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BETTER MAIL SERVICE FOR RURAL DISTRICT

Residents of the Eight Mile Section Making Move for Improved Service.

C. E. Jones was in from Eight Mile on Monday taking the initial steps toward getting a rural mail route established between Heppner and his part of the country.

Since the disorganization of much of the mail service going out from Heppner, the residents of Eight Mile and other parts of the county as well, have been up against it for any sort of decent mail delivery. As a natural consequence they are being aroused to the point of making demands on the department for the restoration of their rights in this respect. In discussing the proposition it has been very properly decided that nothing short of a rural route will meet the requirements, and to this end petitions are being prepared and will be circulated right away, asking that a route be established from Heppner.

The petition will call for a service three times a week. The proposed route will accommodate at least 120 families and will not be a difficult one to get over. Starting from Heppner it will go in a southwesterly direction far enough to take in the residents of the Hale Ridge section, thence north and northwest, crossing Rhea creek at the Lum Rhea place and Clarks Canyon at the Eph Eskelson ranch and on back to Heppner via the H. F. Blahm place on Willow creek. It will be seen from this that a large section of country will be served, and should the contractor so desire the trip could be easily made in a day by the use of a fresh team. Should it require two days it can be done and the tri-weekly service maintained.

The matter of getting a rural route established, or at least of getting a restoration of the former mail service enjoyed by the Eight Mile people was taken up by Mr. Jones and he wrote the following letter to Representative Sinnott:

Eight Mile, Ore., Sept. 1, 1914.
Hon. N. J. Sinnott,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The postal authorities have seen fit to discontinue the Star mail route from Heppner to Lone Rock except to Eight Mile, thereby leaving about 25 families without mail facilities without going from 5 to 15 miles—a distance seldom traveled by any of them except to go after the mail. Why are we discriminated against this way? Our mail service was poor enough before, i. e. three times a week, now we have no service at all. If the Postal authorities wanted to cut expenses and make a good showing, why didn't they cut Portland to a tri-weekly mail and save millions instead of jumping on people who are helpless in the matter to save six bits, and set us back 30 years. Now we are going to try for a rural route out from Heppner that will be about 50 miles for the circuit, being a two-day route tri-weekly and taking in about 110 heads of families; eliminate the Eight Mile post-office and throw all other revenue into the Postal exchequer. We think this arrangement would cost no more than the present inefficient service and serve at least 50 families that now have to go long distances for their mail. But we are informed that there is some kind of a ruling or precedent or something that will not allow a rural route over 27 miles long whether it would be to the best interest of every one concerned or not.

We would be very grateful if you would take this matter up with the Postal authorities and see if they wanted to deal square with us, or is it their purpose to make life as hard as possible for the poor farmer 20 miles from the railroad trying to build a home in the far west. We have a map of this route and if necessary will send it.

Thanking you for whatever assistance you may give us, I am
Yours truly,
C. E. JONES.

To this letter Mr. Jones has received the following reply from our representative in Congress:

House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.
September 10, 1914.

Mr. C. E. Jones,
Eight Mile, Oregon.

My Dear Sir:
I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of September 1st. On receipt of your letter I personally called at the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General and also took up the matter with Mr. Woods of the Division of Rural Mails. He said that there was no rule of the Department excluding the allowance of a rural route over 27 miles but indicated a tentative opinion that a rural route of 50 miles from Heppner would hardly be feasible, but added that the Department might be willing

DR. CORA C. TALBOTT SUES LIQUOR INTERESTS

Wants \$10,000 Damages From Liquor Campaign Managers for Conspiracy.

Dr. Cora Talbott, who recently resigned as secretary of the Taxpayers and Wage Earners League, and exposed that organization as a fake gotten up by the liquor agents and too rotten for her to be longer mixed up with, has just filed a suit at Portland against A. M. Epstein, manager of the wet campaign, for \$10,000 damages.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendants entered into a conspiracy to ruin her character. Among the charges made are that Epstein decoyed her into a room at the Imperial Hotel and tried to get her drunk; that the defendants circulated false and defamatory stories concerning her; that they employed detectives and attempted to trap her into committing an abortion; and that Epstein forged her name to numerous letters soliciting funds, thereby obtaining large sums of money by false pretenses.

The so-called "Taxpayers and Wage Earners League" was organized by Abigail Scott Duniway and Dr. Talbott to fight the dry amendment. Mrs. Duniway was the "president" and Dr. Talbott was the "secretary." The only address given on their letterheads was "Box 930, Portland, Oregon", but this proved to be the private box of Manager Epstein of the wet campaign.

Dr. Talbott resigned and exposed the fake, alleging that she and Mrs. Duniway were the only members of the concern, and that it was only a mask for the operation of the liquor interests. She declared that it was too crooked for her, and so she resigned.

Word was received here the first of the week of the death of C. C. Wright at Odessa, Wash. Mr. Wright was a work in a butcher shop at that place and took down with typhoid fever. Mr. Wright was engaged in the butcher business at Heppner a little over a year ago with Lowell Twichell.

COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE RAPIDLY STARTING

Black Horse, Clark's Canyon and Social Ridge Schools visited.

By Supt. S. E. Notson.
On the 30th ult., I visited the Blackhorse school. Here I found twenty-two pupils under the guidance of Miss Zettle Stephens. The work of the term is well under way. A new dictionary has just been added to the equipment. A number of improvements will be made soon.

The next school I visited is the Clark's Canyon school. Miss Vernus Young is at the helm here. Nine pupils are enrolled. A new map of Oregon and a set of historical charts have been recently added to the equipment. The pupils are entering upon the term's work with enthusiasm.

In District No. 53, Social Ridge, I found Miss Opal Briggs and four pupils making good use of the time. The school had been in session only three days, but the pupils were well settled to the work. I noted that the stove is surrounded by a jacket, and a can of water is kept on the stove to provide moisture for the atmosphere of the room. This should be done when no other means is provided.

To consider the restoration of a Star route from Eight Mile to Lone Rock. He said that he desired further information as to the number of families between Eight Mile and Lone Rock. As the opinion of Mr. Woods was not final in the matter of the rural route I am herewith inclosing a blank petition for rural route. I will be pleased to do everything in my power to secure the granting of the petition and also for the restoration of the star route between Eight Mile and Lone Rock if you desire that.

With kindest regards, I remain,
Very truly yours,
N. J. SINNOTT.

As stated in the beginning, the petition for the rural route will be pushed by the Eight Mile people, and they will proceed to get the names of all the heads of families that will be reached by the proposed route. They already have the assistance of Mr. Sinnott, and the attention of both our Senators is to be called to this matter and their assistance asked to help put it through.

The establishing of this route would certainly be of great benefit to all parties concerned, and the efforts of these good people to get it will receive the hearty support of Heppner business men.

Mrs. S. W. Spencer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ayers to their mountain home at Parkers Mill on Tuesday afternoon and will remain there for a time.

EARLY PIONEER PASSES AT COLLEGE PLACE, WN.

Elihu B. Stanton Settled in Morrow County in 1882—Was a Native of Ohio and Was a Grand Army Man.

After an illness of several years, and finally pronounced to be cancer of the stomach by his attending physicians, Elihu B. Stanton passed to his reward at his home at College Place, near Walla Walla, Washington, on Wednesday, Sept. 30. During all of his prolonged illness, Mr. Stanton was a patient and uncomplaining sufferer, and the later months of his stay on the earth were marked by intense suffering.

He was buried in Mountain View Cemetery at Walla Walla, on Thursday, Oct. 1st, after a funeral service conducted at the undertaking parlors of Cookerly & Cantonwine, under the auspices of the Womans' Relief Corps, and the remains were borne away to their last resting place by the Grand Army of the Republic, of which organization he was an honored member.

Elihu B. Stanton was born in Logan County, Ohio, January 20th, 1847, and while yet a child he moved with his parents to Jefferson County, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. On September 11th, 1870, he was married to Mary J. Fuqua in Jefferson county. In 1882 he moved from Iowa to Morrow county, where he lived with his family on a farm in the Eight Mile section until 1901, when he moved to Walla Walla, Wash., and later, in 1911 to College Place, Wash., where he died at his home on Sept. 30, 1914.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides a large number of relatives and friends, the following members of his family:

His widow, Mary J. Stanton, one sister, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, of Waterman, Wash., and six sons, Harlan, of Centralia, Wash., Chas. A. and Omar, of Morrow County, Ore., and Elbert, Benjamin and Clyde B., of Walla Walla, Wash.

Mr. Stanton was one of the pioneer residents of Morrow county, and well known to the people here among whom he lived for so many years, and his passing is felt as a direct loss to our people. He took up homestead and timber culture claims in the Eight Mile country in 1882 and helped to convert that section from a wilderness into a prosperous farming country, and he was rewarded for the faithful work done by seeing his land become productive to the extent that he was able to retire after a number of years to more pleasant surroundings. He was a good farmer and the Stanton farm has long been counted among the very best of the Eight Mile country.

His farm is now owned by his son, Chas. A. who took the place over after the retirement of his father and purchased it from him a few years ago.

Mr. Stanton was a man of force and possessed a sterling character. He will long be remembered by the people of this county as having been one of our foremost citizens.

All the members of his family were present at the funeral, as was also Mrs. Fred Ashbaugh, a niece, of Hardman, and Mr. E. C. Ashbaugh, of Portland, whose former wife was a daughter of Mr. Stanton, that perished with her entire family in the Heppner flood.

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 6.—The football squad, eighteen in all, left on Thursday night with Coach Hahn for Eugene. The game on Saturday will be the first of the season for Whitman, the team consequently playing at a great disadvantage. The college, however, expects the men to give a creditable account of themselves. Considerable new material is available this year, and needs actual experience in the field to put it in good shape. The line is heavier than ever before, but still green.

Man Attempts Suicide at Lone.

A man giving his name as Floyd Williamson, a stranger in these parts, tried to end his life at Lone last Sunday, by cutting his throat with a butcher knife. The man laid down to die after he had committed the rash act, but he did not sever the jugular vein, although the blood flowed from the wound profusely, and the man, when found a day later, was in a very weak condition. He was brought to Heppner and placed in the county jail where he is being looked after by the authorities. It is thought that the man is demented. He refuses to talk.

J. Frank Hall has purchased the interests of his partner, John Kinsman, in the City Meat Market this week. Hereafter Mr. Hall will have complete charge of the business.

NEW CITY LAW FOR AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS

Three New Ordinances Are Passed—City Will Sell Water Pipes—Bills For Month Are Allowed and Paid.

The City Council met at the council chambers on Monday evening with Mayor Smead absent. The dedication of an alley by Elmer Beaman to the city was accepted.

The council ordered the city water pipes, consisting of several hundred feet, to be placed on sale at a minimum price of 10 cents per foot. This pipe was purchased by the city in 1912 for the purpose of piping water from the Bellenbrock well above town, to a reservoir, which was constructed on the hillside opposite the power house. The pipe is considered as good as new.

All the liquor licenses were renewed for another quarter. The recorder's and marshal's reports were read, approved and accepted.

Three new ordinances were passed. This first one repealed the old ordinance relating to automobile and other vehicles. The second ordinance is a new one relating to automobiles and other vehicles and the third ordinance relates to the pest house.

After paying all claims against the city, council adjourned until Wednesday night, when they met again to attend to some insurance matters.

The following bills were allowed:
Vaughn & Sons, supplies... \$ 3.00
H. C. Ashbaugh, tools... 5.00
Reid Brothers, lumber... 32.79
Albert Williams, labor... 23.00
City Meat Market, meat... 8.00
Alfalfa Lawn Dairy, milk... 5.50
J. O. Hager, labor... 21.00
Wm. Driscoll, labor... 15.31
J. H. Gemmill, load of straw... .50
H. L. & W. Co.,... 126.90
J. R. McGraw, salary... 75.00
Fixing leak... .25
J. P. Williams, salary... 35.00
L. W. Briggs, salary... 8.33
Willard Terren, salary... 60.00
Edgar Ayers, salary... 15.00
S. E. Notson, salary for quarter... 25.00
Dr. A. D. McMurdo, salary for quarter... 35.00

Burns To Death At Hains.

Ed Barr, a brother of Mrs. J. H. Cox, was burned to death in a fire at Haines, Baker county, according to a report received by Mrs. Cox in this city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Barr was engaged in the carpenter business here, in the winter following the Heppner flood in 1903. No details as to the catastrophe were reported.

High School Will Manage Lyceum.

Locally, the Ellison-White lyceum bureau will be represented by the Heppner High School. In return, the high school building is to be used for the entertainments. This was the understanding between a representative of the Commercial Club and the school board at the school board meeting yesterday afternoon.

The first number to appear on the program will be the harpist entertainer, Elizabeth de Barrie Gill. Not only is she a harpist of rare ability, but she is a reader and contralto singer with a reputation that extends from coast to coast. Tuesday, October 13, is the opening date.

At High School.

With the opening of high school, the new bunch of "Freshies" are being put through the regular course of sprouts by the upper classmen. A first class tussle took place in a mud puddle in the lower end of town one night last week. From reports, we gather that the scrap was considered a draw, neither side having anything on the other. One of the lower classmen, it is said, established a new record for the 220 dash. The "Frosh" are credited with having taken the offensive in the early skirmishes.

Tennis is a popular game for recreation at high school these nice days. Ed Clark and "Bill" Crawford are champions in the doubles.

The big '18 on the roof of the old building looks very nice considering the pattern the "Frosh" had to go by, and some of the class of '14 feel somewhat aggrieved that their excellent handiwork of last year has been spoiled.

Whitman Conservatory of Music, Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 6.—The first public recital this fall was given on Wednesday evening by Prof. Elhas Blum, assisted by Miss Ruth Darrow, of the Voice department. A large audience filled the chapel and listened with pleasure to the elaborate program on the Roosevelt organ and the charming vocal numbers of Miss Darrow.

"AD" QUOTING LINCOLN FALSE AVERS BAKER

Anti-Saloon League Officer Offers \$100 for Proof of Authenticity.

Following is a copy of a letter sent recently, signed by E. A. Baker, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, to Abigail Scott Duniway, president of the Taxpayers' and Wage Earners' League:

Portland, Ore., October 2, 1914.

Abigail Scott Duniway,
President Taxpayers' and Wage Earners' League,
P. O. Box 930, Portland, Or.

Madame:

In a paid advertisement in The Oregonian of this morning, signed by your organization, Lincoln's picture is featured, and he is quoted as saying:

"Prohibition will work great injury to the cause of temperance. It is a species of intemperance within itself, for it goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation, and in making crimes out of things that are not crimes.

"A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles on which our Government was founded. I have always been found laboring to protect the weaker classes from the stronger, and I never can give my consent to such a law as you propose to enact.

"Until my tongue shall be silenced in death I will continue to fight for the rights of man."

The above utterance is a pure fabrication and a forgery. Abraham Lincoln never made such a statement or anything similar to it.

I will give one hundred dollars in gold to any charity that you may name, provided you will furnish proof of the genuineness of the above alleged utterances from Lincoln that will satisfy the librarian of any reputable library in Portland of its genuineness as an historical fact.

I now call upon you to produce this proof and get this money, or publicly acknowledge that you have been made the victim of a literary forgery by unscrupulous plotters.

I invite your attention to the fact that your "League" of one member is posting bills all over Portland representing Theodore Roosevelt as being against the dry statewide policy, when, within a week, Mr. Roosevelt made a campaign speech at Toledo, Ohio, emphatically espousing the cause of statewide prohibition in that state, and denouncing the brewers, your allies and backers, for their efforts to defeat woman's suffrage.

I invite your attention to the fact that your alleged "League" of one member is placarding the billboards of Portland with libelous statements against our neighbor, Oregon City, falsely representing that city to be bankrupt when the city officials themselves declare that the city has prospered under the dry policy as never before.

I am addressing you in person for the reason that, according to the statements of Dr. Cora C. Talbott, the retiring secretary of the Taxpayers' and Wage Earners' League, you are the only person left in that organization, there never having been but two members.

I am addressing this letter to you at the address given on your official letter heads, "Box 930, Portland, Oregon", which is also the official address of A. M. Epstein, the import-export manager of the eastern liquor corporations conducting the liquor campaign in this state against the dry amendment initiated by the people.

Respectfully,
E. A. BAKER,
Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon.

Oscar and Claud Keithley, of Eight Mile, shipped 77 head of hogs for the Portland market Wednesday morning.

Ed Patterson and wife, who have been absent from Heppner nearly a year, are once more in the city. They are not decided yet whether they will remain in Heppner through the winter or not, but it is likely they will go south on account of Mrs. Patterson's health.

William Goulder and Lavetta Hall were married in this city last Sunday morning and left the same day for the home of Mr. Goulder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Goulder, at Tangent, Ore. Mr. Goulder is the only son of W. T. Goulder and came to Heppner about a year ago. Miss Hall is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hall of this city.

CATTLE FOR FEEDERS WILL BE HARD TO GET

Morrow County Dealer Has Traveled Far and Finds Great Shortage.

That there will be a grave shortage in cattle for feeders this winter, is the opinion expressed by W. B. Ewing, extensive alfalfa grower of Cecil.

Mr. Ewing returned on Tuesday from a trip into the interior country where he went several weeks ago in search of steers for feeders. He traveled all through the Long Creek and John Day sections and could find nothing at all, so continued his trip over into the Bear Valley and Silves Valley country, and finally succeeded in getting together some 160 head of steers. He drove these over to his mountain ranch at the head of Rhea creek where he will keep them until about the first of December and then move them to his Cecil ranch to feed. This bunch of cattle, Mr. Ewing estimates, will feed up about half of his alfalfa crop, and the balance he will bale and ship to the outside market.

Mr. Ewing was forcibly impressed with the fact that there is an extreme shortage of cattle throughout the section he visited; there being practically none for sale. To be sure there is cattle in that part of the country, but the owners are not letting go and it would appear that our alfalfa raisers are going to be shy of stock to consume the surplus. In Morrow and Umatilla counties, along Willow creek and Butter creek there will be sufficient feed for 5000 head of cattle to top off for the market, and in the opinion of Mr. Ewing it would be impossible to gather up 500 throughout the section he has visited.

Heavy frosts have already struck the Harney Valley country and Mr. Ewing noted that feed was not nearly so good over there as it is out this way. Feed on this side of the Blue Mountains is now getting good, grass is growing fine, and stock of all kinds is fat and in excellent condition.

COUNTY FAIRS GREAT SUPRISE TO MANY

More Exhibits and Better Quality This Year.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 6, 1914. (Special)—The past week has seen the wind-up of practically all the county fairs to be held in the state this season. More than three-quarters of the counties in the state have had an exhibit of some sort and in every instance the quality of the products shown has been fully up to grade and the staging of same has been better than ever. At the state fair at Salem last week there was probably the most notable collection of Oregon fruits, grains, vegetables, live stock and manufactured articles that has ever been shown at one time in Oregon. Horses, cattle, swine, poultry, sheep and pet stock of all kinds were exhibited by practically every community in the state, and the quality and finish of the animals has never been equaled.

One of the unusual features of the state fair was the boys' camp at which were quartered the prize winners in the various county garden contests. Under the direction of Prof. W. A. Barr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, these boys gave an exhibition of stock judging, taking as subjects the prize winning cows in the dairy section, and making up a full and complete report as to the points of excellence possessed to each animal, giving his reasons for the decision; also testing the milk for butter fat and purity. These reports were passed upon by the expert judges of the dairy section of the fair. The final prize winners in the garden contest will receive as a reward one week's free trip to the exposition at San Francisco next summer.

Retires on Pension.

J. C. Hart, veteran O.-W. R. & N. agent at Hilgard and father of Mrs. G. W. Phelps and Mrs. Frank Fairbanks of this city, yesterday reached the period of service with the company that enables him to retire from active duty upon a pension. During his long and faithful service at the hillside station, Mr. Hart has seen many changes on the road and has won the friendship of every railroad man who has passed through Hilgard.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Mr. Hart at one time had charge of the Heppner station, and he has many friends in this city who will be glad to learn that he has reached that point where he can retire from a long and active service.

Mrs. Jane Stanton of Walla Walla is visiting at the home of her son, Chas. A. Stanton on Eight Mile. She came over the first of the week with her sons Omar and Chas., and will remain here for some time.