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BIG CELEBRATION OF DITCH DAY AT YELM

FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS—LARGE AND SPLENDID FEED

The fifth annual celebration of Yelm's big ditch was appropriately observed Wednesday, September 1st, with a fine picnic at which a splendid crowd was present and a very interesting and profitable program given.

Dinner was provided for all present. For quality as well as quantity of the food served a la cafeteria, was everything that could be desired.

After the multitude was filled up with viands so generously supplied by the Yelm people, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Martin, who was chairman of the day.

The first speaker introduced was J. L. Keeler of Sequim, who gave a history of 22 years of irrigation on Sequim prairie, which changed that worthless region into one of the fertile spots of the earth.

He prophesied that Yelm would advance even faster than Sequim had because of what had been learned by experience in the past score of years.

He was followed by Hon. P. M. Troy of this city, who in referring to the vile condition of the roads from Olympia to Yelm, declared that it is the shame of Thurston county, and severely criticized the commissioners for not having done their duty.

The applause which greeted his remarks does not augur well for the re-election of the kind of a board which has "played politics" to the detriment of both Yelm and Olympia by the neglect of this important piece of road.

We understand even now, with \$8,000 of funds available for this road, after having promised the road to Yelm last spring, that two members of the board have refused to go ahead with it.

Captain S. A. Wood of Camp Lewis spoke briefly, encouraging the people to know all about the army—what it cost and what it accomplished.

Garrett Fisher, president of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, representing Tacoma, spoke briefly. He reminded Olympia if the road to Yelm was not built soon that Tacoma would build them one leading to that city instead of Olympia.

W. H. Dixon of Tacoma made a very interesting address replete with history and full of suggestion for better crops and better community spirit.

County Agent E. B. Stookey, in a short but snappy speech full of pep, encouraged the farmers to organize and take advantage of what the farm bureau offered.

L. M. Rice, engineer of the irrigation project, spoke of the extension of the project during the past year and of contemplated further extension.

John A. Rea of Tacoma spoke in a humorous vein but gave out some very sound advice as to what may be done and is being done by community spirit and co-operative effort.

F. A. Stratton, a berry expert from Puyallup, made a short and most interesting talk on berries which would be profitable in the Yelm district. He advised gooseberries, rasp-

berries any many other fruits. But loganberries, he said, require a heavy clay soil and will not do so well there.

After the program, athletic sports occupied the attention of the crowd. A tug-of-war between the mill men of McKenna and the farmers of Yelm resulted in favor of the wood workers. Races for boys and girls of different ages were pulled off and furnished amusement for the younger people.

The Paramount Novelty orchestra, it was announced, was sent to the picnic by the Olympia Chamber of Commerce.

1920 CELEBRATION BY OLYMPIA TRADES UNIONS

Sermon at U. P. Church, Two Speakers, Vaudeville, Dance and Sports at Park.

Organized Labor expects to stage one of the most successful celebrations in the history of the city next Monday, Labor Day. The general committee has announced that everything is in readiness.

Recognition of labor's holiday will start with a sermon by Dr. Robt. H. Edmonds at the United Presbyterian Church, Fourth street at Jefferson, Sunday evening, September 5.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock the Labor Union members will gather at the intersection of Columbia, Main, Washington and Franklin with Fourth and will fall in behind the band as it marches up Fourth, starting from Columbia and Fourth.

Immediately after the parade the people will go to Priest Point park and spend their lunches. Coffee and sugar and cream will be furnished free by the committee.

Beginning at 2 o'clock, the program at the park will continue throughout the afternoon.

Two well-known public speakers have been secured, Ina P. Williams of Yakima and C. J. France of Seattle. Mrs. Williams has a nation-wide reputation as a thinker and advocate of progress in the political field. She will give some experiences as a member of the 1916 state legislature.

The amusement program will be headed by a company of vaudeville artists, who will hold forth at the Chalet, interspersing the dancing. Some new stunts in the line of sports have been arranged by the committee, and a most entertaining program is promised.

In the evening the big public dance will occur at the Tumwater club.

70,000 MINERS STRIKE IN ANTHRACITE FIELDS

Walkout Called by Insurgents in Protest to Award of Wage Commission.

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Sept. 2.—(United Press).—Seventy thousand miners were idle today as a result of the strike in the anthracite coal fields, officials estimated.

The strike was called by insurgent leaders, dissatisfied with the wage award of the anthracite commission. Throughout Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, where 50,000 men normally are employed, the tieup was declared the most complete since the strike 20 years ago.

Officials of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company announced shortly after the opening hour today that seven of a total of 11 collieries were idle. At Plymouth and Hazelton four mines started with about 50 per cent of the normal force. All other operations were halted. The Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company is one of the largest in the anthracite region.

There were 14 collieries of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company idle. The Delaware, Lackawanna &

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CITY EXPENSE BUDGET ESTIMATED AT \$57,151

25 1/2 Mills Levy on an Assessed Valuation of \$3,386,332 Will Raise Amount Needed.

The City Council has reduced the estimated expenditures made by the different department heads of the city government in the sum of \$16,269, and the tax levy will be 25 1/2 mills. The assessed valuation is \$3,386,332. Department estimates amounted to \$73,420, which was approved by the City Council at \$57,151.

In reaching this total the council reduced department estimates as follows:

- City attorney, from \$1,950 to \$1,650. City clerk, from \$4,060 to \$3,660. City treasurer, from \$4,176 to \$3,776. City engineer, from \$12,550 to \$5,100. Fire department, from \$10,359 to \$7,136. Police department, from \$10,710 to \$8,110. Library maintenance, from \$4,270 to \$2,000. Park maintenance, from \$6,150 to \$4,500. Police judge, from \$950 to \$625. Street department, from \$16,420 to \$14,720.

The city council will meet at 10 a. m., October 4, for the purpose of final action on the budget. Citizens may appear at that time to protest or favor the tax levy as proposed.

CAUTION OF PUBLIC FORCES PRICES DOWN

Federal Reserve Board Says Business Shows Signs of Greater Stability.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Refusal of the public to pay "excessive prices" caused a continuation of the downward trend of values in August, the federal reserve board declared in its monthly review of business conditions, just issued. The board added that the "reaction" against high prices had been accompanied by a general slowing up of demand in the wholesale field and by slight evidence of unemployment in some sections.

The board's view of the nation's business generally was more optimistic than recent expressions, and indicated an expectation of more stability in the industry and commerce. While the review mentioned signs of a conclusion of the transition period, it countered with the statement that progress in that direction is slow "and much still remains to be done" before the country can be said to be on a stable basis. The hopeful assertion was made, however, that the readjustment had continued consistently.

"In the agricultural regions," the review declared, "the promising crop prospects have given a much more hopeful turn to affairs, and have tended to minimize broader questions of price adjustment. In those parts of the country the paramount idea is production on a large scale, accompanied by improvement of transportation and labor conditions.

"Where the processes of distributing and financing are more important the prospect for improvement is less immediate, although fundamental conditions are slowly improving and the underlying business situation is usually described as sound."

The board said there was a general attitude of caution on the part of middlemen and jobbers. They are confronted with a continued refusal of retailers, in most sections, to replenish their stocks of most commodities because of the belief that prices soon will be more stable.

Discuss Gas Shortage—The members of the local automobile association met at luncheon at the Hotel Olympian yesterday and discussed the recent gas shortage, and other matters of interest to the dealers of Olympia. The association is live and up to the minute—one of the vital forces of Olympia.

AMERICANIZATION COUNCIL OUTLINES SEASON'S WORK

All Women's Societies of the City Are Represented in the County Organization.

The Thurston County Americanization Council has announced its program for the season's work, together with the membership roll of the organization. Societies and delegates who compose the Council are given as follows:

- D. A. R.—Mrs. G. A. Actzel, Mrs. Thos. M. Vance, Miss Helen Cowles, Mrs. James Dooley. Woman's Club—Mrs. P. M. Troy, Mrs. Judd Greenman, Mrs. Albert H. Christopher, Mrs. J. H. Brown. Eneati Club—Mrs. George Tarbell, Mrs. Lou Diven, Miss Janet Moore, Mrs. Story. Business Women's Club—Mrs. F. S. O'Brien, Mrs. Maude Holloman, Mrs. Maude Tamblin, Miss Edna Cagwin. P. E. O.—Mrs. W. A. Walthew, Mrs. A. W. Tyler, Mrs. Thad Pierce, Mrs. Adolph Schmidt. American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. Mark Fullerton, Mrs. Harley Hughes, Minute Women—Mrs. W. D. Bailey, Mrs. McClintic, Mrs. R. W. Barrett, Mrs. Avery. Thurston County Minute Women—Mrs. J. W. Mowell, Mrs. L. C. Mikkelson, Mrs. Ray Wood, Mrs. John Austin. Eastern Star—Mrs. A. A. Gottfeld, Mrs. Alex Wright, Mrs. D. Cramblitt, Mrs. George Zern. Eastern Star Auxiliary—Mrs. G. H. Dean, Mrs. Fred Day, Mrs. C. V. Leach, Mrs. Mary V. Johns. Past Matrons of Eastern Star—Mrs. Lulu Lang, Mrs. George Gaston, Mrs. Conrad, Miss Anderson. Ladies' Relief Society—Mrs. Jesse Mills, Mrs. William Lasher, Mrs. E. E. Overton, Mrs. C. H. Springer. Home Missionary Society, M. E. Church—Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. W. H. Bryan, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. R. F. Wright. Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church—Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. C. A. Sparks, Mrs. W. E. Steele, Mrs. Burwell. Ladies' Aid, M. E. Church—Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. G. H. Uhler. Niche Club, M. E. Church—Mrs. Eades, Mrs. E. M. Steele, Mrs. Uhler, Mrs. J. R. Ruchty. Women's Get-Together Club—Miss Alberta Leroy, Mrs. R. Gerth, Miss Julia Jones. Pleasant Glade Grange—Mrs. D. C. Springer, Mrs. Jake Gunstone, Mrs. R. B. Rowe, Mrs. Phoebe Johnson. Daughters of Rebecca—Mrs. William Manier, Mrs. Hazel DeFord, Mrs. Charles Signer, Mrs. Minnie Knoler. Altruistic Club—Mrs. H. M. McKinney, Mrs. C. C. Aspinwall, Mrs. N. C. Davis, Mrs. Arthur Walker. Foresters—Mrs. H. S. McCaffery, Mrs. Frank Kenney, Mrs. John Lynch, Miss Evelyn Euston. Yeomen—Mrs. E. M. Jenkins, Mrs. Burr Smith, Mrs. G. V. Lyda, Mrs. C. H. Moore. Helping Hand—Mrs. May Dye, Mrs. Harverson, Mrs. William Meyer, Mrs. A. J. Frisch. W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Mary S. Hill, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Edgar Evans, Mrs. W. E. Steele. Anti-Tuberculosis League—Mrs. W. E. Steele, Mrs. Charles Lindley, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Fred J. Brown. Ladies of the G. A. R.—Mrs. Fred W. Lewis, Mrs. M. J. Shaw, Mrs. Mahala Bird, Mrs. Elizabeth McCray. Women's Relief Corps—Mrs. G. H. Alverson, Mrs. Dave Lincoln, Miss Margaret Host, Miss Maude Shupp. Officers' Council P-T-A.—Mrs. Ray Bigelow, Mrs. D. C. West. High School P-T-A.—Mrs. Will R. White, Mrs. C. J. Lord, Mrs. Marvin Chase, Mrs. George G. Mills. Lincoln P-T-A.—Mrs. McArdle, Mrs. Charles Parker, Mrs. H. L. Wortman, Mrs. Ball. Washington P-T-A.—Mrs. W. B. Newcomb, Mrs. F. L. Satterlee. Roosevelt P-T-A.—Mrs. C. I. Signer, Mrs. Charles Norrie, Mrs. E. F. Gantenbein, Mrs. Daniel Setchfield. McKinley P-T-A.—Mrs. R. H. Bolender, Mrs. H. S. Ikerd, Mrs. N. B. Abbott, Mrs. Elmer Jones. Garfield P-T-A.—Mrs. Emery Chaplin, Mrs. W. M. Duncan, Mrs. Clinton Knox, Mrs. H. B. Hutchinson. Kindergarten P-T-A.—Mrs. F. D. McKenzie, Mrs. Roy Newell. Tumwater P-T-A.—Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Conn. Friday Bridge Club—Mrs. Frank Owings, Mrs. Mitchell Harris, Mrs. Harry Heermans, Mrs. J. H. S. Bates. Monday Bridge Club—Mrs. C. E. Maynard, Mrs. E. A. FitzHenry, Mrs. Fred Crombie, Mrs. F. G. Blakeslee. St. John's Guild—Mrs. W. H. Lea, Mrs. W. A. Van Epps, Mrs. Carl Shuff, Mrs. Charles Parker. St. John's Rector's Guild—Mrs. R. Franklin Hart, Mrs. John Spencer, Miss Bess Crombie. United Churches Sunset Club—Miss Faith Yantis, Miss Schultz, Miss Hollenbeck, Miss Lacey Jones. Women's League, United Churches—Mrs. R. O. Dunbar, Mrs. Fred Llewellyn. Circle No. 3, United Churches—Mrs. P. G. Blakeslee, Mrs. A. D. Rogers, Mrs. H. M. Pierce, Mrs. Helen Barry.

- Ladies' Aid, Baptist Church—Mrs. Elmer Tew, Mrs. C. J. Van Eaton, Mrs. Anna Sams, Mrs. E. J. Leavelle. United Presbyterian—Mrs. F. G. Blake, Mrs. Anna Agnew. Christian Church Missionary Society—Mrs. J. G. Hinkle, Mrs. W. M. Duncan, Mrs. H. M. McKinney, Mrs. L. Wiley. Westside Tabernacle—Mrs. D. E. Wertz, Mrs. H. E. Cameron. Altar Society Catholic Church—Mrs. E. A. McClarty. County Educational Society—Mrs. Millett, Mrs. J. O. Dalquist. Lacey School P-T-A.—Mrs. David Hume, Mrs. Anderson. Daughters of Rebecca, Tenino—Mrs. Art Merrill, Miss Myrtle Sholtz. Presbyterian Club, Tenino—Mrs. E. E. Engle, Mrs. Cook. Home Study Club, Tenino—Mrs. S. M. Peterson. Eastern Star, Tenino—Mrs. W. C. Reed.

G. O. P. SLUSH FUND FOR STATE OF WASHINGTON

Big Campaign Contributions Collected From Big Business Men to Sway Election in This State.

(Democratic State Headquarters, Publicity Dept. Lyon Building, Seattle, August 31st.)

At the democratic state headquarters it was stated today that there is no difficulty in determining whether or not republican forces in the State of Washington are raising a large sum of money with which to carry this state. There is evidence of it everywhere. By way of illustration, in Tacoma a few days ago, a letter was sent to a selected list of Pierce county names, by certain prominent republicans representing certain interests, which letter reads as follows:

"I am making a last appeal for funds for the election of a republican President and Congress. If you, as a business man, do not personally appreciate the necessity of a return to the constitution, a revision of our outrageous federal taxation, and the relief of business from the throttling burdens placed upon it during the last four years, I am not going to offer any argument. Seattle has raised sixty thousand dollars of its sixty-five thousand dollar allotment. Practically every county has 'come through,' several having over-subscribed. In Pierce county, we have raised only a third of our twenty thousand dollars. A number of Seattle business men donated one thousand dollars each. In Tacoma, we are asking for very modest contributions. Will you not mail me your check for five hundred dollars, that we may start an educational campaign."

These letters bore the names of Herbert F. Alexander, president of the Pacific Steamship Co., Chester Thorne, banker, Jos. Carman, State Senator Ralph Metcalf, Henry Rhodes, John S. Baker, banker and capitalist. Either these representations to secure contributions were false, or the republican forces in the state already have in hand a campaign fund of a quarter of a million dollars.

HUGE MODERN STILL UNEARTHED IN LEWIS

Deep in a canyon, surrounded by heavily wooded hills in the northwest corner of Lewis county, Sheriff Berry yesterday found the largest moonshine still that has yet been captured in this section. Discovery and capture of the still ended a search which has been conducted for several weeks through a territory seldom visited by white men.

The still, which has a capacity of 70 gallons, was equipped in thoroughly modern fashion. A large brick furnace was built just below a dam in a small stream and a hose run from the dam to the still. With the still the officers took 765 gallons of mash, which was destroyed.

"Pest" Tax Held Invalid.

A decision holding invalid the special "pest" tax of 10 cents an acre levied in Spokane county, because of failure of the county commissioners to make a classification of lands included in the assessment district, has been given by the supreme court. The special assessment was made at the same rate on all lands irrespective of valuation and benefits to be derived from destruction of pests.

GOVERNOR COX WILL VISIT WASHINGTON

TO MAKE ADDRESSES IN LEADING CITIES OF STATE SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11

JAMES M. COX



The itinerary and time schedule for the Governor Cox special train through the state of Washington, on the 10th and 11th of September, have been arranged as follows:

After speaking in Spokane, Governor Cox will leave that city at noon, Friday the 10th, arrive at Pasco for a short stop at 4 p. m., arrive at Walla at 6:30 p. m. After dinner and speech at Walla Walla, the Governor Cox special will leave at 8 p. m., arriving in Seattle at 5:30 a. m. On Saturday, the 11th, the special will be transferred to the Great Northern line and proceed to Bellingham, arriving there at 8:30. Leaving Bellingham at 9:30, the train will proceed to Everett, arriving at noon. Leaving Everett at 12:30, will arrive at Seattle at 2 p. m. Shortly afterwards Governor Cox and party will leave Seattle by automobile for Tacoma. Governor Cox will speak in the Tacoma Stadium at 3:30.

Following the Tacoma meeting, the party will return to Seattle for the evening meeting in that city at the Arena Auditorium. The special train will leave Seattle late Saturday evening for Portland. Several short stops will be made between Seattle and Bellingham, and also between Tacoma and Seattle. Definite announcement in regard to these stops will be made within a few days.

Among the democratic leaders of the state who will make up the party to accompany Governor Cox are National Committeeman A. R. Titlow, State Chairman Geo. E. Christensen, Geo. F. Cotterill of Seattle, William Piggott of Seattle, Robert S. Doubleday of Tacoma, David J. Williams of Tacoma; Robert Montgomery of Puyallup, Martin Maloney of Colfax, Maurice Langhorne of Tacoma, Senator A. E. Judd of Chehalis, Gwin Hicks of Tacoma, Judge W. W. Black of Everett, Senator F. C. O'Hara of Seattle, Mayor E. T. Mathes of Bellingham, H. C. Davis of Yakima, Judge James Twoby of Seattle, P. M. Troy and J. M. Tadlock of Olympia, and several others.

NOTES FROM COUNTY AGENT'S OFFICE

E. B. Stookey, county agent, assisted by Mr. Stahl, horticulturist of the Western Washington Experiment Station, held a berry field demonstration at Yelm yesterday. A goodly number of farmers were present. The new canes have made a fine growth this year, and the outlook is good for a splendid crop of berries next year. Mr. Stahl and Mr. Stookey are at Elma Fair today, judging exhibits. Mr. Stahl on horticulture and Mr. Stookey, grasses and grains. The Thurston County Farm Bureau Executive Committee meets September 4.