

The Addy postoffice has recently been made an international money order office.

The Woodmen of the World will give a masquerade ball at Addy on St. Valentine's eve, Feb. 14. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Al Weatherman, George Salvage and V. H. Flick.

A basket social and dance was held at Marcus last evening for the benefit of the hall, the Bennett & Walgamott orchestra furnishing the music.

H. J. Earnest, a former Stevens county "wild-catter" who will doubtless be remembered with sorrow by many of the older residents of the country, is under arrest in Chicago charged with fleecing Miss Mayme Kort, his fiancee, a former Spokane girl, out of \$4,000 in hard cash. Earnest was a man of many schemes during his residence in this country, and succeeded in fleecing one L. T. Wilson of the Reveille at Colville out of his entire fortune variously estimated at from \$40,000 to \$75,000, which later so preyed upon the poor fellow's mind that he went insane and committed suicide in his apartments in Spokane. —Springdale Reformer.

The Meyers Falls box factory loaded 12 cars of boxes this week, many of them to be used for oranges.

H. W. Sparks will hereafter be associated with L. S. Wait in the publication of the Valley Tribune at Kettle Falls. Taking everything into consideration, no better man could have been selected as an associate in newspaper work in the Kettle Falls section. Mr. Sparks has been a resident there for 16 years, is thoroughly conversant with the resources and possibilities of the country, and is fruit inspector for this county, and along lines of agriculture and horticulture is one of the best informed men in the state. His acquaintance over the county is very large. The newspaper fraternity and the reading public will welcome him in his work with Mr. Wait in disseminating information regarding the garden spot of fruit raising along the Columbia river.

The Tamarack and Dora quartz lodes will be sold at auction at Chewelah Feb. 15. They are a part of the estate left by W. P. Drugan.

Joe Oppenheimer went to Spokane the first of the week where he will rest for a few days before going to California for the benefit of his health. Joe has been in the mercantile business in Chewelah for more than a quarter of a century, and during that time his close application to business has made serious inroads on his health. We trust that this forced vacation will result beneficially. —Chewelah Independent.

For Sale—Good work horse. Inquire this office.

The cold spell Sunday struck Stevens county as well as other points, but the many sheltered towns of this county do not see the rigors of winter such as the east experiences. Elevation and a generally dry atmosphere relieve the distressing pressure of cold weather, and many there were who although possessing overcoats, did not take the trouble to don them even on the coldest days of this season.

The Northport Eagles, Redmen, Odd Fellows, Women of Woodcraft and Smeltermen's Union will hold a joint entertainment, with a banquet and dance, on St. Valentine's day.

Al Allison of Valley, manager of the Handy-Dandy Logging Co., which is at present logging for the Deen Lumber & Fuel Co., was a Colville visitor Tuesday. He reported fine logging weather there. Every one is acquainted with him in that section on the account of his good logging and by the rapidity of his driving when going to town for camp supplies.

A 100-ton steamboat is being built at Gifford to be ready for spring traffic on the Columbia river between Kettle Falls and Fort Spokane.

G. D. Burke, a Newport man, has invented a combined harvester which bids fair to revolutionize the grain business. Mr. Burke has on exhibition a model of a combined harvester which may be operated by two men. The motive power is gasoline. The machine cuts a 16½ foot swath and threshes and sacks the grain. The inventor claims that he can cut 60 acres in 15 hours at a cost not to exceed \$18, whereas the regular combined harvester now used takes not less than seven men and from 24 to 36 horses to operate, according to the size of the machine used, and cost aggregates about \$60 per day of 15 hours. The cost of the combined harvester is not less than \$2200, and Mr. Burke says he can put up a fire proof all metal machine for \$1800. Grain growers from the Palouse county who have seen the model declare that it will be a success. A local capitalist is interested with Mr. Burke in his machine, and it is probable they will commence manufacturing this summer. —Newport Miner.

Statement is made that the Plantations company will soon institute a newspaper at Meyers Falls, to be called the Plantations Gazette, edited by R. A. Smith of St. Maries, Idaho.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to Jacob Talonen and Mrs. Kustafson of Northport, Earnest Currey and Edna Presby of Arzina, Icon Akres and Carrie Foliver, John Flottman and Sophia Duckett of Blue Creek, Ralph W. Jones and Mila E. Graham.

Don't run a dull saw when E. E. Smith will sharpen it and guarantee it, for 50c. Second-hand store.