

**WHT OTHER NEWSPAPERS ARE TALKING ABOUT**

**A Great Piece of Reform.**  
(Inland Empire News.)

One of the great pieces of reform, at the same time one of the most sensible, was the abolishing of the first of this year of the "black hole" at the Walla Walla prison. The "black hole" is the name that the inmates have always given it, but in reality it is a dungeon with a cold stone floor, just as cold as steel walls and blacker than a stack of black cats. For infractions of the rules the prisoners were incarcerated there, always in their stocking feet and with no cot to lie on, not even a mattress. In the future infractions of the rules will be punished by taking away privileges from the men, such as moving pictures, jail yard privileges, going to the table for meals, etc. Governor Lister, the present board of control, and the warden of the penitentiary are to be much commended for this change and long after they are out of office they will be remembered for this humane act.

**No Safeguard Against Criminal.**  
(Elma Chronicle.)

The steal from the industrial insurance fund in Olympia was a disgraceful piece of business. But to see the way some papers take on over it one would think this is the first time such a thing ever happened. Crimes of this character come up periodically in public as well as in private business. There is no safeguard that has yet been devised that is protection against a cautious man turned criminal.

**Senator Jones and Bryan.**  
(Douglas Co. Press.)

The Cowles corner of the Spokesman-Review, which is located in the northeast corner of the editorial pages, takes a fall out of Senator Jones and classes him with Bryan in the peace class. We do not know which will be most offended at the classification, Senator Jones or Bryan. Undoubtedly they will consider it as did the fellow kicked by the Missouri mule. As Cowles is such a rampant supporter of Teddy it is a red rag to talk peace in his presence. The only thing that will satisfy his cravings is gore, more gore.

**Upheaval Didn't Materialize.**  
(Douglas Co. Press.)

Well, the upheaval which the dries predicted would come on January first came and went without any upheaval at all. The saloon passed out of existence without any demonstration and was somewhat of a disappointment to the professional temperance orator, who sees his job go glimmering. It is a tribute to democracy and to the good sense of the American people that they can bow to the will of the majority and acquiesce in their demands, although they may feel an injustice has been done them. Now, if the dries will be as tolerant as the wets and do not start any breath smelling crusade we will pursue the even tenor of our way and soon forget we had such a thing as a saloon.

**FINANCIAL NOTES**

White Star liner Baltic arrived in New York the other day from Liverpool bringing \$35,000,000 in gold consigned to New York banks.

Business on Chicago stock exchange for year 1915 was 721,986 shares of stock and \$8,442,000 in bonds, compared with 373,274 shares of stock and \$9,171,000 bonds in 1914.

Scarcity of horses and mules because of the war has caused an advance of 100 per cent in prices at Boston auction sales. Horses put up for auction decreased from 50 per cent to 75 per cent compared with normal times.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand automobiles were made in Detroit in 1915, about 325,000 by Ford Motor company. Production of the whole United States in 1915 is estimated at 1,000,000.

Rail mills in the United States took orders for 2,670,000 tons against 1,501,000 in 1914 and 1,286,000 in 1913.

New York Sun symposium of views of governors of many states gives business outlook for 1916 in the United States as "splendid" with little fear for the future here despite the course of European events. War has benefited business and there is no more unemployment than normal.

Winthrop L. Marvin, secretary of the American Woolen Manufacturers' association, says 100 ocean going vessels are being built in the United States. Fore River Shipbuilding company is constructing one vessel each month, the first to be launched within a few weeks. Coastwise Transportation company is building eight steamers that will be in commission within a few months.

**TOTAL THURSTON COUNTY TAX IS \$525,389.**

Revenues to Be Collected Are \$2,580 Greater Than Last Year, \$1,909 of Increase Being for Schools—Road Districts to Raise \$53,018, Schools \$114,433, While \$105,370 Goes to State.

Total revenues of all the taxing bodies in Thurston county, the city, schools, road districts, county and state, will amount to \$525,389.33 this year, as compared with \$521,808.44 raised last year, an increase of \$2,580.89, according to figures given out this week by County Assessor J. C. Sams. These figures are the amounts certified by the assessor to the county treasurer for collection—the actual collections running about 25 per cent less.

Of this total the state will receive \$105,370.40, the county \$175,130.84, the road districts \$53,018.27, the schools \$114,433.27, Olympia \$68,197.99, Tumwater \$3,459.66, Tenino \$4,665.69 and Bucoda \$1,113.21. The land in the county, outside the incorporated towns, is valued at \$5,972,046, and the improvements at \$538,138; city lots at \$1,476,288 and improvements at \$1,277,540; personal property at \$1,735,483, railroads at \$3,580,854 and telephone and telegraph lines at \$13,888, a total valuation of \$14,594,237. Olympia's valuation is \$3,326,731.

A blanket levy of 5 mills is made in each road district, the varying property valuations raising different amounts in each district. The figures on the different districts are:

District No.	Valuation.	Revenue.
District No. 1	\$2,369,849	\$11,849.24
District No. 2	1,860,853	9,304.25
District No. 3	2,269,016	11,345.08
District No. 4	1,622,813	8,114.05
District No. 5	1,814,208	9,071.03
District No. 6	666,926	3,334.62

Total.....\$53,018.27

The levies in the different school districts of the county range from 2 mills in the Rainier union high school, Chambers' Prairie and Oak Grove districts to 15 mills in the Rochester district. Little Rock levies 14 mills, Rainier and Gull Harbor 13, Fairview and Mud Bay 11, and 19 others, including Olympia, levy 10 mills. The amount to be collected in all this districts this year is \$1,900.86 more than last year, the totals being \$114,433.27 and \$112,523.41 respectively. The figures are as follows:

	Valuation.	Levy.	Tax.
Olympia	\$3,583,882	10	\$35,838.82
Belmore	99,772	5	4,988.55
Hays	107,012	5	5,350.60
Delphi	133,987	4	5,359.94
Tumwater	369,159	3	1,107.49
Bush	152,306	10	1,523.06
Chambers' Prairie	283,839	2	567.67
Gate	136,172	10	1,361.72
Lacey	324,584	10	3,245.84
South Bay	129,645	10	1,296.45
Collins	199,236	5	996.18
Rainier	259,429	13	2,853.62
Plum Station	392,435	3	1,177.30
South Union	50,228	10	502.28
Rocky Prairie	87,441	3	262.32
Mattown	141,416	10	1,414.16
Little Rock	213,839	14	2,993.75
Mima	169,870	6	1,019.23
Grand Mound	289,148	10	2,891.48
Independence	47,104	10	4,710.40
Riverside	146,833	10	1,468.33
Gibson	210,521	3	631.56
Skookumchuck	74,101	5	3,705.51
Stony Point	283,508	5	1,417.53
Moorehead	189,220	5	946.10
Colvin	199,934	3	599.80
Bucoda	206,739	10	2,067.39
Summit Lake	346,574	3	1,039.72
Snelider's Prairie	92,408	4	369.64
Sherlock	177,185	10	1,771.85
Cat-tail	292,825	10	2,928.25
Gull Harbor	45,650	13	593.45
Rochester	295,685	15	4,435.12
Mountain View	156,244	4	624.97
Tenino	645,595	9	5,810.35
Spurgeon Creek	161,018	7	1,127.12
Meadow	170,626	6	1,023.76
Oak Grove	169,433	2	338.87
Puget	50,305	10	503.05
North Star	195,290	4	781.17
Pleasant Glade	59,919	7	419.44
Fairview	58,593	11	644.52
Hunter's Point	37,417	10	374.17
John Longmire	122,224	10	1,222.24
Mud Bay	64,678	11	711.46
Butler's Cove	129,565	7	906.95
East Union	229,920	7	1,149.60
Zankner Valley	59,264	10	592.64
Cummings	57,931	9	521.38
Brighton Park	87,761	6	472.56
Black Lake	183,995	4	735.98
Bordeaux	182,410	8	1,459.28
Case	140,042	4	560.16
Lindstrom	61,278	3	183.84
Oyster Bay	117,285	6	703.72
Bald Hills	149,273	8	1,194.19
Plain View	89,899	6	539.39
Tono	237,767	6	1,426.61
McAllister Springs	240,176	3	720.53
McLane	193,563	4	774.25
Yelm	731,779	10	7,317.79
Boston Harbor	88,309	10	883.09
Rainier Union High School	489,340	2	987.68
Total			\$114,433.27

American locomotive companies in 1915 took orders for 1,573 locomotives compared with 1,265 in 1914 and 3,467 in 1913. Car companies did better, taking orders for 158,833 cars, compared with 86,238 cars in 1914 and 144,212 in 1913.

One hundred and ninety-five thousand horses have been bought at the National stock yards at East St. Louis by the entente allies, it is announced, at a cost of \$34,000,000. The British buyers have discontinued purchases at that point, but the French, Italian and Belgian officers are buying about 300 head a day.

Freight traffic through American and Canadian canals in season just closed aggregated 71,290,304 tons, 15,029,370 tons greater than in 1914, and has been exceeded in volume only in two previous years—1913 with a total of 79,718,344 tons and 1912 with 72,472,676 tons.

Predictions that railroads before many years would abandon steam locomotives for electrification are made by B. F. Bush, receiver of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railway system. Present condition of railway finances, he said, was retarding the electrification. He said preparations for the installation of electric motive power had been made on the Denver & Rio Grande, the presidency of which he recently resigned.

**BULL MOOSE WAVERS**

**Progressives to Hold National Convention Same Time as Republicans.**

In the hope that both parties will agree on the same candidate for president, the national committee of the Progressive party, in session at Chicago Tuesday, called the national convention of that party for June 7 at Chicago, the same time and place as the national Republican convention. All but one of the 48 states were represented at the committee meeting, presided over by George W. Perkins.

Progressive leaders declared that there would be no amalgamation with the Republican party even in the event of both parties choosing the same presidential candidate, stating that the Progressive party plans to nominate a national ticket at its convention in June, but many leaders said that if the Republicans will nominate Roosevelt or any other man who is regarded as unobjectionable and will incorporate in their platform the salient features of the Progressive principles both parties will unite on the same candidate in Chicago next June.

When you owe a man \$5 he feels that you are robbing him every time you buy a new hat or a suit of clothes.

Pittsburgh special says the year closed with the largest unfilled tonnage on books of steel companies in history of the industry. Seventy-five per cent can be traced to war orders. No more contracts for steel for war munitions will be accepted for delivery before July 1. Russian commission has asked for tenders on 200,000 5-inch shells, delivery to begin this month and to continue at rate of \$0,000 a month. This would require 13,500 tons of steel. A British inquiry is for 15,000 6-inch shells, weighing 180 pounds each, which will require 11,000 tons of steel.

Wool receipts in Boston in 1915 showed an increase of 100,000,000 pounds over previous year, aggregating 247,914,000 pounds of foreign and 181,700,000 pounds of domestic.

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