

THE COLFAX GAZETTE

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GOVERNOR NAMES "BOOSTER" DAY

ASKS SPURT OF ENTHUSIASM FOR WASHINGTON--COLFAX DOC- TOR ON COMMISSION.

Olympia, Feb. 7.—As Gov. M. E. Hay believes in having the advantages of Washington advertised in the Eastern states, he has issued a proclamation naming Monday, February 26, as "Booster Day" in accordance with the custom he established a year ago. The proclamation is as follows: "Whereas, The advertisement of the resources of the state is a most important factor in securing development and progress; and

Whereas, All citizens by united effort can most effectively make known the extent and nature of the state's resources;

Now, Therefore, I, M. E. Hay, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby name Monday, February 26, 1912, 'Booster Day,' and I recommend that on that day every citizen purchase some made-in-Washington article and send to friends in the Eastern states—a postal card, a newspaper depicting or pamphlet setting forth something of the opportunities here for settlers and investors."

Rock Lake Ranchers Want Station.

The public service commission has received a complaint from the residents of Palisade on the Milwaukee railroad in Whitman county along Rock Lake, that they are forced to go seven miles one way or five miles the other to get a train. They ask that the train stop on a flag at their station. The commission will consider the matter in a short time.

Whitman Doctors Appointed.

R. J. Skaffe of Colfax, Paul E. Weisel of Garfield and Earl J. Elise of Pullman are among the 12 newly appointed examining physicians of the state industrial insurance commission. The commission has also appointed five eye and ear specialists in various parts of the state.

Snow Still Has Money.

On the trial of Joseph M. Snow, former state highway commissioner, who was charged with grand larceny by embezzlement for failing to account for \$2,145 of the state's money, which was paid to him in trust by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad for the right-of-way owned by the state through Snoqualmie Pass, he was acquitted by the jury after it had been out 18 hours. The case was tried in the superior court of Thurston county, and the first time the case was brought to trial the lower court sustained a demurrer on the ground that it was not state money. The supreme court however ordered the case to trial saying that the money did not belong to Snow. How Snow will dispose of the money now is not known.

Express Rates in Question.

For the first time the public service commission will proceed against the express companies of the state, as it is soon to take up the question of the reasonableness of the rates charged by such companies. A series of questions inquiring among other things how the rates on various articles compare with each other and what branches of the business are most profitable are being prepared to be sent to the various companies, and following these letters citations will be issued and the express companies called in for a hearing and the commission will then determine whether or not the rates charged are too high.

Help for Hungry Chinese.

In accordance with the request of President Taft, Gov. M. E. Hay has issued a proclamation asking that the people of the state aid the Red Cross in its efforts to raise funds for the relief of the Chinese who are starving.

Rates Can Be Raised.

If the public service commission has the right to lower rates, it also has the right to raise them, holds the supreme court in a recent decision in the case of the Independent Telephone Company of Seattle. The supreme court has issued an injunction restraining the King county superior court from doing anything to prevent the putting into effect of the increased rates of the Independent Company, ordered by the public service commission, which found that the company was not making money and that it could not make money on the rates charged. The supreme court holds that the state has the paramount right to regulate public service corporations and that the new rates are effective. Municipalities have the power by franchise or ordinance to regulate all public service corporations until such time as the state acts, but that the authority of the state supersedes that of the municipality.

State Gets Inheritance Tax.

As the result of the protest of the state tax commission against the valuation placed on the property of a Chicago woman owning property in Chehalis county, the state has collected an inheritance tax of \$4,400.

The estate was appraised at \$112,000 but on the protest of the tax commission it was reappraised at \$440,000.

Examiners Under Civil Service.

C. W. Clausen, state auditor, requires that his employees be able to pass an examination before being qualified to serve, and he recently conducted an examination for the examiners working under the state bureau of inspection, of which he is the head. The work of the examiners is to check up the counties and municipalities.

CHECKING COUNTY BOOKS AGAIN

Examiners Take Up Work Where They Left Off Last Fall.

W. W. Payne and C. F. Voight, examiners working under the state board of accountancy, returned to Colfax Monday and have resumed the work of checking the county books which they began last fall but dropped after a month's work because they were refused pay by the county. The law has since been declared constitutional and the examiners received pay a few weeks ago for their work last fall. It will probably take two months to complete the work in Whitman county.

GOVERNOR HAY CALLS MEETING AT COLFAX

TO INTEREST GOVERNMENT OR CAPITALISTS IN NORTH PA- LOUSE CONSERVATION.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 8.—On Saturday morning, March 2, at 10 o'clock, a public meeting will be held in the court house at Colfax, at the request of prominent citizens of both Whitman and Franklin counties, for the purpose of considering the advisability of making a survey and interesting the federal government and capitalists in the proposition of erecting storage reservoirs along the upper portions of the Palouse river in Washington and Idaho. This reservoir is desired to provide a steady flow of water for power purposes in Whitman county and for irrigation purposes in Franklin county at all seasons of the year.

The following is the call issued: "Upon request of many of the leading citizens of Whitman and Franklin counties, a public meeting is hereby called to convene at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, March 2, at the court house in Colfax, to discuss the advisability of having a survey made and interesting the federal government or capitalists in the building of storage reservoirs along the upper portions of the Palouse river in Washington and Idaho to the end that a steady flow of water may be maintained the year around, for power purposes in Whitman county and for irrigating the land in Franklin county.

"All citizens interested are invited to be present and take part in the deliberations."

HAULED FLOUR FROM STEPTOE TO SPOKANE BY OX TEAM

ROUND TRIP TOOK EIGHT DAYS— P. L. SAIN WAS THE DRIVER.

P. L. Sain, who has lived at the foot of Steptoe butte since 1878, was a visitor in Colfax for a few hours Saturday while returning to his home after visiting his children who are in school at Pullman. Mr. Sain's father came up from the Touchet valley in the spring of 1878 looking for land. He was directed by "Cashup" Davis to the head of the Cottonwood where he located a homestead directly under the north slope of Steptoe butte. After deciding on the location he started back to Colfax but missed the territorial road and after riding his mule nearly all day arrived at Farmington where he learned he was farther from his destination than in the morning. He had travelled all the way from "Cashup" Davis' place to Farmington without passing a house.

The nearest flour mill in the early days was Chase's mill about four miles above Elberton. One season there was not much work to be done around the homestead and P. L. Sain, then a boy in his teens was started out by his father to take a load of flour to Spokane with an ox team. The Northern Pacific was building into Spokane that season and as there was no mill at that place the contractors paid good prices for flour. The never-to-be-forgotten trip occupied eight days and since then Mr. Sain has never liked oxen.

In looking over B. F. Manning's new book, the scene of which is laid around Steptoe, Mr. Sain came to the picture of Chief Seltice of the Coeur d'Alenes, and remarked, "I have seen that old fellow many times. He often came to our place hunting horses."

Brotherhood Opens Reading Room.

Members of the Brotherhood of the Methodist church now have the use of reading room in the basement of the church equipped with books and magazines. The room is open every evening and Sunday afternoons. A social meeting of the Brotherhood was held last evening.

Out of Politics; Gets More Money.

A. W. Perley, who was recently ousted as track inspector for the public service commission, is now mechanical instructor with the O. W. R. & N. company at a better salary than he was receiving from the state.

CHILDREN LISTEN FOR 9 O'CLOCK BELL

CURFEW MUST BE OBEYED--IM- PROVEMENT PLANS UNFOLD- ED AT COUNCIL MEETING.

Again the curfew law is to be enforced in Colfax. The police are working under instructions from the city council to prevent any loitering on the streets by boys or girls under 16 years of age, after the court house clock strikes nine. From 9 o'clock at night until 4 o'clock in the morning are the forbidden hours for the youngsters to be at large.

Several new street lights are to be added and many changes made in the locations of lights as a result of a report made by the street committee at the meeting of the council Monday evening. Two new lights are to be given to the North End and one new one on Main street in the South End. Several changes were recommended. Chairman Plummer stated the report was made after the committee has spent the first half of one night in inspecting the lighting system of the city to get their information first hand.

The request of the Inland company to make the sidewalk along their property on Main street of the same material as the paving and without curb, was rejected. There was not objection to the material but the councilmen want a sidewalk with a curb.

Fairview street may be opened to the west connecting with the Almoda road near the city limits. The matter was left in the hands of the street committee with instructions to confer with the county commissioners. The Almoda road is to be improved by the county and by opening Fairview street a better grade can be secured into the city from the south. The council was unanimously in favor of opening the street if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the county.

I. B. Doolittle has been appointed registration clerk at a salary of \$100 a year.

Permits were granted for the erection of two new business places in Colfax. One is a frame building, concrete veneer, size 50 by 90 feet on Main street opposite the Whitman hotel. Marion Freeman and J. W. McClintock are to put up the building for use as an automobile garage by Dave White and Robert Morrell.

The other building is to be erected on Mill street for August Siler by Vedder & Eisinger. This building is to be of corrugated iron, 28 by 90 feet, and will be used for a blacksmith shop. Benjamin Baker was also given permission to repair the residence at the southwest corner of Mill and Canyon streets. Arnold Gerber will be allowed to build reinforced rock wall at the rear of his premises at the corner of Mill and Fairview streets.

Health Officer Mitchell reported no contagious diseases in the city with the exception of two or three cases of measles. He read a list of names where complaints had been made to him about barns in different parts of the city that are not kept in a sanitary condition. The list was placed in the hands of the chief of police with instructions to have the nuisance abated.

The city attorney was instructed to look up the law in regard to railroad companies placing lights at every street crossing in the city. It was stated that the O. W. R. & N. company had announced their intention to fight the order of the council.

Teams will probably not be permitted to stand on the paved streets this summer for any great length of time. The street committee will report on this matter at the next meeting.

Repairs are to be made to the fire bell tower according to instructions given to the fire and water committee.

Current expense bills amounting to \$1100.57 and water fund bills to the amount of \$381.39, were ordered paid.

City Attorney J. M. McCroskey reported on the procedure necessary for the issuance of bonds to take up those outstanding at the present time and which will fall due April 1. An adjourned meeting of the council was held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of taking the necessary legal steps for the bond issue.

After conferring with the county commissioners the street committee at the adjourned meeting of the council Tuesday afternoon, reported favorably on the proposed extension of Fairview street west to the city limits. The committee was authorized to negotiate for right of way. The commissioners have agreed to open a road connecting the end of the proposed street extension at the city limits with the county road. The proposed change in street and county road will make a better grade into town than the present Almoda grade.

Grief for Child Causes Insanity.

Mrs. Carl Wilhelmson, a Finn woman from Albion, was committed to the state hospital for the insane at Medical Lake Monday. Grief over the death of her baby a few months ago is thought to have unbalanced her mind.

CLASSIFICATION STILL UNCHANGED

COMMISSIONERS DECLARE FED- ERAL CENSUS INACCURATE AND UNRELIABLE.

Whitman is still a county of the seventh class. Following a hearing in the court room Tuesday afternoon as to why the county should not be lowered to the eighth class, an order was made by the board of commissioners fixing the county in the seventh class.

The order, in part, as issued by the commissioners, is as follows: "Evidence was introduced showing that the federal census of Whitman county taken in 1910 was deficient, inaccurate and totally unreliable, and also to the effect that the population on November 8, 1910, was over 35,000, and, it appearing to the commissioners from the testimony introduced, both oral and documentary, that the classification of Whitman county should not be changed from the seventh to the eighth class, and that officials elected at that time are entitled to compensation under the seventh class, it is ordered that Whitman county be, and now is, a county of the seventh class."

Judge E. K. Hanna appeared for the Farmers' Union and Grange and Judge J. N. Pickrell for the county officers. The expense of securing evidence and presenting the case for the officers was borne by all the county officers, notwithstanding the statement of a correspondent for a Spokane daily who misquoted Sheriff Carter in saying that two of the officers did not participate.

After the order of the commissioners had been issued Auditor McCroskey was still in doubt as to whether he should pay the county officers the difference between salaries of the seventh and eighth classes, which he has been holding back for the past three months. Before deciding he submitted the following questions to the prosecuting attorney:

"Is it your opinion that the commissioners could sit in judgment and pass upon evidence submitted and determine the classification of the county?"

"Since they have found this to be a county of the seventh class, in your opinion is it now a county of the seventh class until changed by court of competent jurisdiction?"

"If you answer these in the affirmative, I shall have no hesitancy in paying salaries of the seventh class county."

In reply to the first question prosecuting attorney Pattison said: "In my opinion the commissioners have that power," and to the second question, "In my opinion it is," Mr. Pattison added in his reply to Auditor McCroskey: "I would advise further that in drawing warrants referred to in your letter that you hold same the statutory period of 10 days before delivery."

Auditor McCroskey says: "With my present light I shall issue warrants for back salaries in 10 days." The difference in salaries between the seventh and eighth classes amounts to about \$300 a month.

Ben Manchester, a member of the committee from the Farmers' union appointed to look after the classification business, says: "I do not believe the auditor will be enjoined from paying the back salaries. When the classification of the county is established the matter of salaries will adjust itself. The classification business will most certainly be carried into the superior court."

Judge Hanna of the firm of Hanna & Hanna, says: "We have been retained to determine the classification of Whitman county, and we are not going to quit now. Our method of procedure will depend on what action is taken by the other side."

MAKES COMMISSIONERS GASP.

Judge and County Attorney Say Claim Is Reasonable.

A claim for \$3000 against the county presented by Hanna & Hanna and U. L. Ettinger for services as assistant prosecuting attorneys in the case of the State against H. M. Boone caused the county commissioners to hold their breaths for a second on Monday.

The bill was, in their opinion, a little higher than a reasonable fee. For information the bill was presented to Judge Nell and to Prosecuting Attorney Paul Pattison. Both these officials said the claim was not unreasonable for the services performed.

Action on the bill was postponed until the next meeting of the board. Messrs. Hanna, Hanna and Ettinger were discharged as special attorneys in the case about two months ago by the commissioners.

INLAND AND COUNCIL AT ODDS.

Each Thinks Other Is Imposing On Right.

War of a mild and bloodless nature was declared between the Inland Railway company and the City of Colfax Wednesday morning, when the first car load of freight was unloaded into the new depot and the draymen wanted to back their drays and wag-

ons into the sidewalk for loading. A timber has been spiked down around the new depot on the island street bridge to designate the curb line. The railway company objects to this as it interferes with loading their freight on wagons for city delivery.

Councilmen say the company built the depot up to the property line and now want to use the sidewalk as a stand for drays and freight wagons, while it is intended for the use of pedestrians.

Company employees say the councilmen are trying to show their authority; that the company would never have built the depot in its present location if they had expected such an action from the council, and that the city seems to be trying to work hardships on the railway company, not only in this matter, but in refusing to allow a sidewalk without curb to be built along the company property between the island street and Codd bridges. A threat alleged to have been made by an official of the railroad as to what would and would not be done if the city persisted in leaving the timber in front of the freight door of the depot, has caused a resentful feeling in the city against the company.

Superintendent E. E. Lillie and Secretary W. G. Davidson, of the Inland, were in town yesterday afternoon trying to patch up the difficulties.

DEATH THREATENS INQUIRY COMMITTEE

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH SIMILAR TO ONE THEY WERE INVESTIGATING.

Returning from investigating the death of Tom Pappas, a Greek section man who was run down and killed while attempting to remove a hand car from the track in front of a fast train, Coroner L. L. Bruning, two O. W. R. & N. officials and an investigation committee consisting of three prominent LaCrosse men, were run down and narrowly escaped death by another fast passenger train which smashed their hand car into kindling wood a moment after they jumped.

Pappas was killed Monday afternoon while out with Foreman W. J. Ryan and two other Greek helpers to work on the track two miles west of LaCrosse. The hand car crew knew train No. 8 was due from the west and were watching out for it when the train came around a curve in a cut only a few yards from the place where they intended to life their car from the track and proceed with their work. Under similar circumstances a section crew is supposed to drop off and lift their hand car from the rails. This time the train was so close that the two men on the rear of the car jumped and ran, while the foreman and Pappas dropped off in front of the car and lifted that end from the rails. The car stuck and Pappas dodged across the track to take the other end. At that moment he was struck by the engine and instantly killed.

That night Coroner Bruning went to LaCrosse to investigate the death and a committee of inquiry was agreed upon between the railroad officials and Coroner Bruning. The committee consisted of Dr. C. J. Simonson, D. E. Pickard, a merchant; and Thomas Clipper. On Tuesday morning the committee of inquiry, the coroner, O. W. R. & N. assistant superintendents, J. H. Robb and M. V. Gleason, Road Master Larkin of Colfax, and Gus Pappas, a Greek interpreter, went out on two hand cars to the scene of the accident the previous day. Train No. 19 from the west was running east and Coroner Bruning expected to make the investigation and return to Colfax on that train.

In returning to LaCrosse the entire party boarded the first hand car, with the exception of Larkin and several Greek laborers who took a rear guard. As they neared LaCrosse train No. 12 loomed up out of the fog and Larkin and his crew had just time to jump and drag their car from the rails and the train sped on towards the first car with its load of officials and citizens. Bruning and his party saw the approaching engine just in time to jump and scramble out of the way of flying pieces of the wrecked hand car.

The body of the dead Greek was brought to Colfax where funeral services were held by Rev. Father Laroux, Wednesday afternoon. Several Greeks from LaCrosse attended the funeral. Burial was at Colfax. Pappas, who was 35 years of age, leaves a wife and two children in the old county.

MAIL BOXES ON WHEEL.

New Device Saves Time on Rural Route No. 3.

Eleven rural boxes and one government collection box, all on one back wheel, which is arranged to turn so the carrier delivers mail to all the 11 boxes without getting out of his rig, is a new device reported by Rural Carrier E. J. Hale on rural route No. 3. Two of these wheels are in use at the present time on Mr. Hale's route. One is located at the Saint's Home and the other at the Dowling place.

Winter Wheat Looking Well.

William Baird was in from Four Mile this week and reported winter wheat looking the best that he has ever seen it at this season.

LIPPITT HEADS COMMERCIAL CLUB

ORGANIZATION TO BE COMPLETED NEXT TUESDAY EVENING-- GOOD THINGS IN SIGHT.

Twelve ladies and 75 men, all boosters for a bigger and better Colfax, attended the reorganization meeting of the Colfax Commercial club at the court house Tuesday evening. William Lippitt was unanimously elected president and took the chair succeeding Mayor Tift, who called the meeting to order. J. L. Nell, secretary of the old club was asked to serve as secretary pro tem.

In accepting the office of vice-president, to which he was elected, Martin J. Maloney, stated that he would serve as vice-president or janitor with equal good grace and whatever his office he would be found ready to work.

It was conceded without argument that the office of secretary is an important one in any commercial body, and it was decided to make the office a salaried one, although it was suggested the salary should not be high enough for the incumbent to retire in two years and live without work. Because the filling of the office required careful consideration the appointment was left to the president and will be announced at the next meeting.

On the recommendation of Charles R. Hill, an executive committee consisting of seven live members will be appointed.

F. A. Russell, W. A. Nelson and Geo. W. Larue were appointed as a membership committee, and a ladies auxiliary committee of three will be appointed later to assist in bringing the membership of the club up to several hundred.

The question of fixing dues in the new club was left over to the meeting next Tuesday evening, when it is expected a larger number will be present and the members will have an opportunity to decide for themselves what the dues shall be. A suggestion was made that it might be a good plan to have two or three classes of dues, one for business men, another for men who are not engaged in business for themselves and perhaps a third for the ladies. This will all be decided next Tuesday evening.

A committee consisting of Mayor Tift, E. M. Woodin and J. Hugh Sherkey was appointed to draw up by-laws for the club. Before the next meeting President Lippitt will prepare a list for the executive and other committees which he may deem necessary and will present the names to the club for ratification.

Tuesday evening, February 13, at 7:30 o'clock, is the time for the next meeting when the organization of the club will be completed. The meeting will be held in the court house and several expressed a desire to see the room filled.

A club room with a place for amusement as well as the commercial work of the club was discussed by M. J. Maloney, but no action was taken. Many questions of importance will be up at the next and succeeding meetings of the club and a large attendance is desired.

OTTO DUNN BURIED IN ARIZONA.

Served With Army in the Philippines Several Years Ago.

Just as his mother was leaving Colfax to go to his bedside, Otto Dunn died at the home of his uncle, Wm. J. Dunn at Boise, Arizona, on Thursday of last week. The telegram announcing his death came a few hours before she intended to start.

The young man who was 35 years of age, went to Arizona three weeks ago for his health but contracted a severe cold on the trip and death resulted from consumption shortly after his arrival there. He served in the United States army in the Philippines and was sick in that country but improved in health after returning to the states until last summer when he was taken worse. Burial was at Boise last Friday.

YELLOWSTONE PARK PICTURES.

Instructive Lecture at High School Next Friday Evening.

A stereopticon lecture will be given at the High school Friday evening, February 16, on the Yellowstone National park. The slides have been secured from the Northern Pacific Railway company, and are said to be excellent views of this great region. A small admission of 10 cents will be charged to cover the expressage of the films. Everyone is cordially invited.

Officers for New Company.

Eugene Brown, manager of the company recently incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000 for the purpose of manufacturing his patented sack hoisting device, is in Spokane purchasing machinery and material. His shop has been remodeled and active manufacturing will begin within a few days. The officers elected at a meeting of the stockholders Tuesday are: P. B. Stravens, president; Seymour Manning, treasurer; J. C. Monahan, secretary; Eugene Brown, manager.