

WIDENING OF SOUTH PALOUSE RIVER BED

Deep Interest Taken in Solution of Question.

Commercial Club and City Council Appoint Committees to Grapple With Problem--Club's Committee Outlines Plan of Action.

The widening and straightening of the channel of the South Palouse river through the corporate limits of Colfax is a matter of such deep concern that the Gazette is pleased to note the interest taken by citizens of all classes in its solution. The Commercial Club, at its meeting last Friday, appointed a committee to report to the city council, as well as to act with a like committee from the council, in solving the question, which has taken shape in the following report which was presented to the council at its meeting Monday night. As will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the council published elsewhere Councilmen Tift, Barroll and Plummer were appointed to act with the committee appointed by the Commercial Club, and together they visited the county commissioners Tuesday, who will have something to say in the way of building bridges and other matters connected with the proposed changes and improvements. All three bodies are acting with one accord, and we may therefore expect to see a happy solution of a question of supreme moment at this time.

The report of the committee referred to above is herewith given in full:

Report of Club Committee.

We, the undersigned committee appointed by the Colfax Commercial Club of the city of Colfax, to act in conjunction with and advisory to the city council of the city of Colfax, Washington, for the purpose of looking over the ground and selecting a feasible route for a new channel for the South Palouse river, through that part of the city from Island street to the North Palouse river, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have examined all propositions to which our attentions were called and considered all suggestions made in relation to the straightening of the channel of the South Palouse river and to locate a bed for a new channel, and are agreed that the most feasible route for a new channel from Island street to the North Palouse river is through Railroad avenue, with enough of the inland ground for a channel 150 feet wide, paralleling Main street from Island street to the North Palouse river, which will give practically a straight channel for the river from the turn at Cooper Lake bridge to where it empties into the North Palouse river at the turn of said river, where it takes the same course that the South Palouse river will take when so changed.

In adopting the suggestions here made we advise that the council pass an ordinance raising the grade of Main street four feet, from Island street to the North Palouse river, which will insure against the water flowing over the street. By running the channel through Railroad avenue as herein suggested, the O. R. & N. will necessarily have to build their tracks on the west side of the river in the blocks adjacent thereto, and the inland on the east side of the river, putting the river between the railroads, which will give them ample trackage and ground for all purposes.

We have also made a rough estimate of the cost of moving the dirt in digging the channel as herein suggested, from Island street to where the projected channel would intersect the Palouse river at or near the steel bridge of the O. R. & N., and do not believe that the cost of moving the dirt will exceed \$8000.

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. Pickrell,
C. L. MacKenzie,
Chas. E. Scriber,
E. J. Peschau,
C. E. Wood.

Third Annual Horse Show.

Third annual horse show will be held in Colfax on Saturday, April 30. Marion Freeman, George Palmer and A. M. Phillips have been appointed a committee of arrangements, and A. M. Moffatt, George W. Larue and Charles E. Scriber was the committee named to finance the show. The horse show last year was held April 10, but it proved to be a rainy day, and acted somewhat as a wet blanket on the attendance, albeit a large number of horses were in line and many people witnessed the parade. By postponing it to the 30th fair weather is assured, a prime factor in a horse show. Everything points to a larger number of prize-winning horses here at that time than ever before, so people who attend will have a chance to see the best.

Shirkey & Glaser, graduate opticians.

INLAND TRAINS HERE SOON.

The Work of Repairing Road Is Going On Apace.

The inland electric line has done a prodigious amount of work since they started in to repair their road from the ravages of the flood of March 1. The roadbed from opposite the Harpole farm to Colfax was badly wrecked, four bridges washed away and the tunnel nearly filled with debris and slickens. A large force of men has been at work since the recedence of flood waters and cars will probably be running into Colfax again the first of next week, although the statement is made that the first train may reach here Sunday evening.

The working force is encamped at this writing near the fair grounds, where they eat and sleep, putting in 12 hours a day in hard work. Work now being done is of a temporary nature, the washed-out bridges being replaced by piling, over which cars can pass till such time as steel structures are installed to replace them. The roadbed up the valley, too, has largely been replaced by piling, over 1200 feet of piling being driven at what is known as the "big fill," this side the tunnel.

For the present trains from Manning to Colfax will probably be pulled in by steam, the resetting and rearrangement of poles to carry the trolley line being an after consideration. This will enable cars to reach here several days sooner than otherwise could possibly be the case.

Cars will probably land passengers at the "old stand" on a platform, the depot having departed to that bourne from whence no traveler returns. Selah Terminal depot facilities is a matter for the future, in which railway officials and the citizens will probably get together and solve the problem. The inland people are anxious to see cars moving this way once more, and Colfax is anxious to see them move in.

COUNCIL MONDAY NIGHT

Lawmakers Have Hands Full Regulating Things.

Council met in regular session Monday night, all councilmen present but Councilman Johnson. In absence of the mayor Councilman Ferrine presided.

Ben Binnard asked for renewal of liquor license, which was laid over.

This being the time for hearing remonstrances against the paving of Main street, after discussion the matter was deferred until the next meeting, which is Monday night.

In regard to the improvement of Wawawai street to Fairview and Lake streets the street committee asked further time, which was granted.

Contract was reported let for the Wall street bridge, which is under construction. On motion the saloon ordinance was deferred for one week.

The application of J. Koenig for saloon license was laid over until next meeting.

John N. Pickrell, on behalf of committee from Commercial Club, filed report. It treats in regard to proposed change of South Palouse river channel. Report was accepted and Councilmen Tift, Barroll and Plummer were appointed to act with the Commercial Club committee in regard to this matter. Report will be found in full elsewhere.

City Engineer E. C. Murray filed his report on paving Main street. Report accepted and placed on file.

It was moved that chairman of street committee be authorized to keep O. R. & N. from driving piles in South Palouse river at crossing approaching their passenger depot.

Council meets Monday night at 7:30.

North Coast Will Bridge Palouse.

According to announcement just made, Palouse falls, one of the highest and prettiest water falls in Washington, is to be crossed by the North Coast in building its Spokane-Walla Walla line. The falls are 200 feet high. The road is to be located at the edge, passing from cliff to cliff on a mammoth steel bridge. On leaving eight-mile Palouse canyon, which cost upwards of \$175,000 per mile to construct, a bridge across Snake river will be erected at a height of 280 feet above the water. The bridge will be a half mile in length. The falls mark the dividing line between Whitman and Franklin counties.

Purchased New Automobile.

Fred S. Ratliff & Co., keeping abreast of the times, as well as to accommodate their increasing business, have purchased a 40 horse power Buick automobile, which Fred brought down through the mud from Spokane last Friday. Its cost was about \$2100. It will accommodate six persons. Aside from artistic features the auto was built for speed and comfort, Fred expecting to use it in showing intending purchasers of land throughout Whitman county. The latest addition to our list of automobiles is a beaut.

29th ANNUAL SESSION WHITMAN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Many Notable Addresses by Educators of Distinction---Largest Attendance in History of the Institute.

The 29th annual session of the Whitman County Teachers' Institute opened in Colfax Monday morning, 350 teachers being in attendance. It was an array of educators working in an interior county that probably opened the eyes of many as to what is being done along educational lines as well as the number engaged in the work. When in session in the court house they more than filled the seating capacity of the large court room, chairs being brought into the aisle, while others contented themselves by standing in the rear.

Morning sessions of the institute, with the exception of Monday, were held in the High school building, while the afternoon sessions took place in the court room. Many educators of note from outside the county were present and addressed the teachers and citizens on various subjects of interest, while a musical program, under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Windus of Colfax, was an added charm each day.

Programs of Monday and Tuesday.

The program Monday was as below given: Invocation, Rev. J. H. Bainton; "Relation of the Community to the Teacher," Professor Nalder; "The Teacher's Opportunities for Development and Advancement," Dr. A. A. Cleveland; "Peculiar Features of European Traveling," Professor J. E. Buchanan.

Tuesday forenoon, in the High school auditorium, this program was carried out: "Primary Geography," Mrs. Margaret Yost; "Primary History," Professor W. W. Dixon; "A Practical View in Geography," Professor J. E. Buchanan; "Some Practical Applications of the Laws of Habit," Dr. A. A. Cleveland; "The Hygiene of Instruction," Dr. A. A. Cleveland; "Correlation of Geography and Other Subjects," Professor J. E. Buchanan; "The New High School Course," Superintendent J. M. Layhue; "The Santa Barbara System," Professor H. A. Adrian.

In the afternoon, in the court room, following was the program: "The Most Important Item," Mrs. Yost; "New Educational Movements," Professor H. A. Adrian.

Many Noted Educators Present.

The speakers at each and every session of the institute are men and women eminent in the profession, and we regret that we cannot more than mention their names and the subjects treated by them. Professor H. A. Adrian of Santa Barbara, California, is a captivating speaker and won all hearts. The Cheney Normal gave us Professors J. E. Buchanan and C. S. Kingston and Mrs. Margaret Yost. The State College at Pullman loaned us Professors W. G. Beach, A. A. Cleveland and Charles Timblin, who have been here many times and are well known, while J. M. Layhue of Olympia, assistant state superintendent, was a conspicuous figure at all times.

The Reception Monday Night.

The teachers of the Colfax schools Monday evening gave their annual reception to the visiting teachers of Whitman county. Mrs. Vandervele opened the evening's program with a violin solo, which was enthusiastically encored.

BOONE UNDER \$6000 BONDS

Charged With Embezzlement--Two Others Also Under Arrest.

Somewhat sensational, or causing a sensation, was the arrest last Friday of H. M. Boone, charged with embezzlement while acting as president of the Palouse State Bank, which failed last year; also the arrest of A. R. Patten, Boone's son-in-law, and A. S. Parker, other officers of the bank, charged with embezzlement. All three appeared before Judge Canfield and were cited to appear Saturday, April 9, Boone giving bonds in the sum of \$6000, and Patten and Parker bonds for \$2000 each to answer the charges. Boone's bondsmen were S. J. Boone, George A. Chapman, P. B. Stravens, Arthur Howe and Simon Dreifus.

There is not much that can with propriety be said about the cases at this time. The failure of the bank last year caused more than a ripple in business and political circles, in both of which Mr. Boone was a prominent figure. He has heretofore stood well as a business man, represented Whitman county in the state senate, and at the last election had congressional aspirations. He claims to

have given over everything to satisfy the claims of the bank, and commences life anew to recoup his financial fortunes. Experts have been working on the books of the Palouse State Bank for some time, and the statement is given out that the books were found in such condition that the public prosecutor was warranted in ordering warrants issued for the arrests named.

The matter will come up for official investigation in due time, which should be thorough and without prejudice, so that the public may know all the facts. This will probably be done.

Asks Big Damages.

Complaint was filed in the superior court Wednesday by Ira Fields and wife against John Klemgard and Charles Kellogg of Pullman claiming damages in the sum of \$39,325. This claim comes out of a proceeding that occurred October 8, 1908, on a farm near Pullman, when defendants tried to regain possession of premises occupied by plaintiffs and a barn-storming proceeding took place, participated in by a "mob," as alleged in the complaint, led by Klemgard and Kellogg. The occurrence occupied much space in the papers at the time.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

Exhibit in Colfax This Week by Garfield and Palouse Schools.

As an example of what can be done through teaching domestic science in the public schools the exhibit placed in the county superintendent's office this week, during the session of the county institute, is directly in point. The exhibit was placed there by the schools of Garfield and Palouse, each of which has a domestic science department under a competent instructor. Miss Beryl Flood has charge of this department of the Garfield school. The exhibit consists mostly of needle work, of numerous articles both ornamental and useful, the work of the scholars from the fourth grade up, as well as specimens of darning, patching, designing and other work of a practical nature, that is certainly useful for the young people to be acquainted with. Many articles are placed on exhibit simply to show what can be done, while others are intended for wear or use in the home, and, of course, will be kept by those who made them. The material entering into the makeup of the last named is furnished by the pupils themselves, while that intended for exhibit the material is provided by the district, which is a nominal sum, amounting to about \$15 in the Garfield school and about \$25 in the Palouse school during the year. It is the intention, so we are informed, to add cooking in both these schools in the near future, and if the showing, in good things to eat is as attractive as the needle work on exhibition there will be something doing in the eating line one of these days.

The exhibit above mentioned is attracting a good deal of attention, and as deeds, not promises, count, the young people of Garfield and Palouse, as well as their instructors, have reason to feel proud of the progress made in domestic science.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Elects Officers for Year--Committees Are Selected.

The Colfax Commercial Club met last Friday and elected officers for the ensuing year, appointed the usual standing committees and transacted other business of prime importance.

Charles L. MacKenzie was elected president, John N. Pickrell vice president, James A. Perkins treasurer, and J. L. Neil was re-elected secretary. Committees were named as below given:

Executive Committee--Charles E. Scriber, H. M. Moffatt, Howard Bramwell, P. B. Stravens, Dr. J. Floyd Tift, J. Ehrlich, James A. Perkins. Committee on Permanent Exhibits--E. J. Peschau, Virgil T. McCroskey, Martin J. Maloney, W. A. Nelson, E. B. Smith.

John N. Pickrell, E. J. Peschau, C. E. Wood, Charles E. Scriber and Charles L. MacKenzie were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with city council in the matter of widening and fixing a permanent channel for South Palouse river. This is a matter of supreme importance to the people of Colfax, and the commercial club and city council will probably fix things so that, when finished, we shall never again be devastated by flood.

RURAL DELIVERY ROUTES.

Suggestions in Reference Thereto From P. O. Department.

The postoffice department requests patrons of rural delivery to paint their boxes and the posts to which they are attached a pure white color. This course will not only result in protecting the box and post from the weather, but will give all boxes a uniform color and serve to fix their identity in all parts of the country as United States mail boxes, giving them a neater and sightlier appearance. It is also desired that patrons imprint their names and box numbers on boxes in black block letters about two inches high.

It is also desired that road officials be induced to paint upon the posts of boxes which are located at cross roads (but not attach signs thereto) the names of towns to which the cross roads lead, with an indicator showing the direction. These are matters that should be attended to, adding not only to the appearance of things but proving a convenience as well.

Underwent Severe Operation.

Mrs. John L. Canutt was brought in from the farm last week and Saturday underwent an operation at St. Ignatius hospital for a multiplication of causes. While the lady is not entirely out of danger, still it is thought she will pull through all right and is greatly improved.

It's easy to be well dressed at easy cost if you go to the Whitehouse Clothing Co. They sell Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes.

DECLAMATORY TRYOUT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Joseph Conyard of La Crosse Wins Gold Medal.

Maude Webster of Oakesdale Gets Silver Medal--Tryout That Called Forth Biggest Audience of Institute Week--Favorable Comment.

The High school declamatory contest which took place at the court house Wednesday night was the magnet that filled all available space in the large court room. The young declaimers, one and all, acquitted themselves so well that nothing but words of praise was heard on every side. Professor Adrian of Santa Barbara, California, Mrs. Margaret Yost of the Cheney Normal, and Miss Jennie Cameron of Walla Walla, the judges, were unanimous in opinion in awarding prizes. The audience was also favored by a chorus, a violin solo by Mrs. Vandervele, solo by Mrs. W. J. Windus and music by a ladies' quartet composed of Mrs. May Abrams, Mrs. W. J. Windus, Miss Winifred Windus and Miss Bertha Schultz.

The names of declaimers and subjects selected by them follow:

Margaret Gwinn of Garfield, "Angels of Buena Vista,"
Grace Fisher of Colfax, "The Ride of Jennie McNeil,"
Maude Webster of Oakesdale, "Bobby Shaftoe,"
Meryl Chapman of Pullman, "The Bell of Atri,"
Joseph Conyard of La Crosse, "Jimmie Brown's Steam Chair,"
Platt Ballaine of St. John, "Toussaint L'Ouverture."

Joseph Conyard of La Crosse was awarded first prize (gold medal) and Maude Webster of Oakesdale second prize (silver medal).

The High school declamatory contest is a yearly event. The county is divided into six districts, each district having a tryout, the six winners meeting in the third and last contest for the final tryout and medals.

AUTOMOBILES TO BURN.

Several New Ones Arrive in Colfax This Week.

Several new autos have reached Colfax this week. Nick Codd has a Chalmers-Detroit, 30 horse power, five passenger machine, direct from the factory, costing about \$1900.

Charles L. MacKenzie has ordered an exact duplicate of the Codd auto, which is expected to arrive soon.

U. L. Ettinger received a Chalmers-Detroit, 30 horse power, which has a seating capacity of four passengers. Its cost is the same as those above.

L. Schmuck is the proud possessor of a Chalmers-Detroit, 30 horse power, having a seating capacity of five, standing him \$1875. The above sales were made through George Cornelius, who seems to be doing a real estate business in selling automobiles.

J. L. Irwin, not satisfied with the runabout that has done good service for many years, also bought a new auto this week, a Reo, 20 horse power, five passenger.

These, with two other machines mentioned elsewhere, makes six new automobiles reaching Colfax this week. If the enthusiasm keeps up what will the number be before the end of the season?

Census Taking Begins April 15.

Enumerators will begin taking the census April 15. Two hundred and fifty enumerators in the eastern district of Washington have qualified. Enumerators in the country districts, in addition to the regular schedules showing vital statistics, have farm schedules, which show the valuation of farms, implements, stock and other necessary belongings; also irrigation schedules, which will be used in gathering statistics regarding this branch of agriculture. The enumerators in the cities are paid according to the number of names secured, but in the thinly settled country districts they are paid by the day. In some places where foreigners largely predominate interpreters are provided for, but that does not apply in Whitman county.

A String of Newspapers.

The directors of the Pacific Farmers' Union Publishing Co. of Pullman have leased their printing plant to William Goodyear of Colfax, who takes charge next week. The contract runs for five years. He contracts to continue the publication of the Pacific Farmers' Union and the Pullman Herald, both owned by the company. Mr. Goodyear will continue the publication of the Commonwealth.

Always something new in millinery at Mrs. E. E. Moore's, successor to Mrs. Stevenson, Colfax.