

Crow Creek too 'pesky'

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crowds actually turned out to be a congregation of ravens.

Years later someone changed the stream's name to Henry Creek, probably thinking it had "a less pesky ring" to it.

Franzette started her venture in the water business by first serving a cluster of 99-year-lease cabins, located on public land administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Her motive for serving these residents, instead of homeowners on private land, is not known. One can only speculate that her business-like mind must've pointed her in the right direction for she acquired easement rights, free and clear from the government, without spending a nickel. If she would have attempted to get easement

through private land she may have had to pay a price.

On June 14, 1921 Franzette entered into an agreement with the secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a 10-foot right-of-way through government land in order to lay a pipeline that would insure water for all residences in the area.

The agreement, which is still in effect today, cost Franzette no money. Instead she had three conditions she had to abide by, or the agreement would be terminated, forcing the waterlines to be abandoned.

The first stipulation was that all of the waterlines had to be buried at "a sufficient depth to permit the cultivation of soil above." The concern was for not on-

ly timber production, but also agriculture.

Also, the freezing temperatures that often accompanied the winter snows in the area were a concern. Broken pipes were such a common occurrence that some people would save themselves the trouble of digging up the pipe and repairing it. Instead, they would enclose it in a wooden box running along the surface, or merely lay it on the ground, foregoing the box.

This right-of-way agreement also stated that the pipeline "shall not interfere" with "the use and enjoyment" of the area in any way.

This condition was to ensure that the community would continue to grow as a recreational area.

Also, the right-of-way

could not be "fenced or otherwise enclosed" unless she did it at her own expense and if it did not violate the other two terms of the agreement.

Outside of government land, however, Franzette laid a good portion of the pipe in the same manner as most people at that time—above ground.

WOODEN WATER PIPES

Dale and Edna Lamoureux own the town's first log house, in which their offspring currently reside. This two-story landmark dates back to pioneer times, and was constructed by Heinrich Hamann on an 11.5 acre homestead. They recently pointed out some evidence of another water system that predates Franzette's.

On July 10, 1907, Rowe purchased the homestead and surrounding acreage, and the water system was operated under the auspices of his land development company.

Located on the Lamoureux's property, and running into a large, marshy area known as "Rhododendron Meadow," is the remains of a dilapidated, four-foot high cedar fence. This structure spans the upper portion of Meadow Creek, which on

old plat maps is known as Fir Street.

Here, the overgrown bank's of the creek still possess evidence of the water system's original pumphouse.

The Lamoureuxs claim the system's water pipes, which were constructed of cedar, were laid on top of the fence and ran a good distance to serve a handful of houses. In one instance it ran close to a quarter of a mile to serve a single residence.

Franzette's water system was a success but the town's second problem, that of its streets, wasn't solved until a few years later. With plenty of good ol' Henry Creek water available, people would it in the path of the sheep and cattle herds to keep down the dust.

THE SYSTEM TODAY

Today the historic Franzette water system is owned by the "Rhododendron Summer Home Association," a non-profit corporation operated by the area's water users.

Its customers number close to 325 and are scattered from the eastern boundary of Rhododendron

Fair planning group sets up its campaign

Willamina was the gathering place Sunday afternoon, July 18, for supporters of the Initiative Petition to abolish LCDC (Land Conservation and Development Commission).

This initiative will appear on the November ballot and will call for master land use planning to be done at the city and county level through citizens groups and local elected officials.

The meeting was hosted by Roy Durham and Ray Fectel, directors of Oregon Citizens for Fair Land Planning Inc. Durham's report on the petition drive gave credit to its many workers.

Ginny Brewster of Sandy reported on the need for citizens to testify at local and state hearings concern-

ing land use policies and rules. She covered the policy changes of LCDC, which are presently being adopted as laws. She also commented, "I am impressed by the quality of people working on this initiative. They care about

the quality of life and the use of land in Oregon. Their lives reflect a conservationist attitude. Roy Durham was one of the first sustained-yield tree farmers in Oregon; a model for owners of forest land."

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Private citizens, organizations and citizen planning organizations that wish to remain or be placed on the mailing list should write the planning division. Requests should include one's name, address and zip code.

All requests should be addressed to: Hearings Officer Mailing List, 902 Abernethy Road, Oregon City, Ore., 97045.

On July 1 the Board of County Commissioners, in attempt to save an estimated \$30,000, took over the duties of the hearings officer.

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