

## TO PROTECT BANK DEPOSITORS

### UNION SECURITIES COMPANY OF SPOKANE WILL INCREASE ITS SCOPE—FIRST NATIONAL OF WENATCHEE IS ALLIED.

The Union Securities company of Spokane, holding company for 21 banks of the Inland Empire, will increase its capital from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 or possibly \$2,000,000 with a corresponding increase in scope and business.

This action will be taken at a special meeting of the stockholders called for March 19, 1910.

"The field is found unusually inviting," stated J. D. Bassett, manager of the corporation. "Quite a number of outside parties want to take stock in our concern and we are investigating several new points."

The headquarters of the company is in Spokane and in brief the organization is a mutual insurance company for banks, greatly increasing the security of depositors of banks in its membership. The present officers of the company are D. W. Twoby, president; J. D. Bassett, vice president and manager; T. J. Humbird, treasurer.

The 21 banks already in its membership are: The State Bank of Connelly; the American Trust company of Coeur d'Alene, the Union bank of Granger, the Farmers' State bank of Hatton, the State bank of Ione, the State bank of Kiona, the First bank of Kootenai, Bank of Lind, National bank, Lewiston; First National, Mulvan; State bank and First National bank of Odessa, State bank of Othello, Stae bank of Prosser, First National of Ritzville, Bank of Spirit Lake, State bank of Wilson Creek, State bank of Warden, First National of Whitefish, First National of Wenatchee and the Calspel Valley bank of Usk.

The connection the First National bank of this city has with the Union Securities company is by reason of that concern being a holding company for the stock formerly owned by J. W. Clise of Seattle and a portion of the stock of W. T. Clark of this city. The First National bank was incorporated with 500 shares and has a capital stock of \$50,000. J. W. Clise originally owned 100 shares and W. T. Clark owned 100 shares. The Clise stock in its entirety was sold to D. W. Twoby, president of the Union Securities company and Mr. Twoby also secured a portion of the Clark holdings.

### Not in Favor of Municipal Ownership.

"While I used to be favorably disposed toward municipal ownership of public utilities, I am coming to believe after cold calculation of the subject from our experience with the city water plant that it is not the best thing," said City Councilman Geo. F. Beggs, after reviewing the statement of expenditures by the city for the new water system.

"It is," he added, "piling up debts for the future generations, while we are paying interest on the amount invested is not decreasing the indebtedness. It is thought that, while crowded and closely settled European cities may consider such public ownership and operation successful, their conditions are vastly different from our own, where the urban population is scattered over large areas."

Private corporations, he thinks, could perform the service more cheaply as they would not so willingly extend the system of public utilities into thinly populated additions where the service would not pay.

### Case Will Build.

Frank D. Case will soon begin the erection of a new residence on D street, near Washington. The work will begin as early in the spring as the weather will permit. The plans are now being drawn by Architect J. W. Sussex. He contemplates building a six room bungalow.

### Agreed to Arbitrate.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Arbitration is to be the solution of the controversy of the Chicago railways and the switchmen. Both sides have agreed. The first meeting of the arbitrators will be held January 24 in Chicago.

## LOCAL APPLES HIT BROADWAY

### W. D. FINLEY WITH HIS CARLOAD OF WENATCHEE APPLES CAUSES QUITE A SENSATION IN EASTERN METROPOLIS.

W. D. Finley and H. W. Halling with the carload of Wenatchee apples are causing quite a sensation in Broadway, New York City. The New York Herald of recent date has the following to say of Finley and the apples:

"William D. Finley, 'Bill' to a large part of New England, left Boston three years ago for the west with a correct down east accent and an abiding faith in Boston as the home of all that is good and worth having. Last week, he arrived on Broadway minus the real Boston accent, minus the belief that Boston is really the hub of the universe and plus a commission to preach the gospel of 'the land of marvelous possibilities' and—lest we forget—a Stetson hat.

"Incidentally he brought some apples—tons of them for that matter—such apples as Broadway never saw before, for he has become the apple king of the Spokane country of Washington state.

"Broadway, at least that portion of it contiguous to Longacre square, marvels at his apples, but when he begins to talk! Can he talk? No circus 'barker' ever formulated a finer description of the marvels contained within the canvas walls than he does in describing the possibilities in Spokane apples.

"Greatest country in the world, got the east skinned to death," he declares. "See that apple? Plain Spokane Apple of Commerce. There's ten of them weighing four and a quarter pounds. Worth \$17 a barrel on the trees. Marvelous? Yes, wonderful!"

"When Broadway has its fill of apples Mr. Finley proposes moving on to Philadelphia to show the Quakers the real thing in his line. He may go to Boston, but he has his doubts.

"Boston's all right for beans," said the apple king, "but it's me for the Spokane apple country."

### W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. ladies will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Ben Anderson, 722 South Mission street, tomorrow afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock. A social afternoon will be spent. All ladies cordially invited.

## ADRIAN TO FIGHT FOR GRANT SEAT

### PETITION ASKS FOR REMOVAL OF COURTHOUSE FROM EPHRATA, WHERE BUILDING HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

Adrian, Jan. 20.—A petition is being circulated throughout Grant county asking the removal of the county seat from Ephrata to Adrian. People residing on the Washington Central branch and the ranchers in the southeast part of the county where the new Connell Northern railroad will touch will put up a hard fight for Adrian. These people on the Washington Central have to be out all night to reach the present county seat, and if it was at Adrian, they could reach it in a few hours and return home before they can reach Ephrata, because of poor train connections.

Adrian has the irrigation system installed and the Northern Pacific will build a new depot in the spring. The Wenatchee Valley Land company has bought the townsite and will erect buildings soon.

When the county seat was established at Ephrata last fall people say they were assured it was temporary, and the commissioners would not allow a brick courthouse. A frame building was erected.

### Commercial Club Has New Members.

Eight new members have just been added to the commercial club, P. W. Kent, Howard Honner, Dr. H. B. Haskell, E. U. Boyce, J. T. Brown, F. U. Bliss, Dr. H. F. Morse and Dr. L. I. Buck.

Other applications are in and it is thought that twelve more members will be taken in before the opening of the new building.

## ELECTRIC POWER FOR IRRIGATION

### J. B. ERNSDORFF SAYS IT IS THE CHEAPEST AND BEST AND WILL TRANSFORM COLUMBIA LANDS.

"Electric power is the coming power by which everything above gravity ditches will be watered," said J. B. Ernsdorff, president of the Columbia Fruit Lands company, who has just returned from a visit to the property on the Columbia river, whither he went to make arrangements with the Entiat Power company for power with which to pump water on the land, says the Yakima Republic.

"We have given every method of generating power the fullest consideration," said Mr. Ernsdorff, "and we find that electricity is the cheapest and best. Every land and irrigation project along that section of the Columbia river is planning to use electric power, the amount of which that may be generated being unlimited. Electricity is going to transform the country along the Columbia river in central Washington.

### Will Develop Tract.

"We have something over 800 acres on the west side of the Columbia river opposite Trinidad. We could dispose of this land now in small tracts, or as a whole, at a large advance over what it has cost us, but we are making no effort in this direction. We propose to develop the land ourselves, and when we have completed our work we expect to have the finest tract along the Columbia river. It will be some time before we are ready to place it on the market.

"There is one thing in favor of Columbia river land and that is that the amount of water that may be taken from the Columbia river for irrigation is unlimited. The only difficulty is the matter of getting it upon the land. In practically every instance the water must be pumped. With an economical pumping apparatus there will never be any trouble about getting enough water.

### Wenatchee Too Small.

"I visited the state horticultural convention at Wenatchee, but was able to stay only a brief time. It appeared to be a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting. One thing is certain, Wenatchee is too small a place in which to hold a convention of that kind. The committees in charge do everything in their power to provide accommodations, but there were not the accommodations to be had. The only room I could get was practically out of town, and it was very cold, which was not particularly pleasant after the long walk. The people of Wenatchee were very hospitable and did everything in their power to make things pleasant for their visitors."

## STAGE AND DRIVER WERE LOST

### ARDUOUS JOB OF DRIVING A STAGE BETWEEN WATERVILLE AND BRIDGEPORT—SNOW IS MOUNTAINS HIGH.

Stage driving on the Big Bend plateau is not an enjoyable job in the winter season. The stage which left Bridgeport Tuesday morning has not arrived in Waterville yet, though there are prospects of it getting in this evening. The stage which started out of Bridgeport yesterday morning had to return to Bridgeport. The wind of Monday piled the snow in huge drifts across the road in many places and it was almost impossible to break through. There is a stretch of about 30 miles between Waterville and Bridgeport in which there are no telephone lines and Messrs. Hunt & Crow, operating the line, had no word of this stage after it left Bridgeport Tuesday morning until about 1 o'clock today, when the word came that the driver had broken through the drifts and would likely be in Waterville some time this evening.

### Eighth Grade Examinations.

The eighth grade examinations in the county schools are taking place today and tomorrow. Pupils from districts immediately south of town were taking their examinations in the office of County Superintendent Bowersox this morning.

## NATIONAL GUARD TONIGHT

### MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN FORMATION OF COMPANY—MEETING IN CLUB ROOMS—GOOD HALL AVAILABLE.

The national guard company has a very good chance of being located in Wenatchee, according to letters received today from the governor's office at Olympia. Guy Whitson is in Seattle today and has agreed to take the matter up with Adjutant General Lamping personally and wire immediate answer, so that by tonight it is thought that the temporary officers can be elected without any further delay.

Centralia has made an application to get the company, but in view of the fact that Chehalis, only five miles away, has one it is thought that Wenatchee will be given the preference. Another reason why Wenatchee should be favored is that the east of the mountains country has very few companies and is entitled to more than the west side.

Yakima has a strong organization and is desirous of getting a battalion headquarters established there, which it could do by being allowed another company.

Representatives of the high school have approached the committee concerning the use of the high school gymnasium for an armory hall. That is on the ground floor and will stand any sort of heavy drill work.

It is understood that the government will issue the modern army rifles instead of the traditional "long tom" that national guard soldiers formerly had to train with.

There will be so many offices in the company that nearly every one who wants one will have a chance. The officers are captain, first and second lieutenants, top-sergeant and two quartermasters, four duty sergeants, 12 corporals and two musicians and one artificer.

W. O. Fowler, who has been taking an active interest in the work of organizing the company, states that he has no doubt but that the company will quickly be recruited up to its full limit of 120. The following names are those of 53 applicants who will join at the first opportunity. More name are in the possession of Guy Whitson, now in Seattle, and quite a number of others will be on the list after the meeting tonight:

W. O. Fowler, S. T. Milner, J. E. Taylor, Ralph Neal, John Deitch, Ernest Langley, Chas. O. Wasson, Lester Leavell, C. F. Kelsner, D. E. Deitch, James F. Fort, Paul D. Brown, Geo. L. Bray, J. S. Swift, P. C. Tomlinson, Ernest Steffen, Arthur Roberts, L. T. Glaser, Harry Wilson, C. C. Cook, Harry J. Smith, C. A. Battles, Guy Whitson, Everett Bird, Frank Smith, T. Ross, O. H. Ross, Ernest Sprague, Henry Hager, Chas. Bowman, C. H. Armstrong, George Harter, C. H. Muirhead, Garfield Perry, K. G. Weeks, H. B. Cassidy, Dallas Jenkins, G. N. Boyd, C. J. Nowlan, J. L. Jaine, W. E. Costello, F. G. Baker, F. C. Smith, F. A. Unger, Warren Boblet, Will Balek, Ray Rothgeb, L. E. Strahm, Roy E. Hines, Carl A. Hines, E. C. Harter, B. L. Hines, Vernon Spallinger.

## WATER SYSTEM FOR MILLERDALE

### WENATCHEE REALTY & INVESTMENT CO. WILL BEGIN WORK IN SPRING FOR A SYSTEM FROM SQUILCHUCK.

Architect J. W. Sussex is working on plans for the installation of a water system for Millerdale, which will be put in by the Wenatchee Realty & Investment company. The system will have its intake in the Squilchuck and by gravity flow the water will be brought around the brow of the hill in pipes and will provide water for house use for about 100 families. Work on the new water system will begin as early in the spring as the weather will permit. The intake will be just a short distance above the intake of the Miller ditch, and in this way the people will be provided with an excellent supply of water.

The county school board will meet on Saturday.

## NAMES PLACES FOR CENSUS TESTS

### SUPERVISOR SAYS APPLICANTS MUST DESIGNATE POSTOFFICE WHERE THEY WISH TO TAKE EXAM—FOURTY-FOUR PLACES

"It is very important that applicants for positions as census enumerators shall state the postoffice at which they desire to take the examination," said A. M. Storch, supervisor of the census for the Third congressional district of Washington.

"Some time ago I received a communication from Director of the Census Durand at Washington, D. C., in which he gave me the names of 14 postoffices in my district at which applicants for positions as census takers must be examined. I thought that the number was entirely too limited, in view of the wide territory covered, and so I made the request that the number be raised to 44, giving him the names of the postoffices which I wished added to the list.

"I have just received a communication from Director Durand in which he states that he has granted my request in full. The examination for positions takes place on February 5, and prospective applicants to whom I have sent blanks absolutely must inform me at which postoffice they will take the examination, else they will arbitrarily be placed at which ever of the 44 is the most convenient for them in my estimation.

"Preparations for the taking of the census in the Third congressional district are going on apace and when the time comes for the enumerators to start out we expect to have everything in ship-shape and to begin business on the 1st."

The postoffices included in the list prepared by Supervisor Storch, and the counties in which they are located, are as follows:

Adams—Ritzville, Lind, Washtucna, Paxton, Othello.  
Asotin—Asotin.  
Benton—Prosser.  
Chelan—Wenatchee, Lakeside.  
Columbia—Dayton, Starbuck.  
Garfield—Pomeroy.  
Grant—Ephrata.  
Douglas—Waterville, Bridgeport.  
Ferry—Republic, Orient.  
Franklin—Pasco, Connell.  
Kittitas—Ellensburg, Cleelum.  
Lincoln—Davenport, Harrington.  
Sprague, Odesse, Wilbur.  
Okanogan—Okanogan, Twisp, Oroville.

Spokane—Spokane.  
Stevens—Colville, Newport, Northport, Springdale, Ruby.  
Walla Walla—Walla Walla, Wallula.  
Whitman—Colfax, Pullman, Winona, Tekoa.  
Yakima—North Yakima, Sunny-side.

## TAKING DOWN THE BIG BELL

### NEW TOWER ON TOP OF MUNICIPAL JUG—DEPARTMENT TO MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS ON SATURDAY SURE.

The big fire bell is being lowered from the tower, where it has stood ever since the big fire and will be moved to its new home over the jail. It weighs 825 pounds and the men are handling it with considerable care as it is more liable to crack now than it was when warmed up during the fire. The bell fell clear to the ground then when the tower burned and was not injured at all.

Sam Campbell is wearing the smile that will not come off as he goes about picking things up for moving. The contractors have promised him that he can take the horses into the new place on Saturday. Sam states that he will requisition the city council for a tow and some soap and make some great changes as soon as he gets settled down in the warm room.

### Plat New Additions to Mansfield.

The original townsite of Mansfield has just about been sold out and the Prowell Engineering company this week has completed plats for three additions to the town site. This work is being done for the Great Northern town site company and will be placed on the market in the near future.

## RED MEN ORGANIZED HERE

### IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT AT EAGLE HALL—40 CHARTER MEMBERS.

The Improved Order of Red Men was organized here last night by Great Sachem, A. M. Watts, of Seattle. Forty candidates were taken in on the charter.

Frank A. Baker was elected sachem; Fay Ardron, senior sagamore; W. L. Robillard, junior sagamore; J. R. Haines, prophet; C. M. Grogg, guard of wigwam; S. W. Smith, guard of forest; J. E. Bradshaw, chief of record.

The Red Men will meet at Eagle hall at 8 o'clock every Wednesday evening. Their order is fraternal, having just a nominal sick benefit, and the usual \$50 or \$60 death benefit of the strictly fraternal orders. It is said that the secret work is of a very high order. Those who joined last night were: W. L. Robillard, Jr., George Harder, C. M. Gragg, O. S. Ogilvie, C. F. Ardron, S. W. Smith, Henry C. Miller, J. E. Elkelberner, Frank A. Baker, W. A. Elfers, Dr. McCoy, J. R. Haines, R. L. Bartlett, Charles Foster, C. E. Chapman, Geo. Ripley, G. G. Hager, T. Burnett, Otto Garke, Hartley Pierce, Henry Hager, John C. Jackson, Wallace Kazee, J. A. Ogilvie, Frank Willis, Ralph M. Welmer, Arthur L. Shipman, Henry Bell, C. A. Comstock, J. E. Bradshaw, J. D. Cagley, Fay Ardron, H. J. Smith, Millard Kester, John Deitch, Ralph Neal, A. J. Clement, W. O. Fowler, H. N. May.

### Horticultural Lecture Last Night.

The second of the Trumble horticultural lectures was held at the high school last night. In spite of the other important attractions going on this week the horticultural lectures are drawing good crowds. County Horticultural Inspector Darlington spoke for awhile last night about the peach twig borer, and Prof. Trumble spoke about "Spraying and Spray Materials for the Codling Moth." Prof. Trumble has prepared some more of the wall charts that are always interesting features of his lectures, as they can be seen and read from all parts of the hall and enable the listeners to more clearly follow his remarks.

### ABERDEEN LET OUT OF LEAGUE

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## LINED WITH CONTRABAND OPIUM

### CUSTOMS MEN RANSACK SIBERIA AND FIND \$7500 WORTH OF POPPY MIXTURE HIDDEN ABOUT THE VESSEL.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—"Plice living allee time gettee higher," exclaimed Wun Lung Tom Tuesday when informed that owing to the opium seizures by United States inspectors, the cost of the poppy mixture had gone up to \$50 a pound in Chinatown. Wun Lung Tom was not the only denizen of the alleys of the Oriental quarter who bemoaned seizures by the federal men. Several smugglers who stood to make \$25 a piece on the deal were disappointed by the seizures on the Pacific Mail steamship Siberia. The haul by the inspectors was the largest made in many months.

In the cabin of the Siberia, in the planes, on the saloon deck, in the meat refrigerators of the galleys and in the upholstery of the cabins were found dozens of tins of opium. Many cans were recovered from life preservers, and a hollow post was found, ingeniously bored, which concealed twenty-one tins.

The search of the liner was continued all day and even the steering gear and boilers inspected by the customs men, who, it is alleged, were "tipped off" by American agents in the orient regarding the attempted smuggling. The total seizures thus far on the Siberia amount to \$7500. The largest haul was 140 tins, taken from a cabin lining.

Although the government does not offer a reward for seizures of contraband goods, it is considered probable that the secretary of the treasury will respond to a request by Port Collector Stratton and reward inspectors Head, Huffaker, Benninger, Eager, Toland and Sackett, who participated in the search.

## PINCHOT PETS HEAR FROM TAFT

### LOOPS OFF SALARIES OF ORNAMENTAL "RANGERS" WHO ARE STUDYING PINCHOTISM AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Seventy-five United States forest rangers at the University of Washington are wishing today they had never "hired out" to Uncle Sam. Forest rangers have thus been wishing for some days, but it did not become known until today, when it was learned that the forestry department had notified rangers at the university that they would not receive any pay during the college term.

The rangers left for the university to study forestry before the dismissal of Gifford Pinchot by President Taft. It was then understood that they would draw a full salary while at school. Since Chief Forester Pinchot's removal the "no-salary" notification has been received direct from Washington.

The administration's action in cutting off the salaries is taken to indicate that causes other than that of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy led to Pinchot's removal, chief of which may have been Pinchot's enormous payroll. The administration, it is said, was given information that Pinchot was using his office as a means to aid his extraordinary presidential aspirations, and that his payroll was one of his chief assets.

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Under the league constitution it has the power to drop any club, for business reasons, on vote of the remaining clubs. Clarence H. Rowland, the Aberdeen manager, who was representing the Black Cats, made a splendid fight against being dropped, but the other votes were solid against him.

The reason for the reduction of the league to four clubs was that no other good city could be found to take the franchise last year held by Portland, which was revoked by the Northwestern magnates several weeks ago. Bellingham, Snohomish and the Montana cities, Helena and Butte, were the only applicants for the franchise. None of them, however, could offer sufficient inducements.

Small League Better.

The directors feel that the four-club organization will be far more satisfactory from a business standpoint than the six-club. Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver should make a very strong combination, and every club in the league ought to have a good season.

Just what disposition will be made of the players under contract to Aberdeen has not been decided. By the laws of baseball these players revert to the league, but the directors do not want to take them. They prefer to give the Aberdeen management a chance to sell them and realize what ever it can for the sale.