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ANOTHER PIONEER CALLED AFTER 40 YEARS IN STATE

The death of Mrs. Louise Flegel, which occurred in Colville on Saturday morning at 11:07 o'clock, after an illness of peritonitis, removes from among the pioneers of Stevens county a lady who for 35 years lived an active and useful life consecrated to her home and friends who sympathize with her family in their deep and sorrowful affliction. In her final suffering she appealed to the members of her family present to follow her into the unconquerable kingdom.

Mrs. Flegel was born in Washington, Washington county, Penn., and was the daughter of Frederick and Katherina Naser of an old-time family of the Keystone state, June 12, 1855. She was there married to Carl Flegel, a native of Berlin, Germany, on Aug. 24, 1876. After the birth of their two sons Charley and William, Mr. and Mrs. Flegel moved to Philadelphia where they engaged in the tanning business for 3 years. Then for a year they lived in Kansas City, Mo. Successively they lived in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and in Tucson, Arizona, finally removing to Los Angeles, California, where he did an extensive business in hides and pelts, extending over the states of California, Nevada and Arizona. In the early '80s they removed to The Dalles, Oregon, where they successfully carried on a trade in livestock and the buying and shipping of wool. After two years there they went to Victoria, B. C., and carried on a similar business. In 1885, with their accumulated fortune they came to Colville, riding overland on horseback, being accompanied on the journey by Amiel Clinton, who returned to The Dalles and now resides there. Since that time they have resided here continuously, and by their united efforts amassed a comfortable fortune upon which they retired two years ago.

Besides the members of her immediate family Mrs. Flegel is survived by four brothers, John, William, Edward and Jacob Naser, and four married sisters, Rega, Kate, Lena and Lottie, all now residents of Washington, Pa.

Mrs. Flegel was a Presbyterian and was a splendid example of the pioneer women who adorn, by a persistent adherence to the Christian faith, the homes of the frontier under the trying circumstances which try brave souls in the swift and besetting struggle for the higher life. Her fine nature was reflected in the lives of her children in their love for home, their pride of ancestry and their obedience to her teachings.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at the McCord undertaking parlors, the services being conducted by the Rev. Guy Denney, pastor of the Free Methodist church. Burial was at the beautiful cemetery at Highland. The high esteem in which she was held by the many friends of the family were evidenced by the numerous offerings of floral designs both at the parlors and at the grave.

COLVILLE WINS BASEBALL GAMES AT GRAND FORKS

On Monday the Colville baseball team appeared at Grand Forks to participate in the big baseball tournament held there on the celebration of Victoria day, and succeeded in putting Colville on the baseball map in that section of the country. Teams from Republic, Danville, Curlew, Grand Forks and Colville took part in the tournament, playing for a purse of \$125 the winner, and \$75 to second best.

The opening game was played between Danville and Republic, which resulted in a victory for the Republic team with a 5 to 3 score. The second game was played between Colville and Curlew, which resulted in a final score of 17 to 0 in favor of Colville. The Republic team, winners of the game against Danville, then played the Grand Forks team, which resulted in a victory for Grand Forks with an 8 to 7 score. Colville then played Grand Forks for the deciding game and won by a score of 8 to 2.

This is the third consecutive victory for the Colville boys, and they have displayed a very fine ability in the games played so far. Their hitting was especially good, nearly all the boys hitting the ball squarely, and there were few strikeouts. Their field playing was also excellent, and there were practically no errors by our boys. Glen Snoddy pitched for Colville in the game against Curlew and this team never got past second base. Bill Laird pitched for Colville in the game against Grand Forks and the game was never in doubt after the first inning. Lew Wernli played a remarkably good game at first base for Colville, and seemed to stop everything that came his way. Gerald Smith played

second base for Colville and showed up very well and should develop into a very good ball player. Butts caught both games for Colville and handled the position in first class shape.

Sill played third base, Rogers shortstop, Tremblay left field, Hard center field, Walsh right field.

All of the boys played together very well, and showed very good spirit. They have elected Carl Hard as their captain and all of the boys are showing a very good disposition in getting behind him and trying to make the best team that Colville can produce.

The Colville band went to Grand Forks on this day and furnished music throughout the celebration. They also made a splendid showing and their music was highly appreciated by everyone. The people of Grand Forks and the surrounding country showed a very friendly spirit towards Colville and the boys were royally treated.

About 75 people were present from Colville, some making the trip by auto and others by train.

The Colville team will play the Marcus team at Marcus tomorrow. A good game is expected.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRANSACTS BUSINESS

A regular session of the chamber of commerce met May 26, and various subjects were discussed. Committees were appointed to have charge of entertaining the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, the program to consist of an automobile party to the dolomite and Old Dominion mine and other points of interest, a banquet to be held in the evening; the object of the meeting to form a closer unity of the surrounding towns and communities to work together for good roads, industrial opportunities and for the general betterment of Eastern Washington.

A letter of protest was ordered sent to the head office of the telephone company. A general complaint has arisen regarding the service rendered by the telephone company of late.

Steps are being taken in the way of advertising matter and local delegates who are attending the state grange meeting this year are endeavoring to secure that meeting for Colville in 1921. The state grange has a representation of nearly a thousand delegates and is a meeting worth while.

Committees were appointed to at once begin on the popular subscription for the paving of west First avenue, the city council having passed a resolution for this work being done. The money to be raised by subscription will be about 50% of the total cost. It was ordered that the grandstand now completed at the fair grounds be decorated with a coat of paint.

The Fourth of July celebration was taken up and advertising matter will be ready to circulate soon. A large crowd is expected as a good program is being formulated, which will be held July 5.

COLVILLE'S YOUNG FOLK VISIT THE HOME NEST

(By the Occasional Visitor)

I wrote a short time ago of the affection the community bears toward its high school graduates. Its older young folk are dear to it, too. Every commencement season brings back to the home nest some young man or woman who a year ago was a member of the graduating class.

How they have bloomed in this last year. They have seen new things, and have been in a far country. Ah, that first year away from home, in college or business school or office. How wonderful it is. The boy or the girl will never be quite the same again. The soul and the mind have undergone an expansion, a growth, a development that is mirrored in the eyes, the carriage, even the voice. These are no longer the boy and the girl who went away. Their younger friends look upon them in awed admiration, sensing the change.

And how proud mother is. She has always been proud, to be sure; but there is a quality to her pride now that it has never had before. Mother consciously and openly exults. The children have been away from her, and the time has been long. They will go away again, and the time will be long. But today is here. Father, too, feels himself, his hopes, his dreams, to be objectified somehow in this new-old presence.

So they come back to home-town, and home-town receives them with joy. Presently they will go, and home-town will bid them God-speed. It is good that they go, home-town would not keep them tied to her apron strings. Let them roam far, if only they remember, now and then, to come back.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES TO BE HELD IN COLVILLE

Decoration day will be observed in Colville by joint ceremony and services of the G. A. R. and the American Legion on Monday, May 31.

At 9:30 a. m. the G. A. R., and all service men, in uniform, will meet at the Odd Fellows hall and will proceed to the cemetery by auto. At 10 a. m. there will be decoration of graves at the cemetery, the services there being conducted by the American Legion, which will also furnish a firing squad. At 2 p. m. all service men and the G. A. R. will report at the courthouse lawn and after a short parade will proceed to the theater. At the theater there will be services and a program. An address will be given by Attorney John T. Raftis, and there will be several other interesting numbers.

All the mothers of the ex-service men and the members of the W. R. C. are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. H. D. Williams on Saturday, May 29, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of making wreaths for Memorial day. All that can bring flowers.

All that have cars are requested to meet at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday, May 31, at 9:30 a. m., with their cars to take the members of the W. R. C. and the G. A. R. to the cemetery.

STARVATION LAKE IS SCENE OF SAD DROWNING

Walter Montgomery, aged 15 years, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Montgomery who live on a farm in the Little Pend Oreille valley, 12 miles southeast of Colville, was drowned at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon while crossing Starvation lake, near their home. The lake covers an area of about 25 acres and the boy with his brother Oroville, two years younger, parted at the lake, Oroville going to bring the cows, Walter taking an old skiff to cross the lake. Oroville on hearing the call of his brother for help looked out to the center of the lake to see Walter disappear as the craft, which had filled with water, sank under him. A moment later the boat had been relieved of its burden and shot to the surface, a mute evidence of the tragedy. The alarm was spread and many neighbors immediately came and applied themselves industriously to recover the body of the lad which lay in more than 40 feet of water where it was obscured from observation for 22 hours, being raised by means of dynamite explosions in the vicinity where he sank. The untimely death of the youth has cast a deep gloom over the community where he was born and reared almost to manhood. His parents are grief stricken and with the remaining brother and sister have the sympathy of every one acquainted with them. Besides his parents he is survived by his sister Annetta, aged 7, and brother Oroville, aged 14, an uncle William Fager of Montana, and an aunt Mrs. P. R. Parks of Portland, Oregon.

POMONA GRANGE MEETS WITH STRANGER CREEK

Stevens County Pomona grange, No. 17, held its second meeting of the year with Stranger Creek grange at their hall near Maud. Considering the very busy season of the year there was a good attendance. Very much interest is maintained in the warehouse movement by the people of the community. A lively discussion of the movement was held at the open meeting in the afternoon. Mr. Bennett gave much information on the subject. At the evening session the fifth degree was conferred on a class of five. Favorable reports were given of the subordinate granges represented. Mrs. Delia Buckley was elected alternate to the state grange which meets at Aberdeen, June 1. Burnt Valley grange, through their delegate to the Pomona, I. L. Hixon, extended an invitation to hold the August meeting with that grange at their hall eight miles east of Chewelah, which was accepted. No date was decided upon. Stranger Creek grange has a good, comfortable hall with kitchen attached, and the visiting grangers were given a hearty welcome—Caroline E. Page, secretary.

Census enumerators are now having trouble securing compensation for their services. They say that their per diem pay came without a hitch, but the item of subsistence is the sticker. After the work was all over they—many of them—discovered that they had not turned in the schedule of the time employed away from home, and the government, assuming in the absence of such information that they boarded at home while taking the census, and lopped off the item of subsistence which makes a difference worth squabbling over.

"SWAT THE SQUIRREL" AND WE'LL ELIMINATE HIM

Some rather stringent criticism of the mistreatment accorded farmers by the county agent, recently appeared from the Summit Valley correspondent of a local paper.

The county agent does not feel any resentment at this criticism, although he does feel that if the author of the criticism were better acquainted with some of the difficulties connected with such work as mixing squirrel poison, that she would have been a little more charitable.

Leo K. Couch of the U. S. bureau of biological survey and myself have personally mixed all the squirrel poison used in the county, except, of course where the farmers mixed their own.

Last year the matter of mixing and distributing squirrel poison was new and the poison untried; the demand for the poison for these reasons was not so great and it was possible for Mr. Couch and your agent at that time to mix the poison demanded without excessive effort.

The demand this year has practically doubled over that of last year, which made mixing and distributing the poison a very strenuous task. In fact, I will say that I have never spent a more strenuous six weeks in my life and I have done some hard work.

The facts are that the use of the squirrel poison has entirely outgrown this method of mixing and distributing. We would not complain of the hard work of this way of doing it if it were possible to give satisfaction to all concerned, but it hasn't been possible to give satisfaction and the correspondent at Summit Valley which gave the criticism simply proves that the old way of mixing and distributing the poison is antiquated and out of date.

On the morning of the day when we missed getting to Summit Valley, Mr. Couch and myself started out a little after 5 for Rice; we went across the summit from Rice to Orin and as the roads were fresh we got stuck once which delayed us awhile. We had a large mix at Rice which made us late getting away from there; we then went to the Saints church where we had another heavy mix which threw us late getting away from there; we got to Gifford late in the afternoon and had to make a fair sized mix there, and in fact we made two mixes, one to take care of the crowd there and one to fill a number of orders left at the store. We got through at 9 o'clock. It had been possible we would have phoned to Summit Valley telling the people that we could not make their meeting; we spoke of doing so but the line was out of order.

We merely recite the foregoing to show some of the difficulties of this method of distributing the poison.

To go to the opposite side of the story and present the disadvantages of this system from the farmers' standpoint, will say that the valuable seeding time wasted by the farmers waiting for us at the various mixing meetings—totaling in the aggregate many days besides the inconvenience and discomfort of waiting for someone to appear—shows that this system of getting the poison around is ready for the discard.

The test case from Spokane county testing the validity of the pest district law is on the desk of the state supreme court and will be taken up this month or early next month. It is the opinion of the writer that the law will stand. Whatever the decision of the court may be, the matter of Stevens county's pest district will be taken up soon after the decision is handed down.

Mr. Couch and myself have discussed considerably what arrangement for handling the poison should be made in case the pest district should pass in the county; as you probably know the plan outlined in this county was to levy a small tax merely for the purpose of supplying money to manufacture and furnish the poison to all the farmers needing it.

We do not deem it advisable to attempt to hire men to do the poisoning; this is a range country and the range is well stocked. It is the opinion of the writer that should he attempt to hire men to do the poisoning he would get much inefficient and careless work, which would not only waste money but would endanger livestock on the range.

Please keep in mind that the pest district for Stevens county calls for only a small tax for the purpose of mixing and distributing the poison.

The squirrel is a common enemy and when one man cleans up a bunch of squirrels he has cleaned up a common enemy and he should receive the support of the citizens of the country the same as he would were he to face more dangerous enemies of the com-