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SPECIAL NOTICE—All resolutions of condolence, cards of thanks, notices of entertainments where an admission fee is charged and the object is to raise money, or notices of any kind intended to promote business of any kind whatever, must be paid for at regular advertising rates when printed in The Echo.

When this paper is asked to push some scheme where the object is to get money from the public then the use of its space must be paid for.

Free entertainment of a moral or beneficial nature, or any movement with the intent of promoting the welfare and prosperity of the community as a whole will be given the free use of its columns.

No deviation will be made from this rule.

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Why are Public Offices Closed Today?

If it were possible to enumerate the number of times the above question is propounded today among the hundred million people of the United States, the result would be astonishing, and some of us might reach the conclusion that the name of the great emancipator is all but forgotten. But would such a conclusion be warranted? We think not. His birthday, in the hurlyburly of life, may be forgotten but the great deeds he wrought, the impress he left on a great nation—nay, on civilisation itself, will never be forgotten. The true greatness of the character of Abraham Lincoln will grow greater in proportion as he receded into the past. He was not born great, nor did he have greatness thrust upon him, of him it may be truthfully asserted that he achieved greatness when the opportunity to do great deeds presented themselves to his mind. His was not the tortuous, Machiavelian mind for statecraft. His methods were simple, plain and direct. With a wonderfully clear conception of duty he made up his mind to act, and trusted to time and a ripened sense of right to justify his action. We assert what future generations of mankind will reassert with ever growing emphasis. He made no mistake. He set himself to the dual task of healing the wounds of a great nation and freeing seven million slaves. Clearly he saw the danger in a divided nation, and no less clearly the great wrong of human slavery. His is the honor of averting a divided union and the glory of righting a great human wrong.

Just so long as man believes in freedom and justice, just so long will the name of Lincoln be revered. So long will he rank in the memory of men among the great of this world. What matter if the date of his birth be forgotten.

Lumber Industry Our Business Barometer

On account of its magnitude the lumber industry is and will be for years to come, the business barometer in Washington. The lumber business in its various lines gives employment to more men than any other one occupation, and that spells the whole story. For a number of years, or to be more exact, since 1907, the business has languished. This, say some of the best authorities in the trade, is due to overproduction. Between 1900 and 1907 a tremendous acreage of timber land went into private hands. There seemed to be a widespread belief that timber lands offered huge future profits. As a consequence there was an enormous advance in the price, with the result that the taxable valuation increased. Likewise there has been in the past eight years a still greater increase in the rate of taxation. To reduce the tax and interest burden, many of the owners of timber lands have put in saw mills, which it is said, is responsible for the low price of lumber.

A general revival in the lumber industry was due to come about this year, and but for the European war might have materialized. In one respect, however, the war should help the lumber industry. The high price of wheat has made it possible for the grain growing sections of the country to buy lumber. Within the past month, says a recent Chicago dispatch, between fifty and seventy-five million dollars has gone to the big banks from the middle west and northwestern states. Of course this is principally wheat money. It's going to Chicago would seem to indicate that there is no [illegible] demand for the money where it comes from. Now this may, and we hope is, accounted for by reason of the fact that building and improvement has not begun and will not begin until April or May. Every week for the past thirty days we have read of lumber mills resuming or getting ready to resume operations. Evidently this is based more on a prospective than a present demand for lumber. This is further evidenced by the fact that there has yet been no advance in the price of lumber, which is after all the only thing that will bring prosperity to the lumber industry.

Where Did the Twenty Million Come From?

A news item has been going the rounds of the press the past week to the effect that the Sears, Roebuck Co., the great Chicago mail order house, made a twenty million dollar distribution of profits to its stockholders. Add to this fifty million dollars for the cost of doing business and you will have a pretty correct idea of the amount of money the ill-advised people of the country have contributed to this one mail order house. This does not take into account the value of the goods Sears, Roebuck & Co. are surely not suffering from hard times, but the country that contributed to this great success, every town and hamlet, is in the throes of tight times and scarcity of money. May not this help to account in large part for present conditions? Every town has its objects of charity, its sickness and deaths, its libraries, churches and many other like needs for money, which is most often collected from the business men in the towns and villages. Never a week passes by but he is called on to help some worthy cause. Did anyone ever hear of a mail order house contributing one penny to this burden which falls on the country merchant, and is a part of his cost of doing business? Do not all speak at once. Suppose what you buy from your local merchant does cost a little more, does he not often square this by an accommodation, at least in part. If you need help who would you be most likely to get it from, the local merchant or the mail order house? Is not this worth something? If you send your cash to the mail order house have you any kick coming if the local merchant refuses to credit you when you have no money? Does not one good turn deserve another? Come now, let's be square. Are you entitled to all the benefits? If you treat him right will not the local merchant do more for you in a pinch than the mail order house? Would it not add to the general prosperity of the community if everybody left his money at home? Oh, yes, we hear some old curmudgeon THINK, I wish everybody would do that. It would be better for me, but I can save $1.50 on that suit of clothes I am going to order.

Saving the State's Fruit Industry

Next Tuesday a final effort will be made at Tacoma to organize all the fruit growers of the Northwest, embracing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, under one central selling or price-fixing agency. In the past the method of selling fruit has been "Every fellow for himself and the devil catch the hindmost." Every eastern fruit buyer's office was besieged from ten in the morning until four in the afternoon with anywhere from ten to twenty apple selling agents, representing the different fruit sections of the northwest, each and every one anxious to make a sale, trembling for fear one of the other nineteen would make a sale before he could get to him and make a lower price to get the order. Oh, yes, the apple buyers worked 'em, all right. They were organized. The apple raiser was not.

When the grower realizes that producing fine apples in Washington is much easier than selling them at a profit in New York, one long step toward a solution of the difficulty has been taken. One price fixing agency for the entire northwest seems to us a vastly better way than a hundred separate selling agents, each working independent of the other, fighting each other by cutting prices. A hundred selling agencies also adds more to the cost of producing apples than one agency. Oh, but it can't be done, says some cranky grower here and there. Oh, yes, it can. The steel trust fixes the price of nails in every hamlet in the United States. But the apple growers haven't got as much sense as the steel makers. Well, the school of adversity will pound sense into them fast enough. They are learning.

The Chelan county growers will meet in Wenatchee tomorrow and elect delegates to go to the Tacoma convention which meets Monday. If the fruit growers can not get together this year they will next year. It may require another year of adversity to drive the recalcitrants into bankruptcy and then what's left will get together.

Legislative Highbinders

With a recklessness that will certainly lead to downfall the republicans in the legislature—perhaps it might be more to the point to say the inner ring in the republican party—have determined on a plan to nullify and make of no effect the present primary law. What they want is the old convention method of nominating all candidates for office. Their success at the polls last fall evidently turned their heads. The rank and file of the voters of all parties do not want to return to the thimble-rigging convention system. They do not want a close ring of politicians to make up the slate. To tell them just who they must vote for if they vote at all. They are quite satisfied for the voter to remain away from the ballot box if he will not vote their ticket. It is not with them a matter of voting so much as it is of voting right, and the only way to vote right is to swallow the ticket put up by the gang without question.

Ten Years Ago

Happenings in this locality just a decade back, as taken from the files of The Echo published

February 10, 1905.

J. W. Corcoran has established a stage line between Leavenworth and Chiwawa river, making two round trips each week, Mondays and Thursdays.

E. G. Spencer returned last week from Olympia after spending two weeks there as the representative of the Leavenworth division of the Brotherhood of Engineers in the effort to have a law passed by the legislature defining the liability of fellow servants.

L. F. Rohrbeck, a promoter of the [illegible], who was recently employed on the Wenatchee Republic has accepted a position on the Echo made vacant by [illegible].

The regular meeting of the Women's Twentieth Century Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the house of Mrs. Frank Sutton.

Albert Purdy, manager of Henry Treadwell's sheep ranch near Moses Lake, was here this week circulating among old friends. As soon as the season opens he will be here with a flock of sheep.

Last Monday evening the Eagles gave their first annual ball at Thoile & Smith's opera house, which proved to be one of the most successful and enjoyable entertainments given in the city this winter.

A large force of men have been at work this week putting in a steam heating plant at the G. N. roundhouse. The cost of the improvement is said to be several thousand dollars.

Engineer Anderson, timekeeper for the Great Northern at Cascade Tunnel, was a visitor in town this week. He says the amount of snow on the range is less now than for many years past.

Varnish Month

This is the time to refinish your woodwork and furniture and we have the famous Sherwin Williams Varnishes to do this with and give best results.

Marnot, for floors, is made to walk on.

Rexpar, for outside doors, will stand the weather.

Scarnot, for woodwork and furniture, will not scar nor turn white.

When doing any of this work remember these names and we can supply you. We handle the best of everything in the paint and brush line at right prices.

We also handle the best at lowest prices in **Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware and Crockery.**

Mutual Mercantile Co.

The Store That's Famous for the Best to Eat and Wear

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We have a good 24x36 in. imposing stone, and good stand, with drawer running thru frame, for sale cheap. Had to put in larger stone is reason for selling. tf

If a committee bill just introduced in the legislature passes, commission forms of government may be adopted by cities of the second and third class providing they have a total vote of more than 1250 or a population in 1910 of at least 20,000 people.

Spokane—O. W. R. & N. Co. will add $82,000 to its shops.

Business Paragraphs.

NOTICE—If you have lost anything, or found any article, or if you want to buy, sell, trade, borrow, or get information, write or call at this office and place an ad in our "Business Paragraph Column." You will get quick results. Rates 5 cents a line for first insertion and 3 cents a line afterwards. Minimum charge 25 cents.

For Sale

Stock for Sale

Sheep, cattle and horses. Four milk cows, two fresh. Two good brood mares. See the owner on the George W. Briskey place, near the mouth of the Icicle river. Mile and half from Leavenworth. 5tf

Nice, large C Grade Apples 3 boxes for $1. L. S. Allen, Box 694. 49tf

Miscellaneous

Wanted—Good plain cook and housekeeper by widower with two children. Address Box 207, Peshastin, Wash. 6-2

FOR RENT Two room shack close in, CHEAP, with water and electric lights. Inquire at Echo office. tf

May Manton Patterns

May be had of the Blakely Dry Goods Store, Spokane. tf

Kathleen M. Scott
Violin Teacher
Phone 105, Leavenworth, or write Box 12, Wenatchee.

The Oxford
S. K. [illegible], Prop.

Rooms
50c a night
$10 a month

Cor. 8th and Commercial Sts.
Leavenworth, Wn.

Notice to Creditors

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for Chelan county.

In the matter of the estate of Charles L. Gordon, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Charles L. Gordon, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within twelve (12) months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at his office in Leavenworth, County of Chelan, and State of Washington, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

Dated and signed this 28th day of January, 1915.

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L. J. NELSON,
Administrator of the estate of Charles L. Gordon, deceased.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TIME TABLE

THE COMFORTABLE WAY.

In effect November 22, 1914.

West Bound	Arrives
No. 25	2:15 a. m.
No. 1	2:00 p. m.
No. 3	3:45 p. m.
No. 27	11:35 p. m.
East Bound	**Arrives**
No. 2	1:40 a. m.
No. 28	6:00 a. m.
No. 26	1:50 p. m.
No. 4	4:25 p. m.

Nos. 4 and 25 will be fast trains and Nos. 3 and 26 will do the local work.

Get Butter Wrappers at Echo office.

Stop the Child's Colds—They Often Result Seriously

Colds, croup and whooping cough are children's ailments which need immediate attention. The after effects are often most serious. Don't take the risk—you don't have too. Dr. King's New Discovery checks the cold, soothes the cough, allays the inflamation, kills the germs and allows nature to do her healing work. 50c at your druggist. Buy a bottle today.

Bread

Is the Staff of Life

We always have

Plenty of the Staff

Besides Bread we have:

Rolls
Buns
Cakes
Pies

and everything else you would expect to find in a first class, up to date bakery.

S. H. Knowlton
Proprietor

Dressed
Chickens Galore
At The
SANITARY MARKET

Highest market price paid for all kinds of Poultry. Here you will find everything you would expect to find at a first class market. Strict attention to the wants of the trade and courteous attention.

Our VELVET BUTTER takes the cake, and if you put it in the cake makes it better.

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Start a Savings account with us Today. You will be surprised how fast the dollars accumulate.

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