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Pacific & Idaho Northern Will Push on North

Will Tap the Big Creek District by Way of Warren—President Hall Gives Out Some Good News in a Recent Interview—Work to Begin This Spring.

That the much-talked of railroad to Big Creek by way of Warren is to become a reality is now a settled fact, says the United States Mining Journal. The Pacific & Idaho Northern, which operates between Weiser and Council, is to be extended from the latter point on to Meadows and Warren, and from that point to Big Creek it will be continued as a narrow-gauge. Its construction will be effected at a cost of about six thousand dollars per mile, and as much of the road bed is already graded between Council and Meadows, it is probable that the line can be finished as far as Warren before the close of the present year. These facts were learned by a representative of the Journal in an interview during the last month with Lewis A. Hall, the builder of the P. & I. N. railway from Weiser to Council, and practi-

ally the sole owner of that line at the present time. In speaking of the project at the Waldorf the other evening, Mr. Hall said: "What we are aiming at chiefly is to bring the great pine forests in the Big Creek country into touch with the commercial market for railway cross-ties. Nobody ever heard of the use of pine on an extensive scale for such a purpose, but this is the day of new things, of novel ideas, and of improvement. A large company has been formed to carry out this enterprise, and it controls a patented process by which pine ties can be made even more serviceable than oak. It is proposed to establish our plant right in the heart of this great timber country, so that the ties may be placed on the market at a minimum cost for transportation, and to do this, of course, a railroad is necessary. "Naturally, however, the road will also be constructed with a view to supplying first-class transporta-

tion facilities to the numerous mines which are now under development in the Big Creek district, and this will be an easy matter to accomplish, as the final section of the road will naturally follow down the course of Big Creek, thus passing in close proximity to all the leading mines in that vast area of mineralization. It will also serve the mines in the Profile Creek country, as it will pass up that stream and through Profile Gap, before reaching the headwaters of Big Creek. "There is no doubt that the road can be operated as a financial success from the day of its completion, as it should have very little hauling of 'empties' to do. Coming out our cars will be loaded with cross-ties, and on the return trip they will carry supplies for Meadows, Resort, Warren and other intermediate points along the line, and for the mines in the Big Creek district, as well as the several properties in the Warren quartz camp, where extensive prepara-

tions now under way fore-shadow permanent activity and a large production in the immediate future. All of this hauling is now done laboriously and expensively by slow-going freighters, and when it is possible to ship to these same points by rail I do not doubt that the tonnage will be doubled. "Our plans for starting work on the new line as soon as the snow is off the ground this spring are practically completed, and you may rest assured it will be rushed as rapidly as possible. Getting the road into Big Creek this year is, of course, out of the question, but by the end of next season we should be able to deliver supplies and milling machinery to any mine in Big Creek. The present line to Council will be extended as far as Warren, and from that point it will be continued to the mines as a narrow-gauge. Our engineers estimate the cost of its construction at approximately \$6,000 per mile."

ATTORNEY LOVEJOY IS ACQUITTED

Jury Was Out Eleven Hours ---Verdict Meets With General Approval.

The trial of Wisner D. Lovejoy, former county attorney of Washington county, who was charged with embezzling the funds of a client, was concluded Tuesday evening, when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. The case excited an unusual amount of interest owing to Lovejoy's personal popularity and the peculiar circumstances in connection with the alleged crime, together with the difficulty experienced in obtaining jury-men.

The jury was charged by Judge Stewart Tuesday morning and retired at 10:30 to deliberate on a verdict. At 6 o'clock in the evening no verdict had been reached, the jury standing 11 to 1 for acquittal. About 9 p. m. the announcement was made that the jurymen were unanimously agreed and a rush was made for the courtroom to hear the verdict.

It was with difficulty that a way could be cleared for the jurymen to pass into their seats. They announced having found the defendant not guilty and Lovejoy's friends crowded about him to offer their congratulations.

The charge against Lovejoy was that he had wrongfully appropriated \$100 given him by E. M. Barton in payment for a liquor license. It will be recalled that Lovejoy left the state when the charges were made and remained away for some time, eventually surrendering himself to the Washington county sheriff in Boise. He was defended by James H. Hawley and Harris & Smith while County Attorney Rhea conducted the prosecution.

Just what Mr. Lovejoy intends to do is not definitely known, but he will probably resume the practice of his profession in Weiser.

Terrible Plunge to Death.

Sam Graham, Marie Willis and a man whose name is unknown, met sudden death at Shoshone falls about 7 o'clock Thursday night. The boat in which they were attempting to cross the Snake about an eighth of a mile above the falls was broken to bits in its drop of 210 feet down the canyon.

The bodies have not yet been recovered, but 50 men are now on the scene, above and below the falls, dragging the river and using explosives in an endeavor to secure the bodies. The effort seems almost hopeless, however, as the dragging especially is of but little avail. The current of the stream is so strong that ropes carrying 50 pound drag hooks are straightened out like fishlines.

Miss Willis, who had been in the employ of the Shoshone Falls hotel for about a year, had, it seems, charge of the ferry, at least occasionally.

Many consider it doubtful if the bodies of the three victims of the accident will ever be recovered. They point to a drowning accident of a few years ago, the bodies never being found. Should the remains ever be discovered it is considered quite certain they will be badly mangled from the terrible drop into the falls which it is believed they must have taken.

TWO SALMONS ARE A BIT ACTIVE

Country up North Progressing, and People Happy.

WAGGINS, IDAHO, March 28:—Many of the SIGNALS come to us from the out-of-the-way section, and these always so replete with good news for this humble, interior county and its interests that we who here are beginning to feel that our best newspaper friend and always eager to see our do-chronicled in its columns.

is promises to be a very active for us up here and we believe will be more money spent in section this year than ever be-

This development of course is to light the few who are al-ways for an opportunity to er and obstruct the operations people who are trying to develop country's resources. This class es are simply out for a few and hope to "bleed" those who think have a little cash for some ate enterprise. The majority people, however, do not coun- blood suckers in any form.

ble work at the Rankin and Spring mines is at present a lack, there is every prospect things will be booming soon. men are coming into the coun- more than can get work in fact. Pitburg-Idaho company has of 12 men constructing a road to Short's Bar and their hill is being pushed to the site ke Creek. They will be cut- mber for the big flume by the May.

Sunday school continues to and there was over 40 pres- recent meeting.

& Irwin have built an addi- their hotel and this is still ate to meet the demands, and e already talking of a still two-story addition, which will of the finest hotel between ville and the Meadows. The ed business they are doing prospective demands upon accommodations will fully justi-

There was a pleasant dance evening in the addition just ed, and nearly everybody at- and had a way up time Mr. Irwin served refreshments dances at midnight.

ck, our neighbor town four up the river, is lively and ng, being the supply point Rapid River mines, and Mer- Adaley is accomplishing won- keeping a stock so varied as nearly every need of the

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Married.

Tuesday evening Flournoy and Guy Galloway were seen quietly wending their way to the depot to catch the five o'clock west-bound train. There were all kinds of rumors, and the SIGNAL sleuth—always on guard—began to feel a little suspicious, because Flournoy seemed to be so nervous. The reporter approached him as gently as possible and proceeded to inquire into the cause of his nervousness, 'cause the train was late and we felt sorry. The only thing Flournoy would say was that he was going to Walla Walla, and for further information we could wait until he returned.

When the east-bound train pulled in Thursday evening—that settled it—Flournoy arrived with his bride. In Walla Walla, on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock he was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Abbott, a popular young lady and school teacher of that city. They were met at the depot by relatives and were at once driven to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Galloway. The SIGNAL joins the numerous friends of the happy couple in extending best wishes and hearty congratulations.

Harper & Riggs have seed grain in quantities to suit—wheat, barley, oats and rye. 52-1f s

Died from Cancer.

Mrs. Lavina Monroe, well known in Weiser, died at her home in Boise Thursday morning from cancer. She was 57 years of age, and had been a long sufferer from the dread disease which at last proved fatal. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church in that city and interment was in Morris Hill cemetery. The many friends of the deceased will regret to learn of her sad death.

All members of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., are requested to be present at the meeting on Wednesday, April 28th. Visitors cordially welcome.

Mrs. M. A. Conroy, Deputy Pres.

COUNCIL MAN ARRESTED FOR HORSE STEALING

IRA BAIRD, WELL KNOWN IN THE UPPER COUNTRY, NABBED AT BOISE---MORE TO FOLLOW.

For several days Sheriff Adams and County Attorney Rhea had been quietly at work on a horse stealing complaint from Council, but who the alleged guilty party or parties were could not be learned as the officers were anxious to land their men before divulging any secrets. It has been known for some time that considerable horse stealing has been

going on in and about Council and a sharp lookout was being kept by the victims of the gang.

Wednesday night Sheriff Adams took the train for Boise, and about 5:30 Thursday evening Ira Baird was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Marsters of Ada county. Sheriff Adams went on to Pocatello in search of another suspect and was expected to arrive in Weiser today with his prisoners.

Where is Brandt?

F. J. Brandt, formerly proprietor of the cigar factory of this city, has disappeared and fears are felt for his safety. The missing man came here about four months ago from Grand Island, Neb., where he is supposed to have a brother engaged in the manufacture of cigars. A few days ago he sold a half interest in his business for \$400 and a day or two later told his partner that he was going to some of the neighboring towns to sell cigars. That was the last seen or heard of him. He owes no bills and the cause of his departure is a mystery. An invoice of the stock and fixtures shows a value of \$750. Mr. Adams, who purchased the business, says that he knows nothing of Brandt's whereabouts.

For loans on city and farm property, and bargaining in real estate, see H. D. McKIBBY.

New Cigar Store.

The iron and fixtures have arrived for the front of the new cigar store which will be opened soon by Billy Black in the Waterhouse-Anderson building. The rooms in the rear of the Churchill drug store, formerly occupied by Dr. Waterhouse, will be converted into one good-size store-room with a frontage on State street. Mr. Black will open up with a first-class stock and fixtures and will conduct a splendid smoker's resort. He left Wednesday for Boise on a business trip.

Wall Paper.

McBratney, the furniture dealer has just received his spring stock of wall paper. All the latest designs.

The Vienna Bakery has no agents, but you can still get three loaves for 10 cents at the bakery, on Idaho street. 52-1f s

Died.

News reached the city Tuesday evening of the death of Mrs. Don Mathias at her home on Grouse creek where Mr. Mathias is connected with the Hathaway company. From information gathered it seems that her death was very sudden. Mr. Mathias had left the house to go to the mail box, a short distance away, and when he returned he found his wife dead.

A messenger was at once sent to Meadows for aid and the body was brought out. A coffin was ordered from Mr. McBratney of this city and was forwarded to Council, Wednesday, where the funeral took place.

Mrs. Mathias was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Biggerstaff, the well-known pioneers of this county. She was married only about a year ago to the bereaved husband whom she leaves. Royal Mathias, who has been attending the university at Moscow, arrived in the city Wednesday and left for Council to be present at the funeral.

Nice dry wood, four foot or sawed in lengths to suit, at Harper & Riggs second hand store. 52-1f s

William Smead Dead.

William Smead died last evening at 10 o'clock. He was a native of Warren, Idaho, where he has two brothers and a sister living. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Madge Leach, of this city. He would have been 25 years old in April.

Smead was a miner by occupation. He was taken with a cancer about a year ago and went to Portland for treatment last fall and improved rapidly. On his way back to his home in Idaho he was taken seriously ill at Council, Ida., and was afterwards brought to this place where he remained until his death.

His condition and that of his sister here who has a number of small children was such that a purse was made up for their benefit in his last illness. The saloon men and gentlemen contributed.—Baker City Her-ald.