

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

THIRTY-SECOND YEAR.

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

CLEMANS IS IN THE MESHES OF THE LAW

Charged With Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

Aftermath of Business of Buying Stallions and Kentucky Jacks by the Note System--Clouds Gather for Those Engaged in It.

Prosecuting Attorney Chamberlin filed information Tuesday against W. R. Clemans for obtaining a check under false pretenses. He charges that Clemans, at the city of Pullman, on the day of March, 1908, represented to one M. C. Gray of Pullman that he had been authorized by certain parties then residents of Idaho, to-wit: Major Ferris, George Sheldon, J. M. Lamb and George Lamb, to purchase for them, on credit, a good Shire stallion and to pay therefor not to exceed \$5000; that said M. C. Gray had just such a stallion as they wanted, and that he would negotiate the sale of said stallion to the parties named for a money commission. That he misrepresented to the said M. C. Gray that the said Major Ferris et al. were owners and possessors of real and personal property of the value of over \$200,000; that relying on these statements and representations sold and delivered to the said Major Ferris and others named a valuable Shire stallion, and took in settlement thereof their joint note for \$5000, payable in two installments, one due July 1, 1909, and the balance due July 1, 1910. That afterwards Gray paid Clemans \$400 cash as commission in making the said sale.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Clemans and placed in the hands of the sheriff.

Clemans was arrested at Moscow, Idaho, waived extradition and appeared in the superior court Wednesday afternoon to answer to the charge filed against him. He was represented by Attorney Moore of Moscow and Attorney Ettinger of Colfax. He pleaded not guilty. The case was set for hearing

March 10, bonds being fixed at \$1500, which were furnished.

This is part of the whirlwind that is following the men above named in buying valuable stallions and Kentucky jacks from divers parties several months ago, full accounts of which have appeared in these columns. In each and every case notes were given, as in the case above cited, Clemans acting as the intermediary and receiving commissions for his pretended sales. The whole business, it is claimed, is a bunco game, Clemans and the rest being in cahoots, those parting with stallions and jacks finding the notes they took to be non collectable.

Several civil actions against the parties named are pending, and the sheriff of Walla Walla county, so it is understood, is ready to pounce upon the wily Clemans when the proper time comes.

The outcome of the case at bar will be watched with interest.

The Commercial Club.

A. M. Scott, president of the Commercial Club, has given notice that there will be a meeting of the club at Emporium hall at 4 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon. Besides the election of officers other important business is to come before the meeting. If the Commercial Club is to continue more interest must be taken in its doings and a greater attendance shown at meetings. Most of the time during the year just ended it has been hard work to get a quorum at meetings, showing a listlessness on the part of members not encouraging to contemplate. A live commercial club can be made an important factor in the upbuilding of any community. Turn out today and infuse new life into our Commercial Club.

An Idle Rumor.

A report has been started that Mrs. James T. Brown will not be seen in the east the night the Hanford Dramatic Co. appears in Colfax. How such a report got started we know not. Manager Kuhn of the New Ridgeway theater is authority for the statement that Mrs. Brown will appear in the play of "A Winter's Tale," which will be presented on the night of March 15. Of the rumor put in circulation it can probably be said that it is a "tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

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TAXPAYERS ASSEMBLE TO PAY THEIR TAXES

Rebate Given for Payment in Full--Many Are Doing So.

Interesting Figures Gleaned From Auditor Duncan's Annual Statement of Assessment and Taxation--When Taxes Are Payable.

From County Auditor Duncan's annual statement of assessment and taxation, the preparation of which follows the extension of the tax rolls, the following figures are gleaned:

Number of acres of improved land in the county, 933,653; unimproved, 439,578; total, 1,373,231 acres.

Value of farm lands, exclusive of improvements, as returned by assessor, \$11,864,135; value of improvements, \$1,086,240; total, \$12,950,375.

Value of town lots, exclusive of improvements, \$952,515; value of improvements, \$1,370,130; total, \$2,322,645.

Value of railroad and telegraph property as returned by state board of tax commissioners, \$3,844,467.

Values as equalized by the county board of equalization:

Summary.

Farm realty	\$12,949,095
Town realty	2,318,275
Railroad realty	3,491,203
Western Union Telegraph Co.	19,897
Railroad personal	333,367
Personal property	2,670,515
Total	\$21,782,352

Values as equalized by the state board of equalization, \$28,791,771.

Tax Segregations.

State funds--General, 2.1335 mills; school, 3.3455 mills; military, .266 mills; highway, .661 mills; total state, 6.406 mills; total tax, \$139,537.74.

County funds--Current expense, 4.044 mills; road and bridge, 2.775 mills; school, 1.5 mills; indigent soldiers, .025 mills; exposition, .25 mills; total county, 8.594 mills; total tax, \$187,197.54.

Total county and state levy on valuation of \$21,782,352, 15 mills; tax \$326,735.28.

In the eight road districts of the county taxes to the amount of \$43,382.81 are levied.

The school districts, 180 in number, will yield \$163,081.91 in taxes for school purposes.

Municipalities.

Levy	Mills	Valuation.	Tax.
Colfax, inside			
bonded district	22	\$961,145	\$21,145.19
Colfax, outside	17	38,025	646.42
Colton	10	49,165	491.65
Elberton	12	47,080	564.96
Endicott	0	96,165	
Farmington	10	104,695	1,046.95
Garfield	17	295,549	5,024.33
Palouse	17	467,286	7,943.86
Pullman	18	585,769	10,543.84
St. John	6	107,660	645.96
Rosalie	10	180,158	1,801.58
Oakesdale	5	228,156	1,140.78
Tekoa	15	263,182	3,947.73
Uniontown	12	72,828	873.94
		\$3,496,863	\$56,817.19

Recapitulation.

State tax	\$139,537.74
County tax	187,197.54
Road	43,382.81
School	163,081.91
Municipal	55,817.19
Total taxes levied in 1908	\$589,017.19

Taxes Payable.

Taxes are being paid at the treasurer's office now, they being due the first of

this month. The taxes on real property are subject to a three per cent reduction if all are paid on or before March 15. No discount is given on personal property taxes, which must be paid in 30 days. The rush to pay taxes will probably continue for the next two or three months.

The taxes payable on February 1 become delinquent June 1. One-half the taxes may be paid by June 1, and the last half may be paid prior to December 1. If the last half becomes delinquent interest at 15 per cent is charged from the first day of the preceding June. One year after date of delinquency certificates of delinquency bearing 15 per cent interest may issue.

Foreclosure proceedings may be instituted any time after the expiration of three years from the date of original delinquency. Current taxes may be paid without paying delinquent taxes, but a memorandum of all delinquent taxes must be indorsed upon the current receipt.

COEUR D'ALENE RESERVE.

Allotment Is Completed--Little Left for the Actual Settler.

A dispatch from Tekoa of February 1 states that Allotting Agent W. B. Sams has completed the allotment of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation and has discharged his crew, with the exception of a few men, who will assist in making the report, which will be ready in three weeks, after which the appraisers will be appointed. The government is already considering applications for that purpose.

In all 615 Indians were given allotments, and as each received 160 acre, 98,400 acres were required for them. This leaves about 310,000 acres to be opened to settlement. From this will be deducted sections 16 and 36 of each township, which are set aside for school purposes. The Indians invariably chose the agricultural land, all of which lies on the west side of the reservation, adjacent to the Washington state line. There was not enough agricultural land to supply the Indians and about 100 of them were compelled to take sparsely timbered land.

Of the land that remains for settlement there are two classes, timber and grazing. Some of the finest timber in the northwest is standing on many of these sections. Other sections are partially timbered, while some are covered with rocks and brush and are fit only for grazing purposes. Some of it might be termed timber agricultural land, as the soil is fertile and when the timber is removed will be splendid farming land. The land can only be taken up under the homestead laws, which require five years' residence, and the settler is not allowed to dispose of the timber except for improvements and for actual cultivation. He is also required to pay one-fifth of the appraised value each year for five years. In a published list of the reservations to be opened this year, issued by the commissioner of the general land office, the Coeur d'Alene is included.

A bill has passed the lower house of congress permitting the Idaho state insane asylum to purchase land on the reservation at the appraised price on which to establish a branch of the institution and a bill is also before the Idaho legislature appropriating \$50,000 to make the purchase and erect buildings. The authorities of the institution have asked Mr. Sams to recommend a site and he has submitted one near Farmington Landing, opposite Harrison.

The University of Idaho is also seeking a site for a summer school of botany. Each institution will require about a section and it is possible that both will be located in that vicinity.

Baking becomes a pleasure when Big Loaf flour is used. Sold by South End Grocery.

DAMAGE TO BRIDGES AND ROADS IS GREAT

Recent Floods Washed Away Many Structures.

Roads Need Reconstruction or Repairing in Divers Places--County Will Be Put to Expense of Between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Reports to the county commissioners this week from various parts of the county carry with them the information of the damage done by the recent freshets. It is much greater than at first supposed.

A bridge 100 feet long across Palouse river above Winona was washed away.

Two 80 foot spans across Rock creek, near the Milan Still ranch, are wrecked.

A bridge across Mud flat 100 long is gone.

Bridges across Pine creek at Oakesdale, Malden and Pine City are gone or wrecked.

There are also many smaller bridges and culverts that have been carried away by high water.

Aside from these there are many places where the roads follow canyons or gulches where the roadbeds are entirely washed away and will require to be built on new ground.

On a rough estimate it will require from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to repair the damage done to roads and bridges in Whitman county.

Road supervisors are engaged in repairing roads in divers places where it is essential for immediate use, but the commissioners will replace bridges and make extensive repairs to roads as soon as possible.

NEW GOLD COINS APPEAR.

Are Attractive in Appearance and New in Design.

Several specimens of new five and ten dollar gold pieces recently ordered coined by congress have reached Colfax and are

attracting attention. S. D. O'Neal, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, received five each of the new coins from the Old National Bank of Spokane Monday, handing them out to several of his friends, who wished them for pocket pieces. The new coins, however, will soon be in general circulation, when they will cease to be a curiosity. The ten-dollar piece is a very pretty coin. Instead of the milling around the outer edge of the coin, as on the old ones, 46 stars, representing every state in the Union, is made to appear. On one side is an eagle standing on a bunch of arrows, with wings folded. Above, almost resting on his back, are the words "E Pluribus Unum." Underneath the much talked of words "In God We Trust." The words, in bold capitals, "United States of America" and "Ten Dollars" also appear. On the obverse side we find something new and striking. It is a feminine face crowned with feathers and headgear of an Indian. Over the forehead is the word "Liberty." The face and headgear cover almost the entire surface of this side of the coin, there being simply room for the figures "1908" at the bottom and the circle of 13 stars, representing the original 13 states of the Union, above. The five-dollar piece is similar to the larger coin, except that the face on it is not feminine or Caucasian, but is that of the American Indian, with high cheek bones. The coins, just from the mintage, are bright and pleasing to look at, combining, as they do, full ten dollars of Uncle Sam's gold.

Lily Courtney Snow's Recital.

A fair audience greeted Miss Lily Courtney Snow of Spokane at the court house last Friday night at the recital given by her under the auspices of the Athenaeum Club of this city. It was a little out of the usual. Instead of being a series of readings or recitations on different themes it was the story of "The Shepherd of the Hills" by Harold Bell Wright, in four parts, and the audience had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the characters in the story--their mannerisms, impulses, loves and jealousies--as they would appear in real life had they been met in the realms of shepherd life. Miss Snow is a character delineator and an elocutionist of exceptional ability, and no doubt will make a name for herself in her chosen profession.

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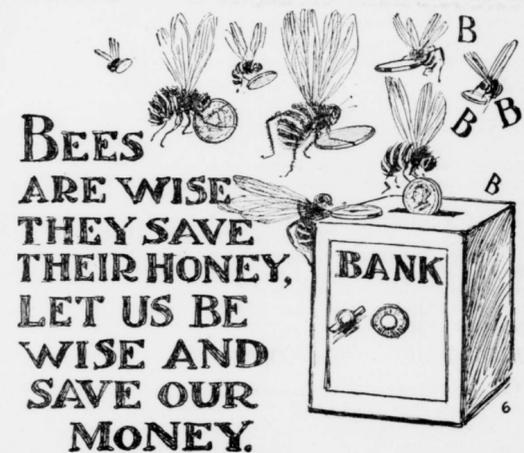
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