

WHEELER'S SHOWING County Resources Inflated Forty Thousand Dollars.

The County Court House Will Soon
be a Wonderfully Valuable
Piece of Property.

The efforts put forth by the democratic administration of the auditor's office, during the incumbency of Chas. G. Raby and H. H. Wheeler, to make a "good showing" to the taxpayers of Whitman county, is indeed amusing to say the least. The readers of the Gazette will remember what a "good showing" Mr. Raby has made, but they are, perhaps, not aware that Mr. Wheeler has also made a "showing." A "comparative statement" of the resources and liabilities of this county under the last two administrations are worth studying:

Resources.		
ITEMS.	Rep.	Dem.
Cash in treasury	\$151,635.94	\$118,222.49
Uncollected taxes	88,286.59	44,389.92
County farm, etc.	5,500.00	5,500.00
Stock, etc., county farm	1,000.00	1,000.00
Court house and grounds	104,500.00	100,000.00
	\$320,925.53	\$337,404.40

Liabilities.		
ITEMS.	Rep.	Dem.
Cash, due state	\$ 7,275.50	\$11,950.49
Cash, due school dists.	71,346.19	46,258.86
Cash, due road dists.	6,824.54	5,555.19
Funds, due towns	2,854.80	4,079.63
Bonded indebtedness	200,000.00	106,000.00
Interest on bonds	2,500.00	1,425.00
County warrants outstanding	2,500.00	1,712.94
Excess of resources	27,936.80	160,482.99
	\$320,925.53	\$337,404.40

These tablets are taken from the auditor's annual exhibits. The "Republican" being that of John F. Corner, and represents the ending of the fiscal year June 30, 1900. The "Democratic" being that of H. H. Wheeler, and represents the ending of the fiscal year June 30, 1902. The glaring "inflation" which the Gazette wishes to call attention to is this: Under John F. Corner's administration the court house and grounds are valued at \$104,500. Under H. H. Wheeler's rule the same item is given a valuation of \$150,000, or \$45,500 more than under the previous administration. There is no obvious reason for this, save only that the democratic administration desires to make a "showing." The court house and grounds have not enhanced in value; if anything they are of less real value today than they were two years ago. No improvements have been made whereby that amount of expense has been added to the cost of construction during this time, all the late improvements of any importance having been made under Corner's administration. This being the case the question naturally arises: Why this difference in valuation? This seems to be the idea: Had the democratic administration not seen fit to raise the valuation of the court house from \$104,500 to \$150,000, thereby creating an imaginary resource—not a real one—their balance would have fallen below that of Mr. Corner's, two years previous, \$16,478.57. By raising the valuation Mr. Wheeler has created an "imaginary" resource of \$45,500 and has not added one cent to the real value of the item which he enhances.

When the Gazette asked Mr. Wheeler regarding this matter, that gentleman replied that it was a matter that lay entirely in the judgment of the county auditor; that whatever the auditor deemed the valuation to be, that was what it was made. However, by going back to that grand and glorious democratic auditor, John Tobin, whom Commissioner Hinchliff says was the "best auditor Whitman county ever had," it is discovered that the judgment of that worthy gentleman was that the court house and grounds were worth \$100,000, even money, not a cent more, not a cent less. Coming down to Auditor Corner's exhibit it is discovered that the valuation is \$104,500, which has been explained that during his term of office a new vault was placed in the court house and the clerk's office moved to where it is now located; also, that the jail was remodeled, and an excavation made under the building for reception of fuel. These expenses amounted to \$4,500, and were permanent building improvements, consequently that amount was added to the judgment of Mr. Tobin. Now it stands for Auditor Wheeler, the present nominee for election, to show to the voters how in his judgment the court house and grounds have increased in value from \$104,500 to \$150,000, with, perhaps, only a few hundred dollars actual expense having been incurred during his or Mr. Raby's administration. If the stuffing of values to make a big balance is good, it is easy to be seen how many things could have been covered up by the same system.

POSTOFFICE ROBBER FOUND. The Man Who Robbed the Palouse Postoffice Captured.

On the morning of April 7th the post-office at Palouse was burglarized, the criminals escaping. Recently one of the men engaged in that piece of work has been captured in Montana for another offense and is serving a five years' sentence in the Deer Lodge penitentiary. After that is over he will have to answer to Uncle Sam for disturbing one of his postoffices. The Palouse Republic contains the following story:
"Some time ago Postmaster Lamphere received a communication from the postal authorities containing an interview of a postoffice inspector with a fellow prisoner of Jack Shell, who was held for burglary at Livingston, Mont., for verification. The interview related the circumstance of the Palouse burglary and told about things that could not have been known by any other person than those who committed the deed. It appears that the fellow prisoner travels on his reputation as a bad character, that Shell is inclined that way himself, and happening to be locked in the same cell together, got to relating their experiences, among which Shell told of the Palouse burglary. The fellow prisoner, thinking to be able to get the \$300 offered by the government for the apprehension of postoffice robbers, told the sheriff, who in turn told the postal authorities. The testimony of the fellow prisoner would not hold before the grand jury, so the sheriff connived in some way, better known to himself, to get the confession from Shell himself.
From Shell's confession it appears that he and a partner by the name of Shin, cracked the postoffice safe Monday morning, April 7th, and afterwards

walked to Garfield, and from Garfield to Latah, walking on the railroad track all the time, taking the cars to Spokane at this point, jumping off at the outskirts of the city, and sneaking into the city. After a day in Spokane they went to Montana, and Shell told about paying the fare of a little Mexican to Livingston, but he does not implicate him in the burglary. On the 24th of April he was arrested for having burglarized a gunsmith's store, and was sentenced as above."

The following is an extract of a special to a Spokane paper from Helena, Montana:
"He will not have to face the charge of burglary here until he gets out of prison in Montana. It will be nearly five years before that time, but this will not make the case any less interesting, perhaps, than it would if he had to be captured and then convicted. Sheriff Beley of Park county, Montana, came before the grand jury of the federal court in order to give testimony in this case. He had the handling of Shell while on trial at Livingston. Postmaster G. N. Lamphere is in the city from Palouse as a witness."
The holding of Shell by the United States grand jury was brought about by his own confession to Sheriff Beley.
This is one of Sheriff Mackay's "blanks."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wm. Hiney, who has spent the summer in the Palouse country, looking after his farming interests, returned Tuesday to his home at Pasadena, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shallis of Coeur d'Alene, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. John Benson, returned to their home early in the week.

C. L. McKenzie returned Saturday from Southern Oregon, where he went to prove up on a timber claim.

Albert Keyser, who has made Colfax and Wardner, Idaho, his home for some time, has gone to Boise, Idaho, where he has accepted a position in a shoe store. His family will join him as soon as he can make arrangements in that city.

Mrs. Chas. Lusher of Wardner, Idaho, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waite.

J. W. Arrasmith, state grain inspector, was in Colfax the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Ivan Chase and sister, Miss Helen James, were Spokane visitors Friday and Saturday.

A. B. Baker, a prominent implement merchant of Pullman, was transacting business in Colfax Tuesday.

E. Harvey, a grain dealer located at Pullman, was in Colfax Saturday.

Harry Woodin, one of the stockholders of The Fair store, was in Colfax several days this week from Spokane. He was on his way to New York.

John Housekeeper is in Portland this week, in consultation with the O. R. & N. officials, trying to secure the privilege of opening a lunch counter at the depot.

Miss Deane Smith of Spokane has been visiting with Miss Stella Perkins several days this week.

J. W. Peer, living on Alkali flat, was in Colfax Wednesday. He says harvesting is all over in that country.

Charles C. Curtis left on the evening train Wednesday for Eugene, Oregon, where he goes to enter the Eugene Divinity school.

Mrs. R. G. Brown left Wednesday evening for Rome, Tenn., where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. M. A. Rose visited with Spokane friends during the week.

Miss Bernice Corner spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Spokane.

Mrs. Nannie Wait has removed to Spokane, where she will make her home, being joined by her children in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bragg will leave Sunday for Portland, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Parrish Wilson, who has spent the past year with the family of her uncle, B. W. McPhee, has gone to Denver, Colo.

John Lathrum of Oakesdale, the popular candidate for state senator in the Ninth district, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Augustus Metz and Miss Bertha Baker, two well known young people of Colfax, will be united in marriage next Wednesday, October 8. After the ceremony the couple will be tendered a wedding reception by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baker, parents of the bride to be.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Underwood are preparing to go to Arizona, where they will spend the winter for the benefit of Mr. Underwood's health.

Miss Willie Maguire of Post Falls, Idaho, is visiting with Mrs. A. E. King.

O. F. Hendricson of Farmington, the general republican candidate for auditor, is in Colfax for a few days.

Miss Anna Deitz, who has been nursing Miss Maye Burns at the home of R. H. Duff, has taken down with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Marella Lemmasson has gone to Portland for a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. William Dumdi returned Wednesday from a weeks' visit with friends in Walla Walla.

D. C. Akin of Johnson, accompanied by his son, Don Akin of Colfax, was in Colfax Wednesday on business.

Robert M. Hanna and W. C. McCaw are making a tour of the Pullman-Johnson country this week.

Mrs. J. M. Stinson, who has been visiting with her father in Oklahoma for the past three months, returned yesterday morning.

M. J. Chapman was in Colfax Wednesday from Pullman.

Bids for Postoffice Building.
Plans and specifications for the new postoffice building are on exhibition at the office of A. E. Kirkland, where bids will be received up to Monday, October 6, at 12 noon.

Wanted—Fruit pickers and packers. Good pay. Apply at ranch, on Spring flat, 4 miles from Colfax. Wm. A. Gordon.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a window sale at the City Market, Saturday, Oct. 4.

Slendish sheep pasture on Snake river for sale by J. G. Elliot, Colfax, Wash.

A good 600-egg, double, incubator for sale cheap. Inquire at Gazette office.

Remember, The Palm serves only the best ice cream and fountain drinks.

HE USED A GUN.

W. J. Romer Took a Shot at a Bartender and Made His Escape.

Considerable excitement was occasioned around the Star saloon Saturday morning about 2 o'clock when W. J. Romer, a harvest hand, fired a shot point blank at Jim Alowman, the night bartender. He missed his mark, however, and the bullet shattered the back bar mirror. Deputy Marshal Carter heard the shot and was upon the scene immediately and placed Romer under arrest. In searching the prisoner he found the gun, a knife and a package containing a pair of overalls. The prisoner was taken to the city lock up, but while unlocking the jail door Deputy Carter dropped the package and stooped to pick it up, so that the door could be opened. As he was doing this Romer gave him a push or struck him with such force that Carter fell to the floor and before the officer could rise to his feet Romer took to his heels through the open door into the darkness, making good his escape. Romer has been working out in the country a short distance and had driven a horse and cart into town. When the officer went to secure these, however, they had also disappeared, and it is presumed that Romer took them with him.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The framework is up for the new flouring mill which is being built by the Colfax Milling company on the site of the old building which was burned recently.

The new boilers for the Colfax electric light plant are being placed in position this week.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Congregational parsonage, the outside finishing being almost complete. It is to be quite a handsome structure.

Several new sidewalks are being laid along Main street, the brick walk in front of the Main street school being completed this week.

The Ladies Improvement society gave an anniversary reception at their Rest and Reading room last evening. It was in honor of their first year of organization.

Fall and winter apples are coming in at a lively rate and will for two months yet, although the crop is not nearly so heavy as last season. Fruit men shipped upwards of 27 cars of apples from this point last year.

The Past Grand's Club of the Rebekah lodge No. 13, spent a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lommason Wednesday. Games, music and refreshments were the order of the evening.

D. Burgess, candidate for congress on the socialist ticket is billed for Whitman county from the 1st to the 22nd. He will speak in Colfax on the evening of the 6th at the court house.

The building occupied by the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company is being moved from Spring street to the corner of Mill and Spring, to vacate the lot for the erection of the new postoffice building, which will begin at once.

Arrested on Serious Charge.
Ed Galloway was arrested Monday, September 27, upon information sworn to by F. Dowling, who charged that Galloway maliciously set fire to a grain stack causing the destruction of property, including the threshing outfit belonging to King Bros. The warrant was issued out of Justice Kirkland's court and the defendant was given a preliminary hearing yesterday, which lasted all afternoon. Court adjourned until today, when the pleadings will be made. Galloway was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Davis between Colfax and Elberton as he was making his way toward Spokane. He had been working with the King machine at the Dowling place a few miles from Colfax.

Good School Showing.
The first month of the fall term has closed in the Colfax schools, and the superintendent reports a satisfactory start in the work. There are now 602 pupils enrolled in the Colfax schools, which is a gain of 69 over last year. The number of pupils perfect in attendance was 33. The fifth grade at the high school building has no cases of tardiness. The teachers are pleased with the work and the pupils seem to show considerable interest.

It's Time to Register!
Only twelve more days are left in which you can register. If you don't register, you can't vote. If you can't vote, you haven't complied with the requirements of law. So there you are! Remember the registration books at the city clerk's office close on the evening of October 14, for the election to be held November 4, 1902.

For Petit Larceny.
J. H. Miller was brought to the county jail from Tekoa Tuesday upon a commitment from Justice Lefors' court to serve out a sentence of \$25 and costs imposed by that court upon him because he was too handy in handling small articles belonging to other people.

Don't Forget.
Dr. Ingalls, eye specialist, will be here the 7th inst., and is prepared to cure and fit your glasses right on the spot, as he carries a very large stock of compound lenses. Perfect fitting glasses and satisfaction guaranteed. At Hotel Whitman for about two weeks or so. Consultation and examination free.

Horses Wanted.
The Spokane Grain Co. of Seattle, Wash., will have a representative in Colfax, Wash., from Oct. 15th to 18th, to buy horses weighing from 1200 lbs to 1700 lbs. Parties wishing to sell will please bring their horses on said dates. Inquire at Colfax Hotel.

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Coming Attractions.
The Elizabeth Hale company will hold the boards at the Ridgeway three nights next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday evening "Won Back" will be given and on Friday and Saturday evenings "Traacherous Sands" and "Wicked London" are advertised. Regarding "Won Back" the Daily Astorian, Astoria, Oregon, says: "Miss Elizabeth Hale and company opened at Fisher's opera house last night in 'Won Back,' an emotional drama in four acts. The play is of a far higher character than is usually presented by a repertoire and Miss Hale's support is excellent, every character being well drawn and clearly presented. The story of the play opens in Australia and is then transferred to London, and the leading part of Grace Darth was excellently played by Miss Hale, who had a long hard part to portray and carried it through with the force and finish of an artist. In all probability Miss Hale's name will soon be in the front rank of American actresses. As Aunt Martha, Miss Francis was well suited and caused endless laughter. Mr. Armour and Mr. Russell Reed were well suited to their parts and Mr. Harry Pollard made a successful villain. Mr. Sidney Platt, as Aunt Martha's son, was entirely at home, and the rest of the long cast was well suited."

Insane Man in Jail.
John J. Mercer was brought down from Seltice Thursday, September 25, and placed in the county jail pending an examination for insanity. Mercer, to all appearances, is harmless, but has some very queer hallucinations. An examination has been held and the man is still confined in jail, pending another consultation. It was hoped by Judge Chadwick and the medical examiners that he would improve and that there would be no necessity for sending him to the asylum.

Wood Yard Sold.
S. B. Siler has sold his interest in the Colfax Wood Yard to Ed. White, the change taking place Wednesday, October 1. The new firm will continue the business under the name of Bryson & White, and will occupy the same premises as the old firm.

The Divorce Mill.
Thursday, September 25, Mrs. Anna Baldwin was granted a decree of divorce and the custody of her youngest child, six years of age, from her husband, J. H. Baldwin. The plaintiff's complaint alleged desertion and failure to provide. This couple were married in Whitman county eight years ago, and this suit has been pending since November, 1897.

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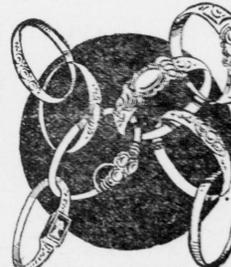
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