

ASSESSORS AT WORK

Field Deputies Began Their Labors Thursday Morning.

Long List of Instructions Given to Control Their Action in All Cases.

The field deputy assessors of Whitman county met at the assessor's office the last day in February to receive final instructions from the office as to their duties in making the 1900 assessment, which the majority of them began work upon Thursday, March 1. All will be at work in their respective territories by Monday morning. They are to assess real estate this year, for the first time since 1897.

The convention of the county assessors of the state, held last week at Ellensburg, decided to assess all property at a fair cash value. This will raise valuations to some extent, but it will be done equitably and will work no hardship, as the valuations will be uniform in each county and each will thus pay a just proportion of state tax. If valuations are greater than in past years the only result will be to lower the levy—not to raise the amount paid by individuals.

**Credits for Indebtedness.** The matter of exemptions for indebtedness has been in the past a troublesome and most unsatisfactory thing. Equitable credits in this regard have been almost impossible. In order to better handle this difficult feature of the assessment, the state convention of county assessors agreed upon the following line of questions:

"Evidences of indebtedness required of persons claiming offsets against the county assessors of the state of Washington:

"First—What is the full amount of your indebtedness?"

"Second—What is the nature of said indebtedness, and to whom are you indebted? Give the address of the creditor or creditors to whom you are in debt and an itemized statement of your indebtedness."

"Third—When was this indebtedness incurred?"

"Fourth—Have you or have you not used any of the claimed indebtedness in your personal assessment for the current year, in this county or elsewhere?"

The answers to these questions must be subscribed and sworn to. Such questions are to be answered to the entire satisfaction of the assessor, and if not so answered, the assessor shall reject the claim and assess the credits at a fair value.

Property holders will greatly facilitate the work of the assessors and reduce the cost by preparing full lists of their holdings ready for immediate use when the deputy assessors call.

**Instructions to Field Deputies.** Assess all property according to its value on March 1st.

Be courteous to all and treat them alike regardless of politics, religion or color.

Assess all improvements on government land and also on lieu land as personal property, and place the value of same on line 30, as shown on detail sheet.

Assess money and all kinds of paper payable on demand at its face value.

Assess all live stock at the following rates:

Horses.—Cayuse, one year old, from \$2 to \$10; American, two years old, from \$10 to \$25; American, three years old, from \$25 to \$50; work horses, three years old and over from \$25 to \$100. Stallions and other stock kept for breeding purposes to be assessed according to value. Mules to be assessed like horses of same ages.

Cattle.—Calves, from 8 to 11 months old, \$5 per head; two years old and under, \$10 per head; cows, three years old and over, \$20 per head; all other cattle, including beef steers, from \$15 to \$40 per head, according to grade.

Sheep.—From \$1.75 to \$3 per head, according to grade.

Hogs.—From \$1 to \$10 per head, according to age and weight.

Wagons and carriages, according to their value.

Clocks, watches and sewing machines are placed on the exemption list; provided that each head of a family be entitled to only one of each kind. Mark "exempt" where they have only one article of either kind, but in case they have two or more watches, or clocks, be sure and designate, so we can make a proper exemption on the rolls.

Bear in mind that "tools of trade" are not the same as agricultural tools, but refers solely to tools used by hand; further, that tools of trade consist of carpenter's tools, blacksmith's tools and such implements as a farmer uses by hand, as hoes, hand rakes, axes, garden seeders, etc.

In marking household and office furniture on the detail sheet, erase the words "office furniture," where household goods are meant, and follow same method where "office furniture" only is intended.

Land in Whitman county is classified into two grades—grazing and farm land. Assess improved farm lands from \$5 to \$25 per acre, according to distance from markets and the fertility of the soil. Unimproved farm and grazing lands from 10 cents to \$10 per acre.

Place no value on any article less than \$5, even on town lots where assessed singly; and have the value of said article, no matter of what value, and with the figure 5 or a cipher. No cents to be used in any case.

Under all circumstances spell the full name correctly, write it legibly and be sure to mark road and school district numbers and also postoffice address of the person assessed.

As far as possible inspect the property you assess, and when the list is a bachelor, mark "B" on his detail sheet, in order that he may be properly exempted.

When land is held in partnership give name of partners and their interests respectively, as they may appear.

Write plainly on the detail sheet such items as harness, saddles, sleds, bees, bicycles, libraries and miscellaneous items not printed on list. Then place the total amount of such articles on line 36 of detail sheets. Assess all other items of personal property, not previously mentioned, according to the scale at which the above is assessed.

Save your township plats and turn them in with names of owners on each tract of land marked out. Be sure to give right number of lots on fractional

quarters. When there is a ditch through the land, give name of ditch and tell whether it is a main ditch or a lateral. Now mark on section plat where ditch enters land and where it leaves on opposite side.

These Are the Deputies.

W. H. McTier, City of Colfax.

W. R. Simpson, Tps. 11, 12, R. 44, 45, 46.

F. M. Hooper, Tp. 13, R. 43, 44, 45, 46.

O. E. Young, Tp. 14, R. 44, 45, 46.

J. R. Moys, City of Pullman.

I. N. Nye, Tp. 15, R. 44, 45, 46.

Geo. H. Ross, Tp. 16, R. 44, 45, 46.

J. R. Cunningham, City of Palouse, Tp. 17, one-half R. 45, and all of R. 46.

T. J. Green, Tp. 17, R. 44, and one-half R. 45, and City of Ellerton.

J. M. Propst, Farmington City, and Tp. 18, R. 45, 46.

E. F. Dixon, Tps. 19, 20, R. 45, 46.

Geo. W. Weyer, Rosalia City, and Tp. 20, R. 43, 44.

E. E. Smith, Tps. 19, 20, R. 41, and Tp. 20, R. 39.

O. S. Daniels, Tp. 19, R. 39, 40, and Tp. 30, R. 39.

Minor Lewallen, Tp. 19, R. 42, 43.

Chas. Lakin, Oakesdale City and Tp. 19, R. 44.

Thos. E. Rose, Tp. 18, R. 41, 42, and Tp. 19, R. 41.

J. V. Crisp, Tp. 18, R. 43, 44.

Geo. W. Case, Sr., Tp. 17, R. 39, and Tp. 18, R. 39, 40.

H. W. Howard, Tp. 16, R. 42, 43, and Tp. 17, R. 43.

Chas. Daggett, Tp. 14, R. 42, 43, and Tp. 15, R. 42, 43.

Geo. S. Allen, Tp. 17, R. 40, 41, 42.

A. D. Baker, Tp. 13, R. 40; Tp. 14, R. 40, 41; T. 14, R. 40, 41.

Frank H. McClintock, Tp. 13, R. 37, 38, 39; Tp. 14, R. 36, 37, 38, 39; Tp. 15, R. 37, 38, 39.

W. A. Weyer, Tp. 16, R. 39, 39, 40, 41.

J. W. Cox, Garfield, city.

Geo. W. Case, Jr., will supervise the field deputies.

F. Arthur Shaw is chief and office deputy, with W. E. Abrams as clerk. The outlook is that the best and straightest assessment that Whitman county ever had will be made this year.

John M. Hill, Gentleman.

Hon. John M. Hill, register of the Walla Walla land office, made the Washingtonian a pleasant call while in Pomeroy this week, says the Pomeroy Washingtonian. Mr. Hill is an old-time newspaper man, and we believe he is the most efficient and painstaking official that has ever served in the capacity of register of the Walla Walla land office.

He is one of the strong and able men of Walla Walla, a conservative republican, who stands clear of factional squabbles, and whose services to the party as well as to the public, have always been intelligently and conscientiously performed. And no man in the state of Washington is more deserving of the high estimation in which he is held by his friends and acquaintances.

Caught Some Boers.

London, Feb. 27.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "Paardeberg, Feb. 27.—General Cronje and all of his force capitulated unconditionally at daylight and is now a prisoner in my camp. The strength of his force will be communicated later. I hope that her majesty's government will consider this event satisfactory, occurring as it does on the anniversary of Majuba." The secretary of state for war, at London, Marquis Lansdowne, announced in the house of lords this afternoon that the prisoners captured with General Cronje numbered about 3000 men. The officers captured by Roberts besides Cronje include the following well known commanders: Chief Commandant Wolvenraas, member of the volksraad; Field Cornet Frus, Scandinavian; Major Albrecht, a famous German artilleryman; Major Von Dewitz, a distinguished German officer, responsible for most of the splendid engineering works of the Boers since commencement of the war. Roberts has notified the war office that the number of Boer prisoners approximates 4000, of which about 1500 are citizens of the Orange Free State, and the remainder citizens of the Transvaal. Roberts says: "In the course of a conversation Cronje asked me for kind treatment at our hands, and also that his wife, grandson, private secretary, adjutant and servants might accompany him wherever he might be sent. I reassured him on these points."

Puerto Rican Tariff.

Washington, Feb. 26.—At the conference of the house republicans tonight on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, assurances were given that the president believed the measure constitutional, and that it would be approved if it came to him, and an agreement was reached to limit the operation of the bill to two years and to reduce the duty imposed by it from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff. As a result, the republican leaders claim that the bill will have the support of all the republicans except four—Messrs. McCall of Massachusetts, Dittfield of Maine, Lorimer of Illinois and Crumpacker of Indiana—and that this loss will be offset by affirmative votes of the opposition.

Another New Name.

In Seattle a new name has been found for the "fores" opposed to republicanism. The "populist," "fusion," "peoples," and "amalgamated" parties having failed, it is now the "composite" party. But it is the same old crowd making its annual attempt.

Arm Three Times Broken.

W. M. Sever of near Almota fell recently and broke his left arm while entering the door of a smoke house. This was the third break of the arm. Five weeks ago a horse fell upon him and fractured it, and by accident it has been twice broken since.

Banker Routs a Robber.

J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds, or any throat, chest or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at The Elk Drug Store, F. J. Stone, Prop.

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"YAKIMA" JONES. Works Hard at the National Capitol for His Constituents.

A citizen of Tacoma who is spending the winter at Washington, D. C., writes to the Yakima Republic about the work of Congressman Jones as follows:

"While at the capital during the present session of congress, I have been attracted by the close attention which many of its members are giving to the public business. Conspicuous among these, it is a pleasure to state, is your highly esteemed fellow citizen, Hon. Wesley L. Jones, an untiring, energetic and intelligent representative from the state of Washington. He has a pleasant residence here contiguous to the capitol building, and is at all times at his post, both in the house of representatives and at committee meetings, faithful in the discharge of duty and, while thus diligent, he is also quite alive to the wants of his people—working industriously to advance their interests in the various departments of the government, here as well as throughout his state, accomplishing much through his energy, tact, and ability. Mr. Jones has already taken a prominent place among his fellow members, being regarded as one of the best men in congress; and so the people of the state of Washington, in bestowing upon him an honorable place in the national council, are in their turn, dignified and elevated. He is surely of the right metal. His father was a brave Union soldier in the civil war—wounded at Fort Donelson, and dying of disease contracted in camp—in a word, the father was patriotic and true to duty, and likewise the son—a 'chip of the old block.' The people of his state may well be proud of him."

Weston Was Discharged.

Attorney James G. Combs, who defended John Weston in the court here on the charge of burrying the store of W. J. Boatright & Co. at Johnson, has received a letter from Weston at Colville. He states that he was discharged in Stevens county, without a hearing, as he easily convinced the authorities of his innocence on the horse stealing charge for which he was taken from here after his acquittal on the burglary charge. He claimed to have bought the horse in question, and convinced the Stevens county officers that this was true.

Kicked By a Horse.

A. J. Harris suffered a broken and dislocated shoulder a few days ago from a horse kick at the Harris farm near Colfax. The injury is a painful one. Mr. Harris has been spending the winter in the Palouse country and expects to return in a few days to his home at Carington, North Dakota.

NOT FOR A DAY, BUT FOR ALL TIME.

The motto of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, whose annual statement appears in today's issue, has always been, "Not for a day, but for all time."

Colossal as is the sum of assurance in force in this great society, yet the true strength and durability of the society is not measured by the amount of assurance in force or by the immense amount of assets shown. It is the enormous amount of surplus, namely, \$61,117,477.77, that enables the society and its agents to claim this to be the strongest life insurance company in existence. This surplus is the great bulwark that the society has erected to protect and guard it against any possible disaster in the distance; the management believe above everything else in pursuing a policy that adds strength, durability and permanency. This surplus furnishes the greatest possible safety, not only to its present policyholders, but to the future as well. It is not only the fund from which dividends are paid, but it is the fund which guards and protects the interests of all those who have dealings with the society.

The Equitable Society ranks as the leading life insurance society in the world and is especially noted for its prompt payment of death claims, which are paid immediately upon receipt of proofs of death.

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CALL FOR REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

The republican electors of Whitman county are hereby notified that there will be primaries held in the various precincts of the county on Saturday, March 10, 1900, in the county precincts from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m., and in the city precincts from 1 to 7 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to the county convention to be held in Colfax on Thursday, March 22, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Ellensburg on Thursday, April 5, 1900. Each precinct will elect the following number of delegates:

Table with 4 columns: Precinct, Rep's'n't'n, Precinct, Rep's'n't'n. Lists delegates for various precincts like Uniontown, Clinton, Frankham, etc.

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Some Interesting Figures

Capital Stock of the Four Great Banks of the World, December 31, 1899.

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name, Capital Stock. Includes BANK OF ENGLAND (\$86,047,935), BANK OF FRANCE (36,050,000), IMPERIAL BANK OF GERMANY (28,560,000), BANK OF RUSSIA (25,714,920), TOTAL (\$176,372,855).

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