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## A NEW MAIL ROUTE

### People in This Region Desire a Change.

### DELAYS IN PRESENT SERVICE

Petitions Are Being Circulated Praying for a Mail Line from Shaniko to Bend via Madras.

An extensive movement is on foot to secure better mail service for western Crook county. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the present service from Shaniko to Bend and Silver Lake via Prineville, due to so many delays in the receipt of mail during a great part of the year. For many months this dissatisfaction has been expressed, and now it has culminated in a general movement that has as its object the establishment of a direct mail route from Shaniko to Bend, via Madras, Culver, Redmond, Cline Falls and Laidlaw. A petition has been drawn and signatures are being obtained. The petition follows:

**PETITION.**  
For establishing direct daily mail route from Shaniko to Bend, Oregon, via Madras, Culver, Redmond, Cline Falls and Laidlaw.

To Hon. G. B. Cortelyou, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: Whereas, the herein described mail route would directly benefit that section of Crook county, Oregon, covered by what was in 1900 the precincts of Bend, Black Butte, Haystack, Ireland, and the unpopulated part of Montgomery; and

Whereas, the said described district, owing to irrigation and other recent developments, has increased from a total population of 680 in 1900 (U. S. census) to 4,800 by December 1, 1906, according to estimates based on the registered vote on June 4, 1906, or a rate of 600 per cent increase in six years. It can safely be asserted that the development of this region has but now fairly commenced, there being about 400,000 acres of land actually reclaimed or in process of reclamation, while Bend, the southern terminus of the proposed route, lies on the border of the great yellow pine timber belt of Central Oregon; and

Whereas, a number of trade and population centers have sprung up throughout this region since 1900, whose interests are so linked together that direct mail communication with each other is of the utmost importance, while on the other hand there is no promise of immediate development in that region directly served by the present route from Shaniko to Bend, via Prineville. The population of said section is at the present time less than one-half as large as it is that to be directly served by the proposed route, and the commercial interest are of vastly less importance; and furthermore, direct communication with the county seat is of less importance to us than close communication between the towns on the line asked for; and

Whereas, by the present difficult and circuitous route over Grizzly mountain, via Prineville, fully nine-tenths of our mail is received at the various postoffices along the route asked for from five to 24 hours later than it would be under the service proposed, while during the winter months this delay in mail delivery is from five to 48 hours by reason of the difference of the condition of the roads on the two routes;

Wherefore, we, the undersigned patrons of the mail service in the region affected, respectfully petition that a mail route be established from Shaniko to Bend, Oregon, through substantially the following intermediate points, to-wit: Madras, Culver, Redmond, Cline Falls and Laidlaw, subject to slight change by the authorities of the Post Office Department. And it is the desire of your petitioners that, if possible, the present mail route from Shaniko to Bend, via Prineville, be continued in addition to the new route prayed for, but if the postoffice authorities deem it inexpedient to maintain two mail routes between Shaniko and Bend, your petitioners ask that the so-called Prineville route be abandoned and that the route heretofore described be established.

The chief objection to the present route is the delay to mail at Bend and tributary points due to the almost impassable condition of the road from Heisler to Prineville during the wet season. Very frequently during the winter the stage from Shaniko does not reach Prineville in time to connect with the Prineville-Bend-Silver Lake stage. Consequently the patrons of the office at Bend, Rosland, Odell and Silver Lake do not receive their mail for at least 24 hours later than they should receive it. Even when connection is made at Prineville, it

is frequently so late that the mail does not reach Bend until 11 or 12 o'clock at night, which results in the patrons getting their mail the next morning—12 to 16 hours late. The places served through the Bend office—Laidlaw and Tumalo—are thus also forced to suffer a delay of many hours in the receipt of their mail.

This could be much improved by the new route. The road from Heisler to Bend via Madras is invariably in first-class condition. The rains of the fall and winter settle the dust and the soil packs into a firm, hard roadbed, free from "dobe," which pays such havoc with the road from Heisler to Prineville. The mail over the proposed route would practically never be late—never on account of bad roads. Hence the people in that large region served through the Bend, Silver Lake and Rosland offices would get their mail invariably on time, while Laidlaw would receive its mail the same day as Bend now does, instead of waiting nearly 24 hours. Redmond and Cline Falls, Laidlaw and Bend would all be served almost as quickly as Prineville now is.

Still another reason for establishing the new route is found in the great growth of population throughout western Crook. During the last six years there has been an increase in population of about 600 per cent in this part of the county. This gives a much larger population to be served by the proposed route than is now served by the line from Shaniko to Prineville—more than twice as many. Furthermore development is now very rapid in western Crook due to the settlement of the Madras wheat districts and the irrigated lands contiguous to Bend. Settlers are moving onto these lands every day and the development has only begun. With the vast areas of timber land adjacent to Bend in which logging operations will ere long be commenced and with the thousands of acres of irrigated lands that are daily being occupied, this section of the state is destined to see a great development. It will need the best possible mail service, and in view of the fact that the service is supposed to exist for the greatest good of the greatest number, western Crook should be granted the new route.

Haystack, Grizzly and Prineville could be served by a branch from Heisler, and be as well served as they are now. That would be the only branch route necessary in serving any of the offices named, whereas now there are necessary the following branch routes: Heisler to Young's and Madras; Madras to Culver and Haystack; Grizzly to Lamonta; Prineville to O'Neil's and Redmond; Prineville to Bend; and Bend to Laidlaw.

It is no one's desire to discommodate the Prineville people in any way. Even with the new route in operation they would receive their mail just as soon as they now do by a line from Heisler. This part of the county is bound together by common interests due to irrigation development and more rapid communication between western Crook people than is now enjoyed is deemed of more importance than communication with the county seat. That will always be had with greater or less efficiency, but rapid mail service to and from the railroad and between western Crook settlements is necessary for the best development of the vast stretch of country from Madras to Silver Lake, and comprising the offices of Madras, Culver, Haystack, Lamonta, O'Neil, Redmond, Cline Falls, Laidlaw, Bend, Tumalo, Sisters, Rosland, Odell and Silver Lake.

### October Postoffice Business.

Postmaster Grant reports the following money order business for Uncle Sam during October: Issued 275 domestic money orders, amount \$7,833.75; fees \$31.66; two international orders, amount \$40.00; fees 20 cents; total money orders issued, \$7,905.61. On these the postmaster's commission amounted to \$5.10. There were 38 orders paid, amounting to \$430.03.

## TO CLEAR MUCH LAND

### Large Tract Will Be Put under Cultivation.

### HOOD RIVER MEN INTERESTED

The Davenport-Stanley Ranch Company Will Establish an Extensive Stock Farm East of Bend.

A few weeks ago M. M. Davenport of Hood River, accompanied by a large force of men and teams, arrived in this region and began to clear a large tract of land about 13 miles east of Bend. It turns out that this work is the preliminary steps in the development of what will some day be one of the largest stock ranches in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Davenport is one of the firm of Davenport Brothers of Hood River, proprietors of the Green Point Logging Company. These gentlemen have secured about 1,000 acres of land east of Bend adjoining a tract of equal size owned by Stanley & Smith, also of Hood River, F. S. Stanley of the D. I. & P. Co. being a member of the latter firm. These two organizations have combined in this venture, will fence their land, place a large band of sheep on it and eventually will jointly operate it as a great sheep ranch. M. M. Davenport is in charge of the work as superintendent.

The Davenport-Stanley Ranch company is organized with a capital of \$50,000 and it is the purpose of the company to improve their property and make of it one of the finest stock farms in Eastern Oregon. Of this company Davenport Brothers own half the shares and Stanley & Smith hold the other half. They expect to spend \$30,000 this season in clearing, building and stocking the ranch. Mr. Davenport recently said that they expected to have between 400 and 500 acres cleared and into crop next year.

In the spring Mr. Davenport will return to Hood River to take charge of the Green Point Logging company, which has a contract with the Stanley-Smith Lumber company to supply logs for their big double saw mill at Green Point. The Davenport Brothers' holdings in Hood River valley amount to something like \$75,000.

That success will follow Mr. Davenport's efforts in this region is assured, as he is an experienced irrigator and a hard worker. Speaking of these gentlemen, the Hood River News-Letter says:

The Davenport Brothers are deserving of the success which seems to be coming their way, for they have been hard working, energetic, enterprising business men ever since their coming to the valley, and it was more through the efforts of Frank Davenport than any other man that the value of irrigation became known in the valley. Mr. Davenport, through his irrefragable, invincible determination, succeeded in building and operating the first ditch. When all others had become discouraged and dropped out of the organization, he still held to the business, and although often handicapped for lack of means persevered until he demonstrated the absolute necessity for irrigation in the valley and finally sold his holdings in the company to the Farmers' Irrigating company.

### TO USE SUB-SURFACE PACKER.

Method Taught by Campbell Will Be Tried on a Large Scale.

Joe Marnach of Madras, the farmer who more than doubled the yield this year from a 40-acre tract of barley by the use of a sub-surface packer, will sow 40 acres to wheat next season and will use the packer on the entire field. He will also sow about 60 acres to oats and barley. He will sow good, clean seed and give his land very careful cultivation, and at his next harvest expects to be rewarded for his labor with an abundant yield. Mr. Marnach believes in the necessity of frequent cultivation of the ground to be cropped and in the methods known as scientific soil culture, in

order to conserve the moisture in the ground and get the best results for his labor, and in addition to the cultivation will use the "sub-surface packer" upon every acre of the land which he intends to crop this year. He has been offered 75 cents a bushel for the 1600 bushels raised on 40 acres this year or \$1200, but is holding it for a higher price.

### REPUBLICANS WIN CONGRESS.

Safe Majority in That Body—Hughes Defeats Hearst in New York.

The returns from Tuesday's election show that the republicans will have a good working majority in the sixtieth congress. The democratic party has carried the solid South as usual, but failed to win to any extent in other sections of the country. The republicans are sure of a majority of 50 in the sixtieth congress.

In New York, the spectacular fight for governor has ended in the election of Hughes (Rep.) over Hearst (Dem.) by about 50,000 plurality. This is 30,000 below the plurality given Higgins two years ago.

Returns from other states can be summarized as follows:

New York—Republican Governor and Legislature. Probably no change in Congress.  
Pennsylvania—Republican Governor, no change in Congress; Republican Legislature.  
Massachusetts—Republican Governor, state ticket and Legislature, no change in Congress.  
Colorado—Claimed by both parties, although indications favor Republicans; Republican Legislature.  
California—Republican through-out.  
Idaho—Gooding (Rep.) probably defeated for Governor; Congressmen and Legislature probably Republican.  
Minnesota—Republican (Dem.) elected by large plurality; Republicans win balance of state ticket and members of legislature.  
Ohio—Republican by not less than 25,000. Elects 17 Republican Congressmen, three democratic; one district in doubt.  
Wisconsin—defeated for Congress.  
Montana—Johnson (Dem.) elected by large plurality; Republicans win balance of state ticket and members of legislature.  
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### THE NEW COURT HOUSE AGAIN

County Court Considers Bids but Does Not Award Contracts.

At the meeting of the county court held the first of the week, the bids for the new court house were opened and considered, but contracts were not let, the court carrying that over to a later meeting. In this connection there is a matter that should be noted by everyone and that is that the agitation carried on against a new court house has resulted in the cutting of the plans from a \$70,000 to \$80,000 building down to the more reasonable one costing about \$45,000. Thus the agitation has resulted in a saving to the taxpayers of about \$35,000.

At the meeting of the county court in its capacity as a board of equalization, affairs were so manipulated that those who desired to enter a protest against their assessments were unable to do so, and the board adjourned without hearing complaints. That is the report that reaches Bend. In view of this, it is still probable that strenuous efforts will be made to overthrow the entire assessment roll.

### NEW POSTOFFICE WANTED.

An Extension of the Tumalo Route Asked to Serve the Gist District.

A petition is being circulated praying for the establishment of a postoffice at the Charles L. Gist ranch. This ranch is about seven miles from Tumalo and eight from Sisters and is the center of quite an extensive farming settlement.

The petition asks for the new postoffice and that it be served by extending the present route now running from Bend to Tumalo so as to run from Bend to Tumalo to Gist's.

### Death of a Pioneer.

J. F. Doak, a pioneer of Oregon and Crook county, died last week Wednesday at Prineville, death being due to a stroke of apoplexy. The deceased had hauled in a load of wood from Combs flat and while unloading it was taken sick and died during the afternoon. He was 62 years of age.

Grant is selling souvenir postal cards of Bend's new school house. Have you done your duty?

## MAY SELL TOWNSITE

### Figures Secured on Holdings of P. B. D. Co.

### PORTLAND MEN WANT TO BUY

W. E. Guerin and John Steidl Are in Portland and Are Confident They Can Close a Deal.

A deal is now pending whereby the Pilot Butte Development Co. may dispose of its interests in the townsite of Bend and also its entire holdings in Crook county. After several days of negotiations, W. E. Guerin and John Steidl have secured figures on the company's properties at a valuation which these two gentlemen have announced is very reasonable.

Tuesday evening Messrs. Guerin and Steidl left for Portland where they expect to be able to co-operate with a syndicate of Portland men that for several months, it has been rumored, has desired to obtain control of the P. B. D. Co.'s holdings in this region. The transaction has been brought to its present stage of progress through the efforts of Messrs. Guerin and Steidl, who through their own volition, approached the P. B. D. Co. and opened negotiations with the company's officers. Before the gentlemen left they let it be known that if they were unsuccessful in closing a satisfactory deal at Portland, they would immediately open negotiations with Eastern capitalists who are interested in this property.

If this transaction is brought to a successful close at Portland, it will eliminate the controversy that has existed for the past year between the two companies operating at Bend and vicinity. It was with this object in view that Messrs. Guerin and Steidl instituted negotiations with the P. B. D. Co.

### REDMOND WANTS NEW ROAD

Petition to That Effect is Now Being Circulated.

REDMOND, Nov. 5.—We notice that another attempt is being made to legalize one of the roads through Redmond, a north and south road connecting the Sisters road with the present Bend road about four miles south of town. We understand that this road is intended to follow the Pilot Butte canal for quite a large part of the way. Over twice the necessary number of signers are already on the petition, and it is to be hoped that there will be no hitch in the proceedings as we certainly need a place to work out our road tax, or spend the money.

A meeting held Saturday evening for the purpose of forming a cemetery association was well attended. C. N. Elbert was chairman and yours truly secretary of the meeting. Over \$150 was reported subscribed and it was decided to incorporate. Adjournment was taken for two weeks or until November 17.

We do not know of any visitors in town this week. Everybody appears to be "steadies."

A petition is being circulated here asking for a change in mail routes and praying for a direct route from Shaniko to Bend through this place. Considering the fact that approximately the western half of the county has increased about 600 per cent since the last census was taken, and taking into account the difference in passability, in winter time, of the two roads, it looks very much as though the petition ought to be granted.

Our well drilling machine is on the ground and set up. It is expected that work will begin early this week. We understand that the company intends to bore 1,000 feet if it is necessary.

George McQueen has moved from the farm into town. He says moving is no fun and he does not intend to do very much of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Landes made a trip Saturday to the Sisters country looking up a timber claim. We hope they found something worth while.

We were glad not long ago to see Mr.

Vosberg plowing for Mr. Glass on the Auburn forty. It did not look well to see land lying idle this year that was cleared and in crop last season. There are several other places where the ground is being turned for the first time.

Mr. Tuck informs us that the enrollment in school has reached 32. Mr. Schobert and family, however, have moved to Powell Buttes and that takes four scholars from school.

Redmond may now fairly be said to be dry. The water is turned out of the ditch for about two weeks for repairs, and the saloon license has expired and there seems not to be enough signers for a petition to bring the matter before the court.

Some building is still going on. Yours truly is having a kitchen addition built and Z. T. McClay a whole house. Neighbor Welch is doing the latter job and Comrade Trieler of South Ottumwa, Iowa, who with his wife is spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. yours truly, has charge of the former work.

The irrigation company expects to have a large force of men and teams clearing out and repairing laterals this week and next, hoping to complete the work in that time so as to turn the water in again and keep it running in fair weather during the winter.

These notes never have mentioned that the M. W. A. here meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Visiting neighbors always welcome.

We hope that the appointment of J. D. West as irrigation engineer at the Walker basin, will not interfere with his series of articles in The Bulletin. They are one of the best parts of the paper.

E. C. PARK.

### Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Nov. 6.—We are getting our long looked for rain and it seems good to hear the patter, patter of the rain on the roof again. It will be greatly welcomed by the farmers who have sown fall grain.

C. W. Thornthwaite is living on his homestead northwest of Tumalo.

John Edwards passed through here Sunday. John is busy gathering up horses.

Parties interested in the ditch known as the Gibson ditch, which heads on Snow Creek, have done some extensive improvements on it this fall.

Alice S. Wimer of Laidlaw spent Saturday and Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wimer. Miss Alice is attending school at Laidlaw.

J. O. Fry of Bend was in Tumalo Monday purchasing seed grain of G. W. Wimer & Sons.

T. A. Jensen, who has been running the engine at the H. & S. Co. mill, accompanied by Arthur Hightower, left last week by team for Washington points.

Mrs. F. F. Smith, Pearl Hightower and Vera Mackey of Bend visited their homes at the Hightower-Smith mill last Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. Brock with a party of nine people passed through here last week to locate timber which Charles had cruised out a week or two ago.

Southern Oregon people who have been out here and have gone back rather class this country as a dry, desolate looking country. This can easily be explained. They have lived there in the wet country so long that their backs are coated with moss and in their great haste to see this country they forgot to scrape the moss off before coming and after getting out here, of course, the moss begins to dry and itch for moisture. In this beautiful Deschutes climate moss don't grow and the consequences are they have to go back to irrigate the moss and then they condemn the country. Why don't they condemn the moss?

Dr. Ray of Goldray, Jackson county, in a letter to the Grants Pass Courier, once spoke of the poor, deluded people of Eastern Oregon trying to make a farming country in the sage brush deserts. The writer is personally acquainted with the country in the vicinity of Dr. Ray's domain and can say that that is an old developed country and the Deschutes country people will do credit to the Goldray country in a few years and it won't be many years either. Jackson county has all the advantages they need to make a rich country. They have a railroad that passes through the valley full length and have transportation for everything. What more do they need and what have we to put up with 90 miles from a railroad? But keep your weather eye on the Deschutes country. There is something doing every day and in a few years people will say "Well, I never thought it." Outsiders need not be afraid to come here. We can show our country up by what we raise.