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PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON GRADE CROSSING

City and Railroad Officials Differ as to Most Available Entrance to the City Park

The hearing before the state public service commission on the proposed grade crossing to give an entrance to the city park was held Tuesday, with an imposing array of attorneys and officials present. The commission was represented by Commissioner Frank R. Spinning, who was accompanied by a stenographer and Robert Burgunder of the state attorney general's office. The O.-W. R. & N. company was represented by Attorney Arthur Murphy, Division Superintendent Wm. Connelly and Assistant Chief Engineer H. J. Roberts. N. L. McDonald, assistant district attorney at Spokane, looked after the interests of the Northern Pacific Railway company and Attorney D. C. Dow handled the case for the city.

On arrival in Pullman the party went to the park and made an inspection of the ground, later returning to the council chamber, where the formal hearing was held.

M. K. Snyder was the first witness called and testified as to the necessity for a grade crossing in order to secure a satisfactory entrance to the park. He told why the present entrance under the O.-W. R. & N. trestle is unfeasible and could never be made safe and satisfactory and, in response to questions by Attorney Murphy, explained why an entrance from Spring street could not be acquired without a very heavy expense.

Councilman W. C. Kruegel was called and outlined the plans of the council for the development and improvement of the park, retailed the trouble the city had experienced with the O.-W. R. & N. company in keeping open the present entrance, told how the railroad company had closed the entrance, so that automobile tourists in the park could not get out until the city removed the obstructions, and explained why the grade crossing petitioned for is an absolute necessity.

W. L. Greenawalt, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee on parks and highways, gave evidence as to the objections to the present entrance, the danger of an entrance from Spring street, and the advantages of the proposed grade crossing.

H. J. Roberts was the first witness for the O.-W. R. & N. company. He enlarged on the danger of grade crossings generally and the one proposed in particular and testified that in his opinion an entrance to the park from Spring street could be

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STOLEN CHALMERS FOUND IN AUTO PARK

Harry Busby, Indian, Arrested and Charged With Theft—Name Written on Back of Car

The new Chalmers automobile stolen last week from the Martin garage was located Friday afternoon in the automobile park, where it had been hidden in the bushes. The car was considerably scratched, but otherwise was not injured. Later two automobile casings, two tubes and two cans of lubricating oil were discovered hidden near where the car was found, all having been taken from the garage. It is believed the car and accessories were taken by someone who contemplated a long trip, and that they were hidden in the park while arrangements were being made to start on the journey.

Harry Busby, an Indian, was arrested and taken to Colfax on a charge of stealing the automobile, after his name was found written in the dust on the back of the car in several places. Busby was placed in the county jail in default of \$1500 bonds, and his hearing on a charge of grand larceny was set for August 26.

MOUNTAIN HIKES BY METHODIST YOUNGSTERS

The third group from the local Methodist church to go on a hike was the girls of the junior choir and high school. Mrs. A. C. Clark and Professor F. L. Pickett were chaperones. Autos were furnished by F. C. Densow, Dr. C. A. Cornelson, H. F. Harms, F. L. Hamilton, and Carl Gerding.

The last bunch went this week—a group of small boys chaperoned by J. N. Emerson and J. F. Bohler. The whole group loaded into the Emerson truck. This makes over 70 persons who have gone on these outings this summer.

HOLLAND SECURES MEN TO FILL VACANCIES

Finds Demand for Teachers of Competency in East Which Can Not Be Fully Met—Situation Is Clearing

Dr. E. O. Holland returned Sunday evening from a tour which took him to many eastern colleges and universities, as well as to many educational institutions in the middle west. The object of the trip was to find qualified men to fill the 15 or 18 vacancies on the faculty of the State College, caused by resignations during the past few months, many of the men having gone into commercial work, which offered greater financial advantages than teaching, while others accepted positions at other institutions at higher salaries than the local institution was able to offer. In a talk before the chamber of commerce Tuesday, Dr. Holland stated that he had been successful in filling the majority of the vacancies and that the college will open in September with a full faculty of qualified professors and instructors.

The greatest loss which the college has sustained through resignations, he said, was that of Dr. W. G. Beach, dean of the college of science and arts, who resigned to accept a position at Stanford University at an increased salary.

In the east, said Dr. Holland, there is a demand for teachers of competency which can not be fully met, but the situation shows signs of clearing and within the next two or three years the educational institutions should be in better condition, from the standpoint of competent staffs of instructors, than ever before.

The desirable instructor, according to President Holland, must not only be well qualified in his line, but must be sane toward public affairs. The speaker drew liberal applause when he stated an instance of an instructor who had been recommended to him by an educational expert who, after extolling the qualities of the man as a student of remarkable ability and an instructor of the highest calibre, had qualified his endorsement with the statement that the man was a radical. Because of that radicalism, that lack of saneness toward public affairs, his application was turned down by President Holland and the head of the department with which he sought to become associated as an instructor.

Crops throughout the east and middle west are generally good, according to President Holland, the hot weather having not yet had any considerable ill effects. In North and South Dakota the farmers are complaining of rust, as they have been for the past few years.

President Holland stated that present indications are for an enrollment of between 500 and 600 men majoring in agriculture at the State College this year, while fully 500 will be enrolled in the various branches of engineering.

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Tilden E. Woods has purchased the William Irwin farm just east of Pullman, and will again become a resident of this community. Mr. Irwin has purchased the old J. W. Stearns residence property on East Main street from George Gannon and will reside in Pullman for the present.

MUST RAISE \$27,615 BY TAX TO PAY CITY EXPENSES FOR 1921

Preliminary Budget Prepared by City Council Calls for \$3770 More Than for Present Year—Increased Valuation Will Hold Levy Down

Provision for fire equipment costing \$5000, for a new septic tank at \$3000, a second police officer at \$1350, and \$500 additional for both park and cemetery maintenance purposes is made in the preliminary budget of municipal expenses for the year 1921, yet the total to be raised by taxation is less than \$4000 more than the total required for this year. The budget, if finally approved, will probably call for a municipal tax levy of 26 or 27 mills, as against a 24-mill levy made last year for the year 1920.

The total estimated expense of the city of Pullman for the year 1921 will be \$29,035, as against an expense of \$19,015 for the present year, according to the preliminary budget just prepared by the city council. A public hearing on the budget has been set for Tuesday evening, October 5, when objections to the budget as a whole or any part thereof will be heard by the city fathers previous to their official sanction of the various items. The biggest single item of estimated increased financial requirements is in provision for a fire truck, hose and other equipment, the cost of which is placed at \$5000. Another \$3000 will be required to construct a new septic tank to replace the present tank, which has been the object of several law suits, while \$1350 will be required to pay the salary of an extra policeman for next year.

The items for park and cemetery maintenance are both increased \$500 over last year's figures, being placed at \$1500 each, while \$350 more will be required for city lights than for this year and an item of \$200 for expense of the health department is added to the budget.

On the other hand, the item for \$6000 for the retirement of old general fund warrants included in the budget for the present year is omitted, the last of the old warrants having been retired last month.

The elimination of this expense and the deduction of \$1640, the esti-

VOTE ON PARK BONDS AT CITY ELECTION

Special Election Will Be Combined with Municipal Contest of Ballots to Save Expense

At the regular municipal election early in December, the voters of the city will ballot on the question of voting bonds in the amount of \$20,000 for the improvement of the two city parks. A petition signed by 81 taxpayers was presented to the city council, with the request that the matter be submitted to the voters at the time of the general election on November 2, but the city fathers decided to conduct the special election in connection with the city election, believing that the expense will be considerably less. The bond question will be made a part of the regular city ballots. A petition to the city council, signed by 27 citizens, asking the appointment of a special police officer, was tabled.

Ordinances vacating a part of Webb and True avenues and providing a fine of not more than \$300 or 30 days imprisonment, or both, for drunkenness, for having liquor in possession, or for giving it away, were passed. These ordinances are printed in full elsewhere in this issue of The Herald.

The city fathers fixed the price for city water for the O.-W. R. & N. company engines at this point at \$25 per month, with the stipulation that a revised rate be fixed January 1, when the exact amount of water used by the engines will be known.

mated receipts from various sources in 1920, reduces the amount to be raised by taxation in case the budget is officially approved to \$27,615, or only \$3770 more than last year. The assessed valuation of the city has increased some \$45,000 over last year's figures and it is believed that in case the budget as prepared is approved by the city fathers the municipal tax levy will be not more than two or three mills more than the 24-mill levy of last year.

The budget as prepared includes the following salary items: treasurer, \$600; clerk, \$540; attorney, \$300; chief of police, \$1560; health officer, \$300; street commissioner, \$600; hose company, \$300; engineer, \$1000; extra policeman, \$1350. The estimated salary total is \$6550, as against \$5190 for the present year. The item for an extra policeman was not included in last year's budget, while \$360 is added to the salary of the chief of police and \$350 deducted from the estimated expense for engineer's services. A part of the salaries for the treasurer, clerk and street and water commissioner are paid from the water fund, which is self-supporting.

The total for lights in the new budget is \$3992, as against \$3642 for the present year, \$350 being added to the item for city hall and miscellaneous lights.

The items for street work are identical with those of last year, \$4500 for labor and \$1000 for materials and supplies.

The items for parks and cemetery are both increased from \$1000 to \$1500.

In last year's budget provision was made for only \$500 for sewer purposes, while \$3000 is set aside for 1921 to construct a new septic tank.

The estimated expenses of the fire department, aside from salaries, are placed at \$5000 for 1921, while only \$150 was set aside for this year's fire department expenses. The item for public printing remains the same, \$250, while the \$150 estimate for election expenses is eliminated from the present budget. The estimated expense of registering voters is reduced from \$150 to \$60, and \$200 is added for health department expenses.

The items for miscellaneous city

GREENHOUSE MEN BUY CONFECTIONERY STORE

Roy A. Neill and Erich Klossner Purchase "Oasis" from George Fairchild

Roy A. Neill and Erich Klossner, proprietors of Neill's Greenhouses, have purchased the Oasis confectionery store from George Fairchild, assuming charge of the establishment last Saturday. Both the new owners are young men of the highest standing in the community and men of proven business ability and should make a success of the new venture. A flower department will be installed in connection with the confectionery business and a display refrigerator of the latest type will be added to the equipment. Mr. Neill, the senior partner, has been engaged in the greenhouse business here for several years and has built up one of the best greenhouse establishments in the Inland Empire. Mr. Klossner was employed by him for some time prior to the war, when he resigned to serve his country. Immediately upon his discharge he returned to Pullman and returned to the greenhouse business. Mr. Fairchild, the retiring owner, has not yet definitely decided upon his future plans, but will remain in Pullman for the present at least. The name of the establishment will be changed to Neill's Sweet Shop.

The J. N. Scott family returned Monday from a vacation trip to Conklin park, on Coeur d'Alene lake.

expense total exactly the same as last year, \$1483, including insurance, fuel, rent, miscellaneous labor, and installments on local improvement districts 10, 11 and 18.

The estimated revenues for 1921 are placed at \$1640, or \$250 more than during the present year.

WILL START WORK ON NEW PHOTO STUDIO

Work on the new studio to be constructed on Alder street by J. R. Stephenson will start within a few days, a shipment of material being expected tomorrow. The second floor of the building will be utilized for suites of rooms.

FIRST N. P. AGENT RETURNS TO PULLMAN

John P. Coady, Who Maintained Office in Water Tank Thirty Years Ago, New Western Union Manager

"Is the McConnell-Chambers company still in business here?" This was the first question shot at The Herald man last Friday by John P. Coady, who arrived in the city Thursday evening to assume the management of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph company. Upon being advised that the McConnell-Chambers company had done business in Pullman for over 25 years, Mr. Coady introduced himself as the first agent the Pullman branch of the Northern Pacific railway ever had, and stated that his unfamiliarity with the present business concerns of the city was due to the fact that he had not been in Pullman for over 30 years.

"When I came to Pullman as agent for the Northern Pacific the Spokane-Genesee line was still under construction, and I maintained my office in the water tank while the first depot was being completed," said Mr. Coady. "Passenger service was not inaugurated for several weeks after my arrival, but freight service was maintained as far as the line was completed."

Since leaving Pullman the pioneer station agent has been in almost every part of the globe, and was assigned to the management of the local Western Union office from Portland, Ore., where he has been located for several months past. "I was given my choice of a number of W. U. offices where vacancies have occurred," said Mr. Coady, "and when Pullman was mentioned I jumped at the chance to return to the city where I spent one of the happiest years of my career as a young man. Pullman has certainly forged to the front. I had heard indirectly of the thriving little city in the Palouse hills as the home of the State College, but I had little idea of the remarkable development which has marked the last 30 years. When I served as N. P. station agent Pullman was a struggling hamlet of a few hundred souls. The young men of the community would work hard all week in anticipation of a weekend jaunt to Palouse City to attend a dance. Today you have a city of which you may well feel proud. Your educational institutions have been developed and their scope increased until they are recognized as among the best in the land, while the farms of the Palouse country as an agricultural district has spread to all corners of the globe. I am certainly glad to be back in Pullman, and only regret that so few of the oldtimers are still numbered among your citizens."

When he first came to Pullman Mr. Coady "put up" at the hotel maintained by M. C. ("Pop") True, and says he hasn't found any better "eats" since than were dished out by "Pop" and his amiable wife. Incidentally, Mr. True furnished the city its first real thrill when he tapped the first artesian well in the history of the community. Now there are some two dozen of them, one of which flows a sufficient quantity of pure water to supply a city several times the size of Pullman, but "Pop's" was the pioneer gusher and went a long way toward making his hotel the popular place that it was.

FALL WHEAT AVERAGES 40 BUSHELS TO ACRE

Grain Men Estimate Bumper Crop for This Vicinity—Hail Cut Yield in Some Fields

That fall wheat in the Pullman vicinity will average close to 40 bushels per acre is the prediction of pioneer grain men, and this estimate is borne out by reports of yields from fields which are already threshed. Yield reports ranging from 40 to 50 bushels are numerous, while no reports of less than 30 bushels have come to the attention of the grain men. In some fields the yield was cut materially by the hail storm several weeks ago, a few farmers reporting a yield reduction of 30 to 50 per cent because of the storm. Contrary to expectations, however, the wheat lodged by the storm filled perfectly and will yield a good return as pasturage for hogs.

Practically all of the threshing outfits and combines are now in the field and the harvest is being rushed to completion. Much spring wheat is still standing, however, and it is expected that the harvest will not be completed until the first of October. Spring wheat and oats will not yield up to the standard of fall wheat.

The first carload of new wheat to be shipped from the warehouses was shipped from the Busbey warehouse Tuesday to the George Ford mill at Bellingham. The wheat was raised on the Ford farm, east of Pullman, is of the red hybrid variety, and yielded better than 35 bushels to the acre.

Glenn Nagle, east of Pullman, secured a 46-bushel yield of red hybrid and W. E. Benedict reports the same yield of white club. Thomas McMurray, on the J. L. Metsker farm, who previously estimated 45 bushels per acre, secured an actual yield of 49½ bushels of triplot, while Fred Peed secured a 45-bushel yield of hybrid No. 128.

The local wheat market is decidedly unsteady and there is no selling, although inquiries by farmers are numerous. Wednesday's quotations ranged from \$2.08 to \$2.15, showing a 50 per cent recovery from the decline of Saturday and Monday. There are no local quotations on oats and barley.

The threshing machine operators are experiencing no difficulty in securing competent help, reporting a better class of harvest hands than since 1916. Wages range from a minimum of \$6 to \$10 and \$12 for the skilled labor, while the charge for threshing ranges from 22 cents to 25 cents per bushel. Warehouse wages are \$7 per day for good men. Sacks are selling for 17 cents, as against an early season price of 22½ cents. This decline is due largely to the light crop in the Big Bend district, which released thousands of sacks for the more favored sections.

LESS THAN THOUSAND QUALIFIED FOR PRIMARY

Total Registration Reaches 977—Precinct 64 Leads with 312—Heavier Than in 1916

A total of 977 voters had qualified by registration for the primary election when the registration books closed Tuesday night. This total is 150 greater than the registration for the primary election of four years ago, although 1413 voters qualified for the general election of 1916. At the same rate of increase Pullman should have fully 1600 electors qualified to participate in the general election of next November. The registration by precincts for the primary election is as follows:

Precinct 41—269.
Precinct 51—240.
Precinct 64—312.
Precinct 72—156.
Reports from the country precincts are that the registration is abnormally light, a very small percentage of the voters having affixed their names to the books.