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## NAVIGATION SHUT DOWN

### Unusual Cold Snap Formed Alcy Bridge.

### News Along the River Front.

The first real cold snap of the season set in Monday. On Tuesday the thermometers along the river front registered 19 degrees below. In other localities it varied from zero to 9 below. A strong wind was blowing most of the time and this made it inconvenient for pedestrians and stock.

There was so much ice running in the river at this place that the steamboats had to stop service. The Ruth failed to get into port until about 10 o'clock at night on Monday. The river is freezing over in the vicinity of Dalkena and boys were skating clear across the stream above Albeni Falls on Tuesday morning.

The mail was taken to lower river points by sleighs from Newport, and this service will be continued as long as the river remains in the present condition. Two years ago this winter the river was frozen over at Newport and for a number of miles below and river traffic was suspended for more than a month altogether.

The Pend Oreille river is frozen over most of the distance between Albeni Falls and Box Canyon. Navigation is entirely suspended, all of the steamers being tied up at their docks in this port with the exception of the Ione, which was compelled by the heavy run of ice to tie up at Ruby.

It will probably be a week or ten days, with milder weather prevailing, before the boats will resume operations, as the ice from the upper river will not be cleared before that time.

The river is closed earlier than usual the cold snap generally coming in the latter part of January instead of the earlier.

Capt. Jim Stewart is taking a vacation on account of the closing of navigation. He will spend the next 10 days visiting friends in Spokane and other seaports. This is the first chance that the Capt. has had to rusticate for some time.

Capt. LeClerc tied the Ione up at Ruby and drove to Newport with the

passengers from that boat on Tuesday night, arriving here about 11 o'clock. The party was nearly frozen when they arrived.

The Ruth was grounded on the Napoleon bar for several hours the other day. After clearing they took no chances on the Yocum bar as the passage in that channel is extremely difficult at the present stage of water.

The crew of the Spokane has been taking their meals at the Hotel Newport on account of being short of a cook at present.

Engineer James Prewett and Mate Robert Baker have resigned their positions on the steamer Ruth. Mr. Prewett will enter the employ of the Pend Oreille River Navigation Co.

The river reached its lowest stage in a year last Thursday. The water fell 21 inches on that night and the night previous. The chinooks and rains that have prevailed since have caused the water to raise and there is now a better volume than for some time.

The Newport failed to arrive in port on Sunday to take up the new schedule on Monday, so the Ione was held here and went down on the Newport's run on Monday morning.

About 40,000 pounds of freight destined for down river points is tied up at the I. & W. N. freight house, waiting for the river to open.

## Construction Notes

Dr. Dutton is installing the furniture for the new hospital, and it will be ready within a week to accommodate patients. Up to the present time there has been but little need of a hospital, the emergency cases being handled by local physicians.

A grading outfit, consisting of a large grader, went over the grade down the river the other day. The grader was being transported by teams to the Tobin camp instead of being taken down on a barge. The grades on some of the roads were too heavy for the teamsters and the outfit was partially wrecked.

Walsh & Co., contractors on the extension, arrived from Kahlotus, Wash., on Monday with a carload of horses and mules.

Two cars of graders' outfits arrived over the G. N. from Wenatchee Monday, bound for down river camps along the I. & W. N. grade.

## INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

### Odd Fellows and Rebeckahs In Joint Meeting.

### R. N. A. Gave Public Ceremony.

The joint installation of the newly elected officials of the Odd Fellows and Rebeckahs occurred on Saturday night last. The following officers were installed by the Odd Fellows:

N. G., Amos Fisher.  
V. G., John McKee.  
Secretary, M. M. Sammons.  
Treasurer, C. E. Jaynes.  
Woodbine Lodge of the Rebeckahs installed the following:  
N. G., Mrs. Julia O'Harra.  
V. G., Mrs. Henrietta Jaynes.  
Secretary, Mrs. Alice Wimber.  
Treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Appleman.  
Financial Secretary, Mrs. Hayes.

The floor work of the Rebeckah lodge was one of the features of the evening. The team has been drilled by Dr. Sutherland for some time and at present is considered one of the best teams in the state.

A bounteous repast was served at the conclusion of the installation by the members of the Rebeckahs. There were 56 guests at the feast and the committee wishes to express their thanks to Mesdames Pike and Wimber and Miss Ruby Lusher for the excellent supper provided.

At a public installation Tuesday evening Pend Oreille Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America placed the following officers in charge for the ensuing year, Mrs. J. C. Langille acting as installing officer:

After the ceremony of installation a very pleasant musical program consisting of the following numbers was given: Selections by Simpson's orchestra, piano solos by Miss Katherine Kimmel and

Mrs. Hughes, solo by Lynn Hurd, recitations by Mrs. Simpson and a song by Lois Gilbert.

Refreshments were served, the closing event of an evening pleasantly spent.

## Congregational Brotherhood Organized

At a meeting of the male members of Hope Congregational church, held on Sunday, a branch of the Congregational Brotherhood of America was organized. The following officers were elected to serve: President, Walter Rogers; vice-president, William Krause; secretary and treasurer, J. L. Montzheimer; teacher, Rev. Rice.

The membership of the organization is not limited to members of the denomination, but any male person over 16 years of age and of good moral character may join. The organization is primarily to furnish a pleasant home for the young men of the town who do not desire to patronize saloons and other like resorts. The basement of the church building will be fitted up as a reading room and will be open every evening. Good literature will be provided. A library of about 40 books was donated at the Sunday meeting. This will be largely increased in the near future.

Other methods of diversion, such as Indian clubs and other mild forms of athletics, will be provided, and the rooms will be in charge of one of the older members of the brotherhood while open.

It is expected that the organization will be perfected and the rooms opened early in the next week.

## Death of Contractor

J. Johnson, one of the sub-contractors on the Idaho & Washington Northern under Grant Smith & Co., died on Thursday morning about 5 o'clock at his camp near Dalkena.

Mr. Johnson had been under the care of a physician for about two years for a complication of diseases. Death was probably hastened by a cold which he caught during the present cold snap.

Mr. Johnson was a resident of Spokane. He was a general railroad contractor and had been engaged in the business for many years. He was 52 years of age and leaves a family, which resides on Carlisle avenue, Spokane. A son arrived this morning to take the remains to Spokane for burial.

## URGES MINE EXHIBITS

### Our Districts Should be Represented at Seattle.

### News of the Mining Interests.

W. A. Halteman, executive commissioner of the Mining Commission of Washington, has written John H. Long, the mineral commissioner for Stevens county for the A.-Y.-P. exposition, as follows:

Seattle, Jan. 2.—Will you kindly inform me of the outlook for the mineral display from your district?

Active effort is now being exerted toward bringing the 1909 session of the American Mining Congress to Seattle during the time of the fair, and the indications are very favorable for the very favorable for the success of this effort.

This will bring to the fair several mining men, most of them successful. You will readily recognize the importance of bringing these mining men from every section of the United States to this state when we will have on display a comprehensive exhibit of the mining properties, consisting of the ledge rock and a small sample of the two wall rocks. It will mean a new era for the mining industry of this state, and it is very important that your district be as completely represented as possible. We want the mining men of this state to realize the importance of this event to them.

One of the especially important features of this state's mineral display will be a relief model of the state, occupying a space about 30x40 feet, showing in this comprehensive way the elevations and topographical features of the state and particularly the bringing out each mineral bearing section.

A pamphlet will also be published for free distribution at the fair, giving a brief accurate description of the mining districts and the properties having a display at the exposition.

Vigorously urge the mining men of your district to take advantage of this opportunity. We must demonstrate to the mining visitors of this world's exposition the variety and magnitude of the

ore deposits as we know them to exist. Yours very truly,  
W. A. HALTEMAN,  
Executive Commissioner.

Every effort should be made by local mining men to secure a first-class exhibit from Eastern Stevens county at least. The Newport district now has brighter prospects than for years, and the Metaline country can show some of the finest ores produced in the western country.

Development work is being continued on the Eagle mine, formerly the Katydid, and the owners are preparing to ship a carload of ore to Sandpoint for a smelter test the latter part of the month. The rock continues to improve with depth, and the new owners are highly elated at the prospects of making the Eagle a mine.

W. W. Warner, general manager of the Sterling Silver Lead Co., was in from Spokane on Tuesday. He had intended to go to Metaline to measure up some contract work that his company is having done, but decided to await the re-opening of river traffic.

A rather stormy session of stockholders of the Spokane Lead Mines Co., which has claims in the Metaline country and built a concentrator last year, was held at Spokane Monday. D. D. Birks, former president and one of the principal stockholders, made some vigorous remarks, in which he sought to exonerate himself from any suspicion of mismanagement or crooked work, backing up his statements with letters and other testimony. He stated that Supt. King had been in entire practical charge of the work, and if the property was not producing as expected Mr. King was to blame. Mr. Birks also expressed the belief that there was a certain faction working to wreck the company. Following this speech the following trustees were elected: Dr. Wm. Sellers, Dr. W. E. Pickrell and I. C. Newman. No further action was taken.

A three weeks' revival was started at the First Methodist church on Monday. The first two weeks' services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. T. Robinson, and he will be assisted during the last week by Rev. Luce, district superintendent of the church in this vicinity.

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JANUARY 9TH TO THE 16TH

SHIRT WAISTS Regular 75 cent Now 40c	FASCINATORS Reg. 35c now 23c Reg. 40c now 25c Reg. \$1.00 now 75c	TOILET SOAP 5 cent bar 7 for 25c	MEN'S CANVAS GLOVES 5c per pair	PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS 45c	Gent's FANCY SOX 25 cents per pair
SHIRT WAISTS Regular \$1.00 Now 60c	SILK SCARFS Regular \$2.25 now \$1.25 Reg. \$2.50---\$1.50	FLANNELETTES 9½c per yard	OVERCOATS Regular \$10.00 Now \$7.75	LEATHER CAPS Fur lined Reg. \$1.50 now 95c	MACKINAW Pants Reg. \$5.50 Now \$4.45
STAMPED LINEN 1-3 Off	FURS! FURS!! 1-2 Price	OUTING FLANNELS 9c per yard	SWEATERS Regular \$2.00 Now 95c	WOOL BLANKETS Reg. \$6 now \$4.95	Men's Wool Mittens 19 cents per pair
KABO CORSETS Sizes 18, 23, 25 Reg. \$1.25 now 90c Reg. \$1.50 now \$1.19	LADIES' CLOAKS 1-2 Price	WRAPPERS Reg. \$1.25 now 78c Reg. \$1.50 now 95c	WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS 45c per pair	Westmoreland Maple Syrup 95c per gal.	Men's Heavy Overs High cut, to wear with German Sox Reg. \$3.50 now \$2.35