

## STATE TAX COMMISSIONERS WERE HERE

A Large Number of Witnesses Gave Testimony in Regard to Prices of Property.

By Comparing This With Assessed Value Can Arrive at Per Cent of Assessment--More Reliable.

State Tax Commissioners Frost and Rockwell were in Colfax Wednesday conducting an investigation to ascertain what per cent of actual value holdings in Whitman county have been assessed. In this connection it should be stated that last winter the Northern Pacific, representing all the railroads having interests here, employed Thomas J. Welty and he took from the records all the transfers and mortgages for the last year, finding out what each piece of property is assessed at. By adding the consideration in transfers and the assessed valuation the railroad companies can get the per cent of assessment on a true valuation.

The tax commission know that the railroads have this information, and they are accumulating the same information on their own responsibility in order to meet the railway companies in an intelligent way. Hence a large number of witnesses were called in Wednesday and gave testimony in regard to the price which certain properties were transferred, consisting, approximately, of 100 different descriptions. By comparing this with the assessed value of these descriptions they can arrive at the per cent of assessment, and their information, it is claimed, will be more reliable than the information possessed by the railroads, for the reason that many of the considerations set forth in deeds are fictitious.

Not all the witnesses summoned appeared before Tax Commissioners Frost and Rockwell, but the following were present and testified:

F. J. Mahoney, real estate dealer, Tekoa; L. F. Smith, farmer, Edicott; R. C. McCroskey, farmer, Garfield; R. J. Neergard, attorney and farmer, Oakesdale; Thomas F. Hutchinson, farmer, Oakesdale; Cash N. Gaddis, real estate, Pullman; Dr. W. N. Divine, physician, Elberton; G. W. Walter, real estate, Pullman; J. K. McCornack, banker, Palouse; G. D. Kincaid, real estate, Palouse; H. G. DePledge, banker, Colfax; J. A. Perkins, banker, Colfax; R. H. Lacey, real estate and loans, Colfax; W. J. Davenport, banker, Colfax; R. G. Hargrave, abstract company, Colfax; Will iam Lippitt, merchant, Colfax; G. W. La rue, real estate, Colfax; F. A. Russell, merchant, Colfax; C. E. Averill, real estate, Garfield; John McLean, farmer, Oakesdale; R. H. Reid, real estate, Colfax.

The testimony taken has been typewritten and forwarded to Olympia.

## MAKES A GENERAL ROUND UP

Chief Mackay Goes After the Hoboes and Old Drunks.

Chief of Police Mackay engaged in a general round-up of hoboes, old drunks and "undesirable citizens" last Wednesday, with the result that 18 soon found themselves in the city jail and about 20 took the hint and left town before the chief and his assistants could reach them. A few of these men have been working in the harvest fields, and when sober are peaceable and industrious, but when idle soon fall by the wayside and are led by the professional hobo, who follows in their wake. Of those arrested, however, the greater number belong to the hobo class. They have been a disgrace as well as a menace to society for several days. Drunk most of the time, using profane language in hearing of passers by, the police have been kept busy watching them. It is the intent of Chief Mackay to weed out those who will work and let them get back to the harvest fields, but the "Weary Willies" will be less in evidence on the streets than heretofore. Justice Doolittle was kept busy yesterday afternoon looking after these fellows. Fourteen were taken before him in one bunch. They were charged with vagrancy. Eleven pleaded guilty. Justice Doolittle said he would require bonds of \$30 each to keep the peace for 50 days, or on failure to give bonds go to jail.

Of course the entire lot went to jail. They were a dirty, unkempt, ragged set, filling the small court room with foul odor.

In this connection Glenn Palmer reports that an attempt was made Wednesday night near one of the wood yards to hold him up, but he took to his heels and escaped.

It is also reported that another hold-up was attempted Tuesday night in the north end. A city chain gang wouldn't be a bad thing just now.

## Colfax Grain Market.

Red Russian.....73c  
Club.....75c  
Forty Fold.....75c  
Blue Stem.....77c  
Barley.....\$1.00  
Oats.....\$1.00 to \$1.10

New goods arriving daily at M. Boyer Co. Call in and be posted on styles and prices.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Marion Kiehm left for Wallace, Idaho, Sunday. She has accepted a position with a moving picture show, where she will sing and play.

Rev. R. S. Hannah and family returned from Chatcolet Monday, where they have been enjoying camp life for a month.

P. B. Stravens and family returned Friday evening from their outing at Priest Lake, Idaho, where they have been for two weeks. They with other Colfaxites went to the upper lake, where fishing was good and the scenery grand.

Miss Edna Bryden, who has been in Colfax the last three months visiting Mrs. W. B. Brashear, left Saturday for Superior, Wisconsin.

Lake D. Wolfard, a former well known resident of Colfax, but now making his home at Portland, was mingling with old-time friends and acquaintances this side the mountains this week.

John G. Lewis of Aberdeen, republican candidate for state treasurer, was in town the first of the week taking a horoscope of the political horizon and mingling with the brethren.

Robert M. Burgunder left yesterday for Stanford University where he enters the junior class. Young Burgunder is taking a collegiate course at Stanford, entering the senior class next year and graduating two years hence.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barroll left last Friday and are visiting the families of L. T. Wilson and Albert Keyser, on the Little North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river.

Miss Bertha Strauss, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Ehrlich for the past few weeks, returned Monday to her home in Colville.

Miss Orrel McEnroe of Spokane is the guest this week of Mrs. E. D. Eldredge.

Ellis Morrison of Seattle, candidate for lieutenant-governor, was in Colfax Saturday meeting the voters.

Mrs. E. K. Hanna left Monday for Spokane and Cheney to be absent a week.

Mrs. John N. Pickrell departed Monday for Coeur d'Alene to visit with relatives and friends for several days.

Miss Stella Frazier of Coeur d'Alene is in Colfax this week visiting relatives.

John L. Murray of Friday Harbor, San Juan county, candidate for nomination on the republican ticket for state treasurer, was in town Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy.

Mrs. H. W. Canfield and children are guests of Mrs. George P. Howard at Pleasant Valley.

Miss Florence Allen of Spokane is visiting Miss Harriet Chadwick.

Miss Nettie Larkin of Spokane has accepted the position of office and surgical nurse with Dr. Balsiger. She is a graduate of Saint Joseph Mercy hospital at Dubuque, Iowa.

Miss Margaret McCallie of Moscow, Idaho, was here Saturday and Sunday a guest at the home of Virgil T. McCroskey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Baird will make Colfax their home, and upon Mr. Baird's return from Soldier, Idaho, will occupy the Baker cottage on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bramwell and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Woodward returned Wednesday from their camping trip to Priest Lake, Idaho. They were gone three weeks.

Mrs. William J. Windus and Miss Josephine Hoepner drove to Pullman yesterday, enjoying the day with friends.

Mrs. Elley, wife of Professor Wilbert Elley of Rosland, B. C., is in Colfax this week, the guest of Mrs. F. Stevenson.

Miss Janette Cheley returned from Portland Wednesday morning, where she had been for several days.

Mrs. M. Boyer and Mrs. F. Stevenson got back from Portland Wednesday. The ladies went to the Rose City strictly on business, proof of which will manifest itself in the beautiful things soon to be seen in their respective stores.

H. T. Vincent of Creston, formerly of Thornton, this county, was transacting business in Colfax Thursday.

Miss Grace Douglas of Pullman and Miss Helen Long of Moscow are guests this week of Mrs. D. L. Kemper.

Mrs. Charles H. Bass and Mrs. Joseph Hermann left Monday for Spokane, where they will remain several days.

W. H. Ludden of Spokane, republican candidate for congress from this district, put in a busy day yesterday in Colfax.

Rev. John P. Barker and family spent their vacation this year at Rock Lake, where they report having had an enjoyable time. Mr. Barker is back in the harness again. The intimation is given out that the Methodist society here will ask Mr. Barker to remain another year. M. E. conference is held in Spokane, September 9.

Miss L. L. West, who now resides in Spokane, was a Colfax visitor Tuesday.

W. B. Hargrave left Tuesday for a short visit to the head of navigation on the St. Joe river.

Mrs. J. A. Perkins returned Tuesday evening from a visit of several weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Scriber and Mrs. Tower near Northport. Mrs. Perkins' return was hastened by the necessity for treatment of a felon on her hand, from which she still suffers.

T. D. Rockwell of Spokane, republican candidate for congress from the Third district, was mingling with the voters in Colfax yesterday.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For Period Ended June 30, '08  
--Number Children Between 6 and 21 Years, 11,011.

School Districts in the County, 170--  
Number of High Schools, 21--  
Number of Teachers, 325.

Below is a summary of the report of County Superintendent of Schools N. D. Showalter to the state superintendent. The full report is a lengthy document. The summary, however, gives the essential features, which cannot be proved of interest. It is for the period ended June 30, 1908:

Number of children between 6 and 21 years of age	11,011
Number of children enrolled in public schools	8,957
Average daily attendance	6,094
Average number months school maintained	8.2
Average number days school maintained	153.8
Number departments (rooms or schools maintained)	300
Number teachers employed (male 117, female 241)	358
Average monthly salary paid male teachers	\$73.9
Average monthly salary paid female teachers	\$58
Children over 6 years of age not enrolled in any school	305
Children between 8 and 15 not attending school	42
Number pupils in first year course	1,407
Number pupils in second year course	861
Number pupils in third year course	1,082
Number pupils in fourth year course	1,005
Number pupils in fifth year course	1,118
Number pupils in sixth year course	940
Number pupils in seventh year course	951
Number pupils in eighth year course	786
Number pupils in ninth grade	397
Number pupils in tenth grade	242
Number pupils in eleventh grade	133
Number pupils in twelfth grade	65
Number pupils graduated from 8th grade	359
Average recitations daily	24
Number resident pupils attending private school	443
School houses built during year (frame 4, brick 2)	6
Number school houses in county (frame 155, brick 15)	170
Capacity of all school houses in county	12,699
Value of school houses, including grounds	\$451,070
Estimated value of school furniture	53,343
Estimated value of apparatus	14,687
Estimated value of libraries	11,961
Total value of school property	531,061
Insurance on school houses and furniture	280,974
School districts in county	170
Districts maintaining school 5 months	164
Schools employing more than 1 teacher	25
Number high schools	21
Number defective youth in county	12
Number teachers required to maintain schools	325

Expenses of Superintendent's Office  
Annual salary of superintendent and deputy.....\$3,470.00  
Amount expended for mileage.....664.25  
Amount expended for incidental expenses.....1279.69  
Total expenses.....\$5,333.94

## New General Manager.

William Sutherland of Pendleton, at present manager of the line of warehouses in Umatilla county, Oregon, owned and operated by the Interior Warehouse Co., has been appointed to succeed A. M. Scott as general manager for Eastern Washington by the Interior company, with headquarters in Colfax. It is understood Mr. Sutherland will arrive here, accompanied by his family, about the 5th ult. In the mean time Samuel A. Mitchell is attending to the duties of the position.

Some close in acreage for sale; 5 and 10 acre tracts. Call on Colfax Insurance & Realty Co., Lippitt Building, Colfax, Wash.

Wanted--Houses and furnished rooms for renting. Inquire at Etlich Realty Co., 312 Main St.

For standard bread go to the South End Bakery. Phone Red 401. B. Nie-meier, Propr.

Children's and Misses' school handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 2 1/2 cents each at M. Boyer Co.

Fireless Cooker. See Mrs. Colvin, at Rest Room, or phone Red 1113.

EVERY day our repair department restores to usefulness rings, watches, clocks, pins, and things. The other day we

## MENDED A BROKEN HEART

It belonged to a lady, and it was an attractive brooch, indeed. It was easily worth ten dollars, but a mishap rendered it useless. Fifty cents put it into service again. And that's the way it goes. All goods bought here engraved free of charge.

**M. A. ROSE**  
BINNARD BLOCK  
Main Street Colfax, Wash.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The two year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mills of St. John died Monday night. Summer complaint was given as the cause of death.

The M. Boyer Co. announce their fall opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 3, 4 and 5. Fall goods will arrive by that time and the ladies may expect to see something out of the usual.

The 5:30 train to Spokane Monday evening was delayed a short time by running into a cow near Harpole. The front trucks of the motor left the track, but were soon replaced. No serious damage was done.

Mrs. George Sapp, who lives near Albion, and whose father is Dr. C. E. Bennett at Aneta, North Dakota, underwent a serious operation on Monday morning at the hands of Drs. Balsiger and Benson at St. Ignace hospital, and at this writing is pronounced out of danger.

The new farmers' warehouse in this city, located near the Spokane & Inland tracks, is ready to receive grain. The building has dimensions of 32x200 feet.

Judge Miles Poindexter of Spokane, candidate for the republican nomination for congressman from this district, is billed to address the citizens of Colfax, Saturday evening, August 29, at the court house.

G. Leucht, the boot and shoe man, who has been sick for a long time, is in a critical condition and may not recover. His condition is reported as being worse. Mr. Leucht is attacked with a complication of complaints.

Jim Cain was brought in from Thornton charged with insanity. Yesterday he was examined before Court Commissioner Hill and ordered sent to Medical Lake. Cain is wilder than a March hare, it being next to impossible to keep clothes on him. He was taken to Medical Lake last evening.

Rev. M. H. Marvin, D. D., of Pullman, will address a Union Gospel Church meeting in the Methodist church next Sunday evening. Rev. Marvin is one of the ablest speakers in Eastern Washington.

Dr. Ferguson underwent another operation Wednesday, a large quantity of water being taken from him. This is the second operation performed. His friends are hopeful, although there is still much to contend with.

Will Ellis is building a neat bungalow opposite the MacKenzie residence, corner Fairview and East streets. It promises to be not only neat but a substantial improvement to that part of town.

Shirley & Glaser, graduate opticians. Eyes examined free.

Dr. King's date, first Saturday. Eyes

## CLASSIFIED

### WANTED.

Wanted to Rent--I will rent a cottage, not less than three rooms, with shade and water, for term of 6 months. No children. Inquire at Gazette office.

Wanted--A girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. M. Boyer, at the M. Boyer Co., Colfax.

Telephone operators wanted. Inquire either Colfax or Pullman Exchange.

### FOR SALE.

For Sale--My 6-room house, with electric lights, sewer, woodshed and plenty of shade. For particulars call on Arnold Gerber, 1113 Mill street, Colfax.

For Sale--Six room house and 10-room house. Address P. O. Box 64, Colfax.

For Sale--My residence on South Lake street. If you are in the market for a modern house call and see this one.  
L. E. ALLEN

### PASTURAGE

Good pasturage for stock, adjoining city on the west, plenty of running water. Apply to T. W. Walters.

### LOST.

Strayed--A pet deer. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts will please call Phone Red 461.

### FOUND.

United Artisan gold badge. Owner may recover same at Gazette office by paying advertising charges.

### 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.

**J. W. CAIRNS,**  
Express and Drayman

Will haul your freight or move your goods and chattels  
PROMPTLY--CAREFULLY

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\$30--Per acre for one of the best wheat ranches in the county, only 1 1/2 miles from R. R. station. 250 acres of extra choice land, all fenced--175 acres under plow--100 acres in wheat and potatoes this year. Wheat will go 20 to 30 bushels per acre and potatoes 4 tons. 2 small houses, barn, 50 fruit trees. Will make extra good terms with a reliable man, or rent to a responsible tenant. Farm is completely equipped with teams and farming tools of every kind, but are not included in above price.

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323 Bankers Trust Bldg. Tacoma, Wash.

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# M. Boyer Co.

## Cloak and Suit House

Ladies', Misses', Children's and Infants' Ready-to-Wear Garments

## MILLINERY

## First Showing of New Fall Suits in Colfax

To the first seekers for the new and beautiful in woman's correct wearing apparel, we respectfully request your attendance to view THIS FIRST SHOWING which will present a scene of wide interest. The radical departure from conventional lines of past seasons to the picturesque Directoire and Empire period is a change which will be welcomed by many and revolutionize the coming season in women's dress. Careful planning of the past two months has its fruition in beautiful models which we show this week. Descriptions do not always describe, so we will not attempt it. We cordially invite you to come and see for yourself this first display of New Fall Suits and Costumes in Colfax.

N. B.--When we say Directoire and Empire period do not misconstrue it for the SHEATH styles, as there is quite a decided difference, and we will be only too pleased to show you the difference in style.

# M. Boyer Co.

Corner Main and Canyon Streets

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We are Conservative, but at the same time do not turn a deaf ear to the business requirements of our customers, as we recognize our success depends upon their prosperity.

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We are Prudent, for the reason that we recognize the responsibility placed upon us in protecting the deposits intrusted to our care and keeping.

## The Farmers' State Bank of Colfax, Wash.

## Car-Fare-Free-to-Spokane

All Dental work amounting to Twenty-Five Dollars, (\$25.00); car fare will be paid by us one way.

If your Dental Work amounts to Fifty Dollars, (\$50.00); we will pay your car fare to Spokane and return.

All our work is absolutely painless and Guaranteed for Ten Years.

With our facilities we can do your work on Short Notice. Be sure you find the place. Bring This add.

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