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EXPLAINS THE DELAY

Better Service Promised Patrons of Telephone Co.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR MILTON

Last Fall Company's Representative Promised New Apparatus for the Athena Office.

For some time past the newspapers of Walla Walla and other towns have been attacking the service given its patrons by the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company. Agitation, favoring better service was pronounced and general, and finally Chas. W. Reynolds, division superintendent for the company, answered an article appearing in the Milton Eagle, as follows:

Spokane, Wash., July 2, 1907.
Milton Eagle:

Gentlemen:—I am just in receipt of a clipping from your valuable paper of June 27th issue entitled "Telephone Patrons Again Kicking." I fully appreciate that we are in a position to give our patrons, your townspeople, better service had we greater switchboard facilities at Milton and wish to advise you in this connection that the only reason that increased facilities have not been provided as promised and fully expected to be accomplished by us ere this time is that we have been absolutely unable to get necessary equipment from our eastern factories, which provide this nature of telephone apparatus. The order has been placed for several months and I am pleased to be able to inform you at this time that, according to our latest advices, a switchboard will reach Milton and probably will be installed ready for service not later than the 15th inst. If you happen to have had any personal experience in endeavoring to get material or machinery from eastern manufacturers within the past year you will probably have gone through experiences very similar to ours, not only as regards to Milton, but affecting the entire West. From the fact that, as I understand it, demands upon large manufacturers for some time past have been greater than they can accommodate with any degree of promptness.

Trusting that yourself and other patrons at Milton will fully recognize this feature of the situation and forbear with us for a few days longer, I am, Yours very truly,
Chas. W. Reynolds,
Division Superintendent.
Since Mr. Reynolds' letter was received and published in the Eagle, new apparatus has been installed in the Milton office, another operator added to the force, and the company is now giving the fruit town first class service.

At the time of the consolidation of the rural lines centering at Athena with those of the long distance system, last fall, the company's representative made the promise that within six months, or as soon as possible, the company would install up-to-date equipment in the Athena office and otherwise improve the service.

The period of six months has passed, and still Athena is patiently plodding along with antiquated office apparatus; the service rendered the patrons being recognized by them as resulting from the capable efficiency of the operators employed here. However, in view of the fact that the Milton equipment has arrived from the East and has been installed, it is supposed that apparatus for the Athena office has also been received by the company, and that installation will take place at once, much to the relief of a long suffering public.

Promises for better service were given Milton at the time improvements were promised Athena.

Milton's New Hotel.

The agitation for a new hotel in Milton is still under way. Stock has been subscribed in the enterprise, a number of the leading citizens of the town being among the principle stockholders, and a board of directors have been elected, with A. M. Elam chairman. At a recent meeting of the board, the selection of a site for the hotel was postponed until the next meeting of the board, which takes place in two weeks.

Killed While Sleeping.

Delory Lameller, a young man in company with a companion, beating his way from Portland to Pendleton, was killed near Hermiston Saturday night by a train, after he had fallen asleep on the track. His companion was awakened by the approaching train and had barely time to save himself. Lameller was evidently lying across the rails for the body was horribly mutilated, the head and feet being entirely severed from the body.

SAVE MONEY ON GRAIN BAGS

FLOODS KILL THEM

Rain Torrent of a Year Ago Practically Annihilated Trout in the Blue Mountain Streams.

He who goes fishing these days returns home with an empty basket and a promise made to himself that he will not go angling for speckled beauties again. This decision is not generally arrived at until after the fisherman has explored both the Umatilla and Walla Walla rivers and the tributaries of the two streams—then the resolution is made.

He will angle in these streams, and meeting with no success, he climbs over trails and river bed to the forks. Ascending one of these and meeting with no better success, he investigates for the cause.

In the pools—the very few now left—he is fortunate indeed, if he hooks one trout, where two years ago he could safely count on a half dozen or more. He finds but few, very few tiny trout—this year's hatch—along the edges of the stream, where formerly they swarmed in schools.

Investigation leads him on, and remembering that for several miles back he had climbed over huge boulders, gravel and rock piles, together with logs and drift wood, where formerly shimmering riffles and deep pools had been, he stops, and looking ahead observes a changed landscape on either side of the stream; the result of the terrible ravages of the floods of over a year ago.

The storm came in May 1906. This is the first trip of the fishermen to the headwaters of the stream since then, and he soon realizes that it is from the effect of this storm that there is a dearth of fish. As he looks down stream he is quick to the conviction that in the force and grind of the destructive flood, the spawning grounds with their thousands of eggs, together with the season's run of fish to a great degree, were ground out of existence in the maelstrom of crushing force and debris.

Thus the reason is explained why there are but few fish in the Umatilla and Walla Walla rivers, and before the sport of angling in these streams can again be enjoyed the government hatcheries must necessarily restock them.

So far this season but 18,000 trout have been turned loose in this county. This consignment arrived at Pendleton last week from the Clackamas hatchery and were evenly divided in the waters of Birch and McKay creeks, although 9,000 of them were originally intended for Maacham creek.

DEATH OF MRS. J. H. M'BROOM

A Resident of This County For a Quarter of a Century.

Mrs. J. H. M'Broom, one of the well known and respected pioneers of Umatilla county died Monday morning at the home of her daughter in Pendleton at the age of 63 years, seven months and 27 days. Death was due to heart disease with which she had been suffering for some time, her death being expected for weeks.

The maiden name of the deceased was Emily Crawford, and she was born and raised in Shelby county Mo., where she was married to Jacob H. M'Broom at the age of 17, in 1861. They crossed the plains to Umatilla county in a train of 44 wagons in 1882 and located in Pendleton that year.

She afterward resided in Weston, and at the time of death had been a resident of Umatilla county for a quarter of a century.

Mr. and Mrs. M'Broom raised a family of 12 children, six girls and six boys. Those living at present are as follows: Mrs. L. K. Curtright of Pendleton; Mrs. J. L. Hall of Gurdane; Mrs. James L. Maroun of Gurdane; Mrs. D. P. Hicks of Gurdane; Mrs. Monroe Hicks of Weston; Mrs. B. D. Newell of Hermiston; Robert L., a miner of Globe City, Arizona and E., proprietor of the Golden Rule hotel in Pendleton. With the exception of Mrs. Hicks, who is ill, and the son in Arizona, the children were present at the funeral Tuesday.

Lost in Pasco Fire.

Fire destroyed nearly a block of business buildings in Pasco, Sunday night. Among the heavy losers is the firm of Riggs & Whitehorn, general merchandisers. Mr. Whitehorn was until recently engaged in business at Helix.

High Priced Shortorns.

W. O. Minor of Morrow county, has paid \$5,500 cash for a yearling heifer and a 2-year-old bull, both Shortorns. They were shipped from Missouri in a palace horse car.

387,300 SACKS BOUGHT

The Inland Grain Growers' Association Saves Its Members \$3,873 In a Contract Purchase.

The Inland Grain Grower's Association with a membership embracing the names of farmers of this and Morrow counties, of which C. A. Barrett of this city is president, has reaped material benefit by contracting for grain sacks this season direct from dealers other than those from whom purchases have heretofore been made.

This association, which was formed some months ago in Pendleton, has steadily increased in growth until it has reached the stage of influence whereby its members are protected to a degree in the purchase of material for the farm and also will perhaps stand in a position, collectively, to reap the very highest prices for grain and other farm products.

The principle, "in union there is strength" is illustrated in the method and result of purchasing grain sacks in large quantities, this season, and the prompt distribution among the individual members of the Association at a cost of 9 1-2 cents per sack. Mr. Barrett informs the Press that twice as many sacks could have been delivered through purchase by the Association at the above price, had proper solicitation been made or any effort put forth to secure buyers.

The weight of this statement in itself is significant when the total number of sacks purchased, on voluntary orders alone from farmers, is known to be 887,300.

Eighty farmers in Umatilla county, and others in Morrow, where 70,000 sacks were purchased for distribution, received the benefit of the purchase price of 9 1-2 cents which netted a saving of \$3,873.00; or one cent on each sack purchased. Mr. Barrett also reports quite a saving in sack twine, which was purchased for 5 cents per pound by the association.

A total of 61,500 sacks was sold to Athena farmers. The sacks were distributed as follows:

C. A. Barrett, 1500; J. N. Stone, 2500; Henry Schmitt, 3000; H. Koepke, 1500; John Bell, 4000; Frank Jackson, 1000; Iley Winn, 3000; L. W. Estes, 2500; Keller & Thompson, 7000; J. S. Bell,

10,000; J. M. Bannister 2500; G. W. Haulsell, 6500; Oliver Dickenson, 5000; Chas. Brotherton, 5000; S. S. Parris, 2000; Anson Wood, 5000; J. G. Bryan, 3000.

Adams, 51,000 sacks—Isaac Christopher, 5000; J. O. Hales, 5000; J. H. Christopher, 3000; J. T. Lissallen, 6000; L. E. Eaton, 3000; B. A. Marquis, 1500; John Geiss, 3000; Robt. Morrison, 4500; P. T. Hales, 2000; Charles Pell, 2000; Ma't Denning, 2500; Casper Woodward, 11000; A. B. Rothrock, 1000; Association order 500; Alex. McDonald 1000.

Helix, 78,000 sacks—Chas. McLavey, 1500; Wm. Scott, 4000; R. Raymond, 5000; Gorgan Seivers, 2500; John Timmerman, 8000; Frank Richmond, 10000; V. A. Bott, 3500; L. A. Hamilton, 2,000; J. M. Scott, 1000; W. H. Bond, 1000; J. W. Tallock, 6000; E. E. LaHue, 7000; S. A. Edwards, 3000; Andy Seinger, 2000; R. B. Chaney, 8000.

McCormick Station, 50,000 sacks—Herman Roebik, 1000; J. N. Barb, 7500; J. W. Myrick 6000; J. B. Kennedy, 4000; J. W. McCormick sr. 4000; J. W. McCormick Jr. 5500; W. H. McCormick, 3500; J. J. Kinney, 4000; C. S. Rosenberg, 6500; H. J. Taylor, 7500; Sevant Anderson, 500.

Pendleton, 50,000 sacks—D. A. Peeler, 4000; L. S. Bentley, 5000; Gid Brown, 2000; Chris Breeding, 8000; W. R. Bitney, 3000; W. H. Harrah, 2000; Grant Earnhart, 2000; Lars Hanson, 3500; H. H. Gilbert, 3000; John Planting, 3000; J. R. Porter, 2500; F. L. McCrea, 2000; J. F. Temple, 8000. Mission Station, 5,000 sacks—D. H. Nelson, 2500; J. B. McDill, 3000.

Fulton Station, 5,000 sacks—Thos. Chandler, 800; J. H. Peters, 4500.

Barnhart Station, 6,000 sacks—W. G. Planning 6000.

Echo, 10,000 sacks—John W. Copinger, 10,000.

Morrow County 70,000 sacks. Chas. McAlvey of Helix, is credited with the largest individual purchase of any member of the association, having 15,000 sacks to his credit. Casper Woodward of Adams is second, with 11,000.

NEW GASOLINE CARS

Twelve New Motor Cars Are Ready for Service On Harriman's Short Line and O. R. & N.

The East Oregonian says: That one or two of the new gasoline motors now being completed by the Harriman railroad in the Omaha shops will be placed in service either from Pendleton to Walla Walla or through Pendleton from Huntington to Portland, is almost a certainty, according to semi-official reports on the O. R. & N.

Twelve of these fine motor cars are now about ready for service and Harriman officials have received instructions to send them west to the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and O. R. & N., where they can be used to relieve excessively heavy local travel on the through trains, and in places where it is impossible to put additional trains into service.

Altogether 24 of these cars are being constructed in the Omaha shops. The first 12, now about ready for service, will be sent west, and the second lot of 12 will be kept in the thickly populated districts along the Union Pacific through Nebraska and Kansas, it is said.

The latest type of the motor cars developed at the Omaha shops of the Union Pacific makes 60 miles an hour with a 200 horse-power engine, reaches high speed within six car lengths, and can be stopped within 12 feet. With these advantages the cars can be put on a much faster schedule than is possible with the steam locomotive.

Outwardly, the newest of the cars, which are built entirely of steel, resemble a turned over yacht. The forward end tapers sharply, and the roof and rear are rounded off to reduce the air resistance and avoid the vacuum produced by a square car. Rounded windows give to the passengers a wide range of outlook and increase the nautical appearance of the car.

In cold weather the cars are to be heated by hot water from the cylinder jacket. They are lighted by acetylene gas shining through opalescent panels. For sanitary reasons the floors of the cars are built so that they can be thoroughly cleaned by flushing with hot water. The familiar system of ventilation has been replaced by roof ventilators, which exhaust the inside air by suction, fresh air being taken in from the car roof in front. Vibration is reduced to the minimum by the way in which the motive power is balanced.

The cost of operating the cars varies from 10 to 20 cents a mile, according to the density of the traffic, but the records kept prove beyond doubt that the rail-motor car will make possible great improvements in handling branch line traffic.

Lockwood-McBride Nuptials.

Mr. Zeph Lockwood, of Helix, and Miss Edythe McBride, of this city, were married in Pendleton Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse. Rev. W. L. Van Nys officiating. The groom is the son of a well known and extensive farmer of the Helix neighborhood, and the bride is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBride of this city. The young people who were both students at the O. A. C. the past year, and who concluded to thus happily end their school days, left next day for a wedding trip to Portland, and from thence will go to Ashland, where Mr. Lockwood has mining interests. It is not known just at present where the newly married pair will decide to make their home.

Set Date for Peach Day.

Freewater Commercial association held an important session Wednesday evening in the council chambers. The association decided to have printed 10,000 copies of a pamphlet advertising Freewater and vicinity, these to be ready for distribution by Peach Day. Special committees were appointed to make arrangements for the festival and August 28 was decided upon for Peach Day. Invitation cards are to be sent out but more complete arrangements will be made next Tuesday evening. Letters of acceptance to be present at the celebration have been received from Senator Smith, Congressman Ellis and others.

The Fourth at Lind.

Fay Le Grow spent the Fourth at Lind Wash., where he was interested in the races, roping contests and horse breaking. Fay made the Washington town sit up and take notice in the racing events, and De Young, a rider from his Crab Creek cattle ranch, won the honors in the roping and rough riding contests. Mr. Le Grow's horse, "Joe," won a match race and another of his string won in the purse races. Lind is a lively little town, supported by a grain-growing district.

SWIFT'S OWN RANCH

Big Packing Company Raises Hogs at Echo.

HUNT FARM OF 3600 ACRES

Stock Will Feed on 200 Acres of Alfalfa, and Middlings From the Henrietta Flouring Mills.

The extensive ranch on the Umatilla river known as the G. W. Hunt place, consisting of some 3600 acres of rich farming lands, located near Echo, upon which are located the Henrietta Flouring mills, which were purchased some time ago by the Swift Packing company, will be operated under that company's direction from this time hence. It is the intention to utilize the straw and middlings from the mill to fatten the hogs which will be raised on the alfalfa land, of which there are now over 200 acres on the place and which will be increased from year to year.

This land is located in the Echo irrigation district, and with the Henrietta mills goes one of the largest and most valuable water rights in the state of Oregon.

Walla Walla City Election.

With the exception of Louis Kan, who was defeated by John Stack, with a majority of three votes, the entire Walla Walla City republican ticket was elected Monday in one of the most featureless municipal elections held in that city in many years. The total vote cast fell short of the total registration by a large number, the votes cast aggregating about three-fourths of the total registered voters. George Kellough, for mayor, won in an easy manner, his total being 1,085, while his opponent, W. M. VanPatten, received 547, giving the present mayor a majority of 538 votes. C. H. Whitman, well known in Athena was elected councillorman from the First Ward, receiving 152 votes.

Horse Dropped Dead.

Monday afternoon the Misses Richmond, of Weston drove over to take a music lesson of Prof. Henry, and hitched their horse in front of his gate. Soon after beginning the lesson a peculiar scream was heard coming from the horse and going out, the professor found him lying in his harness, dead. The parents of the young ladies were notified and drove over from their home after them. The girls felt the loss keenly, as the horse was an old and trusted friend, being about 23 years old.

MAKE O. R. & N. LEGAL TARGET

Portland Concerns, Misled by Company, Prepare to Sue.

From present indications a large part of the next term of the circuit court of Multnomah county will be taken up with the hearing of suite against the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company on account of the car shortage damages. The Interior Warehouse company has brought suit to recover about \$26,000 because of the failure of this railroad to haul the wheat crop of 1904. Later greater damage suit was filed by Kerr, Gifford & Co. The company asks damages aggregating \$60,000 from the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company for half a dozen reasons. The prayer for an award states that the railroad company in 1904 and 1905 solicited grain shipments and promised to have abundant facilities on hand to transport grain to the east and elsewhere. Relying on these promises, the plaintiffs state, they sold large shipments to eastern brokers, packers, elevators and millers, and then found it impossible to obtain cars for the delivery of shipments as promised. It is also alleged the price of wheat declined before the Oregon and Washington crop could be marketed, and it deteriorated by delay.

An effort to secure lower freight rates on grain shipments will be made by the Inland Graingrowers Association of Umatilla county, who have already taken the preliminary steps in the matter through their attorney, Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, who has notified the state railroad commission of their intention to ask for a hearing in the matter.

His Skull Fractured.

George Adams a McKay creek sheepman was seriously if not fatally injured by being thrown from his wagon on the pavement in Pendleton, Monday evening. Adams was taken to the hospital, where surgeons pronounced his injuries precarious. George Hunt, a herder was also thrown out of the vehicle, but sustained slight injuries.

IS AN UNJUST RATE WILD HORSE FRUIT

Milton's Push Club Will Look up Inter State Commerce Law to Regulate Interurban Fare.

At a recent meeting of Milton's push club, action was taken which would lead the general public to believe that the Walla Walla-Freewater-Milton interurban electric line, is discriminating in favor of the larger town in the matter of fare regulations.

At this meeting, the Eagle says the subject of a 10-cent fare on the trolley line from Sunnyside to Milton came up and there was quite a spirit manifested to regard it as unjust discrimination in the matter of rates. One reason advanced for this brief was that the fare from College Place to Walla Walla is only five cents, although the distance is greater than from Sunnyside to Milton, over which a 10-cent fare is charged. Attorney Peterson was requested to look up the interstate commerce law covering the subject and see if the company couldn't be made to make a more equitable rate.

It is stated by business men that Milton enjoys quite a trade from residents of the Sunnyside district, but that the 10 cent fare has a tendency to drive this trade elsewhere.

Jag Causes Arrest.

"Big Jim" Narcisse, a well known Umatilla Indian went to Adams early Tuesday morning and secured a supply of firewater and returned to his place on the reservation, where he was afterward arrested by the agency police. He made a strong resistance and it required the assistance of three men to make the arrest. He will be taken to Portland for trial before the federal judge. This is the Indian who twice made an attempt to commit suicide during the past few months, the last time shooting himself in the stomach, which came near resulting in his death.

A Fairly Good Crop Will Be Sold to Outside Buyers at High Prices This Year.

The Wild Horse fruit crop is fairly good this year, and will be marketed at a high price to outside buyers. Cherries and prunes are especially plentiful in orchards which escaped the late frosts.

Apples promise better returns than the crop of last year, and are said to be of excellent quality, but it is the prune and plum orchards that attract outside buyers, and in the past many carloads of these varieties of fruits have been purchased and shipped from here. As a rule Walla Walla produce men have been buyers of Athena fruit and they will no doubt be after this season's crop.

The Wild Horse district by no means has the only fruit in this vicinity this year. Other parts of the neighborhood seem to have been skipped by the frost, and as a result cherries, plums, prunes and apples are plentiful in many orchards.

At the S. S. Parris place northwest of town are some of the finest cherries to be found any where in the country, a sample of which was sent to this office Wednesday.

Struck By a Train.

Guy Norton, the 13 year old son of J. H. Norton of Butter creek, while on horseback was struck by a train near Foster Sunday afternoon. The horse was killed and the boy suffered a fracture of the leg near the hip besides receiving several other bruises.

The Milton Water Suit.

Circuit Judge Bean is holding court this week in Freewater, where evidence is being taken in the now famous Milton water users case. Among the well known attorneys connected with the case are Judge Fee, Judge Hailey and Will M. Peterson.