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IN THE WENATCHEE VALLEY—HOME OF THE BIG RED APPLE—WHERE DOLLARS GROW ON TREES

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CRASH COMES IN THE AFFAIRS OF H. G. BOHLKE

RESIGNS FROM WENATCHEE DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE AS- SOCIATION; UNABLE TO RAISE MONEY.

According to the Wenatchee World, H. G. Bohlke has found it necessary to resign the presidency and sever all official connections with the Wenatchee District Co-Operative Association, and it is said that he may make an assignment of all his assets in favor of his creditors. This news is learned with deep regret by everyone in the whole Wenatchee district, for Mr. Bohlke's operations have in the past been considered of great value to all fruit growers throughout this whole region, and had he been able to weather the financial storm it was expected that his experience and ability as an organizer would have been worth in the future many fold of what it had been in the past. As it is, hundreds of ranchers throughout this section will be heavy losers, unless his resources have been conserved and eventually enable him to pay out on the fruit handled during the past year. Financial institutions in the upper part of the valley are not directly affected. Following is the report of the matter as given by Tuesday's World:

Statement of Frank Reeves

Mr. Frank Reeves, general counsel for the Wenatchee District Co-Operative Association, was authorized by its executive board to make the following statement:

"Mr. Bohlke has resigned as president and director of the association, and the same has been accepted by the executive board. He was disappointed in not being able to raise money in the east to fulfill his own personal obligations and therefore took the broad view that under such circumstances his connections with the association in any official capacity should be severed. His action was both manly and courageous, and those who have heretofore worked with him in association matters sincerely regret that the vicissitudes of fickle fortune have been so harsh in their treatment of him.

"At a conference Monday Mr. Bohlke stated he had decided he would turn over all property of every kind, including not only apples, but warehouses and ranches for the benefit of all creditors and plans are now being worked out whereby it is hoped that ultimately creditors will be fully paid. Mr. Bohlke himself will probably have a definite statement to make in a day or two."

Announcement is made today that H. G. Bohlke has resigned as president and director of the Wenatchee District Co-Operative Association and that he will make an assignment of all his assets in favor of his creditors, being unable to meet his obligations.

Mr. Bohlke returned from New York Sunday and Monday afternoon he attended a special meeting of the executive committee of the association held in the offices here. He announced that he had failed to secure the funds necessary to make payments to growers as provided in an agreement entered into during the latter part of February when the growers contracted to accept a reduction of 25 cents per box in consideration of payment being made March 15, April 1 and May 1.

In view of this fact, he tendered his resignation as president and as director of the association, in order that the organization should not be embarrassed by his failure.

He also stated that he was prepared to turn over all his holdings for the benefit of his creditors, to be administered by them in any manner deemed most advisable.

A complete statement of the assets and liabilities of the Bohlke Fruit Company is now being made and this will be submitted to a meeting of all the growers who sold their fruit to the company, to be held in the Wenatchee Commercial Club Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The property to be turned over consists of equities in about 325 acres of bearing orchard in the vicinity of Dryden, Cashmere and Trinidad together with tools, buildings, boxes, paper and other supplies, the two modern warehouses purchased one year ago from the Cashmere Apple Co. at Cashmere and Wenatchee, and all unsold apples consisting of about 150 cars, as well as accounts due on

DR. LESSING TAKES OVER HOSPITAL.

Dr. Lessing, who arrived here last Wednesday evening, has taken over the hospital and can be found there, as he will have his office in the building.

The doctor says that he had an eventful trip coming up from Bend, Oregon. The roads were in a frightful condition in many places and he had to make detours in a couple places after having gone long stretches out of his way, at one place making his way to the top of a pass only to find it necessary to turn back.

The doctor's family will remain at Bend until the end of the school year, when they will join him here, provided he is able to secure a suitable residence.

Dr. Lessing seems to be a progressive and thorough practitioner. He is not a stranger to Leavenworth, however, having often been here during his residence in Seattle, and he had many old friends to welcome him to his new field.

RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC LAW.

Cashmere Record: Without fear, favor or discrimination the traffic ordinance of the town of Cashmere is to be enforced, and those who are inclined to "step on it" are going to have to tell it to the judge. Marshal Patterson has gathered in eight in the past few days and Judge Stanford has assessed fines of \$15 in most instances.

The strict letter of the law is also on as regards parking, open mufflers, lights and licenses. Ignorance of the law or local regulations is not to be accepted as an excuse.

Speed limit in the municipality as defined by ordinance is 12 miles per hour.

SURE WAS.

"I notice that at your picnic last night the spoons were all marked with strings or something tied around the handles."

"Sure—that was community silver."

SEWER OUTLETS EXPOSED BY LOW WATER IN POND

EXTENSIONS SHOULD BE COM- PLETED AT ONCE BY ALL OWNERS OF PRIVATE SEWERS EMPTYING INTO POND.

The lowering of the water in the mill pond at Leavenworth has left a number of sewers with their outlets high above the water and this has caused the city considerable concern, because of the probability that the water may be continued at the low level permanently. The city has had the city-built sewers extended into the water so that they are not exposed, and it is likely that owners of private sewers have been or will be notified to extend the others. If this has not been done it should, in our opinion, be attended to at once, everyone co-operating with the authorities to the end that no fatal emergency may arise, for it is probable that if the dam should go out with the high water sure to come within a few weeks, it is not likely that it will ever be replaced.

It is expected that the gates at the dam will be closed within a short time, as this will be necessary before the saw mill starts operations for the summer, and this is another reason why the sewer outlets should be extended at once—so that in the emergency of the dam going out the sewage will still be lead to the water.

applies already sold and not yet paid for.

Liabilities include the amounts due growers for fruit purchased during the past season, estimated at about \$700,000, other current bills payable, and the indebtedness on orchard and warehouse property.

It is expected that a complete statement of the financial affairs of the company will be submitted at the meeting of growers to be held Saturday April 2 in the Wenatchee Commercial Club rooms, at 2 p. m. It is the intention to work out some plan whereby the affairs of the company can be placed in the hands of a committee of creditors, who will have power to administer the assets in such a way as to secure the best possible results.

SOUTH SEA SAVAGES REVEALED ON FILM AT GRAND THEATRE

APRIL 4 AND 5 MANAGER BAR- CLAY WILL SHOW ONE OF THE MOST ASTOUNDING PIC- TURES EVER FILMED.

The picture, "Shipwrecked Among Cannibals," is the most unexpected, the most thrilling and the most hair-raising achievement ever recorded by the motion picture camera.

This picture is in 200 scenes, none of which is staged. The entire enterprise was the result of a shipwreck and the rescue of two noted camera men and subsequent abode in a land strange to the ways of civilization. A land where children's only toys are human skulls, where the bones of a thousand men attest a thousand feasts.

Where human flesh is the daily menu, where woman's bodies are gnashed and slashed to enhance their beauty, where a baby's face looks thirty years old and where nature offers a living demonstration of the depths from whence we came.

You can't afford to miss this stupendous production at the Grand on Monday and Tuesday April 4 and 5.

STATE NEWS.

The Wenatchee Commercial Club has taken a decided stand against the project to form a new state from counties of Washington east of the Columbia River and counties in the Pan Handle of Idaho. In reply to a letter from the Spokane Chamber of Commerce favoring the project the trustees of the Wenatchee Club voted unanimously in opposition to the project and the secretary was instructed to reply to the letter as follows:

"This proposition met with the unanimous disapproval of our organization. The board has instructed me to write as emphatically as possible opposing any such procedure.

"Some of the objections are that the creation of the new state would involve a new administration, new capital building, erection of new state institutions and an endless duplication of expense.

"Another objection is that it would be years before the people of the East would realize that Spokane, Wenatchee and other centers were no longer in Washington, but in Lincoln; and we are very well satisfied with the present state of Washington.

"If it were put to a vote I am satisfied that it would be almost unanimously opposed by the people of the Wenatchee district."

In her cooled space the steamship Kinderdijk of the joint service of the Holland America Line and Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, carried 25,000 boxes of Washington apples from Seattle to European ports when she sailed for Hamburg March 14. The vessel also loaded a large shipment of lumber, grain flour, canned salmon and general cargo at Seattle and Tacoma.

The cost of operating the government of the state of Washington has increased 260 per cent in the ten years between 1911 and 1921. In that same period the population increased only 18.6 per cent, while the taxable wealth, which bears the cost of government, increased only 31.7 per cent. In other words the cost of government has increased eight times as rapidly as the income producing property which must carry the burden. This explains in a word the tax problem of the state of Washington, and points the way toward its only constructive solution, which is to increase the taxable wealth of the state, says a bulletin just issued by Thomas B. Hill, executive secretary of the Washington State Land Settlement Association.

The Washington State Land Settlement Association has only one purpose in view, to increase the taxable wealth of the state through development of the natural resources. This association would direct its efforts towards development of the one resource which will bring the most rapid and the most substantial results. This resource is the potentially productive unused lands of the state, the reclamation and settlement of which will go far toward solving the taxation problem.

Ted Walton left Monday afternoon to visit his folks at Spokane.

CANTATA DREW A CROWDED HOUSE SUNDAY EVENING

LOCAL PEOPLE GIVE A SPLEN- DID ENTERTAINMENT, CALL- ING FORTH PRAISE OF EVERY- ONE PRESENT.

The writer has long been a booster for home talent entertainments, believing that they provide the best and most wholesome diversions to be had, and with the presentation of every such attraction we have felt that our opinion was endorsed.

Since attending the Easter Sunday cantata it is felt that this attitude and opinion has again been endorsed, for the cantata was such a signal success in point of merit and drew such a crowd of home folks that no doubt can remain as to the desirability of home productions as against the traveling show, for though no admission fee was charged, a collection was taken and this ran well up, so that, while it was not nearly so large as if all had paid the usual admission, it still shows that not many went just because they got in free.

M. Rumohr presided and after the singing of the national anthem, the program as outlined in last week's Echo was carried out, and each number met with the commendation of all, and, as Mr. Rumohr stated, everyone felt that another such program would be heartily appreciated by the community.

Mrs. C. E. Curtis deserves especial credit for her unselfish and energetic work in promoting the enterprise. To mention each participant and say all the nice things we should like to, would require too much space and require more adjectives than we have at our command.

MR. GOMPERS IS RIGHT.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor stoutly refuses to be bulldozed by the radical labor element that is clamoring for closer and industrial relations with the Russian soviet government. About 60 central labor organizations and locals have gone on record as opposing his anti-bolshevik policy. Mr. Gompers unminutely terms them "unpatriotic Americans," and says "it is past understanding how American citizens can bring themselves to aid and comfort a propaganda that has for its purpose the destruction of the trade labor movement in America and overthrow of our republic."

As Mr. Gompers points out, trade relations with Russia were normally resumed in July, 1920, with the removal of the embargo, and today there is no obstacle in the way of the Russian people dealing with the United States as far as the latter are concerned.

That fact is corroborated by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who said in a public statement last week that "there has been no prohibition on trade for a long time so far as exchange of commodities is concerned. Trade is open through the Baltic states and Italy has been trading in the south. The real blockade has been the failure of the Russians to produce anything except gold and platinum to trade with."

And the bolshevik gold is "tainted." It is stolen wealth, extorted from its rightful owners through horrifying atrocities, and its title under challenge by the French government.

Mr. Gompers knows his grounds. He is well informed on Russian conditions, the tyranny of the soviet government over Russian labor, and the wild vagaries of the communistic idea. Moreover, he is entirely safe in his stand against the element in organized labor that is in sympathy with those vagaries, for he will be supported by an overwhelming majority of the trade union membership under the American Federation of Labor.

NOTICE.

The week of April 1921 from the 4th to the 9th, inclusive, is hereby declared as cleanup week in and for the City of Leavenworth, Wash., and I most respectfully request and expect the co-operation of the residents, one and all, in the cleanup of all streets and alleys, the deposits of refuse and garbage therefrom in suitable receptacles (boxes, barrels, etc.) and placed where they will be convenient for collection by vehicles provided by the city on Friday and Saturday of said week.

A. BLOMEKE,
Mayor.

WANT COUNTY JOBS FOR MARRIED MEN.

Cashmere Record: A petition is being circulated and signed in Cashmere asking the county commissioners to give employment in their public work to married men with families, rather than to single men. It is set forth that most of the employees of the county, particularly in this road district, are single men, and many of them foreigners at that.

The petition also cites that work is needed by the married men as a matter of necessity, while in many instances the single men employed have bank accounts and do not need the work.

THE STRENGTH OF THE IRISH

A young lady was crossing the ocean once and having been ill herself, started to sympathize with an Irishman in the second cabin, who apparently was having a very active time.

Laying her hand gently on the Irishman's shoulder, she gently said: "I am very sorry you are so ill, my good man. Your stomach is only weak, that's all."

"Wake stummick nawthin'!" answered the Irishman. "O'im throwin' as fur as anny man on this side of the ship, mum."

BOND CALL.

Notice is hereby given that Bond No. 3 of Leavenworth Improvement District No. 4 is hereby called for payment on April 17, 1921, on which date interest will cease to accrue.

R. F. TAYLOR,
City Treasurer.

APPRECIATION.

We wish to thank the people of Leavenworth and vicinity for their kindness and help during the time our daughter was missing.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Smith.

THE MORE THE NOISIER.

"The verri best music I effer heard whateffer was down at Jamie MacLaughlan's," said the piper. "There was fifteen of us pipers in the wee back parlour, all playin' different chunes. I thoct I was floatin' in heevin'."

EASTER SUNDAY AN IDEAL DAY IN THIS SECTION

CALM AND BRIGHT, THE WARM- EST SO FAR THIS SEASON. EVERYBODY OUT TO ENJOY THE SPRING AIR.

Easter Sunday was an ideal day in this section of the state and will long be remembered as perhaps the most perfect Easter day within the ken of most of us, reminding one of that calm and holy atmosphere that saved history impresses on the careful reader of the resurrection.

The morning services in the different churches drew crowded houses and in the afternoon everyone took advantage of the warmth and sunshine to get out in the open, hundreds going for auto rides and other hundreds for walks, while still others, believing in the phrase, "the better the day, the better the deed," busied themselves in putting in seeds and plants and otherwise enhancing their home grounds.

TOO MANY TAXEATERS.

The new state administrative board, which is installed today at the capitol, gives places to forty-five people, including heads sub-heads, clerks and stenographers, and this in addition to the regular officers of other well-governed states. It looks to us as if this state has a top-heavy government; that the overhead expenses are about twice that necessary, for all these officials and underlings are paid and paid well out of the taxes imposed on every business and industry. The object in enacting the law providing for the administrative board was stated to be to do away with a lot of boards and commissions, which, presumably, were eating too big a hole in the state's income. If the object as stated has been obtained, we had better start right in again by calling the legislature into special session and enact another law to form a smaller administrative board to do away with the present one; and so on until the taxeatere are reduced to what may be properly termed a respectable number.

SMITH GIRL CAME BACK AND HID IN CLOSET

ONE NIGHT IN THE COLD ENOUGH FOR NINE-YEAR-OLD AND SHE THEN SOUGHT BET- TER SHELTER.

Last Thursday evening (just after the Echo had been mailed) Laurene Smith, who was reported as missing, was found in a room of the Anderson hotel where she and her mother had been living, by W. E. Herriman and the Davises, and she tells the following story, according to Mrs. Davis and others:

Laurene had decided that she did not want to stay at the hotel and left on Tuesday afternoon and spent the night under an overhanging rock on the river bank a couple hundred yards below the east bridge (where her coat and other articles were found) and on Wednesday morning at Daybreak she was so cold that she returned to the hotel and went into a small linen closet under the stairway on the second floor in which brooms, et cetera, were kept. She remained in this closet all day but slept Wednesday night in room number four, returning to the closet in the morning, slipping out when no one was around and dodging back when she thought she might be seen. In the afternoon Mr. Harriman, who sometimes prepared his own meals in his room, left some bread and honey in the room and when he returned in the evening it was gone. He reported it to Mr. Davis and they began searching about the house. Laurene had gone into No. 4 at this time and locked the door and when Mrs. Davis found the door locked her suspicions were aroused. Laurene would not answer her attempts to find out whether she was within, and Mr. Davis went outside and managed to peer in through a window and saw her. The door was then forced and she was found under the bed. She had taken the bread and honey and made her dinner from it. Although she stayed a considerable of the time in the closet, the door of which is held shut by a latch on the outside, which she was able to work with a small clasp used to hold her hair, she got well back under the stairs and was out of sight of anyone who should open the door, and she said the door was often opened by the hotel attendants in taking and returning brooms, etc.

When she was discovered, Sheriff Forsyth, who had just returned home, was called and she told him her story, substantially as given above, according to our information.

We understand that Laurene is to be placed in a home at Seattle.

WHAT THE AMERICAN LEGION IS FOR.

Its purposes are set forth wonderfully well in the Preamble to its Constitution:

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one-hundred-per-cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

DIED AT SPOKANE.

Little Anabelle Johnson, daughter of Mr. A. C. Johnson of Leavenworth, died last Friday morning at the home of her mother in Spokane, whither she had gone for a visit. Shortly after reaching Spokane she was taken ill with the dreaded diphtheria and all that the skill of modern physicians could do failed to save her.

The little remains were laid to rest at Spokane on Saturday after a private funeral notable for the floral tributes sent in by friends and relatives from far and near. Anabelle was but five years old and it seems especially sad that one so young should be cut down by the Grim Reaper in such a ruthless manner. The bereaved relatives have the deepest sympathy of all in their great sorrow.