

## WHITMAN COUNTY GIRL MADE GOOD SHOWING

Miss Babinski of Colton Was One of Seven Highest Contestants in State Spelling Contest

Olympia, March 5.—Defeating thirty-three other contestants, Miss Ruth Lindsey, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lindsey of Blaine, who represented Whatcom county in the contest, today won the state-wide spelling match and was awarded the diamond medal emblematic of the honor, offered by Representative J. W. Summers, of Walla Walla, who, with Mrs. Josephine C. Preston, superintendent of public instruction, was instrumental in arranging for the state-wide meet.

Second place was won by Miss Mary Carson, 13 years of age, of Mabton, representing Yakima county. She was awarded a gold medal of honor. She stood up with the winner and competed for first place when the other thirty-two contestants had been eliminated, and when she faltered on the word "pewter" and misspelled it "peuter," the honor of receiving the diamond medal went to Ruth Lindsey, the tiny entrant from Whatcom county. The first place winner was an eighth grade student, while the second-prize winner is a student of the seventh grade.

The spelling contest proved a big success from every standpoint. Owing to press of legislative business it could not be held in the house chamber as was originally planned, but was held in the Methodist Episcopal church. Ferry, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties were the only counties failing to send representatives, leaving thirty-six contestants.

Two of these, Eunice McAlpine, of Benton county, and Eulah Ledgerwood, of Garfield county, did not come to Olympia owing to sickness, leaving thirty-four contestants, of whom twenty-three were girls and eleven boys.

A written test consisting of 25 words was first given, the words being pronounced by Mrs. Blanch A. Nagel, of the office of superintendent of public instruction.

An oral test followed, each contestant being given 25 words. At the close of this test Mrs. Preston, who presided, announced the seven highest contestants, or those who had not missed a written or oral word. These seven included Kenneth Ferguson, of Lincoln county; Hugh B. White, of Pierce county; Elizabeth Culman, of Snohomish county; Arlie Cruger, of Stevens county; Ruth Lindsey, of Whatcom county; Amelia Babinski, of Whitman county, and Mary Carson, of Yakima county.

A volley of difficult words was fired at these contestants by Mrs. Nagel. The first one to be eliminated was the Snohomish county entrant, who misspelled silica.

The Whitman county girl went down on the word acetylene and Kenneth Ferguson took his seat on the word mineralogy, which left but four contestants.

On the word ubiquity Arlie Cruger, of Stevens, met her defeat, while Hugh B. White, the lone boy contestant, who had won the plaudits of the audience by his brilliant work, fumbled the word incompatible and was eliminated. Mary Carson lost her chance for first place by misspelling pewter, which left Ruth Lindsey the winner, not having missed a word during the afternoon session.

Gov. Lister was present and said a word of welcome to the spellers. The judges were Arthur T. Wilson, assistant superintendent of public instruction; Mrs. Sadie Dickinson, deputy superintendent, and Mrs. Frieda Ifland.

At the close of the contest Representative Summers presented the medals to the winners. The people in the audience were challenged by Representative Summers to compete with the two winners, and the challenge was not taken up.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Christian Science society holds services every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in Masonic hall. Subject of lesson-sermon for next Sunday, "Man." Testimonial meetings are held every first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 o'clock p. m. in Masonic hall. A free reading room is open to the public every Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock, where authorized Christian Science literature may be read or borrowed.

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## EWARTSVILLE

Mrs. C. F. Lybecker and little son Frank, of Meadow Creek, are visiting relatives and friends in this neighborhood.

Jim Lybecker of Spokane spent last week visiting his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Olson and W. A. Lybecker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rucker and little son, Delbert, spent last Wednesday at the W. H. Pritchard home.

V. L. Higgins spent last Wednesday with A. E. Olson.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kane has been quite ill.

Mrs. James Lee and baby of Spokane are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Barbara Haeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henson were called to Spokane last Friday by the death of the four months' old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hubbard, and by the illness of Mr. Henson's mother, Mrs. Hubbard was formerly Miss Ella Henson.

Mrs. C. C. Farr and children who had been visiting at the J. W. Haines home for some time, returned to their home at Everett. They were accompanied by Mrs. Farr's sister, Miss Bernice Haines.

J. S. Klemgard spent a few days of last week on the farm.

Richard Morris, Glenn and Lester Kellogg loaded a car this week for Conrad, Montana, where they have land.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Naffziger and son, Claud, and Millard Naffziger spent last Thursday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pritchard.

Lloyd Story and Lester Brown each have an attack of the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiner and children, who were at the S. L. Brown home during the winter, left the first of the week for North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pritchard were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rucker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder and children were guests at the J. M. Klemgard home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Rucker and children spent from Thursday until Saturday at the home of Mrs. M. E. Rucker.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lyle have returned to the farm after spending the winter in Pullman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lyle have moved to their home after spending the winter months in the R. G. Lyle home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pritchard and children spent Tuesday at the W. H. Pritchard home.

W. H. Pritchard this week purchased a team of fine colts from J. E. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moys returned home Saturday after spending the winter in California.

A large class of candidates were instructed in the first and second degrees at the grange meeting on Monday night.

Mrs. C. O. Slusser and little son spent Wednesday with Mrs. J. M. Klemgard.

J. M. Klemgard this week started his work of assessing.

Mrs. J. R. Fulfs, who is in a Spokane hospital, is reported as slowly improving.

J. M. Klemgard was a business visitor in Colfax two days of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stickler are Spokane visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Paulus have a fine big boy, born Sunday.

Mrs. V. L. Higgins, Mrs. L. R. Rucker and little son, Delbert, spent Wednesday with Mrs. J. M. Klemgard.

Mrs. Roy Meyers and son, Bob, went to Spokane Thursday to join Mr. Meyers. From there they will go to their home at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

A large crowd attended the Chas. Miller sale Wednesday. Everything brought a good price.

Mrs. V. L. Higgins went to Moscow Thursday to be with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Devis, who underwent a very successful operation for goitre.

### LITTLE BODY LAD TO REST

Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Ira N. and Bertha L. Nye, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the United Presbyterian church, in charge of the Rev. Ralph C. Sargent of Tacoma, a brother of Mrs. Nye and formerly pastor of the Pullman Christian church. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, attesting the love and esteem held for the little girl by her many friends. Deceased was born at Pullman on September 3, 1903, and died March 1, 1917. She had been in delicate health for over four years and was confined to her room during the five months previous to her death. The end came quietly and without pain or suffering. Mary was popular with her acquaintances and companions and had a wide circle of friends who had come to love her for her cheerful disposition and winning personality.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY TAX LEAGUE

Will Be Held in Court House at Colfax Wednesday, March 14—Officers to Be Chosen

The following is taken from the current issue of the Tax Bulletin, published by the Whitman County Tax league:

The second annual meeting of the taxpayers in Whitman county will be held at the court house in Colfax on Wednesday, March 14th. All taxpayers in the county are invited to be present. The business of the meeting will be the election of officers for the ensuing year, reports of committees, and all other business as may properly come up at that time. All who have been members for the past year, or are interested in the work of this association, are especially urged to be present.

Your attention is called to the fact that the interest and enthusiasm shown in attending this meeting and approving the work done during the past year will have its proper effect. The officers of the association, excepting the secretary, and all committeemen have served you during the past year without compensation. They have paid their expenses to and from committee meetings without reimbursement. They have given freely and cheerfully of their time and experience and you have been benefited in many ways.

The work is just begun. Legislation is needed to correct many of the present expensive methods of doing business, but what is needed more is the unanimous expression of the taxpayers, as a body, that they are demanding full value in return for every dollar paid in taxes and that they believe they have not heretofore been getting it. If you believe this, come to the meeting on March 14th. This Tax Bulletin will reach only paid members of the association and you are requested to inform your neighbors and friends, who are not members, of what we have done during the past year and ask them to be present at the meeting.

R. F. Bigelow, a member of the finance committee of the league, summarizes its work during the past year, as follows:

It is very fitting that at this time we consider briefly what has been accomplished by the taxpayers' association during the past year.

The reason for the existence of this organization was the constantly increasing amount of taxes asked of all classes of property owners each year. While the taxpayers realized that more was being demanded in the way of public conveniences and advantages, yet there was a feeling that wasteful practices and inefficiencies were responsible in a certain degree for the increasing taxes, and that full value for tax money expended was not being received.

It is not the desire or intention of the association to claim credit for all the savings made during the year 1916, but it is believed that the public sentiment insisting on greater economy and efficiency, and which expressed itself in the organization of this association, is the chief reason for the economies that have been effected during the past year. It is believed that the taxpayers' association has assisted in obtaining this result by co-operating in many matters that might otherwise have been overlooked.

The county auditor's annual report shows the following comparison between the taxes collected in the years of 1915 and 1916: Total tax collected in 1915, \$1,313,343.61; in 1916, \$991,091.35. Comparisons show additional savings to the taxpayers in miscellaneous receipts, current expense accounts, interest paid on current expense warrants and interest paid on school warrants.

It is worthy of note that the current expense account for 1916 against which is charged all the items of operating the county government, will be further reduced in 1917 if the county officials do not exceed the budget allowed them for the year. The secretary of the association places his services and experience at the disposal of the county officials in all matters where he can render assistance in the working out of new systems or ideas that will better enable the county officers to keep within the amounts allowed in the budget for the year. The reduction in the amounts asked by the county officials for incidental office expenses from the amounts asked for in the last year's budget would almost pay the entire expenses of the taxpayers' association for a year.

There is no doubt but that a certain amount of inefficiency is occasioned by cumbersome methods imposed by statute, and which our county officials must follow contrary to their best judgment. It is by con-

certed action of tax leagues throughout the state that legislation will be enacted to protect the taxpayers by doing away with antiquated systems of administering our county affairs. Our association has joined with other associations, and it is hoped that measures will be adopted that will mean further saving to the taxpayers.

The close scrutiny of public expenditures which the association has brought about can not but result in much good, and the people who are living in this county and paying taxes have gained a keener appreciation of the fact that carelessness and waste in public matters react to the detriment of every member of the community, and interfere in a material way with his continued welfare.

### CATERPILLARS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

State College Expert Believes Tractors Would Prove Efficient for Dragging and Grading Roads

The following statement from Prof. O. L. Waller is timely and should be given careful consideration by the commissioners in planning their road program for this year:

"I believe caterpillar tractors used to drag and to grade our roads would be efficient and would save a bunch of money. Possibly some of the lighter tractors would do the work as well. The tractor companies should be invited to demonstrate the possibilities of their machinery. Horse drawn road drags and graders are too slow, do not cover enough mileage per day, are an awkward, cumbersome outfit and waste too much time getting into action, morning and noon, and in getting to their feeding quarters at noon and night, and on account of farm work, can not be used on the road early enough in the spring, when the work can be done more efficiently.

"The tractor people's recent demonstration of some half dozen splendid tractors, to the gas engine students of the State College, convinced me that a lot of money could be saved by using tractors for general road work.

"They could probably be used for dragging the roads to pull road graders, to haul repair materials, etc. They could be in service most of the year.

"The county should call for demonstrations and only after thorough tests and proven efficiency should purchases be made.

"If under test they do not make good, then we must stay with the horse, but if they are able to deliver the goods then Whitman Co. should purchase tractors, organize permanent road maintenance crews and thereby secure all-year-around better roads for less money."

### CITY PLANS MORE SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

As a result of the report to the city council Tuesday evening by Mrs. Myrtle Cardiff, Pullman's only woman councilman and chairman of the committee on sanitation, the septic tank on Guy street in West Pullman will be thoroughly cleaned and more adequate dumping grounds, hidden from the casual human eye, will be provided for the city refuse. Mrs. Cardiff made a thorough investigation of the sanitary conditions surrounding the septic tank and dumping ground and her report showed both to be in deplorable condition.

Attempts will be made by the council to secure a location for a dumping ground at some point removed from sight, where a huge pit can be excavated and the refuse dumped into the pit. Mrs. Cardiff recommended the cleaning up of the present dumping grounds by burning all the refuse that can be destroyed in that way and dumping all the cans and other metal refuse into a pit.

A committee, including City Engineer Myers, was named to select a location for the proposed dumping pit.

### UNIVERSITY CLUB HAS LOTS OF "PEP"

The University club is in a very flourishing condition at the present time and the members are displaying a lot of "pep" in all kinds of athletic, social and mental activities. At a rousing meeting held Tuesday evening, it was decided to accept a challenge from the Senior class for a basket ball game to be played next Monday evening. At the same time an indoor baseball game will be pulled off between teams representing the married and single members of the club.

It was also decided to accept a challenge from the students living in Ferry hall for a checker tournament, Chess, checker and card tournaments, are now being played by members of

the club.

Invitations have been issued by the club for a reception to be held at the club house on Campus afternoon, March 17, from 4:00 to 6:00 o'clock and plans are being made for other social activities during the spring.

The finances of the club are in excellent condition and the indications are that it is now firmly established as one of the most useful organizations connected with the State College.

### RED CROSS WORKERS MUCH ENCOURAGED

Pullman people are responding so liberally to the appeal to help the Red Cross work, that the ladies in charge are much encouraged. The rooms in the Realty company's building, formerly occupied by Dr. Rounds and Archer, have been fitted up with work tables, chairs and two sewing machines, all donated. Telephone and electric light service has also been contributed. The local organization now has over 100 members.

The most pressing need now is for workers and it is hoped that various organizations will offer to work in groups, one or two afternoons a month, or oftener if possible.

Captain F. J. Osterman will give a lecture on "First Aid" next Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 in the Y. W. C. A. room at the college. All interested in Red Cross work are urged to attend.

### SIMPSON M. E. CHURCH

The visit of Bishop Hughes Sunday and Monday evening was greatly enjoyed by everyone who heard him. Sunday night the auditorium was filled to capacity. He said in some places he was known as the son of his father, in others the brother of Bishop Hughes, and at home as the husband of Mrs. Hughes. We, who heard him show up the doubter, expect him to be known to posterity as Bishop Matthew Simpson Hughes. Monday evening 71 men sat down to the banquet which, as usual, was provided by the Ladies' Aid society and was therefore up to expectations. Prof. Thorner acted as chairman and introduced the Bishop first, because he was obliged to leave early. "The Layman's Place and Part in the Kingdom of God" was his theme. F. C. Forrest, J. N. Emerson, Chas. Hunt, and Prof. Pickett responded to the call of the chairman.

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. W. A. Spalding, minister. Sabbath services: Bible school at 9:50 a. m.; divine service at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:15 p. m. Sermon subjects: In the morning, "The Present Day Pressure for Christian Work"; in the evening, "One of Christ's Searching Questions."

### ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. G. Robinson. Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45 a. m.; morning service at 11:00, and evening service at 7:45. A cordial

welcome to all. Mid-week service on Wednesday, for children at 4:15 for all at 7:45.

### EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Church 1007 State street. Rev. P. J. Randolph, B.D., pastor. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. English service at 11:00 a. m. German service at 3:00 p. m. at Presbyterian church. Special music and singing by the German department of the State College. You are cordially invited.

The annual May Fete at the State College of Washington will this spring be in the nature of a Greek festival. Grecian costumes, dances being the main features. The women's organizations on the campus will be asked to co-operate. Miss Kate Argo has been placed in charge.

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You will need some trees, shrubs and roses in order to beautify your home and garden. Call Harold Mischel, phone 2154. mch2-9

FOR SALE—Burbank and Gold Coin seed potatoes. Unusually clean and free from disease. Inquire of W. K. Whitaker, phone 2324 or Geo. Severance, phone 1823. mch2-23

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FOR SALE—The quarter section of land one mile west of Pullman known as the H. M. Aten estate. Terms: \$5000 down, balance on long time to suit purchaser. For information see F. E. Sanger, attorney for the estate. Ella M. Aten, Administratrix. Jan12ft

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