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SALUTATORY

Girls are presenting the first issue of the COEUR D'ALENE Press to the public, an outline of its aims and policy may be of interest.

The foremost aim of the Press will be to support and advocate every measure or move that has for its object the present or future prosperity of Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai county, always remembering that the citizens of both are the peers of any other community and have rights that must be respected.

The people of Kootenai county are here for a purpose. Nature has placed before them the crude material for building up a prosperous and wealthy community. They have the brain, the muscle, and the enterprise to develop and make use of the resources so lavishly bestowed by nature, and the Press proposes to be one of the factors in this development, fully believing that the future will justify us in joining with the people to build up one of the most prosperous sections of the Inland Empire, with Coeur d'Alene the hub, whose manufacturing industries will make it the largest city of northern Idaho.

In state and national affairs the Press will be an independent Republican paper, supporting the principles of that party so long as it holds to present doctrines. However, it reserves the right to criticize the acts of all public officials no matter with what party they may be identified, whenever they are unfaithful to the trust imposed in them.

In conclusion, the Press will try to faithfully represent this section of the state and its best interests in a true and impartial manner, asking the hearty cooperation of the people in assisting us to perform that duty. Thanking you all for the many words of encouragement and substantial support already given us, we will proceed to business by launching the Press on the journey.

This business men of Coeur d'Alene are well represented in our advertising columns. We can recommend them to the public as worthy of patronage, and call special attention to their advertisements in Coeur d'Alene is fortunate in their an enterprising set of business men, who are doing much for the work to organize and consolidate the people, especially so when it is a fact that they sell goods at the lowest prices.

The decision of the Supreme court in the city charter case, leaves the matter for trial in the district court, and as the case is not likely to be decided until the fall term, which leaves the matter in doubt for several months, it is very unfortunate for the city; and the Press would suggest, in the interest of all parties, that a compromise, or settlement of some kind, be reached without delay, if such a thing is possible. Under present conditions capitalists are timid and afraid to invest their money, city warrants are depreciated, improvements are held back and a general feeling of uncertainty exists that will continue until the matter is disposed of, and the sooner the question is settled the better it will be for the whole community.

The Republican State Central Committee have fixed the time and place of holding the two state conventions; one to name the delegates to the national convention, to be held at Pocatello on the 5th day of May and the other for the purpose of nominating the state ticket to be held at Moscow on the 8th day of September. Pocatello offered, as an inducement to have the convention located there, to pay all expenses of the delegates while in the city. There will be 128 delegates in each convention and the appropriation made by the central committee gives Kootenai county 5, Latah county 11 and Shoshone county 13. This hardly seems a fair representation.

The Idaho Republican League dates its organization from the anniversary of the birth of that noble patriot and great Republican leader, Abraham Lincoln. If the league is as loyal to its party and the country as was the Martyred President, it can accomplish much good and be honored as an organization worthy the respect of all people. From a hasty glance over the political field of Idaho we see work for the league, work that it must not leave undone if the party expects to be victorious in the coming campaign. Perfect organization must be maintained, republican literature circulated, good men and true, placed on the ticket and then a clean cut campaign based upon the principles of the party, fought to the end. In these matters the league will be the governing factor - the balance wheel - and if it does its duty the party will go through the campaign victorious.

It is an old saying that "every man is master of his own time," but there are certainly some qualifications to the remark. If you are not consuming the time of others it may be true; but if by your position or connection with others, you require them to waste their time in waiting on your sweet pleasure, then you are committing a violation of the rights of others, and of good breeding. If you have an engagement at a certain time, fill it at the time appointed, and do not try to excuse yourself by thinking that you have a right to be late, because somebody else will also be of the same opinion, but be prompt in all things and much time will be saved to all. We looked at the Board of Trade meeting, Monday evening several were an hour late requiring seven or eight minutes to wait an hour, and that means seven or eight hours of time lost as valuable as yours, lost on account of your negligence.

THURSDAY was the 28th anniversary of the organization of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. And by the practice of its mottoes, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, it has risen to one of the leading fraternal organizations. How beautiful this world would be if fraternal love held all men bound and fraternal principals were universal.

THE Republicans of Kootenai county, through their able representative at the organization of the state league, were highly honored, Major J. L. Barnes having been unanimously chosen president of the convention.

FT. SHERMAN CORRESPONDENCE

Newsp Budget From the Boys in Blue.

The Fort Sherman Minstrel and Comedy Company, have decided to give their entertainment on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, 1892. The programme is one of great excellence and is varied enough to suit every body. There will be a Slack wire performance, Ground and Lofty tumbling, Clog dancing, Sailor's hornpipe, Irish and Negro sketches, a Musical extravaganza by Kuch and Edson which will be worth the price of admission. In a sketch entitled "Knocked Out," a three round glove contest between Cook and Ford, will be the main feature. Billy Brant's impersonation of a dutchman, this sketch, can not be excelled. The sketches are all original having been written for the occasion. New scenery, new costumes, new end songs and new jokes, will form the first part, which will be original in conception and gorgeous as to end men. Every feature of the programme has been carefully studied and thoroughly rehearsed. The admission will be 25 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents. The latter are on sale at Miller's drug store. The Regimental string band has been engaged to play dance music for one hour after the close of the entertainment. There is no doubt but what standing room will be at a premium by 8 p. m. on the night of the entertainment.

General James A. Garfield garrison, A. and N. U., was instituted on Wednesday night, at the Post Hall. National Aide, James Davis, mustered in the garrison which numbers 103 members. Post Q. M. Sergeant H. C. Myrick was installed as Captain after which the following officers were elected by the garrison and installed by the National Aide. First Lieutenant, Samuel Pearce; Second Lieutenant, John Smith; Adjutant, P. J. Quinn; Quartermaster, F. C. Cornell; Officer of the day, Robt. Sanford. The garrison starts out with a large membership which will no doubt largely increase before spring. The object of the order is to foster reverence and loyalty to the flag of our country, for social and benevolent purposes and for the protection and welfare of its members.

On Tuesday evening last the Social club gave another of their delightful hops. The door managers had prepared an elaborate programme headed with a quotation from Child Harold, the words of which "And love looked love to eyes," etc., are familiar to so many readers. Dancing began at 8:30 p. m. continued until 2 a. m. A lunch of cake, sandwiches and coffee was served at 11 o'clock, by a committee of very attentive members of the club. The string band furnished excellent music. It was a very pleasant party and those attending, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A number of ladies and gentlemen were present from Coeur d'Alene City.

The masquerade ball to be given by the string band on the 22nd inst. will eclipse any thing of the kind ever given here. There are many original costumes being made for that occasion both in the post and in the city. An excellent supper will be served by the ladies of the Episcopal church of Coeur d'Alene. Mrs. Sergeant Austin, will have charge of the supper arrangements which will insure its success. Contributions from Coeur d'Alene merchants and from the post have been most generous.

Private Schroeder, who served at this post with troop E, 2 Cavalry two years ago has re-enlisted for troop G, 4 Cav. and returned to his old stamping ground.

Lieut. Tom Lavery, the "Irish Evangelist" of Chicago addressed a large audience at the Post Chapel on Sunday evening last.

Prof. Nevotti, band leader, is able to be about again, though the attack of grip he suffered from, left its traces.

R. v. W. A. Shanklin and Mr. Brooke of Spokane were at the Post last week, guests of chaplain Macomber.

A mini reader was booked for the Post Hall on the 18th, but failed to materialize. The Good Templars are talking of giving a ball on the 25th of the month.

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Secretary Finch Talks.

Secretary Finch of the Mine Owners' association, while speaking of the meeting held last night, said to-day: "Yes, we discussed nearly all the subjects in which we are interested as mining men. We did not arrive at any conclusion. Of course we are at some expense while the mines are idle, but then we are not exhausting them. The mineral is there and we can take it out when satisfactory arrangements can be made. There is no truth in the story that there is great suffering in the Coeur d'Alenes. The fact is that three-fourths of the miners have left the country, and the married men are doing development work. Those who are not working are living in their huts. Some of our old men are in Butte; they are scattered. When the men are working 25 per cent of them change places every month. If the men should offer to modify their rules and work for less pay, which we do not ask, there would then be the railroad problem to solve, but there is no more chance of their doing that than there is of each of them offering us a thousand dollars. The freight rates are what we are looking after now. The miners get \$3.50 per day, but the question of the union we are not now considering." Patsy Clark does not think the mine owners' ways cut much figure in the controversy, for he believed a first class m'gr should get \$3.50 per day. He thought the outlook was very favorable to their getting the concessions they ask: "We must have better rates," he said, "and if we do not get them we will let our mines lie idle." - Spokesman.

Wells In Chicago.

Hon. James M. Wells, well known commissioner for this state, is now in the Windy City conferring with the managers of the big fair. Before leaving Boise he said to a Statesman reporter: "I wish to know how much space this great state will be allowed for its buildings and for other purposes, and how it will be situated in regard to other buildings. I intend to secure for Idaho all she is entitled to, and a little more if possible. I shall return in about two weeks, and shall make my headquarters in my office in the Sanna block, while my secretary, Mr. Casey, will visit every portion of the state." The people of Idaho may expect Commissioner Wells to accomplish the object of his mission, as it is only in keeping with his well known reputation as an untiring worker. To use a slang phrase "he is in it" and it will be no fault of his if Idaho does not make a good exhibit at Chicago next year.

Mr. Stone Not Guilty.

The great Stone case that has been on trial at Boise for the last three weeks was given to the jury last Saturday, who after only a few minutes deliberation returned a verdict of not guilty. So much has already been said about this case that it hardly seems necessary to add that Stone was on trial for cutting timber on Government land in the northern part of this county. Judge Beatty was in entire sympathy with the verdict of the jury. In discharging Mr. Stone he complimented him on his complete vindication. The prosecution was very able, and it seems that Mr. Wood and his assistant Mr. Wilson, did all that could be done to convict the defendant and we believe that they did it with the idea that Stone was guilty. All must give the officers credit with acting in good faith. This trial has been watched with great interest for on its results depended the weal or woe, of timber cutters.

The Spokane Smelter.

Attorney Samuel R. Stern, of Spokane, is in the east looking after the smelter interests. He will see Col. Ingerson, during his absence, and try to complete arrangements for starting the smelter. There is one thing certain, Spokane must soon be in position to smelt the ores of the country tributary to her or lose her grip as a center of the mining interests. It will only be a few short months when Jim Hill starts the fires in his Puget sound smelters and if the ore market is once established there, Spokane will not be able to turn the tide. While her people are congratulating themselves and rejoicing over securing the Great Northern they must not let the smelter matter, which is of almost as much importance, drop without an effort to put it in operation.

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