

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

CONDITIONS IN COEUR D'ALENES.

Wallace Paper Points Out That Old Leaders are Striving to Gain Control—Colorado Outlaw at Head of the Strongest Organization in the District—Denver Paper Throws Some Light on Movements of Gang.

THE Wallace Press publishes a very significant article on the assassination of Gov. Steunenberg, bringing out the fact, some intimations of which have recently reached this part of the state, that the old element is making an effort to regain control of the Coeur d'Alenes. It says:

When any crime against the law of the land is committed the first work of the police officials is to search for a motive which might have led up to it. With that point satisfactorily settled, the foundation is laid for gathering evidence against the criminals.

No fact is more natural than that the damnable crime was committed through the agency of those whom, as chief executive of Idaho, he made to feel the power of the law. No man in all the land was more intensely hated by those whom he made to feel the power of the law than was Gov. Steunenberg.

The method of the murder, which literally blew the victim to pieces, in his home and in the presence of his wife and little children, was most horrible. It was the beginning of a chain of evidence which reveals a motive, and which is fast being forced around one of the guilty parties. We repeat that from the moment the murder occurred it was a perfectly natural conclusion of those who are familiar with the history of the Western Federation of Miners, that the perpetrators were in touch with the above organization.

It is a time for plain words. The record of the Western Federation of Miners is against it. In the Coeur d'Alenes we know its history from personal and bitter experience. The controlling forces within it have been law-defying and criminal, and in this they have been aided and abetted by the controlling powers of the general organization.

For eight years this organization was in sight upon its mine in the district. The great crime of 1899, by which thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed by dynamite and two men were murdered, was the outcome of the growth of hundreds of lesser crimes extending over a long period of years. The Press believes that for enforcing the law and ending such state of affairs Gov. Steunenberg's life was taken. The evidence to this is correct is fast accumulating.

The plain truth as to this country today must be stated. The Press has repeatedly given warning during the past few months that the same agencies which brought so great trouble in former days are actively at work in our midst. It has cited the fact that some of the worst men from the troubled districts of Colorado have been sent here. It has told, too, that the head of the strongest local organization in the district is an outlaw from Colorado and is known here under an assumed name. It is a fact also that expressions of satisfaction and pleasure that Gov. Steunenberg met such a death can be heard in certain quarters. To one familiar with the history of the Western Federation such expressions from such a source are not surprising. But it must not be understood that since Gov. Steunenberg's death good government in the Coeur d'Alenes it has not been maintained.

It has been maintained by the local authorities. But it is well to sound the alarm wherever influences destructive of the rights of American citizenship are known to be at work, and this the Press will continue to do.

Not the least among the agencies which incite crime are the teachings of the Anarchistic press—from the Miners' Magazine, the official organ of the federation, to its local organs in this city. Their treasonable utter-

ances and their preaching of the doctrine of discontent logically lead to crimes of violence. Let us hope that the perpetrators of this inhuman crime may be made to pay full penalty.

DENVER PAPER'S COMMENT. The Denver Republican also calls attention to the fact that there are men from Colorado in the Coeur d'Alenes and adds that the old leaders there have been very active recently and preparing to make demands upon the mine owners. It points out that one of the men from Colorado is a leading spirit in the movement. Its article is as follows:

The Cripple Creek officers are certain that the man who gave the name of Steunenberg, is one of the men who escaped from Cripple Creek after the explosion of the depot at Independence, resulting in the death of 11 people. He was known under several aliases. He was, and perhaps is, a member of the Western Federation of Miners.

It has been proven through a close examination of the scene and the remains of the explosive used to murder the Idaho man, that identically the same methods were employed there as at Cripple Creek. The work in both cases was done by professionals. No chances were taken. Experts in explosives were responsible in both instances. The wiring and the detonations and every particle of evidence that remained, went to prove that the people who committed the later outrage, either committed the Independence horror or the instructors were the same.

No charge has been preferred against the organization as a whole. The executive committee cannot be held responsible. But there is no question but the assassination of Steunenberg was brought about by men who had a grudge against him for his stern insistence upon the maintenance of the law when he was governor of the state. Neither is there any denial of the fact that the Coeur d'Alenes district is the refuge for the Colorado outlaws. Vincent St. John, president of the miners' union, who fled from Telluride after the murder of Mine Superintendent Collins, is at Burke, Ida., under the name of John Vincent. He is one of the leading spirits in the organization. The men who escaped from Cripple Creek and others who were driven from that district are to be found in the mining camps of Idaho.

For several months the miners' union in the Coeur d'Alenes have been unusually active. They have been getting ready to make demands on the mine managers. The non-union men have been showing up and miners union men going in under disguise. The unions have been filling some of the camps with their own men. It was thought that the time was nearly ripe for an uprising on behalf of the unions. The Western Federation of Miners had not encouraged a strike. It has had enough. Recently President Meyer had been making a tour of the unions. He was advising radical action in getting men into the unions.

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BOY BATTLES WITH GAME WARDENS.

Youngster Defends His Mother's Home at St. Anthony With a Rifle—Comic Opera Situation That Might Have Been a Tragedy—New Ledge of Good Coal Found at Kilgore.

Special Correspondence.

ST. ANTHONY, Jan. 11.—A pitched battle was fought in the western part of town early Monday morning between two game wardens and the Broadst family. The game wardens, claiming to have suspicions that newly killed elk was hidden in the house of this family, determined to make a "big haul." Repairing to the house at daybreak, one of the wardens crept up to the door, which was opened a few minutes later by Mrs. Broadst, when she was startled by seeing a strange man standing before her with an ugly gun drawn as if to fire. She excitedly asked what he wanted, but for an answer, Mr. Warden jumped behind a barrel that was standing near the door, still holding the gun in a menacing position. The lady hurriedly closed the door and called to her two young sons, who came to their mother's rescue. They called to the warden to know who it was, but he only began to move from behind the barrel. The young fellow ran for a rifle, hanging on the wall, and ran around the house to meet the intruder. At sight both fired at each other but both bullets went wide. The little fellow then started on one knee and began taking aim, which drove the warden into a ditch near the bank of which he used as a sort of breastwork. He also ran out into the

deep snow and fell flat as if shot. Every time Mr. Warden No. 1 would appear over the embankment, either to survey the enemy, or to fire, he was met with a hot fire from the youngster. In the meantime officers had been telephoned for, and a crowd gathered. The game warden No. 1 at last beat a hasty retreat and left the boy the undisputed victor of the field. The crowd thought warden No. 2 was dead but he was only playing Mr. Ostich with his head in the snow. The city marshal arrested the game warden who later came running back in an excited manner. It is claimed Mrs. Broadst will lodge a complaint against him as he did not have any search warrant and many believe that firewater exerted some influence over him. Luckily no one was seriously injured.

MORE COAL FOUND.

A new ledge of good coal has been found at Kilgore, about 40 miles from here. Samples of the deposit are on exhibition at the First National bank, and appear to be coal of the first class. The find has caused quite a stir, coming as it does at the time of the "coal famine." The ledge is being opened up and worked. Many are expressing the desire to drive over and bring some of the valuable heatmaker back with them. This new find is but a few miles from the proposed route of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, which in time is likely to prove a big thing for this locality.

A new general mercantile business has been formed lately by B. Bowers, J. Kirk, Prof. J. Bloms and T. Combs. These gentlemen are known as hustlers and should make a success in their new

venture. This new company expects to commence business within 60 days.

"GOING TO SEE AMERICA FIRST."

Dr. J. H. McPherson recently left for Washington, D. C., and intermediate points. It is the intention of the doctor to spend some time in the largest eastern cities, and then visit the Southwestern states, spending some time "down Mobile," thence most likely taking the southern route for California, where he will be joined by his wife, and after a time of sight-seeing and pleasure returning home by way of Portland and Boise, thus making a circular tour of the United States, and be back home in the spring to meet all his old friends.

The new laundry commenced operations this morning. The business promises to be a success. Dr. and Mrs. Middleton have left for Boise, where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Guy Bowerman is undergoing treatment in the hospital at Salt Lake.

Miss Cora Wilkinson, one of J. J. McCellan's students, has arrived in St. Anthony, where she has established a studio for the piano and organ, this is a happy addition to our growing musical society.

There seems to be a sort of grip that is taking hold of the little tots the last month prevailing throughout the surrounding country. Two babies have died the last two weeks, one of Jas. Smith's and one of Mr. Wm. Earhart's. The coal famine is being relieved to a small extent the last few days. Many families have suffered the last month for want of fuel. Some suggest that this question be investigated by the legislature at its next session, to find out who is to blame for present conditions.

DETAILS REGARDING MINIDOKA PROJECT.

Special Correspondence.

RUPERT, Ida., Jan. 11.—The town of Rupert, Ida., is located on the Oregon Short Line railroad, 14 miles southwest of Minidoka, Ida., and situated in the center of the government Minidoka irrigation project, which scheme reclaims over 100,000 acres of government land, taking water from the beautiful Snake river by the erection of an immense dam nine miles northeast of Rupert, thence conveying the water to the lands by large canals and laterals, which are now being built by contractors under the direction of government engineers. This is to be completed by June 1, 1906, at a cost of more than \$2,000,000, and when finished will be the largest and most complete irrigation project in Idaho.

The direct supervision of the engineering work is in the hands of Engineer Ross, who has general charge of the reclamation service in Idaho. The government through Mr. Ross is desirous that the land owners on the project have direct supervision of the canals and water, and to this end he is working out a plan whereby the farmers may form themselves into an organization or association. This section is in accordance with the established policy of the reclamation service to place as soon as possible the canals and the operation of the distribution system of water in the hands of the land owners. The government retains general supervising of the system, with an engineer and assistants in charge. These representatives are prepared at all times to co-operate with the people in keeping the system in the state of highest effectiveness.

The government has recently advertised for bids to build three hundred and fifty miles of canal, to be completed by June 1, 1906. Water will be ready for use on this date.

NEELEY VISITED BY A PLAGUE OF RABBITS.

Special Correspondence.

NEELEY, Oneida Co., Ida., Jan. 1.—The rabbits, notwithstanding the large numbers that died through disease, have become so numerous that they have been doing a great deal of damage to the farmers, especially to the orchards, by gnawing the bark of the trees. There has been a petition circulated here, signed by almost everybody interested, to have a bounty of \$24 cents placed on these rodents. Several persons have built pens of wire netting around their haystacks, leaving a small hole to enter the rabbits, and then member where they entered, so they do not get out afterwards. The largest number caught in any trap in one night was 130.

Grace Reed and Millie Sorenson have returned to the Brigham Young college at Logan, after visiting their relatives during the holidays.

Frank Monch has been spending the holidays with the family of J. J. Sorenson.

George Morris from the Agricultural college at Logan and Parley Morris from Rockland have visited their brother during the holidays.

Neely had the coldest weather of the winter Monday and Tuesday.

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM LEWISVILLE.

Special Correspondence.

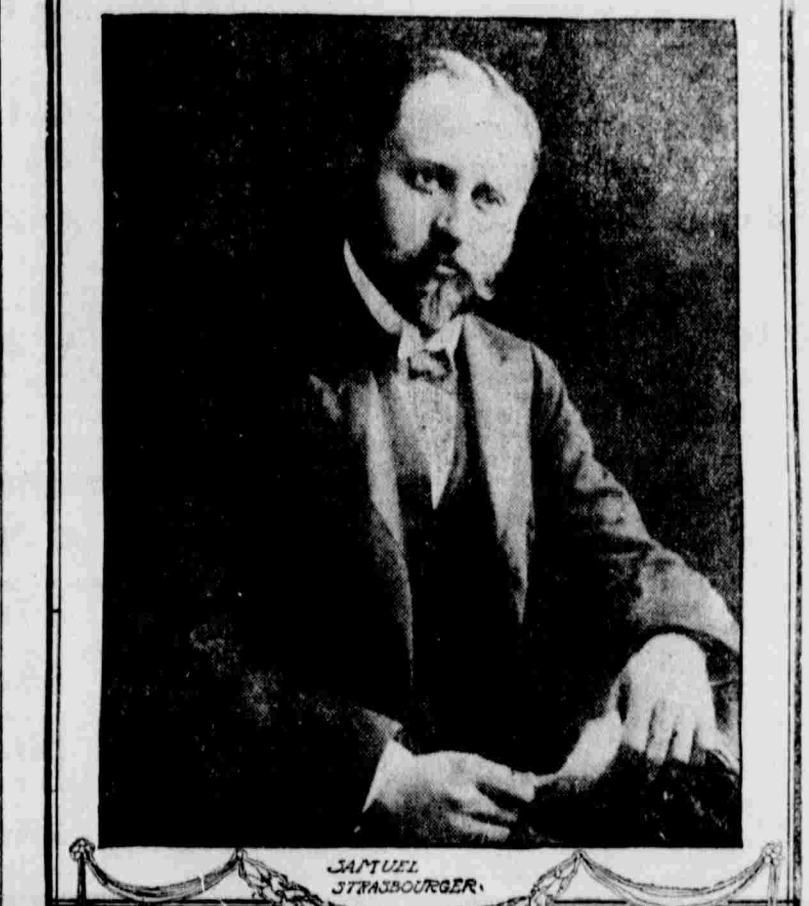
LEWISVILLE, Idaho, Jan. 10.—A good snow storm visited this vicinity last night, which was very welcome to the farmers and sheepmen.

The ward house which has been undergoing repairs for the past four weeks, is nearing completion, the \$2,000 which has been spent on it, makes it much improved in appearance.

The wedding reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gilchrist at their residence, Jan. 2, in honor of their son George and bride, formerly Miss Tryphena Kendall of Lehi, Utah, who were married in the Salt Lake Temple Dec. 29, was a very pleasant affair, there being in attendance over one hundred guests, who partook of the grand feast, served between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock. The evening's entertainment consisted of songs and recitals.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Briggs and daughter Ella returned recently from an extended visit to Oregon.

A literary and debating society has been organized by the public schools. Their efforts have been crowned thus far with great success.



THE MAN WHO IS LOOKED UPON AS THE COMING LEADER OF NEW YORK REPUBLICANS.

Tax Commissioner Strasburger is now regarded as the forthcoming man to lead the destinies of the Republican party in New York state. The advocacy of Mr. Strasburger is being very quietly conducted, but that he is looked for advancement in the party councils is certain. A sort of dark horse, his marked personality, his power of harmonizing, and his undoubted popularity in the ranks of the Republican party make him even more than a strong possibility for the near future. He has been for some time to the front of politics for several years. He was appointed commissioner of taxes of New York by Mayor Low in 1902 and was retained in office during the past term by Mayor McCellan. He has been Republican state committee man from the 17th congressional district since 1904, and brought himself to the front by his strong fight for the principle that the people should nominate their own candidates. As chairman of the lawyer's committee of the national Russian relief fund, Mr. Strasburger has been instrumental in raising an enormous sum of money for the suffering subjects of the czar, and it is expected he will do much toward harmonizing the strong factional differences that now play so important a part in the New York state G. O. P.

FIRST WEDDING ON THE MALAD RAILROAD.

Special Correspondence.

MALAD CITY, Ida., Jan. 10.—All the students who have been at home during the holidays have returned to their school labors again.

A new feature of the new railroad is that a wedding breakfast was served in one of the cars last week. The event was the wedding of Freight Agent Nelson and Miss Hansen of Springfield. Bishop W. H. Richards performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Richard Jones went to Salt Lake Monday for medical treatment. Mrs. Rose Swanger of Lost River, Ida. is visiting relatives and friends at Malad.

The L. O. O. F. lodge will give a ball and banquet next Friday night at the Opera House.

The monthly Pledgehood meeting of the Malad stake was held at Portage Saturday. The lady officers of the stake served refreshments. An enjoyable time was the result.

The deceased was the oldest child of Laron Andrus and grandson of the late Milo Andrus, and was born at Draper, Utah, Dec. 1, 1874. He filled an honorable and successful mission in the Southern States. Soon after his return in the autumn of 1898, he was married to Miss Rhonda Toome of Gentle valley, who, bowed down in sorrow, is left with three little fatherless children.

Consoling remarks were made at the meeting by Elders J. Y. Boyce, N. R. Lewis, George H. Fisher, John J. Croshaw and Bishop Hatch, who paid beautiful tributes to the departed. Elder Andrus was a member of the eighty-eighth quorum of Seventy; he was honest and upright, a strong advocate of the cause of truth; he had good habits and was respected by all who knew him.

The remains were taken to Gentle valley for interment, that being the home of the wife's parents.

LEMHI TREATY STIRS UP STORM.

Senator Fred T. Dubois Accused of Having Had a Hand in a Very Unpopular Move to Get Rid of the Indians on the Reservation—Mysterious Letter Bearing on the Steunenberg Assassination Mailed in Boise.

Special Correspondence.

POCATELLO, Ida., Jan. 11.—A storm of indignation has been aroused here as a result of the papers published in one of the local papers this week, to the effect that the Lemhi Indians had ratified a treaty made by their forefathers 26 years ago, and would give up their possessions on the Lemhi reserve and take their allotments on the Fort Hall reservation.

The blame for this action is laid on Senator Dubois. During his recent visit here it will be remembered, a committee of representative citizens called on the senator at his room in the Bannock hotel to solicit his support for the passage of the Heyburn bill, which provides for the allotment to the Indians of lands on the Fort Hall reserve, and the opening of the balance of the land to settlement. At that time Mr. Dubois made the strange statement that he did not support the measure, falling however, to give any reason for his disinclination to do so. He did, however, make the statement that he would like to see the Lemhi reservation as at present their presence hinders the distribution of in the neighborhood of \$50,000 per year which, of course, would be greatly missed, as it is claimed that the land is not capable of yielding enough under private ownership to equal the sum now disbursed by the government. So Lemhi county objects to the move, and Bannock county most strenuously opposes it, but Senator Dubois is pleased, for he has not shown that he can have measures that he supports carried into execution? What though it be displeasing to all directly affected by it? And what though the money thus spent would suffice to place water upon the thousands of acres of available land in Bingham, Bannock and Oneida counties, within the reservation, and thus add to the material wealth of the state.

IS IT A GHOSTLY JOKE? Somewhat of a sensation was caused here this week, by the receipt of a letter by Chief Smith, from the chief of police of Boise, to the effect that the Boise chief had received a threatening letter, and that it had been posted at Pocatello, and written by one signing his name Giuseppe Barratt, and intimating that the assassin of Gov. Steunenberg was now safe outside the limits of the state. The letter is supposed to have been written by an educated person, but purposely in a scrawling manner.

The letter follows: "Pocatello, Idaho, Hotel, 1-2-1906. Sir: Da man dot killa dat ex-governor had a dagger and pistol. Viva! Viva!—Giuseppe Barratt." On the bottom of the sheet was drawn a large hand filled in with ink, to give it the appearance of the "black hand," also the outlines of a dagger and pistol, and the Latin legend beneath, "In Hoc Signa Vincas."

The chief has been busy trying to discover the writer of the letter. He has far has met with no success whatever. It was today ascertained that the letter was written in a heading of the Pacific hotel that has not been in use here for two years. Louis Lapp, inspector of the Short Line hotel department, states that the letter paper and envelopes used in writing and conveying the letter, are now used only on the Union Pacific mail line from Ogden east. None of this paper has been used here since the Short Line has been operating its own diners and hotels.

A man giving his name as J. M. Larson, and supposed to be the man wanted at Preston, Oneida county, on the charge of criminally assaulting a thirteen-year-old girl at that place, about a year ago, was arrested here last evening by Officer Will Edgley.

Since committing the crime, Larson is reported to have been living in Canada, whither he fled to escape arrest. His companion is responsible for his arrest, having telegraphed the sheriff of Oneida county was notified of Larson's capture and immediately wired the officers to hold the man until he could come after him. Larson is now in the keeping of Sheriff Harvey.

BROKE LEG CHASING HAT. Thomas Dougherty, proprietor of the Royal Exchange saloon, had the misfortune to break his hip last evening. In jumping to catch his hat, which the wind had blown from his head (something very extraordinary for the wind in these parts) he slipped, falling heavily upon his left side, suffering a severe fracture. Dr. Rooker was called and reports Mr. Dougherty resting as well as could be expected.

A petition has been received by the board of county commissioners, from the residents of Oxford, requesting the price of incorporating the town. The matter is being discussed at the present session.

Practically the half of Dempsey's population is in town today attending the trial of Thomas Hall, who is accused of having drawn a revolver on Lee Merrell of that place, at a dance given some time ago. County Attorney W. Gray is in the town, pushing the matter. The News and Church works in Pocatello and vicinity.

DESERET NEWS AGENCY CHANGED.

A change has been made in the business agency of the Deseret News in Pocatello. Mr. T. L. Cox having resigned and Mr. Alfred Lindquist having been appointed. Mr. Lindquist will be pleased to meet all patrons of the paper and will do everything in his power to push the interests of the News and Church works in Pocatello and vicinity.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS BY CAREY PEOPLE.

Special Correspondence.

CAREY, Ida., Jan. 10.—The meetings held in this ward yesterday—the first Sabbath of the year—were more fully attended than any seen here for months past, except on occasions of the quarterly conferences, when visitors are present.

The people are no doubt starting out with the intention of carrying out good resolutions for a better course of life, entering the year 1906.

Many earnest testimonies were borne both in Sunday school and Sacrament meeting. The conjoint mutuals carried out a very interesting program.

President William T. Jack is here to audit the records and books of the ward and was in attendance at all the meetings giving some wise counsel and very instructive remarks.

The Saints seem to be alive to their duty. The members of the Relief Society, Mary Phippen, who was for many years counselor to the president of that organization, a surprise party last Friday evening, at which an interesting program was rendered.

Several surprise parties have been held in the ward of late, besides the weekly balls at the large Phippen hall. One of the surprises was a card of gratitude, Isabelle Atkinson Cameron, on the occasion of her marriage, two or three days before, to William Cameron. The ceremony was performed at Halley by the probate judge. The couple will both attend school at Logan this winter.

Universal good health prevails with the people in this settlement, this season of the year.

Something not often taking place in this settlement occurred last Saturday, viz. the trial by jury of a young man charged with petty larceny. Jury composed of C. J. Stanford, Joseph M. Pettigrew, A. M. Phippen, W. D. Simpson, W. Pyran and E. A. Gile was empaneled. County Attorney Angelo prosecuted the case, and Attorney Wm. H. Broadhead defended. The trial lasted from 10 a. m. to midnight, when the jury retired to consider the verdict. It was nearly 4 o'clock a. m. before they were returned to the court room, where they brought in as "Not guilty." Eight or 10 witnesses were examined at length.

The young people who came home to spend holidays returned to their schools Saturday, after a very pleasant home visit.

Very cold weather still prevails. The stores have done a lively business during the holidays.

GOOD SLEIGHING NOW PREVAILS AT PARKER.

Special Correspondence.

PARKER, Idaho, January 11.—There is now about one foot of snow on the ground and as the weather is not excessively cold the sleighing is exceptionally good. With the exception of a couple of cases of scarlet fever the health of this community is all that can be desired.

The holidays passed quietly and enjoyably. The Women's Relief Society gave a picnic dance on Friday in aid of the erection of a suitable society building. The affair was liberally patronized.

Some of the old settlers are still selling out owing to the high prices they are commanding for their ranches. They are moving elsewhere. Prices for good land now rule from \$35 an acre to as high as \$125.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Joseph G. Brown last week.

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