

Tempest In Teapot Stirred Up In Mail Route Question

BARLOW GATE GRANGE EXCEPTS TO STATEMENTS MADE IN OPEN LETTER TO MAIL ROUTE PATRONS PUBLISHED IN LAST WEEK'S MAUPIN TIMES

This is in reply to the open letter sent to your paper by a group of self-styled "business men and farmers of Maupin and supporting territory," and pertains to the proposed better mail service between The Dalles and Southern Wasco county. After a careful perusal of the Maupin article this reply might aptly be called "echoes from Maupin's backyard," but the matter is entirely too serious for flippancy. The reply then, it is hoped, will be brief and succinct. A committee named below and representing the entire community of Wamic feels that there is no necessity of taking up three columns of solid type with irrelevant and misleading matter. The committee further feels that it is not common courtesy to the reader to close the eyes and hurl indiscriminating heresies and threats to the four winds.

Disregarding the painstaking expository matter that served as a preamble to the Maupin article, let us consider the equally painstaking explanation of the "facts" as outlined below:

1. Here it is claimed that a lower bid is possible from The Dalles to Maupin by way of Tygh Valley than from The Dalles to Wamic via Tygh. How the committee of three arrived at this conclusion we do not know. Suffice it to say, that the distance from Tygh to Maupin is 11 miles, while the distance from Tygh to Wamic is but six. Under this head mention was made that Maupin was on the state highway while Wamic was "side-tracked by only a standard market road." Mention, however, was not made that before a standard market road is thrown open to traffic it must first meet with the specifications of the state highway commission. It so happens that the market road from Tygh to Wamic is one of the best in the county and is equally as traversable as the highway from Tygh to Maupin.

2. This fact touches on the maintenance of the state highway from Tygh to Maupin during the winter months. Is the reader to believe that all other roads leading off this artery of travel are abyssal mud holes and roadbeds for winter snow drifts? It might be well to remark in this connection that during the recent snow storms the road from Wamic to Tygh was opened and maintained simultaneously with the road from Tygh to Maupin.

3. Here we learn that by April 1, 1928, the Bend-Klamath Falls lines will be opened. This has no direct bearing on the discussed connections between The Dalles and Southern Wasco county and hence need not arrest our attention.

4. According to this "fact" if the proposed terminal were at Tygh or Wamic patrons of these postoffices would not receive matter from Maupin for from three to four days. The statement is absurd. Assuming that the terminal were at Wamic or Tygh and the present mail system at Maupin "as is," matter could be sent out from Maupin on the train to The Dalles in the morning before 11:00 o'clock, go to The Dalles and thence back to Wamic all in one day. (More about this later.)

Passing up "facts" 6, 7, and 8 as being too extraneous for intelligent consideration, we arrive at this suggestion—"Wamic and Smock would be served by a stub-route." Why should the triumvirate suggest a stub-route from Tygh to Wamic and Smock and not from Tygh to Juniper Flat and Wapinitia Plains? Why should the committee insist so zealously that the route first come to Maupin? Maupin is receiving four mails per day under the present plan. It is true that Wapinitia receive but one mail a day but it is equally true that Tygh, Wamic, Smock and surrounding territories (equally contributive to the agricultural diversity of Wasco county) also receive but one mail.

10. Fear is expressed here that were direct connections made from The Dalles to Wamic that the "Sands," lying between Sherar's Bridge and Tygh Valley would be cut-out. Not so. A stub-route could easily be established from Tygh to

this territory. But were the mail to go direct to Maupin from The Dalles, two stub-routes would be necessary. One from Tygh to the "Sands" and one from Tygh to Wamic. And bear in mind that this would be necessary if the mail route were sent direct to Maupin.

11. Here it is implied that "all roads lead to Maupin" and that Wapinitia and other towns are served out of Maupin. This is but a play on words to impress the "strategic" location of Maupin. Like many of the other statements it has nothing to do with the matter at hand.

12. How does it follow that the "Portland Oregonian and all first class mail would be received all over Wasco county on the day of date, instead of the next day? In the first place Maupin, Wamic, Tygh and the other towns interested receive the Oregonian on the same date of publication. And pray tell, how would "all Wasco county" be affected by another direct mail to Maupin?

Wearily we pass over "facts" 13 and 14 and come to attention before "fact" 15, where it is suggested that one mail direct to Maupin is sufficient, aside (this is magnanimously granted) from two mails to Dufur. All of Southern Wasco county has not called in Maupin to act as an advisory board. It is presumptuous for that locality to push forward as such. The original petition, compiled after considerable thought by The Dalles-Wasco county chamber of commerce, suggested two mails, and it ill behooves Maupin to shake an admonishing finger at that organization.

And now we come to "fact" 16, which thank goodness is the last. But we won't pause here for we are not primarily interested in the name "Maupin" and care not for the exact geographic location of this locality or the precise manner in which mail is received there.

Willingly we would stop here and bring this disagreeable matter to an end, but we must finish as we have begun.

Let us quote the following, consider it briefly and be done: "If the drug store were written or phoned to for necessary medicine it would be cut off from delivery to Tygh, White River, Shady Brook, Smock and Wamic, if the route does not include Maupin." This is not true. Tracing the medicine the longest way around, say from Maupin to The Dalles and thence back to Tygh Wamic, it would reach there the same day, providing it were mailed from Maupin before 11 a. m. It would then go to The Dalles, be picked up on the direct connection to Tygh and Wamic and be delivered to its destination. And with a stub-route from Tygh to Sherar's Bridge, it could be dropped off at the last named place and delivered before noon of the same day. The question will immediately arise, "What if the medicine is needed at once?" Assuming again that the mail service were to come direct to Wamic, we would reply that the medicine would be received just as easily as it is at this time, or if the proposed route included Maupin.

And now comes a question that is not pleasant. Does Maupin wish to infer that if the mail did not include that locality that the rest of the Southern part of the county would be cut off from necessary supplies? Is this a veiled threat to lead the wayward children "to the woodshed?" First of all Wamic has no desire to be cut off from Maupin trade. The farmers of this community have respect and consideration for Maupin merchants and have traded with them in a substantial and profitable way. But by the same reckoning, let us drop back a few years when an amicable trade was carried on between Wamic and Dufur. Suffice it to say, that this was pleasantly and mutually beneficial. This business has turned to Maupin, almost in its entirety, on account of the proximity of that place. But this business could again be turned into the channels of Dufur trade without any serious inconvenience to Wamic. Direct connections between The Dalles, Dufur, Tygh Valley and Wamic would bring this section of

Three Score and Ten Reached When Death Called Him Away

M. A. Apling, Resident Since 1901, Dies at Daughter's Home Last Saturday

M. A. Apling, father of Mrs. Roy Ward of Wapinitia, passed from this life at the home of his daughter on Saturday last, after an illness which Maurice Albertic Apling was born August 25, 1857, near Detroit, Michigan. In 1909 he moved from that state to Oregon, residing at Portland until he came to this section except one year which he spent at Wapinitia. In 1911 he was stricken with paralysis and from that time until his demise was incapacitated from labor. But such was his spirit that he was not content to remain idle; instead, altho his hands were badly drawn out of shape, he indulged in needlework, at which he became very proficient. Many a bed in this section is covered with a quilt and comforter of his making and many a fine piece of work was completed by his needle.

August 18, 1880, Mr. Apling and Miss Jessie Seeley were united in marriage, and to them 10 children were born, six girls and four boys, one of the latter, Charles Samuel, dying in infancy. He leaves to mourn his death his aged wife and the following progeny: Mabel Betz, Portland; Irving Apling, Estacada; Maurice Apling, Vancouver, Washington; Julia Ward, Maupin; Samuel Apling, Bend; Anna Wilson, Bridge; Phyllis Enderby, Maupin; Mary Nickels, Portland, and Pearl Hewitt, Portland.

In his early youth Mr. Apling became a Christian, and from that time until his death held Christ before his family and neighbors as the Savior of the world. He has left an undying testimony of Christian patience, of love and tenderness throughout the years of affliction, and all who knew him are firm in the belief that a better land has become his legacy.

The funeral was held at the Wapinitia U. B. church Rev. Everett Hazen officiating, and interment was made in Kelly cemetery. The services were listened to by many friends, both of decedent and family and the funeral cortege was one of the largest ever to enter the place where his body will lie until the day of judgment is announced.

Dr. Short In New Office

Dr. Short is now snugly ensconced in his new dental office, at the rear of the Maupin drug store. He has equipped the parlor with the very latest in operating chairs, fine cabinets, etc., and with a linoleum floor and the walls tinted now has one of the finest dental establishments in this section.

Visited Mrs. Beckwith

Chas Crofoot and Mrs. L. D. Kelly visited their sister, Mrs. Wm. Beckwith, at The Dalles hospital last Saturday. Mr. Crofoot's wife and son, Emery, also went to The Dalles with him. Mrs. Beckwith recently underwent a small operation and is reported as feeling much better than for sometime past.

Southern Wasco county into closer harmony with the others, and with the county seat, now, and we trust for all time, located at The Dalles. Therefore it is logical and fair to assume that Southern Wasco county would not be cut off from necessary supplies if the proposed route did not include Maupin.

In closing let us remember that Dufur is most interested in a better mail service. That city and adjacent localities need this improved service more than other sections of Wasco county. Dufur instigated this move for an improved service and asked the co-operation of The Dalles-Wasco county chamber of commerce. We of Wamic want Dufur to benefit by this proposed plan. Wamic would not thrust its sectional woes into the already troubled path of the proposition. Wamic would not enter into controversial discussion to complicate the matter. But Wamic does resent any attempt to be side-tracked by a community whose motive is so selfishly evident.

Signed, Barlow Gate Grange No. 157. J. H. EUBANKS, Worthy Master HENRY WING, Overseer H. K. HANSEN, Secretary.

Local Mitt Slingers To Display Abilities at Tygh Smoker

Thirty-Four Rounds on Card—Best Talent of Section Will Show How It's Done

Tygh Valley people are nothing if not enterprising and as an evidence they are up to date have scheduled a smoker, which will be held at the new school gymnasium on the evening of Friday, February 24. A card naming eight bouts and a battle royal has been arranged and the contestants number some of the best boxing talent of this section. The main bout will be between "Shorty" Behnke and "Spin" McClaskey from The Dalles, and calls for six rounds. "Shorty" was the main event of the recent smoker in Maupin and gave a good account of himself as a shifty and heady boxer. "Spin" has quite a following at The Dalles and has won several hard-fought contests in this part of the country, therefore this bout may be expected to develop something out of the ordinary in the scrapping line. Maupin's redoubtable lilliputians, the Radtke Midgets, have a place on the card, they being scheduled to go three rounds. The little fellows proved favorites with the crowd here and no doubt will add to their popularity at the Tygh smoker. Get your tickets early. The ring will be pitched in the center of the hall, making it easy to see the bouts from any side.

HOMESTEAD PLACE BURNED

Family Was Preparing to Move Furniture Thereto

The homestead residence of J. G. Kramer was entirely consumed by fire last Thursday but fortunately the furniture was saved because the family had not moved it to the homestead ranch. Mrs. Kramer was engaged in cleaning the house and at noon had sat down to eat lunch. She smelled smoke and went out doors to see if fire showed on the roof. Returning the odor was much stronger. She then went to the upper story an upon opening the door saw the roof ceiling was a mass of flames. Before Mr. Kramer and son, Charles, who were building a fence some distance away could reach the house it was completely enveloped in flame.

The Kramers were preparing to move from their present home to their own house, but had not moved any of their furniture thereto. It is said that insurance in the amount of \$500.00 was carried on the lost structure.

HAND MANGLED IN WASHING MACHINE

Mrs. D. B. Apling Victim of Peculiar Accident—Soft Rubber Rollers Help Save

Mrs. B. D. Apling of Criterion was the victim of a peculiar accident last week, when one of her hands was accidentally drawn between the rollers of a power washing machine. The lady had run the bulk of the washing through the wringer and was feigning around the bottom of the tub for smaller articles when her hand, in some unaccountable manner, became entangled between the rolls, which continued to draw the member in before Mrs. Apling could reach the mechanism which controlled that feature.

The hand was badly bruised and it is thought that one of the small bones of her hand may be broken.

CATHOLIC ALTAR SOCIETY'S ST. PATRICK DAY DANCE

Birthdays of Ireland's Patron Saint To Be Observed By Dance At Legion Hall

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Maupin this year by a dance to be given under the auspices of the Altar society of the Sacred Heart Catholic church of this city. A feature of the evening's entertainment will be a chicken supper, while the best music obtainable will be on hand to play for the dance. The society's dances held heretofore have always been among the very best to be held here, and it goes without saying that the one coming will not be different from the others.

Maupin's Barbering Done by H. R. Kaiser In Fine Shop

PIONEER BARBER OF MAUPIN AND MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD NOW SERVING FOURTH YEAR—CONDUCTS A MODEL SHOP, ALSO IS VILLAGE COBBLER

A town without a barber shop must be a very small place without many faces to keep smooth and many heads to shear. Maupin is extremely lucky in respect to such an institution, for H. R. Kaiser has one of the most up-to-date and modernly equipped shops in Eastern Oregon.

M. Kaiser came to Maupin prior to the fire of September, 1921. Before that time he conducted a shop at Dufur, but realizing the possibilities of this city decided to close out at the other place and settle here. When he came he erected a small building next to what was then known as Harpham's confectionery. He remained there until the fire came along and, with others, was wiped out. The next spring he erected a neat 24x36 concrete building, divided it into two parts, one of which he leased to our Uncle Samuel for postoffice room, occupying the other himself. He installed a bath room, modern barber chair, erected

a screen to partition off a beauty parlor which is conducted by Mrs. Kaiser and proceeded to step out and rake in the loose simoleons of both the male and female population of Maupin. When the Maupin State bank moved to its new quarters Mr. Kaiser purchased the old bank building which he still owns.

Mr. Kaiser is now serving his fourth year as director on the local school board, having been chairman last year. He takes great interest in matters pertaining to fish and game, and has been instrumental in securing many game birds for this section.

Mr. Kaiser is prominently identified with the social life of Maupin, and is a valued member of the local Rebekah lodge. The Kaisers have two fine children, one of whom, Miss Winifred, is now attending the University of Oregon at Eugene, the other, Ralph, Jr., being at home and well known as one of the best amateur character delineators of this section.

WORK BEGUN ON ROCK CRUSHER ON TYGH GRADE

Hillstrom Bros. Start Operations Tuesday Morning—Will Move to Maupin

Hillstrom Bros., the men who have the contract to supply crushed rock for the section of the Dalles-California highway from Dufur to the foot of Cow Canyon, began operations in lower Butler canyon, near Tygh on Tuesday morning. The first work to be done is to excavate for bunkers and when they have been completed actual work of crushing will begin.

State engineers tested out and located several quarry sites last fall. Two such were located near Maupin, but it is thought that the one near the mouth of Bakeoven creek will be chosen for this section. As soon as sufficient rock has been crushed at Butler canyon the plant will be moved to this city and a quarry opened.

Drilling operations are prosecuted by means of an air driven drill, called a "jack hammer." A compressor is used to supply the air power and with this outfit much blasting may be done each day. Gus Dertnick of this place went to Tygh Tuesday morning and will handle the jack hammer on the work at Butler canyon.

TEMPLES HAVE GRANDAUGHTER

Born To Gordon Matteer and Wife At Fossil Friday Last

Word was received by J. W. Temple last Friday that his daughter, Mrs. Gordon Matteer, had given birth to an 8 1/2-pound girl that morning. Mrs. Matteer and husband went to Fossil a few months ago and it was at that town that the newcomer made her advent. Both Temple and wife are as proud of the new girl as can be, and Jess has increased in weight many pounds, being all swelled up because his daughter is now the mother of a fine boy and girl.

HICKMAN SENTENCED TO HANG

Friday, April 27 the Date Set by Trial Judge

Hickman, the arch-murderer, was sentenced on Tuesday by the trial judge of the Los Angeles court to hang on Friday, April 27, the judge overruling all motions for a new trial. It is hoped that the hanging will not be delayed by legal technicalities, and that when the date set for his demise comes around that California, and the rest of the world, will be freed forever from the would-be wiley "fox."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who so kindly rendered assistance in our late bereavement.

Mrs. Jessie Apling and children.

Get the picture while the sun shines. Eastman kodaks and kodak supplies at the Maupin Drug Store.

MRS. JOHN DONALDSON AT DALLES HOSPITAL

Pneumonia Threatens Maupin Lady—Hospital Treatment Advised—There Last Thursday

Mrs. John Donaldson has been confined to her bed for some time with what was said to be intestinal flu. Last week her condition became so serious that Dr. Coberth of The Dalles was summoned and upon diagnosing the case advised that the suffering lady be taken to the county seat and to a hospital. He took Mrs. Donaldson with him and it is reported that a quantity of blood was taken from one of her lungs, the organ showing a bad case of congestion caused by pneumonia. Maupin people are hopeful that the victim may soon recover and be allowed to return to her home here.

LEGION DANCE FEBRUARY 25

Hall Has Been Renovated and Good Music Will Be on Hand

The members of the Maupin Legion post have been renovating the hall this week in readiness for another of that order's pleasant dancing parties, which will be pulled off on the evening of Saturday, February 25. The Troubadour Four, Maupin's premier orchestra, will be at the music end of evening's entertainment and the Ladies Auxiliary will furnish the supper. Make arrangements to attend.

H. S. DANCE AT TYGH VALLEY

Hardwood Floor and Good Music Big Drawing Card

A big High school dance is scheduled for the new gymnasium hall at Tygh Valley this week Saturday night. The new hardwood floor has been laid and smoothed down, making it the best floor in Eastern Oregon, and the coming Tygh Valley High school orchestra, which has been rehearsing the latest dance music, will furnish the inspiration. Supper is also on the bill of the evening's entertainment, this to be served by the ladies of Tygh. A good time is guaranteed and as the dance is given to raise money with which to help defray cost of building and improvement, a good crowd should attend.

LIBRARY HOURS NOW CHANGED

Patronage Does Not Justify Keeping Open As Heretofore

At the last meeting of the library board the hours of keeping the library open were cut down and a change made. The patronage of the library has been such that it was thought there was no justification for keeping the librarian on the job so many hours therefore the following schedule was arranged:
Mondays—3:00 to 5:00 p. m.
Wednesdays 3:00 to 5:00 p. m.
Fridays—3:00 to 5:00 p. m.
Saturdays—3:00 to 5:00 p. m.