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Work Soon Begin In Earnest

About 300 Men now at Work at Culdesac and Forces Soon be Strung Clear Across the Prairie --Also Bring up a Steam Shovel

S. F. Mayo, of the local surveying crew, returned yesterday from his trip to Kippen and Culdesac and says that there are at present about 300 men at work on the railroad right of way between Culdesac and Kippen and that contracts have been let for the work on the road to about two miles this side of Kippen and that other contracts will be awarded in a short time. At present the men are building roads and getting the camps established but just as soon as the Chicago employment office can send out men work will be started all along the line and be rushed to completion. It is the intention also to haul a steam shovel up onto the prairie to do much of the excavating if it is found possible to transport it overland.

Fat hogs are being quoted at 6 cents a pound this week.

Frank Wright put a new fence around his residence this week.

J. B. Thompson, the Denver butcher, was in the city yesterday.

Wolbert & Avery put up a new real estate sign over their office this week.

Mrs. H. H. Schmidt was in the city yesterday from Keuterville on business.

The Grangeville council has not yet granted the Nezperce Co-operative Telephone company a franchise to build in there.

Herman Uhlenkott was in town yesterday from Keuterville and informed us he purchased the southeast quarter of the school section south of Keuterville at the land sale at Grangeville Wednesday for \$2100, buying both land and timber. The balance of the section was evidently appraised to high and was not bid on at all.

It may be possible that J. P. Vollmer is mistaken when he says he knows what the Northern Pacific intends to do and that the road will build across the prairie but even if it does he can't keep the P. & I. N. from connecting here and putting Cottonwood on the main line north and south. We will have a junction and terminal too, then.

Frank Wright has been figuring for some time on supplying the town with electric lights and has about decided to put in the necessary equipment and run it with the power from his planing mill. He will confer with the city fathers at their next meeting and will then know whether to go ahead with the proposition or not. He estimates that about 300 lights can be furnished to start with and later the number will be increased as the demand grows.

Adjusted Lumber Prices.

A number of the sawmill operators up on the mountain gathered in the city Saturday and arranged a new price list for their lumber as the old prices were too low when compared with the price paid for timber and the expense of milling. Those present at the meeting were J. B. Krieger, John Hoene, A. D. Williams, H. A. Janes, Frank Wright, Fred Rustemeyer and Anton Berens. The prices adopted were as follows:

Rough lumber, up to 20 feet, \$10 per thousand, with an increase of \$1 per thousand for each two feet over 20 feet. Shiplap, \$15, Rustic, No. 1, \$23; No. 2, \$18. Flooring, No. 1 four inch, \$25; No. 2, \$20; No. 1, six inch \$23; No. 2, \$18. Finishing lumber from \$24 to \$30. Beaded ceiling \$26.

It is believed all the mill men in this vicinity will accept these prices owing to the demand for lumber and the increased cost of milling the same.

Sells Many Town Lots.

Sam Goldstone sold sixteen town lots last week. Mertes & Terhaar bought one near the mill for \$200. Fred Mertes bought five near the Carter house for \$250. Cale Burge bought two just east of his residence for \$200. George Simon bought two just west of the Wolbert residence for \$200. Dr. Smith purchased two just back of the Simon lots for \$200 and S. R. Libbey secured four just north of the Ehrhardt residence where he will move that house when the railroad builds.

Otto Ries and Anton Schmalzbauer and wife were in town yesterday from near Ferdinand. While here Mr. Schmalzbauer ordered the CHRONICLE sent to his brother at New Brighton, Minn.

The Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank, of Cottonwood, is now open and doing business on the corner east of the St. Albert hotel. They are prepared to furnish Farm Loans at low rates and on reasonable terms. Will do a general Banking Business. Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

GEO. M. ROBERTSON,
Cashier.

Everet P. Rhea, a prominent attorney of Weiser, was in the city several days this week on business. Mr. Rhea is of the opinion the P. & I. N. road will build north as rapidly as possible to connect with the prairie line and provide a north and south road throughout the state. He says at present the road does not serve a very large section and in order to pay it will have to build into this country. When speaking of the prairie Mr. Rhea said it could justly be called the garden spot of the world and that only the lack of transportation and difficulty of getting into this country accounted for it being as undeveloped as it is but with the building of the railroads it is sure to make a great growth.

News Around The State

Items of Interest Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers.

A STORY OF THE WEEK

A few incidents that have occurred in the State since our last issue.

A 4 foot raise in Snake river in three days was recorded at Lewiston Sunday.

Ernest Anderson has been found guilty at Lewiston of assault on James Blake, a banker of Orofino. Both are Orofino residents.

William Autbank, a 16-year old boy living at Kamiah, had his jaw badly fractured Monday at Glenwood while trying to ride a wild horse.

It is expected that a beet sugar factory will soon be established in the Lewiston section as an expert says that is an ideal country for sugar beet culture.

The meeting of the North Idaho Medical society was held at Lewiston Tuesday and was well attended. The next meeting will be held at Coeur d'Alene City in June.

It is reported that Judges Sullivan, Stockslager and Ailshie, of the supreme court, have placed orders for lots in the new town-sites along the railroad to be built from Culdesac to Grangeville.

The citizens of Moscow have raised the \$12,000 necessary to purchase the right of way for the Spokane electric road from Palouse to Moscow and it is expected cars will run into that city late this fall.

The Dick liquor case will come up for hearing before the supreme court at Washington on April 22nd and on the decision then rendered will depend the keeping of the reservation open or shut to the liquor traffic.

It is reported that at a state land sale at Moscow Saturday the price of 160 acres of land was run up by C. J. Munson, state land agent, from \$20 to \$26.50 an acre by Munson bidding against a farmer who desired the land.

James B. Crea, who was sentenced to four years and six months in the penitentiary for shooting Thomas McLeod in a barroom row at Grangeville about two years ago, has been pardoned and released from prison.

At an election held Thursday at Grangeville it was decided by a vote of 340 to 140 to vote bonds for \$30,000 to purchase the Jack water system. This will end the trouble Grangeville has been having for a number of years past about its water system.

The Lewiston Teller this week published our write-up of Cottonwood and Camas prairie verbatim. Thanks.

Ferdinand Findings.

And the next day it rained.

G. A. Byrant, of Ilo, was in the city Saturday.

G. A. Hanson and L. M. Kerr left Tuesday for Oregon.

Will Long and wife went over to Cottonwood Thursday.

Will Long made a business trip to Kamiah Saturday.

John Robertson, of Green-creek, was in town Friday.

W. G. Scully, of Gifford, is expected here in a few days to put in a barber shop.

N. C. and Birt Bicknell went to Westlake Friday to attend lodge meeting there.

J. M. Dixon and Walter Brown, of Cottonwood, were in the city Thursday.

Albert Nau, of this place, took the eighth grade examination at Cottonwood last week.

Born, to the wife of James Willis, a boy on March 21. All concerned are doing fine.

Will Long purchased the Standard Scales of F. M. Bieker and has placed them near the store.

The M. W. of A. organized with the following officers:

G. A. Smith Counselor; Birt Bicknell, Clerk; John Johnson, Banker; H. E. Miller, adviser; Bicknell and Hanson, guards; Johnson, Stabb and Davis, managers.

PINCHY.

Greencreek Gatherings.

Anton Aichlmayr and wife visited at J. M. Willenborg's Sunday.

The mother, brother and sister of Mr. Bremmers, living north of here, arrived for a visit last week from Ohio.

John Hoene and family and Miss Mary Hoene, of Keuterville, visited the J. F. Nuxoll and Jos. Arnzen families Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Trautman is expected home today from Kendrick where she was operated on very successfully and it was found that the growth on her cheek was not a cancer, but only a small tumor which was easily removed.

Mr. Westhoff is yet very ill, his daughters, Mrs. Heitstuman and Miss Minnie, arrived last Thursday from Uniontown, Wash., and Mr. Heitstumann, who was detained by sickness, came Saturday. Finding that their father continued in about the same condition, with some signs of improvement however, Mr. and Mrs. Heitstumann returned to their home again Monday.

Fred Lange has thrown up his contract with the Lincoln, Neb., base ball team and will not go east to play ball this summer, preferring rather to stay here with his parents. It is possible a team may be organized here later as there is plenty of good material available and if there is he will play here.

Should Sentence

Be Commuted?

Is it Safe to Give Wetter a Life Sentence and Have Him Later Pardoned Out to Commit New Atrocities?

It is said a petition is being circulated to have Rudolph Wetter's death sentence changed to one of life imprisonment. If it would end with this there would be no complaint but as it is we cannot advocate the change. Wetter committed two of the foulest murders ever committed in this country, was tried and found guilty by a competent jury and sentenced to death. The case was appealed and the lower court sustained and now to evade justice the move is made to have his sentence changed to one of life imprisonment, it being argued that he was temporarily insane when he did the killing. This plea is becoming too common. Every day the plea of temporary insanity is raised for those hoping to escape the gallows. No one, however, would object if Wetter's sentence were changed to a life sentence if it stopped there, but it would not. In a few years some tender hearted governor, in an effort to glorify himself forever, would effect his pardon and this double murderer would be turned loose to perhaps soon become again insane from wild anger a fancied wrongs and wreak his vengeance on the unprotected and unsuspecting. Better, far better, that the one life be taken now than for several to be hurled into eternity later by this pardoned murderer.

Library Announcement.

The Ladies' Harmony Library Club wishes to announce the arrival of the books on Sunday last. They are now on the shelves and yearly subscriptions can be taken out at the rate of a dollar a year which entitles the holder to the use of all books according to the rules of the library. Anyone wishing to do so can donate to the library any books or magazines they may care to spare. All will be gratefully received. The friends and public generally are invited to attend the formal opening on Saturday, March 31st from 2 o'clock on through the evening at which time the ladies will be pleased to show the books and issue subscription cards, and Saturday afternoon and evening has been chosen as library day until further notice. This is a fair result of six months work, and the ladies feel a pardonable pride in their work. A handsome room has been fitted up over the VanDorn drug store and light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon and evening.

We issued over 400 extra copies last week and practically every one of them has been sent east, covering the states from Minnesota to Texas and from Pennsylvania to Florida.