

## FIVE THRESHERS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Smut Given as the Cause in Each Instance--No One Reported Killed or Injured.

The Henry Hickman Farm, the Tom Richardson Farm and the Kroll Farm Are Visited in One Day.

Three threshing machines went up in smoke Wednesday--five this week. One belonged to Hilty, Geiger & Gerber, operating on Henry Hickman's farm near Almota. Smut is said to be the cause of the explosions, and various reasons are given as to the whys and wherefores of it. A few words express it. There is a flash, like powder in a pan, then look out for splinters and falling wreckage. The loss of the machine above noted is \$1300, with \$900 insurance. Fortunately no other loss occurred, and no one was injured.

The second explosion occurred on the farm of Tom Richardson, 10 miles north of town. The machine belonged to Bense & Barton. It was a total loss. On Mike Kroll's farm, known as the John Lyons place, near Wilcox, was the scene of another threshing explosion. Several hundred sacks of wheat were also destroyed. The loss is said to be \$1500, partly insured.

A. L. Ballaine's threshing machine was destroyed Saturday night on the farm of Mrs. Mary F. White in Pleasant Valley, and several hundred dollars' worth of grain as well.

Newton Jacobson lost his separator Monday night on the Kincaid place. Loss \$1700.

This is something of a record for one week. Several stubblefield fires have occurred, which are noted elsewhere.

## NEW CLOAK AND SUIT HOUSE

M. Boyer Co. Display First Sheath Gown Seen in Colfax.

The new cloak and suit house soon to be opened in Colfax by the M. Boyer Co., corner Main and Canyon streets, promises to rank ne plus ultra in this class of business. The grand opening, showing the latest and finest display of ladies', misses' and infants' ready-to-wear goods ever seen in this part of the Palouse, will take place between the 1st and 3rd ult., but Mr. Boyer is a very accommodating gentleman and no protest is made if the intending visitor quietly opens the door and enters to inspect all the elegant arrangements. A representative of The Gazette had the pleasure of being shown through the large store last Wednesday, and saw much to excite interest.

Dust-proof cases fill the east, south and west sides of the large store room, plate glass mirrors being placed back of every other door. These cases are fine specimens of the cabinet-maker's art, and what is pleasing to relate, they are home made, coming from the factory of J. R. Good & Co. On top of these cases are arranged potted plants, many pots containing maiden hair ferns, presenting a picture of art and nature combined attractive to look upon. The large front windows will show a wealth of beauty when opened to the inspection of the public. The recesses are finished in antique oak, with plate glass mirrors arranged the entire length. There are also three large display cases, mirrored backs, which, of course, were imported from the east. A counter, with shelving, occupies the north side of the store. In the rear of the building is a work room, receiving room and a fitting room. The goods are not all in place, but when they all arrive the arrangements for their care, display and inspection is perfect. The lighting of the large building is also out of the usual. Tungston lights, throwing a beautiful mellow, white light have been installed, and in that regard alone perfection seems to be attained.

In the Boyer store is to be seen the first sheath and director gowns brought to Colfax. Of course our readers have read all that has been said about them in the press, but seeing is believing, and all one has to do is to step into the new store and can there behold a wax figure adorned in a brown messaline sheath gown, trimmed in cream and old rose. It is a work of art, and the ladies who call to see it--and there are many--exclaim "Oh my," and their rosy cheeks yield to a smile that would melt the heart of Adonis. The scribe is not going to describe the sheath gown--it must be seen to be appreciated. It is here, however, and doubtless has come to stay, as Dame Fashion has issued the proclamation and we humbly bow in obedience. The sheath gown and skirt and the director gown and hat will soon be in demand, and the M. Boyer Co. stand forth as the first enterprising firm to introduce them.

It will pay you to drop in and see the new store and the sheath gown! It is a dream!

### BORN.

In Colfax, August 7, to Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Rhimer, a son, weight 10 pounds. The parents are deaf mutes. "Now I am a happy father," is what Mr. Rhimer wrote in the reporter's note book when telling about the event.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Lee Swift left Wednesday for Seattle, where he will spend the winter with his daughter.

Jesse O. Wilson, district manager for Eastern Washington, visited the American Yeomen Lodge of Colfax Friday and Saturday of last week. He was much pleased with the workings of the order here. Mr. Wilson's home is in Spokane.

William D. Foster, foreman of the W. S. C. farm at Pullman, was in Colfax Saturday.

Lou E. Wenham, editor of the Pullman Tribune, was at the county seat Saturday.

Ivan Chase and family left Saturday evening for a camping trip of two weeks on the North Fork of the Couer d'Alene river above Kingston.

Henry W. Foster, one of the well-to-do farmers living near Glenwood, was attending to business in Colfax Saturday.

Fred Humphrey and family have gone to Pullman to live. He has bought a home there, the object being to take advantage of the excellent schools of that burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pattison and the Misses Greta, Elizabeth and Mary Pattison returned from Medical Lake last week, where they have been sojourning for the last six weeks. Mrs. John Pattison is in Seattle. John Pattison returned from the east Wednesday and left at once for Seattle to attend to his political fences.

Harry M. Love came down Sunday from Chatolet for a few days. He says the St. Joe country is full of Palousers, all apparently having a good time.

C. M. Bell spent three days in Spokane last week.

Miss Irene Atkinson of Spokane is the guest this week of Miss Edna Abbott. Last Sunday they invited several of their friends and enjoyed the day picnicking near Harpole.

H. D. DePledge returned Sunday from Wardner, Idaho, where he went several days ago. He is one of the interested parties in the Enterprise mine near Wardner.

Dr. John Benson returned Sunday from Coeur d'Alene, leaving Mrs. Benson to stay another week.

Mrs. Mary F. White of Pleasant Valley was in town the last of last week.

E. J. Brown and wife of Eadicott were attending to business in Colfax Tuesday.

Albert Helander of Seattle, republican candidate for state insurance commissioner, was mingling with the brethren Tuesday and taking a general horoscope of the political horizon.

Mrs. Clara Maynard left Sunday for Spokane to remain several days.

Gladys and Argus Easum left Sunday morning for Coeur d'Alene to stay with relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Lommason, accompanied by Mr. Lommason's sister, Mrs. Cooper of Portland, left Saturday for Lake Chelan, where they will remain two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Russell are occupying the John Ellis home on Mill street.

W. C. Troy is confined in St. Ignatius hospital with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Heglar left Tuesday morning for the new town of Lamont, where they will remain.

Mrs. Fred A. Russell and Miss Effie Wiseman left Tuesday morning for Spokane.

Crowmwell Oliver was removed Monday evening to his home from St. Ignatius hospital, fair progress being reported in his case.

Mrs. Ben Manning of Albion is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Manning.

Miss Rhea Baker returned from Chatolet Tuesday, where she has been rusticated for the last three weeks.

Morgan D. O'Connell of the Tekoa Blade was in town Wednesday. He has recently been in the mountains east of Tekoa on a camping trip. His fish stories sound a little fishy, but that was to be expected.

The Misses Ethyl and Eva Kuhn returned Tuesday evening from the Scriber homestead in Stevens county, where they have been enjoying a delightful outing of several weeks.

Judge Chadwick was in town Monday and Tuesday, but left Wednesday for Seattle, where he will remain until the 7th. The press of the state have taken up the name of Judge Chadwick for supreme judge, and if straws show which way the wind blows he is likely to secure the plum.

George N. Lamphere of Palouse was attending to business at the county seat Wednesday.

Miss Kate Sullivan left Sunday evening for Spokane and Liberty Lake, to be gone two weeks.

Mrs. Joseph Hermann is home for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. East.

Mrs. J. A. Wood of Diamond, returning home from a trip to Rosalia, Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and other points, stopped over Wednesday to see Mrs. Charles H. Bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wyman and Mrs. Barker of Boise spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Winnifred Wyman.

Professor W. A. Nicholas and family returned Thursday from La Conner.

Miss Edith M. Smiley is in camp with Mrs. A. J. Davis at Chatolet, to remain until September 1.

Miss Lillian Hogan of Spokane is in Colfax visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Butcher.

Mrs. R. G. Hargrave returned from Chatolet Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Pugh returned Monday from Harrison, Idaho, where they have been stopping for a week. Mrs. Pugh has a brother living there.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Welty and son Dan returned from the East Wednesday, where they have been for several months. Pennsylvania, Nebraska and other states claimed a portion of their time.

### FOR CLOSER RELATIONSHIP.

Manager Hinchliff's Circular Sent to Traffic Officials.

Charles N. Hinchliff, manager of the Whitman County Fair, has addressed the following circular letter to the traffic officials of the different transportation companies whose lines enter the confines of this territory, with the object of establishing closer and more intelligent relations between them and the producers, which, so far, has met with the approval of three of the transportation lines, and probably will with all when heard from. Full particulars will be given later. Following is the letter sent out by Mr. Hinchliff:

Colfax, Washington, Aug. 7, 1908.—Dear Sir: Having been made manager of the Whitman County Fair to be held in Colfax September 28 to October 3 inclusive, I beg leave to say that one of the principal objects which the management desires to attain is the establishing of closer and more intelligent relations between the producers of Whitman County and the traffic officials of the various transportation companies doing business in this section, and to that end I am endeavoring to get the traffic managers, or their representatives, to meet with the farmers and other patrons of the transportation lines at Colfax at some time before fair week, and I would be much pleased if you, or some one representing you, could be present at that time.

No date has yet been fixed, but a time convenient for the representatives of the companies will be selected as soon as their wishes in the matter are made known.

I have talked with a number of farmers and fruitmen in regard to such a meeting, and they are all favorably impressed with the idea, believing that a number of the transportation differences that now exist can be remedied through knowledge attained by a friendly discussion of the causes of complaint between the traffic managers and the shippers. Yours very truly,

C. N. HINCHLIFF.

Six new hand-painted post cards of Colfax and her public buildings, Martha Washington Rock, a combination harvester, a general view of the city, and a beautiful country estate. These are the climax of perfection in the post card maker's art, and they may be had at the same price as the most ordinary cards--2 for 5 cents, 25 cents a dozen, post-paid to any address, V. T. McCroskey & Bro., Elk Drug store, Colfax, Wash.

Needles and supplies for all makes of sewing machines. Shirkey & Glaser, jewelers and opticians.

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### SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Relief Corps meets the first and third Saturdays of each month, at 2:30 p. m., in A. O. U. W. hall.

## YAKIMA WHEAT RANCH

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### COOMBS & BRIGGS

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### LOCAL BREVITIES.

James Coleman was brought in Monday from Colton charged with bank robbery committed at Sedan, Kansas. Marshal Kelly of Colton made the arrest. Coleman is in jail awaiting an officer from Kansas to take him back.

M. E. Choate died suddenly at Rosalia last Friday of heart disease. The body was buried Saturday. He was among the first settlers of Whitman county, coming to Rosalia and taking up a homestead near there in 1872. He was a native of Iowa and 64 years old.

I. B. Doolittle received word Friday from Huntington, Oregon, stating that John Potter, a tailor by trade and formerly employed here, had been drowned in Snake river. Potter was a member of Royal Camp No. 116, W. O. W., and also Kamia Tribe No. 18, I. O. R. M. of Colfax, and it was through a receipt for dues in the latter lodge, signed by Mr. Doolittle, that the body was identified. Particulars of the drowning are not known.

The Bloor case, in Justice Doolittle's court last Tuesday, was postponed until the 14th of September at 1:30 p. m.

There are altogether too many drunken men seen on the streets these days. Some say it comes with the harvest season. It is certainly a harvest of drunks. It is a nuisance that is at times a disgrace, if not a menace, to our civilization.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West show will be in Colfax on the 16th ult. The advance agent has leased the county fair grounds for the purpose, and there will probably be a "hot time in old town" when Buffalo Bill gets here.

County Auditor Duncan took in the neat sum of \$985 from the various county candidates for the privilege of filing. Office hunting may be a luxury, but like most luxuries it costs money.

Grain fires in different parts of the county have done considerable damage so far this season. In a few instances it seems to be criminal carelessness.

Cutting and threshing of wheat has been completed on the Hogan ranches and the yield will average between 35 and 40 bushels to the acre. The Hogan farms are run by Bert Mader.

Seventy-five acres of forty fold on P. H. Arrasmith's place, 3 1/2 miles east of town, went 30 bushels to the acre. Cutting in other fields on his place is in progress.

### CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

E. S. Walton Does Not Wait for the Law to Act.

E. S. Walton is a young man who was before Justice Doolittle Tuesday afternoon charged with robbery. The hearing of the case was set for next Monday, with bonds fixed at \$250. Not being able to furnish bonds he was taken back to jail where he remains. He pleaded not guilty, and did not seem to think he had done anything wrong; in fact, he is not a bad looking young man.

It all came about after this fashion: Walton had been working for C. E. Gingrich, who lives on Union Flat, some 10 miles from town. Several days ago he demanded his wages, \$6.25 coming to him. Gingrich offered Walton a check for the amount, which the latter refused to accept. Last Monday, so the story runs, Walton met Gingrich in town and again demanded his money. Gingrich told him he would have to wait 30 days for his pay. This did not seem to be satisfactory, so meeting Gingrich in the north end of town while on his way home Walton boarded the wagon and proceeded to help himself to several articles, to the value, so it is alleged in the complaint, of \$6.25. Gingrich came back and swore out a complaint against the irate Walton, charging him with robbery.

It seems to be a case of a man taking the law into his own hands. The outcome will be watched with interest.

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