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PULLMAN SHIVERS IN ARCTIC WEATHER

Thermometers Register Twenty-six Below Downtown Early Wednesday Morning—Sixteen Below Wednesday Night

With thermometers on Main street registering 26 below zero early Wednesday morning, the citizens of Pullman awoke to the coldest weather for years past. The cold was much more intense in the lower parts of the city than on the hills, the thermometer at the college weather station registering only 13 below. The worst of the cold wave came at 5:00 a. m., but for several hours thereafter the mercury climbed very slowly. After climbing to 15 above zero under a bright sun Wednesday, the mercury started down at a startling rate early in the afternoon, and it appeared that the mark of Wednesday morning would be lowered. By 11:00 p. m. various thermometers downtown registered from 16 to 20 below zero, and at midnight the mark was the same, but by 1:00 p. m. a pronounced moderation was sending the mercury up and 13 below was registered at that hour. The moderation continued until at 8:00 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury was well above the zero mark.

Dozens of residents were caught unawares by the cold spell and frozen water pipes were much in evidence.

Records of the government weather station at the State College, which are kept by Henry Holtz, show the coldest weather Wednesday morning since 1912, with 13 below registered. Wednesday night the government thermometer registered 10 below.

The following interesting figures, showing the minimum temperatures registered at the college weather bureau since 1893, when the bureau was established, were furnished by Mr. Holtz:

Year	Date	Temperature
1893	February 2	3 below
1894	February 20-21	10 below
1895	Dec. 17 Jan. 28	4 above
1896	November 27	12 below
1897	January 26	11 below
1898	January 26	11 below
1899	Jan. 5 Feb. 4	18 below
1900	February 15	1 below
1901	January 1, 2	12 above
1902	January 27	12 below
1903	February 6	6 above
1904	No record	below 15 above
1905	February 11	9 below
1906	March 15	10 below
1907	January 13	8 below
1908	January 31	8 below
1909	January 9	14 below
1910	February 21	4 below
1911	December 26	8 above
1912	January 8	13 below
1913	January 5-6	8 below
1914	February 6	9 below
1915	December 30	1 above
1916	January 11	9 below
1917	January 31	1 below
1918	January 31	3 below
1919	Jan. 1-Feb. 24	2 below
1920	January 7	10 above
1921	December 20	3 above
1922	to date only:	
	January 18	13 below
	January 19	10 below

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STATE COLLEGE STUDENT DIED AFTER OPERATION

The body of Frederick G. Van de Water, aged 19 years and 7 months, who succumbed Friday at the Northwest sanitarium, was taken to Spokane Saturday afternoon, the remains being accompanied by the mother, Mrs. Clara Van de Water, and an uncle, H. W. Newton. The young man was a freshman at the State College, majoring in engineering, and came to Pullman from Spokane, where he graduated from Lewis and Clark high school last June. Death followed an operation for gangrenous appendix, performed about 10 days ago. The mother was with the young man throughout his illness and at the time of his death, while the uncle came down from Spokane Saturday morning. The young man was popular with his fellow students and his untimely death is deeply mourned by the entire student body.

Mrs. Floyd Hamilton entertained a few friends and neighbors last Friday evening.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.

The annual meeting of the Pullman Savings & Loan association was held Saturday, when the following board of trustees was elected: J. N. Emerson, J. F. Gerding, William Swain, D. F. Staley, F. T. Barnard, A. A. Cleveland, F. M. Slagle. Changes in the by-laws of the association abolish the penalty on surrender of savings stock after two years, and make it compulsory for every borrower to be a stockholder. The financial statement of the association shows total resources of \$269,797, including \$11,990 cash on hand. The undivided profits total \$7511. During the year loans were made totaling \$58,574 on real estate and \$7088 on stock. Fully paid stock totaling \$49,300 was paid off, as well as \$27,000 in notes. Dividends paid on fully paid stock amounted to \$3909. The expense of operating the association business during the year was \$1474.

SPURT IN WHEAT RESULTS IN SALES

Nearly 40,000 bushels of wheat was purchased last Saturday by F. C. Densow, representing the Pacific Coast Elevator company, as a result of a slight upward trend in the markets. The prevailing prices were 86 cents for red wheat and 89 for the white varieties. Arthur Cole disposed of 18,800 bushels, C. T. Krouse 6700, C. R. Moys 5900 and Will Naffziger 3200, the balance being made up of smaller lots.

SIX BITS A PLATE BUYS "SOME" FEED

Members of Chamber of Commerce and Their Wives Will Dine at Annual Meeting—Program Is Planned

Seventy-five cents a plate will be the charge for the annual chamber of commerce banquet to be served Tuesday evening in the Pullman armory, and Chief Caterer "Jimmy" Robinson has prepared a menu for the six bits that will make the dollar and a half meal of a few months ago look like a back door handout. First there will be pickles and olives, then a fruit salad topped with whipped cream. Next will come substantial portions of baked ham, Virginia style (whatever that is), with mint jelly, mashed potatoes and string beans. Rolls and butter will be on tap throughout the meal and the piece de resistance will be ice cream with crushed fruit, served with frosted cakes. Of course there will be coffee.

But the banquet, good as it will be, will be forced to take second place to the program being arranged by the trustees for the occasion. While the arrangements of the trustees are veiled in mystery to a large extent it's a certainty that the program will be something out of the ordinary, and we would not be greatly surprised if some of the scores of last year's "Big Six" circus are evened up.

The banquet will be served promptly at 6:30, and tickets went on sale today at both banks and at Watt's Pharmacy. It is necessary that tickets be purchased early so that the entertainment committee will know how many to arrange for. The presidents of commercial clubs throughout the Inland Empire, with their ladies, are expected to be present, and every member of the local club who falls to bring his lady is likely to be fined.

Upon the request of H. L. Hathaway, chairman of the entertainment committee, three new members have been added to that committee to assist Tuesday evening. These are Thos. Lukins, George Ewing and L. K. Martini.

MANY MAKE MERRY AT LEGION PARTY

One hundred and sixty members of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary attended the social session at the armory Friday evening. Dancing, cards and refreshments were the order of events, with a program of musical and dancing numbers for good measure. An enjoyable time was had by all present.

GRANGE STORE HAD A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Sales During 1921 Totaled \$121,423 With Capital Stock of \$7000—Trading Fee Abolished at Annual Meeting

Total sales during 1921 of \$121,423 on a capital stock of but \$7000 is the record of the Grange Warehouse company of Pullman, a cooperative store, during the past year, according to the annual report of the company, presented Saturday before a meeting of stockholders held in the Masonic hall. The cost of operation was \$7322, or six per cent of the sales, and an average of five employees were on the payroll throughout the year. The store is operated on a non-profit basis, and so closely did the manager, C. A. Cassidy, follow his business that the net profit at the close of the year was only \$283, with taxes for 1921 yet to be deducted. The profits represented only two-tenths of one per cent of the sales, and the turnover was 16.2 times the capital stock during the 12-month period. During the last two months of the year the sales totaled \$26,632.

The store is operated on the principle, "buy for cash, sell for cash," and sufficient funds were derived from discounts for immediate payment of invoices to pay for the fixtures in the store, approximately \$2000, without charging the fixtures items to overhead expense.

The company includes approximately 300 shareholders, including 27 fraternities, sororities and other groups. Each shareholder pays \$25 toward the capital stock, which is returnable when the shareholder leaves the city.

At the annual meeting the officers were all reelected, as follows: President, E. C. Colpitts; manager, C. A. Cassidy; vice president, Fred Hodges; secretary, A. L. Melander; treasurer, Scott Getchell; trustees, E. C. Colpitts and Rolla E. Powers. One hundred stockholders attended the meeting and voted to abolish the annual \$3 trading fee for persons other than members of the grange, thus putting all stockholders on a like basis. Improvements during the past year included the installation of a delivery service and the construction of coal bunkers, with several new lines added to the stock.

HONORARY GUARD TO BE ORGANIZED

New Organization to Take Charge of Social and Athletic Activities of Company K

At a meeting of persons interested in the formation of an athletic association, held in the armory last Wednesday evening, it was decided to organize an Honorary Guard in Pullman, similar to like organizations in other towns of the state where units of the national guard are stationed.

The Honorary Guard will include only those men who are unable to enlist for active service in the national guard because of age, disability, or business or family obligations, but who are willing to aid the guard by moral and financial assistance. Members will be voted upon by the active members of the guard, before being entitled to admission, and must subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The Honorary Guard will take over all activities of a social and athletic nature of the local guard unit. It is proposed to hold a gymnasium class for men one night each week and a class for boys between the ages of 13 and 18 years one afternoon each week. These classes will be under the direction of H. E. Hanson, an experienced gymnasium director and physical culture student. Mr. Hanson has enlisted in Co. K for a period of three years.

Applications are now being received for membership in the Honorary Guard, those who are voted upon favorably to be honored guests at a Co. K Hi Jinks the night of February 22. Plans include a street parade, followed by a Washington's birthday program and entertainment in the armory.

NEW POULTRY PLANT INSPECTED BY MANY

"Open House" by State College Poultry Department a Success—Banquet in the Evening

Open house was held by the poultry department Saturday when the new plant, which replaces the one razed by the windstorm in 1920, was thrown open for public inspection. Students in the poultry courses showed guests about the various buildings and explained the purposes of the exhibits.

A candling room is part of the new plant. In one room was an exhibit of fresh eggs and side by side in two saucers were two eggs broken open for comparison, one fresh and the other stale. Piled on a table was an exhibit of the amount of food a chicken consumes in one year: wheat, 39.7 pounds; corn, 23.3 pounds; mash, 10 pounds; oyster shell, 3.5 pounds; oats, 2.7 pounds; grit, 5 pounds.

Thirty birds dressed for exhibition by students were displayed together with two chickens "curiosities," one a cross between a bantam and a Chinese pheasant and the other a cross between a barred Plymouth Rock and a Chinese pheasant. The new breeding house is divided into 18 pens of 10 birds each. Visitors especially showed an interest in the 24x30 straw loft laying house which is part of the new plant.

Colony breeding houses and a large modern brooding building complete the new equipment now ready for use. Cash prizes are to be awarded winners in the judging contests held Saturday morning.

The day was brought to a close by a banquet held in the incubator house of the plant. Arthur Jensen, manager of the show, introduced the toastmaster, Lincoln Lounsbury, and in an appropriate way expressed the thought that the day's work was a fitting dedication of the plant. F. C. Putnam, president of the club, gave a short talk on its history and aims. Mr. Wells, a prominent poultryman from Prosser, urged that the wonderful plant be put to the greatest possible use. Dean Johnson talked on the importance of the poultry industry in the state. Professors Mitchell, Woodward, Weaver, Seivers and Shaw were other speakers.

SCOUT MOVEMENT GAINING IMPETUS

Five New Troops Added to Palouse Council in Two Months—Total Seventeen Troops

Five new troops of scouts with from 12 to 32 boys each have been added to the Palouse Scout Council in the past two months, making 17 troops. Scout executive F. D. Hawley reports that in making his January inspection he found many troops are now beginning to make real scout progress. Many troops which had not advanced but a very small proportion of their boys from one scout grade to another are now showing real work. He reports that the scout leaders' conference held here the last of December and which was attended by 33 scout men has had a wholesome effect on the quality of the scout work.

Within the past week the executive has been present at four scout investiture ceremonies in different towns at which from five to ten candidates took the scout oath in each ceremony. Two of these ceremonies were held in lieu of regular church services.

Bovill is the latest addition to the council, and at present holds the record for the council for the highest percentage of available boys in scouting—20 scouts out of 23 boys of scout age in the district.

The scout executive goes to Johnson and Uniontown the last of the week to organize troops and Monday he will organize a troop at Garfield.

Mrs. F. C. Densow gave a delightful kensington last Friday afternoon. In one contest Mrs. Ball received the prize and in the other Mrs. Bond won first honors.

FARMERS AND WIVES HAVE BASKET DINNER

The farmers of the Pullman district, with their wives, enjoyed a basket dinner and afternoon meeting in Masonic hall Thursday of last week. The meeting was under the auspices of Pullman Local No. 9, Farmers Union, with A. M. Richardson, president of the local, presiding. J. S. Klemgard outlined the accomplishments of the Farmers Union of the past few years, mentioning the increase of 20 cents per bushel in Palouse country wheat prices in 1917 as probably the greatest accomplishment of all. Gordon Klemgard spoke on "The War Finance Corporation."

The wheat growers association and its workings were explained by O. W. Collins and J. M. Reid and others discussed union fire insurance. Co-operative stores were discussed by C. A. Cassidy, manager of the Pullman grange store.

FIRE SIREN ARRIVES

A Sterling fire siren, manufactured by the American LaFrance company, was received last Friday by the fire department for trial and was mounted on the roof of the city hall. The siren has been given several trypouts and opinions of citizens as to its efficiency differ. It was heard six miles in the country Saturday evening yet some residents of Pullman claim not to have heard it. A Denver siren is expected soon for trial and it is likely that the best of the two will be purchased.

TO INCREASE RATES FOR CITY WATER

Council Instructs Attorney to Draft Amendments for Water Ordinance—Create New Improvement District

Provision for increased rates for water used by Pullman residents over the established maximum, together with the fixing of a penalty for delayed payment of water rentals, will be a part of amendments to the city ordinance which the city council Tuesday night instructed the city attorney to draft. Under the provisions of the new clauses the maximum of 4000 gallons for a set fee per month for city and outside users will remain the same and the charge will be \$1.00 for residents of the city and \$1.50 for residences outside the corporate limits. The amendment will increase the charge for water used over the maximum from 10 cents per 1000 gallons for city residents to 20 cents, and from 15 cents for those living outside to 25 cents.

The amendment will also provide that in all cases where the water rentals are not paid by the 15th of the succeeding month the water service shall be cut off and a charge of \$1.50 in addition to the balance due, will be required to again connect the patron with the city mains.

The city fathers adopted a resolution declaring their intention to create an improvement district in Pioneer Heights for the purpose of the uniform planting of trees and other improvements. The resolution was requested by property owners within the district.

The council set the rate of pay for common labor for the city at \$4.00 per day, the new schedule to become effective February 1. At present the scale ranges from \$3.50 to \$4.50, but after February 1 all the common laborers will receive the same wages.

PULLMAN IN LINE FOR STATE PRESS MEETING

Pullman is in an excellent position to secure the annual summer meeting of the Washington State Press association, according to Chapin Foster, editor of the Grandview Herald and president of the state association. Mr. Foster was in Pullman this week looking over the situation and voices the opinion that the meeting will very likely be held at the State College. "Every editor in the state should see the State College of Washington and its magnificent plant," said Mr. Foster. He explained the objects of the State Press association, mentioning as one of the chief functions the building up of the journalism of the state to a point where it will be a real asset to the state.

MAIL ORDER HOUSES BEAT TAXES---REGAN

Tax Expert Says if Large Concerns Paid Full Taxes Competition With Local Merchants Would Be Impossible

Pullman patrons of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery-Ward Co. and other large eastern mail order houses were made to squirm in their chairs at the chamber of commerce meeting Tuesday when Frank S. Regan, tax expert of Rockford, Illinois, related how these big concerns are beating the government out of millions of dollars in legitimate taxes annually and making the farmer and the householder bear the burden. Mr. Regan stated that Sears, Roebuck & Co. have an admitted valuation of \$153,000,000 while they are assessed at only \$3,000,000, and Montgomery-Ward Co. have never been assessed at more than \$9,000,000, though their worth is many times that figure. Sears & Roebuck, he claimed, have beaten taxes to the extent of \$4,000,000 annually. If these were collected by the state of Illinois for the past 15 years only it would take care of the state's \$60,000,000 road program, for which the people are being taxed.

Mr. Regan pointed out that an investigation in Illinois disclosed five times as much property as was on the tax rolls, and the delinquencies were all big concerns, the "small man" standing the burden. "Put taxes down to one per cent, list everything, make all the big concerns pay their full share, and watch the country prosper," he said.

If the big mail order houses were forced to pay their full quota of taxes instead of evading the greater part of them, they could not compete with legitimate local merchants in the various communities, said Mr. Regan. He pointed out the great injustice to the small merchant who is taxed for everything he owns, to the farmer who pays taxes up to the limit on everything on his farm, and the average householder who pays his full quota on his small possessions.

Mr. Regan also laid the blame for the postal deficit to the big mail order houses, who ship their bulky catalogues in trainload lots by freight to a central point and mail them from that place under a minimum of postage. "That is why we pay a two cent letter rate," he pointed out. (Continued on page six)

DENSOW REELECTED PAST MASTERS' HEAD

Thirteen Pullman past master Masons went to Colfax Monday night to attend the meeting of the Whitman County Past Masters' association. The past master degree was conferred upon 12 candidates and the following officers were reelected: President, Fred C. Densow, Pullman; vice presidents, B. F. Manning, Colfax, and P. O. King, LaCrosse; secretary-treasurer, Earl C. Renfrew, Colfax.

In attendance from Pullman were George H. Watt, R. P. Cope, William Porter, Frank G. Henderson, A. B. Baker, Fred C. Densow, L. B. Moyer, Earl C. Miller, S. H. Breeze, William Swain, A. R. McClaskey, T. C. Mathews and C. R. Lewis.

SEATTLE MAN VISITS PULLMAN

Asabel Curtis, representing the state advancement and publicity bureau of the Seattle chamber of commerce, visited Pullman this week to make arrangements for the securing of a large number of views of Pullman, the State College and the surrounding country later in the year. The pictures and subject matter will be used in an effort to get the industrial resources of the state before the people of other states in an understandable way, through the medium of picture films and other forms of advertising.

PULLMAN-MOSCOW

The Pullman high school basketball five is scheduled to meet Moscow on the local floor Saturday evening. The admission price has been reduced to 25 cents and a big attendance would be greatly appreciated by the team and the high school student body.