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In the late spring of 1915, B. B. Scott, an Elk City merchant, was awarded the mail contract between Elk City and Dixie. He purchased the stock and equipment for the line in Stites and began his operation on June 1. (Idaho County Free Press, June 10, 1915, p. 2, c. 4) In the summer of 1918 the mail contracts on the Orogrande and Dixie lines changed hands. George L. Esh was the most successful bidder for both lines. The Free Press reported: "The Dixie mail was started out on Mr. Esh's new auto truck in charge of Fred Franklin, who by the way, is the first man to drive an automobile in to Dixie. The Orogrande mail will be carried in the old way until some needed repairs on the road are made." (Ibid., July 11, 1918, p. 4, c. 2)