

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

BOISE TO GET NEW RAILROAD

Town is Elated Over Prospect for Increased Traffic Facilities.

COAL PROBLEM IS SERIOUS.

Governor Gooding Writes a Letter, Giving His View on the Winter Prospect.

Special Correspondence.
BOISE, Oct. 10.—Jesus Williams, a rancher living on the great far south of this city, last Tuesday night kidnapped Miss Daisy Smith. The man has been arrested on a statutory charge and is now on trial awaiting trial.

Williams is a married man and has two children. Last Tuesday evening he appeared with his buggy at the church where Miss Smith was attending services, and offered to take her home. She got into his buggy with him, but instead of his arriving in the direction of her home, he took another course. He went well out of the city, she told her father when she arrived home and the arrival was made the following day. The girl is under 18 years of age.

ANOTHER BOISE RAILROAD.

Indefinitely the people of Boise get much pleasure and commotion over about new railroads. There were those when such talk was very vague, but it seems to be getting under it some foundation stones upon which to rest. The proposition which has their attention now is the Northwestern and the San Francisco, Idaho & Montana Railroads company which has only completed one-half of its line, in fact about 16 miles of grade already completed.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Citizens' right-of-way in this city, the first part of the week, considerable time was given to the discussion of this question and a decision was reached whereby a clearing of the right-of-way was ordered. This will necessitate the removal of about 100 trees. One object of this will be to improve sanitary conditions, another, of course, to make way for the new railroad.

Again, the projection of the electric line from Milner to Gooding is looked upon as another important item, for conditions old fair to have the road extended on to Boise. Two of our most influential citizens will soon be dispatched to Chicago to look into the question with some of the big railroad men there.

DATE FOR LAND SALE.

At the same meeting of the board, the date for the second opening under the Carey act of the Idaho Irrigation company was set as October 15. This is known as the big Wood river segregation and the opening will take place at Goodwin, on the Oregon Short Line railroad. This second segregation consists of 70,000 acres of choice farming land.

B. L. Steves of Weiser, president of the League of Southern Idaho Contingent, has called a meeting of the executive committee of the league to be held in Boise, Oct. 15, this meeting the date for the annual convention of the league to be held in Boise this year will be determined and a matter of great importance to the entire state will be discussed and probably voted upon.

This matter relates to the presentation of a plan for the approval of the executive board to merge the league into a state league on the order of the California Development league, which has done so much for that state. If the executive board adopts the plan it will be voted upon at the convention to be held later.

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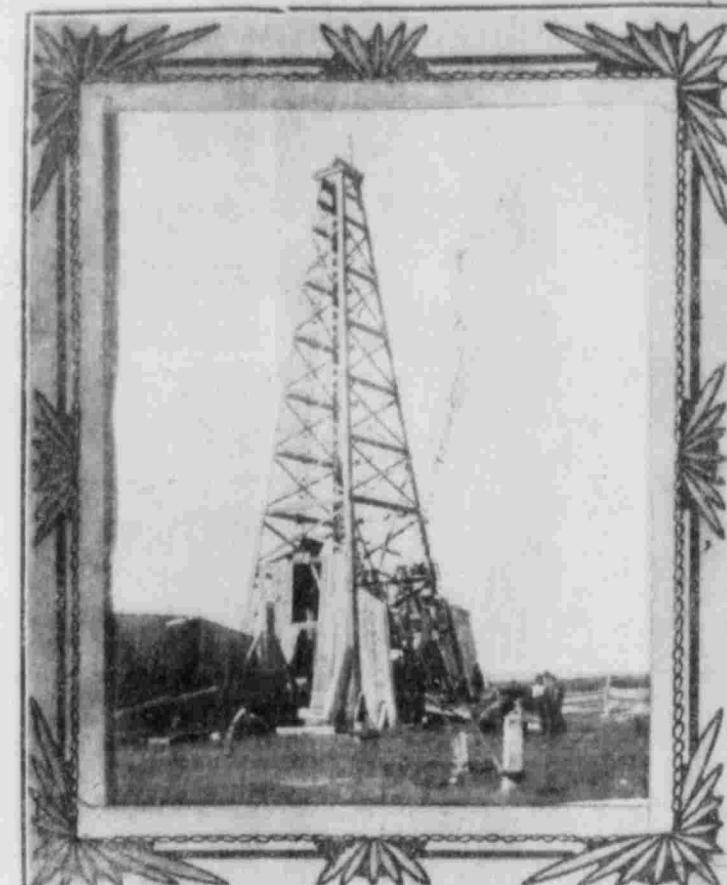
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BORING FOR COAL.

Cleaning Out the Old Breckinridge Well in Endeavor to Find the Vein in the Valley.

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LAWSON, Idaho, Oct. 10.—Operations at the Breckinridge well, originally bored for oil, are attracting considerable attention in the Teton valley, as they will demonstrate the widely debated question as to whether or not the coal vein found in the mountains reach into the valley.

Tones and Whitmyre, the contractors from Rexburg have been at the bore for 10 days prospecting for the coal reported to have been found by Mr. McDonald, some years ago, in his exploration search for oil. The history of the McDonald venture would furnish an interesting story, but I will send the "News" later, but for the present a brief account of the clearing out of the well and the experiments reported on the well and the experiments out of the last 10 days must suffice.

LIGHT PLANTS CONSOLIDATE

Special Correspondence,

REXBURG, Idaho, Oct. 10.—An important meeting was held at Sugar City last night, at which steps were taken towards the consolidation of the Teton-Sugar City and the J. H. Brady electric light and power plants. Mayor Webster, Ross J. Constock, Henry J. Flann, Nathan Ricks and H. B. Rhule were present from Rexburg; Mark Austin, Fred Schwendiman and Alfred Ricks represented Sugar City, and James Siddoway and Jessie M. Baker were there from Teton City. It was agreed that the consolidation should take place, and a canvassing committee was appointed to secure stock for the purpose of buying out the interests of James H. Brady at Rexburg. The trouble has been that while the Teton-Sugar plant has the most excellent and never-failing water power, they have no power plant, but have no coal, while on the other hand Rexburg has no water-power, but has to use coal, and yet has the business to make it a paying investment with water power. The consolidation therefore will be good things all around. Mark Austin, general manager of the sugar plants, and Alayle Wheeler of Rexburg, both are enthusiastic over the prospects. Another meeting is to be held this evening at which the stock committee will report.

MUSICAL CONSOLIDATION.

One of the most important moves in musical circles for a long time past is the consolidation of the Rexburg orchestra and the Edgar concert orchestra under the name of the Rexburg Concert orchestra. Prof. C. E. Edgar of the Edgar Academy, will be conductor and manager of the Rexburg orchestra. Edgar is an accomplished man, while on the other hand Rexburg has no conductor, but has the business to make it a paying investment with water power. The change is to be held later.

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