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POLITICS OR NO POLITICS.

An article regarding the county
classification appearing in the Com-
moner of last week was such a gross
misrepresentation of fact that Sheriff
Carter has seen fit to give the true
situation on one point. His letter
will be found on this page.

In the same article Sheriff Carter
is accused of presenting a bunch of
affidavits that "had not been signed
nor sworn to." The fact of the case
is the papers which he presented con-
tained signed statements that over
150 residents had not been enumer-
ated in the federal census.

The Gazette is not fighting for or
against a change in the classification
of Whitman county and it is neither
censuring nor praising the county of-
ficers for the part they have taken in
the contest, but, when a newspaper
writer says the republicans are on
one side and the democrats on the
other, he is saying what he knows is
untrue.

Two republican commissioners
passed on the classification matter as
the democratic member of the board
was in California at the time and did
not return until three days after the
hearing, although the date of the
hearing had been fixed three months
before. What evidence the commis-
sioners considered in reaching their
conclusion appears in the official pro-
ceedings of the board published in
this paper.

Aside from the evidence which was
presented and considered the board
has on file three petitions from dif-
ferent parts of the county asking that
the board make no order lowering the
classification of the county. One
petition from Rosalia is signed by 64
men, all residents and taxpayers in
the county. The Lamont Commercial
club in a letter to the commissioners
say their club is neither democratic
or republican but in scathing words
they ask the commissioners to "turn
down the proposition" of changing
the classification. From Garfield is a
petition asking the board to "make
no order for the purpose of lowering
the classification." This petition was
signed by R. C. Bellus, A. P. Johnson,
E. J. Byrne, L. M. Carson, Claude
Westcott and other prominent busi-
ness men and farmers, 29 in all.

These petitions were not consid-
ered at the hearing. We mention the
fact that they are on file, simply to
show that others besides county of-
ficers believed Whitman county is
rightfully in the seventh class and
are unwilling to see it changed.
Democrats as well as republicans
signed the petitions.

Auditor S. M. McCroskey says,
"From my view point it is not a po-
litical affair."

A prominent member and officer in
the Farmers Union says, "I don't be-
lieve this classification business will
be carried any farther. We are get-
ting tired of it."
The commissioners have made
their decision. The prosecuting at-
torney says the commissioners have
the authority. Why not let it drop?

HUMAN LIFE VS. HANDCAR.

Is a handcar worth more than a
human life? Is it well to take a des-
perate chance of losing a life to save
a handcar? These questions arise
from the accident at LaCrosse last
week when a Greek laborer lost his
life while trying to remove a handcar
from the track in front of a train
running at full speed. It is true the
work of a section man includes tak-
ing long chances with death; but are
these men, who spend a part of near-
ly every day of the year on handcars,
properly protected?

The utter lack of protection for
handcar men was shown in the nar-
row escape of the county coroner and
the investigation committee while re-
turning from the scene of the acci-
dent which resulted in the death of
the Greek. Thomas Brown, editor of

the Clipper and one of the committee
of LaCrosse business men appointed
to conduct the inquiry, says:
"Righteous indignation was ex-
pressed by the committee who were
thankful to escape with their lives. If
no better protection is given to track
employees, the wonder is that they
have any section men at all. The in-
vestigation brought to light the as-
tonishing fact, that the company is
liable to discharge a foreman who
loses a handcar, and this accounts in
a measure for the desperate chances
taken by the section men in trying to
save this piece of property."

A SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.

Colfax now has a live Commercial
club. It is up to everyone of us to
do our part to keep it alive and a
factor for good. There is plenty of
work to be done. The city park is
yet uncompleted, we have no public
library, proposed railroad extension
may need encouragement, the Pa-
louse irrigation and power project is
in its infancy, correspondence is re-
ceived almost daily from people at a
distance who are either seeking in-
vestment, work or a business loca-
tion. All these things and many
more need attention. If you are not
already a member of the club, it is
not too late to join.

PICTURESQUE HIGHWAY.

The proposed extension of the
Utopia road from Colfax up the banks
of the North Palouse to Glenwood,
as surveyed by County Engineer
John M. McCaw this week, will be
one of the most picturesque drives
in Whitman county. Few people
realize what a beauty spot it is. Col-
fax, like most other towns of eastern
Washington, does not have an over-
supply of natural beauty spots. Here
is one yet almost unknown. The
opening of the proposed road will
mean much to the people of this city.

Not only from an aesthetic view
point but from a commercial side as
well the road will be of value. It
makes a direct way for the people of
Glenwood and vicinity to come to
this city and should be extended on
to Elberton. With the development
of the irrigation and power project on
the North Palouse its value will be
enhanced many times.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

The state tax commission has just
issued a statement that shows the
taxes levied for all purposes in 1911
amounted to \$29,030,000 which is in
round numbers an increase of about
\$2,000,000 over 1910. The taxpayer,
and this means every citizen, should
be interested in knowing what be-
comes of his money and how it is
spent. About \$5,000,000 goes for
state purposes and out of the total
for state purposes two millions are
spent for schools and about one mil-
lion for highways, so it will be seen
that there is, figuratively speaking,
but a small amount devoted to state
administration expenses when the
cost of keeping the state's wards in
the eleven state institutions is also
deduced.

The big part of the increase has
been levied in the counties outside
of the municipalities. Thus it will
be seen that a big portion of the
taxes is spent, not by the far removed
branches of government, but by the
local officials.

Now the people of this state, each
and every one of them, man, woman
and child, is paying about \$29 a year
for taxation purposes. This is at the
rate of about \$2.50 a month. Less
than 50 cents of this goes for state
purposes and of that about thirty
cents is spent for roads and schools.
The other two dollars and more is
spent by the local officials.

The improvement of farm crops
through the selection of right seed is
a modern and essential element in
agricultural progress. To select bet-
ter seed is the farmer's mission, and
it is one of the best investments that
he can make.

More small farmers, or more in-
tense cultivation of small tracts, is
the aim of the commercial club at
Eugene, Oregon. The idea is not a
bad one for Whitman county.

Work on the great fortress on Flamen-
co island, which will guard the
Pacific entrance to the Panama canal,
is to begin at once, under orders is-
sued by the war department.

Next Thursday, February 22, is the
birthday anniversary of George
Washington. Do not hesitate to dis-
play the American flag in honor of
"The Father of His Country."

China is a republic. Three edicts
were issued this week, the first pro-
claiming the throne abdicated, the
second establishing the republic and
the third urging peace.

Colfax people should boost for
home products. The K. of P. Min-
strel show next Monday night is one
of them.

Don't forget the K. of P. Minstrels
next Monday evening.

There is no subject, no matter
whether important or unimportant,
upon which everybody can agree.

Homer Davenport says Champ
Clark has the strongest face in the
political game. Open or closed?

Some people use the "double cross"
so often that if not careful they will
use it on themselves.

FROM OTHER VIEW POINTS

Tiding Over the Unemployed.

New York City has a larger contin-
ent of unemployed that must be
looked after during the winter
months than any other American
city. One of the tide-over methods,
which the municipal board of chari-
ties of New York is trying, is the
farm colony. The farm colony, as its
name implies, is industrial—it af-
fords industrial opportunity, but not
exclusively agricultural. The indus-
tries of such a colony are varied and
numerous. There is such a commu-
nity on Staten Island, the facilities of
which have been greatly overtaxed
during the past winter. It seems
that this colony is a resource that has
solved certain phases of the unem-
ployed problem. There are other
phases, of course, which it will not
solve, but the farm colony—an in-
dustrial community that offers food
and comfort in exchange for ser-
vices—is in the right way of hand-
ling the submerged tenth problem.—
Baltimore American.

What Is to Be Gained?

We want to arise and ask the fol-
lowing question: "What is to be
gained in the proposed reduction in
the classification of Whitman county?"
The most that we can see is a
saving of a few hundred dollars and
a lowering of efficiency in the of-
fices. Just stop and think! A bunch
of county commissioners attending to
affairs of a six million dollar corpo-
ration and getting \$4 per day! It
means that in a short time the job
would be held by incompetents or
grifters. And a county superinten-
dent at \$1,200; what folly! Why,
the poorest paid principals draw as
much. Raise the standard of effi-
ciency and pay the salaries that are
equivalent. None of the county of-
ficers are overpaid.—Malden Register.

Covet Not.

Warnings against the attempt of
certain Americans along the border
to foster the movement designed to
extend the United States dominion
100 or so miles further to the south
are timely. Even if our experience
in endeavoring to assimilate the dark
races has not already been cloying
Mexico is a poor place to try further
experimentation. We shall exercise
much wisdom if we let Mexico settle
her own troubles, even if we have to
wait some time and sacrifice some
dollars in the waiting. Covetousness,
in any event, should not lead us into
the acquisition of a foot of Mexican
territory.—Tacoma News.

Thinking It Over.

T. J. O'Day of Malden was in town
Monday en route to Colfax. While
here he was asked by several friends
to consider making the race for rep-
resentative to the state legislature.
Mr. O'Day remarked that such had
not entered his mind but that he
would take it under advisement and
would answer later.—Rosalia Citizen-
Journal.

Not As of Old.

Now that Teddy is satisfied to place
himself into the hands of his friends,
it must be conceded that he is not the
same personage he was a few years
ago. Heretofore he has been un-
willing to have anything done that
he did not do himself.—Bellingham
Reveille.

Getting Late.

There are less than 100 candidates
out for the various state offices up to
the present time. Do the would-be can-
didates realize that the primaries are
to be held in September.—Olympian.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Free Tolls for American Ships.
To the Editor of the Colfax Ga-
zette:

A great question is now before the
Congress. Shall the American govern-
ment charge the American people any
tolls, for passage through the Pan-
ama Canal of American ships, man-
naged by Americans, loaded with
American products, shipped from one
American port to another American
port?

Our government has spent millions
of dollars annually improving our
rivers and harbors. No thought has
ever been entertained that the cost of
such improvements should be born
solely by the people who use them.
By law, no tolls are charged through
any government-owned canal in this
country. The great Soo Canal, be-
tween Lakes Michigan and Huron,
through which passes the heaviest
tonnage in the world, is free. The
Erie Canal, which, when enlarged as
the present law contemplates, is free.
When completed, this canal will have
cost New York about \$200,000,000—
one-half the cost of the Panama
Canal. What would the citizens of
New York, and the whole American
people say if the cost of improving
the channels, that lead from New
York harbor to the sea, was assessed
against the traffic passing through?
And yet there is grave probability,
unless immediate steps are taken by
the American people, that a toll will
be charged through the Panama
Canal for our products going to Gulf
of Mexico, or Atlantic Coast ports,
and the necessities of life which we

use, that are produced or manufac-
tured in the East.

The people of Colfax and vicinity
and in fact all of Eastern Washing-
ton, are seriously affected by this
question. It is to their particular in-
terest that the things they produce
shall be widely distributed, and at as
low rates as possible.

Your wool, hops, and especially
your apples should not be taxed so
that trans-continental railroads
should have the effects of the Canal
—water competition—nullified as
much as possible.

Every citizen of Eastern Washing-
ton should immediately bestir him-
self, every Fruit Association, Farm-
ers Grange, and all civic bodies
should act quickly and in the most
effective manner; the latter by pass-
ing resolutions favoring no tolls for
American shipping and instructing
our Senators and Representatives in
Congress to so vote; the former, in
fact both the members of civic bodies
and citizens, generally, should write
personal letters to your Senators and
Representatives pressing the ques-
tion.

Colfax and Whitman county must
wake up to this question, and do
their best. Quick action is also neces-
sary. Your Senators and Representa-
tives are always alive to the wishes
of their constituents. They are glad
to receive suggestions from them,
and to act accordingly. Let the sug-
gestions flow in, in such numbers that
there can be no doubt as to your
views.

Yours very truly,
W. A. MEAKS,

Manager Transportation Bureau, New
Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Quote Correctly.

To the Editor of the Gazette:
It has been called to my attention
that an article appears in the Com-
moner of February 9th, entitled,
"County Commissioners Say No," in
which I am quoted as saying "He (J.
N. Pickrell) represents the bunch in
the Court House with the exception
of Paul Pattison and Sam McCroskey.
The others agreed to pay their por-
tion of the attorney's fees in the
case, &c." I am not seeking news-
paper notoriety in this case and were
it not for the fact that I have been
misquoted, and I think intentionally
so, I would not reply. I did not say
that Mr. Pickrell represented all the
court house bunch except McCroskey
and Pattison; I said all the boys had
agreed to stand their share of the ex-
pense of determining the classifica-
tion of the county, but if it is as you
state, that McCroskey and Pattison
refuse to help pay the attorney, I will
pay half of it myself rather than have
him go unpaid.

The entire expense of gathering
evidence and employing an attorney
for the hearing before the Commis-
sioners has been borne by all the of-
ficers of the court house, share and
share alike.

Mr. Nessly, through the columns
of the Commoner, can make all the
political buncom out of this he wants
to so far as I am concerned, but
when I am quoted as saying things I
want to be quoted correctly.

G. B. CARTER.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot
reach the diseased portion of the ear.
There is only one way to cure deaf-
ness, and that is by constitutional
remedies. Deafness is caused by an
inflamed condition of the mucous
lining of the Eustachian Tube. When
this tube is inflamed you have a
rumbling sound or imperfect hearing
and when it is entirely closed, Deaf-
ness is the result, and unless the in-
flammation can be taken out and
this tube restored to its normal con-
dition, hearing will be destroyed for-
ever; nine cases out of ten are caused
by Catarrh, which is nothing but an
inflamed condition of the mucous
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