

ASSESS FOWLS 25 CTS HEAD

Asotin, Wash., July 27.—Asotin county people need have no cause for feeling aggrieved because of the requirement of the law to assess all property on a sixty per cent basis of its full value. In Garfield county the letter of the law is strictly adhered to in the matter of tax assessment. Everything is assessed at its full value, and the matter of lowering to the sixty per cent basis is left for the equalization board to attend to, says the Sentinel.

Hon. S. G. Cosgrove and William Houser of Pomeroy, while in Asotin Wednesday, made the statement that farm land in their county was assessed at \$40 and \$50 and grazing land at \$10 per acre—which, reduced to a sixty per cent basis, means that farm land will stand at \$24 and \$30, and grazing lands at \$6.

Everything, it is said, is on the same basis. Chickens, even, are assessed at twenty-five cents a head, and Mr. Cosgrove said his assessment on chickens amounted to something like \$8. How much poultry has been given in Asotin county?

WANTS EQUITABLE WATER TAX Correspondent Suggests That All Property Owners Pay Equally.

Lewiston, Idaho, July 27.—Editor Evening Teller: Permit me to use your valuable paper to correct if possible the very unjust water tax system in force in the city of Lewiston. I refer to the water used for irrigation purposes only, and not to water for domestic use. We have a portion of Lewiston which is very beautiful, and a portion which is decidedly not beautiful. We have beautiful lawns, which not only private citizens are paying for but the city is taxing the people for. Outside of private lawns I refer to the public parks. All property in the city is enhanced in value because of these beautiful improvements, and especially that property which lies adjacent to these parks and these well kept lawns, yet in the midst of all this there are vacant lots on which there are no improvements, yet these vacant lots have increased in value at the expense of others with no expense to the owner. Is this just? The value of these vacant lots are held up to the value of the improved property adjacent and it is necessary to show visitors and prospective buyers the possibilities of what water can do, in order to prove to buyers and visitors that the values are in these vacant lots. Is it just to make only these citizens, who are striving to make this city of ours so attractive pay this water tax? The answer is no. It is true that the city this year made a step in the right direction when they by direct taxation secured revenue to sprinkle the streets, sprinkle the public parks, and for water to put out conflagrations, yet in the past these expenses were met only by the users of water; and although the city has made a step in the right direction, they should have gone further, and provided for the water that flushes the sewers, for this water is paid by the consumer of water only. The question this is, what is the remedy? We have in the city under the water mains about 5,000 lots; and 2,000 can be added with little expense. The city receives from the use of water to beautify a portion of these lots about \$6,000 per year. Here is the remedy: Place a tax on every lot under the water main; call the tax, if you like, general improvement tax; let the amount be placed at \$3 per lot, size 50x142; place a meter on every property using water, if necessary. Allow every 50x142 lot 5,000 gallons per month, which the owner can use or not as he please, and any one using water in excess of this allotted amount pay extra. This then will only cost \$3 for the use of irrigation water per lot instead of \$8. This will produce a revenue of about \$21,000 per year, and give the city money to put in extra pumps and make the necessary improvements that will be demanded sooner or later, in fact meet the present demands. This will equalize this tax and make those that will not sell and will not improve these vacant lots pay a portion of the burden, especially when these vacant lots are enhancing in value so rapidly. Mr. Editor, there is no question of the injustice of the present system, and this proposition herein set forth has at least the merit practicability and common sense.

IRRIGATION.

34 MILLIONS FOR WARSHIPS

London, July 27.—Agitation against an excessive reduction in the naval construction program has proved successful. It was announced in the house of commons today that a saving will be made on the construction of smaller vessels of about \$12,000,000, but that only three vessels of the Dreadnaught type will be constructed instead of four. The total expenditure in the new program will be \$34,000,000 instead of \$46,000,000.

ROOT CHEERED IN RIO JANERIO

Rio Janeiro, July 27.—Secretary Root arrived today from Gahia. He was welcomed by a representative of General Rio Branco, the Brazilian foreign minister, and by the civil and military authorities. He was heartily cheered by the assembled crowds.

FOUND GUILTY OF LAND FRAUDS Jury Recommends Defendants to the Clemency of the Court.

Portland, July 27.—The jury in the case of United States against Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart, Martin G. Hoge and Charles Nickell, indicted and tried for conspiracy in connection with the land fraud trials, this state, returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Hoge and Nickell at 2:17 o'clock this Friday morning, after having been out six hours. The jury recommended the defendants to the clemency of the court.

Does College Life Balk Cupid? Cincinnati Enquirer.

Is university training for young women a stumbling-block to matrimony?

It is, declare statistics, which show how few of the former co-eds of the University of Chicago have married during the last 16 years.

Secretary Arthur E. Bestor, of the Alumni Association of the university, has just issued a book of alumni statistics that has startled the college authorities. His book shows that of the 1,660 girls who have been graduated from the university since its re-establishment in 1893, only 171 have married.

The percentage of women graduates who have married is about 16 1/2. The statistics of Secretary Bestor also show that about 50 per cent of the women who have graduated have taken up teaching.

The officials deny that there is any truth in the suggestion made by some critics that the restriction at the university against college courting and engagements between the students has anything to do with the showing.

Chicago's Lost Drinking Water. Chicago Tribune.

There is great excitement in Cincinnati because of the daily mysterious disappearance of several million gallons of water which ought to reach consumers, but does not. Chicago loses five gallons daily where Cincinnati loses one, but nobody here is borrowing trouble on account of it. The municipal government, which ought to be wrought up over the matter, is calm and unconcerned. The city engineer has calculated to a nicety the amount of water which is pumped but not accounted for—is "lost, strayed or stolen." He puts the percentage at 57.99 and the total amount in gallons for last year at \$4,833,000,000 or about 42,000 gallons for every inhabitant. If the city had received for that lost water only 1 cent a 1,000 gallons, \$848,000 would have been added to its revenue.

A Paris Boulevard Ten Miles Long. Paris Letter to London Express.

The department of the seine is discussing a great scheme for the construction of a grand boulevard from the gates of Paris to St. Germain, about ten miles away, at a cost of \$2,000,000, the greater part of which the state may be asked to provide.

The suggested avenue, which was planned originally by Napoleon, would be an extension of the Champs Elysees and the Avenue de la Grande Armee. It would not go right to the town of St. Germain, but end in the forest, about a mile and a half away.

The estimated cost provides for an electric railway under the avenue, a drive on one side and a motor car track on the other side, with two cycling tracks and two footpaths.

Big Shipment of Eggs.

Monday of this week the Columbia Commission company shipped 40 cases of eggs to a Seattle firm. This shipment of 1,200 dozens is the largest ever made from this point. The price was just under 25 cents per dozen.—Kennewick Courier.

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NEZ PERCE PIVOTAL COUNTY IN SENATORIAL FIGHT

The delegates to the state convention at Pocatello met in the Welsgerber building last evening and perfected their organization. The entire senatorial situation was discussed.

Reliable information was furnished to show that Mr. Borah has not at this time strength enough to carry his point in the convention; neither has the administration. The importance of the coming fight is shown by the strong position taken by Nez Perce county which is now the pivot around which the administration forces in north Idaho will rally. An opportunity to do something big for the county was shown to exist and the delegates are enthusiastic over the outlook.

The candidacy of C. A. Hastings for state treasurer was unanimously endorsed and he will receive the support of the entire delegation in the convention. Gaylord W. Thompson was endorsed as the Nez Perce member of the state central committee. The delegates will leave Sunday morning by the boat.

The delegates from Nez Perce county twenty-five strong will be met at Riparia by their special car and will journey to Pocatello in a Pullman. It now seems likely that all the counties of northern Idaho may meet at Riparia, each county having a special car, and they will go into Pocatello, on the same train.

OHIO STRIKE DECLARED OFF

Wheeling, W. Va., July 27.—The strike of 8,000 miners which has been on in eastern Ohio since April will be officially declared off today. The miners and operators have agreed to accept the terms drafted by the scale committee.

MARKETS

LARGE SUPPLY PEACHES ARRIVE

Tomatoes and Peas Also Come Today from Snake River Farms.

The supply of peaches in the local market was relieved this morning by the arrival of 100 crates of the fruit from the Snake river farms. The fruit is small and is selling at 75@90c per crate.

Shipments of small fruits from the Snake river arrived this morning, tomatoes selling at \$1.50, peas at \$1.50 and California watermelons at \$4.50 and \$5 per dozen, apples (Waxen cooking) at \$1.40 and peaches at 75@90c.

About 150 crates of the Snake river fruits made their appearance this morning.

BUTTER RISE EXPECTED SOON

Demand for Creamery Product Responsible for Increase.

The local butter market is wobbly this morning and a predicted rise will probably occur before the first of the month. The market this morning is quoted at 24 1/2c, butter fat at 22 1/2c. The rise is due to the disappearance of the ranch butter from the sales places, the demand being for the creamery butter.

The local wholesale houses are not handling eggs at this season of the year. Those on sale are small and not of the choice variety of Idaho ranch egg.

New Potatoes Drop in Price.

Spokane, July 27.—Green peas are becoming scarcer and as a result the price has gone up from 6 to 8 cents a pound. Beans, both wax and green, on the other hand, are becoming more plentiful and the price has decreased 2 cents a pound.

New potatoes are offered as low as 18 pounds for 25 cents. They have been dropping in price steadily since the influx of local production.

A slightly firmer condition is noted in the butter market. The wholesale price has been slightly raised, with indications of still further advances in the next few weeks.

WASHINGTON NEEDS TEACHERS

Every County in the State Said to Be Short This Year.

In nearly every county in the state, except Walla Walla county, the report comes that there is a big shortage of country school teachers to fill the many places, says the Walla Walla Bulletin. Walla Walla county is fortunate enough to have sufficient applications of entirely competent instructors to fill the places in the 71 districts, and it is thought no inconvenience from this cause will materialize.

In Lewis county the county superintendent is frank enough to admit that he will be short probably 50 really meritorious teachers when school resumes.

In Pierce county Superintendent Benbow says that will be a marked shortage, although salaries will be raised \$5 and \$10 a month.

Klickitat county wants 12 first-class primary teachers, and Lincoln county an equal number.

News Notes from Nezperce.

Special to Evening Teller.
Nezperce, Idaho, July 27.—E. F. Randolph, who is the resident engineer for the electric railway company, came up from Lewiston last night, and gives it out that the eastern capitalists will be here Sunday to look over the situation.

M. K. Jonigs returned last night from a stay on his homestead.

Mrs. M. D. DeNude, who has been ill for sometime with heart trouble is no better.

WILL POSTPONE GENERAL STRIKE

St. Petersburg, July 27.—At a joint conference of the revolutionary committee held across the Finish border today, it was resolved not to declare a general strike at present.

The determining factor in the decision against a general strike was the advice of the revolutionary committee which reports that the time is not quite ripe. It was decided, however, to energetically push preparations and to address manifestoes to the army and navy.

THE WEATHER

Lewiston, Idaho, July 27.—Forecast for Lewiston and vicinity for tonight and tomorrow: Fair and warmer tonight and Saturday.

Following data recorded at the local United States weather bureau office: Maximum temperature up to noon, 87 degrees; minimum temperature this morning, 59 degrees; mean temperature for the day, 73 degrees; precipitation to noon, none.

Weather Conditions.

An area of low pressure is moving eastward over Manitoba, causing cloudy and showery weather in the Dakotas and Upper Lake region, with rain falling at Bismarck and Sault Ste Marie.

A slight depression is also noted in Western Texas, giving cloudy weather in Southern Arizona and Southern California.

An area of high barometer with a cool wave is advancing from British Columbia over Washington and Northern Idaho, causing the temperature in Montana to fall as low as 46 degrees. Attending its further development and eastward movement over the plateau region tonight and Saturday, fair weather with slight temperature changes may be expected in this vicinity.

L. M. DEY, Jr.,
Office! in Charge.

John D.'s Book About France.

Compiegne Dispatch in New York Sun
John D. Rockefeller has returned to Compiegne after a motor trip through several of the neighboring departments. Mr. Rockefeller traveled incognito and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. He mingled with the peasantry, asking farmers about the condition of their crops and speaking an encouraging word to grumblers.

Mr. Rockefeller seems to be in splendid health. He has expressed an intention to record his impressions of France in book form. He has made some close observations of the parks of Compiegne with a view to the improvement of some of his estates in America.

DRAG THE RIVER FOR HIS BODY

Clarkston Bureau Evening Teller.

Clarkston, Wash., July 27.—All efforts to recover the body of 10-year-old Frank Cope, who was drowned in the Snake river at this city at 7 o'clock last evening had been fruitless up to noon today.

Men are diving and dragging the hole with seines and grappling hooks and the river banks are specked with onlookers and friends of the parents of the boy.

John Ayre of this city accompanied by the three sons of W. A. Cope, Tom aged 12, Teddie aged 14, and Frank aged 10 went to the sand bar east of the city in the evening to bathe, and while Ayre was preparing to get into the water the boys went out on the bar, on the west side of which is a ledge of rock over which the water is 20 feet deep, one of them swimming to the far end of the ledge while the younger ones waded close to the shore. Before any of the party saw him, Frank ventured too close to the edge and went over, not uttering a word.

Immediately after finding that the boy had disappeared, Ayre and the boys hastened to town to secure aid. The father, who was at Culesac was notified and the mother of the drowned boy told of the circumstances.

W. A. Cope, the father, arrived in the city last night at 11 o'clock having driven from Culesac after getting word of the death of his son, and assisted in the work for the recovery of the body.

The parents of the boy reside on South Twelfth street.

Boys Placed Under Arrest.

Two boys, Fred Van Orsdale and Talmidge Riggle were placed under arrest this morning. Riggles being placed in the city jail, to await developments on the charge of assault and battery. The boys became entangled in a friendly row and resorted to "fistic furries" when found by Marshal Warren. One of the boys is claimed to have beaten and bruised the horse belonging to another of the trio, with a pitchfork. The hearing will be held next Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. before Justice Clear.

Take Brown to Penitentiary.

The prisoner Frank Brown, who was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, passed through the city last night in charge of an officer, on his way to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla. Owing to the lateness of the hour, he was not allowed to have an interview with the insane prisoner Burns as was intended.

Personal Mention.

E. B. Empart, J. N. Fisher and M. S. Miller, sheep men from Paradise, Ore., are in the city today on business.

Jeff Kelly of Freeewater, Ore., is registered at the Ramsey.

The family of G. H. Hansen, accompanied by Mrs. W. T. Davidson, left this morning for Mayville, North Dakota. Mrs. Davidson will return to the city after an absence of three weeks.

J. B. Lorer of Nezperce, who lately purchased the property belonging to Frank Bales, arrived in the city this morning to take possession of the property.

The family of B. J. Roper left this morning for a camping trip at Anantone to be gone the remainder of the summer months.

Marion Miller, who has charge of the Macomber and Thurston sheep in the Enterprise country, is in the city on business.

Council Meeting Postponed.
The semi-monthly council meeting was this week postponed on account of the absence of the majority of the members from the city.

Cheap Rates to the Coast.

The Northern Pacific railway announced a rate of \$20.00 for the round trip from Lewiston to Foelchs, Westport, Long Beach, Clatsop Beach and Tokeland. Tickets on sale daily until August 25. Final return limit September 30. For further information, call or phone Northern Pacific depot. W. J. JORDAN, Agent.

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