

# THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

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## INLAND'S HORTICULTURAL TRAIN HERE

Pruning and Spraying of Trees Fully Demonstrated.

Practical Apparatus for Illustrating the Work in Hand--Many Prominent Citizens and Correspondents Accompany the Train.

The Inland Empire & Spokane second annual horticultural demonstration train was here Wednesday, and was visited by many ladies and gentlemen interested in horticultural work. In the evening, under the rays of the arc light, the demonstration of the spraying apparatus was witnessed from a flat car, as well as an interesting talk on the pruning of trees. Professor Thorner of the State College had charge of this. It was not merely a talk on the right way of pruning trees, but the professor, with pruning knife in hand, from one of the many specimens of small fruit trees on the car, went through the process of pruning--cutting a limb here and a limb there, showing the necessity of this and the advisability of topping off another, and explaining everything connected with the growth of the tree to maturity. The only regret is that there were not more present to hear this instructive and interesting talk. One remark that fell from the professor's lips, and that was that no part of the Pacific coast raised better apples than the Palouse, with the exception that they lacked color. In the marketing of apples in this day and generation color is a prime factor, and is responsible for the sale of most of the fruit. The professor explained how to prune a tree so as to improve the color of the fruit.

Professor Melander had charge of the spraying apparatus. He explained the process of spraying and the way it should be done. There is more science in the business than most people suppose. Merely spraying the tree will not always kill the pests that destroy fruit. A fair-sized apple tree was nailed tight

to the floor of the flat car, and was used as an example in spraying as well as an ocular demonstration in pruning. To reach all the pests it is necessary to spray down as well as up and through. If necessary the horticulturist should spray down from a raised platform. The professor illustrated his remarks by spraying through two different nozzles, one, attached to a long pole, enabling him to spray down from the top of the tree, the nozzle being turned down. The spraying was done by hand and also by the aid of a gasoline engine which stood on the rear end of the car, showing how each worked.

People were invited to come inside the next car, which was soon filled, and nearly everything connected with horticulture was laid bare. Fruit pests, from the crystal state to maturity, were seen in glass cases fastened to the walls of the car, showing where they lurked in the bud.

The demonstration train left yesterday morning on its tour, this being the starting point, and The Gazette would advise all who can to visit it and study every feature connected with it. It is a great work. Several representative men and correspondents are with the train, showing the interest taken in the cause.

### NEW INLAND SCHEDULE.

Faster Time Will Be Made On and After April 10.

The Inland's new train schedule, which becomes effective April 10, consists of 11 trains in and out of Spokane, instead of nine as at present. Two-car through trains will be run on both the Colfax and Moscow divisions, instead of four-car trains to and from Spring Valley as now, thus doing away with the delay in switching at that point. The new schedule is as follows:

Moscow division--Trains will leave Moscow northbound at 7:40 a. m., 11:50 a. m., 4:25 p. m. Leave Spokane for Moscow at 8:05 a. m., 12:50 p. m. and 4:50 p. m.

Colfax division--Trains leave Colfax northbound at 8:00 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:10 p. m. and leave Spokane for Colfax at 7:50 a. m., 12:20 p. m. and 6:15 p. m.

The running time has been again reduced, the through trains between Spokane and Moscow being scheduled to make the run in 3 hours and 10 minutes, and between Spokane and Colfax in 2 hours and 40 minutes.

## TO STUDY HISTORY OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Society to Be Formed in Colfax With That End in View.

Branch of Inland Empire Historical Society--Professor Elliott Will Be Here and Will Read His Paper on "Dr. John McLoughlin."

It is proposed to organize in Colfax a society or club for the study or reading of local history. This will be a branch of the Inland Empire Historical Society. Such a society was started here some time ago, we believe, but for lack of interest did not fully mature. It is proposed to revive interest in the study of history--more particularly history pertaining to the Pacific Northwest--and with that end in view Professor T. C. Elliott of Whitman College, president of the Inland Empire Historical Society, will be here on the night of April 12, and an informal meeting at that time will be held to organize a club for the object above stated. Professor Elliott, if desired, will read a 30 or 40-minute paper that he read before the Washington Library Association not long ago upon "Dr. John McLoughlin"--a paper that was reproduced in part by the Sunday Spokesman-Review. The Gazette will publish where this meeting will take place next week.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the effort to establish such a society. History and biography is not studied or read as it should be. It is surely the main fabric of our education. No man or woman is really educated without a thorough knowledge of history. It is the plate-glass window through which we look into the world and see things. Without it our view is confined to the narrow walls in which we live. We hope there will be no lack of interest on the part of the people of Colfax in this matter, and that Professor Elliott will be greeted by a goodly number of people interested on taking hold of it in earnest.

### Ed Baker Commits Suicide.

Ed Baker committed suicide Saturday afternoon by drinking three ounces of carbolic acid in a glass of beer. Baker leaves a wife and a two-year-old girl baby, besides two brothers, all of whom were at the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Baker

have been living in Colfax until recently, since which time they have been at the home of Oscar O. Kelley, 12 miles east of town. Baker came to town Wednesday of last week and secured a room in the lodging house over the Coryell saloon, where he committed the deed of self-destruction. After taking the poison he called for help, saying he was dying, but expired before medical aid could reach him. The body was buried Tuesday from the undertaking parlors, interment taking place in Colfax cemetery. Baker was 32 years of age. His two brothers, Bert Baker of Grangeville, Idaho, and Will Baker of Hay were here to attend the funeral. It was so clearly a case of suicide that Coroner Bruning did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest. Rev. John P. Barker preached the funeral sermon.

### DR. MOSES FLEXER'S SERUM

Efforts Made to Obtain It as Applied to Miss Walters.

The death this week of Miss Miriam Walters from cerebro spinal meningitis has brought to notice the discovery by Dr. Moses Flexer of his serum for the cure of this disease. He is connected with the Rockefeller Institute of New York, and made his discovery about a year ago. It is not manufactured and given out for general use at this time, but can be obtained as a rule in most of the leading cities of the Union. In the sickness of Miss Walters, when the case seemed hopeless and all other remedies had been applied, the doctors sought to obtain Flexer's serum. Spokane was sought by telegraph, the reply coming back that none was there, try Portland. Portland was touched by the electric spark, and the same answer came back, try Seattle. Seattle was communicated with, and there the serum was found and hurried into the mails for Spokane, where stood a special car ready to take it to Colfax as soon as it was gotten out of the mail pouch. It is thought by many that the serum did not have a fair test in the case of Miss Walters, who had been stricken three days before its arrival.

Without doubt it is a marvelous remedy, and has done some wonderful cures during the brief period since its discovery by Dr. Flexer. One thing is uppermost in the case at bar, and that is, it is regrettable that the serum cannot be obtained in any reputable drug store on the shortest notice. Perhaps it will be so after awhile.

### House and Lot--A Snap.

My residence property in South Colfax at a bargain if taken at once. Also all furniture, including piano, at private sale. R. H. Kipp.

## ASK PEOPLE TO VOTE ON SCHOOL PROJECT

Necessity for Providing More Room Is Acute.

What a Prominent Educator Has to Say--Directors Have Decided to Call Special Election April 8--Voters Urged to Investigate Plan.

A prominent educator of Colfax, when seen by a representative of The Gazette one day this week in regard to the situation facing this community, used these words:

"The necessity of providing more room for the local schools has become acute in the extreme. During the present year there has hardly been a time when there was a vacant seat in the High school assembly room. This spring a class of 14 will be graduated while the eighth grade will send up at least 50 new students. Further, the new laws passed by the last legislature make it practically impossible for high school districts to charge tuition, so that a great many students may be expected from the country. The latter condition is a satisfactory one, for the reason that the state provides high schools with a much larger apportionment than heretofore, and hereafter the high schools of the state will be practically self-supporting so far as local taxes are concerned.

"In addition to the High school situation the lease on the Duchemin school building expires in June. It is not thought that this building can be had, or should be used, for school purposes after this year. The abandonment of this building will leave at least 160 pupils to be provided with school rooms. It is evident, therefore, that something must be done and that at once.

"The directors have been facing this situation for several months. In accordance with the directions of the voters at an election some two years ago they closed a deal with Mr. Hollingsworth for a tract of ground across the street from the court house.

"While the district is rapidly getting into good financial condition, the indebtedness is still too great to admit of bonding for a new building. In other words, the present indebtedness, added to the cost of a new building, would place the district beyond its lawful limit of indebtedness. However, it is absolutely certain that within two or three years the district will be in shape to issue bonds and take care of a building so much needed. Just what would become of the schools during the time we were getting into shape to bond is plain. In order to meet the situation now, when needed, the directors took the matter up with local business men and investors. As a result the banks and individuals have agreed to furnish \$40,000 for a new building, if the district will give a lease of the Hollingsworth site and agree to pay 6 per cent interest on the cost of the building until such time as the district can issue bonds and take over the building. It is also proposed that the directors be authorized to make annual payments on the principal as soon as deemed advisable. In the meantime a corporation is being formed to take care of the business end of the matter, and it is proposed to issue bonds against the property and to further protect the investor by a contract on the part of the district to rent the building and make the payments above referred to.

"In order that the whole matter may be understood by the people and the needs of the district placed before them the directors have decided to call a special election for April 8, at which the whole matter will be submitted to the people for their decision. It is earnestly hoped that a proper degree of interest will be taken in the settlement of this vexed question, and that every voter in the district will turn out and give his assistance. The election will be held at the Main street school on the afternoon of the above date.

"It should be remembered that the vote at this time merely concerns that proposition of granting a lease of the Hollingsworth school site and of authorizing the directors to rent the building and make such payments as deemed advisable from time to time on the principal."

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