

Zillah

The postoffice department has announced that it is ready to receive bids for a tri weekly mail service between Zillah and Sunnyside.

A postoffice will be established at Mason's, 5 miles west of Zillah, for which Mrs. Melinda Mason is endorsed for postmistress: and another office at Outlook, 7 miles further east, for which Mr. Ide is the applicant--Yakima Herald, Jan. 13, 1897 .

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Col. A.C. Walker was up from Zillah for several days during the past week and states that their Fourth of July celebration promises to be on a much larger scale than first indicated.

It will be the only celebration in the lower half of the county and a great gathering of people is anticipated. Hon Miles Cannon, Sunnyside, is to deliver the address. A brass band has been engaged for the entire day and there will be two public balls in the evening. Yakima Herald, June 27, 1897.

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The Land Commissioner, Bridges and Assistant Attorney General Vance were in North Yakima on Tuesday for the purpose of having a hearing to the parties interested in school land contracts which were declared forfeited some time ago.

The land in question embraces the townsite of Zillah ; and as a result of the conference, an amicable adjustment of the trouble is expected--Yakima Herald, Feb. 24, 1898.

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The board of state land commissioners has ordered sold fifty-seven lots of the townsite of Zillah. These lots are located on section 36, township 11, north, range 20 east.

The sale will be conducted by Auditor Flint, as advertised in another column--Yakima Herald, August 11, 1898.

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The Townsite company has donated two acres to the public school which is being enclosed by a neat fence and in time will be seeded and set out to shade trees, when it will be as beautiful a school yard as one could wish to see. The money for improving the grounds was raised by subscription circulated by Mrs. Laird--The Yakima Republic, August 18, 1899.

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The cemetery association has bought three acres of ground west of town on a beautiful knoll. The ground is cleared and will soon be fenced; then people can afford to die.

The town of Zillah is growing quite rapidly. Fox Bros. have enlarged their store room; Mr. Lawrence, a newcomer has built a store room and dwelling combined and has opened a stock of hardware; the Stevens boys have built a nice dwelling in which their mother resides; Mr. Alsberry also has erected a comfortable home on the hill; Mr. Smith has put on an addition to his butcher shop and will live in it; Mr. Peterson the mail carrier has put up a new house on Main street. The saloon has been moved two blocks east and opened to the public. The Woodmen have erected a large new hall.

The bridge between town and Toppenish will soon be repaired. The Yakima Republic, Feb. 9, 1900.

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Walter Granger of Zillah-You ask me how Zillah got its name. I see you are not well posted on scripture; but I'll not argue with you on that point.

Zillah was named in honor of the daughter of T.E. Oakes, once president of the Northern Pacific railway. After completing part of the Sunnyside canal in 1893 President Oakes, with his daughter, Miss Zillah, came to the valley on a tour of inspection. He took them over part of the route and when we came to the place where Zillah now stands I told him that there we would lay out a town and maintain our offices.

He asked me what I would call the new town. I had selected no name yet and was in a quandry as to how to answer him. The thought occurred to me to name the place in honor of his daughter, who was standing near by. I replied that I would call it Zillah. This pleased him and the young lady, too, and that is how Zillah got its name--
Yakima Herald, April 15, 1902.

Zillah has begun already to reap the benefit of the fact that the town is at last on the direct line of a railroad.

It is announced that a once citizen of that famous fruit section will establish a bank to be a national bank and to be called the First National Bank of Zillah.

It is declared also that the town will also have a newspaper weekly at first, which will soon make its initial appearance.

A further indication of the effect of the railway will have on a town is that the Morgan Lumber Company is preparing to establish a lumber yard there. The company now has a yard at Toppenish and to facilitate development will at once move some of the stock over from the reservation capital--The Yakima Herald, May 19, 1909.

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There was incorporated at Zillah Tuesday the First National bank which is absolutely a Zillah undertaking and is one of the signs of the new growth which follows upon the fact that a railroad or two or three have decided to run through that section of the Yakima valley.

The capital stock of the bank is \$25,000 and there are \$1 stockholders.

Following the formal business of the incorporation the formal business of the incorporation there was a social hour at which the nature of a bank birthday was celebrated--The Yakima Herald, Oct . 20, 1909.

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Carl O. Kittilsen of the firm of Calhoun, Denny & Ewing proposes to have a model orchard in the Zillah district.

He has purchased 36 acres of orchard land from B. Humbert in addition to 26 acres of raw land which he already held. He will plant peaches, pears and a variety of other fruit, but intends to give more attention to commercial varieties of apples than to anything else.

He has great faith in the country on account of the railroads that are coming into it as well as on account of the already demonstrated excellence of the soil.

The property is a mile and one-half from Zillah on Zillah Heights. Twenty five acres are already in commercial orchards and the remainder is immediately to be planted--
The Yakima Republic, Feb. 4, 1910.

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Made up largely of farmers with practically all the officers ranchers, the Zillah Commercial club organized this week is unique in its class.

While the town has but 300 people there are 135 charter members of the Commercial club and the total number will reach 200. The club embraces three school districts.

The officers are C.S. Brownell, president; J.H. Brownell, president; J.H. Barthley, vice president; Louis H. Kohn, secretary and E.J. Laeger, treasurer. The governing board is made up of J.A. Bourgaize, H. Kielsmeir, R.D. Herod, L.M. Cox, H.M. Harlan, H.H. Greene and the officers.

The North Coast and the North Yakima and Valley railroads are building through the town, the first railroad to touch Zillah. A First National bank was recently started and a newspaper will be published in the town in the near future. Yakima Republic, March 18, 1910.

Zillah will celebrate the arrival of its second railroad, the second line to be built into that community within six months, on October 4 when big jubilee is to be held because the North Coast rails have passed that point and regular rails have passed that point and regular traffic to the Columbia river is soon to be instituted.

Invitations have been extended to Gov. Hay and Congressman Poindexter to be present for the gathering on the day and President Strahorn is expected to be a visitor along with Chief Engineer Pitman, Master Mechanic Saxton and other North Coast officials.

The citizens of Zillah welcomed the advent of their first railroad, the North Yakima & Valley line on May 28 and have not waited long for the arrival of the second.

The North Coast railroad has been built through the town of Zillah and reports are that the tracklaying outfit is now on its way through Parker Bottom. As soon as the bridge across the Yakima river near Donald is completed the line will be rapidly extended to North Yakima. Grading between Union gap and the bridge has been started and the grade between Union gap and North Yakima is being rapidly completed--The Yakima Republic, Sept. 30, 1900.

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Asking for the establishment of the town of Zillah as a town of the fourth class, a numerously signed petition from residents of that place will be presented to the board of county commissioners when it meets in North Yakima on Monday, December 5.

The petitioners ask that following the establishment of the town, as prayed, an election be called under the laws of the state governing such matters- Yakima Republic, Dec. 2, 1910.

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(Newspapers) Churches

Members of the Church of Christ of Zillah established an enviable reputation. Sunday, according to H.S. Hillyer of the Zillah Free Press who was in the city yesterday, by raising in one day \$10,000 to clear the debt on the new edifice which has just been completed. The dedicatory services were followed by an appeal for funds and at the close of the evening service it was announced that the desired amount had been made up. Rev. C.F. Stevens of Spokane participated in the exercises and will remain for a week conducting the revival meeting. Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910.

A delegation from the Commercial club of Zillah appeared before the board of county commissioners yesterday asking for the incorporation of Zillah and the fixing of a date when the question could be submitted to the voters of the territory affected.

Objections to the granting of the petition were made by attorneys for Mrs. Johnson of Seattle and W.N. Granger and Mr. Chenour of Zillah, all objections being directed against the boundaries sought to be established. Agreement was promptly made with Mr. Chenour, but the other parties not being able to agree and the attorneys being unprepared to proceed at this time the commissioners set the petition for final hearing next Monday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Attorney Lee of Toppenish is attorney for petitioners--Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910.

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When the question of fixing the boundaries of the proposed incorporation of the town of Zillah came up for hearing before the county commission this afternoon it was stated that compromises had been reached with all property owners except Walter N. Granger.

Attorneys Lee for the petitioners and Rigg for Mr. Granger each offered concession but it was left for the commissioners to finally fix what amount of the Granger holdings should be within the townsite.

The decision of the board gave petitioners 14 of the 20 acres they asked and official notices of the time for holding of the election, when the proposed incorporation will be submitted to the voters, included within the fixed boundaries, will be issued in time for the election to take place the first week in January.

Messrs Fox, Herod, Jaegger, Lamont and Hillyer represented Zillah in the meeting today and each one felt confident that the proposition would carry by an almost unanimous vote--Yakima Republic, Dec. 16, 1910.