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LOCATION OF N. & S. ROAD

State Highway Going By Way of Cottonwood and Ferdinand Much Cheaper.

We'll take off our hats to the Nezperce bunch for being scrapers. But while we admire their doggedness and their ability to nurse their hopes on securing the state highway on such flimsy and superficial claims as they have been putting forth why it should and must come by way of their town, we most heartily deplore their consistency and utter disregard for the rights and interests of other communities. That Nezperce or any town that had a chance of getting the highway had the right to put forth every effort and to call the attention of the State Highway Commission to such valid claims as might be in favor of that route goes unchallenged. But after the commission personally and through their chief engineer have gone into every phase of the situation, and made their decision, based not on a cursory reconnaissance but on a careful survey of both routes in question we may rest assured that they will not reverse themselves merely to appease the clamorous appeals of the Nezperce boosters no matter how many of them go to Hot Lake and get stalled at Boise.

Before the survey was made and until accurate figures for comparison were available it was easy to make the claim for cheaper construction, and both sides to the controversy used it without stint and perhaps with equal sincerity, but the claims were based on assertions and hopes to which both sides had equal rights. Now with those matters definitely determined by the only way by which an intelligent comparison could be made—an actual survey of both routes—it is preposterous for the side that has lost its claim to this advantage to persist in it and to now charge the engineer and commission with prejudice in the matter.

A detailed report by the state engineer of the comparative estimate of the cost via both routes has been received by our highway commissioners.

This report shows a difference in cost of construction of \$114,493.59 in favor of the Cottonwood and Ferdinand route.

The distance by way of Cottonwood and Ferdinand is five miles less than by way of Nezperce.

There are 39 less turns and curves, enough to make more than 10 complete circles saved or eliminated by going the Cottonwood route.

There is less grade by way of Cottonwood by 7625 feet, equal to nearly a mile and a half of grade exceeding 4 1/2 percent.

All these things added together make a difference in favor of Cottonwood in construction cost alone of nearly \$115,000.00, or 28.9 percent.

Entertains at Card and Music.

Misses Bernice Edwards and Leasel Hussman entertain a party at cards and music at the home of B. L. Hussman at eight o'clock Wednesday evening.

Those present were the Misses Margaret Miller, Eva Anderson, Martha Lehmann, Rena Seubert and Delma Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lustie, Ben and Henry Hussman and Henry Edwards.

John Bauer arrived in Cottonwood from overseas last night and has promised to give the Chronicle readers interesting facts about his life in the front line trenches.

Riener Arrives Home Sunday.

Clemens Riener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riener, arrived home Sunday evening from Camp Lewis where he has been stationed since August 28. Clemens, like thousands of other boys was anxious to go across the pond and since the armistice has been signed has been anxious to get home. He wears an emblem, which he received at camp as an expert marksmanship and his parents have received a personal letter from his captain commenting him very highly. This recommendation is something any boy may well feel proud of.

Mathewson Died at Lewiston, Ida.

Frank Mathewson, age 60 years, and for many years a resident of the Joseph plains country died at Lewiston recently following an operation.

Mr. Mathewson has been afflicted with paralysis and several years ago underwent an operation by which both legs were amputated.

Surviving him are his widow, three daughters, one of which is Mrs. W. H. Eller, wife of Sheriff Eller, recently of Cottonwood.

Entertains in Honor of Husband

Mrs. W. A. Lustie entertained the members of the Cottonwood school faculty in honor of her husband's birthday. The occasion was a surprise on the part of her husband. Games were played after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess to all those present. In memory of the occasion Mrs. Lustie and the teachers presented Prof. Lustie with a elegant clock and a K. of P. pin.

TO ENTERTAIN RETURNING BOYS

Cottonwood Commercial Club to Welcome All Soldier and Sailor Boys at the Depot.

The entertaining committee of the Cottonwood Commercial Club composed of T. F. Schaefer, chairman, Eugene Mauer, Ray Nims, Tom Parker, John Nash and C. A. Johnson have outlined a program in honor of all returning soldiers as follows:

The committee proposes to have some of its members met every returning soldier at the depot to welcome him back home. It is the intention of the committee to give a dance and reception, every month for the boys returning and when all the boys in khaki and blue have returned they will give a final rousing reception to all boys who have returned from their various stations to which Uncle Sam has assigned them.

Relatives or friends who have been notified of any soldier returning home will please notify any member of this committee so that proper arrangements can be made to meet them at the train.

The public is invited to attend these receptions and dances as they are held from time to time. Everything is to be free to the soldier boys but a nominal charge will be made to the public to defray the expenses of such gatherings.

Montana Man Buys Property Here

Jack Hale, of Rothimay, Mont., last week purchased the Chris Schaefer home in this city. The Schaefer home is one of the best residence property here. It has its own private water and lighting system.

The price paid for the home was \$2500.

Creamery Makes Fine Showing.

At the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Co-operative creamery held January 13, the condition of the creamery was found to be in fine shape and the institution enjoying a material growth. During the two and one-half years of the creamery's life it has built up a substantial business and, after a depreciation was figured off the building and machinery, it was found the institution had made a net earning of some \$2300. This permitted the declaring of an 8 per cent dividend to stockholders for the year 1918, and it was recommended to the board of directors that for the coming year the dividends to be paid to stockholders be approximately 5 or 6 per cent, and a special dividend to stockholder patrons, and the remaining profits to be divided pro rata among all creamery patrons for cream delivered during the year. This premium will be in addition to the regular monthly price paid for cream and will be computed at the end of the year on the total amount of cream delivered by each patron.

While the creamery was not primarily intended as a money-making proposition, being started more for the purpose of insuring the farmers of this locality a correct test and price for their cream, it is still making a reasonably good showing and if the capital stock can be sold sufficient to take up present indebtedness and cut out the paying of a high rate of interest it will still do better. The officers hope to be able to dispose of stock enough to pay off the indebtedness in the near future and when this is accomplished the creamery will pay eight per cent on its capital stock and a nice premium to patrons each year.

As the creamery is strictly a home enterprise working for the best interests of the farmers and dairymen of this prairie it seems reasonable that every patron of the creamery should hold a nice block of stock in the concern.

McKinley and Haskin Entertain

Mrs. Howard McKinley and Mrs. Dick Haskin delightfully entertained a number of their friends at dinner last Saturday evening at the country home of Mrs. Haskins. After dinner cards and music were the chief entertaining features. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lustie, Mrs. R. A. Nims, Mrs. Clara Cramer, Miss Addie Wortman, Miss Kay and Miss Vivian and Neal McKinley.

Home From Camp Lewis.

Sergeant Jack Rooke, son of William Rooke, of the Salmon river country arrived Saturday evening from Camp Lewis where he has been stationed for the past six months. Jack left Idaho county with a contingent of young men from Grangeville the latter part of July and has been stationed at that camp since his arrival there. Like most of the boys returning from the various camps throughout the country, they have increased in weight, and physically and morally they cannot be improved upon.

Sergeant Rooke spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Cottonwood and left Monday morning for Lewiston where he will take a boat going up Snake river for his home.

Clara Nau of Anaheins, Cal., who has been visiting at the home of her brother, A. H. Nau left Saturday morning for Ferdinand where she will visit with other relatives.

Comes on the George Washington

Mrs. George Jungert received the following letter from her brother, Clyde E. Leonard and is now in a hospital in New York. The letter reads as follows:

My Dear Sister:
I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well and that I arrived in New York, Tuesday, Jan. 11. Am having a wonderful time. We boys are treated very nice here. People come to the hospital and beg us to go out for a car ride and take us over the city, to a party, or out for a big dinner. They do not charge us one cent and even ask where we wish to go tomorrow.

I came across the pond on the Geo. Washington, the ship that took the president to France. This ship was taken from the Germans by the U. S. It surely is a swell ship. It took nine days to make the trip and it usually is made in 7 days, but we faced a storm most of the way over. We sailed from Brest and we left the French people very happy.

I have some papers that were printed on the ship that I will send you which tells of all of our amusements and excitement on the way over.

Give my address to all my friends, write very soon and tell me all the news. Have any of the boys returned to Cottonwood? Please send me the Cottonwood paper. Tell everyone hello for me.

Your brother,
Clyde E. Leonard.
My address is Greenhut Hospital, No. 3, Bed 50, Ward 8, N. Y.

Commercial Club Indorses Allen.

The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the State Highway Commission, at Boise, by the Cottonwood Commercial Club:

To the Honorable Chairman and members of the board, State Highway Commission, Boise, Idaho.

In view of the fact that State Engineer H. C. Allen's term of office is about to expire, we hereby petition your honorable body for his reappointment, and would submit the following reasons for so doing: That he is thoroughly familiar with all of the details effecting the North and South State Highway, a portion of which is now under construction; and is also familiar with conditions governing other highways throughout the state, and that a change in that office at this particular time would, in our opinion, be detrimental to the best interests of the state highway construction.

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Now at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Anton Bruegeman, who recently arrived in the U. S. from overseas service is now in a hospital at Salt Lake City. A newspaper of that city has the following to say about wounds he received while in action:

Anton Bruegeman, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruegeman, live in Cottonwood, Idaho, was struck in the neck with a piece of shrapnel during the Verdun fight. The fragment caused the chords of his neck to tighten so he could not move his arms. After an operation his condition continually improved, until now he can move almost as well as ever. He was with the 110 infantry, seeing about five month's service in Europe.

The sewing class of the home economic department of the Cottonwood high school will give an exhibition of their work in the high school bungalow, Friday, February 7, from 3 to 5 p. m. The public in general is invited to attend this exhibition.

Work on North and South Road.

Construction work on the Whitebird-Grangeville link of the north and south state highway system has been commenced by Dan Johnson, sub-contractor for a mile of rock work between Whitebird and Salmon river. A crew of fifteen men is now employed in clearing the right-of-way and a larger force will be employed as soon as the actual construction work has been organized. Engineer J. J. McCreedy and his assistant, M. J. Scott, have established headquarters there for the winter to direct the highway construction.

The actual beginning of the highway construction is a matter of much satisfaction to the residents of the Salmon river country and Idaho county who have contended with heavy grades and mud since the first settlement of the country. The construction of a modern, hard surface highway on a five percent grade from the river to the Grangeville plateau was regarded as something for the future and there has been general apprehension that something might occur to further delay the needed improvement. The presence of the contractors and the actual inauguration of construction work is, therefore, a matter of much satisfaction to the people of the entire region.

The Security Bridge company is now engaged in the construction of the bridge across the Salmon river to connect the south side of the river with the state highway. The piers have been installed and the work on the superstructure has been commenced.

MEMORIAL FOR COUNTY BOYS

Services to be Held at the County Seat for All Boys Who Have Died for their Country.

Public services in memory of all Idaho county soldiers and sailors who have died of wounds or on the battle field will be held at Grangeville, Sunday, February 2.

Grangeville is making preparations to make this memorial service one of the largest and most impressive ever witnessed in the county seat. Speakers of prominence from various sections of the county will speak.

On account of the influenza epidemic these services have been somewhat neglected all over the county and as the flu ban is lifted in various sections of the county these services have been carried out in honor of the boys in their respective communities from which they came. Grangeville now is planning on having a county memorial service in honor of all boys who have died for their country.

Many Cottonwood people have already made plans to attend and those who attend perhaps will witness a scene that does not happen in every man's life.

Following is a list of boys in whose honor the memorial will be held:

Julius Holthaus, Cottonwood.
Clark D. Jessup, Cottonwood.
Bernard Doll, Ferdinand.
Leland Toll, Kooskia.
Francis Chamberlain, Riggins.
Earl English, Kooskia.
Frank Burlinghoff, Whitebird.
Clarence Oliver Watson, Boles.
Omer K. Ewing, Stites.
Lt. John A. Long, Grangeville.
Henry Hesterman, Grangeville.
Grover Johnson, Grangeville.
Edward Stienbach, Grangeville.
William Shields, Grangeville.
Ivan Brockman, Grangeville.
Ralph Brockman, Grangeville.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items of Interest From Various Sections Reproduced for Benefit of Our Readers.

Dr. J. D. Adams of Moscow, but who has practiced in the Genesee country for a number of years, was appointed state veterinarian last Saturday by Governor Davis.

The demobilization of the entire 13th division at Camp Lewis was authorized in orders received recently by army officials. This order involves 10,000 men.

Lester Albert, a former University student, suffered amputation of both legs recently at Fort Snelling, Minn., where he is in the military hospital. Mr. Albert has undergone a series of operations since he lost his legs while operating an army searchlight in France several months ago.

W. J. Jordan, the well known popular freight and passenger agent of Lewiston, Idaho will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the severe attack of appendicitis. He was taken down while out on the road and was immediately rushed to the railroad hospital at Missoula. Mr. Jordan has many friends in Cottonwood and Idaho county who will welcome this good news of his speedy recovery from the recent attack of appendicitis.

It is feared that L. C. Hattabaugh will lose sight of one of his eyes, the result of an accident a short time ago. Mr. Hattabaugh was preparing kindling wood one evening when a splinter flew up and struck him in the eye. For a while it was feared that it would be necessary to remove the eye entirely but the attending physician is now of the opinion that he may escape with the sight partially impaired. Mr. Hattabaugh is an old Idaho county resident, being known to practically all of the old pioneers of the county. He was engaged in the hardware business at Grangeville for many years.

The prosecuting attorney at Coeur d'Alene is filing a test case in the district court on behalf of of Kootenai county, appealing from the act of the county commissioners ordering the county attorney to dispense with further proceedings in tax foreclosure actions now pending with it is necessary to secure service by publication of summons, where the full cost of said foreclosure proceedings would exceed the amount of the taxes sued for.

The health officer at Kellogg, has issued the following regulations during the influenza quarantine: Public schools to be open Monday under supervision of school nurses, three to be employed. Churches may resume services, only every other pew to be occupied and buildings to be disinfected before and after each service; pool halls and cigar stores may open and also the moving picture shows, the latter to use only every other seat in every other row; no person under 21 to be allowed in pool halls, cigar stores, theaters, or other public places; all dances, social gatherings, public meetings and lodge meetings are prohibited.

Was On His Way—Ordered Back

Henry Hattrup, son of Hubert Hattrup arrived in Cottonwood Tuesday evening from Camp Lee, Va. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Lee. Mr. Hattrup and his company were on their way to France when the armistice was signed and were ordered back by wireless. Their ship had been sailing 30 hours when called back.