

PREPARE FOR BUSINESS

Navigation Company Putting Its Fleet in Shape.

John McInnis, Jr., Is Manager

John McInnis, Jr. has been appointed general manager of the Pend d'Oreille River Navigation Co., succeeding W. H. Irving resigning on account of ill health.

Mr. McInnis took charge of the company's business last Saturday and will devote his entire time to the improvement of the company property. The new superintendent has had a number of years experience in the river transportation business and understands the needs of the river towns as well as any man in this section. In addition he has a large acquaintance throughout the valley, having been one of the active partners in the McInnis Lumber Company, which has operated camps, mills and boats on the river.

"Commodore" Jack, as he will have to be addressed in the future, has started work in his usual energetic manner, and now has a force of ten men at work rebuilding the steamer Spokane at the Langille shipyards. The repairs on this old standby of the company will be very extensive and will include a new hull, a shifting of the machinery and an increase in boiler capacity. The latter will be provided by the addition of the boilers from the Columbia, which has been out of service for several years. The work of putting the Spokane on the stocks was started on Monday. The repairs necessarily will not be completed for at least 30 days, and when the old boat is again afloat she will be in better shape than for years and will take her place on the line.

W. F. Millard is engaged in making and fitting sheet iron protectors for the lifeboats on the Newport. Heretofore the boats have been covered with canvas protectors, but the sparks from the stacks have frequently set fire to and destroyed these.

All the barges of the navigation company will be placed in first-class condition before the opening of navigation. The new manager is certainly making a good start for a successful year.

The Fidelity pile driver is still at work on the company's new booms across the river. About 250 piles have been driven so far. The work is necessarily slow, but it is being done in a first-class manner.

The water in the river is still at a very low stage and interferes with navigation.

For Sale Cheap.

One set of heavy double harness, cant hooks, peavy, crosscut saws, loading chain about 50 feet long with two iron blocks. Also a filer's set of rotary saw tools. The Hanshett swedge is the best on the market. Inquire of George Hart, three blocks west of the Antler Hotel, Newport.

National Forest Notes.

The National Forest service has asked congress for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the use of the service for the ensuing year for the purpose of making permanent improvements, such as building cabins, making trails and providing launches and boats for the rangers where needed.

The Priest River Forest desires about \$15,000 of this sum for use in the local forest.

Supervisor Fromme will appoint eight more guards in April and May. Up to the present time he has had about 25 applications for the eight positions. He does not wish to appoint any excepting those who intend to remain in the service permanently, and who will take the civil service examination that will be held in June next.

No further word has been received from headquarters regarding the gasoline launch for the Pend d'Oreille river, and it is likely that the boat will not be furnished this year, as the allotment for the local forest is about exhausted for the year.

Supervisor Fromme, of the National Forest, was in Spokane last Friday and Saturday, consulting with W. E. Herring, chief engineer of the forest service, regarding the construction of trails and cabins in the Priest River forest.

A Diamond Drill Coming

The Pend d'Oreille Gold Mining and Milling Company has ordered a diamond drill and will thoroughly prospect their property during the coming season. A gasoline engine has been purchased to supply power for the drill. The principal mine of the company is the Flower mine, located four miles north of Newport in the Newport district. The portal of the mine is located on the Idaho-Washington state line. At the present time the tunnel has been run about 700 feet at a depth of about 200 feet.

It is proposed to test the ledge, which has been crosscut at that point, by drilling several holes to ascertain whether the property has permanency. The ledge is in rich in ores, but the stockholders feel that the most practical way to ascertain whether the values are hidden at depth is to make the test with the diamond drill.

Frank Koch, of Spokane, father of John Koch, of this city, is the superintendent of the mine, and many residents of Newport, are interested in the success of the property.

New Firm of Architects.

Gifford & Loose is the style of title of a new firm of architects who have entered the local field, and will make a bid for the business that is sure to come this season.

Both young men are well known, having been with the engineering corps of the Idaho & Washington Northern Railroad during the past year.

Mr. Gifford, the senior member of the firm, has had six years' experience with the firm of Cutter & Malgren, one of the leading firms of architects in Spokane.

NEW BOAT COMPANY

Fast New Craft to be Put in Commission

Metaline to Newport Daily Run

The Metaline Rapid Transit company is the latest in navigation circles. It is a Spokane corporation and W. W. Warner, the well known Metaline mining engineer is the general manager.

The company has just closed a deal with Portland parties for the purchase of the gasoline launch Nancy, one of the fastest boats on the Willamette river last season.

The Nancy is 40 feet long, has a seven foot beam and draws 23 inches when loaded. She is equipped with a six cylinder gasoline engine having a five inch bow and a six inch stroke. The boat is lighted by electricity, having both storage battery and a dynamo.

Her bow is encased in glass and she is supplied with curtains to protect passengers aft. The new bidder for patronage will have a capacity for carrying 20 passengers and the owners expect to make the round trip between Metaline and Newport daily, leaving the former place in the morning and arriving at this port by noon.

The Nancy was built at Portland during the year 1907 by the Honeyman Co. and at the time of her trial was the fastest boat on the river, having attained a speed of 23 miles an hour. A later boat defeated her and her owner placed her on the market. She is built in regular motor boat style and her bottom is nearly flat so that she rides the water like a duck.

The new craft cost the company \$4,800 at Portland.

Mr. Warner will go to Portland next week to prepare the boat for shipment and it is expected that she will be afloat in the Pend d'Oreille river early in March and will be placed in commission by March 15.

H. J. Warner, a son of the general manager, will be captain and engineer of the boat. The new captain is said to be a skillful engineer, and to have had several years' experience managing craft of this character. He is also well acquainted with the Pend d'Oreille.

In connection with the new boat the company will construct a large bateau for use in handling freight between Metaline and Ione. The bateau will be towed backward and forward through the canyon, and thus save the necessity for the wagon haul around that stretch of water.

The addition of the Nancy to the river fleet will give the lower river people the finest of service, in connection with the other boats. It is expected that, when the schedules are arranged, a person may leave Metaline in the morning and arrive in Spokane early in the afternoon of the same day. The service from Spokane to Metaline will also be much approved.

The purchase of the Nancy makes it almost certain that there will be at least

three new boats in service on the river this season, in addition to the rebuilt Spokane.

Great Northern Notes

Superintendent Brown, of the western district of the Great Northern, has announced that 300 men will be put to work in this city on March 1, to complete the work of constructing the new bridge across the Pend d'Oreille river and completing the cutoff at the meadows between this city and Albeni Falls.

Mr. Brown has just returned from a meeting of the division superintendents of the road. He said: "Nothing out of the ordinary came up before the meeting. We merely discussed matters of the operating department, and outlined the work that will be done during the coming season. I am not prepared to say that any extra amount of work will be done on the line. We have kept about 600 men at work all the winter, and this force will be greatly increased in the near future. We have laid about 100 miles of rails in the western district, and expect by the end of the season to put down about 100 miles more. When the work planned is completed the line will be in first-class shape in every particular."

Minstrel Show a Success

The minstrel show given last Friday evening by a bunch of young men for the benefit of the treasury of the Commercial Club proved a decided success, pleasing a large audience and netting a neat sum for the club. The young men worked hard and succeeded in succeeding in getting up a very good performance, one that held the close attention of the audience and revealed the presence in Newport of considerable talent along that line. The receipts of the evening were about \$160, and after paying expenses the balance will be turned over to the Commercial Club, to be used for the advertising and betterment of our town.

Another New Train

The Idaho & Washington Northern railroad have placed an order with the Pullman company for the immediate construction of another \$80,000 passenger train for use between Spokane and this city.

The new train will be a duplicate of the present train with the exception that the baggage and smoking car will be what is known as a combination car. The new train is to be completed and delivered in time for the summer excursion business.

Married in Spokane.

Cleve Sample and Miss Lizzie Aigner, of Cusick, were married at St. Aloysius chapel, Gonzaga College, Spokane, on Wednesday, Feb. 26, Rev. Father Folchi performing the ceremony. Camille Meneger and Miss Harriet Meneger were in attendance at the ceremony and acted as best man and lady for the contracting parties. The young people are well known and popular in Cusick, at which place they will make their future home.

NEWS OF OLD TOWN

The trial of the case of the People vs. E. B. Warriner called about a dozen old town citizens to Priest River last Saturday. The case was taken on a change of venue from Justice McCurdy to Justice Woods of the up-river town. After the case was called the defendant asked for a dismissal on the ground of the irregularity of the proceedings. The justice took the same view of the case as the defendant and ordered a dismissal.

The Jurgens Bros.' mill is being overhauled preparatory to the opening of the season. The river is too low to drive the logs from the falls boom, but an early rise is anticipated.

Carl Brink and family have gone to Salkur, Lewis county, Wash., to attend the funeral of Myron Spath. The deceased married a sister of Mrs. Brink in this city on Nov. 23 last, and after a short visit with relatives returned to his ranch with his bride. His illness was of short duration.

Albert Peterson is remodeling his hotel and the storeroom connected therewith. He expects to open a store of some character soon.

Most of the old town news will be found in the columns relating to the river business this week.

Chas. Storms has sold his residence property to the Idaho & Washington Northern Railroad Company.

The Telegraphers' Troubles.

Newport is headquarters for the grievance committee of the Great Northern telegraphers. H. C. Wray, day operator at the local station, is chairman of the committee. C. E. Jaynes is vice-chairman at the instance of the railroad company, as they desire that no person shall be a member unless he has been in the employ of the company for five years.

Mr. Jaynes went to St. Paul Wednesday to confer with the officials of the Great Northern regarding the new scale of wages for the operators under the nine-hour law passed by congress and which goes into effect March 1.

The question of a strike of the operators will be decided after the conclusion of a conference in Washington, D. C., Thursday. At this conference a number of presidents of railroad companies and the two leading telegraph companies, together with the representatives of the railroad and commercial telegraphers' organizations and the Interstate Commerce Commission, the matter of applying the law at the date mentioned will be gone over. If the law is applied, well and good; if not, then trouble.

School Election.

A school election will be held in Newport on Saturday, March 7, for the purpose of electing two directors, one for the term of three years and the other for two years to fill a vacancy. The polls will open at 1 o'clock and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

Lenora News.

Lenora, Wash., Feb. 24, 1908.

Mrs. Henry Schutzie went to Spokane Tuesday, the 18th inst., to see her husband. Upon returning Friday she reported him as getting along nicely. Mrs. Budge accompanied her on the trip.

Miss Jennie Sherwood went to Tweedie Tuesday for a few days' visit. She stopped in Newport long enough to have some dental work done.

The logging crew in the Pend d'Oreille Lumber Company's camp are doing extra good work considering the snow.

Frank Sherwood went to Tweedie Tuesday.

F. S. Maxwell has received a large stock of staple and fancy groceries since navigation has opened.

His many friends gave a surprise dance for Wm. Frissell on Saturday night, it being the event of his twenty-seventh birthday. Refreshments were served.

Claud Owens and Frank Reed went to Spokane Saturday.

Miss Enolia Maxwell has been staying with Mrs. Sherwood for a few days the past week.

Dan O'Leary went to Newport to have some dental work done last week.

Henry Schutzie has sufficiently recovered from the amputation of his feet, which occurred a few weeks ago in Spokane, to come home. He arrived at Lenora on the Newport Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Atcheson have been visiting friends in Lenora two or three days this week.

Barry Buys Bronson's

Joe Barry has purchased the interest of his partner, A. W. Bronson, in the saloon formerly conducted by them under the firm name of Bronson & Barry. Joe has taken possession of the place and will conduct it in the future. Mr. Bronson will take a long rest and may enter some other business after a time.

Must Be Sold.

I have given up my position with the navigation company, and as business calls me elsewhere I will sell my six-room house at a sacrifice. Think of it, this house and two lots and a half for \$1400.00. R. B. Woodson.

Call at the First National Bank for further particulars.

Cut Prices on Saws.

50c, 65c, 75c and 85c per foot for crosscut saws; 50c axe handles for 35c. See our 30c handle. It is a dandy. Lund Hardware Co.

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LOT. NO. 1

Valenciennes Laces, New Patterns, in Matched Sets, worth up to 10c. Our price 5c

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Fine English Torchons, in Matched Sets, all widths, up to 15c. Our price 5c

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Extra fine Vals. in Matched Sets, dainty patterns, worth 20c to 25c. Our price 10c

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