

News From The Leading Cities of The Gem State

STATE SHOULD GIVE UP LANDS

Idaho Homestead Committee Recommends Return of 7,000 Acres to Settlers.

CONTEST FILED BY CITIZEN

Oregon Judge to Hear Barber Cases—Boise Once More to be Placed on Main Line.

(Special Correspondence)

BOISE, Dec. 2.—The work of the legislative homestead committee was wound up yesterday and its report has been submitted to the state board of land commissioners. The report, which was made up from volumes of evidence taken in the investigation of the claims of the settlers, recommends the relinquishment to the settlers of 7,000 acres of land in the Marble Creek country (township 14 north, range 2 and 3 east) in Shoshone county. The lands relinquished are valued at about \$500,000. This report was submitted in accordance with an act of the last session of the legislature providing that the state land board should relinquish all tracts to the settlers as recommended by the committee. The committee consists of State Land Commissioner George A. Day, State Senator A. L. Frehafer of Washington county, and State Representative E. M. Harris, of Fremont county. The report of the commission is unanimous.

This case has been in almost constant agitation for a number of years; but the state's rights to the land were affirmed by the secretary of the interior about two years ago. The claims of the entrymen, who squatted on the land, were based on the allegation that the register and receiver of the Coeur d'Alene land office failed to make a notation of the state's application for withdrawal on the records and plots that of record and subsequently they went to the land and made settlement in good faith.

Alleging that great injustice had been done, the settlers carried the issue into politics which resulted in the passage of a resolution by the legislature, enacted as a measure of relief for bona fide homesteaders, and it was this sentiment, it appears, that to a great extent governed the members of the commission in passing upon the claims. Both political parties during the last campaign inserted in their platforms a resolution favoring the careful consideration of the claims of these settlers, looking to their relief.

The investigation of this committee was conducted at Ferrell, Kootenai county, during the months of August and September. Settlers examined with reference to each claim. The members of the commission personally visited, they claim, each and every tract for which an application had been filed. The committee made for the purpose of reviewing the improvement. All these things were taken into consideration in compiling the report to the state land board, which, owing to its voluminous character, has required many months in preparation.

Three claimants were allowed their full claims, 75 acres, 50 or 40 acres, and 16 claims were entirely rejected. The commission seemed desirous of compensating the settlers for the time and money expended in making their actual expenditures in improving the same.

Immediately following the filing of the report the attorney-general, local register of the United States land office as a private citizen filed a contest in the supreme court challenging the state's right to relinquish these lands. Public opinion is greatly divided over the question. The case, therefore, seems far from being ended.

BARBER CASES TO BE TRIED.
Following the winter conference ordered on a date on which a demurrer and motion to quash the indictments against James T. Barber and Sumner B. Moon, Judge Dietrich of the United States district court announced the other day that Judge Bean of the Oregon federal judicial district would hear the case. It will be remembered that Judge Bean presided in the civil action against Barber and Moon in 1907, which was holding against the confiscation of 25,000 acres of timber lands in the Boise basin by the government, on the grounds of fraud, and that the charges against the state were wholly unsupported. Judge Bean will come to Boise on the 8th.

BLOW GIVEN TAX SYSTEM.
In an opinion recently handed down by the supreme court in Seattle, the First National bank of Wewersburg, Washington county, a blow was dealt the system of assessment and taxation now in vogue in this state, under which the state assessed tax only about 50 per cent, and in some cases 40 per cent, of its real value. And to regulate this rate of taxation the assessors of the state have gotten into the habit of meeting in convention each year and going over these questions and passing resolutions and amendments for action, which, according to the opinion of the higher court, is without authority of law. Property must be assessed at its full value, says the court.

INCREASED PRICES.
There went into effect this week in this city a "pure milk" ordinance, under the provisions of which all milk dealers in Boise hereafter will be compelled to deliver milk in standard glass bottles. The new ordinance also provides rigorous measures regarding cleanliness, per cent of butter fat in milk and tuberculosis in cattle. As a consequence of this new ordinance the price of milk has risen this week 10 cents in price, being now \$2.60 per month for one quart a day, where formerly the price was \$2.50.

Meat has also taken a jump in price the last week, especially beef. The butchers say that owing to the advanced price of hay and grain, beef cattle cost now from \$5 to \$9 more than they did a year ago. Butcher is bringing 40 cents per pound and eggs 40 cents a dozen.

ON MAIN LINE AGAIN.

Again Boise is being flattered with "main line" talk. Every little breeze seems to fan the breeze. The Boise Statesman says it has authority for the statement that a new survey for the line has been completed, with the exception of a few miles, which places Boise on the main line of the Oregon Short Line railroad. According to this report a double track system will be run from Pocatello to Huntington, diverting from



LOUIS E. PIERSON, New president of the American Bankers' association.

PEOPLE VOTE BONDS TO COMPLETE BIG RESERVOIR

WESTON, Dec. 2.—Last Saturday a special election was held in Dayton, Idaho, the object of which was to vote additional bonds in the sum of \$50,000, to complete the mammoth reservoir near Clifton, Idaho, and finish the lateral of the Onida irrigation project. The matter was submitted to the resident freeholders under the district, carrying by an overwhelming majority. There were but eight opposing votes and the directors in particular, and the resident freeholders in general, are jubilant over the prospect for next year. As fine land as lies on earth is to be found right in upper Cache valley, Onida county. So much has been written derogatory to this proposition, that prospective homesteaders have passed it up and have sought greener pastures elsewhere. But the sign "Bury your hammer and get in and boost," with the result that there is now an influx of people and the air is pregnant with the spirit of optimism. At the auction sale of the Weston Co-op conducted by Sheriff A. W. Stephens last Saturday, Chas. Mickelson of Weston bought the ground and buildings for \$4,500. The sale was occasioned by the foreclosure of a mortgage in the sum of \$4,600, held by Jed Jones of Malad. Otto Gassman has conducted the business for the past seven years. It is understood that he will retire at the end of this calendar year to engage in other work. Time was when the Weston Co-op paid an annual dividend of 25 per cent. The new ward chapel is now completed and church will convene in its same next Sunday afternoon. Weston now boasts the most substantial and pretentious ward house in this state. The stake presidency will be in attendance next Sunday.

The stork left a girl at the home of John A. Koford last Sunday. James D. Dawson spent Thanksgiving with his relatives here. Weston drew its initial snow storm last Wednesday, and now the mercury has crawled so low that the dominion, power and reign of King Winter are unquestioned.

N. S. Hanson has moved into town for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell are convalescing from a siege of typhoid fever. Wiley Hoopes contemplates removing to Snake river and with this end in view is trying to dispose of his holdings here.

WRIGHT FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

(Special Correspondence)
LINCOLN, Dec. 3.—Bishop Moses Wright and family of Lincoln returned home this week from a visit to the old home in Brigham City, Utah, where the Wright family, numbering in all over 100, met to celebrate the one hundred and first anniversary of Elder Jonathan C. Wright, deceased. The event was held in the Fourth ward meetinghouse and was presided over by Dr. E. S. Wright, Bishop Brigham Wright was elected president and Eunice Esnig, a granddaughter, secretary and treasurer. Bishop Moses Wright offered the opening prayer, and the organization was presided over by the stake presidency took a portion of the time in preaching the gospel. Their subjects were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE HELD AT PRESTON

PRESTON, Dec. 1.—The regular quarterly conference of the Onida stake was held in the stake house Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28. While the roads were very bad for traveling the attendance was good. President Charles H. Hart of the first stake presided and was assisted by Dr. E. S. Wright. Bishop Brigham Wright was present and spoke feelingly to the people. Several reports were made of the different stake organizations, and it was found that the organizations were in excellent shape. Each member of the stake presidency took a portion of the time in preaching the gospel. Their subjects were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely. President Hart's remarks were timely.

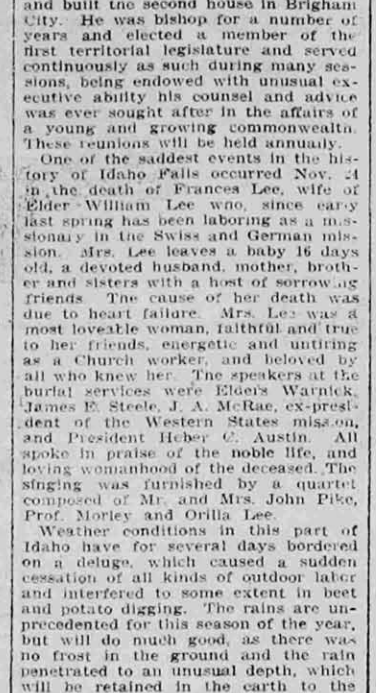
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BURLEY VOTES "DRY" BY LARGE MAJORITY

(Special Correspondence)
BURLEY, Dec. 2.—The election for local option passed off very quietly yesterday. Much interest was taken. The result shows that in the county 1,364 votes were cast, of these 1,062 were cast for local option and 302 against. Burley precinct shows 217 in favor of local option and 75 against. A farewell reception was given by the Mutual Improvement associations of Burley ward last Tuesday evening in honor of Elders Roy Cheney and William Lindsey, who leave for a mission to the Central States. The evening's entertainment consisted of songs, recitations, speeches, etc., after which refreshments were served. A neat little sum of money was collected and divided between the two missionaries. The people of the ward, under the direction of the bishopric, are enlarging the meetinghouse by putting on an addition and making one large room. The work is being done under the direction of Contractor F. A. Webb.

FIRST PIPES LAID IN RIGBY WATER SYSTEM

(Special Correspondence)
RIGBY, Dec. 2.—Funeral services of Oluf Olsen were held today. Deceased was the son of Frederick and Wilhelmina Olsen, and born at Bear River City, Utah. His wife, Freda, came here with his parents when a small child. For five or six weeks before his death which occurred on the 29th, he had been confined to his bed, but he died peacefully and bravely. His death is almost brokenhearted over the occurrence, and what makes it more distressing is the fact that their two little children aged four and two respectively are both quite sick with fever.

HEAVY BEET CROP IS HARVESTED AT LEWISVILLE

(Special Correspondence)
LEWISVILLE, Fremont Co., Dec. 2.—The beet season has closed for this year. There have been over 200 cars shipped from this station. The potato crop this season is the largest ever raised in this part of the county. One man has raised over 7,000 bushels. The demand for potatoes is very good at the present time. Grain is in poor demand and selling at fair price.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT OKALEY WILL GO DRY

(Special Correspondence)
OKALEY, Cassia Co., Dec. 1.—This is the day appointed for the election to decide whether or not Cassia county will be numbered among the prohibition counties of the state. The vote is being taken and at Oakley precinct can be taken as a criterion of the result, from present indications the vote will be at least 10 to 1 in favor of a dry county. The law will go into effect at once so far as the drug stores are concerned.

FORMER CLAWSON PEOPLE MOVE TO RAYMOND, CAN.

(Special Correspondence)
CLAWSON, Nov. 29.—Former Sunday school superintendent and organizer, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Simmons, and family, also James O. Brien, have moved to Raymond, Canada. Recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Phillips, a girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Galloway, a boy.

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TIM SULLIVAN HELD FOR MURDER

Railroad Grader Charged With Killing Ora Miller at Pocatello. DEATH OF WELLSVILLE GIRL Exhibition of Agricultural Products Opened at Pacific Hotel—Stephens to be Sentenced.

(Special Correspondence)
POCATELLO, Dec. 1.—A woman known as Ora Miller aged 40 years, was discovered murdered in her apartment about 11 o'clock by a visitor. The police were notified, and two arrests were made, and it is believed that the guilty man has been apprehended. The woman was found lying in a pool of blood on the bed, with a deep wound on the upper lip and also on the right temple. The appearance of the room indicated robbery, two rings were missing off the woman's hand, and bureau drawers had been disturbed. Suspicion pointed toward a man named Tim Sullivan, a grader employed by Contractor Hurley of the Mooreland-Aberdeen cutoff on the Mackay branch; he was soon located, arrested, and searched. Blood stains were found on his hands, and on his coat lapels, the two missing rings were also found on his person. Sullivan waived examination and was bound over to the district court without bail. The chain of circumstantial evidence is strong against the prisoner.

BLACKFOOT FACTORY COMPLETES YEAR'S RUN

(Special Correspondence)
BLACKFOOT, Dec. 2.—The sugar factory completed this year's campaign today. The recent bad weather has made it almost impossible to harvest beets. About 5,000 tons of beets are yet out in the field, pulled, topped and piled, but owing to the ground being so damp, teams cannot haul them to the dumps. All beets harvested will be shipped to the Idaho Falls factory. Snow has been falling almost all day with the temperature going down. As soon as the ground freezes the beets can be hauled. There are very few beets in the ground, so that the loss will be light.

LAD BADLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT MORELAND

(Special Correspondence)
MORELAND, Dec. 2.—Moroni Wray was quite badly hurt last Saturday by reason of a horse falling with him. He was riding the animal at a rather rapid rate, when it ran upon some ice and fell. The young man was picked up and carried home in an unconscious condition, and grave fears were entertained for some time for his recovery. To the joy of his parents he finally recovered. Dr. Dan A. Black, who was called and dressed his wounds. A cut two inches long in the head, a severe bruise on the lower leg, and a sprained ankle, and some other minor bruises are the injuries sustained. Fortunately no bones were broken. The Moreland ward hall is undergoing repairs. A new hardwood floor will be put down and the hall will be repapered and painted.

MORE DANVILLE PROOF.

Jacob Schrahl, 422 South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "Four or eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole time was treated by several doctors and tried several different kidney pills. Seven weeks ago I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and I am feeling better every day and will be glad to tell anyone interested just what Foley's Kidney Pills did for me." Schramm-Johnson Drug Co., Salt Lake City.

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