

TWO ARE ADDED TO ACCREDITED LIST

WHITMAN SCHOOLS ARE RAPIDLY FORGING TO FRONT--DOINGS AT STATE CAPITAL.

Olympia, Jan. 31.—At a recent meeting of the Washington Board of Education seventeen new high schools were placed on the accredited list, and of this number two were from Whitman county, the high school at Endicott being accredited for its 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades while the Malden school was accredited for its 9th grade. The other schools placed on the accredited list were Bothwell, Cle Elum, Concrete, Cosmopolis, Creston, Edison, Ferndale, Granite Falls, Monroe, Renton, Richmond, Sultan, Sumas, Vashon and Winslow. At the meeting the Board also decided to grade the examination in Grammar for the August teachers' examination as follows: 70 per cent on the questions submitted and 30 per cent upon the English used in answering the questions in History, those not taking history being marked upon some other paper to be selected by the examiner. This is done to test the ability of the teachers to use good English.

An investigation of the Odessa University, supposed to be located at Odessa, Washington, will also be asked by the board of the postal authorities, as it is claimed that this school is offering to sell degrees, and an investigation will be asked for; so far as is known to the educators of this state no such school exists.

Superintendent F. B. Cooper, of Seattle, and Principal H. M. Hart, of Spokane, were appointed as a committee to consider and report upon the matter of the subject of sex hygiene being taught to the pupils enrolled in the secondary schools.

The Governor on Wheat.

The members of the Grain Growers' Convention, which met at Pullman, Washington, gave an enthusiastic welcome to Gov. Hay, who attended the meeting. Gov. Hay has spent many years in Eastern Washington and is known as one of the authorities on grain in this state. The subject of doing away with smut in grain is being agitated, as it is figured it costs the farmers of the state many thousands of dollars each year.

Fees Must Be Paid.

The Attorney General will institute suits to compel the payment of the license fees due the state from corporations which have failed to comply with the law unless they pay up. According to a list turned over by I. M. Howell, secretary of state, to the attorney general there are more than 400 such delinquent corporations doing business in this state, and among them all kinds of business is represented.

Would Not Tax Furniture.

The declaration was made by State Tax Commissioner T. D. Rockwell in his address before the county assessors at the convention in Olympia, that household effects should not be assessed for taxation purposes but that they should be classified as not being property at assessment time. He said that a large amount of such property was now escaping taxation and that the revenues of the state would not be materially affected by the exemption of such property. He also said that he believed that if credits and stocks were eliminated from taxation for the benefit of the man of wealth that other exemptions should be made for the working man and that it will increase the number of settlers, and promote honesty when the assessor come around. Farmers' implements and manufacturing machinery he says should also be exempted from taxation. It is expected that at the next campaign that the question of exempting household furnishings will be an issue, and it is probable that it will carry.

Present Checks Promptly.

The supreme court has ruled in a recent decision in a Stevens county case that when a check is issued by any one person to another and the person to whom the check is issued holds the check for an unreasonable time before presenting it for payment, that the payee is at fault and that recovery cannot be had against the claims of other creditors. Failure to present a check within a reasonable time works against the person holding the check, according to the ruling of the court.

In Class By Itself.

It is claimed by the Dupont Powder company, owing to the safer manner in which the plant is operated, and for that reason it wants to be classified by itself and not put in a class with other powder companies. The company has agreed to pay its assessment to the industrial insurance company if it can be put in a separate class.

Colfax Men Get Insurance.

The state industrial insurance commission has allowed Alfred Yaisly, Colfax, \$56.55 for an injury to his back, while to Geo. V. Roberts of Colfax, the sum of \$12.50 was allowed for a fracture of a rib.

"Tip" Hamblen Has a Daughter.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tipton H. Hamblen last Friday.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The Colfax Commercial Club is to be reorganized, rejuvenated and made a useful, active asset for the welfare of the city and surrounding country. Mayor J. Floyd Tift has called a meeting to be held at the court house Tuesday evening, February 6 at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody interested in the welfare of the community is invited to attend.

BALL LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED.

Strong Aggregation in Sight for Colfax Team.

Colfax is assured of a good ball team this season and the plan of forming a league is rapidly being developed. At a meeting in Spokane Tuesday Colfax was represented by Alton Treddick, Paul Pattison, Charles Larue, W. A. Nelson and J. C. Monahan. Four towns have been voted into the league and two more teams will probably be added. The four charter members of the league are Colfax, Coeur d'Alene, Palouse and a team from Spokane. It is anticipated that another Spokane team and one more Palouse town will be added to the list. Rosalia and Oakesdale are both after the place open to a Palouse town and Rosalia seems to be in the lead. Another meeting will be called in about two weeks and by that time it is expected that more definite arrangements can be completed. The present plan is to open the season about April 1 and have a large share of the early games played in the Palouse country and after July 1 turn most of the games to Spokane and Coeur d'Alene.

Alton Treddick will take charge of the local team and he is already making up a list of players. Many of the last year's men will be in the game again this year. Among the players already slated are Stuart Stapleton, "Tip" Hamblen, Rodney Small, Alton Treddick, Virgil Cannutt, Gus Morley, George Cushman, Carl and John Wynn and Percy Manning.

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTY UP NEXT

HEARING BEFORE COMMISSIONERS IS SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY MORNING.

Speculation is rife over the probable action of the Whitman county commissioners next Tuesday at 11 o'clock on the matter of the classification of the county. At their first meeting in November the commissioners adopted a resolution directing the county officers to appear before the board on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February to show cause, if any they have, why the classification should not be lowered from the seventh to the eighth class.

The demand for a change in the classification of the county was made by the Farmers Union and Grange for the purpose of having the county in the class in which it legally belongs, as they said, rather than for any slight saving that might be made in the salaries of the county officials.

The county officers have been working on the plan to secure affidavits from people who were not counted in the last federal census, with the hope of being able to prove to the commissioners that the census was not accurate. They have secured many affidavits and the showing will be made Tuesday. Commissioner Whitlow is in California and the eyes of the interested public are centered on Commissioners Ellis and Miller.

Other business before the commissioners at their meeting next week includes a hearing on the Hangman creek road near Tekoa which is of great interest to the business men of that place. A hearing is also set for the J. I. Major road near Almotas as well as a hearing on one or two other roads.

COLFAX JOINS CIRCUIT WITH THREE OTHER FAIRS

PLAN INSURES GOOD RACES AND SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

More horses, faster races and better special attractions for the Whitman county fair will probably result from a meeting now being held in Walla Walla and which is being attended by Manager John Bloom of the local fair association. Colfax, Walla Walla, Moscow and Lewiston will be represented at the meeting which is being held for the purpose of forming a racing and amusement circuit.

Dates will be so arranged that horses and attractions attending one of these fairs will find it to advantage to attend them all. Dates for all four fairs will be fixed at the meeting. An effort will be made to secure the last week of September for the Whitman county fair.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in this city.

An innovation at the Whitman county fair will be introduced this year when an auction sale of thoroughbred horses, cattle, sheep and hogs will be held on the last two days of the fair. This plan has been tried out at some of the large stock shows and has proven very successful.

Woman Forfeits \$20 Fine.

Rose Taffne forfeited the \$20 cash bond which she put up to guarantee her appearance before Police Judge I. B. Doolittle Tuesday to answer to the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

FAST WORK SAVES WELTY FROM PEN

WHATCOM COUNTY OFFICIAL FAILED TO SPIRIT AWAY EX-BANKER.

Good luck more than anything else was all that kept Harry J. Welty from spending at least a day or two of this week in the penitentiary at Walla Walla. The supreme court had recently denied Welty a new trial in the case wherein he had been found guilty of accepting deposits in the Home Savings bank of Bellingham after he knew the bank was insolvent, and a commitment had been issued.

Welty had said that he would not fight the case further, but a few days ago he changed his mind and decided to ask for a rehearing on the ground that one of the jurors at his trial had previously been in an insane asylum and since the trial had been again committed to such an institution. In order to get a rehearing it was necessary to secure a writ of habeas corpus after he had been taken in custody. For several days he had been expecting an officer from Whatcom county to take him in custody and a writ had been prepared ready for the signature of the judge at the proper time.

Sunday morning a deputy sheriff from Whatcom county walked into the sheriff's office unannounced and asked to have Mr. Welty called in. The request was granted and when Welty arrived the visiting deputy announced they were to leave on the westbound train which was due in a few minutes. It is understood that the deputy intended to take Welty to a hotel in Walla Walla and from there telephone to the penitentiary for a guard to take Welty to the institution. Attorney Charles Hill, who has been assisting Welty in his defense, was called on the telephone and rushed to the rescue. In the meantime the deputy and his prisoner had started for the depot but the deputy became bewildered in his directions and crossed the river. When near the old Congregational church he realized he was off the track and asked Welty the way to the depot. The desired information was given and they retraced their steps to Main street.

About this time, by good luck, Judge Neill was on his way to the depot to meet a friend and was called to his office where he signed the writ. The document was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Geo. L. Corner, who made a run for the depot and served the paper just before the Whatcom deputy and his prisoner were ready to step on the train.

Welty was at once taken before Judge Neill who fixed his bond at \$10,000. Provision had been made for this and the bond was already prepared and signed. The bondsmen are G. W. Larue, Will Schlutting, W. M. Duncan, F. N. English, J. F. Richardson, M. J. Maloney, T. J. Welty and B. F. Sherfy of Colfax, C. H. Hinchliff of Elberton, N. W. McGee, H. W. Price, J. E. Nessly, C. H. Russell and J. M. Palmerton of Pullman, representing more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The writ was issued as a matter of course and in order to give the parties time to secure evidence the date of hearing was set for February 15. Judge Neill announced that he considered himself disqualified to hear the case on its merits and stated that another judge would be here at that time.

Another interesting feature of the case was the fact that Attorney Charles Hill fearing that he might not succeed in getting the writ before the train left, requested Deputy Sheriff Cole to go aboard the train to take Welty from the custody of the Whatcom deputy on telegraphic instructions that the writ had been issued before the prisoner was out of the county. This precaution proved unnecessary and Cole, who had already boarded the train, came back on the helper engine from the Crest.

Had Welty been taken to the penitentiary he could have secured the writ of habeas corpus and release on bond but it would have necessitated spending at least two or three days behind the bars.

W. D. Outman, who succeeded H. J. Welty as president of the Home Security Savings bank, entered a plea of guilty a few days ago to the charge of accepting deposits after he knew the bank was insolvent and was fined \$2,500. Outman was formerly a Pullman man and is well known in Eastern Washington. He passed through Colfax Wednesday on one of his trips for a harness company, for which he is a traveling salesman.

STUDENTS GET HIGH HONORS.

Seven Members of H. S. Senior Class on Commencement Program.

Honor places for the 1912 class of the Colfax High School have been decided as follows on the work of the entire high school course to date: Mary Wyman, valedictorian, 88.551; Bernice Slate, salutatorian, 88.642; Pearl Nelson, 88.466; Fred Fuller, 88.039; Naomi Morley, 87.689; Frank Goff, 87.197; Sam Morrison, 86.961.

SUBSCRIBE STOCK FOR UNION STORE

ENTHUSIASTIC FARMERS PROMISE TO BRING MORE BUSINESS TO COLFAX.

A Farmers' Union Store for Colfax over-shadowed all other business at the regular bi-monthly meeting of Colfax local of the union last Saturday. So enthusiastic were the members present over the proposition that before they left their place of meeting agreements had been made for \$20,000 worth of stock in the proposed company. It was decided that nothing less than a \$50,000 capital would fill the bill to start. Judging from the way offers were made they believe this amount will be easily secured.

One of the leaders in the new move said, "We do not intend to interfere with any other business in town. We will make Colfax a better business town than ever."

John Bloom and A. E. Kirkland were appointed as a committee to make further investigations.

The plan discussed is for stockholders to pay the same as any one for their merchandise and take their profits entirely in dividends. The Walker building, to be constructed this spring, was mentioned as a suitable home for the store at the beginning. That building is to have a 35-foot front.

After as much progress as possible at this meeting had been made on the store proposition, the question of grain bags was taken up and it was well into the evening before the contract was finally closed.

The bid of Balfour-Guthrie company was considered the best and a contract was closed for 300,000 sacks at \$7.50 per 100 laid down in Colfax. Other bids were a trifle lower but the Balfour-Guthrie company agreed to distribute the sacks and make all collections and this was what looked best to the farmers. A difference of \$300 on the order could have been made with another company had the Union agreed to make the collections, but the members preferred to have the business off their hands even though the sacks do cost a little more.

Kerr-Gifford company was the successful bidder at Pullman last week when the Union at that place let the contract for 300,000 grain bags for \$7.15 per 100 delivered at Pullman.

FARMERS ELECT DELEGATES TO COUNTY MEETING

WILL CONVENE AT ALBION LAST TWO DAYS OF THIS WEEK.

Delegates were elected by Colfax local of the Farmers Union last Saturday to attend the county meeting to be held at Albion beginning today and continuing Saturday. Delegates named were: John Arrasmith, F. B. Rogers, A. E. Kirkland, John Bloom, O. E. Golding, John O'Neill, T. Richardson, W. Walker, B. F. Manchester, B. F. Sherfy and Charles Benzel.

The program committee, consisting of Geo. W. Perrine, J. G. Elliott and J. W. Arrasmith, have arranged the following program:

"What Steps Should Be Taken to Secure Co-operation Between the Interior Warehouse and the Terminal Dock?" by Fred Rodgers of Colfax local; time 20 minutes. Discussion led by W. W. Carman of LaCrosse local and Cleveland Smith of Rock Lake local; time 15 minutes each. General discussion limited to five minutes.

"Should the Locals of Whitman County Proceed to Establish Co-operative Farmers Union Banks?" by G. W. Harris of Garfield local; 20 minutes. Discussion led by Charles Benzel of Colfax local; 15 minutes. General discussion limited to five minutes.

"What Should Be Done to Relieve the Burden of Taxation in County and State?" by H. W. Goff of Colfax local; time 20 minutes. Discussion led by George Thatcher of Guy local; time 15 minutes. General discussion limited to five minutes.

The convention will open this morning and all delegates will be entertained over Friday night by the members of Albion local.

CLUB WILL SHOOT THE SLANG.

Girls Are Going to Ask Married Ladies to Join.

A story is going the rounds of a bunch of girls who held a meeting the other night and organized an anti-slang society. A certain Miss was elected president on being asked if she would accept the position, replied: "Sure, Mike, Gosh, girls, I'm so rattled in my cupola that I'm really short on gab. We are certainly hitting the high places and I never tumbled to such a posh before, but when I give you the high ball I expect you to get there Eli and whooper up for all that's out. I think I am up to snuff enough so that flies won't light on me while doing the president stunt of the society act, but I won't stand for any monkey-doodle business from any gals while I am running this ranch. We ought to extend an invite to the married ladies to get in out of the wet and help us to shoot this slang business, it's getting to be something fierce, ain't it, Agnes?"

OLD SOLDIER IS HONORED.

Comrades and Friends Give Clark Colvin Surprise.

Several members of Nat Lyon Post No. 19 and the W. R. C. No. 24 surprised Clark Colvin at his residence in this city on Wednesday, January 31, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The ladies furnished refreshments which were served at 5 o'clock. D. B. Crawford, also 80 years of age on the same day, was an invited guest although he is not an old soldier. Mr. Colvin was born in New York and Mr. Crawford in Massachusetts.

Clark Colvin went east from Colorado to enlist in Company D, 30th Iowa infantry, on August 7, 1862, and served until June, 1865. He was with General Sherman on the famous march to the sea. Mr. Colvin was born in Erie county, New York, in 1832.

The total ages of the ten men who were present at the reception for Mr. Colvin is 738 years, or an average of 73.8 years. Those present with their ages were: Clark Colvin, 80; D. B. Crawford, 80; E. D. Lake, 80; Charles Von Soehnen, 78; L. Slate, 77; Ben Baker, 74; W. A. Inman, 69; W. R. Neill, 69; J. S. Greenhill, 66; Sam Cassidy, 65.

AUDITOR TELLS HOW A MILLION WAS SPENT

WHITMAN COUNTY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION.

County Auditor S. M. McCroskey has completed his annual report of the financial condition of Whitman county and has turned the same over to the printer. It will appear in full in the next issue of the Gazette.

Beginning with a cash balance of \$103,617 on hand January 1, 1911, the total receipts for the year amounted to \$1,407,663. The year ended with a cash balance of \$204,203, which the treasurer has distributed in eight banks of the county. The summary of disbursements for the year amounted to \$1,203,433.

Warrants were issued during the year to the amount of \$221,460. The total resources of the county are placed at \$603,520, which is an excess of \$431,560 over the liabilities. The county farm, including repairs and new buildings, was maintained at an expense of \$7,364. Bounties on wild animals were paid to the amount of \$1,243.

Whitman county contains 944,517 acres of improved land and 290,115 acres of unimproved land. The assessed valuation placed on these lands is \$20,816,332. Town property is valued at \$24,242,027.

The 173 school districts in the county show a valuation of \$43,589,035, and taxes raised during the year amounted to \$278,999.

The valuation placed on the property in the 16 incorporated towns of the county is \$5,649,582 and \$94,166 was raised in taxes to conduct these municipalities.

SCHOOL MEN AT GARFIELD.

Principals of Whitman County Will Discuss Their Duties.

Whitman county's Principals Association, the oldest organization of its kind in the state, will meet at Garfield on Saturday, February 10. Of the 352 teachers in Whitman county, 40 are principals or superintendents. W. M. Mackey of Garfield is president of the association and R. C. McDaniels of Oakesdale is secretary. The meetings are held three times a year.

Dr. A. A. Cleveland, head of the Department of Education at the Washington State College, will give an address at the meeting along the lines of the responsibilities of the principal and superintendent. The general topic for discussion is, "Duty of the Principal to His Teachers." H. A. Ellis of Pullman and E. L. Moses of Colfax will talk on "Teachers Meetings." S. F. Shinkle of Rosalia, W. Leroy Wylie of Endicott and A. A. Burmaster of Winona will speak on "The Teacher's Reading." E. C. Jones of Palouse, W. O. Hoogstraal of Tekoa and Chas. Tucker of LaCrosse will discuss "School Room Visitation."

EVANGELIST GETS \$400.

More Than 125 Promise to Lead New Lives.

Revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Osborn under the auspices of the Methodist and Baptist churches closed Tuesday evening and Mr. Osborn left the following day for Colville where he will conduct a similar campaign. The meetings which were held in the Methodist church have been continued for a month. Mr. Osborn is accompanied by his daughter, who plays the harp and by a lady piano player.

The free will offerings given to Mr. Osborn and his helpers for their month's work amounted to \$400. All expenses of the meetings, including \$42 a week for the board of the evangelist and party, were paid by the local churches interested in the movement. Over 125 cards were signed by people who expressed a desire to lead better lives.

Tekoa Man Gets 90 Days.

Obtaining money under false pretenses was the charge to which Dan Rhorback entered a plea of guilty when arranged before Judge Thomas Neill Tuesday. His sentence was 90 days in the county jail. Rhorback was brought in from Tekoa about three weeks ago.

BEFORE PIONEER DAYS IN PALOUSE

BEN MANNING WRITES OF THE EARLY INDIAN CONQUEST IN WHITMAN COUNTY.

For the first time an accurate and detailed account has been published of the expeditions of Colonels E. J. Steptoe and George Wright against the Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and Palouse Indians in 1858. The author is Benjamin F. Manning, at present clerk of the board of county commissioners, formerly county treasurer and for many years one of the well known residents of Garfield. The book contains 280 pages of interesting local history, copies of official documents from the war department, treaties with the Indians and correspondence between people who made possible the early settlement of this wonderful and productive inland empire. It also contains many illustrations of the army officers, Indian chiefs and scenes closely connected with the early expeditions.

In his preface to the interesting volume Mr. Manning says in part:

"Meager and unauthentic details of the story gained circulation among the early pioneers and were by them rehearsed from memory to those who came after them.

"This volume, the result of long research, was primarily suggested through a lingering love of the pioneer days. The pleasures that were woven into the thin mesh of early day society and the occupations of those first citizens, as well as the hardships and privations which came into the country hand in hand with the pioneer himself, are matters that have frequently passed in review of the writer's memory. They are of a period which of itself constitutes an important epoch. From meditation upon these things has emanated the desire to place in the hands of the people the facts of the events which made it possible to settle and develop this great, rich section of the country in unbroken peace—of the time just beyond the real pioneer.

"The writer has not striven for literary distinction, but rather for the object of assembling the details of the consecutive events which total the history of the expeditions, and if that be approved he will feel that the task, which has been one of pleasure, will not have been in vain."

The writer also tells who lent assistance in gathering the details which go to make the work of such personal interest. The different chapters are entitled: Tradition, Steptoe Butte, 1858, Causes, Steptoe Marches North, Still Northward, Battle of Tohotonimma, The Council, The Retreat, Colonel Steptoe's Report, Preliminaries, Measuring Strength, Retribution, The Spokanes in Council, The Lonely Battle-field. It also incorporates biographical sketches of Colonel Edward J. Steptoe, Captain O. H. P. Taylor and Lieutenant William Gaston.

"Conquest of the Coeur d'Alenes, Spokanes and Palouses" is on sale by John W. Graham company and will be handled by the local bookstores. The book will sell for about \$1.25.

MINSTRELS FOR K. OF P. SHOW.

Much Colfax Talent Will Be Assembled on February 19.

"All the same as Docksstadters Minstrels only better," is the way members of the local Knights of Pythias lodge describe the show to be put on by the K. P.'s at the Ridge-way, February 19. The musicians are holding regular rehearsals and promise a show worth while. The personnel of the company is as follows:

End men—D. Millgard, F. J. Angel, Bert Kuhn and O. C. Glaser. Soloists—Edw. Baird, Dan Welty, Morton Lippitt and Floyd Smith. Chorus—Claude Swegel, Carl Huston, Roy Privett, Ellis Laird, Floyd Smith, Virgil Laird, Matt Johnson, Charles Boyd, John McCaw, F. J. Angel, Edw. Baird, Dan Welty, Morton Lippitt, D. Millgard, George Conner, Charles Bramwell, O. C. Glaser and Bert Kuhn.

Interlocutor—J. Hugh Sherfy. The beginning of the show will be a street parade of the band on the day of the entertainment.

"DAD" HILES IS DEAD.

Well Known Colfax Bus Driver for Many Years.

After an illness extending over several months G. M. Hiles, better known as "Dad," died at St. Ignatius hospital Tuesday morning. He was 64 years of age and had been the bus driver for Hotel Colfax for five or six years. He came from New York in the early days and for many years had lived in eastern Washington and Idaho.

Funeral services were held at the Bruning undertaking parlors at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. J. H. Bainton of the Congregational church officiating. The body was taken to Moscow for burial beside his wife and two children.

Departmental Teacher Resigns.

Cleo King has resigned from the faculty of the Departmental school and returned to Seattle. His position in the school is being filled by Mrs. S. E. Burgunder.