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## COUNTY WINS TAX PAYMENTS

GOVERNMENT TO PAY ON THE INDIAN ALLOTMENTS IN STEVENS COUNTY

Justness of Claims Put Forth By Counties Is Recognized by Congress

Taxes on Indian allotments in Stevens and Ferry counties will be paid by the government, according to the Jones amendment to the annual Indian appropriation bill which has recently passed congress.

A letter from Congressman J. Stanley Webster, dated Feb. 4, states: "I am very happy to be able to report to you that Senator Jones was successful in causing to be inserted in H. R. 11368 a bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the bureau of Indian affairs, and for other purposes, an amendment which reads as follows: 'The secretary of the interior is authorized and directed to investigate and report to congress on or before the first Monday of December, 1920, as to the right of Stevens and Ferry counties in the state of Washington, to the payment of taxes on allotted Indian lands under existing law and to state the amount, if any, to which each of said counties is entitled.'

"Through a little boosting on my part the house conferees receded from their disagreement to this amendment and today the conference report was agreed to in the house containing the above amendment. I have conferred with Senator Jones and he feels, as I do, that this will enable us to secure an appropriation covering the amount found to be due at the short session of congress which will convene on the first Monday of December, 1920."

Thus ends successfully a five-year contest the two counties have made.

In 1914 the attention of the commissioners of both counties was called to a clause in an act opening the North Half of the Colville reservation, providing that taxes on the Indian allotments could be paid out of the fund produced by the sale of nonallotted lands. The allotments were approved in 1910, and no taxes had ever been paid on them. They were the choicest land in their respective localities, and the homesteaders who came later and took the remaining land, which was greatly inferior, have been obliged to build the roads, support the schools, and in fact, bear the entire expense of taxation for the benefit of the Indians as well as themselves.

Early in 1915 the county commissioners of Stevens and Ferry counties decided to try to secure taxes for the Indian allotments from the government. They employed the best special legal and other expert assistants for the purpose. Preparing the details of the claims required over seven months, and records of hearings and rehearings before the bureaus at Washington would make too long a story.

Representatives of the counties who were pushing the claims were continually encouraged by the fact that on these hearings officers of the Indian bureau and of the Indian department never questioned the justice and fairness of the contention of the counties, but took the ground that there was not sufficient authority of law to permit them to make the payment.

The matter was recently called especially to the attention of Senator Wesley L. Jones and of Congressman J. Stanley Webster, who were fully convinced that the counties were entitled to the relief asked, and with the consistent effort of the Indian bureau and of the department of the interior, won out.

Payment of these taxes will be a direct benefit to every taxpayer in both counties.

### SCHEDULE OF THE COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 22—Washington's birthday. Legal holiday.
- March 4, 5, 6—Teachers' examinations, Colville.
- March 5—Pomona grange, Pleasant Valley.
- March 6—Annual election of school directors.
- Mar. 15—Last day to pay income tax.
- April 27—Republican state convention, Bellingham.
- June 8—Republican national convention, Chicago.
- June 28—Democratic national convention, San Francisco.

## The Influenza Epidemic Considered Under Control

The flu ban in Colville will be released at 8 a. m. next Monday. City Health Officer Dr. J. W. Henderson believes that the crest of the influenza epidemic has passed, and that with reasonable precautions there need be no further fear. All public gatherings have been closed for three weeks.

There has been no quarantine in the county, but Dr. I. S. Clark, county health officer, has advised that such communities as found themselves engulfed in an epidemic should close the schools and cease public gatherings. This has been done in many districts by the local officials.

Some of the physicians have placarded influenza and pneumonia homes, not as a quarantine, but as a warning. This has proved a beneficial move in many cases, preventing people from exposure, and warn-

ing people away from homes where there was serious illness and where visitors were not especially needed. It has been noted this year that very few people who had the influenza last year suffered a repetition this year. The efficacy of inoculation is still debatable, but physicians agree that inoculation is a reasonable preventive, some finding the preventive qualities running from 50% to 90% and even higher. As an absolute certainty it has not attained the standing of death and taxes, but the researches of the medical world have been engaged upon this line for more than a year, and it is possible that a tabulation may be possible soon.

Considerable pneumonia has quickly followed influenza this year, in some cases of a most virulent type, but in most cases amenable to careful treatment.

## Jobs Open for Business People

Saturday, March 6, being the first Saturday in March, is the date fixed by law for the annual election of school directors. The time of opening and closing of polls is generally fixed at 1 and 7 p. m., but voters should make certain to learn the exact hours in each school district.

In Colville, the common school board is composed of Dr. J. W. Henderson, Atty. F. Leo Grinstead, Quinn W. McCord. Dr. Henderson has served his full term of three years, and his successor must be elected. Mr. McCord is filling the unexpired term of C. T. Winslow, and his successor must be elected. Mr. Grinstead's term of office has not expired.

Dr. Henderson has given faithful attention to the work of the board, and has practically a perfect record for attendance at meetings. However, he has attended many of these meetings on Saturday afternoons when his office was filled with people waiting to see him, and he states that while he has taken pleasure in

the work and with his associates on the board, he can not in justice to his practice be a candidate to succeed himself, and absolutely declines to serve again.

Mr. McCord has only served a short time on the board, but it is believed that he is a man who can serve with credit upon the board, and will be urged to be a candidate. Hayward O. Bair has been named as a citizen who will be asked to consider a candidacy.

The work of the board for the next few years will be largely of a financial nature, a serious problem being presented to handle the indebtedness and at the same time keep the school operative at increased costs. Some of the best business talent of the city is needed on the board to solve the financial problems, and for the good of the community there should be no other thought in view at the election than to secure trained business talent for the personnel of the board. If this is not done, the taxpayers and the business interests of Colville will have to suffer.

## Building Operations for Main Street to Start Soon

Carl Buchanan and Grover Graham have purchased from Hugh Waddell all of lot 18 and from Mrs. Mary Crombie the south 20 feet of frontage of lot 19 in block 12 of the original town of Colville and will begin, immediately the weather conditions will permit, the construction of a modern basement and superstorey brick building with a fifty-foot frontage on Main street. The new building will be modern in style and appointments, and will have an arcade front. Three business apartments will be arranged, one of which will be occupied by Mr. Graham with his drug store, one by the Ladies' Shop, and the remaining one by That Noby Shop over which Mr. Buchanan will preside. It is expected that the new building will be finished by June 15. The consideration of the transfer has not been disclosed, but the general plan of cost of grounds and construction will involve a sum in excess of \$20,000.

### PREDICT EARLY SPRING THROUGH THIS LOCALITY

The government trappers who have been operating in Stevens county during the winter come forward with the prediction of an early spring, basing their reasons upon the fact that the coyotes will bear their young this year at least six weeks earlier than usual. This taken with the statement made by the butchers that the forward end of the "melt" of the hog in early winter was unusually large as compared with the posterior portion of that organ should settle the question.

### EXAMINER STORY ON BEES ATTRACTS SOME ATTENTION

C. Tillery of Kenewick was attracted to Stevens county by the Examiner's bee story last week and writes to the county agriculturist that he is a beekeeper on a large scale and can furnish bees to prospective apiarists at the price of \$15 per colony. Thus the newspaper helps. In this case it is made known that bees find in Stevens county a natural habitat; that bees may be had for the stocking of the backyard enterprise of the farm and the city lot; and, lastly,

where and what price they may be obtained. A hive of bees is easily transported by express. An examination of the records of the county agent of Stevens county discloses that there are at least 40 persons employed in the nurturing of bees, and the owners of the bees disclose the fact there is money in the enterprise. The health departments in the various large centers tell us that honey is one of the most healthful of all foods, that it furnishes the sweets which are so craved by the human system and that it may be consumed without the risk of adulterations so much complained of in sugar and its products. So, here we are in the presence of a golden opportunity in a land of milk and honey full of the promise of fortune to those who will help a good thing along. There are reports that the Beekeepers association of the Inland Empire plans to exploit the opportunities and advantages of the most favored districts of Eastern Washington in the promotion of the raising of bees, and it would be well for a beekeeper's convention to be scheduled at Colville at a seasonable date in the early spring.

### IT USUALLY WORKS

When Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York he asked an applicant for a position on the force: "If you were ordered to disperse a mob what would you do?" "Pass around the hat, sir" was the reply.

### SHE KNEW THE SYMPTOMS

"Madam," announced the new maid, "your husband is lying unconscious in the reception hall, with a large box beside him and crushing a paper in his hand."

"Ah," cried her mistress in ecstasy, "my new hat has come."

Farm Loan associations at the beginning of the year numbered 3,923 and the number of loans made since organization of the Federal Farm Loan banks has been 111,131, the total amount being 296 million dollars.

## COAL PROSPECT NEAR BOSSBURG

PROPERTY BEARING STRONG EVIDENCES OF COAL TO BE DEVELOPED

Showing Has Been Known for Many Years, but Heretofore No Effort Made to Develop

Alexander Morrison and his associates who have taken options on a large tract of land near Bossburg, which show a strong outcropping of coal, have financed an enterprise to develop the property. The lands lie about two miles north of the Bonanza mine and the deposit which has excited some interest of prospectors at times during the past 30 years shows a distinct vein of fine coal.

The stringer, not much thicker than one's hand, comes to surface under a heavy stratum of concrete, better known to prospectors as conglomerate, and rises on an incline of about 20 degrees from a level. The vein, according to Mr. Morrison, is identical in most of its characteristics with the formation bearing coal in some of the largest and most productive fields. The country is rough but quite easily accessible. A camp has been established and a force of three men will be employed at once to open the property. Additional men will be put on as soon as room can be made for them to work conveniently.

A developed coal producer in this part of Stevens county would mean much to the prosperity of the towns in the northern part of the county and especially those in the Colville valley where the inclination seems to be to boost the price of fuel both foreign and domestic. Colville, itself, is becoming quite a consumer of coal which is shipped, in some cases, over a thousand miles. The Bossburg coal is said to be of the finest quality and will find a ready market when once placed on the market.

### SHAKESPEARE, THE FLU THE NEAR EAST RELIEF (By the Occasional Visitor)

Old Will Shakespeare had the gift for expressing whatever he had on his mind. He always got his idea across. And he got quite a few thoughts out of his system in his day. Some of his remarks sound so modern, almost slang. For instance, he makes Macbeth say: "I have supped full with horrors." Now, just the other day a man said to me, "I am fed up with this atrocity stuff." They both meant about the same thing, the only difference being that Macbeth's horrors were home-grown.

My friend made this remark to me apropos of some Armenian relief propaganda. "We have had enough, he added wearily. Away down inside of me I felt just as he did, that is, just for a moment. The poor Armenians. They seem fated to make their appeal after everybody is "fed up." The last time they asked for help they had to wait until every other cause under the sun had been attended to, and now according to a notice in the last Examiner they must be put off again because of the influenza.

But cheer up. We are going to get over the influenza, and we are going to take care of the Armenians, and we are going to clean up tuberculosis, and fight the H. C. L. Just as soon as mealtime comes, we shall find we have a coming appetite after all.

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