

COUNTY NEWS

Directors' and Patrons' Meetings

County Superintendent Daisy L. Hard has arranged for a series of directors' and patrons' meetings to be held at different towns this month, conducted by Prof. Frank O. Kreager, the brilliant instructor from the state college. These meetings will be of great interest and of much instructive value. Everyone interested in the county's schools is invited to be present at any or all of the meetings, which are scheduled as follows:

Day sessions—Ione, Monday, Feb. 20, 9 a. m. Springdale, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Marcus, Thursday, Feb. 23, 1 to 4 p. m. Fruitland, Friday, Feb. 24, 1 to 5 p. m.

Program—School board's responsibility to the community, round table, industrial education, centralized schools, round table, civic centers.

Evening sessions—Usk, Monday, 8 p. m. Loon Lake, Tuesday, 8 p. m. Chewelah, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Daisy, Thursday, 8 p. m. Hunters, Friday, 8 p. m.

Program—Lecture: "The New Education."

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It is apparent that a lively cement war will be precipitated when the new Inland Portland Cement Company of Spokane begins business this spring. The announcement was made Tuesday by representatives of the new concern that they will be making cement in March, and that they will sell their product at \$2.40 per barrel in April. This news is met with the announcement by other dealers that the price of cement, which they say is now \$2.60, will be universally cut to meet the competition. The big new mills at Metaline are nearly ready to start operations.

The builders of this section will be greatly benefited by the operation of the new cement mill, which is about ready to supply the market. By a conservative estimate there will be consumed in Spokane this year 300,000 barrels of cement. The best previous price has been \$2.85 a barrel. The price of Inland Portland cement is to be \$2.40, which means a saving to the builders of Spokane this year of 45 cents a barrel, or a total of \$135,000.

Very little cement has been contracted for this season's work, as all the large consumers of cement have been awaiting with interest the definite announcement of its price by the Inland Portland Cement Company. The new mill is said to be the best in the country today. The Lehigh Portland Cement is recognized as being the best brand of cement on the eastern market, and the connection between the Inland Portland Company and the great Lehigh Portland Cement Company makes it certain that the new cement will be a superior article.

Daisy won the school debate from Hunters at the former place last Saturday night, John Myers and Clarence Chamberlain representing Daisy.

The proposed railroad to be built by the Washington Water Power Company between Springdale and the new power plant on the Spokane river is gradually taking shape, and the commercial club of Springdale is taking steps to secure the right of way.

A bill abolishing party designations for all county candidates except for legislative offices and putting the state supreme judges back to the direct primary and also on a nonpartisan ticket, was introduced in the legislature Tuesday by Senator James W. Bryan of Kitsap. Bryan claims the progressives will support the bill.

Chewelah Mayor Dies Suddenly

A. V. Shepler, mayor of Chewelah, and for nearly 25 years one of the foremost citizens of Stevens county, died at his home Wednesday evening at nine o'clock, after a two days' illness of pneumonia, which took him out of apparently the best of health.

Alphonso V. Shepler was born in Peoria, Ill., June 2, 1850, the eldest son of Samuel J. and Hester (Fry) Shepler, natives of Pennsylvania, with a family line originating with the colony established in the Quaker state by William Penn. Through all the trials of the republic his forebears were patriots, and the father served through the Civil war under Generals Thomas, Banks and Grant, later removing with his family to Kansas.

Mr. Shepler came to the state of Washington in 1882 and entered the train service of the Northern Pacific railroad, remaining there for a number of years. He engaged in business and remained for a year in Moscow, Idaho, and in 1888 came with his family to Chewelah, where he purchased a farm adjoining the city, and has since resided continuously in the community. Aside from agricultural pursuits he entered largely into mining and real estate, and left a comfortable fortune.

In 1880 he was married to Miss Cepronia Vanslyke in Kansas, and three children have been born to this union, Delta, Hester N. and John H. P. Shepler. All survive him.

Mr. Shepler's career has been exemplary of courageous honesty and integrity, and being a man of liberal attainments in point of education and experience he was readily recognized as a leading citizen of the community which he adopted as his home. Being a democrat he was a leader in his party, and was frequently called as a candidate, but more often he refused honors than accepted them, last year refusing the proffer of candidacy for the state senate, preferring to serve his city as mayor. A few years ago, upon the consummation of a successful mining deal which established his fortune, Mr. Shepler spread a banquet to his friends, inviting several hundred, the event being a social landmark in the history of the city. He was always equally zealous in sharing his energies in enforcing progressive measures for the betterment of his home community.

Mr. Shepler was prominent in fraternity circles, being a member of Chapter 20, R. A. M., of Colville, and of Chewelah Lodge No. 135, F. & A. M., and was for a number of years its master; also he was a member of the Knights of Pythias. The funeral was conducted under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity from the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Shepler was an active member of the Stevens County Pioneer Association. He was one of the best known men in Stevens county, and will be greatly missed.

Everybody Wants Political Office

Considerable excitement exists in the new county of Pend Oreille, and the political pot is boiling to fever heat. Each locality is getting together and attempting to agree on their respective candidates.

For the office of county commissioner in the northern part of the county O. L. Carmichael of Metaline is suggested, while W. A. Logue, the editor of the Ione Record, is a hot second.

For coroner Dr. W. S. Wallace of Newport will likely receive the plum. H. H. Murray of Ione has no opposition for county auditor.

Harry W. Reading, the attorney of Metaline Falls, will be tendered the office of county attorney.

W. A. Sloan of Cusick, who ran for assessor of Stevens county last fall at the primaries, will likely receive the appointment of county assessor.

J. E. Fleming, former city engineer of Newport, will make good timber for county engineer, as he is the only resident of the county in that line.

E. A. Parrott of Cusick desires to represent the Calispel valley on the county board from the central portion of the new county, although he has opposition from two other aspirants from the same locality.

Elmer Thackston, the mayor of Ione, wants to be sheriff, but will meet with serious opposition. Captain A. C. Flanders, one of the most popular boat captains on the river, where he has been running a craft for eight years, will in all probability capture this important plum. He was a deputy sheriff for two terms of Stevens county.

Cement Company Wins Court Suit

The case of the Spokane-Portland Cement Company versus Lewis Larson, J. D. Clark, W. M. Miller and the Inland Portland Cement Company, which was on trial to a jury in the superior court last week, was concluded by an order nonsuiting the plaintiff. This order was entered upon motion of F. C. Robertson, attorney for the defendant, after all of the exhibits touching the support of the plaintiff's contention had been stricken from the evidence before the jury.

The evidence showed that the Inland Portland Cement Company, acting un-

der and through title obtained from Larson, Clark and Miller, established mineral rights at the mouth of Sullivan creek of the Pend Oreille forest reserve, and for the purpose of user appropriated the waters of Sullivan lake, some miles back from the Pend Oreille river, and built flumes, canals and conduits across the intervening country to convey the water to the big cement works recently built at the northern terminus of the Idaho-Washington railroad.

Before proceeding with development, however, the corporation obtained from the United States forestry department a 50-year lease of the franchise easement, use and occupancy of the lands within the forest reserve, agreeing to pay an annual rental, and spent more than \$1,000,000 in development of the power and building of the cement plant.

The interesting feature of the case was the recognition by the court of authority of the forestry department over lands in the forest reserves, the court holding that the forestry department could, of right, make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations respecting the manner of acquisition of mineral and other lands under its jurisdiction so long as such rules did not conflict with the laws of the state or of the United States.

Jury List for March Court Term

The following jury list was drawn last Saturday morning by order of the superior court, jurors to report for duty March 6: Carl J. Dahl, William Quinn, W. A. McKay, Eli N. Erdman, C. F. Miller, Little Dallas precinct; J. L. Taylor, J. R. Lesh, Kettle Falls; N. Delva, R. M. Turner, Valley; Robt. Wellweber, Joseph Tursoy, Walkers Prairie; S. D. Ellison, Doyle; F. E. Frazier, C. E. Ross, F. W. Shaw, Chewelah; W. C. Thorpe, Fruitland; H. P. Jarchow, K. Montgomery, E. J. Palmer, E. W. Barham, Ambrose May, C. T. Winslow, Colville; L. E. Arneson, Basin; Chas. Saylor, Riverside; C. B. Johnson, Barstow; Thos. Donica, Squaw Creek; G. Detillion, Hunters; Hood Wind, Boundary; C. E. Countryman, L. H. Cooper, Stensgar; C. H. Martin, H. Byram, C. I. Shubert, Newport; Appy Wolf, Old Dominion; James Huff, Addy; John Nally, Loon Lake; T. McCarty, Chas. Adam, Northport; C. B. Elgin, Fertile Valley; A. G. McDonald, Bruce Creek; Geo. Brown, LeClerc; John E. Naff, Echo; W. U. Higgins, R. Goakey, J. B. Clinton, A. Moe, Columbia; F. P. Edgington, Henry Stokoe, Gardenspot; Wm. Pierce, E. E. Busseat, Daisy; Martin Graff, Metaline; G. T. Bixby, Johnston; S. A. Lynn, E. A. Leithead, Meyers Falls; S. H. Spencer, Harvey Creek; J. P. Cole, LeClerc; Pat Gunnip, Wm. L. Huseby, Springdale; Henry Clark, Lake Creek; Z. A. Black, Cronin; W. Burner, Camden; Clyde S. Warren, Rocky Ford; Fred Wise, Narcisse.

News of the Superior Court

In re citizenship axel Mattson, continued to Feb. 20.
Drainage Dist. 3 vs. Armstrong et al, compensation allowance given.
Estate Hughes, real estate sale confirmed.
L. M. Dowell vs. Mattie A. Dowell, divorce granted.
Guardianship of Wesley and Harry Stevens, Jennie Stevens appointed administrator, bond \$1000.
Stevens vs. Kirk, continued to Feb. 27.
State vs. Sherman Bailey, default and judgment vacated, and defendant remanded to custody of sheriff; sentenced to 1 to 2 years. Appeal filed.
Black vs. Cooper, set Feb. 20, 2 p. m.

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The following banks have entered into agreement with the county treasurer, furnished security and have been approved as depositories: Bank of Colville, First National of Colville, Loan and Trust of Colville, Security State of Newport, First National of Newport, Hunters Exchange, Ione State, Calispel Valley of Usk, Northport State, Farmers and Merchants of Springdale.
Neva Lambert promoted to \$70 a month in auditor's office, vice Bessie Turk Thomas resigned; Maud Bandy appointed copyist at \$60.
Andrew Andrewson appointed justice at Metaline Falls.
Approved action of county superintendent transferring territory from 108 to 103.
Willard Fay given contract for 150 cords of wood for courthouse at \$3.40.
Cancellation of uncollectable personal taxes were made: 1905, \$1377.34; 1906, \$447.34; 1907, \$459.97; 1908, \$799.14; 1909, \$1250.88; total, \$4334.67.
Board investigated poor farm and found everything in good order; contract with A. P. Trunnels renewed for another year.
Plats approved: Second addition to Evergreen cemetery; State addition to Colville.
Underwood typewriter purchased for county superintendent's office.
G. W. Denny given order for fruit trees for poor farm.
Road petitions granted: H. Johns and F. Kepper for change in Napoleon road, Ed Strommen for change in Mar-

cus road, Upper Columbia Company for change in Little Dalles road, J. H. Newton for new road, Jensen Gaber for new road.

Meteor and Incheilium News

Sleighting is fine on the South Half. Grandma Stanger and Maggie McDonald of Dixon Montana returned Saturday to attend the funeral of Jimmie Stanger.

Joe O'Brien and wife of Addy were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanger of Meteor this week.

Burt Jennings reports a good tramont travel on his cable ferry this winter.

Chas. Lawson is erecting a larger government hall at Incheilium for government purposes.

Ed Moore, a prosperous rancher of Meteor made a trip to Colville this week.

The Guinn mine is working with very good results this winter.

The Cole brothers will soon start their saw mill at Meteor.

Dan McClung's house burned down from a defective stove pipe last week Saturday. The family lost everything.

Last year's drouth and the smallness of the Indians' crops are causing very hard times among them. The snow is two feet deep and they can get no feed for their stock, which is so poor that it will not sell. They have no seed grain, no garden seed, no money. The Lord only knows what their families will subsist on next summer. The government has issued orders to merchants and dealers not to trust or credit them or their permit will be cancelled. The boss farmer Mr. Chas. Lawson is a fine fellow and is doing everything possible for them as far as the government will allow him to. He is an expert graduate farmer and is valuable to the Indian farmers. His position is not a pleasant one, as he has nothing to work with, but the Indians appreciate his kindness.

James Stanger, after an illness of two months, died at his home near Meteor Thursday morning at 5:30. He was 62 years of age, and was born and raised in Stevens county. He leaves a widow and three children, Tommy, Henry and Freddie. Interment was in the Mission cemetery.

Local Option to Keep Courts Busy

Deputy Sheriff W. W. Bryant, in company with Deputy Jenne of Newport, visited Camden last Sunday, and arrested Luther Campbell, proprietor of the pool-room and soft drink emporium at that place, and H. B. Gillingham of Spokane, who was in Camden for a few days on business and who was in Campbell's place of business. Being new to the business and not desiring to take any chances on possibly desperate criminals, the two young men were both handcuffed by Deputy Bryant and placed in the Spokane jail over night, and brought to the county seat the next day, where a few days after an information was filed against them, with \$500 bonds. Gillingham is out on bonds. J. A. Rifford has been retained as their attorney.

The charge is that of selling liquors in a dry unit, it being alleged that at a dance Saturday night Campbell had a jug of whiskey from which several persons imbibed. Gillingham is indignant at having also been arrested, claiming that it is nothing more than an attempt to get back at him for the statements he made last fall against the Stevens county officials regarding the manner in which he was arrested at Clayton and convicted of selling liquor. He was arrested without a warrant while standing on the sidewalk, and says he had no part in the disposal of any liquors. On the return trip to Colville, between Chewelah and Bluecreek, Bryant also picked up a man by the name of A. P. Berg, enroute to Boyds, who was engaged in the joyous process of imbibing liquor in public, contrary to the statutes made and provided. He had a party of friends with him, and all were previously warned by Prosecuting Attorney Stull not to drink in public. Berg's failure to remember this injunction cost him \$7.50 and costs before Justice Perkins.

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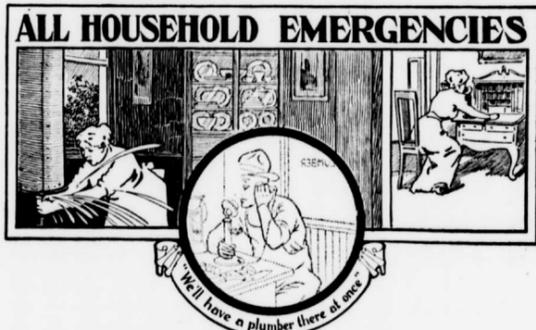
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Raw Musk.
Musk in the raw looks a good deal like axle grease and smells worse. The popular notion that the musk of commerce is obtained from the muskrat is a mistake. There is obtained a somewhat similar perfume from the muskrat, but most of the supply comes from the musk deer, a creature that is carefully reared in India for the sake of the secretion. The secretion is shipped in the crude state and is used not only in the manufacture of the liquid perfume sold as musk, but also in very small quantities to give strength and staying power to many perfumes made from the essential oils of flowers. Curiously enough, the blossoms of two native plants have a noticeably musky odor. One is the small yellow blossom of a creeping vine known as the musk plant. Its odor is marked and is counterfeited in the commercial perfume called musk. The other is the bloodroot. The pure white blossom of that early spring plant has a distinct though delicate musky odor. A bean known as the musk bean is a cheap substitute for animal musk.

Fine Language.
In the school year of 1896-7, in the town of Topsfield, Mass., there was at least one committment whose command of language was unusual. This is shown by the annual report of the school committee for that season, part of which is copied here:

"The primary center school was instructed by Miss ——. Under the guidance of this master hand in genuine philosophic simplicity the school presented the same phase of unvarying successful advancement as in former years, from the dissonant mouthings of half fledged juvenile articulation, through the winding passages of syllabics to the Mount Hope of spell-binding, the same grateful interspersion of gymnastic, vocal, recessive and studious enaction rendering every exercise equally a pastime and romancing the reality of the first efforts in dry study."—Youth's Companion.

An Ancient Die.
In the museum at Athens is shown what is probably the only genuine antique die used for coinage that is now extant. It was found in Egypt in 1904 and consists of bronze, engraved with the owl that was stamped on Athenian tetradrachma pieces, which contained about as much silver as three quarter dollars. The die is of scientific interest on account of the

evidence it gives of the skill of the ancients three or four hundred years before Christ in metallurgy. It contains about 22 1/2 per cent of tin and nearly 70 per cent of copper. It is extremely hard, but at the same time possesses a certain malleability, due to the great purity of the copper and tin, which were carefully freed from all traces of lead and zinc to preserve the hardness and from arsenic and antimony to avoid brittleness.—Harper's Weekly.

Making a Locomotive.
A young lady once visited the Baldwin Locomotive works and then told how a locomotive is made.
"You pour," she said, "a lot of sand into a lot of boxes, and you throw old stove lids and things into a furnace, and then you empty the molten stream into a hole in the sand, and everybody yells and swears. Then you pour it out and let it cool and pound it, and then you put it in a thing that bores holes in it. Then you screw it together and paint it and put steam in it, and it goes splendidly, and they take it to a drafting room and make a blue print of it. But one thing I forgot—they have to make a boiler. One man gets inside and one outside, and they pound frantically, and then they tie it to the other things, and you ought to see it go!"

Napoleon's Peepholes.
A curious Napoleonic relic still preserved in St. Helena is a pair of shutters, each with a peephole. St. Helena was strongly garrisoned in Napoleon's time for divers reasons, and the British soldiers exercised on Deadwood plain, close to Longwood.
Napoleon liked to look at them, but did not like them to look at him; hence those two shutters, one with a hole on a level with his eye while standing and the other with a hole adapted to his vision while seated.

Hard to Deny.
As Miss Hypatia Squarotes reached the culminating point of her lecture on "Woman's Rights and How to Wield Them" she threw back her head and stood in an attitude of defiance.
"Talk of man!" she cried. "What has man ever done for woman?"
"He's furnished the model she's trying her best to imitate!" boomed a manly voice from the rear of the hall. And then a palpitating silence reigned for nearly a minute.