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COLVILLE RESERVATION OPENING NEXT SUMMER

The Last Great Body of Unoccupied Land
in the United States to Be
Settled

Mr. E. A. Woods, who returned last week from the Okanogan country, where he decided to locate, in Pateros, just across the Okanogan river from what is known as the Colville Indian reservation, says the Okanogan country is quite prosperous and people generally up there take a cheerful view of the future. He says the reservation, the largest and most fertile body of land left in the United States to be opened to settlement, will certainly be thrown open during the coming summer, and the rush for land is expected to surpass anything yet seen in the Northwest. The lands have all been surveyed, platted, classified and the Indian allotments made. All that remains to be done is to determine whether the land is to be disposed of by lot, by drawing or by the Oklahoma plan, which was get on the land first if you can.

Just how much land will be open to settlement we are not advised, but it runs up into the thousands of acres, and much of it is very fine agricultural land. There is also considerable timber land and much that comes under the head of mineral. The opening will take place most likely during the month of July, but will be definitely announced within the next sixty or ninety days.

The number of men who have had their eye on this land opening is large and the rush to get the prizes will be second only to the Oklahoma land opening, when a state with a hundred thousand population was born over night.

The Colville Indian reservation opening will of course not equal the Indian territory opening but it will be an event worth keeping your eye on.

Castleberry-Wall

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends, was the wedding of Miss Inez Castleberry and Mr. Harry Wall which was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John LaRue in Wenatchee on Tuesday evening last at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The ring ceremony was used, the Rev. Hyatt of the Episcopal church officiating. Following the marriage a wedding supper was served at the La Rue home. Mr. and Mrs. Wall returned to Leavenworth on the night train and will make their future residence in this city.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Etta Castleberry who is one of the oldest residents of Leavenworth. Her early childhood was spent in this vicinity up to about nine years ago, when with her mother she returned to their old home in Missouri where they remained up to three years ago when the family returned to the west and again located in this city. Mrs. Wall is a most estimable young lady and popular with Leavenworth's younger set. For the past six months she has been employed in the Echo office, but resigned her position last week.

Mr. Wall has made his home in Leavenworth for the past three years and holds a promising position with the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co.

Social Affair For Bride and Groom

Mr. F. S. Jacobsen and Miss Alta Castleberry will entertain this evening at the Masonic Hall at a dancing party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wall who were married in Wenatchee on Tuesday. Miss Castleberry is a sister of the bride. The hall is being beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The case involving the ownership of the Washington Steel & Iron Co., of this city will be fought out in the Superior court of Spokane county, a change of venue being taken from this county to that place.

Seven Thousand Tons of Ice

The Great Northern began last week to fill its ice houses at this point. The ice is shipped from Loon Lake, Montana, and is about nine inches thick. Seven thousand tons will be required to fill the two houses of the company. With the exception of about a thousand tons, all of last year's storage was consumed.

THE CREAMERY IS A GO; NO LONGER ANY DOUBT

Enough Ranchers Have Signified Their
Willingness to Take Stock and
Furnish Milk

M. O. Van Brocklin went to the Nason creek country the first of the week and will endeavor to interest the cow owners in that section to take stock in the dairy enterprise. He has succeeded in interesting every rancher in this vicinity except two and up to the time he left for Nason creek had some thirty-two names of ranchers, each one of which will take one or two shares in the creamery.

Parties from the coast whose names we can not give at this time, were here this week for the purpose of buying a fine ranch known to be for sale in the upper valley. They had heard of the creamery to be established and want to put in 150 cows if they succeed in securing a desirable tract of land.

CORCORAN NOT GUILTY OF ROBBERY IN SPOKANE

Ex-Leavenworth Newspaperman is Acquitted of Charge of Robbery
Was Drunken Brawl

J. W. Corcoran who was arrested in Spokane last week on the complaint of another printer, E. R. Mast employed at the McKee Printing Co. who said Corcoran assaulted and robbed him of \$80, was found not guilty in that city last Friday.

In a letter on file at this office from G. B. Knott, secretary of the typographical union, he says:

"Mr. Corcoran had been drinking some with this man Mast, and after leaving the saloon about 12 o'clock at night they had some words, whereupon Mast struck at Corcoran. Corcoran came back at him and gave Mast a pretty good licking, afterwards going home. The next day Mast asked the police to arrest Corcoran, but the police refused to do so; thereupon Mast swore out a warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Corcoran was arrested and taken into police court on a charge of robbery. Mr. Mast was put on the stand as the complaining witness and when he got thru telling his story the Judge dismissed Corcoran. The Judge did not even want to hear Mr. Corcoran's story, for from Mast's own word's everyone in the courtroom was convinced that Mr. Corcoran was not guilty."

Woman Drops Dead

Mrs. Al Haines who came here on Sunday to look after the children of Jesse Mull, and act as his housekeeper dropped dead at Mr. Mull's home Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock.

Death was due to a Dropsical condition and heart trouble according to the physician who was called in to make an examination. The body was taken in charge by the Cascade Undertaking Co., which is endeavoring to locate friends or relatives of the deceased. Mrs. Towne of the Undertaking company states that Mrs. Haines who was about 45 years of age at time of death, was one of the first residents of Leavenworth, coming to this city some eighteen or nineteen years ago. She left her husband about eight years ago, and had never returned until last Sunday. The whereabouts of her husband is unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Motteler visited at the home of H. E. Motteler in Wenatchee the first of the week.

COUNCIL TO FOLLOW LINES OF ECONOMY

City Engineer Barnum Suspended---Taxpayers Complain of High Tax Rate

The council listened to two discourses at last Tuesday evening's council meeting on the "High Taxes in Leavenworth." Deed H. Mayar, editor of the Echo, in the course of his remarks said that the council should go very slow this year in making improvements and pursue the course of strictest economy. He said that Leavenworth already had the name of being one of the highest taxed cities in the state, and that if the people wanted the city to grow, and wanted new people to come and settle here, they would have to take some steps toward reducing the taxes, high taxes being one of the greatest drawbacks, a town could have. According to Mr. Mayar the city now has over \$11,000 worth of outstanding warrants, drawing eight per cent interest, and in all likelihood unless something is done, this amount will be doubled by the close of another year. As one way of raising money he suggested that the present water rates be increased to double what they are at present. In this way the man who owns no property at all could help to some extent in lowering the burden of taxation.

Mr. Mayar was followed by Wm. McIntosh, of the Mutual Mercantile Co., who stated that their store was paying taxes that would amount to about \$3 a day. As an example he cited the tax which he is paying on his residence. Five years ago, when he came to Leavenworth, he was assessed \$9 on his residence, the second year \$20, the third year \$30, the fourth \$40, the fifth \$50, and he said he would not be surprised if he had to pay \$75 this year.

Councilman Schubert moved that the city dispense with the services of Mr. Barnum as engineer and water commissioner after ten day's notice. The motion was seconded by councilman Wheeler and when the vote was taken, three other councilmen voted with Mr. Schubert, which means that Mr. Barnum's term of office will expire next Friday, January 29th. Councilman Woldenburg, Miller and Snyder voted to retain Mr. Barnum in office.

The street and alley committee reported that the foot bridge across the gulch in the west end of the city was in an unsafe condition for pedestrians and that it was boarded up for the time being. It is not likely that the bridge will be repaired before next spring.

The ordinance calling for a bond for the city attorney, in the amount of \$750, which has been before the council for the past two weeks, was again brought up for a vote and failed to carry.

Councilman Woldenburg introduced a resolution to the effect that the city clerk and treasurer go over their records and bring before the council not later than the first meeting in February, a detailed report of the cost and expenditures on the city water system from the time the contract was let up to the present date. The resolution was adopted.

The assessed valuation of Leavenworth for the year of 1914 is \$605,963, according to figures presented to the council by Mr. Woldenburg. Last year the assessed valuation was \$468,442, which shows a gain of \$137,521.

City Attorney Nelson reported that owing to errors made in the publication of notices in connection with the bond issue for the sewer district in the alleys back of the business district, the bond houses would not take the bonds and the notices would have to be republished.

S. P. Beecher and J. A. Warman, two representative fruit growers from the Peshastin district left yesterday afternoon for Seattle to attend the fruit by-products convention which meets there the latter part of this week.

Death of Well Known R. R. Man

News was received here yesterday evening that W. D. Scott had died in Portland at 3 p. m. Mr. Scott was well known here having been at one time superintendent of the Cascade division of the G. N. Ry., later general superintendent with headquarters at Seattle, and some two years ago was promoted to the position of general manager of the S. P. & S. Oregon Trunk Line and Spokane and Inland Empire system, subsidiaries of the G. N. system.

The cause of death was heart trouble. He had been in the employ of the G. N. Ry., for over 30 years and was universally esteemed by the employes for his fairness with the men.

FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION IN WENATCHEE TUESDAY.

Object is to Organize Chelan, Okanogan,
Dougllass and Grant Counties
in One District.

Having learned from bitter experience that the fruit growers of the Wenatchee valley were playing into the hands of the dealers thru the rival fruit agencies and distributors in this valley, selling apples against each other, each agency trying to undersell the other in the effort to unload its stock first, making a goat of the producer, one might almost say making bankrupt of some, they have been for the past month working on a plan to organize all the fruit growers in the four counties above named in one district. The program is to perfect the organization next Tuesday, for which purpose delegates from each of the four counties will meet at Wenatchee. Every apple growing section in the four counties will send representatives. Mr. J. B. Adams, the largest orchard owner in the Leavenworth district, who is one of the committee of five recently appointed at a meeting held in Wenatchee to visit the growers and explain the object of the big organization, has visited the Wenatchee districts, Monitor, Cashmere and Entiat, and will tonight meet the growers of Dryden and urge the importance of organization as a means of arresting the destruction of the apple industry. He said to a reporter for this paper that he had found no trouble in getting the growers he had met to sign up their crop. He says matters could not be much worse than they are now and a big organization might offer a solution of the trouble.

The growers in this vicinity will meet this evening in the office of J. B. Adams to have the plan explained to them and determine if they will cooperate with the other growers in the valley.

Social Happenings

The Kumtux Club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. B. C. Rutherford.

Mrs. C. Eugene Hamilton was hostess last Friday to the Afternoon Bridge Club.

Mrs. W. W. Wilder entertained a group of friends Tuesday afternoon at a Kensington tea. The guests were Mrs. A. H. Sylvester, Mrs. L. O. Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Adams, Mrs. J. E. Cullen, Mrs. Clarence Campbell, Mrs. D. H. Mayar and Mrs. E. K. Barnum.

Members of the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges gave a social dance at the Masonic Hall Wednesday evening. About twenty-five couples were present and a pleasant evening was spent in card playing and dancing. It is the intention to give these affairs twice a month.

Miss Mildred Logan entertained the E. G. B. club Wednesday, January 13, 1915, at the home of Mrs. Charles Wallace. A dainty three-course luncheon was served. Those present were: Mrs. Bess Huff, Mrs. West, Mrs. Chas. Wallace, Miss Ivy West, Miss Olive Blankenship, Miss Moyle Duncan, Miss Etta Hauck, Miss Minnie Roberts, Miss Jessie Hathaway, Miss Florence Pinch, Miss Minnie Rust, Miss Gerthine Wallace, Miss Pearl Sear, Mr. George Hylton.

TRAIN SERVICE TIED-UP LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Several Passenger Trains Delayed by
Small Wreck on the Main Line—
Followed by Fire

What might be called a wreck and which at any rate tied up the train service for several hours, occurred last Sunday morning when Engineer Glauser sideswiped another engine while backing out onto the main line which resulted in the tipping over of the tender of the other engine on the main-line.

Dave Grant was the engineer on the locomotive that was tipped over and received a badly sprained leg. The wrecker was brought into use and no sooner had it got the tender back on the rails again, when the spilled oil took fire, and a serious blaze was threatened for a few minutes. The fire surrounded a pit in which there was over 400 gallons of gasoline and except for the quick work on the part of the railroad employes which prevented it from spreading to the inside there would in all probability have been a serious fire with several fatalities. Luckily it was put out with but very little damage.

GROWERS HAVE NEW SELLING ORGANIZATION

Will Be Known as "The North Central
Washington Growers League"
Adopt New Plans

The formation of a growers organization, independent of all selling agencies, to be known as the North Central Washington Growers League, was assured last week when the growers convention at Wenatchee unanimously adopted the report of the committee of nine. Following is a brief summary of the effects to be expected under the new regime.

- 1—Elimination of the consignment system.
- 2—Uniform grading rules and inspection.
- 3—Elimination of expense in signing up the crop.
- 4—Growers to be financed independent of selling agencies.
- 5—Regulation of marketing agencies.
- 6—Concentration of power in growers' board of control.
- 7—Financial independence of growers.
- 8—Equality of opportunity for selling agencies.
- 9—Wider and better distribution of fruit.
- 10—Diminution of many abuses.
- 11—Creation of advertising, information and traffic bureaus.
- 12—Ultimate concentration of 70 per cent of fruit tonnage under one selling control.

Dies From Pneumonia

Cecil Earl Stafford, the 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stafford died last Saturday as the result of pneumonia. The little boy was sick only a few days. The funeral services were held Monday at 10 a. m. conducted by Rev. Rumohr of Peshastin, after which the remains were taken to Cashmere for burial. The funeral was in charge of the Cascade Undertaking Co. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

We gazed with chastened feeling on The spoilers work. Twas but a casket there; For well we knew the precious gem had gone. To deck the Saviour's sparkling diadem.

Card of Thanks

At this time we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to those who so kindly helped during the sickness of our little boy and for the floral offerings which were sent after his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stafford and family.

Aberdeen built 100 new homes in 1914.

Bank Pays Big Dividends

The stockholders of the Hillyard State Bank at a meeting last week declared a dividend of 20%. A \$2,000 surplus was set aside at the same time. This is said to be one of the most prosperous banks in the state. During its nine years the bank has returned a net profit of 210 per cent.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS FROM CASHMERE

Defeats Athletic Team by a Score of 34
to 30—Best Game Ever Played
in Leavenworth

There was a basketball game in Leavenworth last Tuesday night. If you don't believe that, ask somebody. Say—ask Cashmere, they may know. In fact the game was between the Cashmere Athletic Club and the local high school team. It happened something like this:

Cashmere made thirty points, so did the High School. The High school also made four more points. That made thirty-four. We are satisfied. The Athletic Club is considered one of the strongest teams in the state, the University team being the only ones to defeat them in several years. The game was a whirlwind from start to finish. The High school took the first tip off and in the next eight minutes had their heavy opponents completely bewildered by their clever passing and accurate shooting. The score stood 12 to 1 before the veterans could find out what was really going on. Then they came too and the crowd was treated to an exhibition of real basket ball that will long be remembered. Altho the high school seemed to slow up a little in their passing, the desperate Cashmerites were not able to overcome the lead and the first half ended 11 to 19.

It was due to the clever defense work of Captain Wunder and Hoxsey that Cashmere was not able to tie the score in the last part of this half. They are a great pair of guards. Time and again they broke up plays and recovered the ball for Leavenworth. The Athletic Club is known as a second half team and as usual started the game with a rush. To say this half was fast seems a mild expression. At one time the score stood six points in favor of Cashmere. Then the locals got busy and with a whirlwind burst of speed, ran the score up to 34 to 30. It was a good clean game thruout. Every man on the floor showed himself a clean sport and a perfect gentleman.

The secret of the high school team is their fast team play. Their motto is "Pass the ball," and it works. Anderson is not only a dead shot at the basket but works the floor in great style. "Tuffy" Wunder, the midget forward outplayed his opponent in all departments of the game. McNett as the pivot man is equally good on defense and offense. Fitzpatrick by his work in the Wenatchee and Quincy games, showed himself a clever aggressive forward. Coach Osborn says they are the cleanest and most agreeable lot of boys he has ever worked with and he has good cause to be proud of them.

The members of both teams gathered at Mr. Osborn's home after the game, and while they consumed the hot soup provided by Mrs. Osborn played the game over exactly sixteen times.

Mayor Woodrow will soon make an effort to organize a fire fighting brigade for Leavenworth. This is a most laudable effort and should have the support of every property owner in the town. The need of organized, intelligently directed work is lamentably well known. The insurance companies heartily favor the move. Indeed, if something of the kind is not done the rates will be raised.

The Northern Pacific is rushing work on an ice house at Toppenish to hold 75,000 tons.