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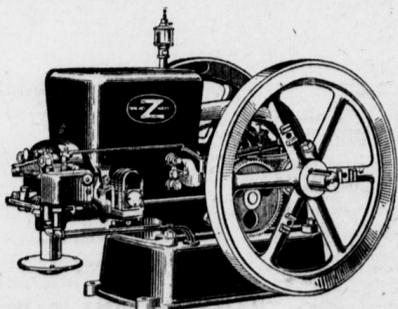
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COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest in Stevens County, Richest in the Northwest

Judge Joseph B. Lindsley of Spokane has been holding the non-jury week of court here, Judge D. H. Carey presiding in Judge Lindsley's court in Spokane.

The action of George L. Rieth against J. M. Dupuis was reset for the next jury term, being a suit for damages alleged to have been received from a collision of a touring car with a truck owned by Dupuis. A counter action has been filed by Dupuis.

The case of Zwang, Irvin et al against the Indian Chief Mfg. Co. was settled out of court.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Leiser were given adoption papers Thursday for Walter Wallace Wilkes-Leiser, aged 18 months. The boy was the son of Mrs. Lucy Mann Leiser, sister of Mrs. Oliver Leiser, and his mother dying when he was 2 months old, he has been with the Leisers ever since. The father is a resident of Puyallup.

The state highway commission has issued an order which closes to travel by logging trucks from Dec. 15 to June 1, the Inland Empire highway from the Spokane county line to Meyers Falls.

Following is a list of hunters who have brought one or more coyote skins to the auditor's office for the \$4 bounty paid for each animal skin by the county for the riddance of the pests, for the month of November: L. E. Palmer, Aladdin route; W. S. Rowley, Park Rapids; Herman Pfeiffer, Northport; A. A. Daily, Colville; Thos. Dayton, Meyers Falls; August Lewes, Chewelah; Nels Hoef, Addy; Ellis Pratt; J. E. Boleck, Northport; H. B. Williams, Boyds; E. S. Cartier Van Dissel, Springdale; Fred Douglas, Meyers Falls; Sam Loew; S. E. Clark, Marble; Frank Perras; L. P. King; John McClintock, Bossburg; Melvin O. Mattison, Hunters; S. Rodent, Loon Lake; S. Robbins, Meyers Falls; Albert Merchant, Addy; J. G. Morris, Marcus; B. R. Souley, Ford; S. W. Myers, Colville; O. W. Latham; Albert Osborn, Daisy; J. P. Brown, Springdale; Herman Rieper, Boundary; H. Merema, Echo; D. H. Lynds, Orin; C. M. Best, Deer Park.

The new LaSota Mill which is now under construction on Deep lake, 10 miles east of Northport, will open up January 1. The output will be pickets and window roller material for the eastern markets. In addition to this the mill will cut out white pine match planks. The output of the mill for the year 1922 will be two million feet. The LaSota mill which has been at Aladdin has merged into this new one near Northport. All of the machinery from the old mill has been removed to the new location. There are 25 to 30 men cutting logs and getting materials ready for manufacturing purposes.

Superintendent Roberts of the old Last Chance mine in the Deep creek district was in Colville Saturday. Mr. Roberts states that the Last Chance mining company expects to install heavier machinery for a greater output. According to the Northport News of Dec. 2, Messrs. Hodges and Older have the property under lease and bond and now have R. D. Hatch of Orient bringing down to the Northport Smelter from three to four tons of high grade lead ore a day, piling it up on a platform ready for treatment as soon as the big plant resumes operation. This work has been going on for several weeks and there is reported a three or four foot body of high grade ore, with every indication of it continuing. This mine several years ago shipped considerable ore to the Richer Lead Co. at Joplin, Mo. It is said to be the purest lead ore ever found in that district and was converted into white lead. It is now said to be owned by the Jupiter Land Co. of Joplin.

City election at Chewelah Saturday resulted in the election of Dr. S. P. McPherson as mayor, Prof. J. A. DeFoe treasurer, and E. R. Rada-baugh, C. W. Ganong and D. D. Bunker councilmen.

Jacob Keller was elected mayor at Springdale on Tuesday, with Charles O. Snapp treasurer. Councilmen elected were G. C. Bunn, Wm. Coutts, R. G. Sabin.

The state unemployment conference which is called by Governor Hart to meet in Seattle Dec. 19-20 is for the purpose of devising means of relieving unemployment throughout Washington. A number of cities have been asked to send representa-tives.

The cabinet containing 90 compartments filled with latest literature relating to farms and farming from the extension division at Pullman and the United States bureau of agriculture has been moved from the crowded office of the county agriculturist to the office of the Farm Bureau on Astor Street, where passersby may view the collection from the window. With new supplies coming in there are now on file booklets relating to plant and animal diseases, labor-saving devices, home improvements, fruit and berry culture — pamphlets covering almost every phase of farming and farm life.

Miss Bessie Christina Norling of Cedonia was one of the class of 14 seniors completing the two-years course at the Cheney normal yesterday.

Announcement has been made that Miss Martha Boardman will be united in marriage with Ralph Page Dec. 26. Miss Boardman was formerly the Stevens county superintendent of schools and has been teaching in the Spokane schools. Mr. Page is a resident of Cheney.

Collections for motor vehicle licenses for the year ended Dec. 1 were \$2,927,000, or \$173,000 less than the legislature had estimated when it made the biennial highway appropriations. The license department reports 192,484 sets of plates issued for 1921, representing 810 dealers.

There will be a meeting of all potato growers, dealers and shippers of the northeastern part of the state at the office of the county agricultural agent, courthouse, Spokane, Monday, Dec. 12, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of selecting two delegates to the state potato grade conference. All persons interested in the potato industry are invited to attend this meeting which is held in compliance with the state law.

William Bouck, deposed master of the Washington State Grange, has established a new county grange in Pend Oreille county. Last Saturday night at Newport the former Pend Oreille county Pomona grange was disbanded and Pend Oreille County Grange of the Western Progressive Grange was organized. Mr. Bouck spent last week in Pend Oreille county, speaking at nearly every grange hall. Fred Nelson of Seattle, now state master of the Washington State Grange in place of Bouck, also covered the county, but failed to offset the defection of grangers. The vote on disbanding the old Pomona was about 5 to 1. Nine of the 11 granges of the county were represented at the Saturday meeting, and the following officers were elected: Master, D. M. Edens, Camden; overseer, W. E. Russell; lecturer, Mamie P. Johnson, Newport; secretary, E. D. Lamson, Camden.

Farm Help from the Birds and Conserving Our Wild Animals and Birds. These are the titles of two bulletins recently issued by the U. S. department of agriculture. Publications like these are among the most valuable and useful of all that come from the government presses. They contain information which is scientifically acquired and expressed in plain terms. A large proportion of our people, young and old, have learned that the wild birds and animals are a part of the great resources of the country and that our economic status depends greatly upon their abundance or dearth. Every-one engaged in agriculture, horticulture and forestry ought to know that the birds are his aids.

Robert Bridges, candidate for governor on the farmer-labor ticket at the last election, died at a hospital at Auburn Dec. 2. Mr. Bridges was state land commissioner in 1916. He had held several offices since. He served several terms as port commissioner and was president of the commission when he retired in 1919 to enter politics with the laborites. Since the campaign for governor he had lived in retirement at his home in Orillia, south of Seattle. He is survived by his widow, six sons and a daughter. Mr. Bridges was well known to the early politicians of Stevens county, and at the last election ran second to Hart in this county. His early political life was in the democratic ranks, which he left after the failure of the San Francisco convention to adopt the Bryan planks.

NOTICE OF CLOSING HIGHWAY

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 21, sessions laws of the state of Washington for the year 1921, on and after the 15th day of December, 1921, the Inland Empire highway from the Spokane county line to Meyers Falls will be closed to travel by logging trucks for a period of five months and 16 days, same being to June 1st, 1922.

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Community Spirit at Basin Log Rollings

A notable instance of community spirit is shown at the Basin community which has held eight community log rollings at which the whole community turns out and assists one resident in clearing as much land as can be cleared in one day. A dinner is served and a good time enjoyed at dinner, in the fashion of the old husking bees.

At the first log rolling eight acres were cleared. In addition the following log rollings have been staged, the acreage cleared in each case being as follows: J. F. Tilson, 4 acres; George Wilcox, 4 acres; Dan Osborne, 4 acres; W. E. Noble, 2 acres; Lee English, 7 acres; H. O. Bailey, 2 acres; Ivan Little, 5 acres.

A total of 36 acres were cleared in this manner. This is certainly a worthy community activity and one on which the Basin should be complimented.

County Agent Tells of Potato Production

This is an "off" year in the production of potatoes. A normal crop would be 405 million bushels, but the U. S. department of agriculture forecast for November 1, predicts a crop of 356 million bushels or an 87% crop. Last year the crop was 433 million bushels and was 76 million bushels larger than this year. A tabulation and chart has just been received by the county agent which shows the history of production and prices of potatoes for the last 55 years. "The chart shows," says the county agent, "that an 87% crop should start at \$33 per ton at N. Y. terminal points, and that in the past the spring prices have averaged \$51 per ton. In some years the price has varied above and below this average. In the 65 years there have been only 15 years when the crop was as short or shorter than this year. Using a normal of 100 points or percent, these fifteen small crop years have averaged 82%. During these years the price of potatoes averaged \$37 per ton, at terminal points, and rapidly advanced to \$53.83 in April, May and June. The scarcity of potatoes drove the price up steadily. The difference in price between digging time in the fall and in the spring, \$15.83, was enough to make it highly profitable to store potatoes in these fifteen small crop years. Fourteen times out of 55 the crop was medium small, the percent of normal was 97. The price in October at terminal points started at \$30 per ton, and advanced slowly to \$38.62 in April, and these slowly declined to the end of the season (July). The increase in price, \$8.62, had to care for the shrinkage due to evaporation and rot, storage and handling charges and overhead expenses. Hardly enough to pay for holding.

Thirteen were medium to good crop years, the percent of normal being 108. The October price was \$27.41 a ton and rose unsteadily to \$33.25, then declined quite rapidly during the rest of the season to \$29.75 in June. There were thirteen long crop years and the chart shows that the October price was \$26.18, but was not steady, declining to \$21.20 per ton in May. As was expected, the storing of potatoes was not profitable in the years when the crop is large.

Potatoes have not started at a high price this year. Perhaps the cause

of this is the fact that farmers, being in need of ready money, have sold the crop that would move easiest. The movement of potatoes to market has had a tendency to keep the prices down. Prices opened upon demand. This may come from consumers or others. What the demand may be this year is unforeseen. The history of the production and the price of a product, such as potatoes, is sometimes a guide for the present but in interpreting the chart of prices the buying power of the commodity and of the public must be considered.

Why the Farmers Join Farm Bureaus

Hon. Sydney Anderson, chairman of the Joint Agricultural Commission of inquiry recently appointed by the U. S. congress, has made public a statement, based on the preliminary findings of the committee, which lays bare the shocking waste and inefficiency of our present system of distribution. "In general," says Congressman Anderson, "37c of the consumer's dollar represents the cost of producing the article and the cost of all materials that went into it." The remaining 63c of the consumer's dollar represents the middlemen's fees for bringing the article from the farm or factory and delivering it to the ultimate consumer. This includes not only profits, but overhead expenses. Recently Senator E. F. Ladd, one of the foremost agricultural experts in the country, declared that the farmer gets only 30c, while the middlemen absorb 70c of every dollar paid by the consumer for the food and clothing materials produced on the farm. Congressman Anderson's estimate includes industrial as well as agricultural production, and suggests that the industrial producer, who is much better organized, secures a greater share of the value of his product than does the farmer.

Tariff the Issue in Canadian Election

This week's election in Canada was a landslide for the liberals, the party advocating tariff reduction, and in all strongholds of the high tariff party the liberals made sweeping changes.

Stevens county, being on the border line of the Dominion, has known something of the tariffs placed on goods shipped northward from the United States, and is interested particularly in exchanging its timber and dairy products for the northern grain. Manufactured goods in Canada have been high priced, and many a Canadian manufacturer has waxed rich in receiving the high prices allowed by high tariff.

The United States, like Canada, has long been interested in the tariff question, and has tried both kinds, high and low. Stevens county would like reciprocity, but other sections of the Union have different conditions and many of them do not want it.

A radical change is likely to come in Canada as a result of the sweeping of the liberal party in power. The tariff to protect manufacturers is likely to be replaced by a tariff for revenue.

The Wilson Produce Co. this week completed loading 80 cars of apples which are consigned to central states, and as far south as Kentucky and Oklahoma. The apples are grown in and around Bossburg, Meyers Falls, Marcus and Colville.