

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

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WHITMAN COUNTY AT THE A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION

Products of the Soil as Seen Without Irrigation.

Home of the Big Red Apple--More Wheat Raised to the Acre Than in Any Other County in U. S.--Manager Harris There With Goods.

Last fall, after mature deliberation, it was decided by the county commissioners to have a Whitman county exhibit at the Alaska Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, which opens on the 1st of June. To finance the proposition a levy of .25 mills on the dollar was made against the taxable property of the county. On a valuation of \$21,782,352 the .25 levy gives \$5445.59 available to defray the

expenses of this exhibit. The commissioners named S. C. Armstrong of Colfax, A. K. Findley of Pullman, William L. LaFollette of Pullman, Colonel William Duling of Garfield and A. J. Stone of Rosalia to have charge of this fund and see that it is used in exploiting the resources of Whitman county. These gentlemen in turn named L. B. Harris of Colfax to collect an exhibit and have charge of the same during the life of the exposition.

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the highest state of perfection. Irrigation here is never resorted to, except along the Snake river, neither is it necessary, for nature has been bountiful in both soil and climate, leaving man to plant, cultivate and in the end gather the harvest. Mr. Harris has had 100,000 of these struck off on cards, and will distribute them at the fair to visitors and intending settlers.

In showing what has been done on non-irrigated land in raising apples we except this from the Farmington Independent of April 9 a noted apple orchard of General Tannatt near that place:

"General T. R. Tannatt has just received his diploma from the National Apple Show, which was held in Spokane last December. The diploma is for first prize on non-irrigated commercial apples, and in addition to this General Tannatt was also awarded a large silver loving cup, handsomely engraved and weighing 11 pounds. This cup was awarded him for his three carload exhibit of export apples, the prize being won on the fine quality and flavor of the fruit and their superior pack. These apples were grown in Mr. Tannatt's large orchard adjoining

THIRD ANNUAL HORSE SHOW LAST SATURDAY

Rain and Wind Keep Many Exhibitors Away.

Notwithstanding Many Magnificent Equines Are Seen in the Parade--Trotting and Pacing Horses, 22 Stallions of High Degree.

The third annual horse show last Saturday was a success, albeit the clouds looked ominous and at times the rain came down liberally. For several days previous the weather was uncertain. This undoubtedly had its effect in preventing many from bringing their animals, still the show was complete if not overabundant. Many people were in town, and they probably saw some of

Tennessee Flat Horse Company, Robert, age 6 years, Percheron.

T. L. Fort, Colfax, Clovis, age 8 years, black Percheron.

Paul Genero, Dusty, Bill, age 4 years, black Percheron.

Jones & Peterson, Colfax, Yambill, brown shire, age 9 years, weight 1840 pounds.

William Ham, Colfax, Bazaar Dior, black Percheron, age 3 years, weight 1700 pounds.

Charles Losey, Colfax, Urt, French coach, age 9 years, weight 1200 pounds.

Crampton Brothers, Colfax, Milo, black Percheron, age 7 years, weight 1800 pounds.

L. A. Crampton, Colfax, Ben, bay Percheron, age 8 months.

Ben Alsop, Albion, General Sheridan, gray shire, age 3 years, weight 1780 pounds.

L. Strobel, Colfax, Frazier, black Percheron, age 8 years, weight 1900 pounds.

C. L. Miller, Colfax, Fred, bay Percheron, age 2 years.

Keiser Brothers, Endicott, Baby, black Percheron, age 3 years, weight 1660 pounds.

AUTOMOBILE AS SEEN IN PALOUSE COUNTRY

Colfax Is the Home of Several Costly Machines.

Names of Owners and Make--New Ones Being Constantly Added to the List--Farmers' Horses Getting Accustomed to Their Use.

The automobile has come to stay, being now a recognized factor in business and travel. As pointed out by ex-President Roosevelt some time ago, the coming of the auto will also be a factor in the establishment of good roads, a consummation devoutly to be wished. Colfax and all the towns of the Palouse have not been backward in adopting the auto. The number is steadily increasing.

to the sight of the mysterious (to them) moving phantom, so we seldom hear nowadays of accidents from runaways and smashups caused by the presence of the auto. Auto drivers invariably stop when they observe that a team is likely to give trouble, and in numberless instances have gotten out and assisted in leading a horse or horses past the mysterious object. The greatest source of complaint, however, comes from city drivers, many of whom fear through the country as though the world belonged to them, regardless of the rights of others. The last legislature passed a law making it a misdemeanor for an autoist not to stop when he sees a frightened horse or horses before him, and the law should be strictly enforced.

The auto is here and has come to stay. Its greatness and usefulness is fully recognized.

From Cattle to Wheat.

Jack McElroy of Dragoon Springs, Adams county, was in town Saturday attending the horse show and mingling with old friends. Mr. McElroy is a pioneer of Whitman county as it originally stood, before Adams and Franklin coun-



Harvest Scene in the Grain Fields of Whitman County.



Typical Whitman County Farm Home and Orchard.

the city and is a glowing tribute to the possibilities of fruit raising in the Farmington neighborhood, as General Tannatt competed with the best fruits from all parts of the United States and Canada. After the show the three carloads of apples were bought by Sam Haines of New York and shipped to London, where they sold for \$6.50 to \$11.50 a box.

In addition Mr. Harris has bought and shipped to Seattle 40 bushels of hard wheat, which he will put in small paper sacks and give to all who visit the exhibit. In other words, he is there with the goods, so that people can see for themselves. In this connection here are a few figures denoting some of the products raised in Whitman county in 1907:

Number of horses..... 35,549
Number of cattle..... 32,379
Number of sheep..... 25,988
Number of hogs..... 26,941
Number of mules..... 1,161
Number bushels of wheat..... 10,500,000
Number bushels of oats..... 9,768,000
Number bushels of barley..... 1,140,000

Another black Percheron that attracted much attention was "Dick," belonging to Bill Kelly, whose home is near Penawawa. "Dick" is sired by Phil Cox's old stallion, and will be 5 years old this spring. Henry Hickman bought him from Cox when a yearling, paying \$250. Hickman sold him to Kelly on the 2d of last month for \$2000. That was paying \$1 a pound for horse flesh live weight, as "Dick" weighs 2000 pounds.

The above represent trotting and pacing horses, 22 stallions of the Percheron, shire and coach breeds, besides a jack with long ears and a bray that would put to shame a log hron. The driving team of Dr. William Haw of Endicott, part Arabian, their hips dashed with spots as though twins, were greatly admired. The horse show has evidently come to stay. Next year we may look for a better one.

Below is a complete list of machines owned in Colfax, as well as territory adjacent, beginning with the names of owners and of machines in the order in which they were introduced. A. E. King has the distinction of being the first Colfaxite to buy an auto. Following is the list:

A. E. King, Rambler.
O. H. Horton, Rambler.
J. L. Irwin, Oldsmobile.
Dr. R. J. Skaffe, Holman.
Frank Vollandorf, Maxwell.
William M. Pointer, Buick.
L. Schmuck, Reo.
Nick Codd, Reo.
Dr. W. A. Mitchell, Reo.
P. B. Stravens, Reo.
R. C. Hargrave, Columbia.
J. J. Miller, Reo.
Ed Johnson, Pope-Toledo.
Henry Hickman, Reo.
Rev. Luther, International.
C. W. Lindsay, Reo.
Dr. Cardwell, Franklin.
James Hampton, International.

ties were carved out of its boundaries. He has heretofore been known as one of the big stock men of Adams county. He informed a representative of The Gazette that he had recently sold his last bunch of 600 cattle for \$20,000, and henceforth would convert his land into wheat fields. Thus the evolution from a stock range to the farm is actually taking place, and in the near future we may expect to see the big farms divided into small holdings and diversified farming and fruit raising follow in its wake. Mr. McElroy says there is more money now in raising wheat than in raising stock, hence his change of heart.

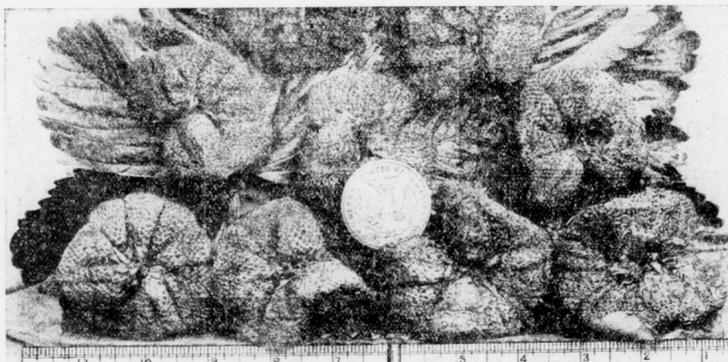
Value of Alfalfa for Pasturage.

Samuel S. Link, whose home is on Alkali flat, below Wilcox, was in town Monday. Mr. Link cultivates between 200 and 300 acres of wheat, and may be considered on the highway to fortune. His winter wheat last year went 35 bushels per acre; spring wheat 25 bushels. The outlook for a bumper crop this

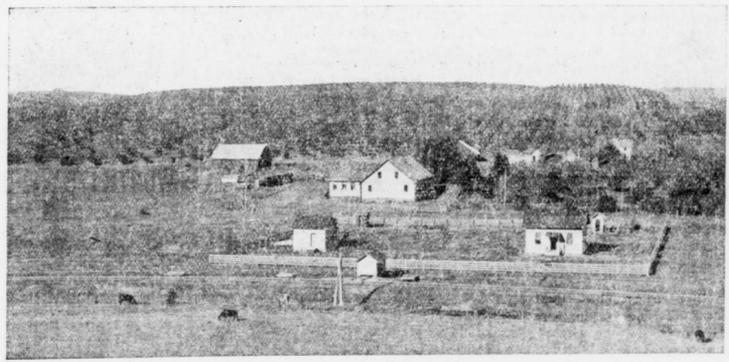
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Whitman County Strawberries Grown Without Irrigation.



Commercial Orchard of the Burrell Investment Company.

Another shows the celebrated apple orchard belonging to the Burrell estate at Diamond, 8 miles west of Colfax. This orchard is surrounded by scores of grain fields, the land throughout the Palouse being equally good for grain or fruit, so that if the orchardist wishes he can grub out his fruit trees and have at his disposal the richest grain land in the world. It is this mingling of orchard and grain that is the charm of the wonderful region which we inhabit--a marvel that captivates all who see it.

Still another scene depicts a representative home in Whitman county, house and orchard in the foreground, surrounded by broad acres of the cereal grains.

As showing the possibilities in small fruits a picture was taken of a selected bunch of strawberries, an exact copy of which is reproduced herewith.

All this is produced without irrigation. It is the natural results that come from the soil, requiring only cultivation to make everything grow, whether it be grain, vegetables or the large and small

Whitman county is in the heart of the great Palouse country, where more wheat is raised to the acre than in any other county in the United States. This is a proud boast, not a vain boast, borne out by facts that cannot be successfully disputed. The soil is equally good for fruit. It is the future apple country of the Pacific coast. Non-irrigated fruit of all kinds is richer, has a more toothsome flavor and is of better keeping quality than the irrigated product. This applies particularly to apples.

Where is the country, outside the Palouse, that has this happy mingling of products without irrigation, and in quantity to enrich the intelligent tiller of the soil? Mr. Harris is prepared to prove this, both by tabulated figures and actual demonstration, so that those who witness the Whitman county display at Seattle cannot wag their heads in doubt.

The Gazette believes that much good will flow from this, causing intending settlers to stop and investigate.

Manager I. B. Harris and the committee appointed by the Commercial Club, consisting of Charles E. Scriber, A. M. Scott and Lewis L. Bruning, did all they could to enhance the greatness of the occasion.

Following is a complete list of owners and names of horses seen in the parade:

Jimmie Martin of Colfax, Bessie, aged 4 years, standard bred pacer.

O. K. Benn, Colfax, Elderby, age 10 years, standard bred trotter, winner of sweepstakes at Whitman county fair, 1907.

C. J. Nogle, Colfax, Duke, age 5 years, pacing stallion.

Dr. P. J. Freisinger, Colfax, coach mares, driving team.

GROSS POSTAL RECEIPTS.

Colfax Leads Other Towns in County--Different Last Year.

Gross postal receipts for second class offices for the quarter ended March 31, 1909, in Whitman county show a substantial increase. Colfax and Pullman are the only second class offices in the county, all others being third and fourth class. In Colfax for the year above stated the total receipts amounted to \$13,174; increase over last year \$1523; per cent 13.1. The total receipts at Pullman were \$12,549; increase, \$1152; per cent, 10.1. Difference in favor of Colfax, \$625. Last year Pullman was ahead of Colfax in gross receipts, showing that Colfax has increased postal business greater than the college town. The per cent of increase in both cities, however, is encouraging.

The rain that fell the first of the week came at the right time, as usual, doing much good. Crops were not suffering, but added moisture was all right.

Frederick H. Hinchliff, Oldsmobile.

Ed Johnson, Pierce-Arrow.

Mr. Johnson now owns two autos, the last one arriving Tuesday and is said to have cost \$5500. It is the costliest, largest and most powerful machine in Whitman county. In addition to the above we note these:

Dr. Henry, Endicott, Reo.
Harry Hays, Endicott, Reo.
Frank Schreiber, 6 miles west of Colfax, Reo.

Fred Hungate, Almota, Franklin.
Ed Hickman, 14 miles southeast of Colfax, Buick.

Eaton Bros., Endicott, International.

There are doubtless others, but like a directory we shall have to revise and add to the list before the end of the season.

We hear complaints at infrequent intervals about fast driving and the devil-don't-care exploits of automobilists, of which, in some cases, there is just ground for complaint, but speaking of local artists but little criticism can be offered. Farmers' horses are becoming educated

season was never better. As showing the possibilities of alfalfa without irrigation in this region Mr. Link has one acre, planted two years ago, on which he has constantly kept from three to four head of stock, that one acre affording them a good living. Mr. Link tried Monday to get alfalfa seed with which to plant more ground, but for some reason there was none in market. For pasturage alone, from this showing, alfalfa is a valuable crop to put in.

Buys a New Auto.

Frederick H. Hinchliff is the owner of a new automobile brought from Spokane last week. Its cost was \$1300. It is an Oldsmobile, 22-horse power, with two seats, intended for four persons, but the fifth can be crowded in provided she is young and good looking. Rumors are afloat that another Colfax man intends to buy a \$6000 machine, which would seem to indicate that there is nothing too good for the Palouse and the Palouse is good enough for the best.