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FOR A BIG PUBLIC PARK

WILL BY SENATOR HEYBURN

Congress to Grant a Portion of Fort Sherman Military Reserve to Coeur d'Alene for a Public Park—Bill Balance of Ground at Auction.

A telegram from Washington yesterday announces that Senator Heyburn has introduced a bill in the senate to donate to the town of Coeur d'Alene a plot of ground from the eastern portion of the Fort Sherman military reserve for public park and cemetery purposes. Both Senators Heyburn and Dubois are working on this measure and think it will pass the senate without serious objection. Congressman French will take care of the bill in the house and expects to secure its passage at an early date. Then this bill becomes a law the balance of the reserve will be appraised and put up at public auction to be sold to the highest bidder. It will make excellent manufacturing sites and would be utilized for such purposes, which means an increased payroll for the town.

BOATS CHANGE HANDS.

It is reported on good authority that the Coeur d'Alene & St. Joe transportation company is closing a deal today for the purchase of the steamers Colfax and Spokane from Captains Reynolds and McDonald.

This will give the company three of the best boats on the lake and put it in position to take care of its traffic in the most satisfactory manner. It is said that the steamer Idaho will be put on the run between here and Harrison, making daily trips in connection with the electric line.

Beginning next week the electric line will put on six cars each way daily between this place and Spokane, two of which will be fast trains, making but one stop between terminals, and these are to connect with the steamer Idaho.

CONFESSED THEIR CRIME.

Three fugitives pleaded guilty to charge of burglary.

Rathdrum, Feb. 25.—Haris Hyman, a local prizefighter with headquarters at Priest River, pleaded guilty in the district court to an indictment for burglary. His accomplices in the crime, W. H. Saylor, entered the same plea. A third party also implicated, but escaped into Montana or Washington. Judge Morgan set March 7 to impose sentence. The circumstances of the crime left no loophole for the offenders to escape. The fore part of the month the three men forced an entrance into a shack occupied by some Chinese laundries at Bonners Ferry. After manning the inmates into a state of insensibility they took \$35 and departed.

The following day the three men were arrested and held for preliminary examination. Justice of the Peace Gallagher of Bonners Ferry discharged one of the men and sent the other two to Rathdrum, where they made a full confession. They say the third man, who was discharged, was equally guilty. It is understood they will be taken to bring the discharged man back for trial.

Judge Morgan has adjourned the district court to March 7 on account of the prevalence of diphtheria in the town. There are now 11 cases and it is feared the disease is spreading. Several deaths have occurred. There is some talk of quarantining the town. Action will be taken in a few days. Dr. Wenz, the county physician, advises this action.

STOP PRIZE FIGHTS.

Sheriff Whitney Monday notified those interested in Sandpoint that there would be no more gambling or prize fighting in Sandpoint. The sheriff was interviewed Wednesday at Rathdrum by a News representative concerning the order. "The announcement in the Spokesman-Review previous to the Oglesby-Kowan fight in Sandpoint to the effect that the officers had expressed a willingness that the fight should proceed to finish is denied by me most emphatically," said Sheriff Whitney to the North Idaho News. "I was deputed at Bonners Ferry that night I would have pulled the fight, just as I told them I intended to do, I at Bonners Ferry Monday night

and the trial was late and I could not reach Sandpoint in time to interfere with the boxing match or it would not have been pulled off. There can be no more fights in Sandpoint or in Kootenai county. What is true of the prize fighting is also true of the gambling. For a long time gambling was suffered to continue in Sandpoint because it was left to the village board to do with it as it thought best and it was always shown to me that the council members wanted the gambling to continue. However, people have put it up to me so hard because the gambling continued there that I have decided to make an end to it and I will seize every gambling device that I can find running."

The decree of the sheriff that there shall be no more sporting matches in Kootenai county will bring consternation to numerous Spokane sports who had planned to make Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint wide open towns during the social purity crusade which is now going on in Spokane. A Spokane afternoon paper week came out with flaming headline stating that it was the intention of Spokane sports to take advantage of the electric line into Coeur d'Alene and make it a red hot sporting town. Newport, which has the distinction of being situated both in Washington and Idaho, has also been the scene of numerous sporting matches.

Sheriff Whitney says that Hope also comes under his order against gambling. The Hope games were all open this week.

PANAMA'S INVENTORY.

What Uncle Sam Gets in the Panama Deal.

What has Uncle Sam actually bought or contracted to buy at Panama? Let us take account of stock. These are the items:

Thirty thousand acres of ground at terminals and along the route. Two thousand four hundred and thirty-one buildings, including offices, quarters, storehouses, shops, hospitals and terminal sheds.

An immense collection of dredges, tugs, barges, excavators, cars, locomotives, and other machinery and appliances, not considered of much present value.

Work done by the old and the new French companies, with an estimated removal of about 36,000,000 cubic yards of material at a cost of little more than \$88,600,000.

Maps and drawings, and the records gathered by the French engineers, valued at \$2,000,000.

The Panama railway, including three steamships. For these several items the second, or new, French company is to receive \$40,000,000. Twenty-four millions of this amount, less obligations, will be turned over to the old company, which had spent at the time of its collapse nearly \$25,000,000, largely in promotion.

The republic of Panama is to receive immediately \$10,000,000, and annually, after nine years, the sum of \$250,000. The United States receives from Panama the grant of a strip of land five miles wide upon each side of the canal. We are also to become sponsors for the continuation of good order throughout the new republic.

The total excavation yet to be done is estimated at about 95,000,000 cubic yards, not including the work at the Bohio dam and the Gigantic spillway. The completion of the canal to a depth of 36 feet from ocean to ocean, a distance of 49 miles, is expected to cost about \$145,000,000. Vessels will navigate this channel at a rate, including lockage, of four miles per hour. All sailing craft will be towed not only through the canal, but upon the Pacific side for a long distance out to sea.

The aggregate probable tonnage is placed at about 10,000,000 tons. Of this business 20 per cent will consist of coal. To what extent the canal will prove profitable, above the cost of administration, cannot now be stated. The Suez canal, under British control, repays its cost every five years.—Booklovers' Magazine.

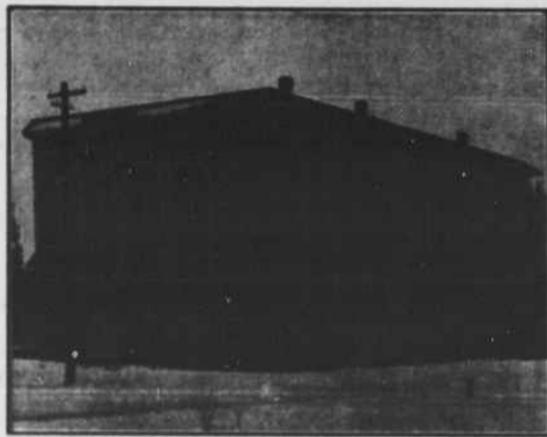
The special service in the Baptist church which began at the time of the dedication in January were brought to close on Wednesday evening of this week. Quite a number have indicated their intention of uniting with the church, some of whom are to be baptized at the Sunday evening service. The pastor's theme on Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "Steadfastness and Stability." Subject at 7:30 p. m., "The Power of the Gospel."

OPERA HOUSE COMPLETED

NEW HOME FOR THE LODGES

Coeur d'Alene Has Finest Secret Society Home in the State—An Opera House That is a Credit to the Town—Cost \$12,000 and is Owned by the Lodges.

Coeur d'Alene's new opera house and fraternal hall building is completed, and the opera house awaits only the seats to be ready for use. The contract for this building was awarded to Alexander Main and he began work on its construction September 19, 1903. It is a frame structure, with a flat roof which is 42 feet from the ground. The building is 50 by 110 feet, covering the whole of the lot on the south-east corner of Coeur d'Alene and Fourth streets. Its cost with wiring and plumbing is \$12,000. The main auditorium of



Fraternal Hall and Opera House

Photo by Bussard.

the opera house is 48 by 70 feet and has a seating capacity of 500. The gallery has a depth of 41 feet and a seating capacity of 100. The floor rises gradually from the front of the stage and there are four exits from the room, one on each side and two double doors into the vestibule and from there to the street. The stage is 22 feet deep with dressing and property rooms in the rear. It is fitted with electric foot lights and three rows of lights in the flies adjusted for the best effect. The stage settings consist of a parlor scene, the more plain and comfortable house, a cabin and timbered landscape with wings suited to each. The drop curtain has a neat border of advertisements set off on either side by a handsome piece of drapery. The center represents an abandoned grotto with two figures emerging from its cavernous depth and a native standing behind a tree, dagger in hand, awaiting the moment of attack. It is something out of the ordinary and a most excellent piece of work from the brush of

Herman Ludke, who did all of the stage decorating. His skill is above the average in that line as will be seen by his work. The ceiling and walls are a delicate cream tint with deep borders and other decorations to match. This, as well as the other interior and exterior decorating, both up stairs and down, is the work of Jerome & Klason. The ticket office is in the center of the vestibule with the outer doors on either side.

The second floor is cut up into lodge, ante and reception rooms. The lodge room is 36 by 60 feet with alcove and raised platform for presiding officer's station. On either side of this station are two committee rooms. The stairs open into a hallway from which the kitchen, the banquet room, 24 by 30 feet, the ante rooms and the hallway in front of the property rooms are reached. Along this hallway there are nine property rooms for the use of the lodges. There are also two separate toilets on this floor. The lodge room is nicely carpeted and furnished by the Masons.

Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, who have leased the whole upper floor from the Fraternal Hall association, of which they and their members are the principal stockholders.

The plumbing of the building and the nesting plan for the opera house was put in by the Steinko-Taylor Hardware company under a separate contract from the building and is a very satisfactory piece of work. Frank Weeks did the mason work, Jerome & Klason the painting and decorating and John Carr the plastering. The wiring from basement to garret was done by J. L. Robinson and when the current was turned on it showed the work to be perfect in every detail.

There is a basement under the whole building and the workmanship throughout is well done and was accepted by the trustees without complaint. L. L. Rand of Spokane was the architect. The lodges have one of the finest and most comfortable homes in the state and the opera house is a credit to the town.

DEDICATE NEW CASTLE HALL.

Pythians Open New Home With Successful Social Function

Kootenai Lodge, Knights of Pythias, dedicated Fraternal hall as a Pythian temple, Thursday evening, in accordance with the beautiful and impressive ritualistic ceremonies of the order, in the presence of more than 200 members and invited friends. The gathering was one of the most enjoyable and successful events of the winter and after the close of the musical and literary program and the enjoyment of a tempting banquet the company was entertained at cards until after midnight. Post Falls and Rathdrum were both represented.

The program opened with the dedication of the castle hall to lodge purposes according to ritualistic form, J. A. Waters acting as grand chancellor; W. H. Gilliam, grand vice chancellor; C. A. Stowe, grand prelate; J. H. Harte, grand keeper of records and seal, a position he has held continuously since the organization of the grand lodge in this state; N. R. Palmeter, grand master of exchequer and Geo. S. Childers, grand master at arms. Upon the entrance of the grand officers the lodge gave the grand honors which was followed by the dedication ceremonies. Clement Wilkins, chancellor commander of the lodge, then delivered a short address of welcome to those present. A piano solo by Mrs. Hahn followed, after which Earl Sanders addressed the company on the history, objects and

aims of Pythianism. His talk was to the point and its delivery very pleasing. It was appreciated by all. A violin solo by Miss Donna Potter; a song by the Knights of Pythias quartet; vocal solo by T. C. Hahn; a recitation from James Whitcomb Reilly, by Mrs. Geo. F. Steele, and a vocal solo by Miss Varnum, completed the program. Chancellor Commander Wilkins then announced that the tables were spread in the banquet hall for the delectation of all who felt disposed to satisfy the longings of the palate with the good things that were to be set before them. The menu consisted of a variety of cake and salads, cold meats, cheese, pickles, oranges, bananas, apples, tea, coffee and milk. It is one of the supreme laws of the order that no liquors of any kind shall ever be served at a Pythian banquet or brought into the castle hall. The net results of the evening is that Pythianism stands higher in this community than ever before, and the members of the local lodge more than sustained their reputation as social entertainers. The orchestral music was furnished by local talent.

Lost, Gray Mare.

Notice is hereby given that I will pay a reward of \$5 for the recovery of an iron gray mare, three years old, branded JJ on right shoulder. The reward will be paid for the return of the mare to my ranch east of Coeur d'Alene, or for information leading to her recovery. feb. 20-mar. 5-p. JOHN JAGLES.

IMPROVE BLACKWELL PARK

WILL BE MADE A BIG RESORT

M. H. Doyle Proposes to Make Coeur d'Alene the Manhattan of the Pacific Northwest—Ball Grounds, Dancing Pavilions, Boat and Bath Houses.

W. G. Doyle, of Spokane, is negotiating with the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane Railway company for the amusement privilege at Blackwell park surrounding the depot terminals. If the deal is closed, which now seems probable, Mr. Doyle proposes to make the park a second Coney Island. It will be the most attractive summer resort in the Pacific northwest.

Plans for elaborate buildings are already being drawn by Architect Hyslop, and in a short time actual construction work may be commenced. Mr. Doyle will erect a boathouse costing about \$3,500. It will have places for keeping launches, so that Spokane parties having summer resorts at the lake can have their boats taken care of at all times. If they start for the lake they can use the railway company's telephone and inform the man at the boathouses they will arrive on such a train. On arriving the boat will be ready and they can step in and speed away across the lake without preliminaries.

Mr. Doyle has ordered 50 fine made rowboats and will also have launches to rent, while sailboats will not be overlooked.

Upstairs over the boathouse proper will be reception rooms, waiting rooms and lockers, where expert rowers can keep their rowing suits, as well as many other conveniences.

Exercise machines will also have a place. A yacht club is in process of organization at the present time.

H. B. Ferris and Clyde M. Graves are founding the club. It will have headquarters at the boathouse says the Spokane Chronicle.

A large veranda giving an excellent view of the lake is to extend around the boathouse. Light shells for speed rowing will be on hand, and during the winter time Mr. Dale will store boats for the owners.

A large public dancing pavilion, 50 by 120 feet, will be another feature of the modern Coney Island. All around the dancing pavilion will be served refreshments.

A smaller and private dancing pavilion will be erected for the use of parties. People going from the city who wish an exclusive dancing party can secure the use of this pavilion.

A Ferris wheel and merry go round will be among the minor attractions offered at the lake.

Something new for here will be a "shoot the chutes." Mr. Doyle is going to leave for San Francisco shortly to get full plans for building a chute for the use of toboggans.

A good baseball ground with a grandstand is to be prepared for the use of the excursionists, while a half-mile running track with 50 and 100 yard measurements for the dashes will be provided for other athletic sports.

What will perhaps be one of the greatest attractions at the lake will be an open air theater. The stage and dressing rooms will be built of rustic and provided with scenery. In front of the stage will be dug a sort of pit, sloping gradually back ward for the seating part of the theater. This will give the same effect as indoors, the gradual rise giving a good view of the stage to all. Arrangements are to be made with Dan Weaver and Harry Hayward to provide performances in the theater.

A fine bathhouse and swimming beach will not be overlooked. It will have spring boards and other apparatus for passing a pleasant time, and bathing suits can be rented for the occasion.

In addition to these provisions swings will be found all over the park, as well as tables and benches. It is the plan of the company to furnish plenty of amusement for those who wish to spend a day at the lake with out spending any money, while for others specialties will be drawing cards. Water is piped all over the grounds, and it will be an admirable place for picnics.

Another question that the company is now endeavoring to solve is securing campsites. An effort is being made to have the government donate to the city of Coeur d'Alene 200 acres of the military reservation for fair grounds and park purposes. If this is done camping places will be let out along the lake front, just outside the 20 acre park with its attractions.

The Spokane river from the lake

for some distance down stream has many excellent camping sites, which can be easily secured, and as the electric line follows the course of the stream for some distance it would be easily accessible from the camps.

In short, the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane Railway company and Mr. Doyle will not spare pains or expense to give Spokane people diversion.

INVESTIGATING THE SMOOT CASE.

Anti-Mormon Petitions Still Pouring in to Congress.

The investigation of the right of Senator Smoot to sit in the United States senate promises to be the interesting side show of congress this session. Of course, the important events will take place in the big tents where each house assembles daily, but up on the top floor of the senate wing, in a room overlooking Pennsylvania avenue and the Virginia hills, there will be something doing. Here Senator Barrows, sitting judicially at the head of the table and flanked on the right by Senators Hoar, McComas, Foraker, Dewey, Beveridge, Dillingham and Hopkins, and on the left by Senators Pettus, Dubois, Bailey, Overman, and Clark, of Arkansas, the committee of privileges and elections, will listen to stories of Utah and the influence of the Mormon church in politics and the polygamous relations of members of that church. It will be going on for some time, but it is the intention of the committee to get through and reach a verdict before the adjournment next June. Meanwhile, the work of influencing the jury, i. e., the senate, goes steadily forward.

The good women of the country have not ceased their efforts once they secured an investigation. The petitions demanding an investigation are not so numerous, but letters are still being written, and senators are being advised that many of their constituents do not want Smoot to remain in the senate. But the efforts of those who are making the fight on Smoot go much further. The wives of senators are receiving letters and senators are subject to home influence the same as other men. Now here is a sample. The name of the senator is not given, because it might be unpleasant for him:

Some time ago he said: "I see nothing in the case. I don't believe there will be sufficient grounds to unseat Mr. Smoot."

A few weeks later he said: "When the time comes you will find that senators are more interested in their own seats than in Smoot's. Those who vote to obtain Smoot must meet the wrath of all who are determined that neither a Mormon apostle nor a polygamist shall sit in the congress of the United States."

With a persistence that bodes no good for Senator Smoot, Senator Dubois is aiding the inquiry. Although he is a member of the committee that is trying the case, he is also a member of the committee that is delving for the evidence. Senate committees in cases like these are not only judge and jury, but are also a part of the prosecution and a part of the defense. Although acting as men who must pass upon the question at issue senators on the committee may take any method they see fit to bring out facts, and they can either examine in chief or they may cross-examine. Dubois is not only making a fight against Smoot, but is fighting for his own political existence in Idaho. Dubois and the Mormons of the Panhandle state do not mix. It is a fight to a finish with them. That being the case Dubois is aiding the organizations which are opposing Smoot. And he is a powerful aid, too, for he knows a lot about the church and what it has done in Utah and Idaho. Years ago he was identified with a contest against the church, and made himself felt. Just now he is leaving nothing undone to forward the anti-Smoot campaign. He is convinced that when the evidence is all in the senate will vote to declare Smoot's seat vacant.

It must be rather uncomfortable to have a man like Dubois on one's trail, and no doubt the Utah senator begins to appreciate the fact.

ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Hygiene Supply.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church, will give a supper, Thursday evening, March 3, 1904, in Sander's hall, consisting of fresh oysters, coffee, sandwiches, cake, etc. A program of instrumental and vocal music and games will be carried out. A special effort is being made to make this one of the most enjoyable socials of the season.