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WAREHOUSE MEN MUST LOOSEN UP

ASSESSORS WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH GRAIN IS HELD ON MARCH 1.

Olympia, Jan. 24.—The convention of the assessors of the state opened in Olympia on January 15, with all the counties represented except Asotin, San Juan and Chehalis counties. The assessors of the Eastern counties introduced a resolution calling for the filing of lists with the assessors by warehouse men showing the amount of wheat in storage on March 1, and the owner of it. Some wished this rule to apply to commissionmen and automobile dealers. Particular attention was paid by the east side assessors to methods of equalizing the assessments on grain and fruit lands, while the west side men considered the problem of assessing timber lands fairly and the question of equalizing the assessments on logged off lands so as to force them out of the hands of the speculators. Geo. W. Walter, assessor of Whitman county, was put on the committee of Farm and Grazing Lands and on the committee on Live Stock. He also read a paper entitled "The Assessment of Grain," before the convention.

Whitman Has Most Sacks.

The apportionment of grain bags among the various counties has been received from C. S. Reed, by Gov. Hay. It is estimated that two million bags will be made at the state penitentiary for the season of 1912, and these are apportioned among the various counties. Fifteen of the big grain producing counties get all but 140,000 of the two million sacks, and these are the only counties credited with a certain number, the other counties receiving their sacks as needed. The largest number of sacks goes to Whitman county which is to receive 420,000 bags. Lincoln county gets 320,000 and Walla Walla county 240,000, while Whatcom county gets only 15,000.

County Men Gets Insurance.

Frank L. Pearce of Larson, Whitman county, has been awarded $30 in final payment for injuries to his right hand, by the state industrial insurance commission, and the commission has also allowed a monthly payment of $30.00 to Amasa F. Smith of Farmington for a fracture of the first dorsal vertebrae.

State Gets Forest Money.

The federal government has turned over to the state as its 25 per cent of the forest reserve fund the sum of $24,111.36, and John G. Lewis, state treasurer, has apportioned this amount among the 24 counties of the state which contain portions of national forests, according to the area of such forests in each county as compared with the total area in the state. This money goes to the support of schools and roads. The largest amount apportioned to any county is $24,104.13 which goes to Stevens county, while Thurston county gets only $1.00 as its portion.

Demijohn Is Unbroken.

Under the local option law a demijohn when filled from a larger receptacle is an unbroken package, according to a ruling of the supreme court in reversing the superior court of Snohomish county. The supreme court says that a package is any receptacle holding a given amount which is put up with the consideration of safety in transportation as well as convenience, and that there is no need of a man ordering a barrel of whiskey if he wants only a quart, but that the law does not permit four men to order a gallon of liquor and each take a quart. In the case in question a man in Everett wanted some liquor and as Everett is a "dry" town he ordered it from Snohomish which is a "wet" town, and the dealer in Snohomish filled a small demijohn out of a larger one and when he delivered it, was arrested and convicted for delivering goods other than in an unbroken package. The supreme court, however, held that the case should be reversed.

Water Said to Be Bad.

With the public service commission has been filed a complaint protesting against the quantity and quality of water being furnished in the town of Morton, Lewis county. A hearing will be had at an early date. This is the first complaint which the commission has ever received as to the quality of the water furnished.

Many Claim Insurance.

A total of 101 claims were filed by injured workmen on Monday, January 15, with the industrial insurance commission, and this was the heaviest day the commission has had since it was organized, as it passed on 160 claims and awarded a total of $13,326.56.

Steamboats Bad Say 200.

A trip about Puget Sound was made by the public service commission to investigate conditions regarding steamboats and looking into the matter of wharves and docks, as more than 200 complaints have been filed regarding these matters. The commission will later issue its findings.

POSTAL FUNDS GO BEGGING.

College Town Sends Savings Deposits to Colfax for Safe Keeping.

The postal savings bank system throughout the country is proving everything that those who were responsible for the law claimed for it. In Colfax it is not proving of as much use as in some other places. At the present time the deposits here amount to about $800, divided up among 16 depositors. In all 34 accounts have been opened and 18 have been closed. A total of 66 deposits have been made and 33 withdrawals are on record. During the harvest season the deposits reached the highwater mark, or about $1400. The same system is in use at Pullman but no bank in that city qualified as a depository and their funds amounting to about $1500 are on deposit in this city.

In the 5185 postal savings banks in the United States more than fourteen million dollars have been placed on deposit. It is stated authoratively that most of this money has been brought from hiding, and has not been in circulation. It can be seen that these millions will find their way into the channels of business, and will add just that much to the resources of the country available for present business needs. This one advantage of the system is an important one.

PROSECUTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Many Criminals Plead Guilty and Are Sentenced.

In his annual report to the governor Prosecuting Attorney Paul Pattison gives some interesting information. Of the 72 people charged in the superior court with crime, 39 entered pleas of guilty, five stood trial and were convicted, three were acquitted, 20 were dismissed and five cases are pending. The prosecuting attorney also appeared in about 150 cases in justice court of which no report is made.

Besides the criminal work the prosecutor appeared in 23 guardianship cases to look after the interests of minors or insane persons, and also to represent the state's interests in 21 default divorce cases. Other work included appearance in eight civil cases, two cases of habitual drunkenness and in three cases on appeal to the supreme court.

Only one murder case, that of Carl Weems, came up during the year and that one is still pending.

MANY ARE QUALIFIED TO CHATISE YOUTHS

RETURNS FROM DECEMBER EXAMINATIONS BRING GLADNESS TO WOULD-BE TEACHERS.

As a result of the December examinations the following Whitman county teachers have received certificates:

Ella Alexander, Tekoa; Thomas E. Allen, Pullman; Catherine Aubery, Endicott; Herman Brandriff, Oakesdale; Pauline Betz, Cottonwood, Idaho; Celia M. Burgess, Pullman; Elizabeth Bouton, Moscow, Idaho; Mollie Comick, Colfax; Grace E. Densford, Endicott; Nellie Drew, St. John; Raymond Franz, Uniontown; Myrtie U. Gray, Colfax; Kleon Hodges, Oakesdale; Mary C. Henly, Moscow, Idaho; Lelia B. Hill, Pullman; Esther Houston, Endicott; Beulah Kroh, Moscow Idaho; Julia Kelly, Lamont; Ella Langlois, Pullman; Elizabeth J. McCormack, Oakesdale; Helen McGee, Tekoa; Lucile McKay, Pullman; Wm. W. Merchant, Zella B. Metcalf, Ray O'Day, Pullman; Florence Puffer, Rosalia; Eva Smawley, Pullman; Marguerite Wriggle, Colfax; J. R. Buttorff, Pullman.

Several teachers also took the examinations for the purpose of having their old certificates renewed. Of those trying for renewals Ina Hack of Elberton earned a permanent first-grade certificate.

Teachers who hold accredited papers from other states on proper application and the successful passing of an examination in Washington school law are granted certificates. The Whitman county teachers who were granted certificates in this way were:

Sadie E. Anthes, Annette K. Brody, Colfax; Edna Cochran, Elberton; Cecil J. Cave, Pullman; Elsie M. Endslon, Palouse; Charles J. Jones, Thomas A. Leonard, Pullman; Ethel C. Oderlin, Palouse; R. J. Pearse, Colfax; Leda M. Powell, Farmington; Wilhelmina Rhienhart, Uniontown.

STAINED GLASS CONTRACT LET.

New Congregational Church Will Have Many Windows.

The building committee of the Plymouth Congregational church have let the contract for the windows for their new church edifice to Ford Bros.' Glass Co. of Minneapolis. The windows to be furnished are the very best obtainable. The firm supplying them is supplying windows also for the new Congregational churches at Boise, Idaho, Hood River, Oregon, and the $250,000 church which the Plymouth Congregational of Seattle is erecting. It is expected that all the windows, some 20 or more, will be donated by the members of the church and others. It is suggested that a set of five windows be devoted to the memory of Rev. Cushing Ellis, the founder of Congregationalism in Colfax.

The contract for the construction of the church building will probably be awarded within the next few days.

Plans for Three New Buildings.

Plans and specifications are being prepared by J. R. Good & Co. for the construction of three two-story business blocks in this city. S. A. Nixon has decided to erect a 25-foot front building in the same block where Dreifus & Co. will erect a building with 50-foot front and W. J. Walker one with 35-foot front. All three buildings are to be two stories high, have basements and are to be constructed of the best pressed brick.

GOVERNOR HERE; WILL RETURN SOON

DEEPLY INTERESTED IN POWER AND IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR NORTH PALOUSE.

Governor M. E. Hay will be in Colfax on the first two days of March and will attend the meeting to be called for Saturday, March 2, for the purpose of furthering the proposed conservation project for the North Palouse river. This was given out after Governor Hay had talked with Mayor Tifft and a few prominent Whitman county men while the governor was a guest in the city for an hour between trains Wednesday morning.

The governor had been to Pullman to address the Wheat Growers convention Tuesday evening and on his way to Spokane came through this city for the purpose of conferring with Colfax men on the conservation problem. He was met at the station by Mayor Tifft, Senator Oliver Hall, John Arrasmith, former state grain inspector, J. R. Good, Claude Hollingsworth and several other citizens, who escorted him to the office of Senator Hall. No mention was made of politics during the governor's stay in this city.

People all along the Palouse river are awakening to the possibilities that lie before them and it is expected that the meeting called for March 2 will result in a movement to bring greater possibilities to the people of Whitman, Adams and Franklin counties. Data pertaining to the proposed project should be gathered by people all along the river and be presented at the meeting.

F. A. Metz, the Elberton banker, was in this city Tuesday on business and in conversation with a Gazette representative expressed his enthusiasm over the probability of the people of this county being able to interest the government in the conservation of the waters of the North Palouse for power and irrigation purposes. He believes that if the government can be induced to send engineers here to investigate the project there will be no question about the discovery of the feasibility of the proposed plan. Mr. Metz declares in favor of more people in the county and he believes the way to get them here is to make it possible to produce more from small tracts. He believes all the river flats for miles and miles may be made into veritable garden spots and fruit tracts. Sufficient water runs to waste every spring to more than irrigate all these flats and it could be held in reservoirs near the headwaters of the river until the dry months when it is needed.

Shoots Own Leg Instead of Coyote.

Newton Huffman, aged 19 years, is in St. Ignatius hospital recovering from a gun shot wound received last Sunday morning while returning from a coyote hunt. His 32-caliber rifle was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered the calf of his leg ranging downward and broke the large bone just above the ankle. An X-ray examination shows the bullet to be lodged in the bone. Young Huffman lives with his brother-in-law, Algie Day, on the Palouse road. He was alone at the time of the accident but managed to crawl to the top of a hill where his shouts attracted the attention of people at the house.

Pullman Couple Married.

Justice I. B. Doolittle tied the knot which made Mrs. May Cadwell and Emory Richardson husband and wife on Wednesday morning. The couple came from Pullman and after securing their license proceeded to the office of Justice Doolittle in the Hamilton block, where the ceremony was performed.

Arrive at San Diego.

J. M. Baker writes from San Diego that he and Mrs. Baker arrived there last Friday after being on the road for five or six weeks, enjoying good health and a fine time on the entire trip. They visited at numerous places in Oregon and California before arriving at their destination.

Basket Ball Tonight.

At the high school gymnasium tonight will be seen one of the fastest basket ball games of the season when the local team will meet the five from the Pullman high school. Game will be called promptly at 8 o'clock and the admission has been fixed at 25 cents.

Masons Going to Pullman.

Several members of Hiram Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., are planning to go to Pullman tonight where the third degree will be conferred by Whitman lodge and a banquet served. There are several candidates and the meeting will begin at 5:30 o'clock.

Commissioner to California.

County Commissioner and Mrs. M. W. Whitlow, left Pullman the latter part of last week for southern California, where they will spend a few weeks.

Your Money's Worth.

The Bungalow is still drawing large crowds and are putting on a good show. The pictures are of a high order, and the musical attraction is one of the strong features. The weekly drawing for a five dollar gold piece was supplemented this week with an extra drawing of $10.

CITY FAILED TO KEEP PROMISES

COUNTY ENGINEER FIXES BLAME FOR DAMAGE TO COOPER LAKE BRIDGE.

County Engineer J. M. McCaw blames the city for the accident to the Cooper Lake bridge last fall and in his report to the county commissioners makes recommendations for the repair of the bridge. His report follows:

On examination I find that it will be necessary to repair the floor of the Cooper Lake bridge during the coming spring or summer. As is known, the floor of this bridge was badly damaged by the Warren Construction Company's roller last fall. The city of Colfax, contrary to promises made to the county commissioners and to this office, neglected to place signs on the bridge warning persons crossing the structure with traction engines to use floor plank under the wheels when crossing. The roller crossed the bridge two or three times safely but on crossing again ran very close to the curb on the west side. In so doing the hind wheel ran over a stone, which had fallen from one of the wagons, concentrating the entire load on the wheel on one point causing the floor to give away under the excessive load.

The sand and broken stone used in the floor concrete was good material and met the requirements of the specifications. The cement used consisted of two standard brands known as Superior and Red Devil cement. The mixing and placing was well done. On account of having no testing machine and having no time to send samples of the cement away for testing, this office had to rely upon the reputations of the brands of cement used.

The Multiplex steel plate used was highly endorsed and I was persuaded to use it in the floor. It has since developed that the parties making the endorsement were not familiar with the real value of the plate, in fact knew little about it. Had the plate been as strong as represented no failure would have occurred.

In order to repair the bridge so that there will be no future trouble with the floor, I am submitting to you a design which I am confident will meet the most severe tests. In this design it is intended to have the concrete in the present floor removed and replaced with a new concrete slab reinforced with high tension steel rods, not relying on the multiplex plates to carry any load, only using them as forms for the concrete. The curb is also made to act as a reinforced beam sustaining a part of the floor load.

This work can be done in two ways under the supervision of this office: (1) By free day labor; (2) By prisoner labor. By using the prisoners in the county jail to remove the old floor the repair work can be done by paid labor for about $480. By using the prison labor entirely and employing paid labor for the special work the job will cost the county about $417, this includes the relaying of the blocks.

The following is an estimate of the quantities of material needed: Crushed stone, 36 cubic yards; sand, 12 cubic yards; cement, 54 barrels; lumber for forms, 700 feet, board measure; steel bars for reinforcing, 4963 pounds.

DEAD AT SAN DIEGO WAS PIONEER IN BUSINESS

Mr. MacKenzie Owned Much Property in This City and Spokane.

Roderick MacKenzie, father of Charles L. MacKenzie of this city, died in San Diego, California, last Friday night of heart disease. His wife and daughter, Mrs. Carrie McKinnon accompanied him to California early in the winter and were with him at the time of his death. They were guests of relatives here for some time before going south and at that time Mr. MacKenzie appeared in excellent health although he was 72 years of age.

Burial was at San Diego as Mr. MacKenzie was very fond of that city and had often expressed a wish to "live and die" there.

Besides the widow five children survive. They are Charles L., banker, of Colfax; William, who resides at Liberty Lake; John, one of the managers of the Savoy theater, San Francisco; Mrs. Bert Terry of Spokane and Mrs. Carrie McKinnon.

Charles MacKenzie and family were on their way to southern California when the death of his father occurred.

BOONE MAY GET PARDON.

Petitions and Letters Are Being Considered by Governor.

Governor Hay is considering the petitions and letters asking for the pardon of H. M. Boone who is charged with having wrecked the Palouse State bank about three years ago. Boone was convicted of larceny by embezzlement and was sentenced to not less than one nor more than ten years in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla. He appealed to the supreme court but last week his motion for a new trial was denied and the commitment was placed in the hands of the sheriff but on telegraphic advice from the governor the commitment was held up. Governor Hay says he will go into the letters and petitions which have been filed with him and promised to be guided by the evidence and law in the case. The governor is expected to either grant or refuse the pardon asked within a few days.

Boone has been at Hanford on the Columbia but came to Colfax on Tuesday.

SHERFEY GETS POSTOFFICE.

President Taft Made Nomination on Monday.

J. Hugh Sherfey, ex-city attorney and secretary of the Republican central committee, has been notified that he has been nominated by President Taft for postmaster at Colfax.

All that remains is for the Senate to confirm the appointment, and for his commissnon to be issued before Mr, Sherfey will take the office. There is no question about the confirmation by the Senate as that body has not held up any of President Taft's appointments recently.

HAS FAITH IN COLFAX.

Auditor McCroskey Buys Three Dwelling Houses.

A deal was closed Wednesday whereby County Auditor S. M. McCroskey purchased three houses from Mrs. L. D. Harding of Portland. Two of the houses, occupied by Postmaster J. Hugh Sherfey and S. E. Burgunder, are on West street and the other, occupied by John Rexford, is on Island street and Dean Way. The property sold for $5,000.

SIMPLE MACHINE DOES WORK OF TWO MEN

FACTORY IN COLFAX WILL MANUFACTURE LABOR SAVING DEVICE ON LARGE SCALE.

Eugene Brown of this city has patented a sack piler and loader and the new machinery will be manufactured in this city. Preparations are underway in Mr. Brown's machine shop on Main street; material has been ordered and it is expected that by the first of next month at least 10 men will be at work making the new machines which will be placed on the market at once.

A company of local capitalists has been organized and capitalized at $10,000. At a meeting last Saturday the following directors were elected: Charles L. MacKenzie, P. B. Stravens, W. A. Mitchell, Seymour Manning, John Monahan, William Schluting, Dooks Fry, Paul Pattison and Eugene Brown, all of Colfax.

A meeting of the directors will soon be held for the election of officers.

Two kinds of machines will be manufactured at the start. One is a device for loading sacks on a wagon from a pile in the field. This machine will probably sell for $25. Another machine designed to pick up sacks scattered over a field by a combine harvester and place them on a wagon, will sell for about $30. As soon as a few machines are finished they will probably be taken through the country and demonstrated to the farmers.

One man with the machine can load as much grain as two men can by hand, and much easier.

Mr. Brown received the patent on the first successful warehouse sack piler and this machine is being extensively manufactured in Portland at the present time.

If the new device proves as popular as anticipated, a factory will be built in Colfax next season and the machines put on the market in large numbers.

GRATEFUL TO COLFAX FRIENDS

Charles Hubbard Plans to Return to the Far North.

Many old timers in Colfax and Whitman county will remember Charles Hubbard who owned what is now the Minnick brothers farm on Dry Creek. Later Mr. Hubbard went to Alaska where he made money. At one time two friends borrowed all Hubbard had and then hit the trail. Hubbard followed and overtook the men and in a gun fight which followed he shot a man in self defense. He was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary but his Colfax friends made a strong fight for his release.

While going to LaCrosse the first of the week J. A. Perkins of this city met Mr. Hubbard on the train and had a long visit with him. Mr. Hubbard was on his way to Waitsburg to visit a son. He declared that he was coming back to Colfax sometime to thank his friends who stood by him during his trouble many years ago. Mr. Hubbard plans to return to Alaska later.

Mr. Shirkey Sells Out.

George H. Shirkey, who has been in the jewelry business in Colfax for the past six years, has sold his interest in the business to his partner, Otto C. Glaser. Mrs. Shirkey has been ill for a long time but is slowly regaining her strength. When she fully recovers they will remove to a new location. Mr. Glaser, who came here a few months after Mr. Shirkey, will continue the business.

Thank You, Mr. Hall.

The School directors and patrons of the School, and more especially the children of the Main Street School building desire to thank Mr. Oliver Hall for his kindness in giving each of the children of this building an afternoon to skate free of charge.

This School is peculiarly unfortunate in having no decent play ground and Mr. Hall's treat has been thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.

PAY SPOT CASH FOR NEW PAVING

20 PER CENT OF COLFAX PEOPLE REFUSE INSTALLMENT PLAN OF PAYMENT.

When the time expired Monday night for payments without interest on the new paving, 20 per cent of the entire cost of the work already completed had been paid. The bond issue therefore will be for over $15,000 less than would have been the case had all property owners taken all the time given them in which to make the payments.

In Improvement district No. 20 (Main street) payments in full have been made as follows:

A. Gerber	$ 172.88
E. Wilman	648.28
City of Colfax	216.09
W. J. Hamilton	117.19
Realty Co., Boston	216.09
A. Grof Est.	388.97
H. M. Love	605.07
Farmers State Bank	259.31
Burrell Inv. Co.	432.19
L. Schmuck	432.19
Julius Lippitt	864.38
P. B. Stravens	561.85
H. W. Livingstone	605.07
First Savings & Trust Bank	216.09
C. H. Fly	432.19
Oliver Hall	432.19
J. C. Monahan	172.87
Eva J. Hill	216.09
	$7,048.99
Part payments	900.33
Total	$7,949.32

In Improvement district No. 21 (Mill and intersecting streets) payments have been made in full as follows:

City of Colfax	$ 423.87
Realty Co., Boston	33.81
John Codd	759.84
H. M. Love	112.69
Burrell Inv. Co.	1,018.60
L. Schmuck	1,019.05
P. B. Stravens	69.35
J. J. Miller	384.31
H. W. Livingstone	402.38
First Sav. & Trust Bank	198.89
M. C. Chase	322.14
Oliver Hall	402.34
Olive E. Maloney	288.58
	$5,429.85
Part payments	1,109.66
Total	$6,539.57

In district No. 24 (alley) the payments are as follows:

E. Wilman	$ 123.48
Realty Co., Boston	61.74
Burrell Inv. Co.	246.96
L. Schmuck	246.96
P. B. Stravens	49.39
H. W. Livingstone	172.87
First Sav. & Trust Bank	61.74
Oliver Hall	143.24
John Hart	123.48
	$1,229.86
Part payments	130.88
Total	$1,360.74

For the three districts the total amount paid is $15,649.57, or 19.9 per cent of the entire amount of the assessments. The assessment in district No. 20 was $38,969.60; in district No. 21, $33,639.07; in district No. 24, $5,927.17; total $78,535.85.

By making their payments in advance the property owners have saved themselves the six per cent interest which the bonds will bear. Hereafter property owners can make their payments only at the annual interest paying periods, but may at any of these periods pay the whole or any decimal part of their assessment.

DOES NOT LIKE MEAT.

Objected When Companion Threatened to Make Him Into Sausage.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney F. L. Stotler was in Rosalia Tuesday to attend the trial of John Bowman, who according to the complaint filed by Godfrey Hildebrand, "did threaten to shoot me through the head and make sausage meat out of me."

The two men had been employed as farm hands by Thomas Hastings, living near Rosalia and had an argument over the number of buckets of milk which Bowman had milked on a certain day. One said it was three buckets and the other said it was four. They decided to make a bet but before the question had been decided their argument had waxed so warm that a "near fight" occurred, resulting in the arrest of Bowman.

The case was tried before Justice M. H. West and as a result Bowman was fined $1 and costs, amounting to about $20.

Vaudeville at Pastime.

Sterling and Sterling will be at the Pastime theater tonight and Saturday with their entertaining musical and shooting act. They come well recommended, just closing at the Spokane theater and having two open nights were secured as an additional attraction. There will be no extra charge of admission.

K. of P. Minstrel Show February 19.

Active plans are under way for the Knights of Pythias minstrel show to be given on February 19, the anniversary of the founding of the order. The chorus is being trained by Ellis Laird.

Wheat Still Soaring.

Much wheat has changed hands in the last few days. Yesterday the price was ranging from 69 cents for Red to 73 and 75 cents for Bluestem.