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TWO FAVORITE RESORTS

WHERE SPOKANE PEOPLE GO

Lake Coeur d'Alene and Medical Lake Attractive Bodies of Water—Coeur d'Alene Catches the Big Grand Who Take Advantage of Electric Line.

One of the most favored regions for summer outings in the Northwest are the Inland Empire, with Spokane as headquarters. In fact, within the radius of thirty miles of this city and one hour's ride by railroad, accessible also by team and the bicyclist, are numerous lakes and outing points where the best of summer sport can be obtained. Every year has shown a vast increase in the numbers who have visited these natural camping places and they are coming into great prominence. People in every walk of life are taking advantage of the recreation offered so near to their homes and thousands spend pleasant hours in the woods, along the banks of the rivers and small streams fishing, or on the many lakes in the Spokane valley, catching heavy strings of large and magnificent trout, fighting the game bass, and enjoying the sport which only game fish can give the angler.

Within a short distance of Spokane are a dozen large lakes filled with game fish, among which are Coeur d'Alene lake, Hayden lake, Liberty lake, Fish lake, Sablette lake, Newman lake, Sucker lake, Spirit lake, Hoodoo lake, Medical lake and others. Leaven lake receives its quota of Spokane picnickers, and is located in Stevens county a distance of 67 miles. To this lake excursions are run at regular intervals and on holidays.

The two most prominent lakes in the vicinity of Spokane are Coeur d'Alene and Medical lakes. Medical lake is located 34 miles west of Spokane by railroad and 16 miles by wagon road. Medical lake itself took its name from the medicinal qualities of its waters and was the camping grounds of Indians who traveled to it for hundreds of miles to receive the benefits which were to be had by bathing in its waters, and at those times, according to tradition, the religious beliefs of the Indians forbade trespass by the whites who were then in the country. Since the settlement of the country, the consequent diminution of the number of Indians and their confinement to the numerous reservations, the country tributary to the lake has been taken up by white people, a town has been established on the lake side and people who have been suffering from physical ailments have the advantage of coming here and are furnished excellent accommodations. It is one of the principal watering places tributary to Spokane. A fine sanitation is now being constructed on the lake side which is being fitted up with modern conveniences.

Coeur d'Alene is perhaps the most popular point anywhere tributary to Spokane. It is located 30 miles east of the city and is reached by two railroads, a branch of the Northern Pacific line and also by electric road. Trains leave the city every hour for this lake during the week and on Sunday many extra trains are run to take care of the crowds who make the trip to get away from the city for a short outing. All day during Sunday, crowds can be seen around the Spokane terminal, some to take the ride for the pleasure there is in it and others going to camp for a short period.

On the lake, boats make regular trips during the day and land passengers at different points. In the early morning boats also make the trip to the head of navigation on the St. Joe river, which has been pronounced one of the most beautiful rivers which can be taken anywhere in the northwest. This trip is now being made in one day and a short stop is had for lunch high up in this mountain resort.

Especially has lake Coeur d'Alene been favored as a summer camping place. The lake is filled with excellent game fish, there are mountains to be climbed, there is plenty of good hunting and almost every outdoor sport of the temperate climate can be found in the country tributary. Not only is small game plentiful but farther back in the mountains large game can be found in abundance, and many are the pleasant excursions that have been had by hunting parties who have made this their headquarters.

The transportation facilities offered to campers make this an ideal place

for summer homes of the business men of Spokane, and not a few of them have cottages on the lakeside, where they spend the best part of the summer. Every spring, numerous launches and yachts are placed on the lake by summer pleasure seekers, and a boat club, with a goodly representation in members, has been organized.

Coeur d'Alene lake is about 28 miles in length and runs from one to 5 miles in width, for its entire length. It is located at an altitude which gives assurance of an equable climate, its attractions are many and its nearness and convenience to Spokane have made it one of the famous watering places in the Pacific northwest. The progress made in this direction during the past few years emphasizes the fact that within the next few years every available place along the shore of the lake will be the home of the pleasure goer.

Parties of all sizes and descriptions made this their camping headquarters even before railroad transportation furnished them easy facilities for reaching the lake. Every summer hundreds of tents can be seen of those who have taken themselves to this lake for recreation and the diversity of sports offered is attracting more and more people every year.—Northwest Home-seeker.

FRANCHISE TO MAKE LOOP.

Wants to Let Coeur d'Alene Cars Run on South Side.

The Spokane Traction company has applied to the city council for a streetcar franchise on North Madelia street and East Broadway that will make a connecting link between its car lines on the North Side and the South Side and, at the same time, will let the Coeur d'Alene electric line into the center of the city at least 10 minutes quicker, says the Spokesman-Review.

The franchise asked for extends north on Madelia street from Olive avenue to Broadway and east on Broadway to its intersection with the track of the Coeur d'Alene electric line between Lacey street and Nelson street. The company already has a franchise north of Madelia street from Third avenue to Olive avenue.

The company expects to start the construction of the line as soon as the franchise is granted and to have it in operation before winter. The line will pass under the Northern Pacific where it crosses Madelia street. Then the cars from Coeur d'Alene will come to the center of the city all the way on the south side of the river and will have only one grade crossing over a single track of the O. R. & N. The heavy grades on East Boone avenue and the loop in the center of the city will be eradicated.

The ordinance framed by the company, which it asks the city council to pass, provides that only such freight cars as conform, in painting and shape, to the passenger cars, shall be operated over the line. It also provides that a passenger car shall run each way every hour of the day between 6 a. m. and 10:30 p. m.

The petition includes a request for a second franchise in which it asks for permission to complete the loop around the Coeur d'Alene station at the southeast corner of Washington street and Sprague avenue. The company now has a temporary right for the track on First avenue east from Washington street to the center line of the third lot. It asks for the right to be made permanent and the right to lay tracks on Sprague avenue from the center line of the third lot to Washington street. That will obviate the necessity of backing cars from behind the station and turning them around the Y.

HALE IS TRAINMASTER.

Former Branch Line Conductor Promoted.

W. B. Hale, formerly a conductor on the Palouse branch of the Northern Pacific, has been appointed trainmaster on that road and will have charge of the Palouse and Lewiston, Washington Central and Coeur d'Alene branches of that road, with headquarters in Spokane. Mr. Hale entered upon his new duties Monday.

Mr. Hale has been an employee of the Northern Pacific for the past 18 years, entering the service of that road as a brakeman, and rising to the position of passenger conductor, which he held at the time of his appointment as trainmaster.

The position given to Mr. Hale is newly created, being made desirable through the increased traffic on the road. There are now four trainmasters of the road on this division, three being stationed in Spokane, and one at Hope, where considerable improvement work is being done.

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING

VALUABLE TIMBER DESTROYED

The Country Around Coeur d'Alene Suffers—Spirit Lake Cottages in Danger—Rathdrum Fights the Fire—Only Heavy Rain Will Stop the Flames.

Extensive forest fires are raging in all directions from the city, and doing much damage to the timber. The only means of checking them are heavy rains. In the vicinity of Mies bay, where there is an extensive white pine belt of timber, the fires have been burning for several weeks and much timber has already been destroyed. Efforts have been made to check the progress of the flames, but they are not successful and the devouring element goes sweeping on wherever there is fuel to feed the flames. East of the city in the Wolf Lodge country another big fire is burning and in a number of other places along the lake the heavens are illuminated at night by the fires. The St. Joe and St. Maries districts have so far escaped any serious damage. Although a number of small fires have started in that country, the settlers were able to extinguish them. Many of these fires are the result of criminal neglect on the part of persons who start fires in the timber for camp and other purposes.

SPIRIT LAKE.

Fierce forest fires are blazing on the mountains along the greater part of the south shore of Spirit Lake. A number of cottages have been saved only by desperate back firing, and the danger is still great, for literally hundreds of fires are burning, and a high wind may blow any one of these into a raging sea of wildfire. The saving of the Robertson home in Echo bay is considered a marvel. Living there are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Robertson, an elderly couple, and their daughter, Miss Lily Robertson. Their place was finally saved after days and nights of tremendous exertion. The cottage sits near the water's edge at the mouth of a deep and narrow canyon. On either side the densely wooded mountains rise steeply from a point within a few feet of the house. Fierce fires burned on either side and back of the cottages at the same time, and today what was one of the finest forest slopes in Idaho, is a blackened waste of many acres. Mr. Robertson saved the green timber immediately around his house.

When the fires were at their worst, Charlie Soderstrom, one of the most experienced woodsmen in this country, set a series of back fires, and these were held in control by carrying water from the lake. The air was brilliant at night, with flying sparks and embers, which were carried to great heights by the superheated air. Many of them floated entirely across the lake and down to the landing, a distance of two miles.

"I now have some conception of Dante's inferno," said Mr. Robertson. "At times our house was so hot from the forest fires that water thrown on it created a hissing sound."

W. H. Shields' cottage, in the same bay, also had a close call, although the fires there were not so fierce as those immediately around the Robertson place.

The scenes at night were weird and majestic. During the day fire had run to the tops of hundreds of dead trees, and the effect in the darkness resembled that of the falling sparks from a fire rocket. At other points fire would rush upward through the resinous needles of large evergreens, and pillars of flame would mount a hundred feet above the treetops. The solemnity was heightened by the deep booming of falling trees.

The worst devastation is along the south shore, about a mile east of Brickell's island. It is impossible to estimate the losses resulting from the destruction of timber. The mountains are so steep and wild that the full extent of the destruction is unknown. The worst fire came over the divide from Fish lake, and is thought to have started from a settler's clearing.

RATHDRUM PEOPLE FIGHT FIRE.

Forest fires have burned over the slopes on Rathdrum mountain to the summit, which is enveloped in dense volumes of smoke, but the flames are not visible. Large quantities of timber and cordwood are destroyed. Some persons burning brush in Cronshaw's addition permitted the fire to get beyond control and endangered the residences on the south side. The citizens turned out and fought the fire for several hours, finally subdu-

ing and confining the flames to a limited area.

W. H. Cleland, who runs a stage from Rathdrum to Spirit lake, stated that forest fires around the lake are still raging. Much fine timber has been destroyed, and the natural beauty of the region marred. Bangs and Hawley, two settlers in the same locality, lost valuable timber, but saved their cabins. The fires are now approaching the La Vigue cottage on the south side of the lake. When notified, Mr. La Vigue, who is in Butte, ordered a force of men to go to work and prevent the fire from reaching his residence. The residence of S. M. Wharton is practically out of danger, as the country at the lower end of the lake is already burned out.

RAVAGES IN COEUR D'ALENES.

Reports from Wallace say that forest fires are as severe now as at any time this season. The rain of two weeks ago quenched the fires momentarily, but they have sprung up again with renewed vigor. The most severe fire in the Coeur d'Alene is now burning on the range between the north fork of the Coeur d'Alene and the Pend d'Oreille rivers. This fire started nearly two months ago below Beaver creek on the north fork, and during its ravages has burned over 500 square miles of timber lands as it has worked up the river toward the summit.

Fire broke out on Placer creek, about three miles north of Wallace, and has burned fiercely. Placer creek is the source of Wallace's water supply and men are out guarding the flume of the water company.

Between Lane and Wallace there are now a number of fires burning, and a considerable quantity of valuable timber is being destroyed. There are also many fires on the St. Joe side.

BLAZES NORTH OF HARRISON.

Fires are raging about nine miles from Harrison on the opposite side of the lake road and north of Bellgrove landing, toward Coeur d'Alene lake. Fierce fires are between Cataldo and Kingston. The fires on Sala's ranch, north of Harrison, which for a time were menacing other properties, are under control.

IN IDAHO GRAND LODGE.

Masons Enact Much Legislation of Importance.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 16.—After one of the most successful sessions in its history, the grand lodge of Masons was adjourned. The session, which was the 37th annual meeting, was productive of a number of measures of much importance to the members of the order. The next meeting of the grand lodge will be held on the second Tuesday of September, 1905. Just before adjournment, the newly elected officers of the grand lodge were installed by the retiring grand master, J. M. Cowen, of Mountain Home, as follows:

Albert W. Gordon, Kendrick, grand master; J. W. Robinson, Boise, deputy grand master; William F. Smith, Mountain Home, grand warden; William C. Whitwell, Salmon City, junior grand warden; Charles Hinrod, Boise, grand treasurer; Theodore W. Randall, Boise, grand secretary; William B. Goodheart, Weiser, grand lecturer; Jonas W. Brown, Boise, grand chaplain; William C. Fowler, Genesee, grand orator; William R. Hamilton, Silver City, grand marshal; R. S. Matthews, Moscow, sword bearer; E. G. Cummings, Lewiston, grand deacon; Edward L. Liggett, Wallace, junior grand deacon; Albert F. Isham, Caldwell, senior grand steward; Henry Carrick, Montpelier, junior grand steward; Otis B. Steward, Harrison, grand purveyor; Newton W. Hawn, Boise, grand tiler.

KOOTENAI COUNTY TAX LEVY.

Four Mills Higher Than They Were Last Year.

Tuesday, the commissioners fixed the tax levy for state and county purposes at 31 mills, which is four mills higher than recent previous levies. With an eight mill special road tax levy and an average special school levy of five mills, there is a total levy of 44 mills outside of incorporated villages. The levy is made on a valuation of about \$5,800,000.

Manager Harte Has Completed Arrangements for the Production of "A Runaway Match" at the Auditorium on Thursday, September 22.

The play is one of the most conspicuous eastern successes in the farce comedy line, and enjoyed a prolonged run in New York. The present tour is the first to be made, and the cast presenting the play is exceptionally well selected.

STRIKE DIFFERENCE SETTLED

WILL PUT ON DOUBLE SHIFT

Coeur d'Alene Lumber Company and Former Employees Reach an Agreement—Company Was Preparing to Shut Down Mill for the Season.

The strike of the former employees of the Coeur d'Alene Lumber company is settled by mutual agreement. The company started its mill last April and claimed that owing to a slump in the lumber market it was necessary to make a reduction in the wages of some of its men. The mill was operated one day when a committee from Kootenai union presented the manager an agreement as to wages, employment and adjustment of differences, for his signature. This he refused to sign on the ground that he had no authority to do so, and he also claimed that the company was simply asking for a reduction of wages to that paid by other mills. The men claimed that the other mills were paying \$2.25 for common labor and this scale they demanded. As a result of the dispute a strike was ordered and the former employees have been out since that time. On June 20 the mill resumed operations with nonunion labor.

The matter was taken up by the head officers of the A. L. U. and several unsuccessful attempts made to settle the dispute. A short time ago a sympathetic strike was ordered in Montana among the employees of the Largey estate, which is the principal stockholder in the Coeur d'Alene Lumber company. This affected a large number of men and was being put into force to some extent. As a result of this the company was preparing to close its mill in this city when another effort was made to adjust the differences, which fortunately proved successful.

The settlement was affected by the company agreeing to take back all of its old employees and give them the places they held previous to the strike so far as possible to do so, to pay the wages at last year, \$2.25 for common labor in the mill. The mill is to be what is known as an open mill where there is to be no discrimination by either the company or the union against union or nonunion labor. If any of the employees wish to join the union they will be at liberty to do so and if they do not, it will make no difference. A secret agreement was signed which is not given to the public and is considered a matter between the company and the union. The company will put on a double shift as a result of the settlement and this increases its payroll to about 250 men. It has about 14,000,000 feet of logs in the water and the prospects for a steady run until late in the winter are good.

The lumber market is looking up and in the east there has been a good advance in prices. The local market is good and the company finds sale for its products at a fair margin, so that taking all things into consideration the outlook for the future is good generally.

F. A. BLACKWELL RETURNS.

Made Trip Over Proposed Palouse Electric Line.

F. A. Blackwell, president of the Coeur d'Alene Electric line, has returned from his trip over the proposed route for an electric line through the Palouse country to Colfax and other towns. W. D. Marks, the consulting engineer for the scheme, came in with him, but started out again over the road. He is gathering data of the tonnage tributary to the road if it is built. While the proposed line will have close traffic agreements with the electric line between this city and Spokane, the two will not be operated as one company, although the Palouse enterprise is to be promoted by Mr. Blackwell, and J. P. Graves of the Spokane Traction company. The benefits to be derived by Coeur d'Alene from the Palouse line are many. It would bring us in closer touch with that section; people from there would visit the lake in greater numbers and it would open a market in that section for the lumber from our mills and cordwood from our forests.

The steam pleasure launch Victor went ashore off the shoals in front of Fort Sherman, Wednesday evening, and the steamer Reliance went to her rescue. The passengers were taken off safely and the steamer pulled into deeper water with but slight damage.