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BUILD ROAD INTO TIMBER

Milwaukee Road will Extend Elk River Branch into the White Pine Belt of Clearwater County.

Spokane, March 23.—“We are contemplating an extension of the Elk River branch in Idaho, 25 to 30 miles into the white pine district,” said President A. J. Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, on his arrival here tonight from the Pacific coast on his way east.

“We do not contemplate building into the Pine creek region of the Coeur d’Alenes, nor through Fourth of July canyon this season,” he continued, “nor to Northport, Wash.”

The above announcement shows the intention of the Milwaukee road to serve the white pine belt of the Clearwater district. Elk River is located on the stream of the same name about 12 miles from the North Fork at Dent. The construction of 25 or 30 miles from Elk River would extend the Milwaukee to a point on the North Fork about Big Island or the mouth of Roads creek. To reach the Weippe plateau or any district suitable for milling operations would require more than double the construction suggested by the Milwaukee president, which would leave the inference that the road is to be constructed into the white pine district to haul the logs to Elk River and Potlatch to be manufactured.

For the past two years there has been much talk of the Milwaukee being extended from Elk River to the white pine district of the Clearwater basin and it has also been stated that when this line is constructed it would be to haul the logs out of the Clearwater valley to be manufactured. Persons interested in the Clearwater timber and the benefits the entire valley should receive from the development of the lumber industry, have realized that some action should be taken to encourage the Northern Pacific to build from its Clearwater line into the districts where lumber activity is promised.

The Scofield interests have been preparing at Weippe for the past year to begin milling operations on an extensive scale. Large quantities of logs are cut, the mill site is cleared and the lake for storage purposes has been created by dam construction. The company has been negotiating for the past year for a Northern Pacific branch up Fords creek.

Timber men have held the view that the Northern Pacific would not allow the Milwaukee to enter the Clearwater timber district without taking the necessary action to protect its interests and this would mean the Northern Pacific will not longer hesitate in the matter of providing transportation for the districts where interests are in readiness to provide a lumber tonnage.—Tribune.

Mrs. J. H. Welte has been on the sick list this week.

Barney Seubert was the victim of some more bad luck yesterday when a horse he was riding fell with him, spraining one of his wrists quite badly, straining his back and shoulder and raking a large patch of recently acid-burned cuticle from his face. We would suggest that Barney take out an accident policy and be prepared for the next event of this nature.

Great Results In Field Peas.

Star Mirror: That eighty acres of land near Fairfield, Washington, seeded one year to peas and the following to wheat, yielded \$3456 more in the two years than did an exactly similar eighty acre field summer followed one year and cropped to wheat the next is stated by J. R. Shinn formerly connected with the agricultural department of the university who is now agriculturist for the Spokane county.

Following summer fallowing cultivation the wheat yield averaged 26 bushel to the acre, whereas in the same year the other field cropped in peas the preceding season, yielding an average of 35 bushels to the acre. The crop which followed peas sold for \$567 more than that from the other field, but the pea crop, which averaged 20 bushels to the acre, brought \$640 more than the better of the wheat crops. Peas proved to be better than wheat as a money making crop.

Mr. Shinn has pointed out that in only three of the great counties of Washington, half a million acres of land lie idle each year as a result of the summer fallowing method of cultivation. It means millions of dollars of loss to the communities. Crop rotation yields not only a cash return but increased income from the wheat crops when leguminous crops are used in the rotation.

Peas have been found to be successful because they get their growth before the dry season beginning in July.

Farmers Drag Roads to Town.

John Wasem and L. H. Fortin started out from their farms east of town Monday morning with their road drags and got so interested in their work that the first thing they knew they were dragging up the center of Main street in Cottonwood and their work proved so good that they were made guests of the commercial club at luncheon. John afterward stated that the roads out their way were so good they could not find much that needed dragging and so came on to town where they could find some real work to do. Be this as it may, the fact remains that the continued dragging of the roads out on the prairie is rapidly getting them into fine condition and in many places they are already in as fine shape as in the middle of the summer while the ground in the adjoining fields is so wet that spring work cannot be started for several days yet. Road dragging pays big dividends. Even the scoffers are coming to realize this fact, and the drag alone is making good roads in many places where the grader and scraper are unknown. There are several miles of road in and around Cottonwood that will still stand quite a lot of dragging before assuming the shape of boulevards.

Our Roll of Honor

Those who have contributed to the Chronicle “preparedness” fund within the past two weeks by paying in cash on subscription are as follows: H. W. Miller, Greencreek; Conrad Bosse, Henry Hatke, Keuterville; L. H. Bowman, Fenn; John Wemhoff, Nezperce; A. P. Mundt, George Killmar (2), Winona; G. M. Collier, Ferdinand; A. B. Rooke, Louis Abbl, Alois Wemhoff (2), Frank Rad, Mike Schwartz, Cottonwood; L. A. Bruner, Asotin.

The streets are being dragged again today.

Quite a strip of new sidewalk is being laid on Broadway and First street this week.

MAY START A CREAMERY

Seattle Man Looks Over the Field and will Return Within a Few Weeks to Begin Active Campaign.

J. W. Quinn, a representative of the Northwest Creamery Supply Co. of Seattle, spent several days in the city this week looking over the local situation with a view to attempt the organization of a co-operative creamery here. After conferring with a number of business men of the city he accepted their decision that the present condition of the roads would militate against the work at this time and left this morning for other points but intends returning within a few weeks, or just as soon as the roads get in proper condition, when he will spend several weeks here working with local parties in getting a creamery established at this place.

Creamery has been talked here to a considerable extent for several years but now that silos are being built by our farmers and have proven a success, and with better dairy stock being introduced, there is every reason for thinking that the time has at last arrived for the organization of a creamery. It is true, the large grain farmer and the man intensely interested in the raising of beef cattle or hogs cannot be expected to take much interest in a creamery, but the farmer of 160 acres or less and the man on a timber ranch or the large farm, who has plenty of assistance, can and should be interested in the establishment of a creamery and should give it every possible support and encouragement, for it means better prices and a steady market for their cream, a monthly pay-check with which to meet the running expenses of their homes, and eventually a nice bunch of good dairy cows on every small farm and certain prosperity for every small farmer who engages in the business and gives it the attention it deserves.

County Has Much Timber.

It is estimated that Clearwater county contains twenty billion feet of good merchantable saw timber, which will some day be manufactured into lumber and sent out to the various markets. The amount is simply enormous, really beyond comprehension. Ten thousand feet of lumber will build an ordinary 5-room house and finish it up, with enough scraps and pieces for sidewalks. If the estimate of timber in the county is correct, and we have no reason to dispute it, there would be enough lumber if manufactured to build two million houses, and figuring it as Uncle Sam does, five persons to the house, would accommodate ten million people. It would be possible to rebuild every residence in Washington, Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Montana with lumber from Clearwater county or should the residences of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco be destroyed by fire or other disaster, they could be rebuilt with the lumber from this county.

Another comparison to enlighten the skeptic mind: If Clearwater county's timber was sawed and loaded on cars of 50,000 feet each, it would require 500,000 cars to transport the lumber, or 20,000 trains of 25 cars each and if the trains were combined into one it would be 554 miles long.—Weippe Herald.

Mrs. Puthoff Laid to Rest

The remains of the late Mrs. Frank Puthoff were brought to this city Saturday evening from Spokane and were interred in the local Catholic cemetery Monday morning, the funeral being held from the Catholic church and was quite largely attended.

Mary Magdalena Schmitt was born at Mount Carmell, Iowa, October 28th, 1875, and died at the Sacred Heart hospital in Spokane, Wash., March 23d, 1916. She moved with her parents to Salem, S. D., in 1882, and on May 2, 1899, was married at that place to Frank B. Puthoff. In October, 1901, they moved to Nezperce, Idaho, where they resided for seven years, then moving to their farm north of this place where they resided continuously since that time. To this union was born seven children, three girls and four boys, the eldest of whom is fifteen and the youngest four years of age and all of whom are still living.

The deceased was a devoted wife and mother, a thorough christian and a neighbor who was held in the highest esteem by her many acquaintances. Besides her husband and children she leaves three brothers, John B. and Mathew Schmitt, of Leipzig, Sask., Canada, and Joseph Schmitt, of Nezperce, Idaho.

The remains of the deceased lay in state at the Knop home in this city until the time of the funeral and were viewed by many friends who desired to pay respect to the deceased. The funeral was one of the largest held here for many months, thus silently attesting to the universal esteem in which the deceased was held.

The Chronicle joins with the many friends of the deceased in extending deep sympathy to the heart broken husband and family in their bereavement.

We desire to extend our deepest thanks to the many friends who assisted us during our recent bereavement and to assure them that their kind acts and words of sympathy and comfort will never be forgotten.

Frank B. Puthoff
And Children,
Joseph Schmitt.

Prof. Wooster Pleased

Prof. Wooster, of the Lewiston Normal school, who delivered a lecture here last Friday evening before the parent-teachers' association, spoke to as large an audience as has been seen in Cottonwood for some time. Mr. Wooster handled his subject in a masterly manner and held the close attention of his audience for more than an hour. His remarks were timely and well chosen and drew many complimentary expressions from those present. The musical program was also thoroughly appreciated and the association is to be complimented on providing such a pleasing and instructive evening's entertainment.

Mrs. F. M. Lange is quite ill this week with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

W. J. Jordan is in town today from Lewiston looking after business for the Northern Pacific. Mr. Jordan recently returned from a trip to the coast and states that things are booming in railroad circles and he looks for a big year in lines of business. War orders have made the eastern states exceedingly prosperous for the past twelve months or more and this prosperity is just beginning to creep over the Rockies and attack the Pacific states.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

The Asotin Sentinel states that there will be about a half a crop of peaches in that section this year.

Residents of Lewiston Orchards are planning on erecting one or two community silos in the orchard tracts this summer.

Condemnation suits have been filed at Lewiston to secure right-of-way across three tracts of land for the new highway to be built up Uniontown hill.

Robert White, a pioneer resident of Idaho county and father of J. B. White, county auditor of Lewis county, died Monday at Grangeville at the age of 73 years. The deceased had been a resident of the county for almost 30 years and was widely known and respected.

W. E. Campbell a well known farmer of Lewis county, was arrested late last week at Lewiston on a charge of having stolen three head of cattle from Dan Hoover. The stolen cattle were found last fall in Campbell's pasture near Ilo and their ear marks had been changed to conform to the marks on Campbell's cattle.

A. J. Powell of Coeur d'Alene, purchased 18 head of fine horses here the forepart of the week, paying on an average of \$200 per head for the same. Horsemen say they were the nicest bunch ever bought on the prairie and they weighed from 1500 to 1750. He shipped them out from Vollmer Tuesday.—Nezperce Herald.

The Lewiston land office late last week handed down a decision in favor of Andrew Larson, who had contested the homestead entry of Margaret Daubenspeck. The claim contested lies along Salmon river south of this place. The contest was brought on the grounds that the entrywoman was teaching school and had not resided on her claim the time required by law.

Superintendent Theodore Sharp and other officials of the Nez Perce Indian agency at Lapwai, held a series of institutes for the benefit of the Indians last week at Kamiah, Kooskia and Stites. The meetings were well attended and talks were made on methods of farming, care of the home, preparation and protection of foods, canning of fruits and vegetables, sanitation and the care of babies. At Kooskia a boys' and girls' corn and poultry club was formed with a membership of 12.

A movement to recall Mayor Robinson and Councilman Eichelberger was launched at Boise last Sunday when a mass meeting was held, which was presided over by C. H. Lingenfelder. The sense of the meeting was that Robinson should be recalled because of incapacity and failure to live up to his pledges, and Eichelberger for selfishness in placing his own wishes above those of the people who elected him. S. H. Hays consented to become a candidate for mayor to succeed Robinson.

Two hundred and eighty acres of fine timber land in the Elk River country were recommended to be returned to the government by a decision handed down by the Lewiston land office Saturday. The land is claimed by the Potlatch Lumber Co. on lieu land

selections made by F. A. Hyde & Co. E. O. Brown was the original applicant for the land and it has since been learned that no such party existed and the selections were secured by fraudulent methods on the part of Hyde & Co.

Ben F. Bush, for the past seven years connected with the state land department as its timber selector, cruising engineer and agent, tendered his resignation recently and will return to Moscow in the near future.

Elk River Sentinel: C. D. Heath must be as dainty a titbit as any hero of a fairy tale. He found on going out the other morning that a big cougar had followed him for several miles on his way to town the night before, only drawing off when they reached the draw just back of the school house. He is a little bit disgusted that he never before realized what an attractive bait he is and is now figuring on what he will do with the \$25 bounty on Mr. Cougar, to be cashed in the next time he is followed.

Phil Sherer came out from the Shisler-Pettibone ranch this week and reported that Bert Archer, who had been staying with Martin Moe, left the Moe cabin on skis January 13. On the 25th, Archer's dog returned to the Moe cabin. A search was made and the man's tracks followed until the drifted snow covered them until they could not be followed. The disappearance has been reported to the sheriff's office. Another search will be made as soon as the snow settles so that the ski tracks will show up. It is thought that Archer, who was unfamiliar with skis has slipped over a cliff and perished.—Stites Enterprise.

C. A. Crockett, a well-appearing man who for several days had been discussing extensive purchases of property in and around Lewiston, was placed under arrest there Saturday evening on advices from Stockton, Cal., where he is wanted on a felony charge. Crockett secured a check book at the Lewiston National Bank and spoke of expecting \$12,000 to be telegraphed him from Stockton. His conversation caused Cashier J. M. Bonner to become suspicious and the latter wired Stockton about Crockett with the result that the officers were notified to hold the man until a California officer could come for him.

Freight Train In A Wreck

The local freight train jumped the track Tuesday morning just as it was starting to descend the Culesac hill, about two miles beyond Reubens, and tied up traffic on the line until after midnight. Ten loaded cars left the rails and tore up the track for several hundred feet before the train could be brought to a stop. Most of the derailed cars were loaded with lumber, only one containing hogs. Two emigrant cars were in the train but these did not leave the rails and no one was hurt in the wreck. The train crew and extra men sent out from Lewiston worked all day and most of the night in repairing the track and getting the cars back onto the rails and it was after midnight before the track was cleared. The passenger train was held at Culesac until the track was cleared and did not get into this place until four o'clock Wednesday morning. The regular schedule was re-established that day and everything has been progressing smoothly since that time.

Tomorrow is All Fool's Day. Watch out.