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COLVILLE REGISTRANTS WILL EXCEED 100,000

Every East Bound Train Loaded—All Eager to File—About One Chance in a Thousand

If the number of people who are rushing to the different registration points to file their application for land may be taken as an indication the people of this country are land hungry. But are they?

May not a good deal of this rush for land be ascribed to the gambling instinct in the human family. On an average it costs every man who goes to one or the other of the five registration points \$5. If one hundred thousand people make application for a chance in the Colville land drawing, and it is estimated it will exceed that number, a half million dollars will be spent by the people of this country to get not to exceed five hundred claims that are worth the price put upon the land. Perhaps not over one hundred are worth enough more than the cost to be considered a prize. So that in round numbers one hundred thousand people are putting up \$5 each for one chance in a thousand to make a profit on their investment. It is a safe guess that not more than one out of every three who register really want land or expect to look at the land awarded to them unless their number falls within the first one hundred. Yet some sixty-five thousand are eager to take the long chance on their \$5.

Every train that has passed thru here from the west since 12 o'clock on the night of July 4th had two or more hundred aboard bound for Wenatchee eager to take a chance at one of those one hundred land prizes.

Spokane estimates that every notary public in that town will receive in registration fees, \$120. Messrs. L. J. Nelson, N. A. Pearson and E. H. Fox, notaries from Leavenworth will share in the notarial fees taken in at Wenatchee. Not less than thirty, perhaps forty, notaries will be employed in receiving applications, and will be kept busy all this week. After this week the applications will not be so numerous.

Besides the cost of getting to the registration point there is only the registration fee of 25 cents.

Of those who apply for registration about 25,000 may really and honestly want land for the purpose of making a home. If we have not placed the figures too high the other 75,000 are merely taking the gambler's chance to get something for nothing.

STATE INDUSTRIAL NEWS

The Seattle corporation counsel decides the city has a right to designate streets on which jitneys may do business and prohibit them on streets supplied with carlines.

The Portland, Vancouver and Northern railway is to be extended to the barracks and 14 miles further, to Camas, this fall.

Omak Fruit Growers' Association will build a warehouse.

Trout Lake—A tourists hotel is to be erected near Hell Roaring canyon.

Seattle—\$160,000 Overland factory building, \$25,000 Garford truck building, \$35,000 fire station and \$100,000 addition to Washington Iron Works are announced.

Spokane—"The Germania tungsten mine near Springdale has been sold to a newly organized German company, backed by the Krupps, and its former president, Capt. William Von Scheck, lately in service with the German army in Belgium.

Olympia—The State Federation of Labor has made a report which shows that 41 per cent of all laborers, skilled and otherwise, in the state are unemployed.

P. Hanson, from Bellingham, uncle of Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, spent several days here this week and yesterday departed for home.

Motoring Parties Left Sunday for Seattle

Two car loads of Leavenworth people left Sunday morning for Seattle, going by way of the Blewett and Snoqualmie pass route, the object being to get there in time to see Seattle in holiday attire. In one car were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Field and children and Mrs. Field senior, mother of Mr. Field. In Mr. Jacobsen's car were beside himself, wife and children, Mr. L. F. Bullis and his sister, Miss Clela Bullis. Word was received that the party accomplished the pass without trouble and arrived in Seattle in due time.

GEORGE LEE TALKS TO RAILROAD MEN

Urges Everybody to Register and Explains Absentee Voting Law

Geo. A. Lee, former chairman of the public service commission and republican candidate for governor, addressed a meeting of the railway trainmen at the Grand Theater last Sunday evening. Mr. Lee emphasized the importance of registering under the provisions of the new quadrennial registration law passed by the last legislature and also explained the provisions of the absentee voting bill enacted by the same legislature. He pointed out that the latter bill will enfranchise many thousands of voters who heretofore have been denied the right to vote because their occupations have compelled them to be away from homes on election day.

Mr. Lee argued that popular government imposes duties and obligations upon its citizens which they must faithfully discharge if they wish to maintain the spirit as well as the forms of democracy. He pointed out the dangers of minority control of elections which, if permitted, leads to the manipulation and control of government by a selfish and designing few to the detriment of the many, and that ultimately the responsibility for whatever evils develop in a popular government such as ours must rest upon the people who fail to take an intelligent interest in their own affairs and faithfully discharge the duties of citizenship.

Mr. Lee also discussed legislation of interest to trainmen and the problems of their particular employment.

Buttermilk Delivered

Call up the Creamery phone 472, and get fresh buttermilk every day. One gallon or more delivered anywhere in the city at 15 cents per gallon.

Talbot West celebrated his twelfth birthday July Fourth by entertaining a number of his little friends. Those present were Vesta Humphreys guest of honor who was also twelve Tuesday, Dorothy Humphreys, Mabel and Pauline Eresch, Florence and Myrtle Clemens, Inez Ewing, Dorothy and Mildred Cline, Mary Guest, Eva Sauer, Vere Kennedy, Welcome Sauer and Mahlon Banks.

Mrs. Irene Gordon, well known here, where she lived two years, was arrested in Wenatchee on the first of this week on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. Mrs. Gordon has employed a Seattle attorney and says she will resist the charge.

The Ladies Aid of the Lutheran church gave a social at the home of Mrs. Chas. Dahlgren in honor of Mrs. Stern wife of Rev. Stern, of Mansfield. Mrs. Stern is making a weeks visit here.

Mrs. Carrie Newman, sister of Mrs. G. W. Hoxie and Mrs. S. E. Ritchie, is here on a visit. Mr. Newman is in the show house business in Seattle and San Francisco.

J. H. Osborn will have charge of the fire lookout station on top of Tunwater mountain, west of town. He plans to have his wife and baby with him most of the time.

G. N. TRAFFIC CLOSED FOR THIRTY-SIX HOURS

Blast Causes Slide—While Removing Obstruction Another Slide Follows Killing Two Workmen

On Monday afternoon, near Embro, two miles west of Tye, the track was blocked by a slide. Henry & McPhee who are erecting snow sheds set off a heavy blast on one of the upper tracks and large rocks rolled down on the lower track covering it. Men were at once set to work removing the obstruction, while so employed a monster slide followed in the track of the first, and before the employes could get out of the way some six or eight were covered up. The slide was sixty feet long and fourteen feet deep. A steam derrick was set to work at each end of the slide, but with the help of all the men that could be employed were over twenty-four hours in clearing the track. All the west bound trains arriving here between 2 a. m. and 4 p. m. July 4th were held up and did not get out until after 12 midnight.

One of the men, John Johnson, foreman, was taken out dead, and four or five injured, one so severely that he afterwards died.

People Are Determined to Have Lower Tax Rates

Persons with bills to go before the legislature or by initiative before the people, involving large expenditures, might as well save themselves trouble as they will not be authorized.

Political crazes and their effect on taxation are being that over by the people as never before and not many more steps in that direction will be taken on this coast in the near future.

The high cost of living and the high cost of government are in a large part due to the development of a trained army of experts, or political pests, called uplift boards, commissions or whatnot.

The average per capita tax in Oregon nearly as high today as in war-ridden Germany and from \$20 per capita to \$60 per capita within a decade on progressive lines.

In 20 years Oregon taxation increased five hundred per cent and the per capita in the three coast states is about the same—all higher than New York. The tax rate should come down 25 per cent.

Cheap capital, with high taxation, will not employ high priced labor, and establishment of new industries will go on very slowly until the average rate of taxation has been reduced considerably.

Cheap capital becomes dear capital when taxes amount to two and a half to three per cent. Low rates of interest are impossible for industrial development or manufacturing enterprises.

It is only the interest-eating mortgage that can live when the cost of government is too high, and the high cost of living can not be reduced with taxation applied in too many forms.

Apple Crop in the Wenatchee District

According to a story in the Wenatchee World of July 3 the 1916 apple yield in that particular section is now placed at 7,300 cars, and the soft fruit at 853 cars. This estimate is based on a report of Fruit Inspector Clawson. So far the weather has been favorable to the development of the valley's most important crop, notwithstanding the spring has seemed unusually cool. The rains of the past three weeks have helped much. The old fashioned Winesap apple is said to promise a large yield.

In this immediate section we are told by apple growers the apple crop will be heavy and the condition first class. Worms are doing some damage in the lower valley but in this vicinity we are told the orchards are practically free from this orchard pest.

Creamery Doubles Last Year's Output

Manager Van Brocklin tells The Echo that the June output of butter made by the Leavenworth Cooperative Creamery approached five thousand pounds very nearly. In addition to this the creamery is supplying all the local dealers with ice cream, making from 100 to 200 gallons per week, dependent upon the weather. So far the butter has been taken by the local market. Just now the contracting firm up the canyon is taking five to six hundred pounds per week.

Leavenworth's Fourth Devoid of Incident

Neither incident nor accident marked the Fourth at this place. The nation's birthday was observed in this town without any demonstration. All the business houses were closed and those who remained here spent the day, which was the most perfect enjoyed this year, in a sane and sensible way. The national colors were in evidence everywhere. The small boy had a good time exploding torpedos, not the large, deafening kind, but a small harmless variety which yet made enough noise to appease the average boy's desire for fireworks. The old-fashioned fire cracker, the cause of many a destructive fire, was entirely absent. A considerable number of Leavenworth people, most of those who own autos, motored to Wenatchee lake, 24 miles distant, a most delightful place to put in a day, where the Lake Wenatchee Inn and the Lake View hotel made preparations to take care of the usual large crowds that go to that resort to spend a holiday. Dancing, boating, bathing and other sports furnished diversion for the crowd. A dance in Firemen's hall, given by the engineers' order, in the evening, was well patronized by the young people of Leavenworth. One very marked and noticeable difference, in comparison with the celebration of holidays in the past was the absence of boisterousness due to drinking. Some fifty-odd spent the day at Wenatchee, where a big celebration was held.

The Law-Making Industry Overworked

Apart from its merits, the volume of our legislation is astounding. Congress and the state legislatures include some 7,000 members. Prof. Dicey, the great British student of Parliamentary activity, has pointed out that congress and our states annually enact more legislation than is proposed in the same period by the combined parliaments of Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Italy and France, representing more than two and a half times our national population. In the last session but one preceding the outbreak of the present war, the British parliament received 547 legislative proposals and enacted 239. The sixty-third congress considered 30,053 bills and joint resolutions and enacted 700. The present congress since meeting in December has received more than 21,000 legislative proposals. Between 1909 and 1916 our state and national assemblies enacted 78,747 new statutes. Forty-three legislatures in session in 1914-15 exceeded the record of any preceding year by passing 16,222 bills, 1,066 of which were vetoed, 15,055 of which became statutes to be printed for the enlightenment of lawyer and layman upon some 43,500 pages. During the past seven years the people of the United States have received an average of 12,000 new statutes per annum, the fruit of probably not less than three quarters of a million legislative proposals, dealing in no small part with production, distribution, finance, in every circumstance of conduct, supervision, employment and organization.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. McKeown, accompanied by Miss Lillian Cruse, of Bellingham, who is here on a visit, drove to Wenatchee on the Fourth.

THE CORRECTION ASKED FOR BY DR. A. R. MCKEOWN

Regarding the Man Jackson Who Was Bro't to the Hospital in an Unconscious Condition

Dr. A. R. McKeown felt that he had not received a square deal in the account given in last week's Echo of the fight of the Finlanders in the west end of town on Thursday afternoon last and called on the editor of The Echo to make a correction this week. A thoro investigation shows the facts to be even less flattering to the Doctor than stated. In this connection we may state that one of the facts of which the Doctor complained is that The Echo did not state that he was employed by Hoy & Co. under a contract agreeing to give medical attention to all the company's employees while in the employ of the company at .50 cents per month. The doctor states that his presence at the east end of town where Jackson, the man who was bro't to the hospital unconscious, and who it was stated he kicked and struck, is accounted for because of his employment by the company. He says the man was lying on the ground in a stupor. Others say he took a book out of his pocket and looked at it and returned it to his pocket, and that the man grabbed his coat and tore it, which is verified by several who saw the trouble. He did not administer any remedy or have the man bro't to town for treatment, tho his ear was lacerated and required two stitches to reduce the cut when later bro't down to the Leavenworth Hospital in an apparently unconscious condition for treatment. Dr. G. W. Hoxsey stated to a representative of this paper that the man was apparently suffering from concussion of the brain. Dr. Judah, in charge of the Leavenworth Hospital, said to a reporter that if the man had been allowed to remain where found all night he would in all probability have died. Dr. Judah also says that Jackson escaped from the hospital between three and four o'clock in the morning while the nurse was temporarily absent from the room, without either shoes, hat or coat, but was later taken in charge by an officer and locked up in the jail.

In reply to Dr. McKeown's charge that his prescription was not on the bottle of whiskey taken from the man Jackson as stated by The Echo last week it is here pointed out that the label pasted on the bottle was copied from the prescription he gave the man on which he obtained the whiskey from Druggist Koerner, as required by law. The Doctor also states that the man's condition was not due to whiskey he drank but Hoffman drops and Zemo, a four ounce sample bottle of which Mr. J. N. Leary took out of his pocket. Dr. McKeown says he had a right to prescribe for Jackson under his contract with Hoy & Co., whiskey for medical purposes. Right here is where the Doctor gets tangled up. Jackson and the other men who procured prescriptions from Dr. McKeown for whiskey stated to the officers that they paid him fifty cents for each prescription. Now, if he prescribed for them as patients of Hoy & Co. he had no right to charge for the prescription as he was paid by the company for taking care of their physical welfare, and the fee of .50 cents was taken out of each employes wages every month for medical services. This statement is confirmed by a representative of Hoy & Co. The men themselves say they had quit the employ of the company Thursday June 29, drew their time and cashed their checks. Dr. McKeown also asked us to go thru the prescriptions issued in the past month and on file with the two druggists of the town, in which whiskey was prescribed. We found on file at Mr. Koerner's drug store between June 11 and 29 twelve prescriptions in which two pints of whiskey were prescribed, sometimes to be taken inwardly with quinine tablets

or other medicine as often as required. Sometimes it was to be rubbed on the body when required. Sometimes the directions were take a wine glass full every three hours. Here Dr. Hoxsey had six prescriptions on file. The quantity of spirits prescribed was never over a pint, sometimes less and was either alcohol or brandy in connection with drugs. At the city drug store Dr. McKeown had eighteen prescriptions on file in which spirits were prescribed. Dr. Judah had three.

This paper holds no brief for any doctor and treats them all alike. If they violate the law or do anything in which the public has an interest or that might be considered news they may depend on it this paper will print the facts without coloring them to hide a truth that may be unpalatable.

Poisonous Plants That Grow In This Locality

Mr. W. W. Eggleston, connected with the Interior department of the government at Washington, making a specialty of botany, was here this week and in co-operation with local forestry department will make a thoro investigation of the effects of poisonous plants on live stock. It is not generally known that every year stockmen lose horses, cattle and sheep on the range thru poisonous plants of one kind or another. The loss of 1000 sheep in this reserve is due to eating poison weeds. A number of these plants are quite common in this locality and because some knowledge of them might be useful to readers of The Echo we are devoting space to their description.

Wild larkspur, of the family delphinium, has a blue flower and makes its appearance early in the spring. The seeds are most poisonous. Sheep either do not eat larkspur in sufficient quantity or are not affected to any great extent by this plant. Horses and cattle, especially the former, are most often affected by eating larkspur.

Death camas, camassia esculenta, is quite common in this locality and is one of the most poisonous of the noxious weeds. It has a yellowish white flower, and resembles what is often called the wild onion. It affects all stock. It is one of the first plants to bloom in the spring.

Lupine, or commonly called horse bean, is another of the noxious weeds common in this locality. The seed, like the larkspur, is the most poisonous.

Water hemlock, a variety of wild parsnip is another poisonous weed that affects range stock. The root of the parsnip contains the poison. There are a number of shrubs that put out green shoots early in the spring that are considered poisonous, generally confined to the higher altitudes.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. McKeown Entertain Bridge Party

One of the largest social functions of the season occurred at the fine home of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. McKeown on River Front avenue last Saturday evening. The rooms were handsomely decorated with cut flowers. Seven tables were devoted to the pastime. Mrs. B. C. Rutherford and Mr. Clarence Campbell won high honors. At a late hour an elaborate luncheon was served. Following is the list of guests: Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams, Miss Mildred Adams, Mr. and Mrs. C. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gardner, Mr. and Mr. H. Kroll-pfeiffer, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hamilton, Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Rudisel, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tegtmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Carlquist, Mr. and Mr. A. R. Brown, Arthur Wilder, Mr. Taylor, Miss Lillian Grue of Bellingham and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilder and daughter motored to Wenatchee on the Fourth and when they returned Mr. Wilder drove a new Reo into town.

Dr. Judah reports a case of diphtheria at the home of N. A. Pearson. Their little daughter having developed the disease.