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Editorial Comment

On a per capita basis, the people of Washington are among the richest on earth. The latest figures of the state tax commission show that an equal division would allot \$2,064.38 to each man, woman and child. The assessed valuation of all property in Washington is now \$906,247,944, a substantial increase since the last report of the commission.

Twenty steel trains constitute the equipment of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway, which will inaugurate its through service between Chicago and Puget Sound Monday, May 29. Two fast trains will leave each end of the line daily. They will be known as "The Columbian" and "The Olympian." Many new ideas will be introduced in train operation.

For the purpose of giving the Evergreen State wider exploitation than it has ever had before, the Washington Development League has been organized. All commercial organizations in Washington are eligible and an effort will be made to enlist the cooperation of each and every one. The state as a whole is to be advertised far and wide. The fruits of this publicity, in the shape of inquiries, will be placed at the disposal of all members of the league.

Handsome railway stations are springing up all over the Northwest. Last year the Great Northern dedicated several along its lines. Last month, the Northern Pacific opened the doors of its new passenger station in Tacoma, and last Saturday the latest addition was formally inaugurated in Seattle by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company. This terminal building is said to be one of the most compact railroad structures in the country. It has been officially named "The New O.-W. Station." It is 237 feet long and 145 feet wide. The total cost was \$1,359,885.

Business is picking up and predictions are that the fall of 1911 will be one of the best known in years. Following the decision of the supreme court in the Standard Oil case, the stock market showed encouraging strength. And now, bankers say that money is becoming freer. Merchants also report a revival of business that is very hopeful. The imports and exports of the Puget Sound district for April show a big gain over March. Recent rains insure big crops. So that, taken all in all, there is not a sinister omen in the whole review.

Representing ten Western states the executive committee of the Western Development League met at the Portland Commercial Club during the past week and mapped out a plan that promises to be of great benefit to the whole West. The purpose is to attract people from the crowded East to vacant lands of the West, where there is room for millions to build happy homes. The big drawing card proposed by the league is a special train of exhibit cars that will tour the East next Fall and will give the people of that part of the country an object lesson of the opportunities to be found here. At least five cars of exhibits will be taken along, showing the products of the West in a comprehensive fashion. This will be the biggest showing ever attempted along this line and is certain to attract much attention. The exhibits will later be placed at the Eastern land shows during the Winter.

GELILO CANAL TO BE OPENED IN 1915

The Cello canal, which has attracted a number of visitors from Hood River lately, is now expected to be finished in 1915. In an interview with The Dalles Optimist Lieut. Robert the engineer in charge recently outlined the status of the work done on the canal and that to be completed. He said:

"Messrs. Caughren, Winters, Smith & Co. finished the contract for 14,000 feet of the upper end of the Cello canal and that work is practically completed. This finishes all of the contract work and the remaining portion of the canal work will be done by hired labor. The hired labor work has been in progress since July, 1910.

"The work of excavating for the tandem lock where the canal ends at Big Eddy is about three-fourths completed. The excavation for the upper lock chamber has been completed and the work of driving the tunnel culverts is now in progress. This lock is forty-five feet wide and has two chambers, each 40x300 feet, and each has a lift of thirty-five feet, making a total lift of seventy feet at low water in the Columbia to the boat basin at the head of the lock.

"The concrete work for the boat basin is now in progress and the side walls are nearly completed. "The excavation of the canal trunk is being carried on at ten points along the line of the canal.

"Since the beginning of the hired labor work in August, 1910, 150,000 cubic yards of solid rock and 200,000 cubic yards of sand has been excavated and 3400 cubic yards of concrete has been placed. The concrete plant has been in operation for less than two months. Four steam shovels are at work and a land dredge is nearly ready for work. Three traveling derricks and five stiff leg derricks, with fourteen locomotives and eighty dump cars, are on the ground to handle the excavated material.

"The headquarters are at Big Eddy, from which point the general supervision of the work is carried on. The daily force is about 750 men and there are three camps, the one at Big Eddy, one at Five mile lock and one at Ten mile lock.

"The water supply for the camp comes from a driven well 120 feet deep, and is also piped from springs on the hillside above the camp. Every house has water piped to it and a complete sewer system has been installed.

"It is not expected that the spring freshet this year will interfere with the work. The winter season has been exceptionally favorable for the work, being without either cold weather, ice or snow."

Big Eddy has become quite a village, containing, as it does, the headquarters' building, machine shops, storehouses, hospital, substantial homes for the office force who have families, mess house, bunk houses and wash houses, as well as quite a number of cottages owned by employees who are married. There are four stores. Thorne Kinersly, who established a store there in the winter, has been appointed postmaster, and now mail will be sent directly there as soon as he qualifies.

The hospital building, although small, is well equipped and has a ward capable of containing sixteen cots. It is under the management of Dr. Francis M. Harden, as surgeon, and his wife as nurse in charge.

It is expected to have the canal finished in 1915.

MANY WASCO COUNTY PUPILS FAIL TO PASS

J. T. Neff, County Superintendent has completed marking the eighth grade examination papers, says the Oregonian, and reports that out of 48 pupils who took the examinations only 18 passed. These were in the town and country schools outside of The Dalles.

The studies in which most of the pupils failed were grammar and civilt government. Those falling in one or two branches will be given a chance to try again in June.

ANOTHER HOOD RIVER PARTY VISITS LYLE

Another Hood River party went to Lyle Sunday to investigate the new townsite, and report a good deal of activity there. The party again took the trip on the Ollie S. J. G. Rainey and A. W. Fleming accompanied the Hood River visitors who returned much impressed with the prospects of Lyle as a live North Bank town.

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DALLES PEOPLE SQUABBLE OVER POSTOFFICE SITE

Fearful that the county officials of Wasco county were planning to sell the court house and thus force the construction of a new one, people of that county, according to the Oregonian, have invoked the referendum on a bill passed at the last session of the legislature, giving Wasco county the right to sell any of its holdings. County Judge Lake, of Wasco county, who was in Portland Thursday attending the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, says:

"The bill passed was for the purpose of allowing the county to sell the federal government three lots in The Dalles for a postoffice site. The measure was made too broad. It gave the county the right to transfer any of its holdings. The present court house was erected 30 years ago at a cost of \$22,000. It is antiquated and not nearly adequate for the county's needs. Consequently there has been considerable agitation for a new building, which has been strenuously opposed, especially in the country districts."

Judge Lake expresses the belief that the referendum petitions were not inspired by parties anxious to sell the government private property for a postoffice site. He says that there is general satisfaction in The Dalles with the location of the lots owned by the county.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, vs. Elsie L. Barton, Plaintiff, vs. Elsie L. Barton, Defendant.

To Elsie L. Barton, defendant herein, in the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons hereinafter stated, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, namely, for a divorce from the defendant upon the ground of desertion. You are notified that this summons is served upon you, by publication for six weeks in the Hood River News, by order of W. L. Bradshaw, judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River county, made April 11th, 1911, directing said summons to be published for a period of six weeks, requiring you to appear and answer said complaint on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication thereof. The date of the first publication of this summons is April 19, 1911. S. W. STARK, Attorney for Plaintiff, Apr. 19-May 17-71

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Philip Spangler, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly itemized and legally verified at the law office of S. W. Stark, in Hood River, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice, viz: March 20th, 1911. IDA M. SPANGLER, Administratrix of the estate of Philip Spangler, deceased. Mch 22-29 May 12-19-26

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