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PROGRESS OF COLVILLE RAPID IN LATE YEARS

People who have pinned their faith to the hope that ere long they will find it possible to profit in the way by being able to purchase Colville city or county realty at a lower price than its present rated cost will be rudely disappointed when they read the result of a survey of local conditions which have been covered by conservative estimates by local business men. While those engaged personally in individual business have gathered the fruits of industry without much concern as to the activities of their neighbors, and have been doing well—satisfactorily so—the county at large in a business and industrial way has been striding forward by leaps and bounds.

In the year 1900 it was estimated that, with the result of labors of local business men for the previous 20 years the annual business had reached a total of \$800,000. In the next decade it had doubled and \$1,600,000 would encompass the business for the annual period. In 1920, according to the estimates just completed by business men, the enormous total per annum of \$6,000,000 will have been transacted by Colville business houses exclusive of the banking institutions which perform for them the services of fiscal agencies. The banks will handle this business with their excess of \$2,000,000 combined deposits. On this \$6,000,000 the business men will gather an ultimate profit of 20%, making a total perhaps of \$1,200,000. A population of substantially 2000 participates in these profits, which shows that each of these is making a gain of practically \$600 per annum. It is doubtful if any other city of the size of Colville, in the state of Washington, can make such a showing. It is insisted that with the boundless resources of the country tributary to this city pouring in, the results of constant development into the lap of local business enterprise, the inhabitants cannot help but prosper, the people will not avoid their responsibility to the community, and the growth of the city will demand the advantages necessary for general community betterment.

But what has been said pertains only to the city and its capacity for handling the business that must come to it. This business arises from the natural resources—and "natural" is the word. Each branch of industry has its dependencies and all are constantly in operation and in cooperation as well. All are bringing results in profit and gain. Undoubtedly above all of this is the spirit of progress that is constantly inspiring a higher order of advancement in a business way, and for the uplift of our educational, religious and social institutions. The city is the embodiment of all these, and the environs contribute to the substantial foundation of the structure.

For example, within a radius of 10 miles of Colville, there are approximately 10,000 acres of hay lands which have an annual yield of 3 tons of hay to the acre, or a total of 30,000 tons of merchantable hay, worth \$30 a ton. The total value of the hay alone in this area will run to \$900,000 in money to be exchanged for this commodity through the marts of trade in Colville. The business in hay alone for the year 1920 will exceed all of the business done 20 years ago; so it will be seen that the farming business is not decadent. There are few farms that do not divide the honors between hay, grain, fruit, livestock and the dairy part of the business.

Twenty years ago Stevens county had not shipped to the open markets of the world a dozen carloads of lumber. During the next ten years the lumber movement was slow, but during the decade probably 100,000,000 feet were manufactured and shipped at a price to the shipper of about \$10 per thousand feet, totaling \$1,000,000. In 1920 more than that amount of lumber will be manufactured and marketed at a price in excess of \$30 per thousand, bringing back to the business of the producing communities more than \$3,000,000. Some who have been in close touch with lumber manufacturing and marketing conditions estimate that twice that sum is realized on lumber. The lumber supply of this part of the state will last 30 years; at least the timber will not be reduced to the zero point before 1950, and even then there will be sufficient for all local needs, according to experts.

Returning to farming, it is ob-

served that every acre of timber removed adds an acre to the hay and grain fields of the county, and its products are turned into the market, the profits regulating the prices of land. It is estimated that the price of these lands will depend upon their earnings and that lands which will give the owner 10% on his crop should be worth \$100 per acre. There are few acres, when properly cultivated, which will not do this. The hay lands and the dairy ranches should pay out on the basis of from \$300 to \$500 per acre, and the aim of those who are promoting the farming business is to make them do this. The logged-off lands of the county, which are now selling for from \$15 to \$40 per acre, when subjected to cultivation will bring from \$100 to \$300 per acre and those who own highly improved lands at present prices are indeed fortunate.

When lumber ceases as an industry it will be superseded by mining. Mining has been a great boon to the pioneer. Nature was good to him from the beginning. When he first came into this country it gave him gold from the sands of the Columbia and it was ample for his needs. When market conditions were against the farmer he found solace in the rich mineral ledges of the everlasting hills that gave him value for his toil and in panicky times these prospects kept his hope in buoyancy pending the return of prosperity. His intermittent labors eventually developed these deposits into "paying propositions" until the production of metals has grown with other pursuits until it ranks high in the wealth of the country. During the past five years Stevens county has led every other county in the state in the value of precious metals produced and it is doubtful if it ever loses its place. It has the largest lead producer, the largest copper producer and the largest gold mine in the state.

For good measure the fruit industry may be reckoned with the farming interests. It is reported that last year was the best year for the apple in the history of the county. This, with the summer crop of deciduous fruits, will add fully a million dollars to the market returns to Stevens county.

Stock raising has moved forward with fine growth during the past 20 years. At the beginning of the present century one rarely encountered in the Colville country a blooded animal in all of the herds roaming the ranges. The civic growth of the country has created a demand for better things in all lines relating to the farm. The result has been better stock. Merit has fixed the price of a good milk cow and one may know that there has been no backward step in the cattle market when it is known that the dairy cows of 1920 command a price of \$150 to \$300 as against the governing figure of \$25 to \$30 for the best cows 20 years ago. Where there were less than 300 producing cows in the Colville valley 20 years ago valued at not to exceed \$9,000, there are in 1920, 5000 with a total worth of \$1,250,000. The annual production of butterfat will average in excess of \$100 per cow giving an output of more than \$500,000 of increased wealth. The horse and the hog have a place in the economy of the farm which is not negligible and sheep have taken on an added interest with the increase in the price of wool and an advance on the value of the animal itself. Twenty years ago the sheep owned in the county would not exceed 1000 head and the value not more than \$1 each and the

30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. CARROLL

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carroll gave them a surprise Wednesday night, on the eve of their 30th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll had expected several neighbors to spend the evening with them, but had no inkling that their roomy house was to be filled with congratulating friends, who arrived in a body.

Music and dancing were some of the features of the evening. Another wedding knot, for another 30 years, was tied by Judge D. H. Carey. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll were each presented with a pearl pin. Refreshments were brought and served by the self-invited guests.

Those invited were Messrs. and Mesdames L. E. Jessup, O. F. Vinson, Henry R. Spedden, Irving D.

wool clip would not bring over \$500. In 1920 there are 100,000 sheep in the county worth \$1,500,000 and a product of wool value in excess of \$500,000 and a worth of increase in numbers to the amount of half a million dollars per annum.

Transportation is now, more than ever, a factor in developing this new country. With a railway belting through the heart of the Colville valley, and the miles and miles of laterals in the shape of paved and surfaced roads which accommodate motor trucks and conveyances reaching handily to each remote community, the transportation problem has been solved. The public moneys have been providently distributed and expended with a view to rendering the greatest service possible in handling the products of the country. Five years ago there were scarcely a dozen trucks in the county. Today over 100 auto trucks are speeding all manner of products from the immediate surrounding area into Colville and before the end of the year twice that number will be operating night and day in handling the rapidly growing traffic.

INTERCHURCH WORKERS HOLD CONFERENCE

Responding to the call of county chairman Quinn W. McCord, 90 representatives from the different communities in the county met at the Methodist Episcopal church in Colville Friday afternoon for instructions for the united simultaneous financial campaigns to be held throughout the United States from April 25 to May 2. The team of speakers from Spokane visited the high school at one o'clock and briefly explained the objects of the campaign to the students and faculty. The opening exercises of the conference were held at the church at 1:30 and consisted of singing and reading. A short address of welcome was given by Rev. C. H. Alborn.

Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church of Spokane, presided, and explained the origin and significance of the interchurch movement. For several years past, six interdenominational societies and conferences have been working together and finally were led to think of a nation-wide campaign for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Their plans were accepted and fully endorsed by the leading denominations in the land, 30 of them uniting in this work. The surveys of the various churches disclosed such grave conditions in the needs of their foreign and home mission work, and for American education, both secular and religious, for their hospitals and for ministerial pensions and relief, that it is necessary to raise almost \$337,000,000 for world wide evangelism.

Dr. W. H. Driver, pastor of the Hillyard Congregational church, spoke about the financial campaign of the movement, emphasizing the point that it is not money alone that is needed, but an increase in prayer and faith. Religion is worth what one invests in it, and if one invests only 25c in 25 years, his religion can not be expected to mean much in his life. If the Protestant people gave tithes of their incomes there would be one billion dollars for church work and there would be no necessity of ever recurring collections and begging for money at almost every service.

Rev. Stanley Logan, pastor of the Fowler Methodist church of Spokane, was to give a composite address, but because of hoarseness was compelled to speak very briefly upon the development of spiritual resources, in which he emphasized the need of more time spent in prayer, not as a duty but as a privilege of communion with God, and the need of the family altar in every Christian home; stewardship, meaning not money alone but our lives and talents consecrated to God's service; the pagan idea which is that one's prop-

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENTS

- April 27—Republican state convention, Bellingham.
- April 27—Public sale, L. P. Aschewenden, Leadpoint.
- April 28—Democratic county convention, Colville.
- April 28—Public auction, Henry Hughes, 5 miles north of Rice.
- April 30—"Box of Monkeys" last number of lyceum course, Colville theater.
- May 17—Democratic state convention, Spokane.
- June 1-5—State grange, Aberdeen.
- June 8—Republican national convention, Chicago.
- June 28—Democratic national convention, San Francisco.
- Sep. 29, 30, Oct. 1—Stevens County Livestock Show, Colville.

erty is his own to use as he pleases, and the Christian idea that everything belongs to God and we are to use our money and our lives to glorify God. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but we treat God as a pauper and dole out a nickel or a quarter and think we have done our share in giving to God. What is worth while in life should mean more than the accumulation of money, that children are likely to think the sole aim of life, from the conversation they hear in the home too often. America needs 100,000 young men and women in the next 5 years to cooperate with Christ in saving the world.

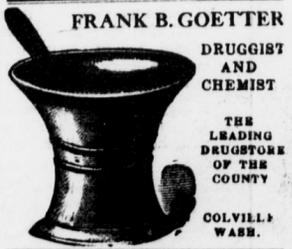
The third speaker, Dr. Humbert of the Spokane University, vividly portrayed the needs of the teeming millions in China, India, Africa and South America. In the world's population, only one man in ten is a Christian, the other nine being idolaters or believers in some of the "isms." The Mohammedans are crying "Africa for Mohammed." In Brazil there is one pastor for a million people. In China 95% of the people are illiterate and 36,000,000 have no missionaries. In the United States 26,000,000 children are growing up without any systematic religious training.

Dr. Smith in the closing address upon "Evangelism" spoke of evangelistic work for the week of May 16 to May 23, when every Christian is urged to invite some one each day to come to Christ.

The delegates then met in denominational groups for final instructions.

On Monday evening the Rebekahs initiated a class of six: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Corl, Mr. and Mrs. George Stenger, Mrs. L. Strauss, Harold Conner. After the degree work, five hundred was played, first prizes going to Mrs. Rosa Spedden and George Stenger. Refreshments were served to 80 in the dining room. R. E. Lee served as toastmaster, and a number of short talks were made. Several auto loads of visitors came from Rice for the occasion.

He learned that his daughter's life was in danger. There was no way to save her. The train she was riding on was doomed to be wrecked. What did he do? See this at the Colville theater Monday and Tuesday, April 26-27.—adv.



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