and in the Willamette Valley this rainfall was considerably more than trebled. A few days of genuine old-fashioned, sunshiny, Central Oregon fall weather would be very welcome in the immediate future.

"Harvesting is in full swing all over the Pacific Northwest," says the Commercial Review, and reports coming in are that the returns are fully up to expectations; yields are large, but quality in a great many places is not very good; smut and pinched wheat are reported in a great many sections. Over one-half of the wheat crop so far has been harvested and ready for delivery to country warehouses. The exact amount of wheat raised this year is difficult to estimate, and it is not offered as freely as one would expect, but receipts coming to tide water here at Portland and Puget Sound ports are larger than a year ago. With the large crop raised in the three States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, there will be a great amount poured out from the farms. The wheat market will be depressed at times, but like all movements when the decrease begins to show a sharp reaction may result."