

Loose Gravel

Newsletter of ROADS

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Greetings, Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to the coming Winter here in the Willamette Valley! The Rains are here, the Frost and Fog permeate the air, and the WeatherRock© is happy!



This photo was taken on the first day after installation on our carport roof, just outside the radio room window. It has withstood 50 mph winds, temperatures to 27° F, and blistering hot sunshine to 108° F. Its composition is metamorphic, and is local to western Oregon. It took its form by tumbling among other stones in a local river. Apparently it was a well-rounded experience!

Our favorite contributor, Dave, KD7VLP from Monmouth, has offered the following item of interest.

WINEGAR & CO.

Oregon

Johnny Beasley moved his belongings to his farm Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. West returned home Saturday from visiting relatives in Salem.

Mrs. S. E. Bryant left for Portland last week on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mildred Baumgardener left for Dallas Monday, to accept a position in the Dallas Hotel.

Miss Jean Kuykendall and her father, from North Yamhill, visited with Miss Hazel Kuykendall last Sunday.

Glen Siefarth resumed his work at the Dallas college Monday, after a few days spent in visiting friends at home.

Mrs. Z. Hinshaw and daughter, Mrs. Fred Crowley, of Siletz, visited friends in Falls City and Salem last week.

It looks now like spring time had come, gentle Annie, and we hope to soon see the wild flowers blooming on the plain.

FOR SALE

Eggs from Full Blood, S. C. Brown Leghorn hens. Also, some Artichoke seed. Phone 224
C. S. MARKS, Monmouth.

Boys Dont Propose by Telephone

A young man in this burg asked for his best girl by telephone a few days ago and is unable yet to tell whether the old man replied or lightning struck the transmitter.—Yaquina Reporter.

Music and Art

Those contemplating the study of music, either Instrumental or Vocal, or those desiring lessons in art, (oil) will please call upon me at my home during the first part of the week, or notify me by postal.
W. W. DAVIS.

Colonist Rates

To OREGON and the
GREAT NORTHWEST

The management of the Southern Pacific Co., (Lines in Oregon) takes great pleasure in announcing that the low rates from Eastern cities, which have done so much in past seasons to stimulate travel to and settlement in Oregon, will prevail again this Spring DAILY from March 1 to April 15, inclusive.

PEOPLE OF OREGON

The railroads have done their part; now it's up to you. The colonist rate is the greatest of all home-builders. Do all you can to let Eastern people know about it, and encourage them to come here, where land is cheap and home-building easy and attractive.

Fares Can Be Prepaid

at home if desired. Any agent of the road named is authorized to receive the required deposit and telegraph ticket to any point in the East.

Remember The Rates

From Chicago, \$33; from St. Louis, \$32; from Omaha and Kansas City, \$25. This reduction is proportionate from all other cities.

WM. McMURRAY,
General Passenger Agt., Portland, Ore.

Dave wonders if anyone in the club had an ancestor arrive on one of these trains. If so let us know. In March, 1910, there were many folks who were anxious to get passage out to "The Great Northwest". And here we are!

Last month's Dinner Meeting was met, I understand, with good attendance, but poor service due to an inexperienced wait-person. I did not attend due to illness in our family, and I apologize for any inconvenience the delay in processing food orders may have caused any of you. Should we return for another engagement at Farrol's in Rickreall, I assure you the service will be much better!

I take this space to ask you all for your input on good establishments in which to feed our numbers. Since Shadow and I live out of the general Dallas area, it is difficult for me to choose the right one for the occasion and still satisfy the participating members. I ask all of you to submit the names and locations of a couple places that you have been for an evening meal and have been happy with the food, the service, and the menu prices. A tall order, I know, but I expect you all know of some places that would accommodate the likes of us? Thank you in advance!

I don't get much feedback about Loose Gravel, and have just one current contributor, so I really have no idea whether I have bored you to tears or if you even read this! I enjoy writing, but when I have no offerings but from one person it seems sometimes to be nothing more than a posting of sorts, which is all about me! That is not my intent...I would like to put into 'print' what my readers enjoy, things familiar to the majority of us. We come from a wide variety of backgrounds and our interests are no less complex.

Tomorrow evening's meeting will feature Bob Winston, KE7BJW, who went to Texas to help with some of the Katrina evacuation situation there. It should be an interesting presentation, so please plan to attend if you possibly can. Much confusion ensued during the Katrina disaster and there were many Amateur Operators requested to lend assistance for the weeks following. That is what, in part, the Amateur Radio Service was formed for and we should be proud of those who

volunteered to go into Texas, Louisiana and other locations to assist served agencies with communication support. Kudos to Bob and others like him for taking time to help others in need.

Nearly into Winter, we are, and if we haven't readied our antennas and feedlines by now, we might just as well wait until Spring? Nope. This is the kind of weather us 'real' HAMs love to go out in, get soaked to the skin, slip in the mud, get our knuckles barked, and just plain have a duck of a time fixing that 'last minute' issue we put off until we got a 'round tuit'. This is 'round to it weather, folks, and like it or not there are things that present themselves now that weren't detected last Summer which need to be tended to. Check the guy-lines for slack, inspect the connectors for moisture, empty the feedline of water, replenish the smoke in the final amplifier...the list goes on and on! Well, ladies and gentlemen, its after dark now and time for me to go out and make sure my ground rods are still in place and get up on the roof to inspect my weather rock to make sure it is perfectly balanced and still in alignment with Aquarius.

Next month, on 12 January, I hope to have a special guest grace our meeting room with his expertise in test equipment, meters, and other sundry items of curiosity to the inquiring amateur, from Technician to Extra. At that time, we may get a glimpse of what goes on inside those rigs of ours and gain some insight into the world of the Electron!

Until next time...73 and good evening.

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