

WHITMAN COUNTY LEADS IN VALUE

IMPROVED LANDS AGGREGATE \$18,403,768 SAYS STATE TAX COMMISSIONER.

The total value on the improved lands of the state, according to figures prepared by the state tax commissioner, is \$144,922,254, and the average equalized value per acre for the state is \$22.72.

Teachers Get Certificates. From the office of H. B. Dewey, state superintendent of public instruction, the following names have been made public as having been successful in passing the recent teachers' examination in Whitman county:

Mrs. C. F. Arland, Garfield; Katherine Brownell, St. John; Mrs. R. A. Brownson, Winona; Elitha Batts, Oscar Earl Barbee, Mrs. Gertrude Cotton, Pullman; Florence Cox, Garfield; Alice E. Chapman, Colfax; Blanche Dobson, St. John; Frieda Faerber, Ella Faerber, Lucy Guerretaz Uniontown; Frances Goldsworthy, Rosalia; Myrtle Gray, Garfield; Nelle Hughey, Garfield; Irma L. Harrison, Potlatch; N. Lou Hardy, Endicott; Iva Haines, M. E. Habel, Pullman; Cordie Hall, Garfield; Lester E. Harrison, Palouse; J. M. Hammond, Colton; Anna M. Johnson, Palouse; Lila Johnson, Moscow; T. F. Kabler, Steptoe; Linnie E. Lercwell, Thornton; Bertha Lee, Endicott; Ruth Lovell, J. E. Marsh, Palouse; Lillian McAnnis, Colfax; Lewis J. Neidert, Oakesdale; Frank Newman, Colfax; Nannie Porter, Lancaster; Anna Stinson, Colfax; Camelia Sordoff, Johnson; Ethel Smawley, Pullman; J. E. Severns, Oakesdale; Junita Stout, Pullman; Faith E. Witmer, Florence S. Witmer, Palouse.

Lee Talks on Compensation. Washington's new workmen's compensation law will be the subject of an address to be delivered by chairman George A. Lee of the industrial insurance commission before the American Mining Congress at Chicago, during the coming week.

Governor in East. Governor M. E. Hay is now at Spring Lake, New Jersey, where he is in attendance at the annual conference of governors of the United States.

Rate Decision. An important decision has just been rendered by the supreme court affirming the superior court of Thurston county in upholding the order of the public service commission restoring the old rates in the Tacoma-Seattle zone of the Puget Sound Electric Railway, operating interurban lines between Seattle and Tacoma, Seattle and Renton, and Tacoma and Puyallup. The suburbs of Seattle and Tacoma for a distance of about twelve miles out are principally affected by the decision.

Railroad Values Increase. From statistics compiled by the state tax commission it appears that the actual value of all the railroads in the state is \$345,165,528, which is an increase over the 1910 valuations of \$87,759,882. The total valuations of all steam railroads in the state for 1910 was placed at \$257,405,646.

Records Broken in Clearing. That more land has been cleared for cultivation during 1911 than in any preceding year is indicated by an announcement from state fire warden John R. Welty, who reports that three times as many permits for burning and slashing were issued in 1911 as for any previous year.

Postal Bank Has \$823. Little Hoarded Money Turned Into Uncle Sam's Keeping.

Only 17 depositors have availed themselves of the privileges of the Colfax Postal Savings bank to date. The largest amount of money on deposit at any one time was \$823. Postoffice Clerk Virgil Canutt, in charge of the postal savings department, says none of the money which he has received has smelled of the ground and he believes what has been buried is still buried.

The money order department continues to be popular and many transients buy money orders payable to themselves. This is especially true of harvest hands who come in from one job with a stake and want to leave their money and go out on another job.

Lippitt's Store Closed Two Days. Saturday, September 23, is the Jewish New Year and Lippitt Brothers' store will be closed. Monday, October 2, is the Day of Atonement and the store will also be closed on that day.

RECITAL AT H. S. AUDITORIUM.

Miss Genevieve Codd Appears Before Colfax Audience Monday.

Beginning at 8 o'clock next Monday evening Miss Genevieve Codd will give a recital at the high school auditorium. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Athenaeum club. Miss Codd is well known in this city and her entertainment is anticipated with pleasure.

- 1. Bill Perkins Toboggan Slide.
2. Music.
3. The Gypsy Flower Girl.
4. (a) Musical Recitation—Philosophy.
5. Music.
6. Higher Culture in Dixie.
7. Scene from "The Lion and the Mouse."
8. (a) Musical Recitation—Nico.
9. (b) Her First Call on the Butcher.
10. Musical Recitation—The Soul of the Violin.
11. Musical Recitation—The Quaker.

MOTHER GENERAL VISITS ST. IGNATIUS HOSPITAL

PLANS APPROVED FOR BUILDING THREE STORY ADDITION ON EAST SIDE.

The Mother General of the Order of Providence visited St. Ignatius hospital at Colfax last week and after making a thorough inspection of the hospital, gave approval of plans for enlarging the building. The demand for hospital service has become so great that its capacity is taxed and as soon as funds can be raised it is proposed to make it one-third larger at a cost of \$30,000.

ESTIMATE FOR TAX LEVY. The board of county commissioners of Whitman county have made their estimate for county disbursements for the year 1912. The estimate is nearly \$32,000 higher than the levy a year ago but the increase is principally in the road and bridge fund, where \$71,000 is set aside in the proposed levy for the payment of debt occasioned by the flood of last year.

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Billger Returns to Colfax. After living in Garfield for the past two years H. C. Billger has returned to this city and entered into partnership with C. M. DuVall in the photographic business.

Brotherhood Sells Out. E. D. Eldredge, who has been living on a farm four miles east of this city, has purchased the D. S. Brotherhood residence at 26 Mill street and will take possession the first of next month.

Low Fares to Smut Convention. President R. C. McCroskey of the Anti-smut convention announces a round-trip fare of one and a third single fare on the certificate plan to Pullman. The convention is to be held Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29. The indications point towards a large attendance.

Filing Fee Amounts to \$208.55. The coffers of Whitman county were swelled by \$208.55 when the Ewan townsite people filed the plat of the townsite and Ewan Orchards with the county auditor this week.

NORTH END WILL HAVE BIG SEWER

CITY COUNCIL DECLARES INTENTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENT ---DATE OF HEARING SET.

The whole north end of Colfax with the exception of Poverty Flat will be incorporated in a sewer district if the plan is carried out as begun in the city council Monday night. A resolution was read and passed declaring the intention of the council to have the work done.

Property owners in the proposed improvement district will be given ten years in which to pay the annual installments of their assessments. October 9 is the date set by the council for hearing objections to the improvement of the issuance of bonds.

That particular part of town has been in need of a sewer for a long time and City Health Officer Stubb has kept the matter constantly before the council for many weeks. He declares the present conditions are a menace to the good health of the city.

Other work taken up by the council was the passage of a general improvement ordinance. Action on the paving ordinances for the south end and for North Main street was deferred until the next meeting.

A request from the fire department for new nozzles was turned over to the water committee with power to act. The construction of the curbing in the Main and Mill street paving districts being complete the council voted to dispense with the services of Inspector O. H. Horton.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL. Team Getting in Shape for Successful Season. The football prospects are not quite as bright as was expected at the beginning of the year, but coaches Pearce and Freer are not disappointed in the least.

No inquest was held as it was evident the railroad company was in no way to blame. The remains were buried Monday afternoon. Hit by Train at Seltice. An unknown man apparently about 55 years of age, with gray whiskers, was hit by a train near Seltice Saturday morning.

MRS. WHITE, HIGHLY ESTEEMED PIONEER WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. Mary F. White, one of the early pioneers of this country, died at her home at Pleasant Valley in this county Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m. as a result of a paralytic stroke which she suffered the last day of July. She was a member of Home Chapter No. 37, Order Eastern Star, at Oakesdale and had a host of friends in Colfax as well as all Whitman county.

Funeral services will be held at the church in Steptoe Sunday, September 24, at 1 o'clock under the auspices of the Eastern Star. Mrs. White is survived by six children: Frank A. White of Pleasant Valley, Edward C. White of St. John, Samuel R. and David L. White of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Fred Humphrey of Pullman, and Mrs. John R. Mulkey of Soldier, Idaho. She is survived by 24 grand children. One son, James A. White, met a tragic death April 28, 1910, leaving a wife and two small children, the youngest but a week old.

A brother, Frank P. Kelly, is a prominent lawyer of San Francisco. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. McClatchey, wife of the editor and proprietor of the Sacramento Bee of Sacramento, California, and Mrs. McCarthy of Oakland, California.

JUDGE C. F. MILLER ON BENCH.

Hears Case of McKillips Against City of Pullman. Judge Chester F. Miller of Dayton was on the bench in superior court in this city Monday and Tuesday and heard the case of N. D. McKillips against the city of Pullman. McKillips is a school superintendent from Chehalis and was injured while attending a superintendent's meeting at Pullman in May, 1910. He fell on a dark night over an embankment where he supposed there was a sidewalk and received a broken shoulder and other injuries to his arm. After hearing the testimony and arguments Judge Miller took the case under advisement.

Attorneys Jamar of Pullman and Voorhees of Colfax appeared for the plaintiff and Mathew and Howe of Pullman defended the case. Old Palouse Resident Dead. Jacob Sliot, an old resident of Palouse, died early Sunday morning at the hospital in this city. The remains were taken to Palouse Monday by Undertaker E. Anderson and the funeral was held Tuesday. Mr. Sliot was 80 years of age and suffered a shock several months ago. He was taken to the hospital for care two months ago. Arrow in His Eye. Wesley, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Thorn street, was shot in the eye with an arrow by his eight year old brother before breakfast Tuesday morning. The arrow was removed and the little fellow taken to the hospital. Although the eye ball was cut he will not lose the sight of the eye.

CARS CRUSH OUT LIVES OF TWO MEN

ONE GIVES NAME BEFORE LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS--OTHER IS NOT IDENTIFIED.

Saturday was a bad day for trespassers on the tracks of the O-W-R. & N. One man sleeping on the rails under a freight car on the Colfax flouring mill spur was killed when the car was switched out early in the evening. Another man was hit by a train one mile from the O-W-R. & N. junction at Seltice, 25 miles northeast of Colfax.

THE COLFAX ACCIDENT.

Andrew Hazel was the name given before he died, by the man run over by the car at the flouring mill. A bystander said that Hazel had been working for the McGregor Brothers at Hooper. He was too near dead to talk much but made an effort to answer questions before he lapsed into unconsciousness. He lived for an hour and a half after the accident.

A freight car had been loaded at the mill warehouse and when the switching crew took it out at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening J. S. Brakebill noticed an unusual jar and signalled the engineer to stop and shout, "There's trouble back here." With their lanterns the railroad men went back to the warehouse and found the mangled body of a man. He had evidently been lying with his head on a small pile of boards close to the warehouse and his legs and one arm across the rail. He was mangled beyond any hope of recovery and asked the railroad men to kill him and end his misery. In reply to a question he gave his name. He was also asked if he had relatives but his answer was not intelligible and nothing more could be learned about his history.

He was apparently about 35 years of age, dark complexioned and long narrow face. He wore a black coat, blue overalls and had \$1.50 in his pocket. There was no paper of any kind for identification. No inquest was held as it was evident the railroad company was in no way to blame. The remains were buried Monday afternoon.

Hit by Train at Seltice. An unknown man apparently about 55 years of age, with gray whiskers, was hit by a train near Seltice Saturday morning. The body was found beside the tracks by a farmer. The man had evidently been hit by a train as the body was badly bruised but had not been run over. Rollie Goodrich went to Seltice and brought the remains to Brunning's undertaking parlors and Deputy Coroner E. Anderson of Palouse investigated the death but decided an inquest unnecessary. The man carried a sack containing an old worn quilt, a piece of soap and a little coffee. In his pockets were two pipes and the remains of several sacks of tobacco. His clothes were old and ragged. The body was buried at Colfax Monday.

HOME COMING MEETING.

Knights of Pythias Plan Big Banquet for Next Monday Evening.

Colfax Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, will entertain the ladies at Pythian hall Wednesday evening, September 27. Invitations have been issued and the "Home Coming Meeting" promises to be a live one. The following program has been prepared for the entertainment of the guests: Address of Welcome, Hon. Thos. Neill Response, Mrs. E. W. Weinberg, M. E. C. Roll Call of Absent Brothers.

After Supper Program. Music, K. of P. Orchestra History of K. of P., Senator Oliver Hall Music, Quartette The Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Charles R. Hill, F. C. Vocal Solo, Mr. Morton Lippitt Recitation—Selected, Mrs. E. K. Hanna Music, By Degree Team "Fourth Degree" Fun from Start to Finish Plans of the Coming Winter Music, K. of P. Orchestra

SHOW AND CONCESSION MEN COME TO FAIR

BUSY TIME PROMISED EVERYONE, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL—FINE STOCK EXHIBIT COMING.

Manager John Bloom, Bernard Baber and Arthur Marion started out early Tuesday morning on an automobile trip to Pullman, Colton, Uniontown, Palouse, Farmington, Tekoa, Garfield, Rosalia, Malden, St. John, Endicott and La Crosse. The purpose of the trip was to distribute literature and boost for the Whitman county fair to be held October 16 to 21. Intervening points will be reached and the whole county will soon know something of the exhibition. Negotiations are being carried on with Arnold's Amusement and Carnival company, which was at the Pendleton Round-up last week, and also with the Parker shows at Vancouver, B. C. One of these attractions will doubtless be secured.

Indications point to a large cattle exhibit. John Wicks has decided to bring his herd of Herefords. County Commissioner Miller is working up interest at Oakesdale and Thornton in a stock exhibit and is meeting with good success. Owing to the fact that the Whitman county fair dates are later than any other fair in this part of the country, many concession men are planning to come here to end their season. The secretary is daily receiving wires from all parts of the northwest from men with hot dog stands, baby racks, feather dusters, cones, "your picture while you wait," and all other kinds of concessions asking for rates and space. They are coming from even as far as Ypsilane, Mich.

The fair is bound to be a hummer. Subscriptions amounting to \$2439.50 have been received from the business men of the town and others. Joe Canutt is figuring on managing a band of Coeur d'Alene Indians in a tented show and an open air wardance. Entries have been received for every race scheduled and the contests will be close and interesting.

Weems' Sister Coming. Attorneys Ettinger and Voorhees, who have been appointed to defend Carl Weems, have received a telegram from Weems' half-sister, Mrs. E. W. Brown of New York, in which she stated that she or her sister would try to come to Washington and would do all in their power for their brother. The trial of Weems will begin October 3 unless Dr. Semple of the Eastern Washington Hospital for the Insane shall decide the man is insane.

Colfax Students in College. Among the Colfax students who are attending college this year are the following: Washington State College, Arthur Goff, Joe Harter, Viola Bodine, Gertrude Strickler, Phil Howard, Walter Doolittle, Harley Sain, Winifred Windus, Frank Newman, Frank Nelson and Helen Walters; University of Washington, Ruth DePledge, George Meaney and Allen Lacey; Whitman College, Rolla B. Hill and Roland Bainton; Berkeley, Aline Browder and Leon Ettinger; Depauw University, Bessie Ferguson.

Thornton Man Buys Colfax House. H. R. McNeill of Thornton, has purchased the S. E. Hunt house on Perkins ave. through the Colfax Insurance and Realty company. The deal had been completed at the time the house was damaged by fire three weeks ago but was called off and this week a new bargain was made. The consideration was \$2500. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill expect to come here to live the first of next month.

Work on Palouse Falls Bridge. Contractor Janney, who will put in the joint bridge over the Palouse river at Palouse Falls, reports that the lumber is arriving and he sent a man down there Wednesday to unload the lumber. Steel for the bridge has been shipped and is expected to arrive about October 1. It will take a month to put in the bridge.

Thornton Man Fined. Willie Billingsley was brought down from Thornton Saturday and arraigned before Justice W. R. Neill on the charge of third degree assault. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

DR. SEMPLE SAYS WEEMS IS FAKING

PRISONER TAKEN TO MEDICAL LAKE FOR FURTHER OBSERVATION.

Carl Weems may be insane, but if he is, he is faking a greater degree of insanity. This is the conclusion reached by Dr. John M. Semple, head of the Eastern Washington hospital for the insane at Medicine Lake. Dr. Semple was here all day Monday and gave Weems a careful examination. In the morning he spent nearly two hours with the prisoner in private and put him through tests known to experts in insanity cases. In the afternoon a public hearing was held in the chambers of Judge Thomas Neill and the testimony of many witnesses was heard in regard to the actions of Weems since his arrest. It was not a trial, simply an inquisition to satisfy the court of the mental condition of the prisoner, and Weems was not present.

After an examination of the prisoner and testimony of witnesses, Dr. Semple summed up his findings and expressed his difficulty in arriving at a definite conclusion. He stated that it is necessary to group symptoms and sometimes necessary to watch a case for some time in order to arrive at a definite and correct conclusion. For this reason he stated that he would take the patient back to the hospital at Medicine Lake and observe his actions for a few days. Attorneys for the prosecution and defense were perfectly willing, as all they desired was the truth. Judge Neill issued an order sending the prisoner to the state hospital for observation and to be returned on or before September 26. Deputy Sheriff J. B. Eastep took the prisoner to Medical Lake Tuesday morning and an attendant was deputed to act as a guard.

In reporting the finding of his examination Dr. Semple said the prisoner showed an accurate memory for events and admitted that he had been in jail in Denver, Portland, Chicago and St. Louis for being drunk. Weems told the doctor that his reason for shooting Cantril had put Prussic acid in his whiskey. The doctor followed up this line of questioning and Weems said the man was reaching for a gun when he shot. The doctor said to Weems, "You are a fakir, a man to make success of feigning insanity must stick to one type. Your eyes do not show insanity." To this Weems made no reply except that he wanted to go back to his cell. Dr. Semple continued, "You are making a mistake, if I had committed a crime I would tell the court about it and seek excuse because of drink." Weems replied, "The court has nothing to do with it. Twelve men will decide." The doctor advised him to make a confession but Weems did not want to talk and insisted on going back to his cell.

Dr. Semple said, "There is much about that man which almost leads me to believe he is faking, still insanity sometimes fake a greater degree of insanity. I feel so much uncertainty about his case that I would like more time to study the man." Attorneys Ettinger and Voorhees, who have been appointed by the court to defend the prisoner, introduced several witnesses from among the prisoners in the jail who told of Weems' actions since they had been associated with him in the jail. They were of the opinion that the man is crazy. Mr. Ettinger stated that Weems has taken no interest in his defense and has refused to have anything to do with his attorneys since the first time they saw him.

ROAD CONTRACT IS LET.

O. H. Stratton Will Build Palouse Road Next Season. The Almoda and Palouse road for a mile and a half southwest from Palouse will be improved next year under the new highway law. The contract for building the macadam road was let by the county commissioners, Monday, to O. H. Stratton, a Spokane contractor. The contract price is \$12,665. Two other bids were received but Stratton's bid being considered the lowest and best, was accepted.

County Engineer J. M. McCaw estimated the cost of the road at \$12,275 or \$350 under the bid of Stratton. The Wilson-Bailey Construction company of North Yakima submitted a bid for \$12,727.97. H. L. Hughes, an old time Palouse farmer and road supervisor offered to build the road for \$13,655.90.

Owing to the lateness of the season the contractor will be given until November, 1912, in which to complete the work. Bids will be opened October 2 for the construction of the Colfax-Palouse road and the Garfield road.

Closing Albion Hardware Stock. Horace Howard of the Whitman Implement company is in Albion to close out the hardware stock of Willie J. Tharp which has been tied up in bankruptcy proceedings for several months. The stock was purchased by the implement company and will probably be closed out within a week or two.