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The Higher Up the Valley You Go the Bigger and Better the Apples Grow

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## DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT OF BLEWETT PASS ROAD

Officials of Kittitas and Chelan Counties Met on the Summit Saturday to Discuss Ways and Means

Construction work on Blewett pass will depend almost entirely on the amount of money Chelan county commissioners feel they will be able to spend next year. That was the outcome of the joint meeting of Kittitas and Chelan county commissioners and road enthusiasts at the summit last Saturday. Commissioner Hickey and Road Supervisor Parish, who represented Chelan county, reported that the meeting was noticeable for its harmony; that everyone present was unanimous that the road should be improved, and that the one unsettled point was how much should be spent. Forest Supervisor Sylvester stated the position of the forestry department in the general reduction of the grades and recommending a 5 per cent grade; in the department's opinion such would be cheaper in the long run, the maintenance being less. Kittitas county agreed to expend the same amount on its side that Chelan county would appropriate. It has funds available, and if the commissioners take favorable action a portion of the new road will be constructed this fall. Forest Supervisor Sylvester said he thought his department would appropriate an amount equal to that of the two counties.

After the return from the summit of Blewett pass the county commissioners decided on Tuesday morning to expend \$8,000 on the Blewett pass. No grades to exceed 5 per cent. The Kittitas county commissioners, it is understood, will expend a like sum and having the money on hand will commence work this fall and reduce some of the most difficult and steepest grades. There is reason for believing that ultimately the forestry department will spend an amount equal to, and possibly exceed, the amount proposed to be spent by each of the two counties. About the first obstacle to be removed on the Chelan county approach to the summit is the steep hill near Ingles creek. Kittitas county proposes to do some work on her side of the hill in the way of lowering the steepest grades. It will be another year, however, until the real work of improving the road begins. If the plans are carried out as proposed it will make of this the most attractive and best transmountain road in the state.

## 290 CARS C GRADE SOLD BY N. P. FRUIT DISTRIBUTORS

80 and 85 cts. per Box F. O. B. Wenatchee—Will Net Growers 70 cts. per Box

The biggest sale of C grade apples made this season is confirmed by W. O. Dow, of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, of which he is the general manager, Monday morning. In tonnage it will amount to 210 cars and in value to over \$150,000. 210 cars at 85 cents F. O. B. shipping point; 80 cars at 80 cents F. O. B. shipping point. Specification, 163 and larger, 10 per cent 5 tier. C grades have been sold at 75 cents, in smaller lots, but so far this is the best price paid for C grades. 100 cars, says Mr. Dow, will go the Wenatchee sub-central, but will not have enough of this grade to fill the order. The shortage will be made up from other affiliations.

On Friday the "Third Episode of the Diamond" will surely make you sit up and take notice. Matinee at Grand at 2:30. Owing to the great interest taken in this production it will be necessary to give the evening performance at the Scenic, at 7:45. 36\*

Would you like to have a real, talking Parrott in your home? You can get one at Wheeler's Drug Store. 36\*

## Cashmere Man Goes Over Blewett Grade

J. S. Bennett, manager of the Cashmere Lumber Co., left Cashmere last Sunday morning intending to go to Ellensburg on a pleasure trip. Besides himself and wife he had his two daughters, Misses Helen and Charlotte, and a young lady guest. The accident occurred on the Kittitas county side of the pass. Mrs. Bennett had both wrists broken, her back wrenched and ankle injured. Miss Charlotte had her back injured. Mr. Bennett and Miss Helen were only slightly injured. The young lady guest had her back injured.

## BOTH SAWMILLS SHUT DOWN FOR SEASON

L-D. Box Mill and Planer Running Full Blast—Box Mill of Leavenworth Lumber Co. Also Running

Both our sawmills shut down last week. The Lamb-Davis box mill and planing mill is still running full blast and will continue to run for some time yet. The box mill of the Leavenworth Lumber Co. is also running and is not likely to shut down soon.

Speaking with Mr. Gardner, general manager of the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co., one day this week, the question was asked: "Will the sawmill run next year?" He replied, "That is a question I cannot answer at this time. If we run next year there will have to be some logging done. We shipt over 150 cars of lumber in the month of August. The price of lumber is too low to allow us any profit."

## ACCIDENTS DECREASE UNDER STATE CONTROL

This Seems to Justify the Law—Careful Employer to Get Lower Rate—Penalizing Reckless Employers

Accident prevention work, first aid for the injured and the merit rating system, under which an employer using all possible forms of safeguard would be entitled to a better accident rating than his less careful competitor, are features upon the program arranged by Chairman Floyd L. Daggett of the industrial insurance commission for the annual meeting at Seattle, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, of the National Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions. This association is made up of representatives from the commissions of all states which have workmen's compensation acts.

There were 1,423 accidents, including 31 fatalities, reported to the Washington industrial insurance commission during August, the largest number of any month for this year, but the total for the eight months of 1915 is only 8,740, as compared with 10,069 during the corresponding eight months of 1914, and 11,109 during the same eight months of 1913, indicating a steady decrease in the accident rate in the last two years.

## Land Sales in 29 Counties Oct. 5

Commissioner of Public Lands Clark V. Savidge has announced a state land sale for October 5, to be held simultaneously in 29 counties of the state by the county auditors. State lands valued by the land board at \$265,276.48 will be disposed of to the highest bidders. The land to be sold is classified as follows: Grazing and agricultural lands, \$158,013.63; tide-lands, \$3,401.99; Lakes Washington and Union shorelands, \$19,962.80; harbor area leases, \$128; timber, \$83,770.36.

## Public Library Opens Saturday

The Leavenworth Public Library will open next Saturday with about thirty new books, and will from this time on be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

## URGES RELIGIOUS MORATORIUM DURING WAR

"It is Mockery to Ask Men with Blood Lust in the Heart and Blood Stains on the Hands to Approach the Table of the Lord."

A Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press of the 6th inst., says a writer advocates a "moratorium on Christianity," in one of the principle religious journals of the fatherland. The writer urges that "in a war of this character, where ruthlessness of an unparalleled type is displayed and where the very rudiments of Christianity are ignored, it would be wise, if Christianity is to be maintained, that it should not be preached or taught during the continuance of the war."

The writer, who states that he is now serving at the front, says he is convinced that war itself is an evidence that for the time being evil is uppermost in the world. "It is as though one were obliged to lay aside one's humanity and to relinquish all that distinguished a Christian man. It is mockery to ask men with blood lust in the heart and blood stains on the hands to approach the table of the Lord."

The fighting in the trenches, continues the article, is of such a character that every feeling of religion and every inclination to pray ceases. "It is not Christian teaching that a man wants as he comes fresh from the frightful hell of the trenches. War is a phenomenon which the church should not be able to bless. It is opposed to every essential of Christianity and the sooner a moratorium for Christianity is declared the better. There should be no more church nonsense about the ennobling and purifying effects of war. For hundreds of thousands of men at the front, men who once believed in the faith, the moratorium is already in effect. When they return from the blood-soaked battle front, their Christianity will be of a different order, and they will insist upon the church adopting a different Christianity."

## Sanitary Market Burglarized—Not Quite

A man giving the name of Bill Smith got so far in attempting to burglarize the Sanitary Market last Tuesday morning about 12:30 that he got inside the building and was just about to rifle the cash register when the minions of the law laid hands upon William Smith and now he languishes in the county jail at Wenatchee waiting trial on the charge of burglary, in the Superior court. Mine Host More, of the Chikamin hotel, from his upstairs back porch had watched the rather strange maneuvers of William Smith whom he saw standing near a window on the alley side at the rear end of the market, and heard a scratching sound, as of some one scratching on glass, which proved to be correct on examination, then he ran back to the street and not seeing anyone in sight he ran back to the window, hurriedly ran his hand thru the broken glass and loosened the catch on the inside and raised the sash. Thru the window he went. Then Mr. More sent one of his roomers for the night marshal and while one went to the front door the other one guarded the rear. Bill Smith crawled along the floor in an endeavor to reach the cash register. The room is brilliantly lighted all night. When the marshal entered the building Smith was crouched near the back end of the counter and pretended to be asleep. He was arrested and the following day had an examining trial and was sent to Wenatchee on a charge of attempted burglary.

## Couldn't Get Girl of His Choice, Joined Army

A Wallace, Idaho, dispatch, of the 6th inst., states that John A. Burnmeister, who was arrested for making false oath to the age of Miss Dorris Biles, having had his marital wishes foiled will seek forgetfulness in the life of a soldier, having enlisted in the U. S. army.

## Railroads Want to Meet Auto Competition

The public service commission has issued during the past week 22 orders authorizing railroad and express companies to reduce specific rates without the statutory 30-day notice. In a number of instances reductions were made to allow fruit growers to ship their produce to better advantage, while in other cases railroads asked to be allowed to make reductions to meet automobile competition.

## LEAVENWORTH TO HAVE BUT ONE BANK IN THE FUTURE

State Bank Absorbs the Tumwater Bank—The Latter Closed Its Doors Saturday Evening, Sept. 4

While it was not generally known negotiations have been on foot for some time to eliminate from the banking field in this town the Tumwater Savings bank, which began business in 1904. The principal stockholders in the Tumwater Bank were members of the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co. When this company began operations in 1902 there was no bank here and it was practically forced into the banking business. For some years it has been the policy of the company to discontinue sidelines and confine all its activities to the lumber business. It was formerly interested in the mercantile line but discontinued that several years ago.

The negotiations came to a close last Saturday evening after the arrival of State Bank Examiner Hansen, with his deputy, Mr. Moody. A final checking up of the affairs of both institutions showed them to be in a position to make consolidation, in truth to be in first class condition, and on this finding gave their official consent for the immediate transfer of all the holdings of the Tumwater Bank to the Leavenworth State Bank. The combined assets of the two banks represent in round figures \$260,000. The present officers of the Leavenworth State Bank are as follows: F. A. Sinclair, president; L. F. Bullis, vice president; R. B. Field, Cashier; C. A. Campbell, assistant cashier; to which will be added Mr. R. F. Taylor, formerly cashier of the Tumwater Bank, who will be assistant cashier in the Leavenworth State Bank. Mr. Bullis, the vice president, has eastern connections which gives him control of a quarter million dollars for investment in this section whenever conditions may require and justify the employment of that sum.

The consolidation of banks has led to much consolidation talk. The air is full of it.

## EARL JOHNSON KILLED BY A ROLLING LOG

One-Armed and the Sole Support of a Widowed Mother Living at Cashmere

Earl Johnson, an old timer, a one-armed man, 40 years old, employed in the Swakane sawmill near Cashmere, was instantly killed Wednesday evening by a log. Johnson was on a wagon loaded with logs and the chain holding the load became loosened. Johnson, who is one-armed and had an iron hook which took the place of a hand, jumped, but too late, and was caught by a log and instantly crushed to death. His mother, Mrs. A. Marsallis, aged 75, who resides at Cashmere, was wholly dependent on her son.

Mr. Charles Hartshorn returned the first of this week after a month spent over near the Pacific ocean, about Centralia, and that it agreed with him he shows in every lineament, besides he took on considerable weight.

"The Escape" is well worth while from any point of view. This unusual seven reel production will be presented at the Scenic Sunday, Sept. 12th. Don't fail to see it. 36\*

## PAST AND PRESENT TAX COMPARISONS

For the Benefit of Those Who Have to Pay Them—You'll Find Them Quite Startling

Because we believe those who have to pay the taxes have a right to know the facts we have taken some figures from a statement prepared for and printed in the Spokesman-Review of last Sunday by Mr. E. D. Cowan, who knows more about taxes and tax statistics than any man in the state.

The following shows the increase in the cost of administering the different county offices in Chelan county in 1909 and 1914, a five-year period:

	1909	1914
County Officer	1909	1914
Auditor	\$4,087	\$5,816
Treasurer	3,690	4,825
Clerk	1,960	2,831
Assessor	3,665	7,300
School Superintendent	1,455	3,028
County Engineer	4,120	7,796
County Commissioners	698	830

Now if the population had increased during this period that might account for an increase of 45 per cent in the expense account, but the population of Chelan county increased only 16 per cent. In other words the expense increased four times as fast as the population.

Looking at the matter from still another point: In 1909 real property was worth more than twice as much as it is today, but will not sell for any price today. Up to 1910 the apple orchards yielded a handsome profit. Since then they have given the owner no profit. If the value of land is based on what it will profit the owner, how much is Chelan county land worth at this time? These are all unpleasant, unpalatable facts, but they are worth the careful and prayerful consideration of the taxpayer.

## Things Noted by the Way

That the New York constitutional convention refused to abolish the death penalty, but will permit the jury to determine in first degree murder cases whether it shall be death in electric chair or life imprisonment. It also decided to raise the governor's salary from ten to twenty thousand dollars per year.

A Wenatchee man is exhibiting a peach that weighs nineteen ounces.

That Governor Lister, while swing-round the eastern circle interviewed the Interior department and secured a statement to the effect that the Colville reservation would be thrown open to settlement at an early date.

## Briskey-Clark

Miss Alice Briskey and Mr. Harrison Clark of Cashmere were married Friday evening at eight o'clock at the Presbyterian manse in this city, the Rev. J. A. Laurie officiating in the presence of only a few relatives and intimate friends. Miss Mabel Tedford acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Clair Preston of Cashmere was groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will reside in Cashmere. The wedding was a surprise to their friends both in Leavenworth and Cashmere.

Mrs. Clark was quite well known here several years ago and still has many friends who join in offering congratulations.

## Crisis in Forest Fires Passed

Rain last week temporarily ended the serious forest fire menace. State Forester E. W. Ferris returned from Skagit and Whatcom counties where the situation was most dangerous and where he was in personal charge of a large force of extra fighters. Arrangements have been made to reduce somewhat the force of extra patrolmen, but the 30 county wardens and 51 federal patrolmen will be kept on duty until all danger is over.

Get butter wrappers at Echo office.

## Blow Your Horn on Blewett Pass

Wilbur Little, says the Wenatchee World, recently returned from a trip over the Blewett pass and makes the sensible suggestion, all auto drivers should blow their horns continually while in the canyon, and blow it good and loud. If they have no loud horn they should get one. This is not a dangerous route if drivers act with reasonable prudence. When a driver hears a horn and is near a turnout he should stop. Much time and trouble can be saved by reasonable care and prudence.

## AUTOS WRECKED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Occupants Escape Without Harm but Cars Badly Crippled Tuesday Night on Cashmere Road

Two autos met in a head-on collision Tuesday night on the Cashmere road, near the Capt. Graham place. One was a Ford machine and the other a Reo. The Ford car was driven by an Ephrata man bound for Leavenworth and the Reo by a well known traveling man coming from Leavenworth, accompanied by a young lady. Both men attempted to turn into the bank with the result that they came together with considerable force. Both axes of the Ford car were broken and the front end of the car considerably damaged. The Reo had its lights knocked off and will need considerable repairing before it is fit for service again. Neither of the drivers sustained injuries. The lady also escaped injury.

## MAKES RICH ORE STRIKE ON HEAD CHEWAWA RIVER

Joe Massie Thinks He has Made the Best Mineral Find Yet—Assays Show 150 to \$200 per Ton

Joe Massie has been following mining off and on for many years. Some ten years ago he found what he considered a good claim on the head of the Chewawa river, which was bonded or became tied up in the Chelan Consolidated venture. This particular claim was never opened up or any effort made to test its value. The Chelan Consolidated having abandoned the claim Mr. Massie relocated the property and has done much work on it the past three months. He has had frequent assays made and they run from \$150 to \$200 per ton in copper and gold. The property is located about 50 miles north of Leavenworth, on the headwaters of the Chewawa river. The ore body is about four feet wide with well defined walls. A good wagon road runs to within fifteen miles of the property, from there on there is a good trail. He has a force of men at work and expects to pack several tons to the end of the road and from there haul it in wagons to Leavenworth and ship it to the Tacoma smelter. So confident is he that he has one of the most valuable ore finds ever made in this section that he intends to have it thoroughly tested, if it is necessary to bring out a car load to make a thoro smelter test.

## There is a Moral to This Story

County Assessor Spencer states that all the watches in Chelan county are classed as household furniture. For several years watches have not been listed in a class by themselves. In fact, for 23 years Mr. Spencer has not had his watch listed. He has heard of only one man who ever paid taxes on a watch when it was listed, and he lost it the following year. —Wenatchee World.

Wm Young and wife came here Monday from the Peshastin valley with their daughter and son, Lee and Grace who took the afternoon train for Seattle, where they expect to attend the Broadway high school.