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OUR WATER SUPPLY

Figures By Colonel Edelblute Worth Studying.

Mr. Editor: In your last issue you suggested a discussion of the water question and I presume that your suggestion carried with it an offer to publish any article that might seem readable.

With this in mind I offer the following:

Last Sunday (Aug. 1st) being too warm for loafing, and having found no entertainment in the columns of the Spokesman-Review, I wandered into the hills in search of adventure. My course took me up Spring Branch creek and I took a look at the city reservoir. I was amazed at the conditions there.

It is not the purpose of this article to call attention to the mudhole for it has its advantages, as no self-respecting bad boy is apt to select such a swimming place so long as cleaner and purer water can be found in the irrigation ditch that flows through the town. One cannot help marveling, though, as to why the water should taste so good when drawn from the faucet after passing through that dam.

I made a few measurements of the flow of the stream which furnishes this supply and I give them here. First let me state that these measurements are not absolutely accurate, as I had with me no device for making them other than a six inch rule. They are sufficiently reliable, however, to draw some conclusions from and should be so taken. Weirs were constructed by placing flat stones on edge and forming a sort of dam around them. These figures cannot be off more than 20 per cent.

I found a flow of twenty miner's inches at a point about 20 feet above

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fish from total extinction.

In one Fremont county community in which the pest control law was not enforced, one farmer lost 30 acres of wheat to the squirrels. It is estimated that the yield would have been 20 bushels to the acre.

Labor shortage in the Utah and Idaho beet fields has been relieved in large part this year by importation of laborers from Mexico under an arrangement through the state department at Washington.

On account of being infected with weevil, Idaho alfalfa hay is barred from Arizona, British Columbia, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Colorado has a quarantine against alfalfa from six Idaho counties.

In an inspection of 22 Kootenai county potato fields it was ascertained by E. R. Bennett, field horticulturalist of the university extension division, and County Agent J. H. Reardan that 95 per cent of the fields were free from disease. Indications pointed to a good crop.

All the lands in the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation in Benewah and Kootenai counties, not otherwise appropriated, will be sold at public auction on Sept. 8. There are approximately 20,000 acres to be offered. There are also 481 lots in Plummer, 112 lots in DeSmet and five lots in St. Maries townships to be sold.

The twofold problem of making the cut over lands of north Idaho productive and of securing a profitable supply of forage is reported to be most important in the timbered sections of Benewah county. The farmers are undertaking its solution by the extensive use of legumes in the rotation. Clover, sweet clover, alfalfa, peas, beans and vetches are crops used.

Norman B. Adkison, a member of the faculty of the Idaho technical institute at Pocatello, was forced to withdraw his name as a candidate for state representative when a ruling was adopted by Commissioner Bryan and I. E. Rockwell of the state board of education forbidding any one holding a position on the faculty of any institution from holding public office.

Fined For Stealing Hack.

Robert Groetzinger, giving his age as 20 years, pleaded guilty in the Rathdrum justice's court Tuesday afternoon to the petit larceny of a hack belonging to J. F. Woodward, and was fined \$25 and costs. Having no money, he was sent to the county jail at Coeur d'Alene.

Young Groetzinger and William Bloom, age 19, according to the accounts given, arrived in Rathdrum Monday evening with an old team which they claimed they were taking from Sagle to the farm of William Bloom, near Valleyford, Wash. The team was equipped with a dilapidated harness, and when they saw the hack at Mr. Woodward's place, the boys decided to appropriate it under cover of darkness and complete their journey in greater comfort than they had experienced in riding bareback. They had reached Spokane Bridge, Wash., when they were overtaken by the owner of the hack and Constable D. O. Cleland, who made the trip in an auto driven by A. A. Berges. The two boys willingly accompanied the officer back to Rathdrum, Groetzinger freely confessing his guilt but claiming his companion had no part in the crime. Bloom said Groetzinger told him he had bought the hack. They said they were cousins.

Young Bloom left Wednesday with the team, saying he would deliver it to his father at Valleyford, and secure funds to obtain the release of his cousin.

Mr. Woodward recovered his hack and brought it back to town. He said the horses the boys had were very old and hardly able to travel.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Two Girls Saved From Drowning In Twin Lakes.

Miss Mima Pilkenton and Miss Cora Brophy, members of neighboring families residing northeast of Rathdrum, narrowly escaped death by drowning at the foot of lower Twin lake last Saturday afternoon. They were in wading and Miss Pilkenton dropped out of sight in a deep pool. Miss Brophy going to her aid also got beyond her depth and soon both were struggling, neither being able to swim. Rollie Hurrell, a 15 year-old Rathdrum boy, proved the hero of the occasion, swimming to the drowning maidens and bringing them to shore and then assisting in getting help in the work of resuscitation. Miss Pilkenton is said to have gone down for the last time when rescued.

Mrs. Reland Young is also reported to have aided in the rescue by the use of a boat. Men working in the vicinity were called upon, and Dr. Wenz was called from town.

FROM OVER THE COUNTY

POST FALLS

The Advance states that the valuation of Post Falls is approximately \$700,000.

O. W. Schilling has retired from the meat business.

On account of low water supply, East Greenacres and Post Falls irrigation districts are installing pumps to get water to their land.

The fall grain has all been harvested and some of the spring grain. The yield will be surprisingly good, taking into account the extreme drought.

SPIRIT LAKE

It is claimed the game of ball between Spirit Lake and Newport has been arranged. The teams are to play for a \$2000 purse at Natatorium park, Spokane, Aug. 8.

A. L. Earle is ill at Coeur d'Alene with smallpox.

HARRISON

The Y. M. C. A. building is being torn down and the lumber sold at \$20 per 1000 feet.

John Nordquist has started work on his contract to build 12 miles of the north and south highway from Half Round bay to Beauty bay.

Tony Damiana and family lost their house by fire. All the contents were saved except the range which was too big to be moved through the doorway.

COEUR D'ALENE

Conditions in the county are very favorable to the creation of range associations such as are already operating in other section of the state, according to E. F. Riechart, field animal husbandman of the Idaho agricultural extension division, who spent two days last week looking over the county. He stated that through these associations the farmers in close or relatively close proximity to the ranges are able to pool their interests to such an extent as to be of mutual benefit to all concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Danby left Saturday for Thompson Falls, Mont., to visit their daughter. Mrs. Day Reynolds and family.

Claude W. Hodge was last week designated as recruiting officer of Troop K, cavalry, the roster being kept open a short time for applicants for enlistment who could not be on hand when the troop was mustered in.

Mrs. F. G. Furgeson has returned to Seattle, after a visit with her brother, F. L. Quarles, and other relatives. Her niece, Katherine Quarles, accompanied her home and will spend several weeks visiting at Everett and Seattle.

Andrew Blackburn died at his home Saturday afternoon at the age of 72 years. He leaves a widow and stepson, Harold Purdy of this city, and three sons.

Rathdrum Primaries.

Fifty-eight votes were cast at the republican primary election in Rathdrum precinct Tuesday afternoon, while only eight votes were recorded at the democratic primary. The contest between McFarland and Wearne for prosecuting attorney was the chief factor in bringing out so many republicans. The precinct gave McFarland 40 and Wearne 14 votes.

Dr. F. Wenz was reelected republican precinct committeeman, and Ernest Reiniger was chosen again to that position for the democrats.

Delegates elected by the precinct to the republican county convention are C. P. Evans, W. H. Edelblute, Lottie C. Farnsworth and Emma H. Greenup. The democrats elected E. F. Reiniger, H. H. Mitchell, O. W. Stone and Geo. W. Flemming.

Following is the republican vote in Rathdrum Tuesday afternoon:

State Senator, E. V. Boughton	42
State Representatives:	
A. W. Burleigh	28
James W. Keating	35
C. A. McDouald	25
Commissioners:	
1st dist. Hans Johnson	49
2nd dist. J. W. McCrea	49
3rd dist. Frank A. Morris	56
Treasurer, H. F. Cleland	56
Assessor, S. H. Smith	39
County Supt. of Schools, Egbers	63
Coroner, R. B. Mooney	44
Probate Judge, M. G. Whitney	48
Prosecuting Attorney:	
W. B. McFarland	40
Roger G. Wearne	14
Precinct Committeeman,	
F. Wenz	52
Precinct Delegates:	
C. P. Evans	51
W. H. Edelblute	53
Lottie C. Farnsworth	49
Emma H. Greenup	49

Rimrock Farmer Killed.

David E. Tobler was killed instantly, Monday, when the team he was driving to a load of hay took fright and overturned the wagon at his ranch home on the Rimrock, throwing Mr. Tobler to the ground and breaking his neck.

Mr. Tobler had lived on Rimrock for a number of years, and leaves his widow and a child, his mother, brother in California, and a sister, Mrs. Ed. Moore, at Chatcolet. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge in Coeur d'Alene.

Minor Parties.

The prohibition national convention in session at Lincoln, Neb., on July 21 named Aaron S. Watkins of Ohio, as its candidate for president. The nomination was offered to Wm. J. Bryan but he declined.

A new political party, styling itself the Farmer-Labor party, was organized recently at Chicago and nominated Parley P. Christensen of Salt Lake for president. The convention was a stormy one, according to reports, owing to wide difference of views and radical ideas expressed by the various elements and factions represented among the delegates. An effort was made to nominate Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, but the platform could not be made to meet with his sentiments.

Early in the year the socialist party held a convention and again nominated Eugene V. Debs.

BAN WORMY FRUIT

S. J. Klepfer Gives Dealers Renewed Warning.

The law against selling or offering to sell wormy apples except to a licensed by-products plant, is again being brought to the attention of dealers.

S. J. Klepfer, fruit inspector for the five northern counties, was in Rathdrum Monday. He said he had received notice from the state department of agriculture to make the rounds of his district and give renewed warning that the law will be enforced, more strictly than heretofore, as it is presumed that dealers are by this time sufficiently acquainted with the statute, and that violations hereafter must be intentional and not due to ignorance. Under the law any infected fruit found on sale may be seized and destroyed. Persistence in violation will incur the extreme penalty which ranges from \$25 to \$300 fine.

Mr. Klepfer says the time is due for orchardists to spray the last time for codling moth, as the worm is soon to emerge from the cocoon as a full fledged moth. He has been busy all spring, and so far this summer, with his duties as inspector and is not through yet. A few new orchards have been planted this year, although nurseries now charge \$1 to \$1.25 for trees that formerly sold for seven to 25 cents apiece.

Railroads Apply For Increase.

Boise, Idaho.—Eleven railroad's operating in the state of Idaho filed Friday a joint supplementary petition before the public utilities commission which asked for a hearing on the railroads' petition for increases in freight and passenger rates corresponding to increases prayed for before the interstate commerce commission. Petitioners ask that rates in Idaho be made effective not later than September 1.

Railroads named as petitioners are: Oregon Short Line company, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, Great Northern Railroad company, Northern Pacific Railroad company, Gilmore and Pittsburg Railroad company, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Nez Perce and Idaho Railroad company, Craig Mountain Railroad company, Camas Prairie Railroad company, Caldwell Traction company, Utah-Idaho Central Railroad company, Spokane International Railroad company, Intermountain railway company, Boise Valley Traction company, and the Pacific & Idaho Northern Railroad company.

Roy L. Black, attorney general, and Raymond L. Givens, special attorney for the public utilities commission, filed a protest Friday which asked that no increase in rates be made at this time and that no hearing be held until after the interstate commerce commission action is announced.

Increase of wages by the railway labor board is the basis of the railroads' petition for immediate hearings.

Railroads in western classification territory have filed a petition for freight increases of 23.91 per cent.

Aug. 19 has been set for hearing the applications for increase of rates.

Idaho State News Items.

The Lewiston valley cherry crop totaled 80 carloads.

Troop E, Idaho cavalry, was mustered in at Boise Monday.

The Yukon Gold company at Murray resumed mining operations August 1

Extensive logging operations on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river are to begin soon.

A contract has been let to furnish the Rose Lake Lumber company 1,600,000 feet of logs from the North Fork district.

H. E. Carpenter in cooperation with the Latah county farm bureau is demonstrating the use of sodium arsenite as a Canada thistle eradicator.

I. Condie of Carey was fined \$25 and costs July 30 by Judge H. K. Lewis of Halley for shooting sage hens out of season.

In a squirrel drive conducted on the lands of Lovell valley under direction of the Benewah county farm bureau, 15,000 acres of land were poisoned in one day.

"Dodder in Idaho" is the title of a bulletin issued by B. F. Sheehan, state seed commissioner, in which he warns that dodder is threatening the small seed industry of Idaho.

Sheep scab is practically eradicated from Idaho with the exception of the Idaho Falls country and Twin Falls county, on which the quarantine is being continued.

Forty-five Adams county sportsmen have petitioned to have the streams in portions of that county closed to fishing until June 1, 1923, to save the