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Town and County

Charles Freitag and son left Sunday night for Seattle on business.

William Briskey, of Mission, was here on Friday last on a visit to his daughter Mrs. George Beam.

Mrs. F. Wettstein and Miss Bertha Phelan graced the Echo sanctum by their presence this week.

Anthony Sheridan, who was taken down with diphtheria about ten days ago, has entirely recovered.

W. W. Walker has commenced a frame building on the lot where his saw-mill was located before the fire. It will be completed in about a week.

Frank Shotwell from Mission, passed through town on his way home Saturday. He had been up to his ranch at the head of Mud creek. A portion of the way he made on snow shoes.

The west bound trains have been late almost every day the past week. The delays have been caused by extremely cold weather and heavy snows in the Dakotas and Montana.

Miss Craig, who has been absent from the sixth grade school room the past week on account of sickness, was back in her old place Monday morning, much to the satisfaction of her scholars.

Building will commence in earnest as soon as the weather is settled. Several business houses are talked of, some will be brick and others of wood, but there is sure to be considerable activity in this line.

The frame building formerly occupied by the Mercantile Company has been moved onto the vacant lot adjoining the Leavenworth Mercantile Co.'s brick and will be repaired for Mr. Dwight Darling's drug store.

A. J. Linyille and son Philip, of Wenatchee, spent several days in our town last week and made a trip up to lake Wenatchee before returning. Mr. Linyille said the timber around the lake impressed him as remarkably fine.

L. W. Bloom will commence building operations just as soon as the weather will permit of his quarrying and hauling rock for the foundation. He will build a brick on the lot adjoining the one on which the Adams & Burke hall stood.

F. A. Losekamp, Leavenworth's general storekeeper, has been suffering from a severe attack of toothache for several days and on Monday went down to Wenatchee to have the offending member extracted or at least rendered harmless.

Mrs. J. M. Beamish left on the west bound train last Monday night for two weeks absence from home. She will visit in Everett, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, before returning. On Tuesday she was joined by her daughter, Mrs. Wettstein. While in Portland, Mrs. Beamish will buy her spring stock millinery.

Mrs. Nancy Johnston, mother of T. N. Johnston, came in on the belated Great Northern train last Monday evening from Genesee, Idaho, where she has lived for the last twenty years. Mrs. Johnston is 86 years old. She will spend the remainder of her days with her son on his ranch about four miles down the river. A brother of Mr. I. N. Johnston accompanied her and may also conclude to stay here.

Mr. Waldenberg, the local artist to whom the Echo made the suggestion a few weeks ago that he try his hand on some of our mountain scenery adopted the suggestion and showed the writer a picture of lake Wenatchee. The picture was, however, made from a photograph. Had the scene, which is a very pretty one, been sketched from nature it would no doubt have been much better.

A special with four coaches came in last Monday evening from the east and remained in the yard over night. The following Great Northern officials were on the train and on Tuesday morning resumed their journey to the coast for the purpose of inspecting a lot of terminal work which the road is having done at Seattle in connection with the new depot which is to be built this summer: G. T. Slade, General Superintendent; F. E. Ward, General Manager; H. A. Kennedy, Assistant General Superintendent; George Emerson, Superintendent of Motive Power and T. J. Clark, Division Master Mechanic.

DOCTOR SMITH WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR

The Enumclaw Sage Thinks His Chances Are Good

The following authorized statement from Mr. Smith appeared in last Sunday morning's "P-I":

Dr. J. J. Smith, of Enumclaw, president of the Washington state senate, formally announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. The announcement was made after a conference with his friends, during which Dr. Smith was assured of active support in his campaign.

Dr. Smith's friends were apprehensive that the candidacy of Judge Ballinger for mayor of Seattle might have some bearing or influence upon county, state or national politics in the fall. Some of them went so far as to assert that Mr. Ballinger's candidacy would be adverse to any one of several interests, and Dr. Smith's friends paid particular attention to investigating the alleged state of affairs.

Their conferences and investigations assured them, in addition to the assurances they received that there was and is no reason to assume or believe that Judge Ballinger's candidacy has any purpose or bearing on anything except securing a competent business head for the city's business, and that no attempt would be made, as a result of his election, to influence the result of the county or state convention.

There has been talk of Dr. Smith's candidacy for governor for several months. He was practically committed to the campaign before he left on his tour of Europe last fall, but when distance had been put between himself and state political issues the gubernatorial campaign did not look as good as it did before he started. While abroad Dr. Smith forgot all about his canvass, and he returned in an undecided frame of mind.

Since he came back from Europe Dr. Smith has held a number of conferences with friends and has visited several parts of the state. Yesterday he formally decided he would make the race and declared he would stay in the fight to the end.

Coming from the Thirtieth senatorial district, Dr. Smith is counting upon that support as a nucleus for his contest. His friends claimed yesterday that he had been assured by district leaders of their friendship.

In announcing his his candidacy Dr. Smith said: "I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. I have canvassed the situation in this state with my friends, and we are convinced that, with the support of the King county delegation, the nomination can be secured.

"Prior to the time I left for Europe last fall there had been some talk of my candidacy, and I was seriously considering the question. While absent I gave it little thought, but when I returned I found my friends had been active and new pledges of support were tendered me. I have had time since to go over the situation and satisfy myself that there is a good prospect for success.

I shall make an active campaign for the nomination and will ask King county to support me. I am in the fight to stay."

We believe two state conventions would be more satisfactory than to nominate the state ticket in May, nearly six months before the state election is held. That seems to be the prevailing opinion among republicans with whom we have conversed on the subject in this part of Douglas county.—Hartline Standard.

It is frequently remarked by a jealous advocate of a railroad commission that if the railroads would just keep out of politics and let other people alone they would not be molested, but a careful inquiry in many of these cases reveals the fact that the howler for reform is looking industriously for some one to influence him.—Walla Walla Union.

The latest addition to our exchange list is the Leavenworth Echo, published at Leavenworth, by Messrs. May & Laden. It is a five column folio, all home print and is a newsy sheet. We wish it success.—Big Bend Chief.

Readable, if not True

The following item from Lesueur, Minn., was published in the St. Paul papers as a special recently. The sender probably only intended to convey a vivid idea of the intensity of the cold up in that part of the state. Leavenworth is in almost the same latitude that Lesueur is in, yet the thermometer here does not drop as low by twenty degrees. This winter, which has been unusually mild, it has not touched Lesueur cold by forty degrees. The editor of the Echo was compelled to use his palm leaf to keep cool when he thought about how much warmer it was here.

Oscar Wille, of Seby, met with a most remarkable accident this morning that nearly cost him his life. With his rifle in hand he was attempting to get within range of a cat he desired to shoot, when the animal ran up into the framework supporting the water tank.

Standing directly beneath the cat, Wille shot straight up at it, carelessly forgetting the fact that the tank was in range. The bullet killed the cat and pierced the bottom of the tank and in an instant the water, gushing out, surrounded Mr. Wille with a complete shower bath in a temperature of thirty-five degrees below zero.

Instantly his overcoats froze to the stone foundation on which he was standing and stooping to unbuckle them, he was changed by a spray, freezing in the terrible cold as fast as it fell, into a helpless statue of ice, stiff and immovable as stone. Only by his stooping posture, which kept his face free from ice, was he saved from suffocation.

Soon the flow of the water was stopped by the sediment in the tank flowing into the bullet hole and the little son of Mr. Wille, who had seen the whole affair, ran for assistance. It was necessary to loosen the unfortunate man's feet with chisels and when he had been carried into the house by three strong men the ice had to be broken from him with clubs.

He was badly frightened by the experience, but otherwise unharmed.

The body of the cat was found frozen to his back.

An Old Lady's Strange Adventure.

On Friday of last week an old lady by the name of Roche, of Walla Walla, 65 years old, was out driving. The horse she was driving had been raised in Dayton and was headstrong and the old lady was too feeble to control him. He decided he would visit his old home in Dayton, about twenty-five miles away. He kept the road and arrived there sometime during the night, passing through a snow storm in the meantime, and the next morning was found standing in front of the barn where he had been kept. The old lady, almost frozen, and thinking she was still in Walla Walla, had gotten out and was wandering around looking for her friends.

It seems that the building of the B. B. & E. railroad has reached a point where to doubt is a sacrilege. Every fresh piece of news on that subject appears more business like and reliable, and the early spring will usher in active proceedings. This is the line that will be built down the Methow valley, giving new life to that garden spot of the state. While we rejoice in the knowledge that the Methow valley is to be supplied with a means of communication with the world at large, there is another good and sufficient reason to awaken feelings of satisfaction among the people of this isolated region. The Great Northern will not quietly brook this infringement upon territory from which it has derived a large revenue without competition for so long a time. To continue to hold it Mr. Hill will be forced to get directly in touch with northern Okanogan, and we firmly believe the building of the B. B. & E. will have a stronger influence upon the extension of the Great Northern than any manner of prayer or appeal that could be made to that corporation.—Palmer Mountain Prospector.

ASSESSORS RAISE TAX ON RAILROADS

On Trackage \$1.40 per Foot, On Rolling Stock Forty cents

The convention of county assessors which met in Spokane last week adjourned on the 5th inst after a stormy session of three days, a large part of the time being devoted to a discussion of the proper assessment for railroad trackage and rolling stock.

The first day a rate of \$1.40 a foot was adopted for first class trackage. The second day nineteen assessors voted to reconsider and raise the assessment still more and fourteen voted against reconsideration. The motion was defeated for a lack of a two-thirds vote.

Today the nineteen assessors have repudiated the action of the convention and signed an agreement to place the assessment on all first class railway lines at \$1.50, regardless of the action of the convention declaring for a lower rate. The rate prior to the present year has been \$1.25.

The convention unanimously agreed to raise the rate on rolling stock from 25 cents to 40 cents. The assessors who signed the agreement for the higher assessment for their counties are: W. M. Kenny, Kittitas; Peter Summersett, Lewis; S. F. V. Messenger, Garfield; S. G. Noble, Lincoln; E. E. Watson, Island; James Downing, Cowlitz; C. E. Battles, Chelan; S. E. McClurken, Franklin; Harry Coonse, Yakima; A. F. Davis, Clarke; Louis Walton, Adams; R. A. Wilson, Asotin; Charles F. Will, Douglas; F. M. Willmarth, Okanogan; F. J. X. Miller, Thurston; Wilbur Hopkins, Columbia; C. A. Olson, Jefferson; R. A. Maxfield, Clallam and F. G. Willey, Mason.

Got Themselves in a Hole

The Democratic senators in the attempt to dig a pit for the president, have dug one for themselves. They earnestly pressed a resolution demanding that the president forward to the senate all the papers in connection with the Panama canal and the formation of the Panama republic. The Republicans in the senate did not seriously resist this application, but insisted that it be couched in courteous language. The Democrats professed to believe that something to the discredit of the administration would be found in the papers, and that they had not been made public in full on account of that fact.

In response to this Democratic resolution, the papers are now before the senate and they disclose that there was a foreign intrigue to prevent the ratification of the Panama canal by Colombia. It is shown that Germany also tried to secure an island that would afford a strategic point of attack against the canal; that it was largely due to foreign intrigues that the canal treaty was rejected by Colombia; that there was secret interference by European nations in every stage of the negotiations at Colombia. Further than this, it is disclosed that the Colombian government was secretly trying to sell out the Panama canal to Germany.

It appears still further that the presence of the large fleet of American warships at Colon was due to the discovery that France was about to send warships to Colon to protect the canal in the event of the threatened revolution. There was also a showing that there well founded apprehension that some European powers had in contemplation the seizure of Colombian territory, probably along the line of the canal, on account of Colombia's unpaid debts.

The correspondence clearly discloses that some European powers were in active readiness to take advantage of any evidences of weakness or vacillation which our government might have shown; that they were extremely desirous to defeat, if they could, the construction of the isthmian canal and its control by the government of the United States.

Had our government acted with less promptness and decision; had it permitted the European intrigues to be carried out to their logical ends; had it, in short followed the programme which the Democrats insist it should have followed, there would have been a nice mess

at Panama, and we would have found ourselves with no canal treaty, no rights on the isthmus, and with the Monroe doctrine annulled by European action and possibly with war ahead of us. The courage and promptness with which the administration acted secured every American interest, defeated every European intrigue, and has left the European intriguers against our interest our very good friends on the surface.

These facts would all have remained state secrets. The administration refused to use them in defense of its actions in Panama, but was content to rest upon the open record. The Democratic senators have persisted in dragging them to light, to their own discomfiture. As seems to be the uniform Democratic rule, the Democrats find that in their entire course they have been endeavoring to aid and abet open and secret enemies of our country, and have done their petty best to injure the large interests of the United States for the benefit of European intriguers against our interests and our safety.—Post Intelligence.

Republican Committee Call

Ellis Morrison, chairman of the Republican State Committee has issued a call for the Committee to meet in Seattle on Saturday, the 27th of this month. Mr. Morrison explains the announcement he made some time ago that the Committee would be called together about Feb. 15th by saying "I wanted to give the Committeemen more time to sound their constituents in regard to the question of holding one or two conventions.

"I was told by prominent republicans that they desired more time to canvass the situation with their counties. I have given them more than a month from the time the call will be received until the committee will meet and I think this will be satisfactory. The question of one or two conventions is the one that it was urged must be thoroughly discussed by members of the committee with the republicans they represent. The question, I have been informed, may come up, and the committeemen should be in a position to vote the sentiments of their constituents."

A Peculiar Defense.

A dispatch in Sunday's "P-I" from North Yakima, dated Feb. 6th says:

Harry Williams, who is charged with robbing the safe of the Northwestern Improvement Company at Kennewick, was found guilty by the jury after being out nine hours. Prominent witnesses testified that he had taken four grains of cocaine and that when he went to the office that was robbed he thought he was going to the station to take the train, the office being in the old railroad station.

It all depends on the evidence whether the conviction will stand. The dispatch does not state whether the evidence responded to the charge or not. But of course a man could not be charged with looting a safe and be convicted of taking a train. The evidence showed that he took the cocaine just before he started to take the train and the cocaine is evidently responsible for his change of mind, for when he got to the depot instead of taking the train he took the contents of a safe.

When a certain bachelor was married the members of the Bachelors Club broke him all up by sending him a copy of "Paradise Lost."

Colorado poetry: "The evening for her bath of dew is partially undressed; The sun behind a bobtail flush is setting in the west; The planets light the heavens with the flash of their cigars; The sky has put its night shirt on and buttoned it with stars."

An old lady who had no relish for modern church music was expressing her dislike of the singing of an anthem in a certain church, when a neighbor said, "Why, that is a very old anthem, David sang it to Saul." To this the old lady replied, "Weel, Weel, I noo for the first time understand why Saul threw his javelin at David when the lad sang for him."