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#### **Greer - Pierce City**

In the summer of 1902 the Pierce City Stage Mail and Express line ran a stage daily, except Sunday, between Greer and Pierce City. The stage left each town at 6 a.m. and arrived in the other at 6 p.m. (Lewiston Tribune, July 1, 1902, p. 6, c. 2)

#### **Kamiah - Woodland**

In February 1908 Archie Fields purchased the Woodland Stage and handled the driving chores. (Kamiah Progress, February 7, 1908, p. 4, c. 3) Fields ran the line for about a month before selling his interests to Charles Hofsteter, who took charge of the line on April 1. (Ibid., March 27, 1908, p. 4, c. 3) By 1912 S. D. Shaw was the owner of the daily, except Sunday, line. His stage left Kamiah at 7:30 a.m. and arrived in Woodland at 11:30 a.m. The return stage arrived in Kamiah at 4:30 p.m. (Ibid., June 7, 1912, p. 6, c. 3) The following year saw Clayton Paris in charge of the line, which he also ran into Harrisburg. (Idaho County Free Press, March 27, 1913, p. 3, c. 3) In September 1917 Harry Pollard sold the Woodland stage line to Ollie McQuire. (Ibid., June 12, 1912, p. 6, c. 3)

#### **Kooskia - Syringa**

In August of 1906 I. L. Holman, who had the contract for carrying the mail from Kooskia to Tahoe and Syringa, received permission from the postal department to change the route from the trail past Bowles' ranch to the new wagon road via Con Quinlan's place. (Kamiah Progress, August 24, 1906, p. 4, c. 1)

In April 1915 the Kooskia Mountaineer remarked: "Misses Ethel and Oro McLean, two of our well known young ladies are carrying the mail between Kooskia and Lowell a distance of thirty-five miles along the river to the Selway and Locksaw Forks of the Clearwater. There would be nothing remarkable in this if a man was handling the business, but as it is carried in a rig to Syringa, at one time the end of the route, than a distance of seven and one-half miles on packhorse to Lowell at the end of the route, and with the exception of about ten miles on the lower end of the route, the settlement is scattering and the road runs through thick timber where the ordinary woman would hesitate in traveling alone. But the west has been brought to its highest state by thousands of this same fearless womanhood to whom we are proud to tip our hat." In (Idaho County Free Press, April 15, 1915, p. 8, c. 4)

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