

Benewah Club For Good Roads

MEETING HELD TO BOOST PROJECT Committee Appointed to Formulate Plan to Secure Government Aid on Reservation

A meeting of the Benewah club was held Saturday evening for the purpose of discussing the road question on the reservation. A letter from Congressman McCracken in regard to government aid for roads was read. He called attention to the bill which had passed the house appropriating \$25,000,000 to aid in building and maintaining post roads. Mr. McCracken also stated that he did not believe it would be possible to get any other bill through congress appropriating money for roads.

Two of the principal roads on the reservation, the St. Maries-Tekoa road and the Tekoa-Sanders road, are post roads and are also very much in need of money and it was thought possible, with the right kind of work, to get aid for those roads. It was also thought that some assistance could be obtained through the Indian department, as the best of the land on the reservation is in Indian allotments and as the policy of the department is to try and make farmers of the Indians, roads are an absolute necessity. It was decided to attempt to secure assistance through both of these channels.

It was decided to name a committee to formulate a plan of action and L. E. Purvis, C. W. Craney and William D. Keeton were named as such a committee. Meanwhile it is expected that the members of the club who have an acquaintance with the members of the congressional delegation will take the matter up individually with them by means of letters.

Democrats Will Meet April 20

A meeting of the democratic executive committee was held in this city Monday, those present being George J. McFadden, chairman, O. B. Moon, secretary, C. J. Kinsolving, C. R. Reynolds, P. T. Sweeney, C. W. Leaf, A. A. Holsclaw and George Cornell. Mr. Cornell was appointed a member of the executive committee in the place of J. R. Collard of Tensed, who has left the state, and J. P. Goodwin was named in place of Levi Nusbaum, who is also out of the state.

There were two vacancies on the county committee caused by the removal of the precinct committeemen from the state. These were the precincts of Tensed and Lovall and the vacancies were filled by the appointment of R. E. Stout as precinct committeeman from Tensed and A. S. DeVoe as committeeman from Lovall.

The call for the democratic state convention was read and a meeting of the democratic county central committee was called for April 20. The meeting will be held at the court house in this city at 8 o'clock that evening. The purpose of the meeting is to provide for the choosing of delegates to the state convention which will be held at Pocatello May 18.

Would Hear Benewah Minstrels

The Elks lodge of Coeur d'Alene has extended an invitation to the Benewah Club Minstrel troupe to reproduce their minstrel show at Coeur d'Alene. The following is a copy of the invitation received

from the lodge:
Benewah Club,
St. Maries, Idaho,
Gentlemen:

Coeur d'Alene Lodge No. 1254 B. P. O. E. extends to the Benewah Club of St. Maries, and its Minstrel Troupe, a cordial invitation to reproduce their Minstrel Show at Coeur d'Alene, immediately after Easter, under the auspices of this Lodge, the expense to be borne by and the proceeds to go to the Benewah Club, subject to the action of its Board of Governors

This invitation is extended to your Minstrel Troupe by the unanimous action of the Lodge at its regular meeting held on March 8th, 1916. If accepted, a committee of three members of the Benewah Club, who are Elks, are requested to act in conjunction with the Entertainment Committee of the Elks Lodge.

We are confident that, through the united support of the Elks of this city, we can assure you a good house and an appreciative audience.

Hoping this meets with your favor,

Respectfully,
Coeur d'Alene Lodge No. 1254, B. P. O. E.

By R. S. KERCHEVAL,
Exalted Ruler.
By J. W. VOELLMECK,
Secretary

Ice Goes Out With a Rush

The ice in the St. Maries river has been going out on the top of a flood. It came down Friday evening in a mass bringing logs and boom sticks with it which lodged against the pilings which support the wagon bridge across the river east of the city, forming a jam.

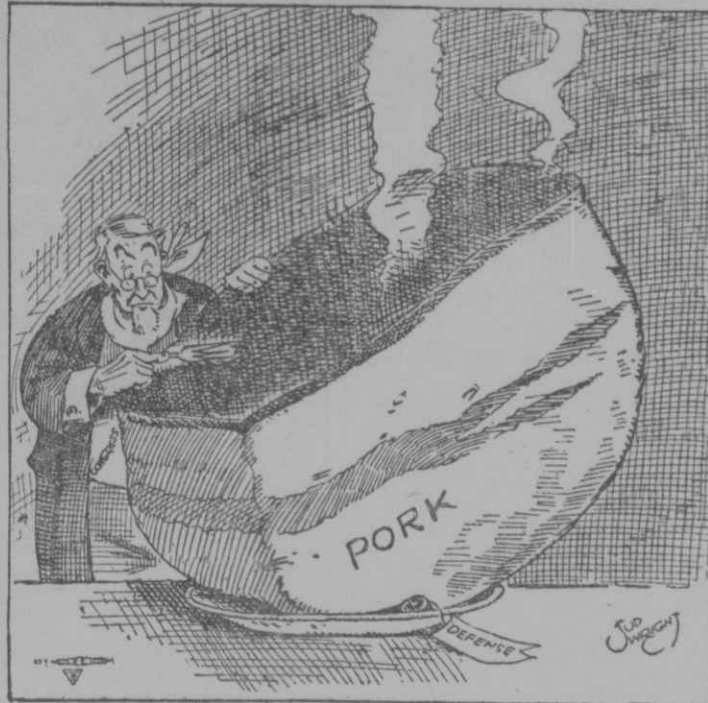
A house boat tied to some trees on the bank above the bridge was torn loose from its fastenings by the ice and carried down against the bridge. It was feared for some time that the great weight against the pilings would carry out the bridge and County Road Supervisor Purvis had a crew of men at work to try and break the jam. Very little headway was made and there was talk of trying to break it with dynamite but this was impractical and was given up.

Engineer Purvis came to the conclusion that the pressure was not sufficient to endanger the bridge and the attempt to break the jam was given up for that night. During the night the water succeeded in eating a hole through the ice and before noon Saturday the ice had all gone out into the St. Joe river. Another jam was formed at Flat creek dam but this too broke up of itself and went out without doing any damage.

Deputy Game Warden Here

George Cornell of Chatelet, superintendent of Heyburn park and deputy game warden for this county, was in the city Monday and was a caller at this office. Speaking of the cases where parties have permitted their dogs to remain loose and the dogs have been chasing deer, he stated that the owners of the dogs could be prosecuted and that he would instruct his men, if they happened on such a case, to shoot the dogs.

HARD TO FIND THE BEAN.



—Wright in Milwaukee Leader.

Judge Postpones Jury Term

TWO DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY

Judge Hears Arguments On Demurrers. Jury Called For April 20th

The spring term of the district court for this county opened Monday with Judge John M. Flynn presiding. Practically nothing was done in the forenoon except calling the cases, entering judgments of dismissal in those cases which had been settled out of court and ordering the calling of the jury.

The principal jury case to be tried is the condemnation case of the Tyson Creek Railway company vs. the Empire Mill company, which, it is expected, will take up at least two weeks of the time of the court and jury. Judge Flynn expects that it will be necessary to have the jury view the land which it is sought to condemn and in order to have the snow all gone so that the jury can get a clear view he ordered that the jury be summoned for April 20th, over a month from the present time, and the jury term will not open until that date.

The judge does not think it will take more than two or three days at the most to dispose of the cases pending on demurrer and as soon as they are out of the way he will adjourn court until April 17th.

He heard arguments yesterday afternoon on the demurrer in the case of Albert H. Ferrell vs. Wm. Steele, et al, which was argued by Attorney William D. Keeton for the defendant and Attorney R. B. Norris for the plaintiff. The court took the matter under advisement.

The two damage cases against the city, Lashbrook and Ajdukovic, were argued this morning, F. C. Highsmith appearing as attorney for the plaintiff in both of the cases and Taylor & Hull representing the city. These were followed by arguments on demurrers in the cases of Knox vs. Bruun and Bruun vs. Knox. F. C. Highsmith appeared for Bruun and Attorney E. N. LaVeine represented Knox.

Among the cases in which judgments of dismissal were entered were Boutellier vs. Boutellier, Lyon & O'Dwyer vs. Kinmore, Plummer Highway District vs. J. C. Keeler, M. C. Sawyer vs. C. A. Sawyer and the Benewah Investment Co. vs. L. Augusta.

In the case of the village of Plummer vs. C. A. Cooper the

plaintiff was permitted to file a second amended complaint and the defendant was given ten days in which to file an answer. Frederick Larsen, charged with having intoxicated liquors in his possession, plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs and serve a term of thirty days in the county jail. Angelo Gloria was arraigned on the same charge. He asked that the court appoint an attorney to defend him and the court appointed William D. Keeton who took the statutory time of one day in which to plead.

Walter Kay, the 19 year old boy who was charged with breaking into Mrs. Ed LeCoulter's house and stealing ten dollars, plead guilty to the charge of burglary. The judge deferred the passing of sentence until the next day and took the boy into his chambers to have a talk with him.

Cuts Down Verdict Against Hospital

Boise, Idaho, March 14.—The supreme court of this state affirmed but modified a judgment given in the Eighth judicial district court for Kootenai county in passing upon the appeal tonight in the case of Joseph McAlinden vs. the St. Maries Hospital association. It was an action to recover damages for alleged malpractice. McAlinden's leg was broken while loading logs upon a car for the Blackwell Lumber company and he was taken to the hospital, where a plaster cast was put on the leg, which was later amputated. He brought action for damages and secured a judgment for \$12,000 in the lower court.

This judgment the supreme court finds excessive and reduces it to \$8640, and if McAlinden refuses to accept the modified judgment it is reversed into and a new trial granted.

A man by the name of James Meehan was arrested by the police Saturday on the charge of stealing coal from the cars in the railroad yards.

St. Maries A Dry Town

WITHOUT WATER FOR THREE DAYS Break in Supply Main Put in Last Fall. Old Main Is Being Utilized

The city was without water for several days the latter part of last week and the first part of this week caused by a break in the new water main. The break occurred Friday and it was Monday afternoon before the city was given water again. The break was in the supply main and occurred on the east bank of the St. Maries river, where the pipe goes over the bank down to the bottom of the river and was caused by the joint pulling apart.

As near as we could learn the joint, which was where the pipe broke over the bank, was what is known as a swinging joint, put in to allow for some necessary play in the pipe. The line was put in late last fall and the ground around the pipe had no opportunity to settle and the spring floods washed out the dirt. The pressure of the strong current in the river swung the pipe to one side pulling the joint apart.

About four feet of new pipe was put in but as soon as the water was turned on it pulled apart again. An attempt was then made to turn the water on through the old six inch main, which is still in position. There is about eight feet more head at the intake than formerly and although the old pipe had stood the strain for eight years, the additional pressure was too much for it and it pulled apart. This happened Saturday evening and the men worked all day Sunday and until Monday afternoon before the old main was in condition to have the water turned on.

There are several theories as to the cause of the pipe in the new main pulling apart. One is that the pipe never was put down to the bottom of the St. Maries river and the pressure of the current had caused it to sag and settle. Another is that the dirt covering the pipe where it passed through the slough back from the river is soft and allowed the pressure of the water to raise the pipe, which pulled it apart. Still another theory is that the pipe has settled on the further side of an elevation over which it passes, causing it to pull apart.

Probably the trouble will not be located until the water in the river goes down so the "dead man," to which the pipe is anchored, can be seen and the condition of the pipe crossing the river can be ascertained. It will probably be a couple of months before the new main can be put in commission again and the old six inch main will be used until that time.

Institute Chapter of Eastern Star

J. R. Collins of Moscow, Grand Patron of the Eastern Stars, was in the city Monday and instituted a chapter of that order. Monday was the last day on which the chapter could be instituted without waiting until July. Mr. Collins received the petition that day and had barely time to catch the train to get here.

The meeting was held at two o'clock and there was only time to notify those who had signed the petition. The chapter was formally instituted with the following officers: Mrs. R. A. Nelson, W. M. Mrs. R. W. Johnson, A. M.; Emil Magni, W. P.; Mrs. A. B. Annis, Secretary; Mrs. E. E. Woodward, Treasurer; Mrs. C. Brebner, Chaplain; Mrs. W. F.

Clarke, Conductress; Mrs. O. D. Platt, Associate Conductress; Mrs. C. A. Clark, Ada; Mrs. Thos. Eagan, Ruth; Mrs. J. G. Fralick, Esther; Mrs. J. K. Booth, Martha; Mrs. Neil Beaton, Electa and Mrs. C. J. Kinsolving, Warder.

A committee was appointed to prepare by-laws and one to select Star. Four applications for membership were received and the candidates, Mrs. F. E. Lukens, Mrs. C. Harrigan, Thos. Eagan and J. G. Fralick, will be initiated April 7th. The Harrison chapter will be invited to put on the work if they can attend, otherwise the local chapter will put on the work.

Medical Examination Started in Schools

The board of education held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening. Only four members of the board were present and very little business of importance was transacted. A surprising feature of the meeting was the small number of bills which were presented to be audited, the total amount being \$294.96, as against over \$2000 the meeting before.

Superintendent Lukens reported a slight increase in the enrollment of the schools for the month. The percentage of attendance during the month was 96. There was also a slight falling off in the number of cases of tardiness. He also reported that a preliminary physical examination of the pupils of the schools would be made today by the teachers preparatory to the examination to be made by the physicians. These physical tests have been planned for some time but the physicians have been too busy to make them. The examination by the teachers is for the purpose of elimination and to ascertain the cases especially in need of medical aid.

A. E. Stickney Enlarges Business

A. E. Stickney has rented what was formerly the ware house use of the Idaho Mercantile company, on College avenue and is fitting it up for a garage. He is planning on putting in a large number of stalls which he will rent to owners of automobiles in which to store their cars and has already closed contracts with a number of car-owners.

He will use the rear end of the building to store and display farm machinery, for which he is agent and will fix up the building next to his blacksmith shop on Second street, now occupied by this machinery, for an automobile repair shop. He intends to lower this building to grade, put in a concrete floor and side it with steel. He will then put in the necessary machinery to make a complete up-to-date automobile repair shop.

Mr. Stickney thinks that the coming summer will not only see a great many more automobiles owned here but there will be a great increase in the number of outside cars which will visit the city. With the roads to Spokane in passable condition he expects that numbers of fishing parties from Spokane and the Palouse country will make trips here and will need a place in which to put up their machines for the night.