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## THIRTEEN AGAIN

### NOT INNINGS BUT SCORES

Walla Walla badly defeated the Kennewick ball team at Meador park in Walla Walla. The score was 13 to 3 in favor of the W. W.'s. The Kennewick boys were at the mercy of the Garden City twirler, Ripley and only four hits were made off his delivery. Jackman hit out a home run and made a three bagger but most of the time there was nothing doing with the stick by our boys. On the other hand Walla Walla made 16 hits off Crain and won as they pleased. Nickersham and perhaps one other player made four hits apiece and every player on the Walla Walla team was credited with one or more. Blackman umpired. The boys did not get the share of the gate receipts they were entitled to. This makes four straight for Walla Walla and enough.

## ARGUMENT FOR THE PETITIONERS

### BY ONE OF THEM, S. C. EMMONS

Kennewick, Wash., June 20, 1909. Editor of The Courier:—In reading the article in your paper by "Billiam" upon the proposed street railway franchise as published on June 25th, I notice a few little items that might be misleading to the general reader and tend to give an erroneous idea of the terms of the franchise.

I hope you will give this letter space in your paper for the purpose of correcting any such false impressions that might have worked their way into the minds of the public. We believe it to be the province of a newspaper to inform the public on matters that come up which in any way effect the public interest. The article in question misquotes the terms of the proposed franchise and suggests possibilities that could not arise under the explicit terms of the franchise.

We are aware of the fact, and "Billiam" should be, that the proposed franchise has been very liberally discussed by every citizen of our little city and has been generally approved by the majority of our people. Our citizens are not indifferent to the great financial and developing advantages that would accrue through the building of the railway. Every property owner in the town as well as in the surrounding country would be benefited by the construction, and they have expressed themselves as being in favor of granting the franchise and their discussions show that they do understand the full significance of the project. They understand that in granting this franchise they are giving to the petitioners something of absolutely no value, either to the petitioners or to the city, unless it is created and used. When the road is built and put in operation, our citizens understand that every merchant, property owner and citizen will profit not only in dollars and cents but also through added conveniences and the stimulus to business that all will enjoy.

The petitioners for this franchise are investing their money and taking a chance in a very doubtful financial enterprise. The most sanguine will not predict any returns on the capital invested for many years. Is it not a fair proposition? Should the franchise which "Billiam" admits is worthless at present, be granted to the petitioners and after years of expenditure, work and development, some day become valuable, that those who take the risk should reap the benefit, especially as in the meantime, the town

country and community have received their benefits from the beginning.

That lot of money which "Billiam" is assured the petitioners will be able to receive for the franchise by selling it to the highest bidder, is not clear to my mind. How can it be brought about within so short a space of time? If, as you say, the franchise is worthless at present, what is to transpire within two years to make it so exceedingly valuable that the bidding will be fast and furious and run it up into a great sum of money? In fact, this is all tommyrot. Such comment appears to us to be born of that spirit of jealousy and opposition to everything with which you seem to be endowed.

"Billiam" had free access to a copy of the proposed franchise and should have read it and obtained some knowledge of its provisions so he could do justice to the public in giving them a true analysis of its contents, instead of standing sponsor for such statements as the following: His statement that it would be possible to construct a streak of rust one mile in length and thereby hold the franchise indefinitely is not true, for it is stated clearly in the franchise that at least one mile of road must be constructed and in operation within two years or the franchise will be forfeited.

His statement that the track when built could be left unballasted is another instance of his failure to read first before making false statements to the public. For the franchise plainly and explicitly provides for the ballasting of the tracks in the same manner and with the same materials as the streets are built thru which tracks are laid and under the direct instruction and approval of the city engineer.

The proposed franchise provides in addition to the bond of \$2000 to protect the city during the construction period, which by the way is for the city location and would have to be added for any further extension asked for, gives us further security to protect the city from any possible damages, the whole value of the road itself, its equipment and its very valuable franchise which is worth such a vast sum of money, and which "Billiam" wants to hold on to as an heritage for the generation unborn, like the miser who buries his gold, depriving himself and the community of any benefits therefrom.

All these assets are at all times subject to any liens for damages that any person or the community may suffer. As to the slur on the town council in the last paragraph, it is only necessary to refer to the Law of the State of Washington as written in Section 3522 of Pierce's Code to see that the Councilmen and the petitioners are not passing any franchise under cover thru a "call meeting."

We ask you in the spirit of fairness to put this matter of the proposed franchise straight to your readers and show the public thru the columns of your paper that the interests of the community are safeguarded in every essential point. The only asset in the whole matter that accrues to the city is created in granting the franchise, that will build up the communities financial interests at this time and is worth far more to the granters than to the grantees both now or at any future date.

Yours very respectfully,  
S. C. Emmons.

### SAYS BY JANUARY FIRST

Major W. S. Gamble, locating engineer for the Milwaukee, was in town a short time Friday. He says his work is completed here for the present. Asked as to when we could expect the road to be in operation Major Gamble promptly said: "You can ride to Seattle by rail from Hanford January 1st."

## BILLIAM WRITES AGAIN

### POINTS OUT THAT THE "FRANCHISE," NOT INDIVIDUALS IS THE QUESTION AT ISSUE

To the Editor of the Courier:— It is no more than just that I should offer you my humble apology for the attacks made upon you because of my letter last week. The fact that I wrote under a "nom de plume" seems to have affected some of our local friends with that latest of human maladies, "brainstorm." I sincerely believe that I did not transgress my privileges, nor did you accord me other than every editor accords to its subscribers, in every community in which I have before lived. I am confident this is evident to all who are familiar with newspaper controversy and correspondence. You, however, have been the object of a direct attack, which by Mr. Emmons is bitterly personal. I would advise you to publish his communication as handed to you. It will, without doubt, make you friends—it can not assist him any in his attack.

The editorial on "billious Billiam" in the Reporter amuses me. Somehow I like the Reporter, and the editor, but if the latter will just calm his indignant self and re-read my last paragraph in my letter last week which offends him so decidedly he may discover that the violence of the so-called "violent presumption" is due to the heated condition of his thinking apparatus.

The actual presumption is that such a thing might occur, that it was not without the range of the possible—for with such important citizens as the petitioners, and as we supposed the Reporter sanctioned, with no dissent expressed, how, naturally, would a council be disposed to act? The fact that our council frequently has call meetings that even one of councilmen has been heard to complain that he did not always get notification of such meeting, whose fault it is we do not know, led me in my innocence to presume. The fact that such action would not be legal is another matter. Of that, I was not at the time aware.

My purpose, Mr. Editor, is neither to slur nor antagonize any interest that means the good of Kennewick. For that I stand, and with you, give a loyal support to every move, which is for the upbuilding of permanent benefits. The fact that parties often act from selfish motives, and cliques are formed for personal aggrandizement that progress is often retarded by misrepresentations, should make every loyal citizen of every community alert. In this instance I do not believe there is any necessity of slurring anyone. There may be a necessity of antagonizing, but not with bitter personal attacks. Facts are all we want, and full investigation of all details is all we request.

It pleases me and doubtless will others that Mr. Emmons has entered into the discussion thru your columns. It would have been more to his credit to have corrected my mistakes and made more explanation rather than working off so much bile for your personal benefit. To note the FACTS presented by him is all that is necessary. He believes a majority of our citizens favor the granting of the franchise as it is. Very well, submit it to a popular vote. He magnifies the possible advantages, advantages which are patent to everyone, that is in the course of future development.

The worthlessness of a franchise as it might now be, is conceded so far as present dividends are concerned, but so far as a speculative value is concerned, the said fran-

chise would be far from worthless or you can rest assured the petitioners would not be seeking it. We agree with Mr. Emmons that whoever takes the risk ought to reap the due reward, however we differ with him as to who should take the risk. I do not believe there is anything else in his letter which bears directly upon the subject. I might say that Mr. Emmons' carelessness in reading has made him take my "questions" for "statements" which has apparently been the cause of considerable distress on his part as conceded in his letter.

To make myself clearly understood Mr. Editor, I do not believe the best results are produced by private ownership of public utilities. There is a possible curbing of corporations which may yield the highest returns to the state or city; for this means of Mr. Roosevelt and others are and have been energetically working. But at present so far as my information enables me to state there is hardly a city in the United States having a street railway system of a dozen years of age but has in many respects a master.

Only recently the Spokesman Review referred to the conditions under which almost all cities find themselves and deplored the fact, if I properly remember, that the franchise originally given had been so generous. The city of Toronto, Canada was given as an illustration of a wise exception where according to their franchise the Company owning the system was sufficiently repaid the most efficient service was rendered and several hundred thousand dollars per annum went to the city treasury. This, remember, is an exception, that an unsatisfactory condition prevails, so generally is due to the careless granting of a franchise to some far sighted company or at first possibly individual

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## NEW PARTNER IN KENNEWICK HARDWARE CO.

Paul L. Higley of Greeley, Colorado, the first of the week purchased a half interest in the store of the Kennewick Hardware Co. The invoicing is now completed and Mr. Higley is actively engaged in the business. He is an experienced man in the line and an addition to the business community. The new firm has a good location and should do well. Mr. and Mrs. Higley are living in the Nichols house.

## BRYSON-PEFFLEY

Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the Villard hotel, Pasco, Rev. W. L. Rowan, pastor of the Congregational church of Kennewick united in marriage Mr. Elmer D. Bryson, of Walla Walla, and Miss Charlotte Peffley of Slater, Wash. Miss Harriette Peffley who taught school in Kennewick and W. H. Fletcher of Pasco were the only witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson left immediately for Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. They will make their home in Slater where they have a homestead.

## SHOULD HAVE BEEN \$3.49

In publishing the Emigh Strawberry figures last week an error was made in the average price per crate. We said it was just under \$3.70 per crate when a correct division should have made it \$3.49. The totals as to the number of crates, amounts received less expense and 10 per cent commission are correct as published. The average price error was made in this office and was no fault of Mr. Emigh's. One or two have expressed themselves as skeptical as to the figures but they can easily be verified.

## CONTRACT LET FOR NEW FEED MILL

The first of the week A. J. Ross Milling Company of Portland took the contract to install an electric Feed grinding and steam rolling mill for the C. H. Collins Company in the basement of their building on Pacific street. The work of installation will begin July 15th. The capacity of the plant will be two cars a day. The plant will cost \$2000 and will be operated by an 8 horse power electric motor. The mill will also be prepared to steam roll barley and other kinds of feed.

The new mill will be a great accommodation to stockmen and feed users in the Valley and ought materially to reduce the costs of these materials to our local buyers.

## MR. AND MRS. H. A. HOWE RECEIVE

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Howe and daughter Mabel gave a wedding reception and dinner for Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Mueller last Sunday at their fine new home. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller had returned from their wedding trip during the week and the wedding guests and close friends of theirs were invited to the wedding reception.

Mr. Mueller has been practically a member of the family during much of the time and for this reason it was especially appropriate that the Howes give him a reception and act in the place of his people who all reside in the East. The guests were all congenial and everybody had a fine time. The dinner was one of those substantial kind and had to be appreciated and those present showed the fullest appreciation.

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