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\$1.50 A YEAR

\$3,500 LOSS WHEN FARM RESIDENCE BURNS

P. O. DEPARTMENT MAY DIVIDE ROUTE 2, SAID

Much interest has been taken in the report that the Postoffice Department is considering splitting Sheridan Route Two, giving one-half the route to the Willamina mail carrier and the other half to a McMinnville carrier. It is said the change is being considered to affect a big saving for the department, as it is the government's policy to consolidate routes whenever possible, especially where the carrier of the route it is proposed to discontinue has passed the pension and retirement age of 65. It is said that Pete Bell, well-known carrier on Sheridan Route Two, is about to be retired on a pension.

If the department makes the proposed change, all patrons would receive the same prompt service from the Willamina postoffice that they now receive from Sheridan. If the change is made, the Willamina loop of the divided route two would be carried by R. H. Yates, carrier on route one at present, who would then handle both rural deliveries. He would very probably alternate deliveries, going out on the present route one today in the morning and out on the addition from route two in the early afternoon, then tomorrow reversing the procedure. However, that point would be definitely decided by the department. The present route one from Willamina makes a loop that covers 25 miles. The proposed addition to route one would be another loop covering approximately 27 miles, and would run from the Willamina postoffice along the river road to Buck Hollow school, then out to East Creek, then turn and come eastward along the Rock Creek road to the highway intersection 1 1/2 miles west of Sheridan, then west to the Willamina postoffice. The section of Sheridan route two known as the Golpher Flats delivery would be handled by the rural carrier out of McMinnville, as it would run northwest out of that city.

Patrons on the route it is proposed to divide are said to have not voiced any objection to the change, but it is understood that the city of Sheridan has protested the abandonment of their route.

A report circulated to the effect that deliveries would be a day late when the mail is carried out of Willamina are entirely erroneous, as Willamina gets the same service on in-coming mails as Sheridan, and therefore the country mails would go out of here just as promptly.

TAXPAYERS WILL FIGHT AMENDM'NT

The "Greater Oregon Association", a state taxpayers' organization with headquarters in Portland, is opposed to the adoption of the "People's Water and Power Utility Districts Constitutional Amendment", which will come before the voters at the November election.

In a letter from Secretary L. B. Smith of the taxpayers' association, dated Aug. 15, 1930, and addressed to Chas. C. Hulet, Master of the Oregon State Grange, reasons for opposing this radical amendment are given.

Mr. Smith points out that the proposed amendment not only authorizes the creation of rural districts to provide and distribute water and electrical current in the same manner as cities, but goes much further.

If this amendment is adopted, municipalities would be given authority for extending their operations beyond their territorial limits, and a new type of overlapping lien could thereby be imposed upon properties owned by corporations and individuals, who may have no vote and no voice in the district, according to Mr. Smith. The taxpayers' organizations throughout the state regard this proposed amendment as extremely dangerous because of the failure to include any safeguards or limitations on taxing and bond issuing in its provisions.

The private-owned power companies themselves are now presenting some logical reasons why this amendment should be defeated in weekly articles, appearing in The Times, and endorsed by well-known men. This "Horse Sense" series is attracting wide attention.

Charles Unicum and Family Return From 6 Weeks Tour of East

Chas. Unicum and family of Willamina returned home Saturday from a six-weeks' motor trip, during which time they visited relatives in Michigan.

Leaving here June 28, the Unicum family made a leisurely trip covering fifteen days over the old Oregon Trail, which crosses Oregon via Portland, Pendleton, Baker. Going through Idaho they stopped at Twin Falls. The chief cities passed through in Wyoming were Laramie, Rock Springs and Cheyenne. In passing through Nebraska, the route took them just north of Lincoln, and north of Omaha, where they crossed the famous Lincoln Memorial Bridge over the Missouri river into Illinois. They then went directly to Chicago, passing through the city suburbs and continuing the lakeshore drive to Clare, Mich. Mr. Unicum's old home, where they visited relatives and friends. From Clare the family went to Manton, Mich., for a visit with Mrs. Unicum's relatives, then stopping for a brief visit with friends at Harbor Springs, Mich., before starting on their return trip home.

Coming back, the Unicums took the Northern Route, which carried them down across Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana, Washington, into Oregon, and also covered 15 days.

Mr. Unicum reports that they had a pleasant visit, and a comparatively pleasant trip both ways, considering the severe heat in North Dakota and Montana, where the temperatures ranged from 95 to 112, and even up to 120 one day. Crops in Nebraska looked good, he said, but Dakota and Montana seemed burned up, making Oregon crops look fine, indeed, by comparison. Wheat in some parts of Dakota was threshing only 8 or 10 bushels to the acre, and selling for a price so low that it did not pay to harvest the crop.

Hillcrest News

A very enjoyable meeting of the Hill Crest Sewing Club, was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Morton last Wednesday afternoon, all members being present.

Mrs. Robert Young and daughter, Pauline, and Mrs. Kate Gebhardt and son, Louis, were callers at the Tenbush home last Tuesday afternoon, and all enjoyed a fine swim in the Willamina river.

T. H. Hunter and little daughter, Dorris, have been suffering with boils on their face and arms this past week. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young and son, Robert Harrison, have returned to Portland, after spending from Sunday until Thursday, with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young.

H. Tenbush helped T. H. Rouse with his new home last Friday and Saturday. Mrs. C. K. Olsen called at the home of Mrs. Robert Young last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hineman and family have moved back to Yamhill, after being in this vicinity a short time.

John Van Kessel is at home now for a short stay.

Mrs. Durst and children of Willamina, spent last Sunday morning at the Tenbush home.

Ruth Duncan spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Byrd Nichols, helping her make kraut.

Carrie Sue Olsen spent Monday at the home of Naoma and Robert Shipley.

Katherine Gebhardt is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Christensen in Portland.

Robert Young has been confined at his home for the past two weeks, suffering an attack of lumbago.

Mr. and Mrs. Artis Colwell and Mrs. Rose Tenbush spent last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Olsen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Shipley and children have returned from Seattle, after spending two weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Artis Colwell of Portland, will spend the winter with the former's brother, Henry Colwell.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schukar, of Sheridan, Monday morning. Before her marriage, Mrs. Schukar was Miss Ruth Barrett, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barrett, of Willamina.

TOWNSITE OPENED ON NEW HIGHWAY IS ATTRACTING WIDE ATTENTION

Situated in an ideal location for the building of a smart little community, on the scenic drive of the Salmon River Cut-Off road, "Paulstown," the new townsite recently put on the market by Paul Fundman, well-known Willamina banker, is getting the public eye.

This new townsite runs exactly east and west, and the northeastern corner of Paulstown lies just 300 feet south of the New Grand Ronde intersection of the county road and Salmon River Cut-Off highway. It is bounded on the east by an improved county road, on the south by the beautiful little stream known as Rock Creek, on the west by scenic timbered lands, and on the north by an improved county road, which runs east and west, joining the Salmon River Cut-Off road at the eastern extremity of Paulstown's western business section. Streets are laid out entirely around the business districts. The eastern business district ("A") has a total of 20 lots, size 50x100 feet, and the western business section ("B") contains seven lots, each 50x100 feet.

There are eleven choice residential lots in the Paulstown plat. One novel feature is that Rock Creek runs across the backyard of each residential lot, the property line running to the middle of the creek.

These residential lots vary in size from .93 A. to 2 A., and are also varied in shape and comparatively level.

Mr. Fundman has recently had work started on drilling a deep well in the western part of the townsite, although this is not needed for domestic water supply, as the town of New Grand Ronde takes its water from Rock Creek, and this clear, cold water would be available to all residents of Paulstown.

Numerous inquiries have come to Mr. Fundman from city people interested in buying lots in Paulstown, and a number of local residents are considering building there, it is reported.

Paulstown will make a beautiful residential district within the near future, it is predicted. Persons who want to be within a very short distance of the beaches, without having to endure the heavy fogs along the water fronts, will find Paulstown rightly suited to their needs, it is believed. It lies only 23 miles from the north Lincoln beaches, which, over the improved Cut-Off, means less than an hour's drive.

Frank Smelser Critically Ill in Hospital, Following Two Major Operations

Frank Smelser, well-known Willamina man, was taken suddenly ill Friday evening, suffering from severe pains in the abdomen. Dr. Russell was called and found that Mr. Smelser's illness was due to ulcers of the bowels, with possible complications of acute appendicitis.

The patient was taken at once to the McMinnville hospital for treatment, and Saturday morning surgeons thought it necessary to operate. It was found that not only was the appendix infected, but what is known as a "perforating ulcer" had eaten a hole through the upper intestine, just below the stomach, and peritonitis would have soon resulted had the operation been delayed.

The operation submitted to by Mr. Smelser was a very serious one, the surgeons finding it necessary to remove a small portion of the intestine and his appendix as well. However, latest reports given The Times are to the effect that he is getting along as well as could be expected, and there is much hope for his recovery, although it will be months before he is well again.

Mr. Smelser was recently awarded the contract for transporting pupils to and from the high school, and his illness will necessitate his engagement of a substitute temporarily.

No Baseball Game, So Party Picnics Instead

A number of Willamina people went to Taft Sunday afternoon expecting to witness the scheduled game between the Willamina and Taft nines, but when the game was postponed the local people proceeded to enjoy themselves on the beaches. Those known to have been in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kneeder and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tolston, of Rickreall, Charles and Frank Schaller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neely, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daniels and son. At the beaches they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Shetterly and children and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Blanchard, of Willamina, the former having been at the coast for several days, and the latter being there to spend the day.

Enroute home, the entire party stopped near the Salmon River bridge, at Rose Lodge, where a bountiful picnic supper was enjoyed. Fishing followed, but the only catch was made by Mr. Jarvis, who landed a nice 19-inch trout.

PETER C. DEMAS HOME DESTROYED; FIRE STARTS FROM COOK STOVE, SAID

Fire completely destroyed the Peter C. Demas residence, 6 miles southwest of Willamina, on Route One and near the Gebhardt-Klees mill, Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The house was a story and a half structure, containing six rooms, and valued at \$2,500, having been erected only a year ago. All household goods were also destroyed. Insurance to the amount of only \$1,500 was carried, it is reported. The total loss is estimated at \$3,500.

According to a report given this newspaper, Mrs. Demas, who was at home alone, had been doing some baking and had stepped out to feed the chickens. Noticing smoke coming out of the windows, she rushed back to the house, only to find the flames so hot she could not enter. Summoning help, the fire gained such headway before the men arrived that the house and its entire contents were totally destroyed.

The blaze is believed to have started from an overheated cook stove.

CROWELL MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Winn. C. Crowell, of Pasadena, Calif., left for their home Tuesday, after a visit with the former's brother, Wymouth Crowell, and family, at their country place west of Willamina. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Wymouth Crowell and son. The latter, Mr. Crowell owns 21,000 acres of land in this community, and has great confidence in its future development. He is now engaged in extensive improvements on his properties. He resides in Los Angeles, but makes his home here during the summer, looking after his interests. W. C. Crowell expressed himself as very favorably impressed with Oregon, highly praising our climate.

BRIEF WILLAMINA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Moore and children, of Portland, arrived here Monday for a brief visit in the home of the former's niece, Mrs. C. J. Hampton. They left Tuesday for the coast, where they expect to spend a two weeks' vacation.

Charlie Davis, well-known Willamina district man, who has a place in the mountains, about 12 miles north of town, was taken seriously ill of bleeding ulcers of the stomach Monday. He was moved down to the home of his niece, Mrs. John McGriffin, 2 miles west of this city, where he will be nearer to a physician and receive special care, he having objected to being taken to the hospital.

The regular meeting of the Willamina Chamber of Commerce will be held at the City Hall Tuesday evening, Aug. 26, President Shetterly announced. At this time several matters of importance will be taken up, and the proposed new mill will probably be discussed. Come out and express your views.

Mrs. Pearl Moyer, of Walla Walla, Wash., arrived here Wednesday morning for a visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. G. G. Sittser, and family near Grand Ronde. Mrs. Moyer is postmaster at College Place, near Walla Walla. Ronald Sittser drove to Salem to meet his aunt, she having made a brief visit there.

Mrs. S. P. Seldin, of four miles south of Willamina, very pleasantly surprised her husband Saturday night, when she entertained a party of thirty neighbors and friends in his honor. The early part of the evening was spent in visiting and dancing to radio music, and later old time dances were enjoyed, to the tune of music furnished by some of the men. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Merchants' Free Movies At Willamina Saturday

The Willamina merchants' free movie shows Saturday afternoon and evening attracted unusual crowds to the city. It is estimated that between 800 and 900 people witnessed the four shows. The theatre was packed to its utmost capacity in the evening. These free shows, paid for by the merchants for the entertainment of their patrons and families and the general public, are not a new idea. They are given annually during the summer months in a large number of small cities over the country, and very popular.

Everybody is welcome. The invitation the Willamina business men extend to you is a very cordial one—come to the free show again Saturday, Aug. 23, and bring the whole family. Tell your friends to come also. The hours will be, two shows in the afternoon, first show starting at 2 o'clock. Two shows in the evening, first show starting at 7:30 o'clock. The time required for one show is between 1 hour and 15 minutes and 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The titles of the pictures at the free shows at the Willamina Theatre Saturday will be, feature, "The Phantom Rider", and a "Mutt and Jeff" comedy. These free movies will be shown each Saturday, up to and including Sept. 6.

To Take Vacation at Taft

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillespie expect to leave Sunday for a week's vacation at Taft. During their absence, Mrs. Ted Gillespie of Willamina, and Mrs. Ralph Farnham, of McMinnville, will be in charge of the postoffice.

Western States Exhibit Will Be Held in Salem During 1931 State Fair

Salem, Ore.—(Special) — More than 100,000 people who never before have been in the state of Oregon are expected to attend the Western States Exhibit at the 1931 state fair here next year, according to D. M. Lowe of Ashland, who is in charge of the Oregon exhibit at the California state fair in Sacramento, Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

Oregon day at the event is scheduled for Sept. 5.

The Western States exhibit was originated at the diamond anniversary of the California state fair last year, and will come to Oregon in 1931 in connection with the 70th anniversary of this state's annual exposition.

Oregon is represented by eight booths at the southern event this year. Mr. Lowe revealed, each booth symbolic of one specific industry or a particular district of this state. Other states represented at the Sacramento exposition include Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and California, in addition to Mexico, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

Pictures of the Oregon booths are to be shown throughout the United States during the fall and winter, Mr. Lowe stated, with several large eastern cities already definitely on the itinerary.