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## P. T. & T. CO. DOING GOOD JOB IN COLFAX

Expend \$90,000 Here for Improved Equipment.

Magnificent Quarters in MacKenzie Block, Where Is Being Installed Wonderful Mechanical Devices for the Telephone Service.

Citizens of Colfax have been close as well as interested observers of the work going on by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. in perfecting its service hereabouts. New poles have been put in place on both sides of Main and other streets and old ones taken out. The new poles will be painted green when the work is completed. In addition cables have been and are being laid to connect with the switchboard in the main office, and overhead cables will do away with troubles that come after storms or electrical disturbances. The wires are enclosed in these cables and cannot be affected by wind or storm.

The company is rushing the outside work before the city begins the work of paving Main street and macadamizing Mill street, besides several cross streets, so that the streets will not have to be pulled asunder and put together again by reason of the improvements by the telephone company. This work is in charge of R. B. Armstrong, with 30 men under his orders. To be precise 14,775 feet of cable will be in place when the work is finished. The underground cable is laid in cement. Nothing less than a cataclysm in nature can disturb it.

### Magnificent Office Quarters.

The company, when installed in their new quarters, will occupy the entire west half of the first floor and basement of the MacKenzie block corner Mill and Spring streets. Here magnificent offices are being prepared, and a world of machinery, which, to the novice, is indescribable and more wonderful than Aladdin's lamp, is encountered at every turn. The inside work is in charge of S. F. Hensley, with four men under him twisting wires and doing many things in installing the wonderful pieces of mechanism. No citizen of Colfax should fail to drop in and see the work going on.

The switching apparatus is built up in sections, 30 feet in length, the wood work being of mahogany and rosewood, piano finish. It is pleasing as well as wonderful to the eye. This equipment comes from the Western Electric Co. of Hawthorne, a suburb of Chicago. It is the latest and most modern in use. Miles and miles of copper wire are being installed, the wonder being how it can be placed in the compact form in which it is found.

A new motor for charging batteries is seen in another part of the large room, another mechanical wonder. The charging will take place twice a week.

What is called a ringing generator is pointed out. Hereafter, instead of turning a crank one can press a button, the generator doing the rest.

Three home batteries are in place. The energy, therefore, is central, supplying all power from the central office. Hence power will be constant and cannot vary. This equipment, it is said, will be good for 25 years.

### Rest Room for Girls.

In the rear of the building a room has been partitioned off, known as the rest room. This will be carpeted and furnished complete, books being provided, intended for the girl operatives, nine in number, to occupy when not on duty. This is an innovation worthy of note and one to be commended.

The basement will be used as a repair shop. It is ideal for the purpose.

Western Union Telegraph Co. will occupy a section of the front office. Those who wish can phone a message, which will be at once placed in the hands of the telegraph operator and sent over the wires. This will be an added convenience to business men, avoiding an extra trip to the telegraph office, it being charged to account and paid at the monthly settlement.

### Spring Street Center of Business.

The American Express Co. will occupy the present quarters of the telephone company when vacated, so that we shall have the telephone, telegraph, express and postoffice all in a lump, so to speak, making that part of Spring street a busy and important section of Colfax.

The work being done by the Pacific T. & T. Co. in Colfax when completed will reach the sum of \$90,000. S. H. Sauve is manager, a very obliging gentleman, with whom it is pleasant to have business relations.

### Kick of Horse Fractures Skull.

Lee Bodine, son of S. A. Bodine, 14 years of age, met with a frightful accident Sunday evening while riding a horse to water. This was near the brick yard

in the south end. The horse while drinking suddenly whirled, throwing the lad to the ground, when the horse kicked him on the head, fracturing the skull. Seven pieces of bone were removed. The brain was exposed for over an inch in diameter. Lee was taken to St. Ignatius hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK, 1911

Exercises Attending the Graduating Class Colfax High School.

Commencement week program of the Colfax High school has been carried out to the letter at this writing, leaving the class play, "The Private Secretary," to be enjoyed by our citizens this evening.

The baccalaureate service at the Ridgeway theater Sunday evening was attended to the full capacity of the theater, the scene being inspiring. The stage setting was unique. Flowers and potted plants followed the footlights from end to end in artistic display, while behind were banked the High school graduating class, the faculty, ministers of the local churches and all those taking part in the interesting ceremonies. The printed program was carried out. The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. Herbert Bainton was a scholarly address, containing food for thought, not only by the class of graduates, but for all who heard it.

It was left for Wednesday evening, however, for the High school pupils, in the class day exercises in the High school auditorium, to get in their deadly work in hits and insinuations on teachers and comrades alike, which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. This included the experiences of some of the teachers, and contained many personal thrusts. Names and dates were given without reserve. Other amusing stunts were given to the edification of all, and the whole was accepted in the spirit intended. The program included the class poem, class history, class prophecy, music and other features noted above.

The Gazette goes to press too early (Thursday evening) to speak of commencement day exercises at the Ridgeway theater last evening.

"The Private Secretary" at the Ridgeway tonight closes the exercises of commencement week, 1911.

## AFTERMATH OF EXPLOSION

O.-W. R. & N. Railway Must Pay Heavy Damages.

In the federal court at Spokane last Saturday, before Judge Rodkin, Mrs. Lucy Buchanan, wife of a car repairer killed by an explosion of dynamite during a fire in the O.-W. R. & N. railway section house at Winona in July, 1907, was awarded a verdict for \$25,000 after short deliberation. The suit was for \$50,000, the railroad admitting its liability. Mrs. Buchanan is a sister of Mrs. Frank Squibb of Colfax. She lives in Pullman. The explosion noted above filled large space in the papers at the time, it being a mystery why explosives should be stored next to a section house, as was the case at Winona. There has been a motion filed for a new trial and the matter has been taken under advisement by the court.

### Young Lady Passes Away.

Gladys E. Cornelius, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Green Cornelius, died in Colfax Sunday, May 14, aged 15 years, 11 months and 9 days. The Cornelius' live near Almota. The young lady was brought to St. Ignatius hospital Thursday of last week, where she submitted to an operation. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, Revs. N. M. Jones and J. Herbert Bainton officiating. Death was the result of acute dilation of the stomach, following an operation.

### Colfax Brass Band.

The members of the Colfax Brass Band meet every Monday evening of each week in Emporium hall for practice, and it is easy to tell that the boys are making progress. We will soon have a band of our own, fully equipped, to give us music on public occasions as well as to entertain with out-of-door concerts in the shades of evening during the heated term. We have enjoyed them in times past, and can look forward with feelings of the liveliest interest when we can have them again. Colfax will soon come into its own again.

### It Was a Whopper.

Aunt Jane Hayes of Union flat brought to The Gazette office Saturday a hen's egg that measured 6x8 1/2 inches. It was a whopper. Mrs. Hayes is greatly interested in poultry, having as fine a flock of birds as can be seen in Whitman county, and she brings the eggs to market by the bucketful as proof of their laying qualities.

### Will Preach in Court House.

Rev. N. M. Jones, pastor of the M. E. church, will preach in the court house Sunday morning at the usual hour. There will be no evening services. The torn up condition around the old church necessitates this. There is sunshine ahead, however, in the prospect of occupying the new church building in the near future.

## COLFAX COUNCIL NO. 1488, K. OF C., MEET

Initiated Class of 26 ig K. of P. Hall Sunday Night.

Lodge Has Increased From 36 to Nearly 100 During Year--Plans Maturing to Erect Temple in Colfax in the Near Future.

Colfax Council No. 1488, Knights of Columbus, initiated a class of 26 into the mysteries of the order last Sunday evening in K. of P. hall, attended with the usual interesting ceremonies and fraternal good time always witnessed at these gatherings. The first and second degrees were conferred by the local team, while the third degree was put on by State Deputy F. J. Dorsey and team of Spokane.

After the initiation a reception was held in Barroll hall, which was attended by about 150 Knights, luncheon being served and several speeches delivered. Speeches were made by Rev. Father Leroux, F. J. Dorsey, E. J. O'Shea, J. B. Lorch, W. J. Kommers, and Messrs. Weber, Shiblein and others.

Knights of Columbus came from Spokane, Tekoa, Pullman, Moscow, La-Crosse, Pomeroy, Walla Walla and Colton.

Colfax Council, K. of C., was granted a charter May 22 of last year with a membership of 36. Membership has increased in the interim until it now numbers nearly 100. This speaks volumes for the success of the order. The class initiated last Sunday evening is the third one since the order was established in Colfax.

### K. of C. Building.

In this connection it is pleasing to note that the Knights of Columbus, in view of their rapid growth, are planning to erect a K. of C. building in Colfax, on a slightly elevated and modern and up-to-date in every particular. It will be provided with gymnasium, reading room, a banquet hall and all the accessories that go with it, in addition to the lodge and ante rooms that will occupy the main space of the building. Plans are not all complete yet, but they will soon be announced and we will see the building in all its completeness before the close of another year.

This, with other buildings of a religious and fraternal nature in course of erection or planned for the future, marks a new era in the growth and development of Colfax.

### Road Roller Goes Over Bank.

The road roller belonging to the county, which has been in use for some time in the south end on the Almota grade, went over the bank last Friday while being removed to another location. The steering gear refused to respond in a right manner, hence the cause of the accident. No serious damage was done, however, just the governor being put out of commission. The road roller will soon be taken up the Canyon street grade for work in that neighborhood.

## CORNER STONE OF NEW CHURCH LAID

Interesting Ceremonies Took Place Last Sunday.

Dr. E. C. Gibson of Spokane Delivered Appropriate Address--Box, Containing Various Articles, Deposited in Corner Stone.

The laying of the corner stone of the new M. E. church Sunday afternoon was attended by a large number of people, many outside the regular attendants of the church being in evidence among the multitude. The day was perfect for such an event, a not altogether cloudless sky beating back the hot rays of the sun which would probably have been manifest but for that, and not a drop of rain falling to put a damper on the proceedings.

A temporary platform had been erected inside the stone wall filling the corner facing Mill and Canyon streets, and on this platform the exercises took place. An organ was lifted onto the platform, and the choir of the church, under the leadership of Ellis Laird, sang several pieces appropriate to the occasion.

The usual services of the Episcopal church were observed throughout. Rev. N. M. Jones opened the exercises by reading a prayer. Dr. E. C. Gibson of Spokane read a chapter from the Bible, and after placing a metal box containing articles of various kinds relative to the church and the building thereof in the corner stone, delivered a short but appropriate address, which was listened to with interest. The metal box was made and presented to the church by Simon Dreifus & Co., and contained pictures of the pastor of the church, the building committee, the architect and other functionaries of the church, besides a copy of the Colfax Commoner, and a copy of The Colfax Gazette containing the first account published of the plans to erect the proposed new building. This copy of The Gazette is dated February 3, 1911. Numerous cards were placed in the corner stone alongside the metal box by people in attendance, which just about filled it to capacity. The corner stone was presented to the church by Samuel Casseday of the Casseday marble works.

The stone wall which fills the basement will require two or three days to complete it, when the laying of brick will commence. From the plans submitted the building will be complete for the uses intended, besides being architecturally beautiful.

Rev. W. A. Diggins, who was present, was called to the platform and pronounced the benediction, when the large gathering dispersed.

The new building will cost about \$12,000. Architecture is Gothic. A gymnasium, kitchen, reading room, boiler room, etc., will occupy the basement. Two or more memorial windows will be put in place before the building is dedicated. It occupies a ground space of 50x60 feet, exclusive of the annex.

With the annex it will have a seating capacity of 600. Seats, of hard wood, were ordered last week, and will be here in due time. Our Methodist brethren are to be congratulated.

## COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY

Pot Pourri of Business Disposed of in Regular Way.

City council met in regular session Monday evening, Mayor Weinberg in the chair, all councilmen in attendance.

Petition of Oliver Hall and others asking for improvement of Canyon street, from east side of Mill street east to city limits, was presented and laid over until next Monday night.

Bills were ordered paid as follows: Current expense fund, \$396 65; water fund, \$200.50.

M. Freeman asked permission to enlarge and reconstruct the building at east end of Spring street, to be converted into a feed and livery stable. Granted.

Street committee, enant Fairview street, reported work as feasible but asked for further time. Granted.

Dog ordinance was read first and second times and referred to judiciary committee.

Resolution declaring intent to improve Dean way was reported published, and there being no protests on file it was moved that proposed improvement be taken in hand and the city attorney prepare ordinance, which was done, and was read first and second times and referred to judiciary committee.

Petition in the matter of Morton street sewer was referred for further action.

Ordinance establishing grade on Island and Lake streets passed. It will be found elsewhere in this paper.

The bid of J. W. Janney for iron beams with plates, according to plans of H. N. Sims, at \$70 per ton was accepted.

Bond of Holliday & Hughes for building rock wall was approved.

City Engineer Miller asked for help in order to facilitate the work of his office in getting the paving business started. So ordered.

Mayor Weinberg was authorized to act as purchasing agent for city.

Moved and carried that curbing be established eight feet from property line from Canyon street to Island street on both sides of Mill street.

Council meets again next Monday night.

## SENIOR CLASS PLAY.

"The Private Secretary" at the Ridgeway Theater Tonight.

The seniors of the Colfax High school will present their annual play at the Ridgeway tonight. They have chosen "The Private Secretary" as the vehicle for this year and it is a screaming comedy from start to finish. The play has been thoroughly rehearsed and no doubt will be creditably given. There should be a large attendance. Following is the cast of characters:

Mr. Marsland, M. F. H. ....	Edgar Roberts
Harry Marsland, his nephew ..	Landon King
Mr. Cattermole .....	Leon Ettinger
Douglas Cattermole, nephew ..	Fred Hargrave
Rev. Robert Spaulding .....	Horace Kincaid
Mr. Sydney Gibson, a tailor ..	Harold Howard
Edith Marsland, daughter to Mr. Marsland ..	Aline Browder
Eva Webster, her friend and companion ..	Winnifred Windus
Mrs. Stead, Douglas' Landlady ..	Lillian McAmis
Miss Ashford .....	Selma Hunter
A Maid .....	Margaret Crumbaker

## Bone Protruded Through Clothing.

Roy Troub, the 17 year-old son of Henry F. Troub, who lives 10 miles northwest of Winona, met with a serious accident Thursday afternoon of last week while rounding up cattle on horseback. The cinch of the saddle became loose, causing the saddle to turn and throwing the lad to the ground, the horse stepping on him. The right arm above the elbow was broken in two places, the bone protruding through the clothing. Roy was brought to Colfax Friday and placed in St. Ignatius hospital, where he is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

## Pearl Guinea Fowls.

E. D. Eldredge, who is holding down one of the fine farms four miles east of Colfax on the road to Palouse, received two pearl guinea fowls last Friday direct from Farmington, Minnesota, to add to the other high bred birds to be seen at his place. Guinea fowls may be somewhat talkative after their fashion, but they are a beautiful bird, great layers and when a chicken hawk puts in an appearance can make an alarm clock turn green with envy at the noise they make. It pays poultry raisers to keep a few guinea fowls.

## Presto! Change.

George W. Sutherland, an old timer of Colfax, where he was engaged in the drug business, but who now lives at Newport, county seat of the new county of Pend d'Oreille created out of Stevens county by the last legislature, has tendered his resignation as chairman of the board of county commissioners for Stevens, to take effect June 9, to assume the duties as one of the commissioners for Pend d'Oreille.

## WASHINGTON STATE IMPRESSES EBERHART

Governor of Minnesota Likes Our Public Institutions.

Auto Tax Money Must Come--Big Increase in Highway Fund--Constitutionality of Employees' Compensation Act to Be Tested.

Olympia, May 17 --On his visit to the state training school at Chehalis and to the rock quarry at Meskill in Lewis county Governor A. O. Eberhart of Minnesota said he was much impressed with Washington institutions, and he declares that the West had made great strides in that respect. He was accompanied on the trip by Governor Hay, State Treasurer Lewis, State Auditor Clausen and State Highway Commissioner Will R. White.

### Auto Tax Money Must Come.

There was collected by the office of the secretary of state in the month of April, 1911, the sum of \$14,916 70, or an increase of nearly \$4500 over the receipts of the month of April, 1910, which were \$10,479 10. The receipts in May, 1910, were \$8934 35, but probably the receipts in May, 1911, will break all records, as the secretary announces that he is waging an active campaign for the collection of auto license money.

### Big Increase in Highway Fund.

The sum of \$121,945 38 was paid into the state treasury by the various counties of the state in the year 1907 for the construction of state and state aid highways, the levy in that year being only one-fourth mill. In 1908 the aggregate amount paid by the counties for construction of highways was \$264,957-.74 and in 1909 the sum of \$363,177.97 was paid, the levy in both these years being one-half mill. In 1910 the levy had been raised to one mill and the amount paid in was \$756,938 32, or almost as much as was paid in the three years preceding, making a total of \$1,507,019.37, of which amount Whitman county paid in 1907 the sum of \$6713 08, in 1908 the sum of \$13,832 73, in 1909 the sum of \$14,340 92 and in 1910 the sum of \$26,548 49, or a total of \$61,435.22. The smallest amount paid by any county was \$2584.75 paid in by San Juan county, while the largest sum was \$425,635.31, paid by King county, being nearly one-fourth of the total sum paid by all the counties.

### Test Cases Started.

A test case is to be started by the attorney general in Thurston county in order to determine the constitutionality of the law creating the state bureau of inspection and supervision of public officers. The auditor will refuse to issue warrants to pay for the checking being done in the city of Olympia, and an action in mandamus will be brought by the state to force the county auditor to recognize the claim of the bureau against the city, and the determination of this suit will settle the question as to whether the state bureau has a right to make examinations of county, municipal and school records and make the taxing district pay for the examination.

### New Source of Revenue.

According to a ruling of the state tax commission fish trap locations are to be assessed under the 1911 law as personal property. These have been escaping taxation for years, and the commission also holds that the burden of proving that the assessment is unreasonable is placed upon the owners of locations and that they are to be assessed for road and school purposes.

### Employees' Compensation Act.

The constitutionality of the new employees' compensation act is to be determined by a test suit which is to be brought as soon as possible by the attorney general in order to have the law passed upon by the courts before further steps are taken in the organization of the commission. The officials of Washington desire to have the courts say whether or not the law is good before they proceed, as in New York the supreme court knocked out a law along the same lines. It is imperative that such a test case be made so that there can be no question as to the right of the commission to proceed.

### More Trouble in Sight.

Thirty-one out of the 33 candidates who took the examination for admission to practice before the supreme court of Washington were successful, and among these were Hugh C. Todd of Whitman county, who was a member of the house in the last legislature. One woman, Lulu J. Shakespeare of Everett, took the examination and passed. Of the successful candidates 14 were from Seattle, six from Tacoma, four from Seattle, two from Everett and one each from Wenatchee, Pomeroy, Colville, Oakville and Vancouver.

## Bulldog Determination Builds Prosperity

Any town or community that gets a bulldog grip on prosperity is fortunate. But the bulldog grip will not hold if some citizens pull one way and some another. All must pull or push in the same direction.

For instance, if half the people want Main street macadamized and the other half insist that Central avenue should have the macadam and each half holds there isn't going to be any macadamization in that town.

Once there is a creek running living on one side built at a certain point on the other side bridge at another sections fought so the issue that no One side of the from the other there are two there used to be



Another way to make a half town out of a whole one is for half the people to buy their goods through the Mail Order Houses in the big cities while the other half buys from the local stores and factories.

If your place has the bulldog grip on prosperity don't pry it loose by pulling against your own local interests.