

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

THIRTIETH YEAR.

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1907.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE FOURTH OF JULY

Big Celebration May Be Looked For in Colfax.

Ball Sent Rolling by Appointment of Usual Committees--Literary Exercises and Sports.

The general committee having in charge the Fourth of July celebration met Monday evening at the Hotel Colfax. Dr. Tift was elected chairman, Andrew Johnson secretary and I. B. Harris secretary; the above named and F. A. Russell, A. M. Scott, J. W. Poteet and Martin J. Maloney constitute the committee which was appointed by President Scott of the Commercial Club.

The committee outlined plans for the forthcoming celebration, after which the following standing committees were appointed:

Soliciting Committee--F. A. Russell chairman, A. M. Scott and Charles Corryell.

Press and Literary Committee--William Goodyear chairman, Ivan Chase, Martin J. Maloney, Andrew Johnson and J. T. Brown.

Sports and Invitation Committee--A. M. Scott chairman, J. W. Poteet, Chandler Woodward, O. Larson, Fred S. Ratliff, James H. Ewart, Warren Cram, Charles Jones, H. W. Livingston, Hugh C. Todd and S. A. Mitchell.

Decorating and Seating Committee--E. J. Peschau chairman, W. G. Ericson, Maurice Boyer, Ed Harpole and Barney McNeely.

It is the intention to make this the best celebration ever witnessed in Colfax. The soliciting committee will begin at once to solicit for funds, of which a liberal sum is already promised, after which the plans in detail for carrying out the celebration will be taken in hand.

The surrounding towns are expected to join heartily with us in this event. It is a day national in scope, patriotic in purpose, glorious in realization.

Squirrels will eat Elk Squirrel Poison, and eating it, will die. Made and sold at the Elk Drug Store, Colfax.

AN ANCIENT HEIRLOOM.

Clock Nearing the Century Mark--Wheels and Cogs of Wood.

W. D. Parr is the owner in fee simple of an ancient clock that carries with it great interest. Its exact age is not known, but it is nearly 100 years. It was formerly the property of Mr. Parr's grandfather, and is an heirloom that has been handed down from father to son. He brought it here from the family homestead in Indiana two years ago. At that time it was in perfect condition except that three or four cogs on the main wheel were broken off (it should be stated that the works are of wood), which he replaced last winter with orange wood, and being a good carpenter made a perfect job of it. It stands about three feet high, and has the square frame used by the ancient clock-makers, with full glass door, the half below the face of the clock showing a picture of colonial times, representing a public building of some kind, with a large tree in the foreground. Two heavy iron weights hang one on each side. A long pendulum swings back and forth, and the ceaseless tick, tick, tick, is heard just as it was heard when our nation was in the embryo stage and about the time that Lewis and Clark made their famous trip of exploration to the Pacific coast. With the exception of the pendulum, weights and gong the material is all wood. The cogs are made of hard wood of some kind, so they bear not the slightest evidence of decay. On the inside is pasted this notice: "Clocks. Arranged and manufactured by Silas Hadley, Plymouth, Conn. With the improvement of bushing the pivots with Ivory. Warranted to keep good time if well used." It has evidently been well used and the manufacturer has kept faith with his customer--peace to his ashes!

Court House Time.

The county commissioners, in session this week, are considering the matter of placing a clock in the court house tower, which was constructed and arranged for this purpose when built, but the plan was not carried out at the time for financial reasons, the cost of the building greatly exceeding the estimates. Clock hands circling the four dials that have remained blank so long would be a welcome sight, besides being a great convenience for the people.

A FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. Henry Moore, Expert Accountant, Files Report.

Books of County Found to Be Correct--Period From Statehood to Present Time.

W. Henry Moore, the expert accountant, who has been experting the books of Whitman county from statehood to the close of business January 12, 1907, a period of 17 years, filed his report with the board of county commissioners Monday, and the people of this county know exactly where they "are at." It makes edifying reading. The officials of no county in the state can show a clearer record, a record that is absolutely unbroken by any display of peculation. The few errors noted are trifling and the cause is apparent. The errors, as stated by Mr. Moore, in each instance were found to be errors in addition, and total \$29 45. As summarized by Mr. Moore:

Errors made by ex county clerks and auditors on account of fees:

Am't due county from J. F. Corner.....\$.60

Am't due county from W. W. Renfrew. 16 50

Am't due county from W. O. McCaw..... 12 35

Total.....\$ 29 45

Considering the long period covered and the many sums of money handled this showing is indeed gratifying. We shall only attempt at this time to summarize his report. For example, we find that the total amount of fees turned into the treasurer's office by all auditors, clerks and sheriffs from January, 1891, to January, 1907, was \$215 157 25. Of this amount the auditors turned in \$122,099 20; the sheriffs, \$31,312 88; clerks, \$61,745 17.

It will be of greater interest to know that the total disbursements of all treasurers from January 6, 1890, to January 12, 1907, amounts to \$7,042,751.63. This is a large sum of money to handle, and it seems to have been handled in a clean, business like way for the maintenance of a correct county government.

It will be necessary to transfer from certain school districts the sum of \$708.60 to correct tax apportionment errors for the years 1901-2. That is, certain districts, as a result of errors in addition, were credited with amounts that should have gone into the several state and county funds. This will be rectified by debiting the districts involved and crediting the funds referred to.

Following are the main features contained in the statement of Mr. Moore:

Mr. Moore's Statement.

"In accordance with the terms of my contract made with your honorable board in March, 1907, I have made a careful examination of the books and accounts (pertaining to finances) of all treasurers, clerks, auditors and sheriffs who served Whitman county from January 6, 1890, to the close of business on the 12th day of January, 1907, and I submit herewith statements showing the result of my work. . . ."

"Statement No. 9--Showing transfer entries that should be made upon the books of your present county auditor and treasurer in order to correct errors made by former officers in the apportionment of tax collected. Also showing errors, the amount of which is still due your county.

"Although my examination disclosed quite a number of small clerical errors, the same have all been corrected, with the exception of those shown on statement No. 9, and I therefore have the pleasure of reporting that all monies received by officers serving your county for the past 17 years have been duly accounted for, except the small amount shown to be due your county for fees collected and not turned into the treasury by reason of errors in addition having been made on fee books.

"I have also compiled and submit herewith a new system of double entry books for use of your county auditor, upon which is recorded the entire business transacted by all officers who served your county from January 6, 1890, to January 12, 1907.

"In order to make this system of book-keeping complete and effective for your auditor, and to enable him to continue them without inconvenience, I have taken the liberty of entering upon said new set of books the business transacted by your various county officers during the quarter ending March 31, 1907.

Financial Condition.

The following tables present a financial statement showing the condition of Whitman county at the close of business January 12, 1907:

RESOURCES.	
Cash in treasury	\$ 50,482.99
Uncollected county taxes--	
Current	81,901.37
County school	35,239.52
Indigent soldiers	592.43
Road and bridge	47,629.88
Bond sinking	22,753.91
Poor farm, land and improvements	5,500.00
Stock and implements at Co. farm	1,000.00
Court house and grounds	150,000.00
County bridges	100,000.00
Total	\$495,101.11

LIABILITIES.

Due state funds (of cash on hand)	\$ 521.32
Due various school districts (of cash on hand)	34,702.47
Due road districts (of cash on hand)	6,154.69
Due cities	405.46
County bonds, (outstanding)	28,000.00
Current expense warrants (outstanding)	376.71
Bridge warrants (outstanding)	115.15
Road dist No 1 warrants (outstanding)	33.95
Road dist No 2 warrants (outstanding)	81.75
Road dist No 3 warrants (outstanding)	21.50
Road dist No 4 warrants (outstanding)	3.35
Total	\$ 70,416.25
Excess of resources	424,684.86
Total	\$495,101.11

The indebtedness of the county will thus be seen to be only \$70,416 25, and as the resources, from this showing, are greatly in excess of the liabilities the indebtedness is something that should cause little concern. Its reduction has been going on of late years at a rapid rate, and if future administrations can make as good a showing as those of the past the people of the county can be congratulated.

Artists have no trouble in securing models. The famous beauties have discarded corsets and have become models in face and form since taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Elk Drug Store.

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G. W. Larue & Co. have \$100,000 to loan on Palouse farm lands on very easy terms.

A Snap--one New Iowa Cream Separator. \$100 machine for \$50. See C. H. Moore.

Plenty of good Wyoming coal now on hand at \$8 per ton. Springston Lumber Co.

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FREE DELIVERY OF MAIL

To Be Inaugurated in Colfax on the 1st of June.

Competitive Examination for Clerk-Carrier Will Occur May 21. Location of Boxes.

"If you wish your mail delivered by carrier, have it addressed to street and number," is the legend stamped these days on letters received by Colfax people residing or doing business within the carrier districts.

Free mail delivery in Colfax will be in full swing by the 1st of June. Work of setting the posts was commenced Thursday morning. These are of steel and 14 in number, on which will rest as many boxes, which arrived at the local post-office and have been treated to a new coat of paint. Two deliveries will be made daily.

A competitive examination under the rules of the United States civil service commission for the position of clerk-carrier in the postoffices in Colfax will be held May 21, commencing at 9 a. m. Applications will not be accepted unless received before 4:30 o'clock p. m. on May 17.

The postmaster wishes it understood that people do not have to have mail delivered if they happen to live within the delivery districts, it being optional if they wish to rent a box or call at the general delivery.

For reference we republish the location of letter boxes and the boundary lines of routes, as follows:

Location of Letter Boxes.

Route 1--S. W. corner Brewery and Main streets, S. W. corner Main and Cooper, N. W. corner Meadow and Residence, N. W. corner Main and Fairview, S. E. corner East and Fairview, S. W. corner Mill and Wawawai, N. E. corner Main and Canyon.

Route 2--N. E. corner Main and Wall streets, N. E. corner Main and Island, N. E. corner Perkins avenue and Last, S. E. corner Main and Harrison, S. W. corner Morton and Second, S. E. corner Clay and First, S. E. corner Mill and Park.

Boundary Lines of Routes.

Carrier No. 1.--South on Mill street to Cooper, east on Cooper to East street, south on East to Fairview, west on Fairview to Meadow, north on Meadow to Cooper, east on Cooper to Lake street, north on Lake to Spring, east on south side of Spring to Mill street.

Carrier No. 2.--North side Spring street west to West street, north on West to Perkins avenue, north on Perkins avenue to railroad track, east on north side of railroad track to Main street, north on Main to First, east on First to Morton avenue, north on Morton to Fourth street, east on Fourth to Park street, south on Park to Mill street, south on Mill to Spring street.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A Few Hours' Canvass Shows Good Results.

The committee having in hand the matter of raising money to buy a site for a public library have made a beginning and report progress. Only a small percentage of the citizenship of Colfax has been seen, and the showing as far as the work has progressed is gratifying. Below are the names and amounts of those who have subscribed to date:

Colfax National Bank	\$250.00
First Savings & Trust Bank	100.00
Wheeler-Mottet Co.	100.00
Lappitt Brothers	100.00
B. F. Nicholas Co.	50.00
F. A. Woodin Co.	50.00
J. A. Perkins & Co.	50.00

This list will be added to from time to time until the full amount is subscribed.

Get Higher Salary.

The rural mail carriers will be pleased by the information that Postmaster General Meyer has approved the detailed adjustment of salaries of rural free delivery carriers as submitted by Assistant Postmaster General De Graw. The new schedule, which will become effective July 1, will make a graded increase in the compensation of carriers of from 9 to 25 per cent, based upon the number of miles traversed. The readjustment adopted, with the increase of upward of \$6,000,000 made in the appropriation by congress, will involve an aggregate expenditure for rural service during the next fiscal year of nearly \$35,000,000.

Princess Talcum, nicely perfumed fine powder. A large bottle 50c, at Stuart's Drug Store.

If it's good candy you want, buy a box of Coffman's chocolate chips. 10c and 25c at the Elk Drug Store.

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