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## GOOD ROADS DAY NEAR AT HAND

Next Tuesday Will See Small Army at Work Cleaning Up the Highways

Dr. Crosby, chairman of the committee in charge of the Good Roads movement, reports that Good Roads Day, next Tuesday, the 24th, is going to be the most successful effort which has ever been attempted in this city. All the business houses have agreed to close, and already the list of men who have promised to be ready for work next Tuesday morning numbers about 100. The committee expects to increase the list to at least 125 and with the assistance of the high school boys the force from the city will make a great showing.

The "army" will be mustered in at the post office not later than 7:30 on Tuesday morning. Every owner of an automobile is expected to report to the chairman of the committee before that time and offer his car for transporting the laborers to and from the districts where the work is to be done. The gang will be divided into groups and allotted to the different districts and each man will know where he is to work. All are requested to bring shovels and rakes as these will be needed in large numbers.

The supervision of the work will be turned over, in most cases, to the farmers whose places adjoin the various stretches of highway to be improved. Though just now is a busy time for the farmers, the committee is very much gratified by the manner in which the country people are falling in with the Good Roads plan. The ranchers realize the need of highway improvement, even more than the city people, and practically all have offered their own services as well as the use of their teams, implements and wagons.

At noon the provisions will be taken out to the workers by autos and the committee has plenty of assurance from the ladies that no one will go hungry. Right here the committee wishes to thank the ladies for the toothsome and abundant luncheon which they are assured of getting, and to express their appreciation to all for the very general cooperation which has been offered since Good Roads Day was first planned. They feel sure that all who join in the movement will be more than repaid in satisfaction over the benefits that are sure to result from the work.

## ASSESSORS IN FIELD

County Assessor John Severins has appointed his deputies and the active work of appraising the real and personal property of Benton county is now under way. In this community the jobs have been given to Grant A. Stuart, who will assess the city realty; Fred Watson, who is appraising the city personal property and A. C. Speigleberg who is looking after the country personal list. Other deputies in this end of the county are H. S. Hughes, Finley and Hoyer; Ira Hartman, Kiona and J. W. Thompson, Richland; M. V. Heberlein, Horse Heaven; G. N. McCulloch, Expansion and Patterson and William Prizner, Carley.

The above deputies are to appraise the town realty and personal property only, the work of assessing all the country realty having been placed in the hands of A. C. Jones of Hanford. This departure from the system of previous years is for the purpose of securing a more equitable appraisal and it should work out well, as two deputies of sound judgment should be able to return a more evenly balanced list of valuations than was possible when the work was left to the judgment of all the district deputies.

## PLAN SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

Council Will Ask Voters to Retire Warrant Indebtedness—Would Save Interest Money

On February 1st the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the City of Kennewick was \$22,276.36. These warrants are drawing interest at the rate of eight per cent and there is small likelihood that the amount can be appreciably decreased, for several years at least, as under the present assessed valuation the amount which can be raised by taxation and from licenses each year will barely cover the current running expenses of the city under the most economical administration possible.

Therefore the council proposes to call a special election for the purpose of authorizing an issue of refunding bonds sufficient to retire all outstanding warrants and thereby place the city on a cash basis. It is probable that these bonds could be sold to bear interest at not more than 5 per cent, thereby saving the city the difference between five and eight per cent, or more than \$600 annually. There would also be the added convenience of having the indebtedness in one lump instead of scattered over hundreds of small accounts, thereby doing away with a lot of clerical work and bother. At the time the bond issue is made, a sinking fund would be established, sufficient to care for the interest and take up the bonds at their maturity.

The suggestion that the refunding bonds be issued was contained in the report of State Examiner W. W. Clark, who recently finished auditing the city's accounts and whose report is now on file at the clerk's office. The matter was taken up by the council Tuesday night and all agreed that the auditor's advice is sound and that it should be acted upon without loss of time. The matter was referred to the finance committee who will get the proposition in shape to put it up to the voters.

Examiner Clark's report, which covers that period of the city's business transacted between April 1st, 1913, and February 1st, 1914, is a very thorough one, taking up something like forty typewritten pages. With the exception of the affairs of the treasurer's office, which he finds to be in excellent condition, the conduct of nearly all of the city offices come in for a share of criticism, although Mr. Clark states that the irregularities which he discovered were all of omission rather than commission. He criticizes especially the failure to collect licenses in the past from the pool rooms, picture show and bill poster. Since the ordinances were passed requiring these licenses, none have ever been collected and they amount at present to nearly \$300.

He finds the copies of the city ordinances in a chaotic state and recommends that the attorney revise and transcribe them.

Mr. Clark comments at some length on the apparent lack of unity among the city officers which has prevailed in the past. He advises that all petty differences be dropped from now on and states that the city affairs are now in excellent condition and may be kept so if all the officers will work together toward giving the city a business-like administration.

## GOT THIRTY DAYS

James Springer was arrested the first of the week by Chief Copeland on the charge of stealing a suit of clothes from the Artisan Hotel. The suit belonged to Taley Pate and Springer was wearing it when arrested. He was given thirty days in the Prosser jail. Springer is reported to have been released at last week from a jail term at Pasco.

NO REST FOR THE WEARY.



—Bartholomew in Minneapolis Journal.

## EASTERN PEACHES ARE HARD HIT BY FROSTS

Three-Fourths New York and Half Texas Crop Ruined; Wenatchee Reports

Wenatchee men who met Yakima men in Spokane a few days ago asked about the peach prospects here and said that in Wenatchee it was reported that all of the peach buds had been frozen, or were about to be—he had forgotten which it was; but there were not going to be any Yakima peaches this year anyway, says the Republic.

Yakima peach growers are little concerned about the crop prospects here and less about those in Wenatchee, but watch eagerly for reports from eastern districts. According to these, New York will not have more than a 25 per cent crop and Texas less than a half crop. From the Fruit Trade Journal of New York of March 7, the following extracts are taken:

Rochester, N. Y.—Prof. King of the New York State Agricultural College University, an acknowledged expert on peach culture, in a recent examination of several of the big orchards in Greece and Gates, including those of Frank Yaker and Conrad Baker, found that from 80 to 90 per cent of the fruit buds on Elbertas, Crosbys and Crawfords were dead, as a result of rain followed by zero weather.

Waynesboro, Pa.—Reports from orchards in this section indicate that the blizzard and intense cold of Sunday night and yesterday did heavy damage to all fruit and crops, particularly peaches. The temperature ranged from zero to 20 degrees below, and in many orchards it is said fully 50 per cent of the buds are frozen.

Glastonbury, Conn.—The recent snowstorms and extreme cold weather have accomplished what the January cold snap failed to do in the case of Connecticut peach orchards, and on the authority of J. H. Hale, fully 90 per cent of the buds on peach trees in this state have been killed.

Berkeley Springs, W. Va.—Peach buds in this vicinity were practically ruined by the blizzard of Sunday night and yesterday. Elbertas are a complete loss and only well protected spots with hardier varieties are thought to have survived.

Waco, Tex.—A prominent local fruit grower estimates that at least 50 per cent of the fruit crop in this part of the state has been destroyed, as a result of the freeze here the

other night. Twenty above zero was the temperature in this city.

Palestine, Tex.—The recent freeze has killed the fruit crop of the country without question, is the universal verdict of experienced men. Some thought the fruit crop was safe until the last spell, which killed it all.

Tyler, Tex.—N. B. Gudnall, M. S. Shamburger, W. R. Trest, X. Carson and Stanley Lavender, prominent fruit and truck growers, are of the opinion that the peach crop is killed, with possibly the exception of some of the early peaches in the lowlands and unexposed places. All claim that the Elberta crop has been killed.

## BIG WOOL CLIP

Shearing at the Coffin Bros. sheep camps on the Highlands was finished Saturday afternoon and the shearing gang was transferred to the camps near Kiona where they are at work this week.

The clip from the bands sheared at this place is reported to have been about 50,000 pounds and brought from 12½ cents to 16 cents a pound. It was loaded into two cars and started on its journey east on Monday, its destination being Boston.

Wool buying has been very active throughout the Yakima valley this spring, firms being represented here in competition that have not visited this valley for several years, according to Stanley Coffin who was here in person the first of the week to superintend the shipping of the clip from this point. The prices received are better than were anticipated and the demand continues strong.

## A SAD BEREAVEMENT

Mrs. Roy Washburn died at her home in Section 7 at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. Her death was the result of a complication of several diseases all of which had come upon her in the space of three months, as up to the first of the year she had been in robust health. Two weeks ago she was brought home from a Walla Walla hospital, where she had been for several weeks, and it was realized at the time of her return that the chances for her recovery were few.

Mrs. Washburn's maiden name was Mary Bier. She was born at Jansan, Nebr., Sept. 18, 1888, and was married May 13, 1913. Besides her husband there are left to mourn her loss, five brothers, Henry and Alex of this place, Philip of Walla Walla, Fred of Seattle and David who lives in Colorado; also two sisters, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Christian, residing in Nebraska.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock tomorrow from the residence. The many friends unite in sympathizing deeply with the young husband and the relatives in their great bereavement.

## CONTEMPLATE BIG STORAGE PLANT HERE

Fruit Growers' Association Would Build Distributing Warehouse and Cooling Plant at This Point

The building of a huge cold storage warehouse at Kennewick is announced as being planned by the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' Association, though it is not likely that the erection of the plant will be attempted until next year. The Kennewick warehouse, from which the fruit may be moved either eastward by rail or to Portland by boat, will become a necessity, in the judgment of the association, with the opening of the Columbia to navigation and the completion of the Panama canal. With the opening of these important trade gateways, Yakima Valley fruit will be given a cheap mode of distribution not only to the west coast and the Orient but to seaboard points on the east coast and Europe.

The contemplated cooling and storage plant at this point is the third step in the plan of providing ample cold storage facilities for the association's products in this valley. The first step was taken last year when association members secured the Bussell plant at Prosser. This plant has a capacity of 200 carloads and there is ample space for enlargement. Pre-cooling equipment was added and the first season's results proved the wisdom of the undertaking.

Now it is announced from North Yakima that the association has secured the funds necessary to build at Zillah this spring a cold storage plant with a capacity of 500 carloads. At a public meeting last week Zillah citizens agreed to donate the site. The investment will be about \$70,000.

## HUDNALL LUMBER CO.

The above is the name of the new company which will be doing business at the Crab Creek yards after April 1st. The articles of incorporation which will be filed soon will name as officers of the new concern M. N. Hudnall, who has been manager for the Crab Creek at this place for the past two years; H. F. Hunter of Chicago and I. Rovig of Seattle. The new company has, in reality, been in control of the yard since December.

W. L. Hembree, of Byron, will work the Frank Emigh ranch this season. Mr. Hembree contemplates putting in about ten acres of broom corn and five acres each of cantaloupes and spuds in addition to the 45 acres of alfalfa already growing.

## APRIL 2 SET AS CLEAN-UP DAY

All Premises to be Made Spic and Span on that Date—City will Help

Thursday, April 2, has been named as Clean-up Day, and all good citizens are hereby urged to get busy between now and that date and get all rubbish piled up near the alleys where it will be handy for the garbage wagons which will be operated at the city's expense that day. The tin cans and other garbage which has collected, as such things will, during the winter will all be removed systematically, street by street, throughout the sewer district. All property owners who fail to clean up and prepare for the town drays will be required to bury, burn or cart away the rubbish at their own expense later on.

Clean-up Day has been announced for two reasons. One is for the purpose of making Kennewick a neat-appearing community and the other is to get an early swat at the festive fly whose buzzing is already heard in the land. Either should be an incentive for every household to get busy with his rake and shovel.

Last year Clean-up Day was little more than a farce, but little concerted attention being paid to the Mayor's proclamation. This year it is going to be a different story, says Health Officer Crosby. Not only will general observance of the clean-up order be expected, but the work will not be allowed to stop at that—the premises have got to be kept clean all summer. Systematic inspections will be made by the health board and every sanitary regulation prescribed by city ordinances will be enforced, particularly in the matter of disposing of stable refuse and garbage. Attention is hereby called to the notices by the health board printed elsewhere in this paper. The board will have regular meetings twice each month at the Commercial Club rooms, on the second and fourth Fridays at which times any person desiring to present any questions or offer any suggestions along the lines of a more healthful community will gladly be heard.

## WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Renewed the Lloyd & Thresher saloon license.

Discussed the matter of irrigating the vacant lots this season and referred same to the street and alley committee.

Let contract for city advertising to the Courier and city printing to the Reporter.

Authorized the installation of alley lights in Blocks 1 and 6.

Set date for Clean-up Day, Thursday, April 2.

Passed an ordinance prohibiting expectorating on sidewalks or on floors of public places. This ordinance is now in effect and violators are subject to a fine not to exceed \$10.

Approved removal of arc-light poles on Front street from O-W. R. & N. right-of-way to curb line, change to be made at expense of the railroad.

Accepted engineer's report that Washington street concrete bridge is ninety per cent completed and ordered payment of \$1,329.84 to be made to contractor. Approved design for four concrete lamp posts to be placed on bridge.

Ordered city attorney to transcribe ordinances and get copies in such shape that they may be printed in book form if authorized later.

Forgot to do anything about getting the street sprinkling under way, much to the disgust of Second street business men.

Mrs. R. E. Pratt returned yesterday from Chicago where she spent the winter.