

### THE NEZ PERCES RESERVATION

Is a Double Land for Farmer Entertainers and Old-Time Big Game Hunters.

That portion of the famous Nez Perces reservation which was thrown open to settlement on Nov. 18 lies chiefly in Nez Perces county, in the western part of northern Idaho, says the Northwest Magazine. It comprises 1,170 square miles, or 542,074 acres—enough to give 3,330 families 180 acres each. Truly speaking, it is one of the most favored regions in the northwest. The surface is traversed by the Clearwater and Lapwai rivers and their numerous tributaries, and the land, which is a rich, black loam and easily tilled, needs no irrigating. Very little effort will be required in order to produce abundant crops in these sheltered and fertile valleys. The reservation is also crossed by the Craig's mountain range, which is really nothing but table land that is well adapted to farming, grazing and lumbering. In the immediate vicinity are the well-known Palouse and Potlatch sections, which are both famed for the magnificent quality of their fruit and cereal products and the lands of which are worth \$30 to \$100 and \$300 per acre. The reservation lands are simply a continuation of those favored regions. Climate and soil are adapted to the cultivation of all the cereals, and of grapes, pears, peaches, apricots, plums, prunes, berries, melons, etc. Transportation facilities are already provided in the construction of the Spokane & Palouse railroad, a branch of the extensive Northern Pacific railway system, which will soon be extended to points to which no other lines can afford to penetrate. In fact, surveys have been made and plans adopted which are certain to result in the rapid and perfect development of the new country.

With all these facts in view, the statement that this virgin empire is being rapidly occupied by enterprising settlers will occasion no surprise. All conditions are favorable. There is plenty of timber and the country is rich in minerals. It is probable that at least two good towns will grow up, one on the Lapwai or Clearwater and another beyond Craig's mountain in what is known as the Cold Springs country. Other towns will, of course, follow in time. But markets for the immediate future are already provided, since the entire territory is contiguous to Lewiston and other important commercial centers.

It is understood that agricultural lands on the reservation can only be taken under the homestead act, but in addition thereto the settler must pay \$3.75 per acre, one-half of which must be paid within three years from date of entry and the remaining half at date of final proof. In all other respects the homestead act governs.

### The Marriageable Age.

In many ways the girls of 18 are more fit to marry than they were in our grandmother's time, and yet observation tells us without question that the age at which girls marry now is advanced by several years beyond that of one hundred years ago.

The early marriages of the past have been of no benefit to the present race, and we are showing wisdom in our generation in setting the clock of time back a few years.

For one thing only are early marriages desirable, and even this result does not always accrue by any means. We mean the possibility of the couple growing more closely together in tastes and fancies if these are matured after marriage.

It is not considered desirable that the woman should be the elder of the parties to the contract. But even this objection is being lessened as years go by, for the woman of 40 is no older than the woman of 25 was 50 years ago. Nevertheless it is well that there should be the advantage of age on the husband's side. If a man does not marry until after he is 35 it is better that there should be a decided disparity of age between them, as he will be so set in his ways that the wife will be obliged to yield deference to his wishes at every point. A woman who is also set in her ways will not be likely to do this. When there is a very great disparity in the ages, as is seen quite frequently, the wonder is that the young girls can be party to such contracts, though it is very wise for the man when he at 60 marries a girl of 20. A woman of suitable age wouldn't put up with his almost certain crankiness.—Philadelphia Call.

### Tunnels Are Cheaper.

There has been a very marked decrease in the cost of tunneling of late years. The Railway Review, commenting on this fact, ascribes it to the great improvement that has been made in rock-excavating tools and in general mechanical methods. According to the same journal the Hoosac tunnel cost \$79 per foot, the Mont Cenis, the next in date, \$56 per foot, the St. Gothard \$22 per foot and the Arlberg \$14 per foot. The tunnel on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad through the Cascade mountains, 2,967 feet long, was bored at the rate of 413 feet a month at a cost for the complete tunnel of \$118 per foot.

### Public Debts of Europe.

According to the latest statistics, the public debts of the European nations aggregate \$23,320,000,000, or about \$84 per capita for the whole population. The heaviest per capita indebtedness, \$190, is in Portugal. France comes next with \$123. England's rate is about \$102. Switzerland is the smallest, \$5.

### At High Pressure.

"I hear that Bobbs' baby is a little bit of a thing. Does it cry much?" "With all its might."

### GOOD FORM FOR COLLECTORS.

Tom Hannum stood on Ceremony and Was "Not at Home."

The death of Tom Hannum, one time a well-known habitue of the press galleries on both sides of the capitol, was sincerely deplored among old-time members yesterday and some amusing anecdotes were told of the popular newspaper man by his friends in the course of the day, says the Washington post. One of the best is worth repeating.

Hannum was in the habit of taking a late breakfast at the Press Club every morning. On one occasion, while he was vigorously discussing a hearty repast of ham and eggs, a bill collector suddenly walked up to Hannum's side and laid his account before him. Hannum looked at the bill and then at the collector and in a deliberate tone he said:

"You blamed fool, can't you observe the amenities of ordinary civilized society? Don't you know that a man's club is like his home and that you are in danger of being summarily ejected for coming in here without being introduced? The rules of this club require that if you have business with a member to wait in the lobby outside until a waiter takes in your card and ascertains whether the gentleman with whom you have business is present. Now, you go into the lobby—take this bill with you—and comply with the rules of this club."

The collector apologized for the infraction of the rules of the Press Club, which, to tell the truth, were never enforced on anything, and waited until the steward came to ascertain his wishes.

"Please announce me to Mr. Hannum," said the collector.

The steward told him to wait and he carried the man's card to Hannum, who looked at it carefully, then handed it back to the steward and said: "Not at home."

### DRESSMAKERS TO THE WORLD.

There Are 65,000 of Them in the French Capital.

Paris is the city where the dress-making trade flourishes as it does in no other spot in the world. In 1890 the number of couturieres, as given in the "Annuaire du Commerce," the commercial directory of those days, was only 158. There were besides sixty-seven shops for the sale of ready-made feminine apparel, but there were none, as there are to-day, which sold lingerie or certain articles exclusively. In the "Bottin" (as the Paris directory is familiarly known) of 1895 there are 1,636 couturieres and 296 commercial houses for the sale of ready-made garments, besides many establishments which manufacture and sell "jupons de dessous" or under petticoats alone. The number of working dressmakers in Paris is estimated at 65,000. In all France, according to M. Georges Michel, the industry of manufacturing the various articles of woman's dress is in the hands of 81,400 male and 143,648 female owners of shops or factories. These furnish employment to 709,301 persons, of whom over 500,000 are women. In addition to these there are 925,855 persons who make their living from industries which are tributary to that of the manufacture of feminine apparel. The total value of the product of this labor from so many hands is estimated at \$50,000,000.

### New and Peculiar Mineral.

The news has reached this city of a peculiar kind of mineral called apyrite. It is about 93 per cent silica and is consequently very hard to work. It is being worked, however, in Bavaria. It is said that when mixed with water it forms a plastic, sticky mass, which, when dried, becomes firm and resisting, while its volume does not change when exposed to the fire; further, melted metal and scoria do not cling to it, and so apyrite has been found useful for lining furnaces. In the neighborhood of the mines apyrite tempered with water is used instead of lime water and also for plastering. It has in some places superseded fire-brick lining, as in the case of various furnaces. The cupola of a large foundry can be thus lined in a day by two men and it is said that such a lining lasts longer than one of the same material made up into bricks. The substance has been proved useful for repairs to the firework lining of furnaces.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### The Undergraduates, Oxford.

As for the modern undergraduate, as a rule he is the most quiet and peaceable of mortals and has long since given up such violent delights as wrenching of door-knockers, assaulting policemen or squaring up to barges. Not that he is the least deficient in spirit or courage, as those who have watched the football matches in the parks will readily testify, but, except at such licensed saturnalia as a college "flag" or a bump supper, he keeps his voice and temper under perfect control and cultivates a dignified repose of manner which would do credit to a member of White's or Arbury's. Anything like loudness or ostentation is vetoed as bad taste and it may be added that his dress is as quiet as his deportment.

### Ripened Wisdom.

"Yeesser," said little Ben Feaschlow. "Wen I gits er big man I's gwinter bo a artie 'splorer, sho's yer bawn." "Shet up dat talk right now," said his father, severely. "What foh you gwine 'splorit'?" "Gwintin' in' de nawf pole." "Senny yoh hyur me say dis: Let de nawf pole 'lone. Git yesse! A good razer an' er strop. Don go out in s'arch of er fus-class babber pole an' yez gwintin' to be jes' ez much use in de communitiy an' in'y a 'heep o' com'foet."—Washington Star.

### Commissioners' Proceedings.

County Clerk's Office, Hemmingford, Neb., March 30, 1896.

Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment of March 15, 1896, and in obedience to the mandate of the district court. Present, James Hollinrake, Chairman, Geo. W. Duncan and James Barry, commissioners.

On motion the board adjourned till 1 o'clock p. m., to hear the matter of petition for removal of county seat, hearing to be held in the court room.

At one o'clock p. m., the board was called to order pursuant to adjournment, all board present.

In the matter of the petition for special election for removal of county seat, Mr. Hamer counsel for remonstrants, requested time till tomorrow morning to prepare papers. Mr. Noleman, counsel for petitioners, insisted on proceeding with the hearing immediately. Commissioner Duncan moved to adjourn till 8 o'clock this evening. Commissioner Barry moved to amend, to adjourn to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. After discussion it was moved to adjourn the hearing on the said petition till eight o'clock this evening, and proceed with other business of the board. Motion carried.

In the matter of claim No. 2925, J. E. Whaley, it being shown to the satisfaction of the board that certain poll tax which had been offset against the claim, had been paid prior thereto, leaving a balance of \$1.80 due said claimant thereon, it was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor said claimant for \$1.80.

On representations of the road overseer, Anthony Morava, it is considered that repairs for the bridge at Green's crossing is necessary and an order was given to him to procure necessary plank to cover said bridge.

Claim of Justice of the Peace L. A. Berry was ordered filed as required by law.

On examination the bond of Peter Kearney, overseer of road district No. 29, was approved.

Sundry claims described below were examined and ordered that some be allowed as described and the certificate of the county treasurer having been procured showing the delinquent personal taxes of said claimants, ordered that said delinquent taxes be offset against said claims and when such offset leaves a balance due claimant, a warrant be drawn in claimants favor for such balance and for the taxes so offset and deducted, a warrant be drawn in favor of A. M. Miller, County Treasurer, in each case as follows:

2926, Alliance Milling Co., supplies for paupers, claim 23 95 allowed \$23 95, tax offset \$23 95.  
2700, Jas H H Hewett, court costs, State vs. Lydy, claim 8 25 allowed 8 25, warrant 8 25.  
2971, Clark Olds, court house repairs, claim 2 50, allowed 2 50, tax offset 2 50.  
2972, W K Herculall, shoes for paupers, 1 25, allowed 1 25 tax offset 1 25.  
2973, A D Millett, court house repairs, claim 1 50, allowed 1 50, tax offset 1 01, warrant 6 46.  
W D Watkins, judge of election, claim 4, warrant 4, allowed 4, tax offset 3 34, warrant 96.  
2975, P H Zobel, sr., board of paupers, claim \$88, allowed 36, tax offset 3 59, warrant 34 41.

On motion claim No. 2969 of I F Marshall was laid over for investigation.

On motion the board adjourned to 8 o'clock p. m.

James Hollinrake, Ch'mn.  
Attest: F. M. Phelps, Clerk.  
Jas H H Hewett, Deputy.

Board met at 8 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment. All members present. F G Hamer counsel for remonstrants appeared and requested time till tomorrow morning to prepare papers in behalf of remonstrants, to which request R C Noleman, counsel for petitioners objects. After discussion it was moved and carried that board adjourn till tomorrow morning March 31, at 10 a. m. James Hollinrake, Chairman.  
F M Phelps, County Clerk.  
Jas H H Hewett, Deputy.  
March 31, 1896.

Board met pursuant to adjournment in court room. F G Hamer counsel for remonstrants, filed answer to petition for special election for removal of county seat and thereupon R C Noleman counsel for petitioners filed a dismissal of the petition and thereupon it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with all the proceedings thereunder and the said matter closed and the Clerk ordered to preserve the files in said matter.

Ordered that three weeks notice of the Board of Equalization

be published by the Clerk. On motion the board adjourned for dinner till 1 o'clock p. m.

Board convened at one p. m. The following described claims were examined and allowed and warrants therefor ordered drawn on the general fund, viz:

2976, Miller & Wildy, four for paupers, \$2.70.  
2977, James Hollinrake, Com'r services, \$16.60.  
2978, James Barry, Com'r services, \$20.  
2979, G W Duncan, Com'r services and supplies, \$13.40.  
2980, J T Pinkerton, sawdust for court house and boarding jurors, \$7.

Ordered that claim No. 2982 of E P Sweeney sheriff for serving mandamus proceedings on commissioners, be laid over until the matter can be presented to the Judge of the district court and passed upon.

Motion made and carried that the board adjourn sine die.

Read and approved March 31, 1896 James Hollinrake, Chrm.  
Attest: F. M. PHELPS, Clerk.  
By Jas. H. H. Hewett, Deputy.

### Notice.

STATE OF NEBRASKA—}  
FOX BUTTE COUNTY.

R. B. Ballard, you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of April 1896, Thomas Hollis purchased at tax sale the N W 1/4 section 15, township 26, range 7, Fox Butte county, State of Nebraska. This said land was taxed in the name of R. B. Ballard, and the said purchase of tax sale was made for the taxes of the year 1895. That the time for the redemption of the aforesaid land will expire on the 15th day of April 1896.  
Dated at Haddell, Iowa, this 15th day of Jan. 1896.  
THOS. HOLLIS,  
By R. B. Ballard, his atty. in fact.

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