

OIL, COAL AND GAS

Found Everywhere Over the Palouse Country.

Latest Excitement Is At Palouse, Where Gas Bubbles Through the Ice.

Natural gas, coal and oil are becoming common commodities in the Palouse country. Since the findings on Pine Creek, many people have been looking for oil. They find something more than indications at every high spring.

The best indications seem to be at Palouse, where the skating pond is illuminated from gas bubbles under the ice, and a few men and boys have been more or less seriously turned from thoughtlessly touching matches to the bubbles, after holes were made in the ice.

There is great excitement at Palouse City over the finds recently made and many leases of lands are being made for prospecting.

A. J. Irwin, an oil and gas expert from Pennsylvania, has examined the oil and gas flows and is of the opinion that the Palouse will equal the famous Pennsylvania coal, oil and gas fields. Land is being leased in that vicinity for prospecting purposes and machinery is being brought in for sinking.

All over the Palouse country there is great excitement over oil and gas. Preparations for prospecting the bowels of the earth are being made in the Pine Creek and Rock Lake countries. Lands otherwise considered worthless are being filed upon and leases taken.

An example is that shown by J. M. Baker, who owns several thousand acres of land in the vicinity of Thornton and Sunset. Mr. Baker bottled and brought to town a few days ago a few samples of the gas from his farm. He gave a public exhibition at the Pioneer drug store of its burning qualities, which showed it to be the pure quill.

All over the Palouse country people are corraling lands by jumping and lease, with the hope of striking oil.

FRUIT TO THE ORIENT.

Experience of General Tannatt With Japan Markets.

General T. R. Tannatt of Farmington, who is one of the moving spirits in the organization of the Inland Empire Fruit Growers' Association, is an enthusiast over the prospect of a permanent and profitable market for our fruits in the Orient.

"During the industrial exposition last fall," he said recently, "I had on exhibit a number of varieties of winter apples grown by me which were very fine specimens of that fruit. One day I was called on by a gentleman who explained that he was a flour merchant in Tacoma and made fortnightly shipments to Hawaii, Japan and China. He had admired my apple exhibit, and desired it to ship to friends in Honolulu and Kobe. Of course the exhibit could not be sold, but I offered to give him as many boxes of apples as he was willing to pay freight on. On my return home I shipped him six boxes of fine winter apples, packed in boxes lined with paraffine paper. I did not think much more about the matter, but later in the fall received a letter from the Tacoma gentleman asking me to ship a carload of apples at once, and guaranteeing \$3.50 and \$4 a box for such fruit delivered in Kobe, Japan. It so happened that just the week before this I had sold a carload of just such apples carefully packed and selected for shipment to the eastern market. On receipt of the gentleman's request I endeavored to ascertain just what rate I could obtain on apple shipments, and learned that transportation cost to Kobe would be \$2.50 and \$3 a box, which would leave me \$2.50 and \$3 a box for my apples that had just sold for less than half that figure."

Two Good Friends.

The farmers of Eastern Washington owe a vote of thanks to Lieutenant Governor McBride and Senator Preston and their coworkers, who have turned every legislative stone for railway legislation, only to be defeated by democratic senators and the railroad lobby. Their work has been earnest, but against odds. The railroad committee appointed by the lieutenant governor reported favorably the Preston bill for a railway commission, carrying out in spirit and in letter the pledges made by the republicans, and reiterated by the democrats in the late campaign. Assisted by the lobby, the democrats seem to have effectually killed all chance for lower freight rates on grain, for the only reason that Governor Rogers was not, under the bill, to be the sole appointive power when it came to naming the railroad commission.

Not Frozen Out.

C. M. Hitchings of Sunset was a Saturday visitor to Colfax. He has paid much attention to the condition of fall wheat since the dry and frosty weather of about 15 degrees above zero began ten days ago. While many have said that the continued dry and frosty weather has worked great hardship upon fall sown grain, Mr. Hitchings is of the opinion that little damage has been done. He is borne out in this opinion by a number of close observers.

Good Ice This Year.

The ice harvest was on during the early part of the week. Clear and moderately cold weather, without snow, made solid ice varying from four to six inches in thickness. A novelty was the ice wagons wheeling through warm sunshine and dust. Ice houses are well packed with the best quality of ice gathered here during many years.

Fall Wheat Little Hurt.

The freezing weather ended Wednesday, when a light rain began falling. It is believed by some, and argued against by others, that fall sown grain was injured. But the fact that the temperature never fell so low as ten degrees below zero is generally taken by observant farmers as having worked no serious injury to the fields.

School District Reinstated.

Through the effort of M. W. Belshaw who made a special trip to Colfax Monday to consult with County School Superintendent Roberts, school district No. 124, west of Farmington was reinstated, and the directors, we are informed, expect to open the school at once, says

the Farmington News.

The school, it is stated has been closed for the past six years, notwithstanding the fact that the residents of the district have been paying their regular school tax each year. The citizens have now, however, become thoroughly aroused to the great necessity and advantage of having a school in their midst, and mean to keep it open as long as the district finance will permit. The following directors and clerk were appointed by Superintendent Roberts: Directors—J. E. Randolph, J. H. Hevel and Dick Alderson. Clerk—C. W. Powell.

Help Inaugurate the President.

C. L. MacKenzie expects to leave Monday next on an eastern tour. He will first visit New York City and go from there to Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies of President McKinley. He expects to be absent several weeks and will visit all the principal cities of the Atlantic coast and middle west.

Treasurer's Salary.

Treasurer Windus feels himself entitled to a raise in salary because of the advancement of Whitman county from the tenth to the ninth class by the census of this year, which gives the county 25,360 population. The law provides this for him.

A PALOUSE OIL STORY.

The Pure Quill Flowing From a Crack in the River's Bluff.

Indications have been discovered recently near this city that leaves but little doubt in the minds of the citizens that underneath Palouse and the lands surrounding it to be found oil and gas in paying quantities, says the Palouse Republic.

Crude petroleum has been discovered running from a crevice in a rock on the river bank above the old mill site. The oil burns freely and has the appearance of being a good quality of the crude product. A. J. Irwin, an oil expert from Indiana, has examined it and pronounced it the genuine stuff. This discovery has created considerable excitement among land owners. It has served to dispel the skepticism which hitherto prevailed the minds of many.

But this seepage of oil is not the only indication that quantities of oil and gas are lying idle underneath us, while we depend on the wood man to keep us warm. Tuesday afternoon Earl Robards and other boys were skating on the river above Schumaker's mill dam when they noticed bubbles rising under the ice which was perfectly clear. They made a small hole in the ice and young Robards knelt down and applied a lighted match to the hole. Instantaneously he was enveloped in flames, which burned his hair and eyebrows, and ignited his clothing. His injuries were not serious, but the fumes of the gas had the effect of giving him a terrible headache. This led to a number of similar experiments being made, and in each case where the bubbles were seen and the ice punctured the gas responded to the touch of the match flame. Business men and farmers flocked to the scene and satisfied themselves that the report was authentic. Those who are familiar with the natural gas say the odor is identical.

Tuesday night J. R. Ryerson and a number of others did a little experimenting on the flat near the depot, where the first discovery of the gas was made. They drilled down some four or five feet and were rewarded by a flow of gas which burned brightly. The fact that the drill punctured the sub-strata of clay which underlies the soil in this country, and penetrated some distance into the gravel, excludes all possibility of this being swamp gas.

The indications of this immediate section are the best thus far discovered in the county, and not only the citizens but men of capital from a distance are becoming interested.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miles Miller of the First Bank of Colton was a Colfax visitor Monday.

F. W. Gaines has removed to Palouse with his family.

Mrs. Chas. Lusher of Wardner, Idaho, spent Wednesday with Colfax friends. She was on her way home from Pendleton, Ore., where she has been visiting relatives.

Harold Windus, son of Treasurer Windus, is seriously ill from rheumatism.

Miss Stella Perkins attended the masquerade party given at the Agricultural college Friday evening.

Leon S. Kuhn has been having trouble with measles at San Francisco, but is now out of danger.

C. A. Elmer, now in the employ of the Spokesman-Review, with Nez Perce and Latah counties as a field, expects to remove soon to Lewiston.

A. W. Armstrong has sold his interest in a St. John store to J. W. Fortune and has returned to Colfax.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scriber will leave this evening for Salem, Oregon, to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Scriber's parents. Mrs. Scriber expects to stay several weeks.

Nicholas Codd is again out, after a siege from la grippe.

Grand Chancellor Cornett of the Knights of Pythias, whose home is at North Yakima, visited Colfax in his official capacity Wednesday, leaving Thursday for Palouse, accompanied by a delegation from the local lodge.

Robert Grostein and Mrs. A. Binnard of Lewiston are in town.

Trace Ford of Marshalltown, Iowa, who spent several months in the Palouse country last fall, has returned from the east and will probably locate.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The anniversary of Lincoln's birthday was celebrated Tuesday by the closing of banks and public offices.

The T. B. Hampton farm on Clear creek has been sold to John Dunwoody, section foreman at Colfax on the Oregon Railway & Navigation road. The consideration was \$3000 for 160 acres.

Fred Brown will ship three cars of hogs to Seattle Saturday, for which he paid growers \$4.75 a hundred pounds, live weight.

John Raper, who was struck in the head with a beer bottle by Frank Madden at Garfield two weeks ago, is recovering slowly. His physicians fear brain trouble. Madden is still in jail, unable to furnish \$800 bonds.

If you want to buy a stock ranch, fruit farm or choice wheat lands, see Echo, Larue & Co.

ROW OVER PROPERTY

Divorced Wife Arrested and Tried For Trespass.

Justice Found She Was Not Guilty and Dismissed the Case Against Her.

The office of Justice Kirkland was enlivened Wednesday with a trespass charge against Mrs. Porter, formerly Mrs. Cyrus French, and more formerly Mrs. Thomas. Several years ago Cyrus French, an old pioneer of the Palouse country, married the woman after her acquittal on a murder charge. They lived together for a number of years and raised seven children. Three years ago Mrs. French secured a divorce and remarried Mr. Porter, making her home at Spokane with a portion of the children. At the time of separation Mr. French divided property with her, giving her one of two ranches a dozen miles southwest of Colfax.

Three weeks ago Mr. French was taken seriously ill and brought to the hospital at Colfax. According to the evidence brought out in the justice court, he left J. H. Wagner in charge of his farm and personal effects.

Last Monday the former wife visited Mr. French at the hospital. He was only able to say yes and no to questions asked, but Mrs. Porter considered that she was authorized by him to go to the farm and take charge of affairs. When she did so she had trouble with Mr. Wagner. Hot words passed between them and the result was the arrest of the woman on a charge of trespass. After a hearing Wednesday, taken under advisement until Thursday afternoon, Justice Kirkland discharged her.

The case then went up to the superior court application for a guardian for the children and Mr. French's property. It is probable that either Geo. H. Lennox or J. K. Echo will be appointed.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

At the Congregational church the pastor is delivering by request, a series of discourses Sunday mornings, covering the ground of Dr. Clarke's lectures before the John Hopkins University, "What Shall We Think of Christianity?" There have been two discourses each upon "The Christian People" and "The Christian Doctrine," and next Sunday morning will be the first of the closing two upon "The Christian Power"—the influence Christ brought about and left behind him in the world. These sermons have dealt with vital things in Christianity in an interesting way and have thrown much light upon many perplexing subjects.

Rev. Geo. W. Grannis will lecture at the Methodist Episcopal church next Monday evening. Subject, "The Future Man." Admission free. Rev. Dr. Fleisher will preach next Sunday morning and evening at this church. Rev. J. W. Fleisher of the Colfax M. E. church, held quarterly conference at Pampa last Saturday and Sunday. Seven united with the church and four were converted. Rev. F. J. James, the pastor, is doing effective work in that region.

The subject for the Christian Science lesson sermon for Feb. 17 is "Mind." Golden text: Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ; Jesus that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans, 15:5-6. Responsive reading psalm 148. All are welcome.

At the Baptist church Sunday Pastor Collins will preach at 11, and Rev. Geo. Campbell, former pastor of the church, and returned missionary from China, will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

"Night Scenes in the Life of Our Lord" will form the basis of a series of lectures to be delivered by Rev. Wm. W. Reid at the Sabbath evening service at the United Presbyterian church, beginning next Sabbath. The topic for the first evening is: "An Evening's Talk With Nicodemus." Other services as usual. All cordially welcome.

After Thirty Years.

G. W. Smith has been sued in the superior court by his wife, Temperance A. Smith, for divorce. She alleges that her husband abandoned her in 1893 and has since failed to provide for her. They were married in Linn county, Oregon, in 1871.

Heir to a Fortune.

Mrs. J. J. Hoepner has been notified by the German consul at Tacoma that she is one of the heirs to the estate of her father, who died three years ago in Germany. Mrs. Hoepner has no information as to how much has been left her.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Colfax postoffice, Feb. 15, 1901: Calaway, J. D. Mason, R. A. Driesback, Prof. S. H. McDonald, Geo. Foy, Jack O'Leary, Wm. Griffiths, Miss M. St. Clair, Robt. Griffin, Emma Thompson, Geo. Howard, Arthur Wiseman, B. B. Lewis, David

One cent postage will be collected. JAMES EWART, P. M.

Valuable Almanac Free.

We have received a copy of the new almanac for 1901 published by the Royal Baking Powder Co. It is an artistic and useful book and will be of interest to housekeepers. A noteworthy feature of the almanac is a prediction of the weather for every day of the year, by Prof. DeVoe, who correctly prophesied the Great Galveston cyclone and other meteorological events. We are authorized to say that any woman reader of this paper can secure a copy without cost by sending a request to the Company, at 100 William St., New York.

Glass Blowing.

The Bohemian glass blowers, who are on their way to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, are exhibiting at Colfax for three days, ending Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Ruedy building, manufacturing many pleasing articles of beautiful shapes and designs, such as birds, animals, ships, pipes, baskets of fruit and flowers, while you look on in wonder. Articles will be given away free of charge to everyone who visits the show. Don't miss it. Bring the ladies and children. It's a rare treat to all. Open from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 o'clock p. m. Admission 10 cents.

FLOUR RATE TO THE ORIENT.

Reduced From Six Dollars to Five Dollars a Ton.

The British steamship Queen Adelaide, Captain McNair, is due to arrive at Victoria today from Hong Kong and Japan ports and will come up sound to Tacoma at once to discharge her cargo, says Saturday's Tacoma Ledger. Beginning with the Queen Adelaide, Dodwell & Co. announce a marked reduction in the prevailing rate on flour to the Orient, Yokohama, Kobe and Hong Kong.

The rate on flour in the past has been \$6. This will be reduced to \$5, an innovation which in all likelihood will be appreciated by shippers. The reduction in rate is said to be due to the fact that many tramp steamers are seeking the Pacific coast and Puget sound in particular for cargoes owing to the dullness of trade in the Orient, and are entering into active competition with the regular liners.

No Russian Duty.

It is also announced on reliable authority that the Russian government has decided to indefinitely postpone the threatened 75 cents per barrel duty which was to have been imposed on imported flour after January 1, 1901. This duty would have been especially felt by flour shippers from Puget sound to Port Arthur and Vladivostok. The present announcement is that the duty will not be imposed before July in any event, and that it is not likely to be imposed even after that date.

Flour Trade Growing.

During the past few years the flour trade with Russia, and particularly the Orient, from Puget Sound has grown at a remarkable pace. Even with the prevailing rates tramp steamers found themselves able to obtain cargoes. Consequently with the reduction of \$1 which Dodwell & Co. announce in the flour rate to the Orient, the probabilities are that the flour trade between the Sound and Japan and China will increase more rapidly during the ensuing months than ever before. The market afforded by the vast millions of people in China and in Japan offers great inducements to the flour manufacturer and the trade grew very rapidly under the old rate.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY.

Made Near Oakesdale in 1891 Now Recalled.

Oakesdale News: Jack Hodgson has been asked by Mr. A. J. Henning, who resides about four and one-half miles west of Oakesdale to clean out his well. This brings to mind the remarkable and mysterious discovery made by Mr. Hodgson in 1891 when he dug the well. When down some 88 feet a hard substance was encountered, which at first was thought to be a large boulder, but as it was uncovered it was found to be the bark of a black walnut log in a state of petrification. Beneath the bark the wood was found to be in a good state of preservation, and the tree was about 18 inches in diameter. Going a little deeper a second trunk of walnut was found lying crosswise beneath the first, and this was 2 1/2 feet in diameter. Mr. Hodgson says he will clean the well for the trees, while Mr. Henning also wants them. This shows that at some perhaps pre-Adamsite period this country was covered with timber, and that the original surface has been covered by an artificial deposit to the depth of nearly a hundred feet.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Misses Agnes Davis and Zoe Daventport gave a Mother Goose masquerade party Thursday night to 45 of their young friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis. Earl Rentew as Simple Simon and Belle Boyd as a School Teacher were awarded prizes. A jolly time was had.

Opera House.

Coming Monday, February 25, Richard & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels. The opera house next Thursday evening will be the scene of one of the most exciting sporting events ever witnessed in this vicinity, being a catch-as-catch can wrestling match, between J. P. Donner of Moscow and Prof. Frank S. Lewis, the athletic club instructor, for \$50 a side and 75 per cent of the receipts. The probable outcome of the match is the subject of considerable animated discussion, as the principles are backing themselves to win, and there is no doubt in the minds of many of the sincerity of the match. Donner, who is well known in this vicinity, is accorded to be one of the best all-around athletes in the west, and among his vanquished he has the celebrated Japanese wrestler, Matsudo Sasa Kutchi, on his list. Prof. Lewis is credited as being one of the cleverest wrestlers in this country and has the reputation of creating a number of new holds that are now used in wrestling. He never has been defeated, and among his adversaries of late was Nalli Adali, the terrible Turk. Both Donner and Lewis are training faithfully, the former at Moscow, and the latter at the Colfax Athletic Club room. There have been several side bets made already as to the result of this match, between local admirers of the two contestants.

Lost-Saturday night, February 9,

between Lippitt's store and Masonic hall, one sheepskin gauntlet glove with wool on. Finder please leave at Lippitt's store.

C. S. Dwire, dentist, has opened an office in the White block, rooms formerly occupied by Pattison & Trimble, and is now ready for business.

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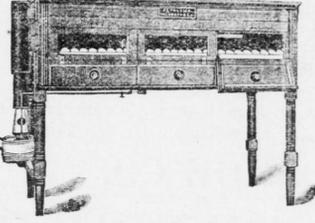
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Notice of Registration.

Notice is hereby given that the registration books of the various wards of the city of Colfax, Washington, are now open at the office of the city clerk of said city, for the purpose of registration of voters within the limits of said city. February 5, 1901. HOWARD BRAMWELL, Clerk of the City of Colfax, Wash.

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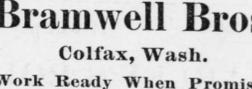
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