

THE COLFAX GAZETTE.

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR.

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

RAILROAD SURVEYORS NOW IN THE FIELD

O. R. & N. Branch Line From
La Crosse to Pullman.

Territory to Be Tapped by New Line
Is Heavy Producer of Grain and
Other Farm Products -- Means
Much for La Crosse.

Seymour Manning returned from La Crosse Wednesday evening and reports that W. C. Buck, assistant engineer of the O. R. & N., with a staff of 15 men and wagon loads of camp equipment and supplies, had arrived at La Crosse that morning to survey the branch road leading from that burg to Pullman, tapping the only territory in Whitman county not directly tributary to railway service. Mr. Buck and his men left at once for the J. S. Schrock place on Willow creek, five miles southeast of La Crosse, where a permanent camp will be established. Work will proceed east and west from this point, two parties being in the field and pushing the work to early completion.

From La Crosse the new branch line will follow Willow creek 14 miles southeast, crossing a low divide onto Alkali flat at Dusty; thence up Alkali flat to the old Milt Harper place; thence over a low divide onto Union flat at Wilcox; thence up Union flat to a point near grange hall into Pullman.

We have heard and read a great deal about railroad construction in this part of the Palouse the last few weeks, most of which have been rumors heard on the streets, but the above is given as authentic and means that something is doing. This means another branch road leading into La Crosse, and is almost a sure forerunner that the machine shops of the O. R. & N., now located at Starbuck, will be moved there. There has been talk of late that it was the intention to relocate the machine shops at Winona, but it is a debatable question now whether they will go there or to La Crosse. La Crosse will probably be made a divisional point.

There is talk that another railroad will soon be in the field with surveyors to locate a route practically in the same territory.

The territory to be tapped by the new branch line is a heavy producer of grain and other farm products, which will readily respond to the impulse of quick and more direct transportation.

COLFAX DAIRIES IN BAD FIX Four Will Be Closed Unless Law Is Complied With.

Deputy Dairy Inspector F. H. Bothell of Spokane was in Colfax Saturday, having inspected the dairies supplying milk for this city. It is regrettable that Mr. Bothell did not find conditions as favorable as on his last visit, when everything was reported O. K. With one exception the dairies are all below the per cent required to do business, that exception being the Colfax Jersey, which has 65.1 per cent to its credit. The Colfax dairy has 58 per cent, the Whitman 50, Macumber 37 and F. W. Ellis 27.

Three of these are leased, the owners and lessees both refusing to make necessary repairs and additions, the lessees stating that it is not their place to do so. The chief complaint Mr. Bothell had to make was the loose and rotten condition of the flooring, the filth accumulating instead of running off, remaining for cows to stand or lie in, which, per necessity, must impair the purity of milk.

Mr. Bothell has a large territory to cover but will be here soon after the 1st, and if the four last named dairies are not repaired according to directions given they will be closed.

AMONG THE LODGES.

Knights of Pythias, Red Men and
A. O. U. W. Install Officers.

The following lodges have installed officers for the ensuing year as below given:

Colfax Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias—Past chancellor commander, L. L. Bruening; chancellor commander elect, J. O. Patterson; vice-chancellor, Virgil Laird; prelate, R. G. Clendenin; master at arms, Sumner Perkins; inner guard, Chet Morley; outer guard, Robert Anderson; keeper of records and seals, F. T. Abbott; master of finance, D. L. Kemper; master of exchequer, E. J. Peschauer; master of degree work, Henry Love; manager of degree team, Charles Larue; trustees, Oliver Hall, John Hart, C. W. Hess.

Kamiac Tribe No. 18, Improved Order of Red Men—E. C. Gantz, sachem; Allen Andrew, senior sagamore; Ted McDonald, junior sagamore; I. B. Doolittle, chief of records; P. B. Stravens, keeper of wampum.

Colfax Lodge No. 14, A. O. U. W.—H. L. Plummer, master workman; W. K. Tetherow, foreman; Ed Stravens, overseer; H. A. Buckentine, guide; I. B. Doolittle, financier; M. E. Scantlin, receiver; G. M. Lommasson, inner guard; Albert Gerber, outer guard.

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TRIAL JURY FINDS HAMILTON GUILTY

Former Adjutant General Is
Adjudged Embezzler.

Sentence May Be From One to Ten
Years--Other Charges to Be Tried
in February--Bonds Asked Pending
Appeal to Supreme Court.

Ortis Hamilton was found guilty as charged by a jury in the superior court at Olympia Monday of larceny by embezzlement, and as a result he faces an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary of one to ten years at hard labor. The trial lasted three weeks lacking one day.

The Morning Olympian epitomizes the trial by saying that this is only the first of the many charges that can be preferred against the former military leader. He is alleged to have misappropriated between \$40,000 and \$60,000 of the state's funds and all for an "affinity," according to statements made during the progress of the trial. Throughout but few women attended, and Hamilton has been practically deserted aside from his brother and counsel. His old friends have nothing to say. There is nothing they can do. The "woman in the case" is in San Francisco.

The usual motion for a new trial was made, which, if denied, notice of appeal will be given. It is believed that the next trial of Hamilton will be for obtaining money under false pretenses. The supreme court will probably not pass upon his case before next May. In the meantime the other charges, larceny by embezzlement, forgery and obtaining money under false pretences are the remaining counts against him.

An effort will be made to get bail fixed, which the supreme court, before conviction, placed at \$20,000. Whether or not the conviction will make any difference in the amount of bail remains to be seen. Hamilton was returned to the county jail, where he has been confined for the last seven months.

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STUART HAS OPPOSITION.

People of Malden, in Mass Meeting,
Protest Against Appointment.

There has been friction over the post-office at Malden for some time, the business men of that burg objecting to the political influences which seemed to control things. When Rufus R. Wilson resigned the first the citizens knew about it, according to the Register, Charles F. Stuart had received the appointment through the recommendation of Congressman Poindexter. To use the words of the Register:

"The report spread like wild fire and in two hours' time a number of business men and republicans had telegraphed the postoffice department and Congressman Poindexter protesting against the appointment, and saying that remonstrances and a petition would follow."

Dodgers were issued and a mass meeting called for Saturday evening, December 4, the Commercial Club using its name in protesting against the appointment. At the mass meeting held W. W. Cowell was unanimously selected as the choice of the people for postmaster, "and his name was mentioned in the petition," says the Register, "to which the signatures of 150 republicans had been attached, which included business men, railroad men, laborers and farmers. Another, a non-partisan protest against the appointment, had been circulated and received nearly 100 signatures."

The petitions were forwarded to the national capital the following Monday and the outcome will be watched with interest.

Prize Birds at Clarkston.

The Asotin County Poultry Association show at Clarkston last week drew birds from all parts of the Inland Empire. Scoring of birds by the card system resulted in Dr. W. A. Mitchell of Colfax getting first and second prizes on Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel, and Thomas Neill of Pullman getting first, second and third on Rose Comb Rhode Island Red pullet. Ed Rosenkranz of Colfax also walked away with several premiums and a silver cup on single comb Brown Leghorns.

Malden Is a City.

Malden will soon be an incorporated city of the fourth class. The people voted unanimously to incorporate, and two of the commissioners—McCoy and Ellis—met Monday and arranged for incorporation to take place. Malden is a growing burg, and we are pleased to note that it is getting out of its swaddling clothes. It will soon have a mayor, a city council and a big chief of police, and may be expected to put on city airs.

STATE AND COUNTY APPORTIONMENT

County Apportionment Amounts
to the Sum of \$4198.62.

State Apportionment Amounts to
\$7233.44 -- Of This \$4700 Is
Paid as Bonus to High Schools--
Teachers' Examinations Small.

The county school superintendent's office has just finished making the state and county apportionment. The state apportionment amounts to \$7233.44. Of this amount \$4700 is paid as a bonus to high schools of the county, schools having a one year's course getting \$100, a two years' course \$200, a three years' course \$300, and a four years' course \$400. Colfax comes under the four years' course and will receive the higher bonus. The county apportionment is \$4198.62.

Teachers' examinations were the smallest in Whitman county this year than for many years. This is owing to the new law going into effect, which is said to be unpopular with the school superintendents throughout the state. Under the new law any person from any state in the Union holding as low as a third grade certificate can compel the county superintendent to give a temporary certificate to teach good for the current school year, whereas under the old law such certificate was good only until the following examination. It is now possible for a person to come here and teach for a year, or nearly a year, without being compelled to pass an examination and then seek pastures new. We do not assert that this has been done in this county, but it can be done.

The smaller number of examinations this year is also accounted for from the fact that many first and second grade certificates were renewals.

State Educational Association.

The Washington Educational Association will meet at Tacoma on December 28, 29 and 30, it being the 23rd annual meeting. Teachers from every part of the state will be in attendance. County Superintendent Mattoon is scheduled to

speak, as well as many other familiar names in Whitman county. Mr. Mattoon will go if he can arrange the affairs of his office satisfactorily.

WAS NOT SATISFACTORY.

The Fairbanks-Morse Electric Plant
Failed to Electrify.

The county commissioners, at their meeting last week, let a contract for three years to Codd & MacKenzie for lighting the court house, the price being \$40 a month. A plant was installed several months ago in the basement of the court house by the Fairbanks-Morse Co. of Spokane which was expected to furnish light for the building in a satisfactory manner. In fact, that was the understanding, verbally, if not in writing, of both the county commissioners and the agent at the time the plant was put in. It has not worked satisfactorily, however, so the commissioners entered into the new arrangement as above stated. The agent of the Fairbanks-Morse Co. was here last week and stated that by a further expenditure of \$460, additions could be made to the plant so that it would work satisfactorily, but the commissioners wouldn't stand for further expense.

There is little probability of a suit growing out of this against the county, as has been published, the county having overwhelming evidence that the Fairbanks-Morse plant did not fill the uses to which it was put. In fact, their agent publicly stated that his firm had no intention of bringing suit.

Two More Go to Pen.

Carl Wilmot and Lester Harwood pleaded guilty to horse stealing in the superior court Friday and were sentenced by Judge Webster of Spokane, holding court for Judge Canfield, from one to 16 years in the penitentiary. They elected last week to stand trial, employing an attorney, but their attorney evidently saw it was no use. Two of their accomplices, Ernest Wilmot, brother of Carl, and Claude Card, received the same sentence last week. Though young in years this quartette is old in iniquity.

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