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### SERVICES FOR MRS. NEFF

Funeral services for Mrs. J. H. Neff were held yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Sherman & Miller funeral chapel, Rev. Kaufman of the Brethren church officiating. Mrs. W. E. Beaman and Mrs. Joe Roe sang two favorite songs of the deceased. Interment was in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our recent and sad bereavement.

**In Remembrance of Our Loved One**  
You are not forgotten mother dear,  
nor will you ever be

As long as life shall cling to us, we  
will remember thee.

You suffered much; you murmured  
not, we watched you day by day,

Until at last with broken hearts we  
saw you pass away.

John Neff and Family.

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**T. K. Noffsinger, brother of the late Mr. Noffsinger, was in Kallispell from Polson to attend the funeral on Sunday.**

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR W. N. NOFFSINGER

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where he was county attorney for three successive terms aggregating a period of six years. He was married in Santa Rosa, California, February 20th, 1883 to Lulu Kuykendall, and the pair were blessed with three children, George, Leila and Mabel. He is survived by his wife, his son George and daughter Leila. Mabel died some years ago after a lingering illness and from the shock and sorrow of her death, Mr. Noffsinger never fully recovered and it is believed his decline in health dated from that time.

In 1891 the subject of this sketch true to his pioneering impulses settled in Kallispell, associating with Chas. H. Foot and Frank L. Gray. The beautiful little city we know today with its paved and boulevarded streets, its modern utilities system, its self-government and its cultured and progressive population was then a typical western town located in that portion of Montana which was the last to yield to the influences of modern civilization. The ink was hardly dry on the dedication of the townsite plat to public uses and the first little group of buildings was hardly completed when W. N. Noffsinger landed at Demersville, the head of navigation, and took his residence here. Since that time he has been unswerving in his affection for and loyalty to the home of his adoption. Possessed of legal ability in a high degree and of influential friends in the important business centers of the west, he could at any time, have arranged business connections in larger and more flourishing cities where the proceeds of the practice of his profession would be infinitely greater than he could ever hope for in a community where competition was unusually keen and the field and opportunities in the practice of law were limited. He preferred however, to share the disadvantages of this little mountain city with the friends of his youth rather than seek the broader and richer fields where he might have become one of the best known and leading lawyers of the northwest and where he might have amassed a fortune in the practice of his profession. For several years he has been associated with Hans Walchli, one of the leaders of the bar.

Mr. Noffsinger possessed that rather unusual combination of mental qualities, a keen, incisive, resourceful legal mind coupled with a great aptitude for business. Hence finding the opportunities for the practice of law insufficient to give full play to his mental energy, he early engaged in business enterprises of various kinds in which he continued to be active until his death. The nature of these enterprises was varied and the success he made of them is the best evidence of his versatility of mind and the extent of his executive and administrative ability. At one time he was practically the sole owner of the Kallispell Inter Lake which he managed for a long period of time successfully. He was engaged in farming and stock raising. He was president of the Kallispell National Bank practically from the time of its organization until it was taken over by the First National Bank and has been associated in the management of several smaller banks of this and adjoining counties. He continued to be engaged in stock raising until his death. A few years ago he took over the Park Saddle Horse Co., an institution then on the verge of insolvency. The handling of this particular business called for exceptional executive ability and leadership. Its function is to supply the thousands of tourists who annually visit Glacier National Park with means of travel to the various scenic attractions which that magnificent playground has to offer. For this purpose, hundreds of saddle and pack horses with the necessary equipment must be kept constantly on hand and in fit condition, commissaries and supply depots maintained and an army of guides, packers and cooks kept constantly employed during the park season. Ranches had to be maintained for the winter care of the livestock and the care of handling and feeding these hundreds of animals has always been a constant and perplexing problem. These however, were the least of the problems with which he was constantly beset. His contact with the travelling public was close and the requirements of his position in that connection were exacting. He was called upon to deal with all classes of people and all kinds of temperaments, constantly under the watchful eye of critical and exacting representatives of the federal government. How well he performed his duties and solved the problems thus presented is attested to by the flood of telegrams which have recently come from park and railroad officials testifying to his splendid qualities and lamenting the loss which Glacier park will sustain by reason of his untimely death.

As a member of the bar Mr. Noffsinger enjoyed a high place in the estimation and confidence of his fellow lawyers, his large clientele and the public. When the Great Northern Railway Co., completed its line into Kallispell, Mr. Noffsinger was employed as the local attorney of that company. That he discharged his duties with ability, integrity and

loyalty is shown by the fact that he retained his position with the company from 1891 until his death—a period of thirty-three years. It is an unusual record and speaks volumes, not only for his ability but for his devotion to the interests of his clients and his integrity of character. It has always been the common thought of the lawyers of Kallispell that no member of the bar was more the alter ego of his client than was the subject of this sketch. In the consultation room he was always conservative, safe and wise; in the trial of causes he was aggressive, resourceful and courageous. Very few cases of importance have been tried in this jurisdiction within the last third of a century in which Mr. Noffsinger did not participate and his work was always attended by the highest possible measure of success.

It always seemed to the writer that Mr. Noffsinger lost much of this world's happiness by reason of his lack of balanced sense of humor. He was of a very serious cast of mind and while not entirely lacking in a sense of humor he got little or no satisfaction or benefit from the relaxation that the man in whom this quality is highly developed, experiences. In other words, in his life

there was much work but very little play.

He was a member of the Elks and Masons, having taken many degrees in the latter. He was a member of the Blue Lodge, the Consistory and Cyrene Commandery No. 10. The serious work of his Lodge fellowship appealed to him rather than the work conducted in a lighter vein.

He was the first to suggest the annual Elks Charity Ball, which has become in the last twenty years one of the institutions of the city and through which vast good has been done the unfortunate people within the jurisdiction of the lodge. The first serious suggestion that an automobile highway be constructed through Bad Rock Canyon from Midvale to Belton first came from him, and while he did not live to see the work consummated it was a great satisfaction to him to know that the work has progressed to the point where its final completion is assured. Without exception this piece of highway construction is of greater importance to Flathead and Lincoln counties, northern Montana and the country at large than anything of like character that has been undertaken by the government.

Mr. Noffsinger was an affectionate

husband and father and all the years of his life were devoted to the task of making the dear ones dependent on him, prosperous and happy. As the years advanced he clung more and more tenaciously to the charms, duties and companionship of his home life,— to his wife he was an inseparable and affectionate comrade—to his daughter, a loving, generous, indulgent friend and father—to his

son a congenial pal, business associate and a safe counselor—to his little brood of grandchildren, he was a joy, inspiring, helpful, generous, kind and loving parent, preceptor, friend and playmate.

In his parting words he conveyed a message of love to the devoted woman, who had been his companion for nearly half a century, and to the children whose idol he was.

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## W N NOFFSINGER DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

The sudden death of W. N. Noffsinger, which occurred at 8:40 last evening, came as a great shock, not only to his family, but to all in the community.

Mr. Noffsinger had been ill for the past three weeks, but his condition was not considered critical at any time. Between five and six o'clock last evening he took a short walk, which it is believed overtaxed his strength. On his return he laid down, and the end came without warning at 8:40. His physicians believe his death was due to heart failure resulting from his generally weakened condition. He was in his usual health up to about three weeks ago, when he suffered an attack of bronchial trouble, followed by erysipelas, and it is thought that the complication of diseases so weakened his constitution that recovery was impossible.

Mr. Noffsinger was among the early pioneers in Kalispell, coming here from Pomeroy, Wash., in 1891, the year Kalispell was founded. He at once commenced the practice of his profession as an attorney, and has always been conceded to be one of the most able lawyers in the state. At the time of his death he was the senior member of the firm of Noffsinger, Walchli and Korn. He was also a very able and successful business man, and devoted much of his time to his private interests. In addition to being secretary of the Somers Lumber company, he was founder of the Park Saddle Horse company, president of the State Bank of Somers, and was one of the principal stockholders of the Big Draw Sheep company.

Beside his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beila Deeringer, and a son, George N. Noffsinger, of Somers, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

The funeral will be held Sunday, Feb. 3, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge at 3 p. m.

Mr. Noffsinger would have been 63 years of age tomorrow.

## PARK SERVICE HONORS LATE W. N. NOFFSINGER

Washington, Feb. 12.—That the death of W. N. Noffsinger of Kalispell, president of the Park Saddle Horse company, of Glacier Park is a distinct loss to the park and the national park service is the opinion expressed in a statement issued by the interior department upon receipt of word of the death.

The statement follows:

"Under the able management of Mr. Noffsinger, a prominent attorney of Kalispell, Montana, the Park Saddle Horse company, has become the largest operator of saddle horse service in the United States, and probably in the world, the company having over 700 head of stock and complete saddle and camp equipment for outfitting visitors for trail trips in Glacier park.

"Mr. Noffsinger became president of the company in 1916 on its reorganization to include all the various small operators who were engaged in supplying saddle horses to visitors in the park. He then foresaw the need of one strong company which could expand its activities to meet the growing demands of the public, for Glacier is primarily a trail park.

"Thousands of acres of land had to be purchased or leased on the Blackfeet Indian reservation adjoining the park to supply grazing for the stock during the off season months, for the park is only open from June 15 to September 15. Organization of guide service was another tremendous task faced by Mr. Noffsinger, and only his love for the park kept him to his task, for the Saddle Horse company has never been a financial success. Mr. Noffsinger, however, felt that the citizens who had made their money in the state were under obligation to the state to make its supreme scenic attraction, Glacier park, available to all the people of the United States.

"The thousands of visitors who have ridden over Glacier trails are indebted to his untiring energy in providing service which ran so smoothly that no thought was ever given to the immense amount of work involved in making the service possible. His death is considered a distinct loss to the park, to the park service and to the people by the officials of the interior department."

22 Mar 1924

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR  
ANDREW NORQUAY**

Funeral services for Andrew Norquay will be held tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2:30 from the Sherman & Miller funeral chapel at Whitefish, Reverend Harley of the Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will be in Whitefish cemetery.

Thursday night, Andrew Norquay, 18 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Norquay, residing west of Whitefish, died after a short illness. The funeral will be held from the Sherman & Miller chapel at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. D. Harley officiating. The sympathy of the community is given the bereaved family.