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RAILWAY COMMISSION WILL TAKE EVIDENCE

In Re Reasonableness of Distributive Rates.

Several Lines to Be Investigated-- State Liquor, Auto and Cycle Licenses--H. A. Fairchild Transferred to Utilities Commission.

Olympia, May 24.—On June 5, 1911, in Spokane, the state railroad commission will take evidence in regard to the reasonableness of distributive rates on all railroads in all sections of the state, and in addition will finish taking testimony to establish the actual physical valuation of the Spokane & Inland Empire system, which road has filed as an intervenor in the distributive rate case. It will take evidence in regard to the reasonableness of the joint rates with the Great Northern main line and of joint rates of other lines running into Spokane, and will also inquire into the reasonableness of the rates on the Spokane Falls & Northern branch of the Great Northern, which was consolidated with and made a part of the Great Northern system. It is alleged that the rates on this road have never been reduced and have been excessive, and a reduction is sought by the complainants.

Number State Liquor Licenses.

A statement has been prepared by the state tax commission showing the number of state liquor licenses in the various counties of the state, according to which it appears that in Whitman county there are 55 such licenses, which pay into the state treasury the sum of \$1350, while for the entire state there are 2303 state liquor licenses, paying to the state the sum of \$57,575. More than one-fourth of the entire number of licenses were granted in King county, of 596, paying to the state the sum of \$14,900. Island county has but one license, while Spokane county has 318, Pierce county 157, Chehalis county 134 and Snohomish county 120.

Auto and Cycle Licenses.

For the purpose of checking up automobile and motorcycle licenses, beginning June 1, Secretary of State Howell will send out a number of men to all parts of the state. This will be done to compel a number of those who have evaded the payment for years to comply with the law, and if the owner of an automobile or motorcycle refuses to pay the license required by law he will be arrested and prosecuted.

An Efficient Official.

The appointment by the governor of H. A. Fairchild, chairman of the state railroad commission, as a member of the new public utilities commission will take effect June 9, one day after the new law goes into effect. His present commission expires June 8, 1911, and his new commission will expire June 8, 1917. The other two members of the board, J. C. Lawrence and Jesse S. Jones, will be the other two members of the commission in accordance with the law which provides for their retention. The governor says that in appointing Mr. Fairchild he is following out his policy of re-appointing men who have "made good." Mr. Fairchild has an excellent record as a member of the state railroad commission, having assisted in the preliminary organization of the commission, conducting most of the examination of witnesses at the hearings which established the actual physical value of railroads in Washington, and has handled the inter-urban rate case on the electric line between Seattle and Tacoma. He took an important part in the famous wheat rate case, which netted the farmers of Eastern Washington \$300,000 a year as the result of the commission's order making a reduction of rates on wheat, and is now practically conducting the hearing on the distributive rate case.

Two More Appointments.

Announcement has been made of the reappointment of A. A. Tozer of Everett as state oil inspector by Governor Hay, and also of the appointment to succeed O. W. Stone, a member of the embalmers' examiners, of Julius Lyse of Wilbur.

Commissioners, Take Notice!

For inspecting roads in their districts county commissioners are not authorized to receive compensation under the law for services performed while acting as ex-officio members of the board, according to an opinion rendered by Assistant Attorney General Lyle to the state bureau of inspection.

In an opinion to the state tax commission the attorney general's office also holds that where a retail and wholesale liquor business is conducted by the same man in the same building that he must have two state licenses.

A Brief Session.

The county commissioners met in special session Monday, attending to

one or two matters of interest. In the matter of the Rock Lake road, it was ordered that road and bridge fund warrant No. 7370, issued October 14, 1910, in favor of Frank B. Babcock for \$350 as damages, be cancelled. It was further ordered that Frank B. Babcock and Ida Babcock, husband and wife, be awarded damages on account of said Rock Lake road in the sum of \$350, and the auditor was directed to draw warrant thereon on the road and bridge fund forthwith. The claim of Clate Stewart against road district No. 6, for labor and team in the sum of \$27, was ordered paid. No other business was transacted.

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL.

Held Meeting Monday Night--Much Street Work in Sight.

City council met Monday evening as per adjournment, Mayor Weinberg in the chair, and all councilmen present but Johnson and Perrine.

Sheriff G. B. Carter asked permission to erect an automobile house, 10x14 feet, on east end of Island street, next to the hill, which the council refused to grant.

Street committee reported on Fairview street extension that grade was found to be suitable on north side of Livingstone reservoir, but after discussion the matter was referred back for further consideration.

The invitation to attend the Elberton picnic on June 14, which has been set apart and known as Colfax Day, was accepted by the council. Mayor Weinberg named the following committee to arrange a program for that day: E. J. Peschau, O. C. Glaser and William A. Nelson.

Health Officer Stuhrt reported one case of scarlet fever. Dr. Stuhrt was granted one month's leave of absence, it being understood that he intends going East.

The dog, stock and sewer ordinances passed third reading and will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Plans and specifications for street paving was referred to street committee, who examined it and recommended its adoption, which carried, and clerk directed to advertise for bids which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Ordinances creating improvement districts 18 and 19 and an ordinance relating to specifications for sidewalks were read first and second times and referred to judiciary committee.

City Engineer Miller estimated the cost of macadamizing, grading and riprapping Canyon street from Mill street to city limits at \$962 41. The matter was referred to street committee to investigate and report at next meeting what the work of grading and riprapping can be done for. This work will probably be done soon, the macadam coming later when it is done on the grade leading east to the top of the hill.

Council will meet again Monday night.

Beautiful White Tail Deer.

Hamblen brothers are the owners in fee simple of a beautiful white tail deer, a yearling, which was shipped to them from Stevens county. It is a male, his first horns just beginning to make their appearance in the velvet. The little beauty is led up on Main street betimes to accustom it to the throng, letting it know that it will not be harmed. The Hamblens paid \$15 for it in Stevens county, shipping it here by express.

Portland Rose Festival.

The Portland Rose Festival, June 5-11, is an event that should not be lost sight of. Special round-trip tickets will be sold at all stations of the O.-W. R. & N. Portland has become known as the Rose City from the yearly festivals being held, a distinction that has brought wealth along with the esthetic side of the various events. What the "fests" is to Southern California the Rose Festival is to the metropolis of Oregon.

Inland Empire Pioneers.

The annual meeting of the Inland Empire Pioneer Association will be held in Walla Walla on Thursday, June 1. Pioneers will meet in Whitman Memorial hall at 10 a. m. A program of music, short speeches and reminiscences of pioneer life will be featured, followed by a banquet. Those coming to the Pacific coast prior to 1885 are entitled to membership. Dr. N. G. Blalock, the well known pioneer, is president. Pioneers who attend will have a profitable time.

To Observe Decoration Day.

Don't forget to attend the meeting in G. A. R. hall Saturday evening to perfect arrangements for the proper observance of Decoration Day. This not only means members of the G. A. R. and the Relief Corps, but Spanish-American war veterans and citizens generally. Please attend to this.

New Pastor of Baptist Church.

A hearty and unanimous call was extended to Rev. C. H. Howard Moore of Montana, Sunday morning by the Baptist church to become pastor here. Mr. Moore assumes the duties of the office at once, and will preach Sunday morning on the theme, "God of the Living," and in the evening on "The Call for Laborers."

COMMENCEMENT WEEK ENDED MOST SWEET

Commencement Day Exercises --Class Play Friday.

Several Notable Addresses by Members Colfax High School Class--Class Play Closed Week of Strenuousness--Friends Out En Masse.

The Gazette went to press too early last week to speak of the commencement exercises of the Colfax High school at the Ridgeway theater on Thursday evening, as well as the class play given at the same place on Friday evening.

As on previous occasions the Ridgeway was taxed to capacity to hold the people. Commencement day exercises were fully carried out according to program. The stage was a bower of beauty, banked with flowers, ferns, potted plants and bouquets, a frame work, so to speak, for the happy faces that gleamed like rays of sunlight in the rear. It was an emblem of happiness, light and beauty.

Leon Ettinger spoke on "Vocational Training." It contained much food for thought. Leon's delivery and pronunciation is to be commended. His pronunciation was deliberate, clear and distinct, free from awkward and unnecessary gestures so much the bane in the old-fashioned methods of speaking. This is one feature in which the "new way" is better than the "old way."

Selma Hunter spoke on the "Employment of Women," tracing the new woman, with present activities in all the affairs of life, from the time when she was looked upon solely as a companion, housewife and mother. This change has come gradually during the last 30 years until we find women occupying all the positions of life filled by man, working side by side and hand in hand with the sterner sex, even beginning to enjoy the elective franchise. What of the outcome?

Lillian McAmis spoke on "Transportation," dwelling on the days when the camel and the donkey were the sole means of transport to the lightning express, the ocean greyhound, the automobile and the aeroplane of this day and generation, a change so great and marvelous as to be almost staggering in its consideration.

"The Passion Play," as produced at Oberammergau, its conception and reproduction during the centuries by the peasant people of the little Austrian village of Oberammergau, was a historical resume by Aline Browder which was decidedly interesting.

The cornet solo by Horace Kincaid and the solo, "A May Morning," by Winnifred Windus, were musical gems that called forth much applause. Judge Canfield, formerly of Colfax but now of Spokane, was expected to deliver the address to the graduating class, but urgent business kept him away at the last moment, but his address was read by Professor R. A. Payne, the judge having sent it for that purpose. It was scholarly and contained much food for thought.

L. D. Woodward, chairman of the board of school directors, presented the diplomas to the class of graduates. Thus was spent an enjoyable evening, not soon to be forgotten.

Class Play.

Friday night "The Private Secretary" was on the boards, the parts being taken by the graduating class. The young people are to be congratulated upon their conception of the play, as well as the creditable manner in which they took their several parts. Every seat in the large theater was occupied, happiness reigned supreme.

Thus ended commencement week, 1911. This is the merest sketch. To the younger people it was a week of strenuousness; to the older people it was one of unalloyed pleasure and of great interest.

THE VACATION PERIOD.

Colfax Teachers Scatter to Four Points of Compass.

Teachers of the public schools of Colfax will spend the vacation period of three months at divergent points, embracing divers forms of rest and pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Freer will remain in Colfax. Mr. Sheets will go to his old home at Lucas, Ohio. Miss Vial will make direct for La Grange, a suburb of Chicago. Miss Katherine Buxbaum returns to the paternal home at Washington, Iowa. Miss McCann will spend at least part of the summer at her home in Pullman. Mr. and Mrs. Bloyd will head for Portland, where Mr. Bloyd has accepted a good position in a lumber mill scaling lumber. This is only for the vacation season, however. The Misses Greer and Miss Sina Miller will stay in Colfax. Miss Parnalee will divide the time between Walla Walla and Portland. Miss Margaret Oliver will visit in Seattle with her

brothers. Miss Willie and Mr. Camp expect to enjoy the sunshine and flowers of California. Professor Payne, as previously announced, will leave school work and take up the study of medicine. He is undetermined yet where he will go for this purpose.

WORK SHOULD COMMENCE

Filling In Behind Stone Wall by Inland People.

Work on the stone wall in front of the court house, being a continuation of the wall already in place erected by the Inland people, is going on apace, showing the extensive work in progress to widen the channel of the river as well as to rehabilitate that end of Main street.

In this connection it is not asking too much of the Inland Empire Electric Railway Co. to fill in behind the wall put up by that company, which is the site of the depot grounds, as well as to commence the erection of a passenger depot building, something quite in contrast with the temporary quarters now in use. This work, commenced without unnecessary delay, should follow in close connection with the work being done on Main street fronting the Inland's property by the city, the two having a relationship a little more intimate than that of first cousins. Perfect terminal depot grounds and a modern and up-to-date passenger depot building is what we have a right to expect, and that without unnecessary delay.

The contract for the Codd bridge will be rushed to completion, so we have the word of Mr. Janney, the contractor. Contracts for steel girders to span the rock walls on which flooring will be laid the entire width of Main street fronting the Inland depot grounds have been let, which, when they arrive, will not take long to put in place. The work all along the line should be kept going.

INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET.

At Tacoma Saturday Center of Great Interest.

Tacoma's big interscholastic track meet last Saturday was attended by 135 well-trained athletes, representing 21 High schools from all sections of the state. The event was pulled off in the Stadium. The athletes who won first in the championship meet at Pullman on the 13th, representing the eastern portion of the state, were on hand. There were seven of these boys. They were Watson of Tekoa, considered, according to the Tacoma News, one of the best all-around athletes entered in the meet; Schlaefler of Pullman; Faucher, Johns and Wooster of Spokane; McCroskey of Tekoa; Casaday of Colfax.

In the 50-yard dash Watson of Tekoa was second.

100-yard dash--Watson, second.

120-yard hurdles--McCroskey, Tekoa, third.

220-yard dash--Watson, second.

220-yard hurdles--McCroskey won.

880-yard run--Schlaefler, Pullman, 2d.

One mile run--Schlaefler, second.

Shotput--Watson won. Distance, 46 feet 5 1/2 inches.

PICNIC AND DANCE.

High School Boys Round Out School Year Enjoyably.

The fourth annual High school picnic was held last Friday at the fair ground. This was the windup of the school activities for the year. The afternoon was spent as those present saw fit. As customary the presentation of the "C's" by the various coaches of the different activities was the principal event of the picnic. Mr. Payne and Mr. Freer presented the football "C's," Mr. Moses the "C's" to the debaters and basketball men, and Mr. Sheets presented the emblems to the track men. After having supper and all getting in the picture taken by Horace Kincaid, the boys adjourned for the last big dance of the year.

The last High school dance for this year was held Saturday night after the big picnic. A pleasant evening was spent in dancing as usual. Mrs. DePledge, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Hargrave and Mrs. Troy acted as chaperons.

Pythian Again Honored.

H. M. Love of this city was again elected as grand keeper of records and seals at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of K. P.'s held in Seattle last week. This is Mr. Love's second term to have this office, and he was re-elected without opposition. He received many words of praise for the efficient manner in which he has conducted the office.

W. E. Neil is Better.

Latest news from the sick room of W. E. Neil at Windsor, Missouri, son of W. R. Neil of Colfax, says that the young man is greatly improved, with chances in his favor for recovery. It was thought at one time that he could not recover. His father and brother, J. L. Neil, are with him, but are expected home soon.

Mrs. Irwin Operated Upon.

Mrs. Edward Irwin was taken to St. Ignatius hospital last Saturday and submitted to an operation for gall stones Tuesday. The operation was entirely

successful, and the friends of Mrs. Irwin will be glad to hear that she is doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Irwin is a pioneer of California—one of the Argonauts—where she spent her girlhood days and where she married the late Edward Irwin. She and her husband came to the Palouse country many years ago. Here they lived and reared their children.

POSTMASTERS GATHER HERE

Tenth District League Represented by 30 P. M.'s.

Thirty postmasters of district No. 10, composed of the counties of Whitman, Columbia, Asotin and Garfield, met in Colfax last Friday, elected officers, chose delegates to the state convention and transacted other business of interest to the servants of Uncle Sam.

A. H. Chase was elected temporary chairman, and Fred W. Miller of Oakesdale was elected temporary secretary.

The time of meeting was changed, the postmasters hereafter meeting the third Tuesday in January and July of each year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. N. Banks, Canyon, president; Fred W. Miller, Oakesdale, secretary; W. H. Rudolph, LaCrosse, vice-president for Whitman county; Lillian Thorpe, Turner, vice-president for Columbia county; Gus R. Brown, Mayview, vice-president for Garfield county; C. M. Wilson, Silcott, vice president for Asotin county.

W. P. Ward of Rosalia and W. A. Evans of Rock Lake, both of Whitman county, were elected delegates to the state convention to be held in Wenatchee in September.

The next meeting of the 10th district will be held in Colfax the 3d Tuesday of next January.

AT THE HYMENEAL ALTAR.

Laird--Miller.

In Colfax, May 16, by Rev. J. Herbert Bainton, Virgil Laird and Miss Sina Miller were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Davis, a few intimate friends witnessing the ceremony. They took the first train for Spokane, where they will remain for a few days. The young couple are well known hereabouts. Mr. Laird is book-keeper in the Great Eastern store. Miss Miller has been a teacher in the public schools of Colfax for a number of years being at present principal of the Main street school. It is understood that she will retain this position the coming year. She enjoys a wide acquaintanceship. Mr. and Mrs. Laird carry with them the best wishes of all for long life and happiness.

Washburn--Whitman.

A marriage license was issued this week to John Brown Washburn of Tekoa, teacher in the High school of that burg, and Miss Lela Whitman of Rosalia, both who teach school at Tekoa. Both have been re-elected to teach there the coming year. Miss Whitman is a niece of Mrs. H. M. Liddle of Colfax.

Annual Roll Call of Baptist Church.

Monday evening, a committee appointed to act upon the matter, decided that the annual rally and roll call of the Baptist church should take place Saturday, June 3, commencing at 10:30 a. m. The first session will be devoted to the transaction of business, the election of officers, etc. Dinner will be served at the church parlors at noon. In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the roll will be called, after which a service of song, prayers, preaching and testimony will be enjoyed.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county auditor to the following: Ernest Andrew Huffman and Anna Florence Knerr, both of Tekoa. John Brown Washburn of Tekoa and Lela Whitman of Rosalia. Virgil Ray Laird and Sina Maud Miller, both of Colfax. Peter J. Hennessey of New York city and Blanche L. Thayer of Pullman.

Modern Woodmen Picnic.

One of the interesting events of the season will be the county picnic to be given by the Modern Woodmen of America, assisted by the Royal Neighbors of Whitman county, at Garfield on June 1. An interesting program of addresses and declamation contests have been arranged for the forenoon and sports in the afternoon.

Union Services Sunday at Ridgeway.

There will be no religious services in the churches of Colfax Sunday morning, there being memorial services in the Ridgeway theater at 11 a. m. in which all the churches will take part. Tuesday is Memorial Day, the memorial services on Sunday preceding or introducing the day set apart for decorating the graves.

Musical Entertainment.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will give an entertainment at their church on Monday evening, June 5. The Walton College Entertainers will be the attraction, giving vocal and instrumental music, readings and sketches. They promise a good program.

DE SMET BRAVES VS. COLFAX CARDINALS

Lo! the Poor Indian Too Much for Pale Face Brother.

Score Last Friday Stood 7 to 5 in Favor of De Smettes--Game at Palouse Last Sunday Disastrous to Cardinals--Pullman Next.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Palouse	3	1	.750
Colfax	2	2	.500
Pullman	2	2	.500
Rosalia	1	3	.250

FRIDAY.			
	W	L	R
Colfax	4	0	0
Indians	0	0	0

SUNDAY.			
	W	L	R
Colfax	0	0	0
Palouse	0	1	0

On Friday, at 4 o'clock p. m., Colfax played the De Smet Indians of Idaho at the local park, the latter winning by a score of 7 to 8 in 11 innings. In the first inning of the game it looked like a cinch for Colfax, the Cardinals securing four hits and four runs in the initial running. Zachary, the Indian pitcher, tightened up after that and allowed only three hits and one run in the remaining 10 innings of the game. Hickman, pitching for Colfax, threw winning ball until the 11th inning, when he tired out. He would have won his game had not the Colfax boys played losing ball behind him. The game was a dandy to watch and was exciting throughout.

Cardinals to Palouse.

On Sunday the Cardinals went to Palouse and lost to that aggregation in a score of 8 to 1. In the second inning the Palouse boys connected with Hamblen in five safe hits, and these connected with three errors by Colfax boys gave Palouse a total of six runs. Throughout the remainder of the game the playing was fast and in some instances almost spectacular. Colfax was handicapped by having three men in their lineup that have not played ball this year.

Cardinals and Indians Again.

Next Sunday the Cardinals mix with the Indian braves of De Smet again on the home grounds and promise to take them into camp.

Colfax vs. Pullman Boosters.

Next Tuesday--Decoration Day--the Cardinals play their second game with the Pullman Boosters. In the first game of the series Colfax beat Pullman in a 10-inning game, and Pullman is out for revenge. The Pullman management announces that they will bring down a special train and 400 rooters to help win the game.

New Players Among Cardinals.

There are several new players wearing the Cardinal uniform, and the team is stronger than at any time during the season.

Whitman County Events.

Last Sunday, at Farmington, before the largest crowd of the season, Tekoa defeated Farmington 10 to 3. The Tekoa team arrived on a special train with 150 rooters. Batteries: Tekoa, Corcoran and Eberwhite; Farmington, White and May. The game was marred by quarreling and fighting among the spectators. One arrest has been made and more will follow. Lamont defeated the Dolby Clothiers' team on the Lamont grounds Sunday by the close score of 11 to 10. The batteries: Lamont, Howard and Ward; Dolbys, Burrows and Walters. The Rosalia league team defeated the Malden Boosters Sunday at Rosalia by a score of 12 to 2. About 800 people witnessed the game. About 400 came from Malden on a special. The batteries were: Malden, Ryan, Rogers and Wolford; Rosalia, Lemley and Reeseburg. At LaCrosse Endicott defeated LaCrosse 6 to 2.

THE SOUTHEAST LEAGUE.

Winona Flays Starbuck on Home Diamond Sunday.

The Winona team defeated the Starbuck team in a loose game at Winona last Sunday, score 15 to 0. Winona has won six of the seven games played this season.

SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON LEAGUE.			
Team	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Winons	6	1	.857
Endicott	5	2	.714
Starbuck	1	4	.200
LaCrosse	0	5	.000

Colfax Band Will Play.

H. A. Sauve, leader of the Colfax Brass Band, is authority for the statement that the band will make its initial bow to the public under the new organization at the ball grounds next Tuesday--Decoration Day--when the public will have the pleasure of listening to their music. The boys are making good progress, and their first appearance will be looked forward to with interest.