

OPEN RICH RESERVE LANDS

The Best Soil on Earth for Settlers

The Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation will bring to Coeur d'Alene a resource little realized or understood. This tract of land which lies south of our city, is in the shape of an imperfect triangle, the west boundary coinciding with the Washington state line. It is held by the government for 525 Indians of all ages, many of whom are reasonably cultured and refined and have been trained in Christian precepts and life. Many have families pleasantly located on highly tilled land, supporting much stock, horses, cattle and sheep. They work and employ others but in many instances they lease their lands to whites. As a rule their habits are good and their aspirations tend to uplift.

The government estimates it will have 310,000 acres remaining of the reservation after the allotments to the Indians have been made and the school sections reserved for Idaho's public schools. If all the land were good this would provide homes for 1937 families allowing 160 acres to the family. However some of the land is rough and undesirable so that probably there will be 1500 good claims on the reservation. Should

cellent water ways for the falling water.

Transportation facilities could not be better. Besides the lake itself and the St. Joe river over both of which regular boats bear their traffic, there are three railroads either completed or will be in the near future. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul trans-continental line strikes in the St. Joe country and after following down the stream to a point not many miles above the lake, it bears south to Tekoa, Washington. The O. R. & N. railroad strikes the reservation near Harrison, borders the lake southward, thence in a straight route to Tekoa. The Idaho & Northwestern leaves Coeur d'Alene city and keeping on the west runs south to Plummer on the O. R. & N. railroad, sending branches out to Tekoa, Rockford, The Mission and St. Maries. The last two roads are as yet incomplete.

The Washington Water Power Company has a power transmission line running through the reservation, carrying power to the various mining districts in the Coeur d'Alenes. The government will probably

roof-protected reservoir located on the hillside at a height of some 200 feet above the level of the city, the supply is distributed through large mains generally over the city and over an area of six square miles.

So great is the capacity of this water plant, that 30,000 people could be supplied, allowing each individual 100 gallons (the average daily consumption in our larger cities) without increasing the size or capacity of the present pumping or impounding facilities. The combined capacity of the water pumps of the present plant is 2200 gallons per minute at a pressure of from 90 to 150 pounds per square inch. These pumps are located in a concrete and stone wall shaft 14 feet below the high water level of the lake, the water flowing through an intake pipe which extends at a depth considerably below the surface of the lake to 500 feet off shore.

By an admirable arrangement, in case of fire in the municipality, the large pumps are started and pump directly into the mains. Under this convenient arrangement, water supplied for fire extinguishing purposes, is furnished absolutely free of cost to the city, so, also, is all of the water used in municipal street sprinkling.

That the homes of most of our citizens are beautifully lighted, is due to the installation of a system of incandescent lighting by the Consumers company, which gives universal satisfaction.

LOCAL MILITIA

Well Organized Company of I. N. G.

The local militia company known as Company C, was organized this spring and had a varied career until the present captain, Ludwig Roper, was elected. It is now in a flourishing condition, having drills every Wednesday evening. The company has 42 members and is fully equipped in every respect. The meetings are held at the corner of Sixth and Front streets. The state encampment of the Idaho militia companies will be held during October. The young men composing the company are among the better grade in the city. The officers are, Captain Ludwig Roper, R. Shaduek First Lieutenant and R. L. Gertry, Second Lieutenant.

THE AUDITORIUM

Modernly Equipped Theatre and Good Shows.

The auditorium located at the corner of Fourth and Coeur d'Alene streets, supplies the accommodations for the theater going public. If there is one thing Coeur d'Alene may boast of, it is the troupes visiting our city. The management makes a specialty of high grade plays and first class actors. Coeur d'Alene enjoys the same privileges that Spokane citizens have.

During the winter months, local talent avails itself of an opportunity to put on an operetta or play. These are particularly appreciated and well attended. Churches, lodges, Sunday schools or other organizations in this



AUDITORIUM, COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO.

manner often replenish their treasures for Coeur d'Alene citizens are not clannish, attending high grade entertainments irrespective of creed, political affiliation or social distinction.

In this connection it may be stated another theater building has been planned and its construction in the near future is anticipated. It will be very elaborate in equipments, spacious in room and accessible to the public.

DRUG STORES

Coeur d'Alene is Well Supplied With Drugs.

There are five drug stores in the city, four on Sherman within a block of one another and the other on Fourth street, between Lakeside and Coeur d'Alene streets.

The men in charge are first class business men as well as druggists and from time to time enlarge their stock and build additions to their structures. The state of Idaho requires a

COEUR D'ALENE DRUG STORE

Clement Wilkins, Prop.



INTERIOR VIEW COEUR D'ALENE DRUG STORE

The Coeur d'Alene Drug store is indeed metropolitan. We do not think that we make bold in hazarding the statement that there is no city in the Pacific Northwest of the size of Coeur d'Alene that can boast of an

establishment of similar character, that carries a larger stock or whose equipment and appointments are more thoroughly up to the minute. Mr. Clement Wilkins, the proprietor, is a graduate of the department of pharmacy, class 1901, State College.

He came to Coeur d'Alene in the of that year. It has ever been of his endeavors to keep fully abreast of the growth of the city and to supply a stock that would meet all the demands of the community.

license of every drug clerk which insures competent men.

EXCELLENT BAND

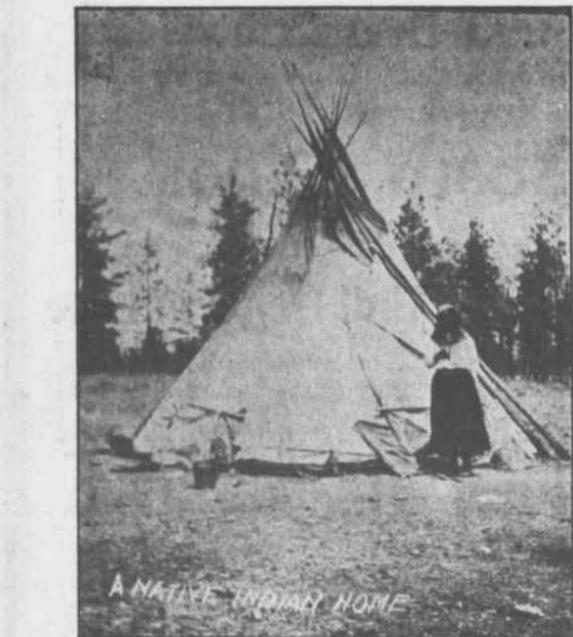
Gives Weekly Concerts and is Credit to City.

The Military band of our city would be a credit to a much larger place. It has one of the best directors, James Austin, to be found in the northwest. It has been the practice of this organization to give regular open air concerts at different points in the city. The appreciation of the music by the people is only surpassed by the rendition. Crowds assemble near the band to listen to the evening concerts.

Occasionally balls are given in the interest of the band at which time it furnishes music. With the exception of the director, all the members of the organization are connected with local concerns.

Scarecrow Home of Crows.

Mrs. John Rugger could not find any of her husband's old pants to make scarecrows, so she made two scarecrows out of old dress skirts and set them up in a cornfield on their farm near Shohola Glen, N. Y. says a Fort Jervis (N. Y.) special to the New York World. Rugger recently found thirteen young crows in the stuffed dresses. He says this proves that a scarecrow must be bifurcated to be efficient.



A NATIVE INDIAN HOME

the demand for this land be equal to the demand for land when the Crow and other reservations opened it means there will be fully 40,000 to 50,000 people who will apply.

The land is of the richest loam and chiefly covered with timber. In many places this timber is very rank and choice being comprised of white and yellow pine, fir and tamarack. The greater portion of the upland is covered with open timber between the trees of which grow much nutritious grass upon which the loose stock graze and become extremely fat, demanding the best prices in the market. Along the streams, especially Hangman, are found the large farms under cultivation, fenced and supplied with the most up-to-date machinery possible, the Indians being the owners of modern steam threshers and plows. Even saw mills are on the reservation. Large fields of wheat, consisting of several hundred acres may be seen waving its golden heads in the August sun. Near the eastern border is found a rich mineral belt. Some claims covered with the heavier timber are estimated to be worth from \$7000 to \$15000 or a snug fortune to the average poor man, desirous of a home of his own.

There are an abundance of streams running through the reservation. The St. Joe river, which is known for its great beauty, runs here. Every summer it carries upon its bosom thousands of visitors seeking rest and quietude from the storms and bustles of life. Lake, Hangman, and Rock creeks and numerous others afford ex-

throw the reservation open for homesteading within the next eight months. Other than the allotted and the school land, it will all be open for homestead. The United States congress has passed a bill providing that when the president proclaims the opening the lands shall be classed as timber, grazing and agricultural lands. The timber will require five years of continuous residence, while the grazing and agricultural lands may be commuted at the end of 14 months actual residence. The government has also provided that the land shall be appraised. According to other reservations this appraised, value will only be nominal, probably being from \$1.25 to \$5 per acre, whereas some of it will be worth \$100 per acre.

Inasmuch as Coeur d'Alene has the land office and is so accessible to the reservation, costing but 50 cents to reach its border, it is more than probable that the vast majority seeking homes on its rich lands will visit our city. Indeed many are already in our midst, waiting for the opening.

Since all this territory is tributary to Coeur d'Alene, it means a great future to our town, taking into consideration the numerous resources round about.

The reservation is said to be capable of supporting 50,000 people and not be over crowded. Besides the water accessibility to the reservation, the Idaho & Northwestern now under construction will afford the best possible entrance to every portion of it by railroad.

SUPPLY OF PURE WATER

Coeur d'Alene enjoys a highly prized and exceptional advantage in an ample supply of pure, fresh water, coupled with an excellent sanitary condition, due to the natural surroundings.

The water supply of this city, both for domestic and general use, as furnished by the Consumers Company, is

as wholesome, and pure as can be had anywhere on earth. It comes from the cool, unpolluted depths of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene, fed by sparkling mountain streams, and is pumped from the lake at a depth of 100 feet into a large concrete reservoir capable of holding one-half million gallons of water. From this

Charged \$5 For "Bass."

A story is told of Fanny Kemble, whose favorite summer resort was Lenox, that on her first season there she employed a self respecting villager who had a comfortable turnout to drive her about. He, feeling it to be his duty to make the drive as entertaining as possible, began to call her attention to the beauty of the scenery—which she wished to enjoy undisturbed—and to tell her who lived in certain houses as they passed along, until finally Mrs. Kemble, being unable to stand it any longer, said in the high tragedy manner somewhat peculiar to her, "I have engaged you to drive for me, sir, and not to talk."

The driver ceased talking, pursed up his lips and in all their subsequent drives his only remarks were such as he found necessary to address to his horses. At the end of the season he handed in his bill for the summer services. Running her eye down its awkward columns she paused at an item that she didn't understand. "What is this, sir? I cannot comprehend it."

With equal gravity he replied: "Bass, \$5. I don't often take it, but when I do I charge."

Fresh Air. Fresh air clears the cobwebs from the brain, puts new strength in the muscles, a new life into the system, away the petty ills that bother a day life and helps one to bear greater patience. It strengthens the shoulders for the burdens that are upon them. It makes the hardest lighter and the hardest day brighter.

Easy. "Well," pondered the new correspondent editor: "I want to answer this. Here's a scissor who wants to know what's a thing to take ink stains out of flannel."

Barred. Baron Alderson once released his duties as juror who stated he was deaf in one ear. "You may see the box," said his lordship, "necessary you should hear both ears."

Blood Medicine. "The duke's marriage to the kán was a bitter pill for his family to swallow."

"That is the way with medicine, it impoverishes blood."