

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

THIRTY-SECOND YEAR.

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY TIME

Electric Lighting Plant for the Court House.

Contract Let for Steel Riveted Bridge at Malden--Estray Law Will Be Strictly Enforced--Electric Railway Franchise Revoked.

The board of county commissioners were in session this week from Monday until Wednesday evening, transacting the usual routine business and attending to special matters of importance.

The contract for putting in an electric light plant for the court house was let to the Fairbanks-Morse Co. of Spokane for \$1430. The plant will consist of a nine-horse power gasoline engine, dynamo and storage battery. This contract was really decided on at the March meeting of the board, but was held up awaiting developments. Work of installing the plant will begin at once and pushed to completion as soon as possible.

Contract for Bridge Let.

The county commissioners in session this week let the contract for a riveted steel bridge at Malden to replace the combination bridge washed out by the high water of January. John F. Archer & Co. of Spokane received the contract for \$3397. The bridge will have a span of 114 feet, 14 feet longer than the old structure. It will be elevated 20 feet above the water, four feet higher than formerly. The approach at the south end will be 30 feet, while at the north end it will be 16 feet. The bridge is to be finished by the 1st of September. Good bridges and good roads are gradually coming our way along with other good things peculiar to the Palouse.

Estray Law in Force.

The auditor was directed to publish notice for four consecutive weeks that the estray law would be put into force again. There was some question in regard to the constitutionality of the law, ex-Prosecuting Attorney Kipp giving his opinion that it was unconstitutional, therefore void. Acting on that the law has not been enforced. It is now pro-

posed, however, to enforce the law, inasmuch as public opinion seems to demand it, and let the question of constitutionality go to the supreme court should it arise.

Franchise Revoked.

Five years ago last November the commissioners granted a franchise to the Whitman Railroad & Power Co. to build and operate an electric railroad between Colfax and Palouse. The company was granted right-of-way along the public highway between the two towns, it being stipulated that it was not to interfere in the least with the public roads. The company did considerable grading up Spring flat at divers places, but as the five years have elapsed for its completion and operation, and the company has failed to comply with the terms of the franchise given it, the commissioners this week officially declared the matter a closed incident.

To Recoat Court House.

The auditor was directed to call for bids for recoating the court house. This recoating will take the form of covering the cement now on the walls with a heavy chemical paint, thus preserving as well as enhancing the appearance of the building.

Pool room license was granted George W. Jagerson of Lamont.

The matter of rebuilding the retaining wall at the court house washed away during the flood period of January has not been taken up by the commissioners, but it is understood it will be soon.

Will Meet Monday Night, April 12.

Anent the forming of a society or club in Colfax for the study of history pertaining to the Pacific Northwest, mention of which was made in last week's Gazette, we can state that on next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the lecture room of the M. E. church, those interested in forming such a society are asked to meet and consider the matter. Professor T. C. Elliott of Whitman College, president of the Inland Empire Historical Association, will be here to assist in the formation of the society, and, if desired, will read the paper on "Dr. John McLoughlin" which he read before the Washington Library Association not long ago. It is proposed to make the local club a branch of the state society. Several citizens have expressed a desire to be present at the meeting Monday night, so we look for a good attendance and something to come from it.

Garden seeds, poultry supplies, at Inland Milling & Feed Co.

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL MET MONDAY NIGHT

Transacted Considerable Business of Importance.

Ordinance Prohibiting Bicycles From Being Ridden on Sidewalks Ordered Drawn by City Attorney--Two Sprinkling Wagons in Use.

City council met Monday night, Mayor Lippitt presiding. Present: Councilmen Dreifus, Barroll, Tiff, Perrine, Stravens. P. B. Stravens asked permission to construct a one-story brick building, 25x90 feet, on north half of lot 10, block 6, and for use of part of Main street to store material. Granted.

Application of B. Binnard for renewal of liquor license was received and read.

Application of Mrs. Mary A. Averill to hold the option has been made. The shipments of fruit from this farm run from 60 to 100 carloads annually.

Wawawai is 20 miles due south of Colfax on Snake river. The region along the Snake from its mouth to Lewiston and beyond is one of the greatest for fruit on the Pacific coast. Here peaches, plums, apricots, cherries, grapes and melons grow and ripen to perfection. Almonds, walnuts, etc., grow along the Snake, and will soon be a factor in supplying the commercial world with nuts.

As stated in The Gazette two weeks ago, Mr. La Follette has no intention of leaving Whitman county because having disposed of his fruit farm. He is still the possessor in fee simple of 2500 acres of wheat land, which of itself is not to be sneezed at. Mr. La Follette came to the Palouse country 30 years ago. He saw and appreciated the possibilities of the country. Land was of little value then. It could be had for the asking. Most people thought it fit only for grazing purposes. How different now! For growing the cereal grains, for fruit raising it stands pre-eminent. There is no better. We are just beginning to realize our greatness.

Street committee reported, recommending that the petition of Perkins et al. be not granted. Report accepted.

Street committee reported that the Rock street footbridge had been built in satisfactory manner.

Bills were allowed as follows: Current expense fund, \$1698.95; water fund, \$180.64; improvement district No. 15, \$91.50. Included in the current expense fund is \$445 for new sprinkling wagon, and \$100 for lumber, etc., in construction of Rock street footbridge.

It was adopted that city attorney be directed to draw ordinance prohibiting bicycles from being used on sidewalks.

Treasurer's first quarterly report was presented.

Sidewalk ordinance pertaining to Main street was read first and second times and referred to judiciary committee.

Ordinance granting O. K. & N. right to lay a single track to connect with main track was referred to the judiciary committee.

Bids were received for street sprinkling as below given: T. J. Casserly, \$90 per month; Tom Mastry, \$74; L. P. Berry, \$90; J. B. Mackay, \$90; George N. Hill, \$79; W. M. Pointer (one wagon) \$95. (two wagons) \$175 per month. Referred

to water committee.

S. A. Bodine complained of a nuisance on Meadow street. Referred to health and police committee.

City attorney was directed to notify Farmers' State Bank and the Masonic Temple Association to construct fire escapes on their buildings within the next 30 days.

Petition of J. E. Minnis to maintain a popcorn wagon on sidewalk in front of his place of business was denied.

BY STICKING TO THE SOIL.

La Follette Gathers in the Shekels to the Tune of \$95,000.

The Gazette two weeks ago mentioned the fact that William L. La Follette, one of the largest fruit raisers in the Inland Empire, sometimes referred to as the fruit king of Wawawai, could dispose of his holdings on Snake river whenever he felt so disposed. He so stated to a representative of The Gazette. It develops that White Brothers & Crum of Lewiston, Idaho, fruit buyers and shippers, have an option on the Wawawai fruit farm, consisting of 960 acres, 250 of which are in bearing fruit, the price to be paid being \$95,000. The first payment to hold the option has been made. The shipments of fruit from this farm run from 60 to 100 carloads annually.

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One of the interesting events of the session was the presentation just before adjournment of a beautiful gold watch and a set of sterling silver knives and forks to Mrs. Showalter by the assembled teachers. The watch is an open face, with clear dial, Waltham move-

ment, and at this writing is being inscribed with name and date of presentation. The knives and forks are massive, showing the artistic work of the silversmith. The Showalters were taken completely by surprise, Mr. Showalter responding with feeling.

A Long Horseback Ride.

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Dust Storm Monday.

The Palouse experienced a dust storm Monday that was a dust storm. The fine dust came from the south and west, filling the air. Along the Snake and Columbia rivers is where dust storms are frequently felt; in fact, that is the region where most of the dust comes from that finds its way into the Palouse and beyond. The after-effects are not pleasant to contemplate, as tightly closed doors and windows fail to keep it from entering the interiors of homes and places of business, making extra work for the house-keeper.

George Bufins, Jr., Killed.

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See Ripley for poultry supplies.

LAST DAY OF TEACHERS' COUNTY INSTITUTE

Gold Watch for Mr. Showalter--Mrs. S. Remembered.

Nearly 400 Teachers in Attendance, Greatest in the History of the Institute--Several Noteworthy Addresses Delivered by Educators.

The Whitman County Teachers' Institute closed its labors last Friday afternoon, being the largest in attendance of any in the history of the institute. Teachers enrolled for service in the public schools of Whitman county at this writing number nearly 400. This is an increase of between 25 and 30 over the number employed last year. And the increase will continue, not diminish. The layman cannot realize the number or appreciate the importance to the several communities of the public schools until he sees all the teachers assembled, as was the case last week, filling the large auditorium of the court house to the doors, many being compelled to stand, when a new light bursts upon his vision. He begins to realize what is being done to educate our children and the number engaged in the work.

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266 Acres 3 1/2 miles west of Mokonema. Good barn 50x52 with 20 foot posts, framed 5-room house, milk house, two good root houses, machine shed 60 feet long, good granary, smoke house, well fenced and cross fenced. 20 acres of fine Vinohly land on place. Fine spring water, good orchard, all kinds of fruit and berries. Price \$60.00; good terms.

94 Acres adjoining Colfax, all fine land. 60 acres in wheat. A fine piece of land, worth \$125. It can be bought for \$77.50 per acre.

500 Acres on Union Flat, 5 miles from Mokonema. Good 7-room house, good barn, granary, wagon shed, smoke house, chicken house. Well fenced and cross fenced, fine water, good orchard. A snap, \$52.00.

\$40 buys 160 acres 3 miles east of Colfax. Good 5-room plastered house, water piped into it, good barn. 130 acres in cultivation, balance pasture. \$2500 cash, time on balance.

220 Acres 3 miles from Steptoe station, on Inland. A snap at \$60.00. Good 4-room house, good barn, granary and fine orchard. 140 acres in fall wheat. Fine water—a fine farm.

\$46 takes this 400 acres 2 1/2 miles from Endicott. All in crop, one-third goes with farm. No improvements.

\$36 will purchase this farm of 320 acres, 2 miles south of Winona. 200 acres in fall wheat, one-third goes with farm. No improvements. Half cash, terms on balance.

160 Acres 3 miles east of Washburn, balance pasture. 125 acres fenced, 20 broke. Good 3-room house, small barn. This farm joins the Palouse Falls township land on the north. \$12.50 will take this—\$1200 cash, time on balance at 7 per cent.

160 Acres 2 1/2 miles northeast of Greenwood. All good land. Price \$50.00.

160 Acres 2 1/2 miles northwest of Greenwood. 5-room house, barn 60x50, granary 14x24, wagon shed 18x46, fine orchard, fine spring water, fenced hog tight with partition fence through center. Close to good school and 6 1/2 miles to Colfax. \$62.50 per acre.

640 Acres 3 miles north of Diamond. Good 10-room house, barn 50x60 and all necessary outbuildings, good spring water at house and barn. 10 acres of fine orchard, all kinds of fruit and berries. 250 acres in fall wheat, 250 acres plowed for wheat, oats and barley this spring, 100 acres fine pasture. Good spring in each field. This is one of the best wheat farms in Whitman county and \$57.00 per acre takes it—\$15,000 cash, balance at 6 per cent on long time.

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