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## WEATHER IMPROVES BUT MARKET BREAKS

Damage to Local Wheat Crop Slight—  
Heavy Receipts Depress  
the Price

With the breaking of the period of bad weather with which the entire northwest had been afflicted for days, and the coming of Monday's sunshine, and continuance throughout the week, Madras farmers "came out of the dumps" with a "push" and work in the fields is being pushed harder than before. The feeling now is optimistic over the country, and reports from all sections tend to show that the relief came in time to prevent any serious damage. This particular locality the dollar and cents damage is extremely slight.

While the improved weather conditions have been of inestimable value to the growers in helping them to save the crop, the behavior of the market during the last few days has not been that could be desired. The price of last week was followed almost daily reductions in the price offered by local warehouses, though a bit of wheat was sold into private hands at the price that prevailed earlier in the season, 67 cents. The Chicago market dropped on Friday to a new low record price for the season to that date, and until Tuesday, when there was a pronounced increase in grain buying, was there any appreciable rally. Track prices at Portland, according to published figures have held their well.

Mr. Rice's Review of September has to say of the situation: "For no other reason, wheat seemed due to decline at the outset this week because of heavy receipts at the Northwest. That is exactly what happened, quotations crumbling rapidly when business was resumed after the holiday because of the movement of new grain to market. It is interesting to point out that in three days arrivals at Duluth and Minneapolis aggregated 2,177 cars, and, although this were not enough, the offerings were in excess of expectations. Thus, shipments from all surplus nations last week mounted upward to imposing total of 13,456,000 bushels against only about 10,000,000 in the preceding week—practically the same quantity during the corresponding period a year ago. In fact there was not a little to stimulate grain sentiment in the early days. On the other hand, news was not all one-sided, there being complaints of delayed shipping in the Northwest and reports of quite a good export demand, which caused a somewhat firmer undertone for a while. Then, it is significant that, in spite of the recent heavy receipts of new wheat, the latest domestic visible supply statement showed an accumulation of about 366,000 bushels, including bonded, the 20,000,000 bushels, or so now in sight making a striking contrast with the more than 48,000,000 bushels available at this time a year ago. European conditions are also becoming more and more a strengthening factor by reason of the damage to the crops there on account of excessive wet weather. This means that those countries which have suffered

from that cause will make larger demands for supplies elsewhere. Russian offerings, however, are being increased and France has raised a larger crop than last year".

### Richardson-Duchien

The marriage of Miss Ella Richardson and Mr. Frank Duchien was solemnized recently at the home of the bride's father, George W. Richardson, E. W. Hillis of the Free Methodist church officiated. The groom has a homestead southeast of Madras, where the young people have taken up their residence, and where the good wishes of numerous friends follow them.

### Madras State Bank Flourishes

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the report of the Madras State Bank for the quarter ending September 4th. Bank reports are the pulse of the business life of a community, and it is a source of gratification to note that, in comparison to the last report in June, both the deposits and the general business transactions of the bank show a decidedly healthy increase. The sound business policies under which the institution has been conducted find general favor among the people of the county at large, as witnessed by its steadily growing list of patrons.

Another large shipment of cattle passed through Madras Monday morning on the way to the Portland market. Portland buyers are seemingly anxious to secure Central Oregon beef. This train load was loaded at Terrebonne, eight cars belonging to Kidwell and Criswell, cattle buyers of Portland, and two cars to the Benson Commission Co.

## CENTRAL OREGON FAIR AT PRINEVILLE

Eighth Annual Event Oct. 16 to 19  
Will Be Biggest and Best  
Ever Held

The Eighth Annual Central Oregon Fair will be held at Prineville October 16 to 19th, inclusive, under the auspices of the First Central Oregon Agricultural Society, and the Central Oregon Livestock and Agricultural Association, and that it will be the best fair ever held in Crook County is already evinced by the interest that is being displayed in advance.

The total appropriations for premiums and purses run well into the thousands, and the fair board has prepared a comprehensive list that will provide an opening for the exhibition of every product of the county. Special attention will be shown to the industrial exhibits of the schools, and in furtherance of the school displays a season complimentary ticket will be presented to all school children and teachers. The prizes in this department include those offered by the Hill and Harriman interests. Considerable improving has been done about the grounds and buildings and those attending the fair are assured of a great old time.

James Rice and Lex Long of Haycreek, were over today attending to business matters. Lex is getting on fine after the severe mix up he was in a few weeks since and in which he received a fractured arm.

## STATE MAY ENTER RECLAMATION WORK

Governor Favors Financing Deschutes  
Project if Abandoned by Private Capital

That the 38,000 acre tract of land in the Deschutes basin originally segregated under the Cary act by the Three Sisters Irrigation Company may be the scene of the State's first venture into the reclamation of its arid lands is the news conveyed in a dispatch just received from Salem, as the Governor will submit a special message to the legislature recommending such a course should the project be abandoned by private parties. After various vicissitudes, the problem of handling the tract successfully was submitted to Alma J. Kantz, who has until the first of the year to determine whether or not he can handle it with private capital. Promotion companies on Cary act projects have experienced so many troubles and difficulties in the past that some are inclined to look askance upon the State's entry into this field of development, but the project is absolutely feasible, and the Governor's plan will receive strong support from many quarters.

Coupled with this, it is interesting to note that the Portland Chamber of Commerce will undertake to secure an appropriation of \$50,000 from the federal Government, on condition that the State make a similar appropriation, for the making of surveys and detailed plans for the

development of irrigation and power resources in the Deschutes basin, this step having also received the hearty endorsement of the Governor and the State Conservation Commission. The visit of State Engineer Lewis to this territory in June convinced him of the great possibilities yet undeveloped, and the practical plan to get the matter firmly under way is by the preliminary step outlined above. It is the opinion of Mr. Lewis that fully 300,000 acres of land can be put under the ditch and an enormous amount of power developed without interfering in any way with existing private enterprises.

### Pierson Buys Jennings Farm

Last week a real estate deal was made locally whereby Andrew J. Pierson became the owner of the N. S. Jennings homestead just northeast of this city. The tract contains 160 acres, and the reported price for which the transfer was made is \$3,200, which indicates a very healthy condition in local land values. Mr. Pierson has operated the farm under lease for a year or more, and from practical proof is convinced that he has secured the best end of the deal.

E. C. Culley of Seattle who has agricultural land in this locality, was here last week looking after his harvesting. It was Mr. Culley's vacation, and he was very much disappointed by running into a brand of weather similar to the kind that he had been enjoying on Puget Sound. He was very much pleased, however, with the way the crops of Central Oregon have turned out this season, and a good yield of wheat on his land more than made up for the unpleasantness of the weather.

## HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS ELECT OFFICERS

Permanent Organization Effected—  
Prof. C. V. Kilgore Engaged  
as Principal

The permanent organization of the Union High School District was effected at the meeting of district chairmen held last Saturday afternoon at the school house in this city, the following districts being represented: No. 22, Dr. T. A. Long, chairman; No. 49, J. E. Campbell, chairman, by proxy; No. 60, Seth Lewelling, chairman, by proxy; No. 13, Walter Arney, chairman; No. 16, L. A. Young, chairman; No. 79, J. M. Morgan, chairman, by proxy. Dr. Long called the meeting to order, and by virtue of an official notice from County School Superintendent Ford as Secretary of the District Boundary Board, authorizing the organization, the directors present proceeded to elect L. A. Young, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union High School, and Dr. T. A. Long as Clerk. The Executive Committee is composed of Messrs. Young, Long and Arney.

Arrangements were perfected with the Madras common school district for the housing of the new high school in the present school building in this city where ample accommodations are being prepared for it, and the clerk was instructed to purchase immediately the apparatus and equipment necessary. For the first year there will be no tuition charged to non-resident pupils, so that all who wish to take advantage of the advanced courses may do so without expense. Three o'clock P. M. on the first Saturday of each month at the school house in this city was designated as the time and place for the monthly meetings of the board.

Several applications had been received for the principalship, and after all had been carefully considered the board chose as the applicant best fitted to the local needs Mr. C. V. Kilgore, whose qualifications are ample and who comes very highly recommended. Mr. Kilgore is a graduate of the O. N. U. at Ada, Ohio, and five years of his experience as an instructor have been spent in Oregon. He was for three years principal of the school at Grant's Pass, and last year held a similar position in a school in Umatilla county.

School will begin in all branches Monday morning, when the contractors will have their work so far under way that there will be no inconvenience suffered. The primary department will be in charge of Miss Catherine Lowther, a former teacher in the local school; the intermediate grades will be looked after by Miss Arensmeier, who comes but recently from a Normal in Missouri, and Miss Elva J. Smith, a teacher well known in Crook county, will handle the more advanced pupils.

All indications point to the most successful school year yet known in Madras, which is but a natural result of the growth and development of Northern Crook County. Very many families have arranged to move in from the country during the winter, and rentable property, of which there is seldom a surplus in Madras, is being held at a premium.

Kids, remember to listen for the bell.



HELEN AND ROBERT TAFT, daughter and son of President Taft, are now about a hundred miles inland from the railroad in the heart of Glacier National Park, Uncle Sam's newest playground, which was created by Congress in 1910, the bill being signed by President Taft himself. Other members of the party are Mrs. G. E. Vincent and Miss Isabelle Vincent, who was at Bryn Mawr with Miss Taft; Miss Martha Bowers and Lloyd W. J. Bowers, children of the late Attorney General, and a number of other young people.

When the party arrived at Two Medicine Lake, the first stop

in the park, they were greeted by about two hundred Blackfeet Indians, whose reservation adjoins the park. The Indians entertained the party with exhibitions of their Sun Dance, Grass Dance and Medicine Lodge ceremonies. Glacier National Park is replete with Indian legend and full of scientific interest on account of the geological formation.

President Taft is setting a good example to every American citizen by introducing to his family the beauties of American scenery. The "See America First" slogan has made an impression on our chief executive.