

## HAY TO WORK WITH PICK AND SHOVEL

### NAMES "GOOD ROADS DAY" AND PROMISES TO PRACTICE WHAT HE PREACHES.

Olympia, Feb. 14.—In order to decide as to the best date for holding "Good Roads Day," Gov. M. E. Hay has addressed a letter to Jno. M. McCaw, engineer of Whitman county, and also to the engineers of all the other counties of the state asking their opinion on the matter, and whether April 12, would be too early for work on the roads, as all citizens are expected on this day not only to talk good roads but to actually get out and work on them with a shovel, pick, spade, or behind a team hauling dirt, gravel or road machinery. If possible, the governor would like to have April 12, set for Good Roads Day, as April 11 is Arbor Day and H. B. Dewey, state superintendent of public instruction is advocating the plan of having the two days come together, that is, Arbor Day on the 11th and Good Roads Day on the 12th. Gov. Hay expects to get out and labor on the public roads on that day, as he has promised to spend the day with Senator F. L. Stewart of Kelso, and will get out and labor with the rest of the citizens on the roads of Cowlitz county. If April 12 is not too early in the year for such work Good Roads Day will be set for that date.

**Agents Receive Commission.**  
It is legal for the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific Coast, with headquarters in San Francisco, to send out circulars announcing that insurance agents handling board business only would be paid a commission of from 15 to 25 per cent, while those handling board and non-board business would receive not to exceed 15 per cent, according to a recent opinion given by W. V. Tanner, attorney general, who holds that the issuance of the circular would not be an effort to combine or to control rates, and there is nothing in the statutes of Washington to prevent a company paying a higher commission to one agent than to another.

**Big Inheritance Tax.**  
Over \$26,000 was collected by the state tax commission in inheritance tax from the estate of Michael J. Heney, the Alaska promoter, whose estate was appraised at over \$744,000. This is the largest inheritance tax ever received by the state treasury.

**Bogus Agent Goes To Jail.**  
When a man passes himself off as an agent for a company with which he is not connected in any way and sells stock of that company, he is liable to be sent to jail, according to a ruling made by the supreme court in a Seattle case where a man represented himself as an agent for the Coos Bay Coal Company and sold stock for the company, altho he had no interest in the concern. The supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court which sentenced him to a term in prison.

**Rates in Legal Tangle.**  
It is set up in the complaints in the suits filed by the Great Northern and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroads asking for a review of the recent public service commission order putting into effect a joint rate to South Tacoma, that the public service commission consisting of Commissioners Jones and Lee had no right to issue the order since the testimony was taken before Commissioner H. A. Fairchild, deceased, J. C. Lawrence, who has resigned and Jesse B. Jones. They claim that the majority of the commission was changed by the death of Fairchild and therefore its orders are not effective where the present commissioners did not hear all the testimony. If this contention is right it may result in the knocking out of the distributive rate order recently put into effect by the commission, which has cost the commission more than a year's time and several thousands of dollars in obtaining evidence.

**Institutions Save Money.**  
Several vexing problems were straightened out, and a set of rules and regulations adopted for handling the business matters along more systematic lines, at the meeting of the heads of eleven of the state institutions which was held in Olympia at the request of Gov. Hay. A discussion of ways and means of running the state institutions in a more economical manner was had, and Gov. Hay insists that a better showing should be made this year than last, altho the records last year was the best in the history of the state. It was also arranged at the meeting to have 25 prisoners deemed worthy of consideration transferred from the state penitentiary to the state reformatory.

**KERR-GIFFORD MEN PROMOTED.**  
B. F. Owsley Goes to Walla Walla to Become Traveling Agent.

Several changes in the management of the eastern Washington district will be made by the Kerr-Gifford company in the next few days. B. F. Owsley, who has been district manager for the territory north of the

Snake river to Spokane, will go to Walla Walla to become traveling agent for the company in the Inland Empire. L. W. Lanning, formerly manager of the Colfax office, will succeed Mr. Owsley as district manager and Ira Camp will come here from LaCrosse to manage the Colfax office. Mr. Owsley succeeds M. A. Leach, former traveling agent, who has resigned. Mr. Owsley has already gone to Walla Walla and will move his family there after school closes.

**GIRLS GOOD AMATEUR ACTORS.**  
College Students Get Warm Welcome in Colfax.

Days of Puritan simplicity shortly after the arrival of the first English settlers to America were portrayed in a realistic manner by State College students in "A Rose O' Plymouth Town" last Friday evening. Only one or two shows the present season have attracted a larger attendance at the Ridgeway theater. Miss Melcina LaFollette, as the Rose of the Plymouth colony, was remarkably strong in her part and Miss Winnifred Windus, as Resolute Story, also did well. They were supported by a caste with abilities as amateur actors. Miss LaFollette is a daughter of Congressman LaFollette and Miss Windus is a Colfax girl who has shown dramatic ability in high school plays.

## UTOPIA ROAD WILL OPEN FERTILE VALLEY

### ORCHARDS AND GARDENS WILL HAVE LIGHT AND POWER INSTEAD OF RAGING FLOODS.

The survey for the extension of the Utopia road has been completed and the right of way has been secured. This extension opens a water grade route up the North Palouse river from Colfax to Glenwood, making one of the most beautiful driveways in the Palouse country. Protected by the sloping hills and the steep bluffs, it winds around the banks of the river for a distance of nearly six miles, connecting with the Lyons road at the bridge near Glenwood. This gives a direct outlet to Elberton, Garfield and other points northeast from Colfax.

Heretofore, there has been much inconvenience to settlers in the Palouse Valley, as well as those on the adjacent table lands, for want of a direct outlet to Colfax, west, and especially to points east, north and southeast. To furnish this outlet was the original design of the Utopia road, but difficulty in securing the right-of-way has delayed this extension for several years.

But the afore mentioned settlers will not be the only beneficiaries of this road, as the same will be used by the public generally and by the people of Colfax particularly, as a scenic driveway of unexcelled beauty, where picnic parties may have access to the shady groves and cooling springs which everywhere abound along the whole length of the road. In the course of time, no doubt, this road will be macadamized, as abundance of material may be found at the foot of the basaltic bluffs and in the river bed ready to be distributed as soon as the road is properly drained and graded. Only one bridge will be needed the entire length and that but a short one, whose cost will be inconsiderable.

And it will not be difficult to understand the further possibilities of this favored locality when the great irrigation project, now under consideration, will have been carried to a successful issue.

Power and light can be cheaply distributed throughout its length and the raging floods which occasionally ravages the low, level tracts along the stream will be a thing of the past. Orchards and gardens and meadows will receive, at the proper season, the benefits of the life-giving waters that once poured through the valley in a turbid and wasteful flood on its way to the ocean.

Thus the dream of some of the far-sighted citizens of Colfax and the settlers of the North Palouse is in a fair way to be realized, and the not far distant future will see a continuous line of beautiful homes from Colfax to Glenwood, that will be the pride of the country.

**Put on Special Stock Train.**  
It has been definitely decided by the O-W. R. & N. company to put on a special stock train weekly from Tekoa to Portland. The train will leave Monday mornings at 9 a. m. and will run over the Pleasant Valley branch. Stock on the main line between Seltice and Winona and the Moscow branch will be taken on the No. 57 to Winona where it will be connected with the special and will arrive in Portland several hours sooner and consequently in better condition, than when shipped by local and through freight as formerly. The time for starting the first special stock train has not been decided.

**Railroad Planks Crossing.**  
W. Connelly, division superintendent of the O-W. R. & N. company was in this city a few days ago and approved the request of the city council for a plank crossing at Cooper street. While here Mr. Connelly also agreed to plank the crossings on Last and Main streets.

**Deuchman to Build Garage.**  
The contract for the new garage to be erected by Freeman and McClintock has been let to P. R. Deuchman.

## INLAND PROPOSES UNUSUAL OFFER

### COMPANY WILLING TO PAY FOR PRIVILEGES--SUNDAY CLOSING UP TO COUNCIL.

How anxious is the Spokane and Inland Empire Railway company to build up a warehouse district on the west side of Main street between their new depot and the Codd bridge? From the offers made by the officials of the company when in town Monday it would seem they are very anxious.

The plan suggested is this: If the city will permit the railway company to use the sidewalk around the freight depot for teams and drays while loading and unloading freight and will permit the company to build a sidewalk with curved depression for gutter instead of the regulation curb, and of the same material as the paving, on the west side of Main street between their depot and the Codd bridge, in return the company will place steel beams and decking to remove the ugly jag in the Main street bridge next the court house making that side of the bridge in a straight line with the rest of the street and will construct a concrete sidewalk all the way on the east side of the street between the two bridges. This suggestion was made to the city officials Monday for their consideration and an official of the company, with power to act, will be here next Monday to meet with the council for the purpose of closing some deal whereby the company can have unhampered use of the sidewalk abutting on the railroad property.

Temporary permission has been given the railroad company for ten days to allow drays to drive over the sidewalk to the freight depot.

Rev. J. H. Bainton appeared before the council Monday evening and asked that all show houses and pool rooms be closed on Sundays. The petition which he presented bore 374 names. He stated that he was not asking for favors for the churches but he was asking for a square deal for the 12 religious organizations of the city. The petition was referred to the police committee with instructions for a report at the next meeting.

It has been found the ordinance intended to compel railroad companies to maintain a light at every railroad crossing in the city is unconstitutional and cannot be enforced in its present form. However, it is believed the companies can be compelled to maintain lights during the time of the ordinance and it is believed the ordinance will be amended. As a matter of information it was stated that the inland company had complied with the provisions of the original ordinance.

An ordinance providing for the payment of bonds to the amount of \$47,000 against the city passed final reading and was ordered published. Payments amounting to \$15,849 have been made on the assessments for the paving and this sum was ordered turned over to the Warren Construction company.

The meeting next Monday night will be called at 7 o'clock on account of the K. of P. minstrel show that night.

## PNEUMONIA TAKES ANOTHER WHITMAN COUNTY PIONEER

### HAD LIVED NEAR COLFAX FOR 32 YEARS--SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN.

John Long, aged 65 years, died at his home south of this city Saturday from pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Bruning undertaking parlors Monday morning, the service being in charge of Rev. Mr. Rice, an old friend of Mr. Long. Burial was in the Colfax cemetery in charge of the Knights of Pythias.

He leaves one brother, Allen Long, of Elgin, Oregon, and four sisters, Miss Rena Long and Mrs. Jane Halgarth of Elgin, Oregon, Mrs. Juliet Tanbrook of Haines, Oregon, and Mrs. Mary Leabo, of Lebanon, Oregon; also, five children, Mrs. Sam Wheeler, Mrs. Burt Gray, Chas. Long, Jacob Long and Lemuel Long to mourn their loss.

He joined the Knights of Pythias April 27, 1889, becoming a member of the Colfax lodge by initiation. The grand lodge rank was conferred on him in May, 1890.

John Long was born in Noble county, Indiana, in 1846. He came from there to the Willamette valley where he was married in 1868 to Frances Ham. In 1871 he moved to the Grande Ronde valley where he resided for nine years and then came to Whitman county where he has since resided on a farm five miles southwest of Colfax.

**Building Prospects Are Good.**  
Calling at the office of J. R. Good & Co. in this city a Gazette representative found them working on plans for several new buildings. Mr. Good said, "We are receiving many inquiries and the prospect for work is better this season than for many years. Many of the inquiries are from farmers who are planning to take advantage of the low cost of material."

## CLUB STARTS WITH SNAP AND VIGOR

### COMMERCIAL BODY PLANS RECEPTION FOR VISITING DELEGATES.

Alton Tredick, manager of the Bungalow, base ball fan and all round booster, has been appointed secretary of the Colfax Commercial club at a salary of \$20 a month. He began his duties Tuesday evening and from the way work is piling up he will earn his salary and then some. President Lippitt reports a "bushel" of mail every day. The secretary is authorized to collect dues and 115 members had been received before the close of the meeting at the court house Tuesday evening. The membership committee has spent but three hours of active work, and that by only one man. It is expected the membership will be doubled or trebled before the next meeting.

By-laws were adopted fixing the dues at \$8 a year for business men and \$3 a year for others. H. G. DePledge made a strong plea for higher dues as he declared the club would need much more money. To show his willingness to accompany his ideas with the cash Mr. DePledge had already signed for a membership in both classes, thereby fixing his own dues at \$11.

A board of managers consisting of 9 members will have charge of the active, everyday interests of the club. The board of managers will consist of the president, secretary, mayor, and six others to be elected by the club. On the recommendation of President Lippitt managers were elected as follows: C. L. MacKenzie, Charles R. Larue and John Bloom for a term of two years and J. A. Perkins, F. A. Russell and H. G. DePledge for a term of one year. Weekly meetings will be held by the managers and much of the routine business will be transacted in that way. Dolph Coolidge was elected treasurer of the club.

A ladies auxiliary committee was appointed to work in connection with the membership committee. The ladies named were Mrs. G. W. Larue, Mrs. C. B. Morely and Mrs. E. D. E'dredge.

Paul Pattison suggested the best advertising that can be done for a city is to welcome and entertain delegates who come to the various conventions. A meeting is to be held on the first two days of March for the purpose of interesting the government in developing a conservation project for the North Palouse. This meeting will be attended by Governor Hay and delegates from Franklin and Adams counties as well as by people living all along the Palouse river in Whitman county. A county meeting of the Farmers' Union, which will probably be attended by several hundred farmers, will be held in Colfax early in March. It was Mr. Pattison's suggestion that these visitors be given a cordial reception. Acting on these lines the president appointed the newly elected board of managers of the club as a committee to devise ways and means for entertainment.

Another event which will soon receive the attention of the club is the annual horse show to be held about the middle of April.

Suggestions of a business men's club in connection with the Commercial club were given slight consideration at this time owing to the fact that commercial work is appearing so rapidly that the entire energies of the club will be needed along those lines for the present. Arrangements for permanent quarters for the club and perhaps a social club in connection will be taken up later.

## FORMER COLFAX BOY KILLED.

### Milton Harding's Motor Cycle Collided With Meat Wagon.

Milton Harding, born in Colfax and a resident of this city during his boyhood years, died in Portland February 3 as the result of a motor cycle accident in which his skull was fractured. He was a partner with his brother in the motor cycle business and while returning to his work after going home to lunch on February 1, the motor cycle which he was riding, collided with a meat wagon and he was thrown to the pavement fracturing his skull at the base of the brain. He died at St. Vincent's hospital two days later.

The young man, 29 years of age, was a son of Mrs. L. D. Harding. For some time he was a night operator with the O-W. R. & N. and had been located at Riparia, LaCrosse and Winona. He was buried at Oregon City beside his father who died a number of years ago.

**Pay Car Restored.**  
After being in the barn for several years the Inland pay car is again making its regular monthly trips over the system. Trainmaster J. F. Ganaway was in charge of the special train which rolled into Colfax last Friday night bringing the "where-with-all" to the local employees of the company. The party remained in town over night. The monthly special train will also bring station supplies as well as the "dough."

## K. OF P. MINSTREL PROGRAM.

Entertainment Monday Promises to Outshine Previous Performances.

Following is the program which has been prepared for the Knights of Pythias minstrel show which is to be given at the Ridgeway Monday evening, February 19:

Opening Overture.....Chorus  
"For All Eternity".....Antonio Scotti  
"Lord Have Mercy On a Married Man".....Geo. Primrose  
"Just Because I'm from Missouri".....Len Spencer  
"Mammy's Shufflin' Dance".....Harry Lauder  
"Doan You Cry My Honey".....K. P. Quartette  
"You'll Have to Take Me Home Tonight".....Hi Henry  
"Three for Jack".....Morcel Journet  
"What the Engine Done".....Lew Dockstadter  
"I'm Alabama Bound".....Joe Green  
O.L.I.O.

Slack Wire.....Geo. St. Leon  
Musical Specialty.....Siegel & Barton  
Drill.....K. of P. Drill Team  
Monologue.....Cal Stewart  
Song and Dance.....Collins & Harlin  
Marconi's Wireless Message.....John Cort Company

## COLFAX RIFLE TEAM DEFEATS W. S. C. STARS

### GOOD SHOOTING RECORD MADE ON LOCAL INDOOR RANGE MONDAY NIGHT.

Again Colfax riflemen have shown their superiority on the indoor range. A match with the Rifle Club of the State college at Pullman was held Monday evening, the College boys shooting on their own range with Rosco Phipps of the Colfax Rifle Club present and the Colfax club shooting at the Ireland gallery in the presence of a representative of the Pullman team.

The College range is 50 feet and the Colfax range is 60 feet, but the Colfax club gave their opponents the handicap in distance and also allowed them 10 shots standing and 10 shots prone, while the Colfax team shot off-hand.

Colfax won the match, making a total of 1794 points while the W. S. C. team made a total of 1732 points.

Following is the score of each man out of a possible 200:

T. A. Ireland.....	195
R. W. Phipps (on Pullman range).....	194
Ike Williams.....	189
Geo. L. Cornelius.....	184
J. L. Irwin.....	183
Art Richardson.....	180
Ora Slate.....	173
Dr. W. A. Mitchell.....	169
John Fitzpatrick.....	167
Herb Moller.....	160
Total.....	1794

### W. S. C. Rifle Club.

Woodward.....	183
Kimm.....	181
Sparling.....	178
Stewart.....	177
Newman.....	176
Jones.....	173
Melcher.....	170
Gwe.....	167
Bonney.....	164
Stone.....	162
Total.....	1732

Last year the College team was third in a contest with 22 teams.

A match was held on the fair grounds Wednesday between members of the Colfax team, Dr. McBride of Moscow was also present and took part.

## INTERESTING THE GOVERNMENT

### Delegates from Franklin County Urge Palouse Project.

Several special representatives have been sent from Franklin county to Washington, D. C., to interest the government in the proposed Palouse project. W. H. Miller, who went as a delegate from Connell returned the first of the week. Mr. Miller says:

"It is my opinion that the construction and completion of the Palouse irrigation project will be realized within a very few years, if continued efforts are put forth in that direction."

"A great deal has been accomplished at Washington in the furtherance of the cause of irrigation for Franklin county lands by the delegation sent to the capital for that purpose. We received more encouragement than expected."

Pasco people are interested in the meeting called by Governor Hay to be held in Colfax, March 2, and the Commercial club of that place promises to send a good delegation.

C. T. Gletztanner is the representative of Pasco in Washington, D. C., and reports encouraging news. Dr. E. W. White, who was delegated by the commissioners of Franklin county to go to Washington, returned last week with the Connell delegation, and stated that they had met with encouragement. The promise had been made in several quarters that as soon as the funds were available the needs of central Washington would not be forgotten.

**Colfax Ships Fancy Eggs.**  
Not long ago a trip to the express office would reveal many crates of fancy birds and eggs for hatching being shipped into Colfax. This is now changed and now the reverse is observed. Yesterday four crates of fancy birds and more than 100 eggs for hatching were at one of the express offices billed to outside points by Colfax fanciers. The Whitman County Poultry show has had much to do with changing the condition in the last two years.

## UNION HAS MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE

### WOULD ESTABLISH BIG STORE AND CONTROL ALL FARMERS' TELEPHONES IN COUNTY.

There is nothing small about the number of schemes in the embryo state in the innermost circles of the Farmers' unions of Whitman county. This week a new one has piped in the incubator. It is the control of all the farmers' telephone lines of the county. Eggs were put to hatch in the different locals of the county. Tests have been made in the last two weeks and in such places as the germs were found fertile, delegates were sent to Colfax and an enthusiastic meeting was held Wednesday.

Pacific Telephone and Telephone company men were informed they were not wanted at the meeting; they, however, were persistent and succeeded in getting within ear shot of the proceedings.

The proposed plan is to incorporate all of the farmers' lines of the county in one company with exchanges at Colfax and other points and the regular monthly charge to include service to any point in the county without any additional cost. The promoters of the plan believe a rate can be maintained that will be no higher for county service than is paid at present for local service in Colfax. At the present time all kinds of contracts for different periods and different charges are in force and because of the different rates much dissension has arisen. The proposed plan is to put every telephone in the county on the same basis.

The meeting was a lively one and there was no lack of enthusiastic talkers. Many signed a document to show their good faith in the co-operative scheme and a meeting was called to be held at Garfield February 27 at which time delegates from all the telephone districts of the county will be present for the purpose of forming an organization. The 36 lines centering in Colfax have chosen John Bloom as their delegate to the meeting.

Representatives of the Pacific Telephone company say they have the assurance of many farmers of Colfax and vicinity that they are with the old company.

### Store Comes Next.

The Union has advanced so far on the proposed organization of a company to conduct a union store under the Roachdale system that an option has been taken on the whole main floor of the Pioneer building, owned by Livingstone & Kuhn. The option is good until April 1. The plan is to sell one membership for \$100 to each of 500 men and it is understood the company will not begin operation unless 500 men can be secured to go into the enterprise. Two weeks ago the proposed company received a good start and at the meeting last Saturday enough more went in to secure the taking of about \$30,000 of the capital stock. Leaders in the movement in the union say the scheme will be on a sound basis or it will never be launched. The plan of operation includes a 30-days settlement either by cash or note, and profits to be no price-cutting and all profits will be distributed in the form of dividends.

Another act of the union at the meeting last Saturday was to increase the order for sacks placed with Balfour-Guthrie company two weeks previous, from 300,000 to 348,000. The price was \$7.50 per hundred.

A committee consisting of F. B. Rogers, Sam Lyons and Claude Holdingsworth was appointed to look up the twin business.

Tuesday, March 5, at 10 o'clock a. m. is the time set for a meeting to be held at the A. O. U. W. hall in Colfax for the purpose of organizing the mercantile company under the Roachdale system of co-operation.

## PIONEER'S FATHER DEAD.

### Jacob Dycheman Lived to Ripe Age of 83 Years.

Old age was the cause of death of Jacob Dycheman at the home of his son Martin Dycheman, seven miles southwest of this city Wednesday morning. He came to America from Germany 35 years ago and at the time of his death was 83 years of age. For a number of years he had divided his time between Kansas and the home of his son in this county. Martin Dycheman has been a resident of this county for 30 years.

Funeral services were held at the Bruning undertaking parlors Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Bainton officiating. Burial was in the Colfax cemetery. Besides the son above mentioned another son and two daughters live in the east.

## Justice Doolittle Performs Ceremony.

Ethel Stone of Spokane and Frank St. Clair of Wallace, Idaho, were married last Saturday by Justice Doolittle. The ceremony took place at the Hotel Colfax.

## Saturday Business Was Good.

Some idea of the number of people who visited Colfax may be gained from the fact that the morning train on the Inland brought 46 passengers to this city Saturday morning.