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FINDING OF NATURAL GAS IN GRANT COUNTY

Causing Stampede—Twenty-Three Miles South of Ephrata—Geologists Say Indications Are Favorable

The original well was discovered by a rancher in digging a well two years ago, he kept his secret so well that it only became public a few days ago. The locality where the original discovery was made in a basin made by the Frenchman hills on the south and the high hills near Ephrata. Iverson dug a well four years ago and failed to find water. About two years ago he concluded to go deeper by boring in the bottom of the old well and went down some forty feet and struck water. It had a peculiar smell and there was evidence of gas. He capped the hole and a few days afterwards found that gas had collected in the hole, and touching a match found that it would burn, throwing up a flame several feet high. Of course the facts finally leaked out and the public got hold of the story.

The excitement has reached that point where thorough investigation will be made before the oil question is given up. It is believed that at a depth of from one thousand to fifteen hundred feet will fully settle the existence of oil. At Alberta, Canada, gas is found at a depth of 250 to 800 feet. In Oklahoma from 1000 to 1700 feet, and in Indiana they have to go to a depth of 2000 feet. The Quincy basin has an elevation of about 1,150 feet above sea level. Interested parties are advised to go to Ephrata and drive about 23 miles south to get into the country affected by the oil excitement.

Now there is a stampede to the southern part of Grant county and land is being taken up by the section and township. Brown, a mineralogist of some repute was at first skeptical about the gas and thought it a fake, but examination of the Iverson well convinced him that the gas came from the bottom of the well. The formation, too, say those who pretend to know, is right. Gas, it is said, is found only in country not capped by basalt. Oil is found in sandstone and shale formations, such as covers the Grant county area. The locality is a shale formation with limestone above, which is another favorable indication. The lime and iron found in this section are still further indications. The mud volcanoes to the east, west and south are indicators of an oil country. Then oil has an affinity for sulphate of soda, much of which chemical exists in this section. Added to the above is the fact that small quantities of coal have been found by digging wells in this vicinity.

Added interest attached to the Grant county well owing to the fact that a similar vein of gas had been struck further south near Hanford some time ago. For years it has been recognized that the conditions through Central Washington were right for oil. An effort was made a year ago to raise money for the purpose of testing out the country for oil there. But no work was ever done. At Hanford a company was organized and on sinking a well struck gas at 500 feet. They are now down 754 with a constantly increasing gas flow. The gas comes up through 500 feet of water. This Hanford well is about 20 miles south of the Grant county well.

Auto Owners Take Notice

Hereafter Ordinance No. 161 as regards traffic on the streets of Leavenworth, will be strictly enforced. Section 21 provides that no muffler shall be cut out or disconnected inside the city limits. If you are not already acquainted with the above ordinance a copy of same can be had for the asking from either the City Clerk or the Chief of Police.

Joe Teshera,
Chief of Police.

Mrs. E. Crocker went to Wenatchee Wednesday bent on a brief visit with friends.

Wenatchee Apples Moving Freely

The Wenatchee World of Wednesday reports the sale of five thousand boxes, the entire crop of apples of the E. F. Cadman orchard, consisting of Winesaps, Spitzenbergs and Delicious, with a considerable quantity of Rome Beauties and Staymans. This is the best price yet recorded for orchard run and was taken by the Wenatchee Produce Co. Sales at from 90c to \$1.05 have been numerous. Marketing indications point to still higher prices. Approximately a half million dollars worth have been sold up to this time.

ACTIVITY ON WENATCHEE VALLEY NORTHERN RAILWAY

Indicates that Logging Will Be Carried on by the Big Mill Company this Fall and Winter

Curiosity was aroused the first of this week when a train went out over the tracks of the Wenatchee Valley Northern railway. Sam Potter, formerly employed by the company to run one of its engines was at the throttle. A bit of investigation developed the fact that the company had engaged to deliver a lot of sheep to the Great Northern road from the end of its track in the Beaver creek valley, some twenty miles west of Leavenworth and to make the road passable several washouts caused by the melting snows of the past winter had to be repaired. Ed Lee, with some twenty men is engaged in making the repairs to the roadbed near the divide between the Chumstick valley and Beaver creek and estimates it will take him two or three weeks. The trestle across the flat is also coming in for some repairs.

An unconfirmed rumor subsists to the effect that the big saw mill company has the double purpose in view of moving the sheep and later on using the road in connection with logging operations to be commenced about the time harvesting is over and carried on thru the winter.

THOMAS-CULROSS MINE IN PRODUCING CLASS NOV. 1

Last of Machinery Left Seattle This Week for Alaska—A Five Ton Power Boat a Part of the Equipment.

Guy A. Hamilton returned from Seattle Tuesday after spending four days there. While there he was in conference with Don M. Thomas the general manager of the company. Because the Thomas family, discoverers and principal owners of the mining property formerly lived here, and also because there are a number of Leavenworth people who own stock in the Thomas-Culross Mining Co., the fact that the company is about to get on the producing basis should prove interesting reading.

On Monday last Mr. Thomas left Seattle in a five ton power boat, the property of the mining company in command of Capt. Don Thomas, a regularly licensed pilot, for Culross island, Port Wells district. He stated to Mr. Hamilton that all the machinery had been bought and the last shipment would leave Seattle this week for Culross island, and that in 60 days the company would begin to earn dividends for the stockholders.

Indorsed by U. of W. Alumni

We, the officers of the University of Washington Alumni Association endorse Harold H. Stewart, candidate for Republican Nomination for State Treasurer, a U. of W. graduate, class '11.

Signed, Wm. C. Speidell, Pres.
Chas. Smith, Vice Pres.
Bernice Sully, Sec.

Tacoma—Bank clearings for July show a gain of almost \$2,000,000 over the same month of last year, and there is an increase of \$7,000,000 for the first seven months of 1916 as compared with the same period of 1915.

A BOOST FOR HOME MADE WASHINGTON PRODUCTS

Washington Manufacturers' and Merchants' Industrial Fair Proved a Great Success.

A tremendous impetus was given Washington industry by the big manufacturers' and merchants' industrial fair which was held in Seattle during the Made-in-Washington week, which closed last Saturday. More than 40,000 people, both from the city and from over the state, visited the fair and viewed the 200 exhibits of goods produced in the state of Washington. Most of these displays are now in the permanent exposition of the Manufacturers' Exhibit and Exchange and may be seen at all times in the Stuart-Henry-White buildings.

Manufacturers, exhibitors and the public pronounced the fair the most successful ever held in the northwest, both as to the range of exhibits and their quality. During the fair there was brought to light the fact that many new industries are developing throughout the state.

All sorts of entertainment was offered those who saw the fair—music, dancing, vaudeville and moving pictures of industrial plants. Scores of demonstrations of Washington goods were in constant progress and thousands of samples were given away.

About 1500 merchants from over the northwest, together with their families, were in the city during the week and a majority of these spent a great deal of time at the fair, carefully inspecting Washington products, and went home determined to do their part in urging people to buy goods made in this commonwealth. Most of the merchants were also guests of the various Seattle manufacturers at their plants.

Mr. Wm. Pigott, president of the Manufacturers' Association, in an interview after the fair said: "The unusual success of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' industrial fair is very gratifying to me. I was frankly but very agreeably surprised, both at the wide extent and variety of exhibits shown, and at the extremely large attendance. However, what pleased me most of all, was the genuine interest apparent in the displays of Washington made goods. Practically every visitor took time to make a minute examination of each exhibit that came at all within his range of curiosity. The constant stream of questions asked of those in charge of the exhibits was, to me, evidence of the success of the fair. The obvious conclusion is that the public has certainly awakened to an appreciation and understanding of this state's manufactures and indicates that the stage has been reached where the Washington manufacturer has won the co-operative encouragement of his neighbors.

War and the Increased Cost of Newspapers

The man who spreads out his morning newspaper at the breakfast table and reads the events of home and abroad does not realize the cost of gathering that news and presenting it. Particularly he does not realize that the far-off war in Europe has still further increased the cost of his daily paper, even tho the war across the ocean and the plant of his favorite paper are separated by several thousands of miles.

Several newspapers in these United States of ours have been compelled to shut up shop because of the increase in the cost of materials. Hundreds of publishers have seen that they had their choice between grabbing a limb or drowning, and the first limb they grabbed was to raise the subscription price.

The action of the Des Moines Capital illustrated the action of publishers throughout the middle west. It announced an immediate increase in its subscription price from \$2 to \$3 and is returning money offered for subscriptions at the old rate. In addition, it is cutting down its exchange list, re-

fusing to send free copies to advertisers and otherwise husbanding its store of white paper.

The cost of job printing, too, has gone skyward. The man who has 500 of 1,000 letterheads printed now will find a big increase in the cost to him over the price of a year ago. That increase does not represent an increase in the profit of the printer. In fact, even with that increase the printer is probably making less profit than he did a year ago under the old and lower price.

Porous times indeed are these for printers and publishers of every kind. Print paper is not the only source of trouble. Metal used in linotypes has advanced 100 per cent. Ink rollers have made a jump of 50 per cent. And this only begins to tell the tale.

ANOTHER \$6,300 TO BE SPENT ON BLEWETT ROAD

Additional Money Appropriated by the Forestry Department—Work to Be Done This Year

By Forest Supervisor Sylvester we are informed that additional sum of \$6,300 becomes available for the improvement of this popular mountain road. This, with the \$8,000 appropriated the past winter, makes \$14,300 that the forestry department has set aside for the betterment of a mountain pass that every day is becoming more popular with tourists and travelers in going from the eastern to the western, or from the western to the eastern part of the state of Washington. Of the total sum approximately \$8,000 will be spent on the Chelan county side and the balance on the Kittitas county side. At this time the forestry department is engaged on a stretch of road on the Chelan county side between the old Blewett mill and the summit. Within the next two weeks they will begin, if men can be had, on a stretch of road on the Kittitas county side between the Mountain home ranch, at the foot of the climb, and the stretch of road completed last fall by the authorities of Kittitas county. By the middle of next summer at least 10 miles of new road with a minimum grade of 5 per cent will have been constructed on the Blewett route by the Forestry Service and the two counties.

In conversation with Forest Supervisor Sylvester one day this week he said he had recently made a trip over the Snoqualmie pass and was pleased and delighted with the road and the scenery along the route. He believes the road will be more generally used and become more popular every year. He says in scenic wonders the northwest has a great asset. The scenery on the upper reaches of the Icicle canyon equals, if it does not surpass the famous Yosemite valley valley of California.

Public the Goat in R. R. Trouble

According to the latest information the trouble between the railroads and their employees may be considered as settled. The committee from the railroads has tentatively agreed to the eight hour proposition on condition that the president use his influence with the Interstate Commerce Commission to permit an increase in railroad rates. The railroads also ask that congress create a permanent board of arbitration to settle all disputes growing out of the labor question on lines similar to those now in force under the Canadian government.

Under this arrangement the railroad employees will get practically what they have contended for, the railroads will be reimbursed for the additional cost and the public will foot the bill.

Notice to Water Users

When alarm of fire is given please shut off all taps under penalty of fine. By order of Water Commissioner. 31st

Seattle—County motorcars used as jitneys for fares is latest. Drivers pocket the money.

A POLITICAL SAPHEAD UNHORSED BY RECORD

A. O. Burmeister, Tacoma, Makes Charge Against Poindexter that Record Fails to Prove

Nobody will disagree with the assertion that a man who makes a charge against a public officer, contrary to the record, stands convicted of being a saphead. That's what A. O. Burmeister of Tacoma, has been convicted of. In his zeal to aid the candidacy of Mr. Humphrey, candidate for United States senator, he made the statement that August 1, 1911 Senator Poindexter voted against an amendment proposed by his colleague, Senator Jones, and therefore he was opposed to a tariff on shingles.

Somebody dug up the record and found that Senator Poindexter did vote against a certain amendment proposed by Senator Jones, but on this particular amendment Mr. Poindexter had such rock-ribbed tariff republicans for company as Senator Root of New York, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Senator Smoot of Utah, Senator Townsend of Michigan, and Senator Stephenson, one of the biggest lumbermen in this country.

Senator Jones himself, and five other Senators and no more, voted for the Jones amendment.

It is a further fact that the 1911 session of congress never passed any tariff law at all. The senate was republican and the house democratic, making a deadlock.

In 1909, the Payne-Aldrich tariff law was passed. In 1913, the Underwood bill was passed.

In 1909, Jim Tawney of Minnesota, a rank standpatter, introduced an amendment for free lumber. Senator Poindexter voted against that, and voted FOR a tariff on lumber.

In 1913, Senator Poindexter, introducing an amendment himself to provide a tariff on lumber, spoke for it, fought for it, and voted for it.

The record is plain. Anyone can find it in the Congressional Record.

After the recent publication of fake letters for political purposes, it is not surprising that some editors give prominence to the deranged effusion of the loosed Tacoman.

L. P. Beecher Starts Something

One day the past week Mr. S. P. Beecher, a Peshastin fruit grower returned from the head of Snow creek with a number of trout that in size resembled Puget Sound salmon. He exhibited the fish and said he caught them in a small lake on the head of Snow creek where three years ago he planted some young fish. Devotees of the art of fishing have one consuming desire, which is to catch the biggest fish, and exhibit them to excite the envy of other devotees of the art. Mr. Lorange, of the Cash store, Bob Henry, William Frank and C. W. Kempter, all with a reputation yet to make, left last Sunday, for the place where big fish are reported to abound equipped with everything necessary to ensnare a fish. They returned but neither had anything to say about fish, either big or little. Neither did they show any fish. Finally the truth leaked out. They never had a bite. Never saw a fish, and say Mr. Beecher never planted any trout in the lakes, and the fish he exhibited were shipt from Seattle.

Did you ever go fishing and climb rocks and up steep mountain slopes eight or ten miles and never get a bite? If you have you know about how the quartette of fishermen felt last Sunday evening when they returned to the city.

Notice to Voters

For the benefit of those who cannot find time to register during working hours, City Clerk Brown will keep the registration books open Saturday night, Aug. 26th, and Thursday night Aug. 31st, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock.

L. A. E.'s Meet

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Engineers met last Thursday with a fair number out. As so many are still away on their vacations they expect to have meetings every first and third Thursday in the month from now on. After a strenuous afternoon they hid themselves to Wheeler's where a sundae and cakes made them feel they were glad to be there. Absent members please take notice, the inspector is due here the fore part of October so please come out.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening considerable important business was transacted. An ordinance which was introduced, if passed, will implicate the buyer of liquor as well as the peddler. The 1917 budget will require \$11,637.06 for expenditures in the several departments of the city for the coming year.

A small number of bills were allowed, amounting to \$503.75. The salary of city employes for August, \$417.50, being the larger part of the bills.

A cabin was ordered built at the intake of the water system for the use of a watchman this winter.

The clerk was ordered to notify all parties to repair unsafe sidewalks, and fences and other property.

The building committee was ordered to investigate the necessity of replanking the viaduct, with power to act.

The ordinance prohibiting the purchase of liquor, as introduced, reads as follows:

First. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to purchase within the City of Leavenworth any intoxicating liquor or liquors of any kind whatsoever except the same be purchased under a prescription provided by a physician.

Second. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to have in his, her or their possession in any public place or on any street or alley within the City of Leavenworth, any intoxicating liquors whatsoever without a legal sale or purchase record thereof, showing that the liquor was procured under a proper permit or that it was procured under a proper prescription obtained within three days of the date that such record and permit or prescription is exhibited.

Third. All liquors sold legally by druggists must carry a proper label indicating the prescription under which it was filled, giving the number of the prescription and the date it was filled.

Fourth. It shall be unlawful for any person to accept within the City of Leavenworth a gift of any intoxicating liquors unless such gift is under a Doctor's prescription and the package or bottle is properly marked indicating the prescription and the date it was filled.

Fifth. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or transport from one place to another within the City of Leavenworth or from any place outside of the city to any point within the City of Leavenworth any intoxicating liquor whatsoever that has not been procured under a proper and legal permit or under a Doctor's prescription; and the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to examine or hold for examination any packages, goods, boxes, cases, barrels or other thing in which he suspects intoxicating liquor is being carried.

Sixth. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons whatsoever to drink any intoxicating liquor of any kind whatsoever in any pool room, confectionery store, soft drink establishment, drug store or in any public place whatsoever, in the City of Leavenworth.

Seventh. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons operating or conducting a pool room, confectionery store, soft drink establishment, drug store or any place of business whatsoever to permit any person or persons to drink any intoxicating liquors in any such place.

Eighth. Any person or persons violating any of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and in the event any person or persons violating any of the terms or conditions of this Ordinance conduct any place of business within the City of Leavenworth under a license, such license shall be forthwith cancelled.

On Monday last, in the absence of Magistrate Graham, Mayor Day dealt out justice to a moral delinquent who hailed from Dryden, and gave the name of McPherson. He had been guilty of imbibing too frequently of the forbidden cup that cheers. He paid for his indiscretion \$5 and costs.

Mrs. D. C. Town visited with relatives in Cashmere this week and then went to Wenatchee to meet Mr. Town who returned from the Okanogan country where he spent a week.

For Sale—Almost new, Home Comfort range. Household necessities, saddle and disc records. Reasonable. C. W. Ellinger. 33