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OLD DOMINION TO BE REOPENED

FAMOUS SILVER MINE NEAR
COLVILLE TO SEE ACTIVITY
ONCE MORE

Litigation to Be Settled in Spokane
This Week, and Linney to
Return to the Mine

The Old Dominion mine, which has formed a historical background for Colville activities during many years, and which in earlier days furnished the financial resources of the community, will enter into another stage of history this week at the meeting which is to be held in Spokane by the representatives of the various interests which hold claims on the property.

The Old Dominion mine is to be reopened. A settlement of all controversies is to be made this week, and R. E. Lee, who has been receiver of the property during the disputes of the last three years, will have his cares released.

The Old Dominion Mining and Milling company died as a corporation in 1910. A total of 3,500,000 shares out of the 5,000,000 shares in the company was owned by F. W. Peck and his associates in Chicago. According to law, the ownership of the property reverted to the trustees of the defunct corporation for the benefit of creditors and stockholders. When W. H. Linney and his associates formed the Dominion Silver-Lead Mining Co. and took a tax title to the property, the trustees of the old company were not served by summons. The Peck interests therefore took steps to retain title to the property, and through the law firm of Carey & Johnson, and later through Atty. W. Lon Johnson, carried the matter through the Spokane superior court, where they lost, to the supreme court, where they won back the title to the property.

The company organized by Linney had spent about \$10,000 in opening the tunnels, cleaning the shafts, and prospecting the mountain, before the title was wrested from it by the supreme court's decision.

The various conflicting interests in the ownership are now to be brought together for a settlement, and as it is desired by all parties to resume operation, either a new company will be formed, or the Linney corporation known as the Dominion Silver-Lead Mining Co. will be used, to apportion stock according to just claims. The Peck interests will retain the largest part of the stock, but Mr. Linney will be the manager, he being recognized as one of the best mining engineers in the west.

At the meeting in Spokane this week, Atty. W. Lon Johnson represents the Peck interests, Atty. Winston, Allen & Winston represent the interests of G. B. Dennis, and Atty. A. E. Gallagher remains as the legal representative of W. H. Linney and his company.

Mr. Linney is now in California, but expects to return within two months and take active charge of the property. He believes that the Old Dominion will again develop into a rich property.

TO MAKE CITY PARK A RECREATION GROUND

This year Colville tried the experiment of holding the program of the Fourth of July celebration at Central park. It was found that a park without trees, without water, without green grass and shade, could not hold the people on a warm day. As a result, the thoughts of many have gone back to the various celebrations held at the City park in south Colville, where nature has been lavish with the things missing at Central park. A movement is forming to put more attention on the South park, to the end that by next Fourth it may be a gathering place for the entire country.

An effort will be made to fence the park, build a dance pavilion, and prepare a swimming pool. The street to the park is already graded and graveled, and it only remains to lay cement sidewalks to the park entrance, and make graveled paths inside. A number of citizens are interesting themselves in this movement.

For several years a day was set each summer for the improvement of this park, and the citizens rallied there with axes, hoes and rakes to help clear the woods and grounds. A picnic dinner was served the workers, and business

was suspended on Main street. In this manner about a thousand dollars worth of work was done on the park. This could be done again, and even two days this summer, if spent on the park, would give to the city a picnic ground unsurpassed in the county. Contributions of funds for civic betterment are easily secured, and the project of a swimming pool will not only meet with approval by the citizens, but would receive the absolute moral, financial and physical support of every young person in Colville.

POINDEXTER FOR PRESIDENT POPULAR WITH REPUBLICANS

A "Poindexter for President" club was organized at the courthouse Wednesday evening, about 20 interested Poindexter adherents being present. Atty. F. Leo Grinstead was elected chairman, L. Ervin Joseph secretary, and Col. Clair Hunt, Henry Hughes and Atty. O. W. Noble being named on the publicity committee. The membership roll was left open, and about 50 names have thus far been added to the membership list.

"Poindexter for President" is a slogan which seems to be sweeping the republican party of this state, and in the hope that he may receive consideration at the national convention next year, the "old guards" and the "regulars" and the "progressives" and the various other brands of near-republicans seem to agree that it would be a nice thing to see Poindexter nominated. Even some democrats would like to see a nominee from Washington—and it probably would not injure this state's political or industrial prospects to have a man from our midst named as a presidential candidate.

Some have assumed that this campaign for Poindexter was started to land him in the vice presidential nomination, but close friends of the senator state that he will not be a candidate for anything except president, and that the presidential campaign is the real thing itself.

Whether the east can see far enough west—over the mountains, and tall men of political activity, and desirous candidates innumerable—is a question which the national conventions alone can decide. It has been considered suicide for any party to leave the east for a presidential candidate, but it is now known that the east alone can not elect, and that the next president will be named only with the assistance of the western states. Failure to realize this fact in 1916 caused Wilson to hold his job several years longer than had been decreed by republican leaders.

Ever since being in congress, Poindexter has had a strong support in northeastern Washington. He has voted outside his party on many occasions, has shown his independence in many ways, and has not accumulated any particular wealth in congress, which would lead constituents to believe that his acts are his own and not purchased. Even the radical democrats have to admit that he has generally been a good guesser, and except for his steady adherence to the interests of the Washington Water Power company in voting against opening new water powers he has been well liked by members of the grange and labor unions of the state. However, he has alienated some of this strength by his fight against an agreement among nations to enforce peace in the world, one prominent granger stating that unless Poindexter could muster more backing in his opposition than Germany and China that he would have to quit him. However, there are some strong men in this country who are also opposed to establishing peace on a firm basis, just as there were men after the revolutionary days who disbelieved that the confederation of states could ever accomplish anything good. Men get off once in a while, Wilson backed up on the canal tolls, and Poindexter may later come to see that peace is more profitable and more to be desired than big preparedness for war—which in the past has always brought war.

It is stated that the organizations for backing Poindexter's candidacy are not in any way intended to support his theories on national problems, but simply to support him before the republican convention and give publicity to his candidacy. It is therefore asked that all persons favorable to his candidacy for the presidential nomination join the Poindexter club, regardless of party affiliation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Haworth of Spokane arrived in Colville last week Friday for a three-day visit with Mr. Haworth's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Haworth of Garden Home addition.

FIRST THOUGHT MINE TO REOPEN

FAMOUS GOLD PROPERTY NEAR
ORIENT TO BE WORKED
AGAIN

Former Resident of County Comes
Back After Sixteen Years to
See the Property

O. J. Smith, for nearly 20 years a resident of Stevens county and twice its superintendent of public schools, who left Colville 16 years ago, returned this week for the first time since his departure from here in March, 1903, to review the old scenes and refresh old time acquaintanceship with his many friends of former days. Mr. Smith remarks especially upon the unbelievable improvement of Colville. It seems almost impossible to locate the greater number of the old landmarks in the city, and the country has grown wonderfully in point of development. He lived in Klickitat county and Portland for a number of years, but now lives in Spokane.

Mr. Smith played an active and important part in the earlier development of mining in Stevens county, and though engaged with much success in lands and mercantile enterprises in the southern part of the state he has made good his promise to himself that if he ever acquired sufficient means to return to mining he would certainly exploit the hills of Orient, for he always has retained the conviction that the most extensive and high valued ore deposits exist there.

In accordance with this belief, he, with a number of other prominent and wealthy men, most of whom have built their fortunes upon mining success, have purchased the famous First Thought mine at Orient, and are now arranging to begin operations there before October 1.

The First Thought is a gold mine of proven value, having produced gold bullion to the amount of nearly \$1,000,000 out of interior workings encompassed within an area of 100 feet to a vertical depth of less than 300 feet. The people of Stevens county have always entertained the best faith in the great value and worth of the First Thought mine and it is gratifying to know that men of known mining ability who are disposed to identify themselves with the best interests of the country have secured the property and will work it.

The people of Stevens county are glad to welcome the return of Mr. Smith to the haunts of his younger days and to applaud his faith in its boundless resources. He will remain here several days arranging details in the plans for opening his new enterprise.

NEW LICENSE REGULATIONS FOR WHEAT FLOUR DEALERS

Under the new regulations, all warehouse or elevator operators, brokers or commission merchants, wholesalers or jobbers, in wheat or wheat flour, and all millers of wheat flour, and all bakers using more than 50 barrels of wheat flour per month, must secure license from the United States Wheat Director, on or before July 15th.

Owing to the short time, applications for the license blanks must be made to the office of the Grain Corporation, 510 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon, immediately.

Blanks are being mailed to all dealers in these classes whose names are on the mailing list, but anyone who does not receive this application blank promptly should write the Grain Corporation.

Particular notice is given to flour jobbers and commission merchants, as the mailing list of this class of dealers is not complete. Failure to secure license by July 15th will render the dealer liable to the penalties prescribed by law.—United States Grain Corporation, By M. H. Houser, 2d vice president.

QUESTION OF CITY WATER IS NOT YET SOLVED

The question of water, especially at this season of the year, has always been one of interest to the people of Colville. Most of the time the city has an adequate supply of this element, but as the mountains are denuded of the forests it is quite noticeable that the water supply gradually diminishes in the flow of springs from which our present supply is obtained. This is not saying that we have not a plentiful supply of water for all

ordinary purposes now, but nature speaks with a word of caution which grows louder each year telling us in unmistakable language that an adequate water source should be secured now while chances are favorable. Twenty-five years ago it would have been easy for the corporation to have secured a good water source for supply for a city many times the size of Colville at practically no cost. Today, in view of many urban needs of water, is brought to our attention the stubborn fact that there are many difficulties to be overcome in first securing the water source and then in getting it to town. In a dozen more years, perhaps, the generation of that day will wonder at the shortsightedness of this generation in what they will term an utter lack of foresight or vision of the needs of the future.

Human life is no more exalted in its needs than plant life. Each is necessary to the existence of the other, and water is necessary to the existence of both. To grow, a field of barley must have water, either natural or artificial. A city must have sufficient water or it must cease to be a commercial or social help to its inhabitants. Colville must increase its water supply in the near future or it must cease to grow, or even retain its prominence as a city.

Another consideration to be entertained is the effect of the water supply upon the general health of the people. Our present supply, we are told, is hard water. A laundry—a going concern—moved away because of the added expense incident to hard water in the operation of its plant. The long continued use of hard water, be it ever so pure, is said by the best medical authorities, will eventually undermine the health of a robust person.

It may be that we do not need a radical change in a water source, but we should lay plans for such a change when the time comes for bigger and wider development of our city.

CHEWELAH AND VALLEY BANKS CHANGE HANDS

The control of the First National Bank of Chewelah has been sold by C. W. Winter to Chewelah business men, and the officers of the bank now are: F. L. Reineohl, president; Joseph Oppenheimer, vice president; Albert I. Kulzer, cashier; A. W. Haynes, assistant cashier; C. J. Hageman, C. M. Grove, directors. Mr. Winter, who was president of the First National at Chewelah and of the Security State at Valley, has also disposed of the control of the Valley bank, and the new officers of the bank at Valley are: Mike Kulzer, president; F. L. Reineohl, vice president; James A. Raftis, cashier; John Olson, A. I. Kulzer, directors. Mr. Reineohl, the new president of the First National at Chewelah, has been with that institution for 16 years, and Joseph Oppenheimer has been a resident of Chewelah for 40 years. Mr. Kulzer, the new cashier, will remain with his law business, and only give a part of his time to the bank.

A sale of town lots of the government townsite of Inchelium will be held at Inchelium July 18, instead of Spokane on July 17 as heretofore advertised.

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