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## ROB FENN POSTOFFICE

**POSTOFFICE FUNDS ARE INCLUDED IN THE LOT—  
MAN IS HELD.**

The safe containing the Fenn postoffice money and the personal funds of Marion Weber, postmaster and merchant at Fenn, was robbed Friday night while Mrs. Weber was in Grangeville and Mr. Weber was absent from the store attending an affair at the Odd Fellows hall. The robbery was discovered shortly after midnight when Mr. Weber returned to the store and Sheriff William Eller was on the ground at one o'clock.

Fred Morris, a farm hand on the Jack Witherow ranch near Fenn, was brought to Grangeville for examination but has not been formally arrested.

As near as can be estimated, about \$125 in money and a considerable amount of postage stamps, checks and papers were taken from the safe. The safe was entered by breaking off the combination knob and wrecking the combination lock.

Henry Rowe and Owen Zehner who were attending the affair at the lodge hall, visited the store about 11 o'clock to get some goods for a luncheon and at that time they heard a noise in the rear of the store. They paid no attention to the matter because the Weber living apartments are in the rear of the store building and at that time they did not know that Mrs. Weber was in Grangeville.

The taking of Morris into custody for examination resulted from investigations by Sheriff Eller which disclosed tracks in the snow leading from the bunkhouse on the Witherow ranch to the store and then back to the bunkhouse. The tracks returning to the bunkhouse were much clearer than those leading to the store as snow was falling about 11 o'clock. Tracks were also found where some person had paced to and fro at a point convenient to watch the store building.

Morris claims that he was not in Fenn on the evening of the robbery and that he does not know of any person going from the ranch bunkhouse to the store. Jack Witherow, the employer of Morris, told the officers that during the evening, Mrs. Morris, wife of Fred Morris wanted to talk to her husband and that he went to the bunkhouse in search of Morris and at that time Morris was not to be found about the ranch.

Morris will have a hearing at Grangeville today. Postoffice Inspector J. R. Fullenwider, with headquarters in Spokane was in Cottonwood Thursday having come here from Fenn where he made an investigation.

## WILL MOVE TO CLARKSTON.

W. J. Nuxoll better known as Joe has leased his farm holdings near Greencreek to his son Allie Nuxoll and Joe Trautman and after disposing of his personal property at the public sale, which he has advertised for Tuesday, April 13th will depart for Clarkston where he will make his future home with his family. Mr. Nuxoll has operated the land leased to his son and son-in-law for the past quarter of a century.

## WILL OPERATE MILL.

Ben Krieger, of Keuterville, is in Cottonwood this week making preparation to commence operating his mill near Keuterville in about two weeks. Mr. Krieger expects to saw about 200,000 feet of lumber at his mill, which will require about three weeks sawing.

While in the city he placed an ad in the Chronicle for men and will pay \$3.50 and \$4.50 a day including board, which is equivalent to \$5.00 and \$6 per day.

## CONCERT GRAND SUCCESS.

The concert and dance given by the Hallowell Concert Co., under the auspices of the American Legion was a grand success in every way. Every seat in the opera house was filled when the curtain raised for the concert and from the encores everyone must have been well pleased with the entertainment. After the concert music was furnished by the orchestra for a dance, which lasted until one o'clock. From a financial standpoint the American Legion's treasury was enriched with almost \$200 and members of Cottonwood Post No. 40 wish to take this means in thanking everyone who attended either the dance or concert and otherwise helped them make the affair such a grand success.

It is to be hoped that the legion will bring other similar organizations to Cottonwood from time to time for the entertainment of the citizens in Cottonwood.

## 3 MEN HURT IN BIG ROCK SLIDE

**STEAM SHOVEL ALMOST  
HURLED INTO THE SAL-  
MON RIVER.**

Three workmen employed by Grant Smith & Co., on the North and South highway, were seriously, but not fatally injured, late last Thursday, when between 400 and 500 cubic feet of rock suddenly crashed from the side of a bluff to the highway on which they were working. The accident occurred at the Doumeq place, up Salmon river from the mouth of Whitebird creek.

The injured are: William Welsh, craneman; scalded on arm and ankle broken.

Charles White, shovelman; wrist sprained.

Henry Beckmark, badly bruised on head, left arm broken.

The injured men were taken to a hospital in Spokane, where they arrived Sunday night.

The men were employed in steam shovel work when the crash came. The tons of debris which fell buried the workings and one man was pinned beneath the rocks. The steam shovel, which was operating on a narrow roadway, bordering on Salmon river, was tilted toward the river by the falling rock, which, as it crashed, partially buried the shovel, and prevented it from falling into the roaring river.

The men who were hurt were given first aid by Dr. W. A. Fosskett, of Whitebird, and later were brought overland to Grangeville, and sent to the Spokane hospital. They will recover.—Free Press.

## MORE CATTLE ARRIVE.

Another special train which carried eight carloads of cattle belonging to William Platt arrived in Cottonwood Thursday evening about nine o'clock from the Toppenish country where they have been wintered. The above shipment consists of only a percent of the cattle owned by Mr. Platt, he having fed some 600 head at Toppenish this winter. Another trainload will be shipped in next week. The cattle will be driven to his range on the river.

## EXPRESS BUSINESS HEAVY

Owing to the express business on the Camas Prairie railroad being so heavy the railroad officials of this line have added a combination smoker and baggage car to its daily train between Grangeville and Lewiston instead of the regular smoker. The combination smoker and baggage car with the day coach handles the passenger business of the prairie nicely until Culdesac is reached when another coach is added to the train.

## HOGS ON "SPREE".

N. Williamson, proprietor of Ennis Fallen purebred stock-farm, a mile northwest of Moscow, has a lot of purebred Duroc hogs that enjoyed a regular "spree". The hogs were "drunk as lords," Mr. Williamson says, and their antics were so "human" that they were enjoyed by Mr. Williamson and the ranch hands. There is no grounds for an investigation by the prohibition director, however.

Mr. Williamson has a large silo that was filled with corn last fall. It is nearly empty now and the silage in the bottom is quite sour. One of Mr. Williamson's purebred Shorthorn cows was taken sick after eating the silage, and Dr. Baker, veterinarian, advised him to not let the cows eat any more of the silage. Mr. Williamson opened the bottom door of the silo and turned the hogs in. About two hours later he noticed the hogs acting peculiarly and called the hired men. They tried to drive the hogs out, but the porkers staggered and fell and Mr. Williamson says they acted exactly like a drunk man. In a few hours they recovered from their spree and were all right.

## ATTENDED SCHOOL HERE.

Street rumor is to the effect that Charles Simmons, clerk in the local postoffice, will be appointed postmaster for Grangeville. U. S. Civil service examinations of candidates for postmaster were conducted here early in the winter, and Simmons was an applicant.

Simmons, who is a young man, attended the University of Idaho and later was with the American army in France.

Basis for the rumor that Simmons will receive the appointment is the fact that an eastern bonding company on Thursday of this week wired local persons seeking endorsements for Simmons.—Free Press.

Charles Simmons is well known here having attended the local school in Cottonwood in 1910 and prior thereto. His many friends here hope the rumor is with foundation. The position pays \$2500 a year with all office expenses paid.

## "RED" HARRIS HERE.

Among the Grangeville folks who attended the dance here Wednesday evening was Harold Harris better known as "Red" and the main spring of the famous Cowboy Band. "Red" states that the Cowboy Band will stage their annual Days of '49 the latter part of the month and that the event would come up to, if not excell, any ever attempted by that organization in former years. The fact that Mr. Harris has charge of the publicity work almost assures that the affair will be a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ritter and family departed Tuesday morning for La Monte, Wash., where they will visit for the next month at the home of Mrs. Ritter's parents and from there expect to go to Oregon where they will locate. Mr. Ritter only a short time ago disposed of his holdings near Cottonwood to Mike Seubert. Since coming to this section, some years ago, the Ritters have done exceptionally well and only leave on account of the late spring, which is not to their liking.

## RAY MCKAIG HERE.

Ray McKaig a Non-Partizan League organizer was a visitor in Cottonwood today. A business meeting of the League will be held this afternoon. Mr. McKaig stated that the league would open its campaign within the next four weeks and that from time to time speakers would visit Cottonwood in the interest of the League.

Albert Nau of Ferdinand who seriously sprained his ankle in a runaway in his home town about a week ago came to Cottonwood Wednesday evening for medical treatment. He is at the home of his brother, A. H. Nau.

## CENTRALIA SENTENCES.

Montesano, Wash., April 5.—Sentences of from 25 to 40 years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash., were imposed by Judge John M. Wilson here today on seven alleged I. W. W., convicted by a jury in superior court here on March 13, of second degree murder in connection with the death of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim. Sentence was imposed after a motion for a new trial had been denied.

The seven men sentenced were Ray Becker, John Lamb, O. C. Bland, Britt Smith, James McInerney, Bert Bland and Eugene Barnett. Loren Roberts, who was found criminally insane by the jury, was committed to the ward for the criminal insane at the penitentiary.

Judge Ben Sheeks, in the Grays Harbor county superior court here passed varying sentences on eleven alleged I. W. W. convicted of violation of the state criminal syndicalism act.

Joe Hempelster, John Bradshaw, Sidney L. Scott and Emil Boettcher were committed to the state penitentiary for from one to ten years. Elmer Salano, 20 years old, was given a suspended sentence of from six months to ten years in the reformatory at Monroe.

George Miller, Stanely Hewitt, George D. Robie, Antie Kahie, Hjalmar Aho and Otto Kallio were given fines of \$300 each and costs. They will be confined in the county jail until the fines are paid.

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I. D. Lyons made a trip to Uniontown last week.

Otto Kaesemeyer is building an addition to his harness shop. Sheriff John McLean was in town on Tuesday summoning grand jurors.

Frank Wright is building an addition on the west side of his factory.

W. M. Schiller has the lumber on the ground for fencing his residence grounds.

W. W. Blackburn has purchased the dwelling and lots lately owned and occupied by J. B. York.

The coming campaign promises to be a very warm one. There are so many important questions involved that the ordinary voter will be wondering "where we are at?"

## NEW DODGE SHOW ROOM.

The Cottonwood Hardware has completed a very commodious show room in which they will hereafter display the Dodge car. The room is located in what was formerly used as a warehouse by the concern and has been fitted up in first class shape and occupies the north part of the building. Large windows have been placed in the front part of the building, which will at all times display the cars to the passing public on King street. The show room is one of the finest in Idaho county and will add much in displaying the famous Dodge Brothers motor cars.

## BUYS THOROUGHbred.

John Seger, one of Winona's most substantial citizens was a business visitor in the city Monday. While here Mr. Seger placed an order for a Red Duroc Jersey sow, which will cost him \$100 at Boyd, Wash. The one year old sow will cost its new owner in the neighborhood of \$115 when the express bill is paid. Mr. Seger stated that while the roads from his home to Cottonwood were not in the best of condition he remembered the time when they were in far worse shape.

## ATTENDED LODGE DOINGS.

Geo. M. Robertson and Leo Hanses attended a meeting of the secretaries of the I. O. O. F. lodge of north central Idaho, at Lewiston Tuesday. Both gentlemen state that the meeting was a most interesting one and that some 200 were present at the evening session Tuesday. They returned home Wednesday evening.

## TEACHERS RE-ELECTED.

All of the teachers, who have conducted the public school in Cottonwood for the past year have been re-elected by the school board at an advance in salary.

At the present time we are unable to say how many, or if any, of the present teaching force will return to Cottonwood next year as the board has given them until Friday to sign contracts for next year. The one known fact, however, is that Wm. A. Lustie, the superintendent, will not be here next year, as he has accepted a position in Oregon. We can sincerely say for Mr. Lustie that to him belongs a great deal of credit for building up one of the best schools in the county. We predict that his position will be hard to fill.

## STATEMENT ON WHEAT ASSO.

**PROMINENT FARMERS OF  
THE PRAIRIE GIVE OUT  
STATEMENT.**

The Northern Idaho committee of the Idaho Wheat Growers Association, consisting of H. J. Herman of Genesee, Ralph R. Fluharty of Culdesac, U. R. Warnet of Ilo, E. G. Fri of Ferdinand, J. C. Thompson of Moscow, N. H. Jacobs of Nezperce, and Geo. W. Stephens of Grangeville, have organized and issued the following statement:

"We are solidly behind the Association and intend to see it perfected. We believe the time has come when every energy and the production of farms should be pooled in order to safe guard the markets so as to guarantee or maintain the cost of production plus a reasonable profit to the farmers of this country. We believe that we should have a water-tight organization that neither the farmers through their indifference, nor the speculator, through his aggression or unfair methods, can break up and we desire to say that we believe that we have the plan through the Idaho-Washington Wheat Growers Association that will do this and more.

"The Association is not going to hurt or hinder any farmer's local elevator or warehouse company, but will rather dovetail with them, and we want to urge upon every farmer to join the Association, and do it now. Your Association will have to make its market and warehouse connections and employ its sales manager, and we have no time to lose. Some have criticized the contracts under which the wheat is to be pooled. The Committee believes the contracts which we are putting out to be the safest and fairest that could be put out at this time."

## MINORS MUST NOT SMOKE.

Minors under 18 who smoke or use cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form upon public highways or other public properties will be declared "delinquent," and committed to a reformatory according to a ruling made by Attorney General Black in answer to a Paris, Idaho inquiry. Section 8363 of the compiled statutes, to which he called attention in his ruling, provides that "every minor who shall smoke, etc., shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." Section 1010, also quoted, provides that children under the age of eighteen years "who violate any law of this state" may be delinquent.

## BASEBALL MEETING.

A meeting will be held at the Hotel Cottonwood Saturday evening for the purpose of devising ways and means of raising funds for the baseball club and to also ascertain how many home players are available for a ball team. All prospective candidates are requested to attend this meeting.

## NEWS AROUND THE STATE

**Items of Interest From Various  
Sections Reproduced for Ben-  
efit of Our Readers.**

Miss Ethel E. Redfield, state superintendent of public instruction, who is serving the last year of her second term in that office, is not going to be a candidate to succeed herself.

President Elliott, of the Lewiston State Normal, last week attended a meeting of the Lewis county teachers held at Ilo and a meeting of the trustees of the county held at Nezperce.

The worst storm Moscow has known since last November swept over Latah county Friday. The storm began about daylight with a fall of snow, unaccompanied by wind.

Walter Davis, the 11 year-old stepson of Nate Overman, of Culdesac, accidentally shot himself through the knee with a .38 caliber revolver Saturday.

Strong demand for draft horses and for those heavy enough to be of practical service on the farms, is reported by E. F. Rinehart, field animal husbandman of the University of Idaho extension division, in his current report to L. W. Fluharty director of extension.

Beginning with next Monday the Craig Mountain Lumber Co., will add a night crew to the mill force, which will practically double the production of the big plant. Employment for about 50 additional men will be provided and will bring the total payroll up to about 400 men.

Unable to meet its obligations with actual cash, the state of Idaho began Saturday to register against future tax payments the warrants with which it pays employes and contractors. These warrants will cost the state 6 per cent interest until they are called, which may be after several months.

Governor Davis will ask Dr. E. A. Bryan, state commissioner of education, to represent the state of Idaho at a conference of governors and state representatives soon to be held in Washington, D. C., in an attempt to solve the teacher shortage puzzle.

Wages for deck-hands on the Snake river steamers reached a new high mark this week when increases to \$100 per month were allowed. This advance is due to the necessity of moving the Snake river grain crop and the increase is partially brought about by overtime allowed. The former pay of the deck-hands was \$70 per month.

Smoke from the two large chimneys of the University of Idaho heating plant will almost entirely be eliminated by the contemplated installation of new boiler settings, according to an announcement made today by H. J. Macintire, professor of mechanical engineering.

Approximately one-half of all the standing merchantable timber in the United States is located in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, and it is estimated that in those states there are thousands of millions board measure. In the state of Idaho alone there is now in government ownership more than one-third of all the standing merchantable timber. The value of that timber at \$1 per 1000 feet, board measure, is in excess of \$49,000,000.

The United States senatorial committee, investigating charges of manipulation against certain officials of the federal grain corporation, may hold a session in Boise soon. Miles Cannon, state commissioner of agriculture, announced today upon his return from Spokane and north Idaho that he had formally invited the committee to come to Boise while on their trip to western states, which is to be taken soon.