

Zillah

December 31 has been set as the date when the citizens of Zillah will vote upon the question of incorporation.

Upon the same date the people will elect their first mayor and five members of the council, there being question of the approval of the incorporation.

R.D. Herod of Zillah, who was in the city this morning with his wife says it was quite generally conceded that E.J. Jaeger should be elected mayor. He is the oldest prominent citizen of the community and has been a leader in pressing to a conclusion the movement for the incorporation. To avoid strife a caucus will be held for the selection of candidates for the council and in this first election there will probably be one ticket in the field.

Mr. Herod said that last evening the Zillah Commercial club held its annual election of officers, choosing the following:

Rev. C.J. Ware, president; A.J. Hillyer, secretary; E.J. Jaeger, treasurer; governing board E.M. Cox, J.E. Townsend and A.F. Jaeger. Large plans for advancing the interests of the community are under consideration--The Yakima Republic, Dec. 23, 1910.

Zillah--Mail service

Zillah people are going out after a railway mail service.

They have through their Commercial club, sent resolutions through to Washington to the fourth assistant postmaster asking that the mail be carried over the O.W.R & N railway instead of coming to them as it does at present from Toppenish by stage. They hold the conditions to be anomalous under which a town on the direct line of a railway is dependant upon a state for mail.

Similar resolutions have been sent out from every commercial club of the valley along the line of the O.W.R and N railway.

As an illustration of the present inconvenience it may be said that copies of the Zillah Free Press mailed on Friday to subscribers in the Granger district will not be delivered until Monday.

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Zillah, Oct. 27- Zillah has perhaps shown greater change than any town in the state.

It is situated 20 miles southeast of North Yakima and four miles north of Toppenish on the left bank of the Yakima River.

Two years ago it had a population of approximately 300 while now the population is close to 600. Probably the most remarkable record leading to this change was the advent of two railroads during the year 1910.

These being the North Yakima and Valley Railroad company of which George Donald of North Yakima is president and the North Coast, Robert E. Strahorn, president. The first was welcomed in June, 1910 while the latter entered the limits with its train on October 10, 1910. Both trains were able to pick up some of the fall business of fruit, saving the orchardists the haul by wagon to Toppenish.

Having completed its line to North Yakima the North Coast now the OWR & N constructed ran its big excursion over the line March 27, 1911 and through traffic was inaugurated on March 24. Zillah at the present time is getting the benefit of four passenger trains daily each way over the line. That seemed to be the moving force that attracted population, stimulated the old business and caused new to spring up, led to the incorporation of the village as a town of the fourth class and caused the wheels to not only hum but fairly rattle.

Two new lumber yards were necessary to assist the St Paul & Tacoma Lumber company, first in the field, to handle the trade. These were the Cascade Lumber company with A.A. Hunter as

manager and the Morgan Lumber company is one of the largest in the valley, furnished with stock building box shooks and coal bunkers. From the looks of things there is business for all.

Quick to see the possibilities of the situation as a location for a newspaper, Alfred S. Hillyer at that time on the Toppenish Review, brought in a plant and established the "illah Free Press. The newspaper was a success from the jump off being liberally patronized by both advertisers and subscribers. It is generally acknowledged that a newspaper is a reflex of the life of the community, certainly the right kind of a one is and the Free Press seems to fill the bill nicely.

It is a warm newspaper in a hot town. Mr. Hillyer during the past summer purchased property and erected a building at the corner of Second avenue and Fox boulevard where he is now comfortably located. He has an up-to-date office, adding new machinery as the occasion demands. The Free Press may ~~Dep~~ be depended upon to continue to assist in keeping "illah on the map.

The city government is progressive and notable improvements have been and are being made. Long stretches of cement sidewalk have been laid and more will be put down as needed. A resolution has been introduced and undoubtedly will be passed at the next meeting for the graveling of the streets.

Four additions have already been made to the original townsite these are Jaeger's First addition, Herod's Terrace Heights addition, Fox's addition and the "illah Development company's addition. All of the lots in the first two mentioned additions have been sold. In the first one six new houses have been built and in the second one twelve. In the third three new dwellings have been erected and in the fourth two.

Since the move upward ten buildings have been erected in the original townsite, one of them being the Herod two story brick, the first brick structure in the town. New stores have been started that with their large stocks and well arranged rooms would be a credit to much larger places.

The Richey & Gilbert company have recently finished its new warehouse where fruit is now being stored at a great rate. R.T. Herod is now erecting a warehouse at the corner of First avenue and Seventh street opposite the Herod block.

J.A. Fournier, an experienced hotel man has erected a two-story building on Riverside avenue and is conducting a first class hotel. Among lines of business that are represented are a blacksmith shop, haberdashery, candy kitchen, restaurant, jewelry store, restaurant, while old lines of trade have been increased by adding one general merchandise store, another barber shop, a dentist and doctor have been added to those already on the ground a year ago.

The depot of the O.W.R. & N must not be overlooked for it is up to the company's standard and a thing of beauty.

The growth in churchwork, number of buildings and membership during the year and a half have been marked.

Prior to that time there was but one church building, that of the Episcopalians who were worshipping in a church of stone. The denomination of the Church of Christ, generally referred to as the Christian church had an organization but were holding services in a hall. At about that time the Rev. C.G. Ware arrived on the scene and organized a Presbyterian church. During the year 1910 the Christian church people erected a magnificent building at a cost of \$10,000 which upon the day of dedication was paid for in full by the subscriptions of those present.

That fact was an expression of the liberality of the citizens of Zillah and surrounding country. The pastor is Rev. N.M. Fields. The Presbyterian flock has trebled since the date of organization. Plans for the building of a church are well under way.

The Episcopal church membership has grown under the direction of Arch Deacon Maurice J.B. Brewster who has recently left to take up work on the sound--

City officers are: E.J. Jaeger, mayor, D.A. Fox, clerk; W.L. ~~ODON~~ Loewe, attorney; D.A. Fox, justice of the peace; J.D. Frakes, marshal. ; Dr. McCracken, health officer; J.O. Greenway of North Yakima, engineer.

The First National Bank of Zillah was organized in the latter part of December, 1909 with a capitalization of \$25,000. It paid a dividend within the first year and in addition has a surplus of \$1,000. On December 1, 1910, within a year of its organization it had deposits amounting to more than \$100,000. Its first quarters were in the Odd Fellows concrete building but those being too cramped it has removed to its commodious home on the ground floor of the Herod block, corner of First avenue and Seventh street where it has a splendid up to date bank.

J.D. Curnett is president; H.H. Green, vice president; L.H. Kuhn, cashier; Oscar Larsen, teller; directors--F.A. Williams, J.D. Curnett, C.H. FEO Furman, H.H. Green and E.L. Duckham.

Zillah is the home of the Enterprise Fruit Machine company a corporation organized for the building and sale of a machine called an apple cleaner, an invention of L.H. Larsen and H.K. Rowland, local men. It does the work of five men and does it well. -Yakima Herald, November 1, 1911.

Zillah, Oct. 30-It was in 1910 that this town commenced to feel the germ of a broader business life kicking around in its rivals and the result was quickly made manifest by the organization of a Commercial club with a membership of nearly 150.

Since that time the Zillah Commercial club has been an important factor in advocating and promoting those movements that go for the uplift of the town.

Among other things which appear upon the letter heads of the club is the statement:

Zillah Grows the Fruit She Shows, which is the town slogan. The following statements are also made "The Capital City of Old King Apple," "The Heart of the Most Famous Fruit Belt;" "The District that Gave the Sunnyside Canal its Reputation;" "One Main Line of O.W.R & N Railroad (Harriman's Pacific System. Address all communications to the secretary.

The officers of the commercial club are the leading citizens of the town and follow: C.G. Ware, president, minister of Presbyterian church; A.Q. Hunter, vice president, manager Cascade Lumber company; A.S. Hillyer, secretary, editor Zillah Free Press; E.J. Jaeger, treasurer, merchant, fruit grower and vice president of the First National Bank of Toppenish.

The directors are: H.H. Green, fruit grower and director first National Bank of Zillah; R.D. Herod, fruit grower and vice president of the First National bank of Zillah; L.M. Cox, fruit grower; J.E. Townsend, vice president, Morgan Lumber company; J. Bourgaize, H.M. Harlan and A.F. Jaeger, fruit growers.

Twenty years ago the north and east bank of the Yakima river was an arid waste, remarkable principally for its fine stand of sage brush. The necessary air, sunshine and soil were present in large quantities and so was the water, but the latter was flowing

along peacefully in its bed utterly useless for irrigation because it was confined to its channel and consequently not where it would do the most good.

Zillah claims as one of its citizens the man who is entitled to be called the father, the grandfather and foster father of irrigation in the Yakima country and his name is Walter N. Granger. He it was who first from the Yakima river took the Konnewock approximately at the point below the Union gap where the present Sunnyside canal has its intake. The canal later passed into the hands of the Washington Irrigation company from whom it was purchased by the United States government. The thousands of acres of cultivated land along the left bank of the river are the results of that foresight being the beginning of irrigation in this region, transforming lands of no value into gardens of beauty from whose orchards come a glorious stream of golden wealth. Mr. Granger is also famed on account of having been the owner of the original townsites of Zillah, Sunnyside, Grandview and Granger, the latter being named to honor him by bestowing on the town his name.

Rev. C.G. Ware is responsible for the organization of a brotherhood in connection with the Presbyterian church. It is the only brotherhood in the Yakima valley that rents and operates its own club rooms. These are on the second floor of the large hall of the Modern Woodmen of America. They have a reading room and other equipment for exercise and where different kinds of games are played. It is quite a credit to be able to make such a showing in a place the size of Zillah.

There are two secret societies very strong here. These are the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows, also own their own home, a fine two story building of concrete located at the corner of First avenue and Seventh street.

The Zillah cornet band is known throughout the confines of the Yakima country having appeared at many of the different towns and furnished music ~~and~~ on important occasions. It was organized and has been looked after by C.H. Forman who may be said to be largely responsible for its existence. Its leader is Mr. Thorndyke who has successfully looked after the instruction of the boys until they have become quite proficient. There are nearly a score of members who are improving right along. There are very few towns the size of Zillah that can boast of an organization of this kind.

Among the comparatively recent arrivals is W.A. Deadd Loewe, an attorney who has cast his lot with this growing city to which he is now legal adviser.

It will be recalled that the great Daniel Webster in the senate of the United States took the position that Oregon of which at that time Washington was a part, although never heard of was too far away to look after and that it was not much good anyway and would not pay for the expense of any effort to keep England from obtaining title to the whole northwest if she wanted to. Mr. Webster would no doubt be both pleased and surprised if he were to escape from his ceremonies and make a trip to what to him was that great blank country generally called the northwest and see a score of country homes owned by orchardists to which his own residence and yard during his lifetime would only make comfortable outbuildings and back yard.

The town of Zillah is in good shape financially with outstanding warrants of approximately \$2,000.

Dr. J.E. Bartley and A.S. Hillyer are two of the local men interested in athletics, the former being an expert lawn tennis player, the latter a baseball fan and quarter mile runner. The said to put on the soft pedal when discussing baseball but to throw out a general definition as to lawn tennis. Here is a chance for North Yakima to pick up more honors if she can win.

Zillah is proud of her literary club known as the Research club. Right in line with that is the establishment of a lecture course, the first on the list for the present having already been given.

While apples are the Zillah idol, W.R. Thompson comes to the front this year with a net profit of \$900 per acre from his hop yard. Of course that is scarcely a fair criterion, owing to the fact that the price of hops is abnormal being the highest in 29 years.

Walter N. Granger reports that he raised 30,000 pounds of grapes from one and one-third acres of ground. He received from 18 to 25 cents per box, eight pounds to the box. The class in arithmetic may now take this problem and work it on the blackboard. Yakima Herald, November 1, 1911.

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New York July 20--the will of the late Mrs. Zillah Oakes Jacquelin of New York, whose father named the town of Zillah after her, was filed in Surrogates court here today.

Mrs. Jacquelin's father, the late Thomas F. Oakes, gave her name to the town when he was president of the Northern Pacific Railroad;

Her estate was formally declared to be "in excess of \$20,000." Its actual size will not be known until the holdings are appraised.

Mrs. Jacquelin, who died on July 8th, was the widow of Herbert Allen Broeck Jacquelin, a partner in the stock exchange firm of Jacquelin _ DeCoppett. She was 82.

The town of Zillah now boasts a doctor. He is from Puyallup. G-8-83

There was a big public dance at Zillah Saturday night and a more "rapid" time was never experienced in that section.

There was free firing of guns throughout the night. G-8-93

C.H..Williams returned from his Yakimatrip Monday evening where he went to superintend the opening of the Zillah branch of the Puyallup Drug Co. He reports that Dr. McCrackan is working up a large medical practice at that point and that the entire Puyallup colony in those parts is progressing finely-- Puyallup C^tizen.

The chief of police closed all gambling houses at Colfax last Saturday night. 8-31-93

Camp meeting under the auspices of the M.E. church will be opened tomorrow at Brice's grove on the Wenas near the Congregational church.

Frank W. Parker of Seattle, a prominent and popular Elk official sojourned in Yakima during the week. He will probably arrange for the organization of a lodge here in the near future.

The sidewalk in front (north side) of the First street