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## WAGING WAR ON WEEDS

School Children Enthusiastic in Contests.

Civic Improvement Club Grows.

One of the first steps taken by the Civic Improvement Club, of Newport, composed of the ladies of the town, to promote the beautifying of the city, was to interest the school children in the effort to rid the town of weed pests. The children took up the idea with enthusiasm and waged a warfare against weeds that had astonishing results. A contest between the lower grades of the school was started and continued for one week, closing Tuesday last. The children reported weeds pulled as follows:

First Primary Grade—	
Mullein .....	2809
Burdock .....	50
Thistle .....	596
Third Grade—	
Mullein .....	19226
Burdock .....	6079
Thistle .....	14523
Fourth Grade—	
Mullein .....	5331
Burdock .....	921
Thistle .....	1082
Fifth and Sixth Grades—	
Mullein .....	10544
Burdock .....	53
Thistle .....	1565

The third grade was winner by a considerable majority, and a huge bouquet of flowers was awarded the youngsters of that grade, other contestants receiving smaller bouquets.

The success of the plan and the enthusiasm with which the children took to it has prompted a war of extermination against the dandelion pest, which during the past two years has made rapid inroads on the town, and which if not checked will soon ruin the many handsome lawns that are being cared for by our people. The Newport Washington Land Co. has put up a prize of \$3 to the pupil from the Washington schools exterminating the most dandelions on the South Side, and a similar prize to pupils of the Idaho school working on Idaho side of town. The Civic Improvement Club has put up the same prize for the north side of town. And now

the war waged against dandelions wages merrily and will continue until June 1, at which time the prizes will be awarded. The Civic Improvement Club plans to co-operate with the school board in the much needed improvement of the public school grounds, and will also meet with the town council to consider ways and means of beautifying and improving the town.

The club now has a membership of over 60, which is growing rapidly, as everyone appears to be interested in the work the ladies have undertaken and want to help it along. The men of the town are privileged to participate in the organization as honorary members.

### Pioneer Rancher Sells

Henry Tweedie, who for 32 years has been a resident of the Northwest, and for 18 years past has resided on a ranch about two miles west of Tweedie station on the I. & W. N., has sold his home ranch property to Jesse Cole, a former Big Bend rancher, the 160 acres bringing \$12,000. Mr. Tweedie has been a steady worker and has succeeded in clearing and putting into timothy about 100 acres of the ranch, and has found it a very profitable investment.

During the coming summer Mr. Tweedie will make a trip to his old home in Ontario, Canada, where he will spend several months with relatives. He expects to continue to make his home in this section and has ranch property and other interests that will occupy his time.

Thomas King, owner of King's Lake, which has the reputation of being the best trout fishing lake in this section, has made a lease of his property, located about seven miles east of Usk, to Wm. Kerstine and O. Broadwell, of Usk. During the past year there have been many fishing parties visiting the lake, and some of them have resorted to the use of dynamite, with much resulting damage to property. Mr. King has always been very liberal in extending the fishing privilege and his liberality has met with poor return. He announces that a gamekeeper, who will also be a deputy game warden, will be at the lake at all times this season, and it will be necessary to get a permit from him before fishing will be allowed. No fishing whatever will be allowed until after May 20, as the trout are still spawning.

## ABSTRACT COMPANY FORMED

Pend Oreille County Abstract Company of Newport.

Will Start Business on June 10.

Representative Henry R. Spedden and C. E. Peterson, of Colville, were in town Wednesday and Thursday of this week on business connected with the organization of the Pend Oreille County Abstract Co., which will start business at Newport on June 10, the day on which the new county becomes effective.

The Pend Oreille County Abstract Co. was incorporated last winter by the Colville and Stevens County Abstract Co.'s, when the division of Stevens county and the organization of Pend Oreille county were assured. The incorporators have arranged to sell their holdings of stock to local people of Pend Oreille county, and the directors who will start out the new company at Newport will be C. F. Craig, E. W. Anderson and Fred L. Wolf, of Newport; H. W. Reading, of Metaline Falls, and C. E. Peterson, of Colville, the latter becoming a resident of Newport and taking over the management of the company.

Mr. Peterson is a young man of pleasing appearance, who has had considerable training in abstracting. He has for some time been with the Colville Abstract Co., and previous to that time was in the employ of the Spokane Title Co. He will arrive in Newport about June 1, to complete arrangements for starting the new company promptly with the opening of business by the new county.

The Pend Oreille County Abstract Co. will have a complete and reliable set of indices, which have been compiled by the Stevens County Abstract Co. and the Colville Abstract Co., and which have all the advantage accruing from the many years of checking of the records by the two companies.

The company will be in a position to handle all abstracts of title to lands, water rights and mining claims within Pend Oreille county after June 10, 1911.

Dr. E. T. Baker, of Spokane, assistant state veterinarian, was in Newport this week, testing dairy herds of this vicinity.

## Scored Another Shut-Out.

Manager Schmidt's bunch of Newport ball tossers journeyed to the new town of Metaline Falls Sunday and gave them a touch of baseball as it is played here, shutting them out with a score of 5 to 0.

For the occasion the I. & W. N. made a special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip for all stations this side of Spirit Lake. Thirty loyal fans accompanied the team from Newport, but at other points along the line the excursion attracted but little attention and received light patronage.

As the score indicates, the game was well played throughout, and the Falls boys are rated by the home team as the best aggregation they have gone against this season, not barring the Hamiltons, of Spokane, who defeated our team. Metaline Falls got but two hits off Rosenbrough, who pitched his usual strong game and stacked up a lot of strike-outs. Newport got 14 hits, but they were kept well scattered and netted but five runs.

The fielding of Payne in center field for Newport was one of the features of the game. He assisted in two double plays from deep center.

One of the results of the game was the acquisition of two of our team by the Metaline Falls fellows. Hildebrand, who has been playing first, and Myers, who decorated second, were offered strong inducements to come to the lower end of the valley to play ball and accepted, leaving Monday. Billie Schmidt says he has "farmed" them out, but will keep a string on them, as both made a good showing while with our boys.

Newport's team will be recruited by the signing of E. D. Sheldon, the new attorney, as first baseman, and a brother of Sandy Judge, for third base.

Next Sunday the local team will play at home, going up against the Phoenix Lumber Co., of Spokane. The Phoenix team is a strong aggregation and will set a lively pace for our fellows.

The Kaniku National Forest had its second forest fire of the season last week, which occurred at Lime Lake, northeast of Metaline Falls. The fire burned over about 60 acres and was assuming a threatening aspect when the welcome rains came and put an end to the fire danger for at least a month.

## ELECTRICITY FROM POST FALLS

Washington Water Power Co. Is Supplying Current.

Power Investment Half a Million.

Newport and Sandpoint are now being provided with electric light and power from the big water power plant of the Washington Water Power Co. at Post Falls, Idaho. Final connections were made Sunday, and at 3 p. m. current started from the new source of supply.

During the past five months the work of constructing the Washington Water Power Co.'s line from Post Falls has been in progress. The company purchased a right-of-way one hundred feet wide, and has constructed a roadway along the power line for the use of line-men in keeping the line in repair, also stringing a telephone line and erecting watchmen's cabins to insure prompt repairs and good service. The line has cost them over \$2000 per mile and is in the neighborhood of 40 miles long.

The line comes into Newport over the state line road, and enters the local substation of the Northern Idaho & Montana Power Co., the Washington Water Power Co. having contracted to furnish current to the local company for Newport and Sandpoint. In the local substation the heavy current of 66,000 volts from Post Falls is transformed into 2200 voltage for service around town, and is also connected with the local company's line to Sandpoint and transmitted to that city.

The building of the Post Falls line brings the investment of the two companies—the Washington Water Power Co. and the Northern Idaho & Montana Power Co.—up to nearly \$500,000. This huge investment is to serve the towns of Newport and Sandpoint and the adjoining territory. Needless to say present size of these towns does not warrant this heavy expenditure, but the companies have built for future business and anticipate a development of this section that will warrant their outlay and make it a profitable investment.

Those who occasionally become discouraged at the slow progress of events in the development of a new country

should consider the example set by the large corporations operating in this section. These investments are being made by hard-headed, successful business men and are in no sense dictated by sentiment. A country that is good enough for capital to invest such large sums in is good enough for all of us to live in and show our faith in by continued working for development.

### Another Case of Shoplifting

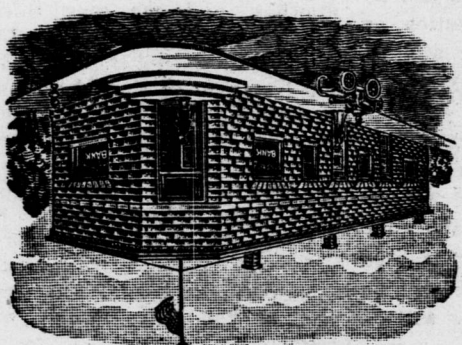
Last Thursday evening a stranger giving his name as Joseph Fortune, who was peddling neckties at a low price on the streets of Newport, was arrested on suspicion of having stolen the goods. He was offering four bit neckties at the rate of two for two bits. Arraigned before Justice Lusher Friday he plead not guilty to the charge of petit larceny, but as the goods were identified as coming from the J. A. Noble store there was no doubt in the mind of the Justice and he bound Fortune over to the Superior Court at Colville. Deputy Sheriff Jenne took the prisoner to the county seat and on coming before Judge Carey Tuesday Fortune plead guilty and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. There were fourteen neckties in the bunch in his possession, and he had evidently helped himself to a handful while the clerks were busy with other customers.

### Shoplifters Sentenced

Last week the two Newport shoplifters were brought before Judge Carey in Superior Court at Colville, and pleading guilty to the offense each was given 90 days in jail in which to reflect on their crimes. The men sentenced were Robert Miller, for walking out of the store of the Caldwell Clothing Co. with a pair of shoes, and Jimmie Brady, who was caught in the act of trying to steal two pairs of trousers from the Carey store.

### Mothers' Day

It has become a national custom to observe the second Sunday in May as "Mothers' Day." White flowers should be worn upon the occasion in honor of mother. We suggest that those who are far from home should write her a letter. The churches will observe the day with suitable addresses. Rev. Whitman announces that he will speak at the morning service on the "Mother of Jesus."



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## POPULAR DECISION HANDED DOWN BY JUDGE GOOD

"Breaking in" must be  
Stopped

In a decision rendered by Judge Good recently the necessity of "breaking in" shoes was severely criticised.

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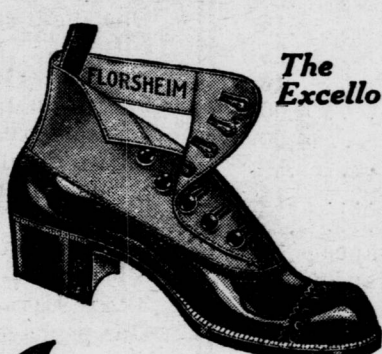
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