

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

LIFELESS BODY OF BECKLEY FOUND

Grand Army Man Wandered Away, Meeting Death in Pocatello Bottoms.

WAS EN ROUTE TO BLACKFOOT

Disappeared for Several Days When Clue to Discovery Was Given by Indian—News from Gate City.

Special Correspondence.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Jan. 9.—Yesterday the lifeless body of George Beckley was found by a searching party in the bottom, 12 miles below Pocatello. The remains were taken to the Lindquist undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

Beckley is a Grand Army man, a member of the McCallahan post, at Deta, Colo., and was 70 years of age. He was en route to Blackfoot and arrived here the day before Christmas, intending to surprise two daughters and a son living at Blackfoot, but he disappeared here. The authorities were notified, a search was made in the bottom, but no trace was found. A general man hunt was inaugurated last Sunday, both here and at Blackfoot.

On Tuesday, a clue was furnished by Tom Silver, a Bannock Indian, who reported to Agent Caldwell that an old man answering the description given, had passed his ranch the day before Christmas and had picked up matches, which were given him, he was offered the hospitality of the Indian, but declined. Later the Indian found his discarded soldier overcoat, but the man had disappeared.

Agent Caldwell phoned the relatives at Blackfoot, and Norman C. Beckley, a son, and James Hunter, a son-in-law, took up the search once more and found the man's cold iron lying on his back in the enclosure in the cedars used by the Indians for their spring and summer dances.

HOSPITAL OFFICERS ELECTED.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pocatello general hospital, limited, was held Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected: President, J. C. Wester; Vice president, J. H. Oimeland; Secretary-treasurer, Fred G. Caldwell; Directors: George Derr, John Rosenburg, James F. Kane and John Hoads. Mrs. Maines was re-elected superintendent. The hospital was opened April 30, 1907.

SOLDIERS SURPRISE CITIZENS.

The citizens of Pocatello were treated to a surprise Tuesday forenoon, when without previous warning, two troops of United States cavalry (4000) rode into the city and camped in the double quick. Things were not as bad as represented, however, as it was soon learned that the troops were only being given a fine program while the train was waiting at the depot. The troops were en route from Columbus, O., to Boise and Walla Walla.

PETTIBONE GOES THROUGH.

George A. Pettibone, official of the Western Federation of Miners, released last Saturday in Boise, from the charge of conspiracy in the killing of ex-Gov. Steunenberg, passed through Pocatello Tuesday afternoon en route to Denver. A big crowd assembled at the depot to meet him.

MOCK TRIAL.

Pat Sweeney, the day watchman at the "Shops," was haled before the mock court at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday. Ex-Police Judge James M. Knowles was in the chair. The defense was represented by Atty. Tom Hall, the prosecution by the city, represented by ex-Lieut. Gov. Tom Terrill. The prisoner appeared in his own behalf and pleaded not guilty. The jury, however, took a different view of the matter and adjudged him guilty as charged. The jury consisted of Henry P. O'Kelley, H. M. Mulligan, Allen Criswell, William P. Donnelly, and A. M. Johnson. The penalty imposed by the court was the cancellation of the (mock) license.

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FIRST LEAP YEAR BALL GIVEN BY LADIES AT MALAD

Special Correspondence.

MALAD, Ida., Jan. 9.—The ladies of the tabernacle choir gave the first leap year ball of the season at the pavilion last evening. There was a good attendance.

COPPER OUTPUT OF IDAHO.

Gain for Year 1906 Was 1,250,000 Pounds Over 1905.

THE production of blister copper from Idaho in 1906 was 8,578,046 pounds, a gain of about 1,250,000 pounds over the output in 1905. The mine production amounted to 8,553,913 pounds. The difference between the mine and the smelter production in 1906 is due to the fact that a large quantity of Idaho ore was held in storage at Canadian and Pacific coast reduction works at the end of the year. Much of the product came from the Snowstorm mine, in the Coeur d'Alene district, and from the White Knob mine at Mackay, Custer county.

The ore of the Snowstorm mine averages about 4 per cent of copper, 6 ounces of silver, and 61 ounce of gold. It carries very high silica, in consequence of which many smelting companies give it a favorable reduction charge, so that it may be used as converter lining.

The ore of the White Knob mine is oxidized down to a depth of 600 feet and is of moderate grade in copper, gold, and silver. Since 1905, much of the ore from Utah was brought to Mackay and smelted with the oxidized ore, and the mate produced was returned to the Salt Lake valley for conversion.

Other copper producers in the state are located in Washington, Lemhi and Fremont counties. A small amount of copper was recovered as matte in lead furnaces and was turned into blister in the east.

ROCKLAND OLD FOLKS MADE GUESTS OF HONOR

Special Correspondence.

ROCKLAND, Ida., Jan. 7.—The people of Rockland had one continued round of pleasure during the holidays, dances, socials, big dinners and sleigh rides, being the order. The festivities closed with a grand time for the old folks, Jan. 3. All over 60 years of age were brought to the meeting-house in sleighs by the young men of the ward. All were seated at a table at 1 o'clock, when dinner was served. The table was loaded with good things furnished by the people of the ward, after dinner a fine program was rendered, interspersed with musical selections by the Sweetest orchestra. Prizes were given to the old people.

The prizes for the oldest man present went to D. C. Taylor, 80 years of age. The oldest lady to receive a prize was Lydia Smith 76 years old and a pioneer of 1847. A nice prize was also given Joseph Byington of Neely, also a Pioneer of 1847, age 79 years. Prizes were awarded to the oldest pioneers of Rockland, to the woman who had the largest living family, and the woman who had never quarreled with her husband. The old people of Neely and American Falls were invited to share in the pleasures of the day. Widows and missionaries who were guests of honor. The day closed with a dance for the married people in the evening.

Too much praise cannot be given the old folks committee for the able way in which the exercises of the day were conducted, and the care and thought bestowed upon the old people. Comfortable rockers were provided for all, and the floor was covered with rugs. The people are enjoying good health, with the exception of a few slight cases of whooping cough among the little ones.

The people of Rockland would like to tell the readers of the "News" something about the beautiful little valley they live in. A more healthful place can not be found, there being but very

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INITIATION OF YOUNG GIRL.

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Feet jerked from under her, falling upon pillows.

Made to clasp a clammy hand—a wet glove.

Forced to drink nauseous liquid from skull.

Branded on back with ice: told it was acid.

Pretty Julia Mills of New York, 16 years old, is in such a state of terror that if one of her girl friends points a finger and says "boo" she is ready to swoon.

Miss Mills is a member of an upper west side family—also of the Sigma Gamma society, a Greek letter organization of the girls of private and preparatory schools of the city. It is the ordeal through which she passed to qualify as the latter that has left her with shattered nerves and aroused the mothers of many school girls of that section of the city.

Miss Mills was initiated recently. There are 32 members of the society, and Miss Josephine Moore, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, is the high priestess of the order.

Everything being complete, Miss Mills, according to her story, was summoned to appear Saturday. She was

ushered into a dimly lighted room. Between two lines of lugubrious black-robed figures she was led to the high priestess.

"Are you prepared to undergo ordeals to prove yourself fit to become a sister of this order?" solemnly asked the priestess.

"I am," she answered.

"This will be a test of your fortitude, of your fitness to be a sister. You are ordered to thrust your hand into a small caddion of molten lead which you see before you. Ready? Obey orders!"

Miss Mills dashed her hand into the liquid and sank to her knees in fright. After she recovered her composure in part she was surprised to note that the caddion was filled with mercury. Again she was led from the room. When she returned she was told to step over some pillows to the top of some heaped blocks. While she was maintaining her balance there the priestess told her that the pillows hid a trap door and she must drop out of sight.

Suddenly the lights went out. Miss Mills felt the blocks give way beneath her and she felt herself go down, down—and then land on the pillows. A rope had been tied to the lowest block, and a confederate had pulled the rope.

BIG TIME COMING UP IN TWIN FALLS

Farmers' Federation to Be Held There for Three Days.

DATES, JANUARY 16, 17 AND 18

Tillers of the Soil Will Exchange Pointers and Successful Specialists Will Explain Why.

Special Correspondence.

TWIN FALLS, Jan. 10.—Preparations are on in earnest to make the Farmers' Federation in this city, Jan. 16, 17 and 18, a big success and everyone working towards that end is confident of having their hopes realized. The idea of holding a sort of farmers' institute gained favor like a forest fire spreads. Tillers of the soil are to gather in this city with their families and during a three days' convention will exchange ideas and pointers. Specialists in not only farming, but stock raising and allied occupations will tell how they have made successes of their chosen vocations. Outside speakers will be here to sandwich in interesting talks upon subjects of general interest. The program to be rendered looks tempting enough to bring anyone to this city, as there will be something good for everyone.

Mr. McPherson one of the committee in charge states that they will try to provide entertainment for the farmers and their wives during the three days and urge every person who thinks of attending to send in his or her name to the committee in order that they may provide sufficiently for the guests.

IRRIGATION PROJECT LAUNCHED AT BURLEY.

Special Correspondence.

BURLEY, Idaho, Jan. 9.—The opera house was packed to the doors by the settlers of the south side assembled last Saturday afternoon to accept the constitution and bylaws of the association and also to elect a board of directors. After a great deal of speech making and voting, the following were elected: J. C. Rogers, L. W. Robbins, Frank Riblett, C. A. Johnson, Sewall P. Scott, C. M. Gillett and Levi Savage. At a meeting of the board of directors, held Wednesday, Frank Riblett was elected to act as president, and A. C. Johnson, secretary.

It is proposed to incorporate under the name of the South Side Water Users' association, and steps are already being taken in this direction so that work may begin on the canals as soon as possible. The U. S. reclamation service has had surveyors out for several days, and as soon as the plats have been accepted and filed, work will commence in earnest.

The bishopric of this ward was given a genuine surprise last Friday evening at the home of Bishop L. W. Robbins. All of the bishopric were present except Councilor Chas. Smith, who was sick. A formal program was carried out, consisting of speech making, singing and reciting. After the exercises were carried out, a lunch was served.

Funeral services over the remains of Basil Nibur of Heyburn were held at the meetinghouse at Heyburn last Sunday under the direction of the ward bishopric, with Elder Hallowell in charge. Elder Nibur was working at Miner, when he was stricken with the yellow jaundice, of which he died on New Year's day. He was a faithful member of the Church and active in all that he was called upon to do. At the time of his death he was first as-

MACKEY MIXED TRAIN UPSET AT BLACKFOOT

Special Correspondence.

BLACKFOOT, Jan. 9.—Monday evening as the Mackey train was pulling into Blackfoot, four cars were wrecked, owing to a broken rail. The engine and water car passed over all right, but the four cars following were tipped over into the ditch. Two cars containing lime rock and two box cars were destroyed. The passenger coach with over 30 passengers had a very narrow escape. It was left balanced on one rail, and all but fell over into the ditch.

Next Saturday and Sunday the quarterly conference of the Blackfoot stake will be held in the Blackfoot ward chapel. Visitors from Salt Lake are expected.

Miss Pearl Mortenson and Miss Zola Adams have returned to Provo, Utah. While in Blackfoot they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clayton. Mr. King Driggs of Provo, Utah, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clayton last Sunday. Mr. Driggs has been giving concerts in the Teton valley during the holidays.

D. R. Jones, cashier of the Blackfoot State bank went to Salt Lake City last Tuesday on a business trip.

RIGBY CHILDREN ARE AFFLICTED BY MEASLES

Special Correspondence.

RIGBY, Jan. 9.—Quite a large number of children of the town are afflicted with measles and a few with severe colds, pneumonia, etc., but so far, there have been no fatalities.

John A. Cuthbert has been confined to the house for some time with Bright's disease.

During the holidays, Miss Hattie Stanley, one of the teachers, was married to a Mr. Wm. Messenger.

On New Year's day, Dr. E. A. Price of Rigby and Miss Martha J. Finn made a trip to St. Anthony and returned as man and wife. All wish them joy.

Since the holidays, things seem to be moving rather slowly, owing to the fall in prices and a sort of reaction from the rush of the fall months. Merchants are taking stock, however, and hoping that things will soon brighten up.

WEISER POSTMASTER SAID TO BE SHORT.

Special Correspondence.

BOSE, Ida., Jan. 9.—J. H. Bruce, postmaster at Weiser, is reported short in his accounts. R. E. Nelson, postoffice inspector of the district admits he found a shortage and asked for Driggs' resignation. The position pays \$2,000 a year and is in the goal of a lively scramble since the news of Driggs' stepping out gained circulation.

IDAHO'S BANKS ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

Special Correspondence.

ST. ANTHONY, Idaho, Jan. 10.—State Bank Examiner W. S. Chaney said 12 of the state banks had sent in their certified statement of conditions at the close of business December 23. The banking law provides 10 days for the making up of report, and it is expected that most of the returns will be received early in the week.

In the 12 statements received, Mr. Chaney said, the banks make a very good showing, and if they continue in proportion it will be remarkable at this time. A legal reserve of 44.99 per cent is reported at the close of business, as against 39.74 per cent May 20, an increase in legal reserve being shown of 5.25 per cent. An increase in the general reserve is also shown from 25.32 per cent in May to 32.68 in December, or 7.36 per cent. The aggregate increase of deposits reported is \$121,925.52.

MISSIONARY GETS GOOD SENDOFF AT CENTRAL.

Special Correspondence.

CENTRAL, Ida., Jan. 8.—A pleasant party was given a few evenings ago for Elder John Qualman, president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association of this ward, who leaves shortly to fill a mission in the central states. A good program was rendered followed by a supper and dance. A purse of \$63 was handed to Mr. Qualman at the close of the party.

BOREAH LEAVES LAW FIRM.

In order to devote his services exclusively to his senatorial duties, Senator W. E. Boreah severed his connections, the first of the year, with the law firm of Boreah, Cavanaugh & Blake, leaving the firm now as Cavanaugh & Blake.

SUIT FOR LIBEL.

The state auditor having refused to draw deficiency warrants for certain bills incurred in the collecting of evidence in the Hayward and Pettibone claims, the state's bookkeeper began to ventilate his views in a local newspaper, which were replied to in a very graphic, though more or less contradictory manner. The climax came last Saturday when the state auditor, Robert S. Brazear, filed a libel suit against the governor and the Statesman, claiming damages in the sum of \$50,000 for contriving to "maliciously injure him and deprive him of his confidence and reputation of the people."

The suit was filed by C. H. Libby, formerly of Denver, a court stenographer, who came here with the Hayward attorneys to make a transcript of the records, and who has since been admitted to the bar and commenced a law practice in this state.

IDAHO'S SCHOOLS.

The state superintendent of public instruction has just compiled a summary of the reports on school statistics for the year 1907. Totals taken from which are as follows:

Number of school districts	1,001
Schoolhouses	1,004
Graded schools	571
Teachers	1,380
Men employed as teachers	361
Women employed as teachers	1,019
Children of school age on census	85,707
Enrollment	60,289
Average daily attendance	45,737
Volumes added to school libraries	47,434

FINANCIAL.

Average teachers' salary (male)	\$74.90
Average teachers' salary (female)	\$70.00
Average total cost per pupil including text book (for year)	\$1.50
Paid for libraries	\$13,074.92
Amount paid out (regular expenses)	\$13,122.00
Total expenses, including apparatus, schoolhouses, etc., etc.	\$41,489.23



GOVERNOR'S ROOM IN CITY HALL.

WILL RESTORE GOVERNOR'S ROOM IN CITY HALL.

Mrs. Russell Sage's offer of \$25,000 to be used for the restoration to its original state of the governor's room in the city hall, New York, has been accepted by Mayor McCallan and the municipal art commission.

Work will begin early in the year, and Mrs. Sage stipulates that it shall be done under the supervision of the art commission.

The governor's room is one of the historic apartments of the country, and took its name from the fact that for many years after 1803, when the city hall was built, the chief executive of the state made it his official place of business when in the city. It is on the second floor.

Portraits of many governors adorn the walls. Of more historic interest are Washington's table and punch bowl and several pieces of furniture of the Revolutionary period. During the greater part of the last four years the room has been closed to visitors, owing to alterations, which have been allowed to drag along.