

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

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LIPPITT ELECTED BY A BIG MAJORITY

People Express Confidence in a Business Administration—False Reports Sent Out Act as a Boomerang.

Interest was centered in the election of mayor last Tuesday by a remarkable statement which appeared in the Spokesman Review the day before in regard to the citizenship of Mayor Lippitt, and announcing that Philip W. Cox would be a "sticker" candidate for mayor to oppose him. Appearing the day before election, without any chance on the part of Mayor Lippitt to respond through the columns of the press one way or another, it was the belief of most voters that a "roor-back" peculiar to the methods of former times had been perpetrated, which proved to be the case.

This is the statement in part which appeared in the Review:

"Opponents of William Lippitt, candidate for the mayoralty, are circulating a report to the effect that Lippitt, who has voted for years in Colfax and has served as mayor for the last year, is not entitled to vote, having failed to take out naturalization papers. Those unfavorable to his reelection have induced P. W. Cox, a wealthy retired pioneer farmer, to stand as a 'sticker' candidate against Lippitt."

"Mayor Lippitt was born in Posen, Germany, 51 years ago and when about 15 years of age, followed an older brother, Julius Lippitt, a pioneer business man of Colfax, who served several terms as mayor, now residing in Portland, to the United States. They went to Silverton, Oregon, engaging in the general merchandise business, and in 1880 opened a store at Colfax. About 20 years ago the firm dissolved, Julius continuing in the business and William returning to Posen, where he remained for 16 years, returning to Colfax and entering into partnership with his brother again about five years ago."

Without going into particulars, The Gazette can state that Mr. Lippitt had no difficulty in satisfying his friends and all voters who came to him that he safe

guarded his rights of American citizenship while in Germany with the same care and fidelity that he has paid to his business interests here, which has become an established institution, a landmark to be pointed to with respect by all. The citizenship story was made out of whole cloth, the Spokesman Review being made the vehicle to carry out personal enmity and spite, the source and the cause being well known in Colfax. The vote showed what the people of Colfax thought of the charges, as well as the time and the manner in which they were presented.

The further statement in the same connection that the temperance element of Colfax would oppose Mayor Lippitt was more "hot air" manufactured for the occasion. A few may, probably did, vote against him, but most of them voted for him. Chairman Hanna of the local committee, Dr. Pugh and other earnest workers in the cause of temperance, lost no time in assuring Mr. Lippitt not only of their support but that the published report that the organization was working against him was untrue.

There is no question about the citizenship of Mayor Lippitt. He is a loyal citizen, and more's the pity that some native born are not as truly loyal as he is. It is generally conceded that he has made one of the best mayors Colfax has ever had, and the vote of confidence in him Tuesday shows the esteem in which he is held. Following is the vote for mayor by wards at the election Tuesday:

1st 2d 3d Total	William Lippitt	75	128	84	287
	Philip W. Cox	22	46	19	88

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THE VISITING TEAMS WIN.

Colfax and Palouse Both Snowed Under in Debate.

In the High school debate at the court house last Friday night Colville High won over Colfax High, the decision being two to one in favor of the visiting team. The question debated was:

Resolved, That cities of the Northwest containing 50,000 inhabitants or over should institute a commission form of city government modeled after the plan of Des Moines; provided, that the negative shall propose no other form of commission government.

Judge Canfield presided. The judges were Professors Jackson and Isaacs of Pullman and Mrs. Margaret Yost of the State Normal at Cheney. Colfax took the negative.

On the same evening, at Palouse, Ritzville High defeated Palouse High, discussing the same question. Judges were Professor Soulen of the University of Idaho at Moscow, G. E. Marker of the State Normal at Cheney and M. J. Snyder of the W. S. C. at Pullman. The decision was likewise two to one. These debates are the first of the series.

Colfax Knights Visit Palouse.

Colfax Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, went to Palouse Monday evening to attend Whitman county Knights of Pythias convention. A big bunch of Knights attended on this occasion. They went on the regular train of the Inland leaving Colfax at 5 p. m., going by way of Spring Valley and adding to their number as they went, returning by special train. Colfax lodge exemplified the third degree work, taking 35 members for the degree team, an orchestra and a band. Two hundred members attended the convention. The next convention will be held at Pullman in December, 1910. Harry M. Love, grand keeper of records and seals, also attended the convention.

City Water Rule Broken.

During the recent cold snap the practice of allowing city water to run to waste to prevent freezing of pipes was followed to such an extent that the reservoir was nearly emptied. This practice, while it is convenient for water users, is properly strictly prohibited by the rules, and in this instance called forth a warning notice that the penalty provided for the infraction of the rule would be enforced. Used properly, the city water supply is adequate, and it is not permitted to allow it to run to waste to keep it from freezing or for any other purpose.

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WORK OF CITY COUNCIL.

Petition for Closing of Moving Picture Shows on Sunday.

The city council held its regular meeting last Monday night.

The hotel bar license held by J. E. Williams was transferred to C. W. Ewan. E. J. Armstrong and others petitioned for a cross walk on Meadow street at Residence street, and the matter was referred to the street committee.

A petition was presented asking for the closing of the moving picture shows on Sunday, and the matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

Dr. Dietz was granted permission to construct a crosswalk over Rock street. Street committee reported a proposed change in the Mill street grade and recommended that it be adopted.

The ordinance asked for by J. H. Van Dyke and David Grass, granting a telephone franchise, was withdrawn, to be presented in a different form at a later meeting.

The official canvass of the local option election was made, with the result as heretofore published, viz: For license, 329; against license, 300.

Street committee reported the installation of two incandescent lights on Cedar street.

The usual routine business was transacted.

Off for the Packing House.

Last Friday morning Arthur Howe, one mile east of town, drove 70 head of fine porkers to the stockyards for shipment to Portland, having sold them to Henry Larkin for 7½ cents per pound. The bunch brought Mr. Howe about \$1250. They were of almost uniform size and in prime condition.

Newly Elected Mayors.

Whitman county towns on Tuesday elected mayors as follows: Oakesdale, R. J. Neergaard; Garfield, B. F. Manning; Pullman, Dr. Ed Maguire; Uniontown, Oscar Holzer; Farmington, E. E. Paddock; Palouse, George N. Lamphere; Elberton, J. W. Berkstreiser.

Have you seen the display of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes which the Whitehouse Clothing Co. is now making? It's worth walking around that way to look at.

The date for the supper and dance to be given by the ladies of the Catholic church has been changed to Wednesday, December 14.

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BRISTOW ENCAMPMENT NO. 14, I.O.O.F.

Held Two Enthusiastic Meetings Wednesday, Afternoon and Evening—Sister Lodges in Attendance.

Bristow Encampment No. 14, I. O. O. F., held two enthusiastic meetings last Wednesday, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening.

At the afternoon meeting a large class was instructed in the teachings of the encampment degrees, several of the candidates and visitors being from neighboring towns. Endicott, Palouse, Garfield, Walla Walla and Pullman each contributed a goodly number and all expressed a hearty appreciation of the encampment work and the hospitality tendered them by the local members.

One of the many enjoyable features of the occasion was the presence of Grand Patriarch Smith of Walla Walla, who is visiting the encampments of this jurisdiction, inspecting their work and looking after the general welfare of this branch of the I. O. O. F. He expressed surprise at the large attendance, especially when the condition of the weather and roads is considered, saying that it indicated that the encampment work is very beneficial, or very entertaining, or both.

At the evening meeting the encampment work proper was concluded, and the doors opened to the families of the members. A splendid banquet, which was truly a Thanksgiving-type affair, was next in order. At its conclusion toasts, proposed by Dr. Skafie as toastmaster, were responded to as follows:

"The influence the Rebekahs exert on our order," Mrs. E. D. Eldridge.

"The difference in danger between riding an Odd Fellows' goat and a box car," by J. S. Brakebill.

"The Grand Assembly," by Past Grand President Mrs. W. A. Inman.

"The Patriarchs Militant—what they mean to Odd Fellows," by J. A. Perkins.

"The encampment—how does it promote Odd Fellowship?" by Grand Patriarch Smith of Walla Walla.

An orchestra was in attendance, and good old-fashioned cotillions were indulged in by old and young, with equal

satisfaction to both, as was evidenced by the shouts of laughter that repeatedly arose from all parts of the hall. "Between sets" were interspersed games, etc., notable among which was the winning of the egg race by Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, and the potato race, won by J. L. Neil.

The Patriarch Militant branch of the order contributed its share towards the pleasure by giving an exhibition drill, a feature enjoyed by all. It can be improved by further drilling, but was well enough done considering the short time the local canton has been organized. This branch of the order fosters the militant spirit and appeals particularly to the younger element. The amusements were continued until midnight, when all went home, shivering and cold without, but with happy and warm hearts within.

COURT HOUSE CLOCK.

Contract Signed for Installation of Big County Time-Piece.

In due time, that is, within two or three months, the unresponsive boards that have filled the face openings in the clock tower of the Whitman county court house since it was built in 1889, will give way to dials upon which the correct time of day will be recorded. This result will be the culmination of a contract closed Wednesday by the county commissioners with the Howard Clock Co. of Chicago, through M. A. Rose, local representative, for the installation of a clock that will cost \$1200, and a 1000-pound bell for a gong. The bell, which will be composed of copper and tin, 78 per cent and 22 per cent respectively, will have a sweet tone and the cost of it will be 35 cents a pound. The dials of the clock will be of glass, illuminated at night, so that the time may be read at all hours. The mechanism of the clock will be run with 800 pound weights.

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