

Laborer Injured At Branson's Camp

GEORGE MURPHY IS BADLY HURT

Was Struck By Log While Decking. Brought to Platt's Hospital

George Murphy was quite badly injured at Branson's camp near Santa yesterday. He was at work decking logs on a skidway about twenty feet high when a large log got away. In order to get out of its way and save himself from being crushed, he jumped to the ground, the log following. When the log struck the ground it bounced, striking him a glancing blow on the side of the head and tearing a large hole in his right arm.

Murphy, who was rendered unconscious by the blow, was picked up by his companions and taken to camp where his injured arm was dressed by the men. The accident happened about 11 o'clock and he was taken to Sauta in time to catch the freight and was brought to Platt's hospital in this city.

Art Exhibition Proves a Success

The art exhibition and entertainment given at the High School Auditorium Wednesday evening was a decided success. There was a large crowd in attendance, the auditorium being comfortably filled. The program was much enjoyed and after this part of the entertainment was over the audience repaired to the different class rooms to view the art exhibit.

The exhibit was fully up to the standard claimed for it and consisted for the most part of crayon reproductions of the masterpieces of art. There were on display reproductions of all the world famous pictures, to see the originals of which would require a visit to all of the famous art galleries of the United States and Europe.

A second entertainment was given last evening and there will be another tonight and again on Saturday night. The program is changed at each of these entertainments and is of itself well worth the admission price, which is fifteen cents for both the entertainment and the art exhibition.

Action To Test Insurance Law

An action has been brought in the district court for Kootenai county by George F. Steele, state insurance commissioner, against the Blackwell Lumber company to collect a total of penalties of \$5943 on the issuance to the defendant company of fire insurance under policies totalling \$449,475, issued outside the state by companies not authorized to do business in this state.

The policies held by the defendant company are those of numerous companies, American and foreign, none of them having complied with the Idaho insur-

ance laws, and the action is brought under the legislative act requiring the state commissioner to impose and collect from the insured, instead of the unauthorized companies as in other states, a 10 per cent penalty.

The action is brought as a test case, and following judgment in the district court, the adverse party will immediately appeal to the state supreme court, and from the decision of this court, the then adverse party will appeal to the United States supreme court for a final decision. It is probable that the action brought several weeks ago against the Humbird Lumber company of Sandpoint, of purport identical to the second action, will be stipulated for determination in the final decision in the Blackwell case.

Syringa Bible Class Gives Banquet

Friday evening, January 28th, the members of the Syringa Bible Class of the Methodist church held their semi-annual election of officers and banquet. Covers were laid for about fifty and a delightful supper was served by the ladies of the class, after which the following officers were elected.

President, I. L. Hemingway; vice-president, E. M. Davis; secretary, Roy N. Combs; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Darknell; librarian, Mrs. Belle Reeves; teachers, Mrs. M. Hughes and G. F. Hofstetter. Brief addresses were given by L. C. Francisco, F. E. Lukens, Chas. Leavitt, Mrs. M. Hughes and the pastor, A. Monroe.

The evening was declared to be one of the most enjoyable as well as profitable that has been held under the auspices of the Syringa Class.

Miss Clifford Entertains Club

The members of the A. O. C. I. Club and a few friends were entertained at the home of Miss Leila Clifford Tuesday evening. The evening was delightfully spent in playing Five Hundred, after which the young ladies were favored with several vocal duets by Misses Fuller and Devers. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The Club members present were Misses Blanche Nicholson, Marion Keating, Lillian Keating, Vera Fuller, Helen Nesbitt, Estella Hofstetter, Opal Jarmin, Mable Croonquist, Josephine Bulman and Leila and Lola Clifford. The guests were Misses Florence Devers, Vera Lewis and Florence Brennan. The next meeting of the Club will be with Miss Anna Youngs on February fifteenth.

Improvements At Japanese Laundry

The Japanese laundry on Main street, near Babbitt's livery, has been undergoing a large amount of repairs lately. A new steam boiler and a heating plant for the building have been put in; steam and hot water baths have been added to the bath room run in connection and new machines have been added to the plant converting it from a hand laundry to a steam laundry.

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT.



—Greene in New York Telegram.

Decide To Improve Streets

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE UNANIMOUS

After Hearing Engineer's Report Will Prepare and Circulate Petitions

It was definitely decided at the meeting of the property owners held Wednesday evening to continue with the plans for the street improvement and to have Main street improved from Bailey's hardware store west to Twentieth, Twentieth from that corner to Idaho avenue and Idaho avenue from Twentieth to the city limits. There was a good crowd present at the meeting, which was held at the residence of Dan Nicholson on Idaho avenue.

City Engineer Russell was present with a profile of the streets showing the proposed improvements with estimates of the cost of the different kinds of improvement. With the changes made in the profile, his estimates on a 26-foot roadway and street sloped up or down, as the case might be, from the roadway to the sidewalk, are: Eight thousand yards of dirt to be moved at fifty cents per yard, \$4000; One mile of drainage trench \$1500; Bridges and culverts, \$400; A nine-inch bituminous pavement, 16 feet wide in the center of the street, 8430 square yards, \$9694, making a total of \$15594.

There are 140 fifty-foot lots in the entire proposed improvement district, making the average cost per lot about \$112.00. By making the bituminous pavement 6 inches thick instead of 9, the average cost per lot would be lowered to \$100. Using straight macadam, 6 inches thick the cost would be \$78.00 per lot and with a heavily oiled 6 inch macadam the cost would be \$87.00 per lot.

After listening to this report, those present unanimously voted to go on with the improvements covering the streets first proposed and limiting the cost not to exceed \$100 per lot and petitions will be circulated asking the council to create the improvement district and order the grading done. Those present thought that with the cost limited to \$100 per lot and with the work under the direct charge of a committee of the interested property own-

ers, it would be no trouble to get the required 70 per cent of the resident property owners to sign the petition.

The property owners, however, are insistent that the entire improvement shall be directly under the charge of a committee of the property owners and a committee composed of J. H. Neil, chairman of the property owners' association, and John Pruden, secretary of the association, was appointed to go before the council at its next meeting and lay the proposition before it. This committee will, if possible, get a promise from the council that such a committee shall be named and that the council will delegate to them full authority to look after and have full charge of the improvements and the petitions will not be prepared and circulated until after this committee makes its report.

M. A. Rogan Given Past Master's Jewel

The members of the Masonic Blue lodge enjoyed a very pleasant meeting Thursday evening on the occasion being the conferring of the Master Mason's degree upon J. C. Kidneigh of Avery.

The Past Master's jewel was conferred upon M. A. Rogan, now of Avery, formerly master of the lodge here. Mr. Rogan responded in a very able address. At the close of the meeting a banquet was served and a very pleasant social time was enjoyed.

The worst storm that the Northwest has experienced for years swept over that region Tuesday night and Wednesday completely blocking traffic on the coast. All the railroads through the Cascades were completely blocked, not a train getting through Wednesday.

Commissioners Favor Railroad

SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATURE URGED

Report Says North and South Railroad Feasible And Urges Action

The commission appointed by Governor Alexander to inquire into the feasibility of building a north and south railroad has made its report to the governor. It recommends the construction by the state of a roadbed between New Meadows (the northern terminus of the Pacific & Idaho Northern railroad) via the Little Salmon and main Salmon rivers to Whitebird, and thence ascending via Whitebird and Chapman creeks to a connection with the Camas Prairie railroad which serves the great productive regions between Grangeville and Lewiston. It is the idea of the commission that the state should lease the roadbed.

In support of its proposition, the report in part says:

The first great necessity for growth and development is railroad communication connecting the north and south, linking up each with the other, the great transcontinental railroad systems which traverse the state in the north and in the south. Our past political history shows repeated attempts to disintegrate the state of Idaho, and there is no true security for future unity and stability but in the easy and direct communication with different parts of the state. We must so live that we can see and know each other, and the sections must be knit and ligatured by the ties of material friendship and interests, which comes from acquaintance, association and collective interests, thus forming a triple chain which the blows of faction cannot sever. In such a condition the feeling of unity and state pride form an impenetrable shield which cannot be broken by misunderstandings and estrangements. Under existing conditions those who frame the laws of the state to meet the actual condition and character in every part of the state cannot inform and qualify themselves for the duties of their position by actual and personal knowledge and herein arises one of the great sources of discontent in the northern counties.

Moreover, owing to the lack of intercourse and unity under existing conditions, the state of Idaho is subjected to extraordinary expenses of maintaining duplicate charitable, penal and educational institutions in the north and south, the maintaining of which would more than suffice to pay interest upon such bond issues as may be needed to build the north and south railroad.

From every standpoint, the state has much to gain and nothing to lose by providing a means of rapid transit which shall unite the people of its two diverse sections into one harmonious and patriotic entity.

The report urges the governor to call a special session of the legislature at once for the purpose of inaugurating surveys, etc. It says:

"Realizing to the fullest extent the responsibility thereby entailed, we urgently recommend and advise that you convene the legislature in special session speedily, for the purpose of inaugurating surveys, procuring right of way and devising ways and means for the construction of a standard grade railroad bed between New Meadows and the Camas Prairie, and further authorize the available convict labor of the state to be utilized in the immediate construction and completion of the state highway between New Meadows and Lewiston over the route adopted by

the state highway commission in 1914, as a part of the international highway between Mexico and British Columbia heretofore referred to. We consider the completion of this highway the first imperative duty of the state. The special session should further authorize the state engineering department to locate all available water power sites adjoining and contiguous to the proposed road with the view of their development as previously suggested.

"The expense of the special session need not be great. The customary army of legislative attaches can be dispensed with, and the assembled solons, having no political differences to thresh out, can, in a few days, inaugurate a policy of constructive statesmanship which will write the most important chapter in the history of the state of Idaho and to be of incalculable benefit to the commonwealth, its people and posterity."

Ground Hog Fails To See Shadow

Wednesday was ground hog day and according to the old saying, as he could not see his shadow, we may expect it to warm up speedily. It is said that on that day, February 2nd, Mr. Ground Hog, who has been sleeping quietly for some time, comes out of his winter quarters and takes a look around. If he sees his shadow, he crawls back into his hole and curls up for another six weeks' sleep. If he does not see his shadow he takes that as an indication that spring is only a short time away and that it is not worth while for him to crawl back into his winter's bed.

Business Men At Parents-Teachers Ass'n

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held one week from tonight, February 11. It has been planned to turn over the meeting to the business men of the city and the program committee has planned the program with this end in view.

The general subject to be discussed will be the relation of the business man to the schools and the subject has been divided into different parts, "A Good School an Asset to any City," "What can the School do towards making Good Business Men out of the Pupils," "How can the Business Man Assist in Improving the Schools," and "The Relation of the Business Man to the Schools" will be some of the topics under which the general subject will be discussed.

A number of the leading business men of the city have agreed to be present and take part in the meeting and there is no doubt but what it will prove a very interesting and profitable one.

The interest in the meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association has steadily increased, as has the attendance, the attendance at the last meeting being by far the largest of any. The association is doing a good work and is having a marked influence for good in the schools. Every patron of the schools and every person interested in the schools should make it a point to attend these meetings.