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## WILL ADD NEW EQUIPMENT

### BUSINESS DEMANDS INCREASE

For a Service Every Half Hour—Manager Notes Goes East to Buy Additional Cars and Motors for the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane Railway Company.

"I expect the business this summer will demand a half hour service between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. From present indications it looks that way.

"If the business demands a half hour service we will put it into effect."

So stated General Manager Bettes of the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane Railway company to the Chronicle.

Mr. Bettes goes to St. Louis, where he will place an order for two new passenger motor cars and seven new trailers, which equipment the company has decided to have to meet the summer trade, especially the heavy Sunday traffic.

The traffic from the very first has exceeded expectations, and every indication points to a substantial growth of business as the weather warms. Were it possible for the Washington Water Power company to deliver the power at present and the Coeur d'Alene company's substations in place, the hour service might be in effect tomorrow, but until that time the present service, with a few minutes' change in schedule, will hold good.

In order to make the trains pass at a different point nearer to Spokane there was a change made Thursday. The trains now leave Coeur d'Alene at 7:40 and 10 o'clock a. m., and 2 and 4:40 p. m. Leave Spokane at 8 and 10:20 o'clock a. m., and 2:40 and 5 p. m.

"I am going east this week," stated Mr. Bettes, for the purpose of ordering new equipment. I expect to be gone about 10 days.

We will order two new motor cars of 45 feet in length. The motors we have now are 40 feet long. The new motors will be slightly different from those in use at present, in that they will have a baggage and smoking compartment together, back of which will be the first class compartment.

These motor cars will be used for the local business. The train we have now will take care of the through business, and make the best possible time between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. The new motor cars will be operated week days without a trailer, and will take care of the express and passenger business between all intermediate points.

In addition to these I will place an order for seven new trailers. This will be to take care of the Sunday business. We have three motor cars and three trailers now. A second trailer will be added to each of these for Sunday business, making three cars in a train. Our two new motor cars will each haul a trailer on Sunday, and on that day we will also press our freight motor cars into service. We will put chairs in the freight cars for the smoking compartment, and pull a trailer behind for the ladies. This will make seven trains of 17 cars operating on Sunday.

"If we put in the half hour service regular we will have to have some new switches, so that the trains can pass at almost any point."

### NEIL A. MUNDY TAKES PRIZE

Furnishes Best Advertisement for Drop Curtain.

The prize contest advertised in the Press last week calling for competitive advertisements of the office, suitable for the drop curtain at the new open house, proved most successful in bringing out some good ideas which show that there are artists of ability who probably never before attempted to write an advertisement. From among the many answers received we publish the following, which are considered fair samples of a catchy advertisement.

"People who read the Press get the news. People who patronize our printing department get the best," by F. H. Johnson.

"If you see it in the Press it's so. Most reliable, newsworthy, up-to-date paper in the northwest. Read the Press," by Mrs. S. M. Smith.

"The Press has a principle to stand for and stands for that principle. Right against might. We print the news," by Geo. C. Thomson, Jr.

"Advertise in the Press and the people confess, with brilliant address, the splendid success," by Chas. A. Standahl.

"Business men, if you wish success,

advertise in the Coeur d'Alene Press," by C. E. Averill.

"The Coeur d'Alene Press, most popular and reliable newspaper in northern Idaho. Up-to-date job printing a specialty," by D. P. Mason.

"Remember this about the Press: Reliable, enterprising, newsworthy. Best advertising medium in Kootenai county. Job printing is our prize winner," by C. P. Schattner.

The prize, one year's subscription to the Press, was won by Neil A. Mundy. It does not appear in the above, but will be seen and recognized as the most unique and catchy advertisement on the drop curtain at the new open house. You will recognize it instantly on the opening night. Of the above advertisements we can say that they all have merit and will be utilized by the Press in the future.

### POST FALLS NEWS NOTES

Come all to the Catholic ball.

Hi Harris is enjoying a visit from his daughter.

L. T. Bump goes to Rathdrum next Monday to serve on the jury.

Arrangements are being made to erect a large dancing pavilion here.

Mr. Koker was taken suddenly and seriously sick Sunday night with congestion of the bowels.

Mill Wood was over from Rathdrum this week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Post.

The Charlie Brown ranch between this place and Coeur d'Alene on the south bank of the river has been sold for \$2500.

Some sneak thief entered the home of Mill Warren one day last week and stole \$25 while Mrs. Warren was absent at a neighbor's.

Mrs. Mell Benham's residence was the scene of a large and enjoyable surprise party, given by the young folks the latter part of last week.

Mr. Peters has returned from Echo, Oregon, where he bought a quarter section of choice land. He is well pleased with that country and will move there.

Dr. Chas. Cross, who for 40 years has been a practicing veterinary surgeon and horse dentist, has located in Post Falls and will make this his home in the future.

Mrs. A. Lowery is able to be up again. She was dangerously ill for several days, but Dr. Elderkind pronounced her out of danger last Sunday and discontinued his visits.

Joe Clark, who lived here last summer and played ball with the Post Falls Invincibles, is visiting friends here. He is in the employ of a Spokane fire proof roofing company.

Foreman Hi Harris, of the Jennie mine near Rock Out, Wash., is home on a visit. He has just driven the tunnel another 50 feet, and they are now in about 40 feet and have some good ore, gold, silver and lead.

The admission to the Catholic ball to be given here next Monday night will be only one dollar. Ladies are requested to bring baskets containing supper for two; these will be auctioned and the proceeds go to the church. Kirchner's orchestra furnishes the music.

A party of young folks from this place attended a social dance at the Thomas ranch west of Rathdrum last week. Among those in attendance from here were George Thomas, H. Kelly and Charlie Harsin, in company with the Misses Essie, Cleah and Merle Nogie.

Walter Linko, the successful Salt Lake ranch owner, was here with his family last week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Post. Walter owns about two and one-half sections of highly improved land, but expects to move to Post Falls and engage in business in the near future.

B. A. Walker has a force of men employed remodeling the Fashion building, formerly used for saloon purposes. One of the workmen was fixing up the cellar, which had caved in, when he unearthed a bottle of champagne. Charlie invited his friends down to Walker's saloon, where he borrowed glasses and treated to champagne telling where he got it. Walker promptly produced a pencil, and charged him up with \$2.50.

The Samposia club, of Spokane, gave a private dance at Manor's hall last Saturday night. Twenty-four couples came on a special car, and were chaperoned by Manager A. Bettes, of the electric line. They danced till midnight, after which a splendid supper was served at the Enterprise hotel. Before 1 o'clock the crowd of happy young folks were homeward bound. Kirchner's orchestra furnished the music for the dance.

## SPOKANE LOSES FIGHT

### NO SOLDIERS' HOME AT FORT

Secretary of War Says Fort Sherman Will be Sold—Spokane Opposition Has Prevented Sale for Four Years—Senator Dubois Forces Issue and Foster Quits.

For the past four years against the determined opposition of the Spokane newspapers and business men of that city the people of Coeur d'Alene have been fighting to have the grounds of the Fort Sherman military reserve thrown open for sale. The Washington senators have opposed this at the request of Spokane and our efforts have heretofore met with failure. Senators Dubois and Heyburn brought the matter to an issue Monday by introducing a resolution in the senate to take it from the secretary's office and disposing of it by the action of that body ordering a sale. This had the effect of forcing Senator Foster to call on the secretary of war to ascertain what kind of a job pot he was getting into and was informed that it was against the policy of the department to establish more soldiers' homes and that it would not consent to the establishment of the one in question. Upon this ruling, Senator Foster withdrew his opposition to the disposition of land and there was no longer any need of the resolution. Upon notification by Foster, Dubois withdrew his resolution the following day.

It is now understood that the recent order of the secretary of the interior, ordering the sale of the lands will go into effect.

### CLUB OPENED BY HARRISON

Large Crowd Hears Program in the Athletic Quarters.

The formal opening of the Harrison Athletic club occurred Friday evening of last week. The clubroom was fittingly and handsomely decorated and most of the gymnastic appliances were in their places. The crowd which turned out evidenced the interest taken in this new project, it being the greatest gathering ever seen in Harrison.

The exercises of the evening were in the nature of an entertainment, consisting of music, both instrumental and vocal, and addresses. Judge Ralph T. Morgan delivered the address of welcome. Rev. I. Newton Roberts addressed the enthusiastic assemblage on the subject of athletics. Attorney A. A. Crane addressed them on the benefit such an institution may be to the town. The musical numbers were a song by Misses Clara and Evelyn Alexander and Margaret Ely, and a song by William Paul. Harrison orchestra furnished the instrumental music.

Judge Morgan presented the club with a substantial check, for which the audience gave him rousing cheers.

### IMPORTANT SUIT IN U. S. COURT.

Boise Coal Dealer Alleges Rate Discrimination.

Mr. E. J. Dockery and Hon. Frank Martin, ex-attorney general, attorneys for J. M. Nell, the well known coal dealer of this city, filed today a law suit of universal interest to the public, in the United States court, against the Oregon Short Line Railroad company. The action is for alleged overcharges in freight rates for hauling coal from Utah and Wyoming coal fields to the coal dealers along the Oregon Short Line railroad, between Mountainhome and Weiser. The claims extend over a period of several years and aggregate about \$25,000, and were all assigned to Mr. Nell, who brings the suit.

An inspection of the complaint, which is lengthy, discloses interesting information about the freight rates charged by the Oregon Short Line Railroad company on coal shipped into Idaho, and the facts are of special interest at this time on account of the wide public demand for reasonable railroad rates. It appears, among other things in the complaint filed, that the railroad company is charging \$4.50 per ton for coal shipped to Idaho points west of Mountainhome, and is shipping the same kind of coal from the same source to all Oregon points for \$4.00 per ton—in other words, the railroad company is hauling coal from Wyoming and Utah into Oregon, (a distance of from 75 to 540 miles farther than it transports coal for the Idaho dealers) and still charges one-half a dollar less per ton to the Oregon dealers.

The further remarkable allegation appears, that coal is being hauled to

Nampa and to Weiser for \$4.50 per ton if it remains at those points, while the same coal, if it goes to dealers on the Dewey railroad or P. & I. N. railroad, is hauled to those points for \$3.50 per ton.

The suit is brought under the interstate commerce act, which prohibits railroads charging more for a short haul than for a long haul over the same line, and also prevents unjust and unreasonable rates for transportation of freight. When seen by a Capital News reporter the attorneys declined to discuss their case beyond what is publicly disclosed by their complaint on file in court, but it was evident that they feel confident of securing present damages and future protection for their clients from railroad discrimination.

To the layman's mind, with a plain law plainly violated, they should succeed in making the railroad disgorge, but the interstate commerce act has been known to disclose wondrous meanings and possess subtle technicalities at the hands of railroad attorneys. But in this case Mr. Nell, the plaintiff, is a man of courage and public spirit, and his attorneys are men of recognized ability who may be relied upon to prosecute this case with skill and vigor.—Capital News.

### WILL HAN OUTSIDE LAWYERS

Must be Residents of State to Practice in Idaho.

Rathdrum, Idaho, Feb. 9.—Judge Morgan began the February term of the district court Monday. The number of civil actions is unusually large, but three are few criminal cases.

The most important event of Monday's session was a meeting of the members of the Kootenai County Bar, when the following resolution was adopted:

"That some action be immediately taken to test the question whether nonresident attorneys be permitted to practice law in the first judicial district of the state of Idaho, where it appears that said attorneys are not now and never were residents of the state of Idaho, irrespective of the fact as to whether said attorneys claim to hold certificates to practice law in said court, or any court, of the state of Idaho, and that the members of the bar of Shoshone county in said first judicial district of the state of Idaho are hereby invited to join with us in testing this question."

The above motion was signed by the following resident attorneys of the first judicial district: C. L. Heitman, Edwin McBe, Thomas H. Wilson and Bartlett Sinclair of Rathdrum; C. W. Beale of Wallace; Earl Sanders, J. L. McClear, Fred L. Borgan of Coeur d'Alene; Hermann H. Taylor and F. C. Jones of Sandpoint; John A. Steinlein of Hope; A. A. Crane of Harrison; S. E. Henry of Bonners Ferry; E. R. Whitla and John T. Morgan.

### HARRISON HAPPENINGS

Harrison, Idaho, Feb. 10.—The sway of darkness was complete in Harrison Sunday night. The cause was an accident in the electric power house. The blowoff pipe burned out. This is the second time in six weeks for this inconvenience to happen. No endeavor was made to remedy the impaired pipe, so the town was left in darkness. The only church holding religious services was the Baptist, it being independent of the electric lights, as it is lighted with oil lamps.

Rev. S. M. Ware, D. D., pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Spokane, arrived Monday morning and will remain for about ten days. He will conduct special services in the Presbyterian church.

Rev. I. Newton Roberts, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Harrison, held services at Lane Sunday. The prospects are favorable for the organization of a church in that place.

The ladies of the Catholic church in Harrison held another of their card parties Saturday evening in the Brigger house. A goodly number was present and the building fund was materially augmented.

During the official year the army lost 7 per cent of its enlisted men by desertion, or enough to make six full regiments. Half as many were dishonorably discharged.

### Fruit Trees for Sale.

I have 12,000 home grown fruit trees for sale at the Coeur d'Alene nursery four miles north of town. There are many reasons why home grown fruit trees are the best and I will prove it to the satisfaction of customers.

J. A. WATERS.

## PINE LUMBER SHIPPERS

### MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

President Mason's Address—Urges United Action—Routine Business and Election of Officers—Association Wants Better Freight Rates to the East.

The first annual meeting of the Western Pine Shippers' association was held in the office of the secretary in the Golden Gate block at Spokane, Wednesday.

The organization is composed of men engaged in the business of manufacturing and shipping the products of the forests of the northwest and, while not a year old, it has already made its influence felt in the matter of freight rates, one of the most difficult problems the shippers are called upon to contend with.

G. W. Mason, of the Coeur d'Alene Lumber company, president of the organization, in his annual address calls attention to the need of effort to secure, better railway rates, as follows:

"It is with pleasure that I welcome and greet you to this, our first annual meeting of the Western Pine Shippers' association. As our association is not quite a year old we have hardly had time to put into force the full equipment of the machinery of our organization, yet a nucleus has been formed, about which will be added from time to time the results of not only the efforts that have been made, but will soon place the lumber industry of the Inland Empire in its rightful position before the markets of the world, which markets have of late so frequently turned their gaze towards us as the coming center of manufacturing of the only wood that is so closely allied to the old cork pine of the east, the forests of which are so rapidly disappearing that we have been able to market the better grades of our products at comparatively satisfactory prices.

"But unfortunately our timber will not cut to all upper grades, and while we have succeeded in finding market for our better stock, despite the enormous freight rates we have to contend with, we find that on account of said rates the market for our common products is limited to the extent that the legitimate development of our industry can not be hoped for until, through the efficient efforts of our railway committee and the consideration of the traffic officials of the various lines, some solution of the problem is found.

"I believe that the traffic officials are fully aware of the fact that their interests and our interests are identical, and are willing to act upon the reasonable demands of the situation, and I trust that during the coming year the committee will weigh well the interests of all parties and make just and equitable requests, and receive the hearty and unanimous support of every member of the association, thus protecting the long time interests of all, although it may not be possible to serve each individual's interest to the same extent at the same time. It is difficult to calculate, at this time, the benefits that will accrue from the efforts already put forth.

"As we look over our mountain sides from which most of our timber supply comes, and realize that, unlike many other forest lands, which once divested of its growth soon yield to the influence of the agriculturist, nothing will prevent all of our timber from springing up again, thus insuring the long life of our supply and our industry.

"Therefore, it behooves us to lay the foundation of our industry with great care and with no little thought for the future, ever keeping in view the value of the product we must foster and protect, and keeping a never waning vigilance in order that we may not fail to keep the conditions which surround the sale and manufacturing of our product the most favorable that constant effort can obtain.

"To this end, the association, the organization of which has brought us together today, was organized, starting with a few members determined to test its value. You are all familiar with the results, and each member is perhaps the best judge of his own personal benefits so far as they are apparent at the present time. But we must draw upon the future to some extent to realize the full scope of the benefits of the whole coming from this year's work.

"No aggressive campaign has been made to greatly increase our member-

ship this year. There are some phases of the work that seem to appeal very strongly for an effort along that line and should be one of the objects for consideration of this meeting here today.

The association elected officers as follows for the year: President, G. W. Mason (re-elected), Coeur d'Alene; vice president, C. M. Crogo, Spokane; treasurer, W. C. Ufford (re-elected), Spokane; directors for two years J. C. Barline, A. E. Rickard and Petrel Davis; director for one year, William Deary; membership committee, E. F. Cartier Van Dassel, William Deary and A. M. Fox. The report of R. A. Kellogg, secretary of the association, was bristling with facts about the lumber-producing business in Idaho and Washington. Represented in the organization are 19 concerns, representing a daily capacity of 1,000,000 feet. A balance is on hand in the treasury of \$167.06. Portion of the report are as follows:

"September 1 an attempt was commenced to ascertain the amount of lumber manufactured in this territory in 1902 and also the amount manufactured in 1903, the percentage of the same disposed of and where marketed, with the following results:

Cut for the month of December, 4,786,392 feet.  
Stock on hand January 1, 1904, 116,293,662 feet  
Sold and on hand in 1903, 274,239,875 feet.  
Output for 1903, 105,765,000 feet.  
Average daily capacity of mills reporting, 87,000 feet.

"The above results were arrived at by compiling the voluntary reports of shippers from 58 mills and from information otherwise gathered relative to shipments, etc., from three mills failing to report.

"While the above report covers the operations of but 81 mills, nearly all of the larger operators out of the 250 listed in this territory are considered in above compilation, and it is not believed that the total amount of stock on hand in the territory covered by the report will exceed 200,000,000 feet. While there is more stock on hand in this territory at the present time than there has been at this season in any preceding year, our market boundaries have been gradually expanding under the influence of the incessant efforts of our members to introduce their products into new fields, and while the faithful and persistent effort of the railway committee have, considering the extent of their labors, met with comparatively small results, some new territory has been opened up through that channel.

"There has also been during the past year a large influx of home-seekers into the surrounding county, and doubtless what may be called the home market will, during the year that is before us, take care of even a greater percentage of our stock and product than it has in the year that has passed. It is believed that the stocks held by the dealers throughout the country, being lower than they have been at any period for several years, will greatly facilitate disposition of what now seems to be a surplus of satisfactory prices.

"During the year 1902 three expressions of opinion as to values were made by the committee for the guidance of members. On March 13, a list, showing an advance over the list in use, was issued and held in effect until October 10, when the committee again met and placed the white pine list on the Mississippi Valley association list basis and reaffirmed the western pine list.

"The committee met again on December 22, and reaffirmed the white pine list and used the white pine list prices as basic prices for western pine, fixing the relative value of the two woods. This adjustment made some slight reductions:

	Care	Feet.
Local sales	4301	69,243,954
Montana	230	4,532,296
North Dakota	887	17,651,168
South Dakota	48	958,000
Minnesota	16	291,972
Wisconsin	249	4,637,572
Iowa	181	3,495,079
Illinois	90	1,518,000
Kansas	29	564,758
Nebraska	2445	49,978,664
Missouri	5	94,000
Colorado	97	1,794,000
Wyoming	29	545,826
Utah	125	2,425,000
Michigan	3	55,000
Ohio	1	15,000
Indiana	8	161,000
Atlantic states	3	53,924
Other states	12	232,000
Total	8759	157,946,213