

THE COUNTY NEWS

The "East End" as Reflected By Our Exchanges.

TEACHERS EXAMINED.

Eight Applicants Awarded Certificates.

WESTON LEADER.

I. N. Smith, a farmer living on Wild Horse mountain had a paralytic stroke last week.

A little child of F. G. Naylor, a Geer Spring farmer, had her tonsils removed last week by Dr. Best.

The Weston Cornet Band is making satisfactory progress under the tutelage of Prof. Frank Henry.

There was a reception at Mayor Probst's Monday evening in honor of Miss Potwin, of Pendleton.

Joseph Zigman who has been suffering from hernia for several years has been entirely cured by Dr. Best.

Mrs. S. M. Richardson, of Pendleton, was up from Pendleton Tuesday to attend the funeral of her father, William H. Hall.

The friends of Mrs. H. Pinkerton will be glad to hear that that lady's health is much improved, she is now able to sit up and be dressed, after a long and tedious illness during which she has been bedfast most of the time.

Normal Bradley closed a successful term of school at the Union school house, district No. 52, on Friday Jan. 28th, Monday, February 14th this regular young teacher will commence a six month term in school district No. 95.

The ladies of the Episcopal church society of this place propose giving a stereopticon exhibition here soon. The pictures will include old world scenes castles and cathedrals of historical renown with interesting views of the Holy Land. It promises to be interesting and instructive.

Mr. Logan informs the Leader that a conger is prowling around his place on Pine creek which from the tracks it leaves in the snow must be of formidable dimensions. Now is the time for some of our Weston sportsmen to distinguish themselves by bagging his comarship and putting an end to his nightly depredations.

Later one evening after a dance not long since, four persons, two young men and two young women were seen to enter the Weston school house. Whether these are the parties that broke in the door at the main entrance is not known. For the sake of the reputation of the two young women of the party, our informant would give no names, and it is likely that no more will be said of this episode if such notational perambulations cease.

MILTON EAGLE.

Several of our citizens went over to Walla Walla Saturday evening to see Ole Olsen. They report the play a very "snide" affair and now wish they had their money back.

The penny social at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Mitchell Monday evening was a very pleasant affair and was greatly enjoyed by the members of the Epworth League and their friends.

A little child of Noah Taylor of North Milton is afflicted with measles. The little one brought the disease from Pendleton. All precautions necessary have been taken by the family and health officer to prevent the spread of contagion.

A Walla Walla auctioneer has been out this week selling "Jim Crow" articles to those silly enough to buy them. It's a singular fact that no matter how transparent may be the fraud there are always plenty of people willing and eager to bite.

Milton is to have a first-class bowling alley. Several parties have been considerably enlarged. For a time Mr. Gholson thought seriously of building an addition to his residence in order to accommodate his fat, but it soon regaled its former graceful proportions and he is now congratulating himself on his ability to accompany it during its daily perambulations without the necessity of transporting it in a wheelbarrow. But we must resume our story or we'll never get to Klondike.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Certificates Were Granted by the Board to Eight Applicants.

The teachers' examination has been completed by the examining board, which consists of Superintendent Kurland and Prof. L. F. Forbes and C. J. McIntosh. Compared to former ones, the examination was not very difficult, but seven out of the 20 applicants failed.

KLONDIKITS; OR UP-TO-DATE.

BY SCRIBBLER.

CHAPTER I.

A Close Call.

The Nineteenth century was drawing to a close. Eighteen hundred and ninety-eight instead of being an iridescent dream of the sweetly-remembered, had become a stern reality staring us fully in the face. The past year had been an awful one; a record breaker in many respects. Wars, famine, pestilence, measles and the mumps had threatened to exterminate the inhabitants of this terrestrial sphere, but thanks to the rigid enforcement of the quarantine, and the vigorous foreign policy of the republican administration, what seemed to be the inevitable was happily averted. Confidence was restored, causing abundant crops, higher prices for products, wonderful gold discoveries in Alaska and various other beneficent favors, favorable to suffering humanity. Consequently an irresistible wave of prosperity is sweeping over this grand and glorious country, which some profess to believe will bury into oblivion the pop-bled, before proceeding farther with this thrilling narrative of facts we desire to state that we have a twofold object in view. First, we shall endeavor to demonstrate to the thousands of readers of the Press, who may intend to go there, that there is a more direct, shorter, quicker and better route to the Klondike than any that has yet been utilized. Second, as the political pot begins to simmer and the time approaches for the selection of state, county and precinct officials, we deem it but proper to present for the consideration of the public a brief sketch and bird's eye view of some of our most prominent citizens. Not that they have political aspirations or would accept office, but in order to place them on an equal footing with those who have and would. These sketches will appear as specialties and will not materially interfere with the development of the narrative.

In this chapter we give a fairly good view of City Marshal Gholson, as he appeared after having a scrap with a hilarious and festive swash.



You will observe that his hand is considerably enlarged. For a time Mr. Gholson thought seriously of building an addition to his residence in order to accommodate his fat, but it soon regaled its former graceful proportions and he is now congratulating himself on his ability to accompany it during its daily perambulations without the necessity of transporting it in a wheelbarrow. But we must resume our story or we'll never get to Klondike.

CHAPTER II.

The Mystery Deepens.

Towards the close of a damp, cold, foggy day in February, 1898, there might have been seen—if it hadn't been for the fog—two weary travelers with packs on their backs and grips in their hands, trudging along the highway not far from Hellix. Each carried a load of some four or five hundred pounds, and were similarly equipped. In order that the reader may form a correct idea of their appearance, we here reproduce a snapshot of one of them loaded ready for the start.



They had been all day coming from Athena, having purchased their outfit and started from there. They were well supplied with everything necessary for a successful trip to the Klondike, that being their destination. Judging from appearance, one would take them to be near thirty years of age

to pass. Miss Mulker led the class with a percentage of 93.2 and Mrs. Bonsett was second with 91. They were our applicants for a state diploma, H. V. Burne, a Milton teacher.

The following teachers were granted certificates: First grade—Beth Thompson, Pilot Rock; Della Malver, Pilot Rock; K. C. Downey, Pendleton; Mrs. J. A. Bennett, Pendleton.

Second grade—Mae Howard, Milton; Stella Gray, Pendleton; A. W. Rogers, Milton; Amy Allen, Athena.

Third grade—Anna Leach, Athena; Cordelia Gallagher, Weston.

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which was in fact correct. Though their age and weight were about the same, their general appearance was entirely dissimilar, one being extremely long while the other presented a sawed-off appearance when contrasted with his companion, being quite short, but making up in girth what he lacked in height.

They were known as "the long and short of it."

The long one answered by the name of Smith, but was usually called Lengthy for short; and the "short of it" was named Jones, but for short was called Shorty. Lengthy, as far as we know, was no relation to Jim Smith, John Smith, Henry Smith or Judge J. W. Smith; in fact we feel sure that he was not related to any of them in the remotest degree of consanguinity. Lengthy being a gentleman, that alone should substantiate the above statement.

Shorty also was short on relations. Although claiming Abe Jones as a forty-second cousin, he could produce no conclusive proof to sustain such claim. With this brief introduction we turn our attention to our travelers, trusting that we may all become better acquainted as we proceed on our journey to the Klondike.

As before stated the long and short of it were nearing the city of Hellix, their intentions being to take the evening train for Pasco. By the time they reached the city limits it was growing dark, and as it still continued foggy, they arrived at the station unobserved. It being about two hours till train time, and not wishing to attract undue notice, they walked down the track some distance from the depot, removed their packs and enjoyed a much needed rest. Shorty, while in Athena, had provided himself with a liberal supply of bologna of which luxury he was particularly fond. They also were provided with crackers. After resting awhile they partook quite heartily of refreshments, consisting principally of bollogna and crackers.

Shorty, although not an Old Fellow, was not satisfied until he had gotten on the outside of three links of bollogna, and crackers in proportion. Shortly afterwards Shorty became desperately sick, and during an ineffectual effort to turn himself inside out, he coughed up a small brass plate or tag on which was engraved the following inscription:

FIDO NO. 27.

Feeling somewhat relieved Shorty proposed they try their sleeping bags, not to sleep, but just to see how they would fit and to pass away the time till the train would be due. No sooner said than done.

"How does it fit, Shorty," enquired Lengthy, who was a little slower in getting himself comfortably adjusted.

"Just the stuff; as snug as a bug in a rug," replied his sawed off companion. For awhile they talked; soon, however, the conversation began to lag. A little later everything was quiet, nothing could be heard except the regular breathing of "the long and short of it." They had both fallen asleep in their sleeping bags, lying on the railroad track!

In a short time the Hellix and Vancouver express would be due!

Hark! the rumbling of the heavily laden incoming train is distinctly audible and still the heavy breathing of the occupants of the bags attest their unconsciousness of danger!

Soon the gleaming headlight glasses fall upon them as the train rounds the curve less than half a mile away! Will they never wake?

A brief thirty seconds and the iron monster is within a few feet of them! and still they slumber, despite the grinding, jarring, trembling, thunder of the remorseless wheels.

Sleep, sweetly sleep, And if forever then forever Sweetly sleep, And not a wave of trouble Roll across your peaceful breast. (To be continued.)

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