

A POOR EXCUSE.

For Detaining Tillamook City's Mail.

Probably a bad excuse on the part of Mr. F. E. Whitney, chief clerk of the railway mail service, is better than no excuse at all, and when he excuses his negligence by falling back on bad roads, that was simply poppy cock and a lot of taffy he was giving the Portland newspapers to cover up the real complaint—that of detaining the letter and newspaper mail for about two weeks when another, the Sheridan, route was available and with only a few hours delay in time. This is an exceedingly poor excuse as everybody in Tillamook will admit, and had it not been that considerable complaint reached Portland and Washington, the mail would still be piling up at Sampson's mill or some other point. It is pleasing to know that Mr. Whitney has ordered the mail in by way of Sheridan, even if it did take about two weeks to know what to do when it should not have taken two seconds. Tillamook has some roads that are not too good, but as the mail from Sheridan has arrived on time in this city the past winter, we fail to see how an essay on good and bad roads is a justification for holding up Tillamook City's mail for so long a time.

From the Oregonian, March 11th.

"The mail service to Tillamook was practically shut off ten days before I left there last Thursday," said B. L. Eddy, who arrived in Portland yesterday after making the trip by sea from Tillamook to Astoria. "The Trask River route, by which the main body of mail is sent into the county has been completely blocked by snow since February 28 and all the mail we have had came in through the Sheridan and Three Rivers route and that has been only from the up-country. The day I left, all the mail came in over the latter route, and I presume it has been coming that way regularly since, but the mail that should have come in during those ten days is missing and I don't know what has become of it."

When Mr. F. E. Whitney, Chief Clerk of the Railway Mail Service, was asked about the condition, he said:

"Tillamook County has next to the worst roads in the state. Coos County has the worst. Of the two roads leading into Tillamook it is hard to say which is the most impassable. The Trask road is deep with snow and the other is deep with mud. The bulk of the mail goes over the Trask road, and the mail contractors have had a dozen men trying to get through, and on account of the lack of communication we did not know until last Friday whether they had succeeded or not. We found out then that they had succeeded in getting it into the mountains and had stalled. Now they cannot move it either way. They had been getting the mail at North Yamhill every day and taking it into the mountains, hoping every day to send it through. Today we received word that it would all probably be sent over the mountains now and the road would be opened for regular communication."

"Only the mail from the upper part of the Valley goes in by Dolph and the Three Rivers, but when we learned of the impassability of the Trask road last Friday, we began to send all the mail that way. But the roads were so bad even by that route that we only sent letters. That mail should have reached Tillamook Saturday night, but if it did not get through until Tuesday the roads must be worse than we thought. You see the telephone lines are all down and communication with the carriers is only possible by letter."

"Every year we have unlimited trouble getting the mail into Tillamook.

The roads run through an uninhabited district and the people cannot afford to keep them up properly. The same thing is true of Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties, where the service at the present time is much worse than in Tillamook. Down there roads have been blocked for weeks, a carrier getting through only semi-occasionally. They have attempted nothing more than carrying the letters there. All the creeks and rivers are swollen and the carriers have to swim their horses, holding the letter bags on their shoulders.

"There is only one way of rendering efficient mail service, and that is to build state roads. The counties cannot afford to do it. One into Coos Bay and one into Tillamook would do. We have very little trouble in other parts of the state. But the two districts I have named are growing rapidly and they are in crying need of better communication. They are too young as yet to have the money to build their own roads, but the roads as they now exist are holding the country back. The contract carriers earn their money in those counties. The man who has contracted to carry the mails over the Trask road is spending more than he makes trying to get the mails through, and as he has not succeeded he stands a chance to having to bear a fine. If there is any blame for the delayed mails in Tillamook or in Coos, for that matter, it is not the fault of the contractors, but of the roads."

NESTUCCA WANTS A JETTY.

Cloverdale Citizens will Petition Congress.

The citizens of Cloverdale, Tillamook county, have drafted a petition to Oregon's Representative in Congress urging a Government appropriation to build a jetty on the south side of Nestucca Bay for the benefit of the commerce of that part of Tillamook county. The petitioners are anxious to have their harbor improved and propose to take every step they can to secure the desired ends. A copy of the petition has been sent to the Portland Chamber of Commerce with a request that the Chamber endorse it, and also send resolutions to Congress favoring the enterprise.

The petition is signed by 156 citizens of the town and surrounding valley. It sets forth that the business of the valley, which depends upon the bay as an outlet to the markets of the world, is seriously hampered because of the washing of sand from the rivers over the spit at the entrance of the bay. This has caused it to become difficult for vessels to enter the harbor and consequently has hurt trade. It is set forth that the building of a jetty on the south side of the bay would prevent this piling up of sand, and keep the channel open and in condition for vessels to ply in and out. No estimate is given as to the cost of the work or the length of the jetty.

The petition continues by calling attention to the products of the Nestucca Valley and the possibilities that lie before it in case the jetty can be secured. It is said that good hard coal has been discovered in large quantities and that coal mining would become a flourishing industry with good transportation facilities. It is also estimated that there are over 800,000,000 feet of lumber in the valley that could be shipped out under proper conditions.

The petition of the Cloverdale citizens will be presented to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their next meeting and it will be acted upon at that time.

I have 15 second hand bicycles, all in good order, for sale very cheap; also a lot of frames and wheels and other repairs.—W. E. Page.

Who Have Registered.

Bay.

Elliot, Tracy R., farmer, Oregon.
Doughty, William, farmer, Oregon.
Elliot, S. W., farmer, Michigan.
Hogen, Thore, farmer, Norway.
Lewley, J. C., farmer, Missouri.
Dawson, J. J., farmer, England.
Robbins, R. W., laborer, Nova Scotia.
Cone, W. S., timber dealer, Michigan.
Doughty, W. T., farmer, Maine.
Posetti, Carl, cheesemaker, Switzerland.
Bodie, J. M., carpenter, Indiana.
Zurche, Andrew, farmer, Switzerland.
Ostrander, C. R., farmer, Michigan.
Nelson, Gust, farmer, Sweden.
Warren, J. H., farmer, California.
Armstrong, Lewis, farmer, Illinois.
Farmer, Henry, farmer, Missouri.

Beaver.

Coulson, Noah, farmer, Ohio.
West, W. T., farmer, Wisconsin.
Phelps, Theo., Vet. surgeon, Canada.
Kumm, Frank J., laborer, Texas.
Batey, A. H., farmer, Missouri.
Huntsinger, Fred E., farmer, Wisconsin.
Wallher, Otto, farmer, Germany.

Blaine.

Gladwill, W. D., farmer, New York.
Mills, Eli O., farmer, Ohio.

Baruegat.

Bailey, W. C., timber cruiser, Maine.
Crenshaw, H., harness maker, Iowa.
Snodgrass, E. D., gunsmith, Texas.
Higgins, G. H., light housekeeper, Wisconsin.
Shaw, W. A., farmer, Missouri.
Davis, F. H., farmer, Michigan.

Carnahan.

Blake, Chas. H., farmer, Maine.
Simmons, Henry L., farmer, Oregon.
Simmons, John, farmer, Oregon.
Phillips, Irving, S., farmer, Oregon.
Phillips, S. H., farmer, Illinois.
Lowry, Fred, farmer, California.
Borton, I. F., farmer, Illinois.
Rey, L. P., farmer, Sweden.

Fairview.

Lamb, G. B., school Supt., Oregon.
Doughney, Patrick, farmer, Ireland.
Dunstan, John H., farmer, Wisconsin.
Chance, G. W., farmer, Kentucky.
Grayson, Geo. W., livrman, Tennessee.
Willey, W. W., teacher, Minnesota.
Smith, Chas., farmer, Oregon.
Johnson, Lewis, farmer, Oregon.
Hoiden, H. F., farmer, Mass.
Hankenratt, Edward, farmer, Wisconsin.
Tinnerstet, Wm., farmer, New York.
Maurer, Fred, farmer, Switzerland.
Hankenrat, G., farmer, Switzerland.
Todd, P. W., merchant, Missouri.
Mills, J. M., farmer, Indiana.
Mills, Grant, farmer, Illinois.
Rupp, J. J., farmer, Iowa.
Wolfe, L., farmer, Michigan.
Harvey, E. M., farmer, New York.
Dunstan, Henry, farmer, England.
Sappington, F. L., county surveyor, Oregon.
Marolf, Godfrey, farmer, Switzerland.
Rowell, C. G., farmer, Ohio.
Stanley, Earl, farmer, New York.
Ziemer, L. B., cheesemaker, Wisconsin.
Christensen, F. W., cheesemaker, Oregon.
McIntosh, Peter, merchant, Canada.
Jacobs, Vincenz, farmer, Russia.
Stuivenga, L., farmer, Holland.
Olds, Henry, farmer, Oregon.
Maxwell, Wm., farmer, Missouri.
Jenkins, G. T., farmer, Iowa.
Anderson, S. V., farmer, Missouri.
Leach, W. H., farmer, Missouri.

Foley.

Hanson, Hans, farmer, Minnesota.
Sales, R. D., farmer, Victoria.
Knight, G. M., farmer, Illinois.
Knight, W. E., farmer, Illinois.

Garibaldi.

Mills, W. M., millman, Indiana.
Long, Frank, carpenter, Penn.
Pettys, M. B., millman, New York.
Stephens, R. D., logger, Oregon.

Hebo.

Bailey, D. A., farmer, Tennessee.
Mattoon, O. P., blacksmith, Indiana.
Billings, W. C., farmer, American.
Owens, Frank L., farmer, American.
Arstall, A., farmer, American.
Iler, John, farmer, American.
Jenck, M. J., farmer, American.
Sanders, H. C., farmer, American.
Schiffman, Solon, farmer, American.
Sherwood, H. G., farmer, American.
Worthington, Ed., farmer, American.
Worthington, Frank, farmer, American.
Ray, Robert R., laborer, American.
Cross, E. B., farmer, American.
Ray, Chas., farmer, American.
Burke, J. L., farmer, American.
Churchill, W. G., laborer, American.
Bodyfelt, J. W., farmer, American.
Bodyfelt, Oscar W., farmer, American.
Landingham, E. D., farmer, American.
Dawson, J. H., farmer, Tennessee.
Conder, W. W., farmer, Kentucky.
Bodyfelt, G. W., farmer, Indiana.
McGinnis, J. J., farmer, Illinois.
Hanson, N. P., farmer, Denmark.

Hoquarton.

Stuthwick, W. E., carpenter, Indiana.
Hollingworth, A. J., minister, Nebraska.
Stephens, J. S., insurance agent, Oregon.
Lindsey, E. H., laborer, California.
Coates, Thos., abstractor, England.
Hare, A. M., assessor, Michigan.
Mason, Homer, county clerk, Oregon.
Eddy, B. L., attorney-at-law, Oregon.
Alley, G. B., justice of peace, Missouri.
Wallin, Carl, farmer, Sweden.
Brant, Peter, farmer, Sweden.
Arthur, Fred, deputy sheriff, California.
White, A. T., clerk, Iowa.
Peterson, Frank E., cabinet maker, Sweden.
Oliver, D. M., contractor, Nova Scotia.
Johnson, Wm., retired farmer, Canada.
Maxwell, J. W., farmer, Illinois.
Duffee, E. F., minister, Ohio.
Goodspeed, H. P., farmer, Ohio.
Finley, Alva, merchant, Ohio.
Erickson, Paul, farmer, Sweden.
Clough, Chas. I., druggist, Wisconsin.
Hunt, C. R., farmer, Massachusetts.
Illingsworth, J. A., farmer, Oregon.

Watt, George, carpenter, Canada.
Butt, Elwin, farmer, Indiana.
Olson, Jonas, farmer, Sweden.
Smith, Sollie, butcher, Iowa.
Page, W. E., merchant, New York.
McCaragar, S., farmer, Canada.
Leach, G. E., laborer, Missouri.
Watt, Alex., farmer, Canada.
Kiger, Geo. W., real estate, Ohio.
Trout, F. M., farmer, Indiana.
Diehl, J. S., farmer, Ohio.
Heisel, Hans, farmer, Germany.
Brooks, Geo., farmer, Pennsylvania.
Busby, W. H., laborer, Oregon.
Blybach, L., farmer, Denmark.
Heisel, Peter, farmer, Germany.
Tilloison, Stephens, farmer, N.Y.
Arndt, Theo., carpenter, Germany.
Cooper, W. H., attorney, Oregon.
Johnson, C. A., deputy assessor, Oregon.

Little Nestucca.

Fletcher, A. W., farmer, American.
Penter, W. A., farmer, American.
Whiteman, L. E., farmer, American.
Redberg, L. J., farmer, American.
Craven, J. K., farmer, American.
Jones, Leonard H., farmer, Oregon.
Huntsinger, Fred E., farmer, Wisconsin.

Netarts.

Morgan, J. M., farmer, Iowa.
Desmond, Chas., farmer, California.
Mason, Albert, farmer, Washington.
Brant, John A., farmer, Oregon.
Kutcher, J. J., farmer, Wisconsin.

Sandlake.

Watson, Rollie W., printer, Missouri.
Atkinson, James, farmer, Ohio.

South Prairie.

Jordi, Jacob, farmer, Switzerland.
Hankenratt, R., farmer, Ohio.
Burton, Chas. F., logger, Oregon.
Phelps, A. W., farmer, Illinois.
Lamb, F. M., farmer, Iowa.
Apsley, A. A., farmer, Illinois.
Eklof, Frank, farmer, Sweden.
Purcell, Wm. farmer, Canada.
Goyne, T. H., farmer, Penn.
Zurfluch, Henry, farmer, Switzerland.
Chance, M. T., farmer, Oregon.


Tillamook.

Ryan, Wm., laborer, Illinois.
Botts, H. T., attorney-at-law, Missouri.
Severance, A. W., postmaster, Wisconsin.
Whitney, E. H., professor, Missouri.
Heins, Otto, photographer, Germany.
Archer, Frank B., laborer, Tennessee.
Stanley, W. E., sheriff, Indiana.
Richardson, G. S., real estate agent, Ohio.
Kelso, W. G., laborer, Tennessee.
Drew, C. N., laborer, Maine.
Job, Nick, laborer, Italy.
Nolan, J. H., farmer, Pennsylvania.
Hays, W. S., farmer, Pennsylvania.
Learned, Wm. M., laborer, Minn.
Hamilton, W. M., saloon keeper, Canada.
Woolfe, C. H., blacksmith, Oregon.
Chase, W. O., fisherman, New York.
Smith, Will C., cheesemaker, Oregon.
Nolan, Oak, logger, Oregon.
Weston, Horace E., farmer, Maine.
Cobler, G. A., farmer, Indiana.
Olds, Eli, farmer, Indiana.
Tomlinson, Ira, butcher, Oregon.
McDermott, H., jeweler, Penn.
Eberman, Wm., farmer, Oregon.
Latimer, J. W., farmer, Miss.
Hunter, J. C., manufacturer, Mich.
Edmunds, G. A., merchant, Michigan.
Glad, Erick, farmer, Sweden.
Hoag, Elmer D., mechanic, Wisconsin.
Leach, M. F., butcher, California.
Vincent, F. D., farmer, New York.
Jenkins, Eugene, jeweler, Oregon.
Cohn, George, merchant, California.
Kimball, Wm. T., logger, Illinois.
Kelso, A. H., clerk, Oregon.
Clements, Clyde, city marshal, Oregon.
Johnson, C. R., barber, Indiana.
Morgan, T. W., farmer, England.
Stillwill, Wm. D., farmer, Ohio.
Tomlinson, S. C., farmer, Miss.
Schlappi, Casper, cheesemaker, Switzerland.
Rees, John, laborer, Canada.
Stillwill, A. J., farmer, Oregon.
Whiting, J. H., contractor, N.Y.
Elliot, F. N., laborer, Oregon.
Watson, R. M., editor, Virginia.
Harter, J. R., laborer, Indiana.
Nelson, Louis, farmer, Sweden.
Svenson, C. A., farmer, Sweden.
High, W. A., clerk, Iowa.
Haltom, E. T., merchant, Tenn.
Carry, W. H., captain, Indiana.
Peckham, R. D., capitalist, New York.
Walker, Ed., laborer, Minn.
Melchior, M., farmer, Germany.
Wilson, A. H., laborer, Penn.

Union.

Kennedy, J. G., farmer, American.
Hushbeck, Lewis S., farmer, American.
Hudson, W. L., farmer, American.
Knoblock, E. J., farmer, American.
Wilson, Joseph, farmer, American.

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