

## A FAVORABLE REPORT

### Little Delinquent Inheritance Tax in Whitman County.

#### County Clerk's Records and System Complimented and Assessment Approved.

Frank C. Morse of Olympia, secretary of the state tax commission and deputy state treasurer, which latter position he fills to facilitate his work of collecting delinquent inheritance taxes, spent last week in Colfax delving into the records and files that would yield the information wanted. Mr. Morse was one of the old timers in Colfax and served as postmaster here in the early 90's. He went from here to Asotin county to continue the tax work. Referring to the results of his investigations here he said:

"I have examined the records and papers in some 520 inheritance tax cases, and have found only 25 or 30 cases where the tax has not been paid. Several of these cases can not be classed as in the delinquent list, because they have not yet been closed up. Whitman county's exceptionally fine record in this matter is due to the careful attention given it by your superior judge and the members of the bar, who have made it a point to see that the provisions of the law were complied with. The work connected with the investigation consisted mostly of examining the court records in the county clerk's office, and I wish to say that these records are kept in fine shape, comparing favorably with the best records to be found in any county in the state. It is a pleasure to work with such a complete and systematically kept set of books."

Mr. Morse's principal mission here was to examine and check up the inheritance tax cases, but incidentally, as secretary of the state tax commission, it was his duty to gather information relating to the recent assessment, concerning which he said:

"It is my belief, based on what I have learned from inspection of the assessment rolls and in talks with your assessors concerning the work, that Whitman county was never before assessed so fairly and equitably as it has been this year, upon the 60 per cent valuation basis. As you are aware, this basis of assessment was adopted for the entire state by the county assessors in convention, as advised and directed by the state tax commission, and the assessors in the several counties have observed it literally and faithfully. In my opinion, this raising of valuations, to be followed by proportionate lowering of taxes, making regular tax payments about the same as before, is the best thing that has happened to the state at large in many years. The reason is that under the plan adopted and followed this year the state will show up well in valuation, while the tax levy will be lowered to a rate that will not take an eastern man's breath away and put him on the back track for home as soon as his inevitable question about taxes is answered. This is among the first questions asked by the man who visits the state with an idea of becoming a citizen, and no amount of explanation about low valuations being responsible for a high tax rate will convince him that taxes are not unreasonably high. We want new citizens who take interest in and consider tax problems, and I am satisfied that the present movement will result in a condition that will invite rather than repel the man seeking a home among us and a chance to work or do business."

#### WRIT OF REVIEW GRANTED.

**Railroads Not Satisfied With Result of Colfax Hearing.**

On Thursday the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, through W. W. Cotton, its secretary and general counsel, filed in the superior court of Whitman county a petition and affidavit for a writ of review of the evidence, pleadings and findings of the state railroad commission hearing held at Colfax June 20-23. The railroad company alleges among other things the illegality and error of the commission in denying certain motions, and in failing to notify the railroad company of the names of complaining shippers. In the absence of Judge Chadwick, the proceedings were before Court Commissioner Chas. R. Hill, who granted the petition, the hearing to be held September 11 before Judge Chadwick. While the case is brought in the name of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, it is understood that the other railroads of the state are interested in it as silent partners, and the indications are that a battle royal is on against the legality and authority of the state railroad commission. The papers already filed are very voluminous.

#### Emptying Cooper Lake.

Another chapter in the history of odoriferous Cooper lake, so called, opened the first of the week when the city had an electric motor and centrifugal pump installed for the purpose of emptying the pond of the foul smelling water, or at least to reduce the volume of it to a point where it can be handled by disinfectants and deodorizers. Since Monday the pump has been running day and night and most of the water has been lifted and flumed into the river channel farther down, flowing thence into the North Palouse. When the pumping ceases fresh water will be turned into the channel below Cooper lake to flush out the bad water that has accumulated from the operation. After all these things have been done it is presumed that everybody will be happy.

#### Want Lower Assessment.

J. W. Morrow, tax and right of way agent of the O. R. & N., and J. C. Fairchild, representing the Northern Pacific, were before the county board of equalization Thursday afternoon arguing for a reduction of assessment on certain lines in the county, to conform to the schedule adopted by the assessors' convention. All the lines in Whitman county were placed in 1st class B and assessed at the uniform rate of \$10,560 per mile, to which the railroad men object.

#### New Teacher Elected.

Miss E. Minette Bloor of Canada, has been elected as teacher of the 6th grade in the Colfax schools, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Ames. Miss Bloor is a graduate of the Ontario Normal and comes highly recommended as an instructor and a lady of sterling worth.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. L. M. Haskins returned last Friday from a two month visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Lee, near Hay.

Professors Chas. Henry of Palouse and S. M. McCroskey of Garfield, visited Colfax Saturday for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the text book commission.

R. F. Banker and family, H. W. Canfield and family and Miss Ruth DePledge returned last Thursday from a two weeks' outing on the little North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river above Kingston. They report an ideal camping place, with plenty of good fishing and huckleberries galore.

Verne Baird, for the past two years clerk at the Colfax postoffice, leaves September 1 for Spokane, in which city he has secured a position as bookkeeper for Moline Bain Wagon Co.

Chas. R. Hill left Saturday for a visit with his family, who are enjoying an outing at Liberty lake, returning the first of the week. Mrs. Hill and children will return about September 1.

Jerry Culton of Palouse, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. T. J. Farris, made this city a business visit Saturday. Mr. Culton formerly was a resident of Colfax, having come here in 1877, but this is the first time for a number of years that he has visited here.

Professor and Mrs. J. O. Mattoon left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Spokane and Cheney, after which they will go to Chatelet. They expect to be absent about two weeks.

Mrs. A. Fisher will leave shortly for Greenwood, B. C., accompanied by her grandchildren, to visit her daughters, Mrs. Ehrlich and Mrs. Oppenheimer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McCroskey left Friday evening via the O. R. & N. for a trip through Yellowstone park. They will be joined there by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. MacKenzie, who left Sunday by the Northern Pacific, and they will do the park together.

Mrs. M. A. Rose and Mrs. F. W. Beck visited in Spokane several days early in the week.

Thos. B. Matlock of Pullman, was in the city Monday, having just returned from his farm in Pleasant valley. He reports that his spring grain is yielding 30 bushels per acre, and would have run 40 bushels but for the hot weather.

Miss Grace Greenhill, who was camping with the Bellinger and Bramwell party on Elk creek, Idaho, arrived home Saturday.

Tom Benton, who is operating a stock ranch on Lake Chelan, was in the city during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Beach of Palouse, were Colfax visitors Monday.

Peter McGregor of Hooper, republican candidate for state senator, spent Saturday in Colfax.

Virgil McCroskey and Arthur Frazer returned Tuesday from a visit of several days in Spokane.

United States Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado, was a guest at Hotel Colfax last Saturday. Senator Teller is looking after his mining interests in the northwest and was enroute to Lewiston to visit a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, who have been residing in the Pend d'Oreille lake region, arrived home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bramwell and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bellinger, who have been camping on Elk creek, in Idaho, about 100 miles from Colfax, arrived home Tuesday.

County Auditor H. H. Wheeler returned Tuesday from the Sound where he spent his vacation.

P. F. Chadwick, J. F. Tift, A. E. King and J. W. Poteet arrived home Monday from a fishing trip to Marble creek on the St. Joe river.

Mrs. Julius Ehrlich, after spending two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher, has gone to Montreal, Quebec, to meet her husband on his return from Europe.

Mrs. Geo. H. Shirkey left Wednesday for a visit with her parents at Anaconda, Montana.

Miss Nellie Doolittle left Tuesday morning for Coeur d'Alene, where she will be the guest of Mrs. T. A. Daughters for a week.

Mrs. J. S. Beall leaves today for her home in Portland, after a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Kate Metz. She goes by way of North Yakima, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Underwood.

J. L. Lindley, formerly county clerk of Whitman county, who is up from Grants Pass, Oregon, looking after his farming interests in Pleasant valley, was in Colfax Wednesday meeting old friends.

J. W. Hereford of Spokane, spent several days of the week in Colfax.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. True, John Miller of the county auditor's office, and Mrs. M. Lyle, went to La Grande, Oregon, Wednesday to prove up on timber claims in that region, upon which they filed recently.

Mrs. M. J. McCaw left Wednesday to spend a few days in camp with friends at Chatelet.

Rev. Robert Cooper of Seattle, formerly pastor at Hooper and Washtucna, was a visitor in town last week. Rev. Cooper has resigned his charge in Seattle and will return to Pennsylvania October 1.

Prof. Elder, the new principal of Watsburg Academy, was in Colfax Tuesday. Prof. Elder was first honor man of the class of '06 of Monmouth College, Ill. He says the prospects for the academy are very bright for the coming season.

Mrs. W. F. Snodgrass left Sunday for a three weeks' visit with relatives in Oregon and southern Idaho.

Mrs. C. W. Hunt of Spokane, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Kipp.

A. F. McClaine of Tacoma was in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank Beck returned Thursday from a visit to Spokane, accompanied by her friend, Mrs. C. P. Collins, who has undergone a serious operation at the Seattle hospital. Mrs. Collins will remain here until she entirely recovers.

Attorney R. H. Hutchinson of Oakesdale, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Colfax transacting professional business.

A. J. Davis and family and B. Burdinger and family returned Tuesday from their camp near the mouth of the St. Joe.

Arthur Frazer has opened his piano studio in the new Lipitt building. A class has been secured and Mr. Frazer has decided to remain in Colfax.

## REDUCED FIVE MILLS

### City Tax Levy Fixed at Thirteen Mills For This Year.

#### Four Mills for Bonded Indebtedness and Nine Mills for Current Expense.

The city tax levy for 1906 was the principal topic discussed and disposed of at the regular meeting of the city council last Monday evening. Last year the levy was 18 mills, divided as follows: For bonded indebtedness, 6 mills; current expense fund, 10 mills; redemption of current expense warrants, 1 mill; redemption of general fund warrants, 1 mill. For this year the levy was fixed at 13 mills—4 mills for bonded indebtedness and 9 mills for current expense. It is figured by the council that the levy of 9 mills for current expense will provide enough money to meet running expenses and leave a balance to apply on the redemption of outstanding current expense warrants. The total assessed valuation of the city is \$1,207,000, of which \$700,800 is on real estate and improvements, and \$506,200 on personal property.

G. W. Larue was granted a building permit for a 36x40 one story frame dwelling to be erected in the south end. The street committee was given further time to report on the proposed Clay street work, in the north end.

A hotel bar license, under the provisions of the ordinance recently passed, was ordered issued to the Whitman Hotel.

Delinquent bills for licenses heretofore issued were referred to the city attorney for collection.

The matter of completing the house numbering was again informally discussed, and preparations to that end are under way. Free mail delivery waits upon the completion of this work and the citizens are urged to cooperate to secure the service.

#### Fell From a Ladder.

As a result of a fall last Saturday, J. R. Good is confined to his bed with two broken ribs and other painful bruises. He is rearranging some material near the ceiling of his mill, when the ladder on which he stood slipped, throwing him with considerable force onto a steel paneling machine with the result above mentioned. Fortunately the machine on which he fell was not running, otherwise he doubtless would have been killed. He is now improving rapidly and will be able to be out in a few days.

#### Met Old Friends.

While in Boston recently Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Woodward met Misses Kate and Lucy Hogan, who are spending their vacation at the former's country home at Gardner, Maine. Miss Lucy Hogan has forsaken recitation for the drama and will have a position in Mrs. Leslie Carter's company during the coming winter. Katherine Ridgeway will go on the road with her own company during the early winter, and will be with the Ridpath Lyceum bureau the latter part of the season.

#### Street Signs Destroyed.

Vandals have been at work in different parts of the city, leaving their mark on the handsome enameled street signs recently put up, which have been used as targets for rocks and other missiles. Some of the signs have been destroyed and many are so badly battered as to be almost useless. Unless a stop is put to the vandalism that finds vent in this form of destruction the city will soon again be without these useful accessories.

#### Lyman-Potter.

Mrs. Emily S. Potter announces the marriage of her daughter, Jessie Lovinia, to Stanley Walton Lyman, at Livingston, Mont., August 15. They will make their home at Roberts, Mont. Mr. Lyman is a Pennsylvania man, now engaged in the real estate business in Montana and British Columbia. Mrs. Lyman will continue to devote some time each year to her professional work.

#### Candidate Returns.

G. W. Paddycoord, republican nominee for representative in the 8th district, arrived at his home in Palouse this week from an extended eastern trip. Mr. Paddycoord was away when nominating and in appreciation of the work of his friends that gave him the nomination, announces his intention to make a vigorous campaign for election.

#### Permits to Wed.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county auditor to the following: M. W. Pullen and Alma Burns, both of Tekon; Ami Grover Schlund of Richland and Viola Dismey of Garfield; G. Mann of Salem and F. Decker of Portland.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

One of the houses on the Inland right of way on Main street, known as the Crabtree house, is being moved to a lot owned by Geo. Ripley on Harrison street, near the pumping station.

Geo. Larue has had the Pitzer Chadwick house on Main street torn down and moved to his home property in the south end, where he intends to use the material in the construction of a modern dwelling.

William McDonald, formerly superior judge of Whitman county, is reported to be practicing law in Spokane.

The 8th grade examinations will be held in the various towns in the county August 30 and 31. This will be the last opportunity given pupils to make up work in order to enter the High school at the end of the year.

Charles Haines, living on Penawawa creek, 17 miles southwest of Colfax, lost 170 acres of standing wheat in a field fire last Tuesday evening. The grain was insured for \$8 an acre in the Cram agency. How the fire started was not learned.

Superintendent Nicholas will conduct the 8th grade examinations at the High school for the Colfax city schools, beginning next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. B. Binnard is in Spokane, where on Wednesday of last week she was successfully operated upon for removal of a tumor.

The annual lawn social given by the ladies of St. Patrick's church, Thursday evening of last week, was as usual a most successful affair. Ice cream, cake, coffee and sandwiches were served, and music was furnished by the Colfax Band. The sum of \$71 was cleared on the social.

A recruiting office for the United States army and navy has been opened in Pioneer block by Captain G. N. Bomford, from Spokane.

All of the usual services will be resumed in the United Presbyterian church next Sabbath. Preaching morning an evening by the pastor, H. G. Edgar.

Mine tailings from the Coeur d'Alenes doubtless make good roads, but for sidewalk purposes, if the job just done by the O. R. & N. in South Colfax is completed and is a fair sample, the material is a failure.

Quite heavy rains Tuesday night and at intervals since have caused the suspension of harvest operations for the time being. Other than delay, no damage has thus far resulted.

J. M. Mohney received news a few days ago of the death of a brother and nephew in Michigan, who were killed by the explosion of a boiler in a peppermint still, their bodies being thrown about 75 feet. Two other nephews of Mr. Mohney were severely scalded in the same accident.

Grain quotations Thursday were: Red wheat, 50 1/2; club 53 1/2; bluestem 56 1/2; oats 90c; barley, 75c.

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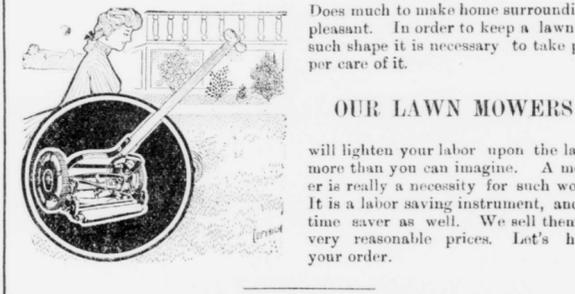
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