

Begin Work On Box Factory

PUTTING UP FRAME OF BUILDING

Machinery Will Be Moved From Lewiston. Will Be Ready to Start in Spring

D. J. Wilson of the Lewiston Box company, which is putting in a box factory here, has arrived in the city with his family and has moved into the Petersen house, east of the St. Maries river. Active work has been started on the box factory plant.

The concrete foundation for the building was put in early in November and it has been allowed to settle until now. The side-track running to the plant was also put in about the same time so the material and machinery for the plant can be unloaded right at the building, saving the time and expense of teams to unload.

The plant is located inside the dyke, directly east of the old sawmill in the Petersen addition and the side track runs from the track leading to the Milwaukee Lumber company's mill. The timbers for the building were unloaded Monday and a crew of men are busily at work putting up the frame. The building is 136 feet long by 42 feet wide and the work of putting it up is being pushed as rapidly as possible considering the weather.

Mr. Wilson will move the machinery from his Lewiston plant and install it here but this will not be done until the building is completed and ready to receive it. The machinery consists of all the different machines usually found in a modern, first-class box factory. The motive power will be electricity and a 130 horse power motor will be installed and will furnish the principal power although it is likely that some of the machines will be furnished with individual motors. Besides being more economical, electric power lessens the danger from fire.

Mr. Wilson expects to have the factory finished, the machinery installed, and ready to commence business early in the spring.

The company was known as the Lewiston Box Factory while operating in Lewiston but there is some talk of changing the name of the corporation now that the plant has been moved here. This will be decided at the next meeting of the stockholders.

The locating of the plant here means much to St. Maries as it will add materially to the payroll of the city. This was done without asking for or obtaining any contribution from the city and the people were not asked to contribute a cent. The only concession which the company asked was that the city put in a water main and furnish water for fire protection and domestic use at the regular commercial rates and we have no doubt but that the city will do this.

Decision Is Far Reaching

The decision in the supreme court in the Buck case has been received here. The court sustains Judge Dunn in his decision that Chapter 115 of the laws of 1913, relied upon by the petitioner, had been repealed and superseded by Chapter 159 of the same session. That being the case, the board had no power to make a contract for longer than one year. The alleged contract being void for that reason, the court found it unnecessary to decide on the other points raised in the case.

This decision is of much importance to the district for the

reason that it restricts the power of the board in other matters as well as in making contracts. Under an Independent district must employ at least thirty-five teachers before it becomes an Independent District, Class A, the board of directors of which has a number of powers not granted to ordinary independent districts. The particular thing that is of the most importance is that the district is restricted in the amount of money it can raise and is confined to the same limitations that govern other independent districts.

Catholic Ladies To Give Card Parties

The ladies of the Catholic church are planning on giving a series of card parties during the winter at the homes of different ladies in the city. The first of them will be held Tuesday evening, January 11th, at the home of Mrs. Noble.

Upon the completion of the priest's house last summer, the ladies of the church bought the furniture necessary to furnish it and these parties are being given to raise money to finish paying for this furniture. The object is a laudable one and the ladies will spare no pains to make the parties pleasant and attractive and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Asks To Have Costs Cut Down

E. N. LaVeine, attorney for the defendant in the case of Kinsolving vs. the Milwaukee Lumber company, has filed a notice in the district court objecting to the costs attempted to be taxed by the plaintiff and asking the court to strike out certain items. The items objected to amount to about \$134.00. An appeal to the supreme court will be taken in the case by the Milwaukee Lumber company.

Brewing Company Brings Suit

A suit has been filed in the district court here in which the Inland Brewing & Malting company is plaintiff and Frank W. Pearce is defendant. The action is on a promissory note for \$300, for which judgment is asked, together with a \$50 attorney fee and interest and costs. McFarland & McFarland of Coeur d'Alene are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Presbyterians Observe Week Of Prayer

The Presbyterian church has been observing the week of prayer by holding a prayer meeting every evening of this week. Next week the services will be continued and Rev. Franklin Conner of the Bethel Presbyterian church of Spokane will preach every evening. Rev. Conner was a classmate of the local Presbyterian pastor and possesses rare pulpit gifts.

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—Lemen in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Prominent Rancher Has Disappeared

FRIENDS FEAR HE HAS MET FOUL PLAY

Oscar Olson of Fernwood Has Been Missing Since The Middle of November

The people of Fernwood, as well as his relatives, are exercised over the disappearance of Oscar Olson, a well to do farmer, owning a fine ranch on the St. Maries river above Fernwood.

The exact time of Olson's disappearance is unknown. The last that was seen of him in Fernwood or vicinity was in the latter part of November, when he left there for this city. He and his mother had a suit in the district court which was to have been tried here at the fall term of court, which met the 15th of November, and both he and his mother are known to have been here shortly after that time.

The case was finally continued for the term and his mother went to Seattle to spend the winter. It is thought by some of Olson's friends in the city that they remember of him being here as late as December 5th but they are not sure of it. He usually stopped at the Midway Hotel while in the city and the last time his name appears upon the register there is Nov. 17.

Olson had a man on his ranch looking after it so his relatives and friends around Fernwood and Clarkia thought nothing of his absence until one day in the latter part of December the man who was taking care of the ranch appeared at Clarkia with a check for \$120 purporting to have been signed by Olson and which he tried to get cashed.

He took the check to McGuire & Baumgartner and asked them to cash it. They had cashed Olson's checks before but there was something peculiar about this one and they called in Merrill Roberts, a brother-in-law of Olson, who lives at Clarkia, and showed the check to him. Roberts said that although the signature resembled Olson's, it certainly was not his writing on the body of the check and they refused to cash it. The man took the check away with him and a few days later left the ranch

without saying anything to anybody and his whereabouts are unknown.

The check incident set Olson's friends and neighbors to talking about him and they remembered that he had not been seen since the middle of November and his brother-in-law started inquiries about him. Sheriff Leaf was communicated with and inquiries were set on foot in regard to the check. The Exchange bank of Spokane, upon which it had been drawn, reported that it had not been presented there for payment.

A telegram was sent to Mr. Olson's mother in Seattle, asking her if she knew anything as to her son's whereabouts, but no reply had been received up to yesterday morning, at which time Sheriff Leaf left for Fernwood and Clarkia to prosecute a search for the missing man in that locality.

Olson was between thirty-five and forty years of age and was quiet and sober. He always carried considerable money on his person and his friends fear foul play.

Local Odd Fellows Visit Plummer Lodge

Quite a number of the members of the local Odd Fellows lodge went to Plummer Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Plummer lodge. There was special work that evening, a class taking the first degree. The work was put on by the Plummer degree team, which is exceptionally well drilled and did finely.

A banquet was held after the initiation and was much enjoyed. Those in the party from here were: H. L. Mulcahy, Otto Sythoff, E. H. Fisher, Henry Pheneff, B. L. Stoutenberg, Warren T. Shepper, Prentiss Wolfe, F. L. Stocking and A. A. Darknell.

Trouble Keeping River Open

ICE-BREAKER OUT OF COMMISSION

Steamer Flyer Misses One Trip. Will Attempt to Keep River Open All Winter

The Red Collar Line is having considerable trouble in keeping the river open so that it can operate its boats. Heretofore it has been the custom to buck the ice with the regular boats and when it got too thick to break the boats were laid up. Even in this way ice several inches thick could be broken but it was very hard on the boats and entailed considerable expense for repairs.

This winter Manager White hit upon a scheme by which he believed he not only could keep the river open but protect the boats to a considerable extent from damage by the ice. A barge was rigged up with a heavy ice-breaker on the bow to be pushed before a boat to break a channel through the ice.

The nights are always the coldest and there is about eleven hours between the time the boat comes in at night and the time it leaves in the morning for the river to harden, so it is the first boat in the morning that has the trouble in getting through. With two boats running each way during the day it is comparatively easy to keep the channel open during the day, even with zero weather. For these reasons the strongest boat on the river, the Flyer, is kept on the first run, going down early in the morning and coming back at night. The barge with the ice-breaker was fastened to her bow and pushed ahead of her to break the channel.

The scheme worked well up to Wednesday and the channel has been kept open and the boats running. Going down Wednesday the ice was quite thick and the strain on the barge was so great that some of the seams opened and the crew had great difficulty in keeping it from sinking.

The Flyer left the barge and continued her run to Coeur d'Alene to make her connections with the trains and then came back and towed the barge to Coeur d'Alene for repairs. The Colfax made her regular run Wednesday but on account of being obliged to come back after the barge and take it to Coeur d'Alene the Flyer could not make its regular trip up Wednesday night and so there was no morning boat out from here Thursday.

The Colfax left Coeur d'Alene at the usual time that day but found the ice very thick in the river and finally broke down and had to return. The Flyer made the trip through without the assistance of the ice-breaker. Expecting trouble with the ice she started on her down trip this morning a half hour earlier than her usual time.

The barge is being repaired at Coeur d'Alene and as the weather has moderated it is thought that the Flyer will be able to keep the channel open until the ice-breaker can be put in commission. Manager White states that if it is possible a channel will be kept open and the boats will run all winter.

First National Bank Elects Directors

A meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of St. Maries was held at its offices Tuesday, January 4th, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The following Directors were elected: Leon Demers, William

Trueman, T. B. Hay, Wm. D. Keeton, A. C. Wunderlich, O. D. Platt and John Mann, the latter being elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Fred Herrick, who resigned on a plea of pressure of other business matters. In tendering his resignation Mr. Herrick expressed in warm terms his appreciation of the rapid progress made by the bank, and assured the Board that the institution would still have his ardent support. Among the stockholders the sentiment of great satisfaction was unanimous, the bank having progressed more rapidly in its career of a little more than four months than many had expected it to do in a year.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the same date the following officers were elected: Leon Demers, President; William Trueman, Vice President; E. W. Trueman, Cashier; and E. R. Wunderlich, Assistant Cashier.

Dr. Mullenbrook Returns To City

Dr. Mullenbrook is back in the city again and has resumed his practice here. Last summer he took his wife to Mayo Bros' hospital at Rochester, Minn., and spent three months there with her. On his return his daughter was taken sick in Spokane with whooping cough and pneumonia and he and Mrs. Mullenbrook were obliged to stop there with her. She was getting better but while the doctor was out here making arrangements to move into his home again she caught cold and had a relapse. She is better again but it will be some time before he can bring her and Mrs. Mullenbrook home.

Dates Of Meeting Of Supreme Court

The supreme court has set the following dates for that tribunal in 1916:
At Boise—Second Monday of January; first Monday of March; first Monday of October.
At Lewiston—Fifth Wednesday of May; fourth Monday of November.
At Coeur d'Alene—Second Monday in April; fourth Monday of August.

The New Years dance given by the Eagles was a great success, those present reporting a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Eunice Tomlinson and Claud Boyles won the prizes for the best waltzers present. Thirty-five couples competed.

The diamond ring contest at the Ideal Theatre closed Tuesday night, January 4th. Mr. Purvis and Mr. Tompkins acted as judges and counted the votes. The three contestants eligible to prizes were Margaret Mahoney, first prize; Ella Hagen, second prize; and Bessie Crawford, third prize.

A meeting of the Library Association will be held at the library next Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, for the purpose of election a new member of the board to succeed Mrs. Fred Russell, whose term expires. A large attendance of the members is requested.