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A STEVENS COUNTY SCENE.

### New Steamboat Named.

The new steamboat being built at Portland, Oregon, for the Pend d'Oreille River Navigation Co. was christened the past week and will bear the name "Ione." The name is a new one, no other boat in service on the river having borne it, and is appropriate as designating the lower river terminus of the run she is being built for.

Work on the "Ione" is being rushed as fast as possible, so as to get her into the service early in the spring. It is expected that she will be ready for launching by May 15. She will be put in the freight and passenger service between Newport and Ione, and it is expected she will prove speedy enough to make the trip in one day. She will be equipped with donkey engines and every facility for the rapid handling of freight. On Sundays the "Ione" will be used as an excursion boat and will be specially equipped for that purpose.

### Big Transfer Recorded.

The Stevens County Abstract company reports the recording on January 22nd of deeds from Wm. Vane to C. P. Lindsley, of 300 acres of timber land in Secs. 7 and 18, Twp. 31 range 45, also lot 3 in 18-31-46 and lot 3, block 4 in Koch's addition to Newport. Consideration \$25,000. Mr. Lindsley in buying this property represented the Blackwell interests as he is president of the Panhandle Lumber company and the Pend d'Oreille River Navigation company. Mr. Vane also sold to the same interests his property along the river front and other property in Old Town on the Idaho side.

The name of the Newport-Metaline Steamboat Company has been changed to Metaline Navigation company, according to articles filed with the secretary of State at Olympia.

## A SWELL NEW TRAIN

New Equipment for I. & W. N.  
Arrived This Week

Finest Ever Built by Pullmans

The new passenger equipment of the Idaho & Washington Northern railroad arrived at Spirit Lake on Sunday and Monday and on Tuesday one of the new baggage cars and a smoker were put in service making the first trip out of Newport on the 5:15 p. m. train.

It consists of three coaches, a combination baggage and passenger coach and a baggage car. At present only the new baggage car and one of the coaches, used as a smoker, are in service, the day coach which goes through to Spokane being a Spokane International car as before and it will be used until the new through service to Spokane is established arrangements for which have not yet been completed and the date for its inauguration has not been set.

The new equipment was manufactured by the Pullman company and the builders do not hesitate to pronounce the coaches to be the very finest that have ever turned out of these noted shops. Several new features of construction are to be found in these coaches which were never used before and every detail is of the very best that the ingenuity of the car builder can devise and money buy.

The coaches are 85 feet long and have a seating capacity of 88 people. They are steel frame and their weight is 112,000 pounds. Six-wheel trucks are under them insuring comfortable and easy riding. The train is vestibuled throughout, the vestibules are the Pullman standard width with steel traps and equipped with an anti-telescoping device known as the Foresight buffer device which is a recent invention and used for the first time on these coaches, all of which insure safety to the passengers. Steam heat is furnished and the coaches also have emergency heaters.

The Bliss Axle lighting system furnishes electricity for the illumination of the coaches, each coach having a separate axle generator and storage battery and one coach can light all of the others in case of an emergency. This is the very latest and best system in use and has only recently been perfected after years of experiment and expenditure of vast sums of money. The storage batteries supply light while the car is not in motion and when a speed of 16

miles per hour is reached the axle generator automatically takes the place of the storage battery in supplying the current without even a flicker of the lights being noticeable when the change is made. Each coach is brilliantly illuminated with 50 incandescent lamps.

The exterior color is a dark olive green familiar to all as the old Pullman color. The lettering and trimmings are gold and the vestibule hand rails, brakes, etc. are brass.

In the interior finish of the coaches the acme of coach building to this date has been reached. The smokers are finished in quarter-sawed oak, the day coaches in African mahogany. The wood work embellished with Parquetry, an expensive hand finished decoration in which five different colored woods are used. The high domed ceiling is in beautiful tints, the windows arched, the upper part being stained glass. The seats of the smoker are upholstered in Fabrikoid, an imitation leather and the day coaches in red plush. Every comfort has been provided for the accommodation of the passengers, the day coaches having complete lavatory equipments for ladies and gentlemen, similar to those found in Pullman sleepers. To fully appreciate the beauty of these coaches it is necessary to see them at night when brilliantly illuminated.

Each of the coaches cost \$17,000 and the baggage car which is equipped with every convenience for handling baggage and express cost \$13,500. As the ordinary coaches used on most roads cost in the neighborhood of about \$5,000 it will be understood that the equipment far surpasses the day coach equipment of any road in the country and the verdict of the Pullman company, master car builders, is fully justified. None of the great eastern roads use anything near as fine as the cars that will soon be running daily between Spokane and Newport and it will be an eye-opener for visitors to this section to take a ride on these trains.

In addition to the coaches that have arrived three more coaches of similar grade and one baggage car are being turned out at the Pullman shops and will be here in time for the excursion business to Spirit Lake and Newport which the company will put on during the summer.

The officials of the road have every reason to be proud of the equipment they are placing at the service of the public and when the new trains are put on every want of the traveling public will be supplied. Everything that the new road has undertaken has been car-

ried out in the most substantial and up-to-date manner and its operations in the development of this country are bound to be a great factor in bringing to the front the resources which nature has granted so freely. With the co-operation and patronage of the public in the work of opening up the resources of this section the dawn of a new era of industrial importance is sure to come. And this year's work is but a beginning of what Mr. Blackwell and his associates are planning to do and it is coming to be recognized that what they undertake to do will be carried out.

The road at present owns 8 locomotives, 25 box cars, 100 flat cars, 25 steel gondolas, 5 cabooses, 2 steam shovels, one wrecker, three first class coaches, one baggage car and there are three coaches and one baggage car under construction.

A connection with the electric road from Coeur d'Alene to Spokane is being perfected by the building of an extension of the road from Grand Junction to Maguire.

### School Directors' Meeting

A meeting of school directors of the east half of the county will be held at Newport on Friday, Jan. 31, from 1:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. Two prominent educators, Messrs. N. D. Showalter and H. B. Dewey, will be present and County Superintendent Daisy L. Hard will preside. Following is the program of the meeting:

- Roll call.
- Co-Operation of Superintendents, Directors, Teachers and Patrons..... N. D. Showalter
- The Employment of the Teacher..... H. B. Dewey
- Beautifulizing Schoolhouse and Grounds..... N. D. Showalter
- Dinner..... N. D. Showalter
- Consolidation of School Districts..... H. B. Dewey
- Does It Pay to Be Stingy?..... N. D. Showalter
- Libraries..... H. B. Dewey
- Question box.

### Will It Affect Newport?

The United States Senate committee on lands has reported favorably on the bill of Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, to provide means to definitely mark the boundary line between Washington and Idaho, from the point where the Clearwater river flows into the Snake river to the British Columbia line, a distance of 185 miles. The bill will undoubtedly pass.

There is considerable speculation as to how the marking of this boundary will affect Newport, some claiming that the line will be shoved further west, and others claiming that some of Idaho's present territory will be found to belong to Washington.

### Spokane Business Men to Visit Newport

President F. A. Blackwell, of the Idaho & Washington Northern Railroad, has extended an invitation to the leading business men and citizens of Spokane to be members of an excursion party over the new line to be run next Saturday. The train will be made up of the new road's equipment, and will include two day coaches and a combination smoking and baggage car, pulled by one of the fast new Baktwin engines. The train will leave Spokane at 9 o'clock a. m. and arrive at Newport at 11 o'clock. The party will spend three-quarters of an hour at Newport, and will leave here at 11:45 for Spirit Lake, where they will be entertained at luncheon and given an opportunity to inspect the work the company is doing in the development of the new town. The train will leave Spirit Lake at 2:30, arriving at Spokane at 4 o'clock.

The Commercial Club of Newport should consider some means of meeting these visitors, and extending to them the courtesies possible during their short stay in this city. A sleigh ride about the city to the docks and other points of interest would be as pleasing a method as possible, and give the visitors a good idea of the advantages our city has to offer.

### Colonist Rates To Be Offered

According to announcements made by railroad officials the usual cheap colonist rates from eastern points to the northwest will be effective March 1 and continue during March and April. The inauguration of the cheap fares is expected to bring thousands of homeseekers from the eastern states to the state of Washington. As the result of financial conditions many people are turning their eyes toward the northwest, the unequalled advantages for home and money making of this section proving the magnet that attracts their attention.

This part of the state may expect to receive its share of this influx through the advertising being given it by the Great Northern Bulletin, issued this month. Secretary Harris, of the Commercial Club, is daily in receipt of letters asking for information concerning this part of the country. The MINER is also playing no small part in this advertising of Newport and the Pend d'Oreille valley, as many copies of this paper have been sent east during the past few months by people residing here who wish to acquaint their friends with the advantages offered here. The special edition of December 6 was distributed all over the country in this manner and is proving a good advertisement.

## Northern Mercantile Co., Ltd.

"Newport, where rail and river meet."

The Big Store

Agents for Butterick Patterns

### Last Week of Our January Clearance Sale

#### MANY BARGAINS IN OUR GROCERY DEPT.

Sugar, per 100 pounds.....	\$5.70
Tomatoes, 2 1/2 pound cans, per can.....	.10
Corn, standard, 10c, 3 cans for.....	.25
Peas, standard, per can.....	.10
Beans, standard, per can.....	.10
Coffee, regular 20c, now 8 pounds for.....	1.00
Coffee, Crescent Cream, 3 pounds for.....	1.00
Syrup, Pancake Drips.....	.50
Syrup, Corn, per 10 pound pail.....	.65
Syrup, Corn, per 5 lb. pail.....	.35
Ten-pound pail mincemeat for.....	1.50
Cranberries, 2 quarts for.....	.25
Jersey Bell Butter, per lb.....	.35
1 1/2 ounces Peerless tobacco, 6 for.....	.25
3 1/2 ounces Peerless tobacco, 3 pkgs. for.....	.25
3 ounces Union Leader tobacco 3 pkg.....	.25
Star chewing tobacco per pound.....	.45
Horseshoe chewing tobacco, per pound.....	.45
Soap, Diamond C, 7 bars for.....	.25
Soap, Gasene, per bar.....	.05
Soap, Fels Naptha, 4 bars for.....	.25

Cornmeal, 10 pound bag for.....	.25
Rolled oats, 10 pound bag for.....	.35
Graham, 10 pound bag for.....	.30
Eggs, select, per dozen.....	.25
Eggs fancy, per dozen.....	.30
Eggs, fresh ranch.....	.40
Sweet potatoes, 6 pounds for.....	.25

#### Apples at Reduced Prices

4 tier Spitzenburg.....	\$1.75
5 tier Spitzenburg.....	1.50
4 tier Wagners.....	1.50
5 tier Wagners.....	1.35
4 tier Walbridge.....	1.35
5 tier Walbridge.....	1.10
5 tier Jenetian.....	1.10
4 tier Ben Davis.....	1.00
5 tier Ben Davis.....	.90

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of country produce.

McCALL PATTERNS CARRIED IN STOCK

## White Goods Sale

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

White Persian Lawn 25c, on sale at.....	20c	Black Goloon Lace 65c, on sale at.....	35c
White Persian Lawn 50c, on sale at.....	35c	Black Silk Lace 35c, on sale at.....	25c
Cream Persian Lawn 30c, on sale at.....	20c	Black Oriental Lace 50c, on sale at.....	35c
Blue Persian Lawn 30c, on sale at.....	20c	Black Lace Insertion, 10 and 12 1/2c, for.....	07c
White India Linen 20c, on sale at.....	15c	Black Lace Insertion 8c, on sale at.....	05c
White India Linen 25c, on sale at.....	18c	Val. Laces in 3 and 4 yards, each.....	05c
White India Linen 40c, on sale at.....	25c	Allover embroidery 35c, on sale at.....	24c
Black India Linen 30, on sale at.....	20c	Allover embroidery 75c, on sale at.....	55c
Nainsook, very fine 45c, on sale at.....	31c	Allover embroidery \$1.25, on sale at.....	80c
Nainsook 35c, on sale at.....	26c	Corset Cover Emb. 35c, on sale at.....	26c
Long Cloth 20c, now on sale at.....	15c	Corset Cover Emb. 45c, on sale at.....	33c
Long Cloth 25c, now on sale at.....	18c	Corset Cover Emb 60c, on sale at.....	49c
Val. Laces 8 1/2c, on sale at.....	2 1/2c	Embroidery edging 10c, on sale at.....	06c
Val. Laces 10c, on sale at.....	05c	Embroidery edging 15c, on sale at.....	10c
Val. Laces 15c, on sale at.....	08c	Fmbroidery edging 20c, on sale at.....	13c
Cluney Val. Lace 15c, on sale at.....	08c	Embroidery enging 25, on sale at.....	17c
Cluney Val. Lace 20c, on sale at.....	12c	Embroidery Insertion 10c, on sale at.....	06c
Linen Torchon Lace 8 1/2c, on sale at.....	04c	Embroidery beading 15c, on sale at.....	09c
Linen Torchon Lace, 10c, on sale at.....	6 1/2c	Embroidery beading 20c, on sale at.....	15c
Linen Torchon Lace 15c, on sale at.....	8 1/2c	5000 yards of Laces and Embroideries at cost	
Linen Torchon Lace 20c, on sale at.....	13c	Sheets, Pillowslips, Table Linens, Napkins and	
White Applique Lace 12 1/2c, on sale at.....	08c	Muslins go at greatly reduced prices.	
White Applique Lace 15c, on sale at.....	10c		
White Applique Lace 25c, on sale at.....	17c		
Black Applique Lace 20c, on sale at.....	15c		
Black Applique Lace 30, on sale at.....	20c		

We will continue to sell at one-fourth off all ladies, misses and children's Underwear, kimonas, suits, skirts, waists and furnishings.

NORTHERN MERCANTILE CO., Ltd.

Gilbert Mercantile Co.

"THE STORE OF QUALITY."