

Post offices

Mabton--Delma closes.

Mabton, Feb. 4-Postmaster T.S. Phillips received word Saturday from the postal authorities at Washington D.C. to extend rural delivery service from the Mabton office to commence March 1.

The total length of the route is 24 5-8 miles. This route will cause the abolishment of the Delma post office and also the RFD route from that office. The Yakima Herald, Feb. 7, 1907

The large 34 inch Trump water wheel to be used in the electrical plant of the government at Naches City on the Tieton canal was taken from the Northern Pacific tracks Tuesday morning and shipped to Naches City on the Yakima Valley railroad.

The wheel weighs 37,000 pounds and the casing is eight feet in diameter. The wheel will develop 550 horse power and will be placed in the main electrical plant. It will be placed in a concrete foundation.

The foundation is now under construction.

The wheel was manufactured in Ohio. It is the largest water wheel ever used in this section of the country.

The work on the Tieton project will not necessitate the development of a large amount of water power but to develop 550 horse power requires an immense wheel.

The Yakima Herald, April 24, 1907.

Belma, Feb. 13, 1908- James Day has sold onf of his 10 acre alfalfa ranches to Mrs. Clara Rider of Sprague, Wash. for \$170, an acre.

Frank Martin of Mabton has sold his 30 acre ranch in Euclid to Dr. J.F. Scott of North Yakima, for \$7,000. There is a seven acre prune orchard on this place.

A.C. Jenks, a house mover of Walla Walla has the contract to move the Bethany Presbyterian church to the new town of Grandview, a distance of nearly three miles. The church is to be in Grandview inside of 30 days-Yakima Herald.

Directors of the Fruitvale school district have been authorized by a meeting of the property holders to deed to Yakima county for road purposes a strip of 10 feet in width off the school house property in Fruitvale.

This strip thus turned over to the county is to be used, it is understood for street railroad purposes, the street railway to be constructed and to be in operation within a year.

Property owners along the proposed route of the street railway company with one or two exceptions have granted the necessary right of way for the line. There are still some four tracts across which the road has not been able to make an arrangement to pass. These cases will, it is understood, be taken into the courts for condemnation if no other method of procedure can be arrived at--The Yakima Herald, Oct. 13, 1909.

There is a move on foot among the leading residents of Nob Hill to incorporate a town of that community separate and distinct from the city of North Yakima.

The residents set forth as a reason for this action that it is a residence suburb and that they desire to carry out a scheme of landscape gardening. They desire also to establish a system of public improvements. The residents state that if they are brought within the city limits proper they will be obligated to take pot luck along with the other sections of the city and will be embroiled in city politics. This they say they desire to avoid.

On the otherhand it is pointed out that there will be nothing gained by this action because as long as they remain outside they will be obliged to pay two fares on the car line which is a big item to residents on the hill of itself.

It is pointed out that with the hill in the city the west side will have four councilmen which will give them an equal representation on the council if not the balance of power and that taxes will be scarcely any higher in the long run because Nob Hill property is already taxed high. It is likely that the residents will meet and take some action soon--The Yakima Herald, Oct. 20, 1909.

Wiley City

The Wiley Townsite company, owners of the newly founded Wiley City at the end of the Antanum division of the Yakima Valley Transportation company line is now arranging for construction of a two-story mercantile building on the corner directly opposite the Y where the passenger station of the Transportation company will stand.

It will not be long before the sound of revelry by night will be heard in the vicinity of the corner for the plans for the building may also include provision for a dance hall.

J.J. Miller of the Miller Realty company has charge of the construction of the buildings, says that the residents of the neighborhood have a soft spot in their hearts for dances and that he is not adverse to having a good time.

Beyond the Y the Crab creek lumber company is busy unloading a stock of lumber for the use of future residents of the city and it is the intention of the company to build a lumber shed and perhaps an office on the property after a coming visit of some officials of the company to inspect the city.

The Cascade Lumber company also purchased several lots near by and will erect a shed.

Not a few of the passengers on the "Seeing Yakima" trips run by the company and on the regular motor cars car runs on Saturday afternoons and Sundays are long time residents of the city to whom, in spite of their familiarity with conditions in town, the sight of the outlying districts growing into populace suburbs is an amazing one.

Wiley City is one of the latest additions to this list of suburbs and judging the way the ice cream cones and lemonade

Townsites

Eschbach--Morrisey

Establishment of the new town of Eschbach on the line of the North Yakima & Valley Railroad company will lead to the abandonment of the townsite of Morrissey according to statements of men in connected with both enterprises.

"There isn't much of anything at Morrissey to abandon," said George Vance of the railroad company this morning, "although the townsite was platted."

The location of Eschbach about half a mile or so north of Morrissey will do away with need of a station at the latter place.

Eschbach is also conveniently located with reference to other stations being about half way between North Yakima and Naches City--the Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910.

Stakes will be set tomorrow for the new town of Eschbach about 10 or 12 miles from this city on the line of the North Yakima & Valley railroad.

The townsite is platted by the firm of Kohls & Kennedy of this city which recently acquired a tract of 40 acres at the Eschbach siding for this purpose. As a beginning 15 acres will be platted and will be on the market the first of next week.

Residents of the vicinity are deeply interested in the enterprise which has been the subject of rumor in that neighborhood for some time.

Already plans are under way for a general store, hotel, butcher shop, cold storage plant, warehouses, drug store and other necessities of a first class town are on foot and an effort will be started at once to have a post office established there.

Eschbach now has a grange building, a schoolhouse, warehouse and an active and efficient association of fruit growers

Fruitvale

William Richards has traded his 46 acre fruit ranch in Fruitvale for two apartment houses in Seattle.

The deal was closed in Seattle last Saturday and Mr. Richards is arranging to remove to that city. His ranch is one of the finest in the valley and a photograph of it will be shown at the Spokane Apple show and later at Chicago-Yakima ^{the}epublic, Nov. 4, 1910.

Gleed

(White's Siding)

After working for over a year for concessions which would enable them to put through their plans for the establishment of the townsite of Gleed on the North Yakima & Valley railroad in the Naches valley, Walter White, A.H. Blair, R.A. Wilson, C.W. McCormick, S.G. Moore and other citizens of that section have obtained from President George Donald of the railroad permission for the establishment of a siding at the townsite and a plat of the new born city will be prepared immediately and lots placed on sale in the near future.

What will be known as the town of Gleed, formerly known as White's Siding, is situated in the very heart of Naches valley according to the promoters, only about one and one half miles south of Eschbach, one half mile from Morrissey and only one half mile from the new Naches schoolhouse.

Crossroads from three directions center there at the present time and it is planned in the near future to put in another road through to the north to connect with the state road at that point.

It is just halfway between North Yakima and Naches and those interested say that a large portion of the trade and traffic of the valley will center there.

The townsite is named after James Gleed, one of the oldest settlers in the Yakima valley who came to that section about 30 years ago and took up 320 acres and who was one of the builders of the Gleed ditch. Mr. D. L. Bair (Copy) who is one of those interested in the townsite is now living on 160 acres of the old Gleed ranch, one corner of which runs to the point where the new town will thrive--Yakima Republic, Nov. 18, 1910.

Gleed

Promoters of the little town of Gleed on the North Yakima & Valley road are pushing it ahead regardless of winter weather.

Construction of a siding was begun by the railroad company on Monday, the grading and finishing was completed and laying of track was begun yesterday.

It is the expectation of those interested that the siding will be ready for business in a day or so--The Yakima Republic, Dec. 2, 1910.

George C. Waller of Minneapolis , capitalist, who has spent the past few months in North Yakima speculating and investing in local real estate will leave shortly for his home where he expects to remain permanently.

He has disposed of his entire North Yakima holdings with the exception of his \$40,000 ranch on Nob Hill which he has turned over to Calhoun, Denny & Ewing to plat and sell.

He purchased this ranch last spring for a home place after inspecting nearly every other piece of orchard land for sale in that exclusive section, selecting it as the choicest land and most ~~soughtly~~ sightly on the hill.

The ranch contains \$6,000 of modern improvements.

Mr. Waller is leaving Yakima on account of his health. His instructions to his agents are to make prices on the plat that will dispose of it in the shortest possible time--The Yakima Republic, Dec. 2, 1910.

Eschbach

The grange at Eschbach has executed a deed transferring to Messrs Ernsdorff, Tetreau and Scott of the Eschbach townsite company a portion of the ground owned by the grange which takes in lieu of it an equal amount of ground from the townsite company.

The change was made to bring the boundaries of the grange property into conformity with the townsite plat of which it becomes a part.

The Eschbach plat has been accepted by the county commissioners and has been filed for record--Yakima Republic, Dec. 2, 1910.

Harrah,

Deed to the Julius T. Harrah home and ranch near the community bearing his name has passed to the ownership of the J.M. Perry company which filed the document in the county auditor's office today.

The estate was at one time regarded as one of the show places in Yakima county. The purchase price of the property is given at \$39,110. The Yakima National bank got the property and later assigned it to the United Investment company, that in turn sold it to the J.M. Perry company--Yakima Republic, July 23, 1925.

Real Estate

The George LaBissionere ranch of 11 acres on Nob Hill was sold yesterday afternoon to people from Illinois for \$35,000. The buildings and improvements on the ranch are estimated to be worth about \$4,000, hence this adds another to the numerous recent sales of Nob Hill property at prices running at or near \$3,000 an acre. The deal was handled by the Henry brothers.

Mr. LaBissionere has developed the ranch himself from the sagebrush having been one of the early settlers in the Yakima valley and having lived through the time when half the price per acre that he secured yesterday for his land was considered the highest mark that would ever be reached in North Yakima fruit lands.

The trees upon the place are a few years to 14 years old, many of them having been planted when Nob Hill was settled. The ranch is situated on the Summit View road and is about a quarter of a mile from the newly established city limits. The name of the purchaser is to be withheld for a time at his request.

the land is on a section of Nob Hill which is just on the turning point between being farming property and being residence property. Other large tracts in this section have already been divided and are being sold in small tracts.. The Yakima Republic May 6, 1911.

Wide Hollow
Chekolah
Street and road names

There is a possibility that the name Wide Hollow, as applied to a fertile and fairly populous district lying west of the city of Yakima may disappear off the map.

Some of the ranchers of the section do not care for the appellation and are taking steps looking toward a change. Their argument is that the term hollow as used in other places generally implies a hole in the ground and carries with it the suggestion of undesirable land.

Considering their land highly desirable and wanting an attractive name for it, some of the property owners of the district, chiefly women, held a meeting the other day to consider a suitable designation. If "Wide Hollow" can be satisfactorily translated into Chinook or into the native Indian tongue, that name may possibly be used. Chekolah is the name urged for adoption by the Mothers' club.

The street railway company which carries on the front of some of its interurban cars the words, "Wide Hollow" has been interviewed it is said and has declared that it has no hard and fast prejudices in the matter. The idea of the sign is merely to indicate to passengers the destination of the car and if the "Wide Hollowites" prefer to be known as "Expansive Subterraneans," "Broad Scenarians" or "Depressed Agrarians" the company is agreeable and will change its car label accordingly.

The sentiment in favor of a new name seems not to be universal for there are ranchers pronouncedly in favor of the old simple and descriptive title. To them the "Wide Hollow" has a distinctly poetic suggestion and in addition the quality of old association.

understood, are willing that change should be made and since the christening of highways in the outlying sections seems to consist largely in getting signs printed and tacked up.

It is quite likely that the plan will go through.

Since the sidewalk has been laid from the car to the east gate of the cemetery along Miles avenue and since the extension of the street car line to the cemetery will probably be along that street there is no especially reason why the funeral name should cling to the road further west.

The people who believe that names should have associations are pleased that the street cut through the old Holton homestead between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues is called after the old settler who was prominent in the early history of the valley--Yakima Herald, August 25, 1911.