

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

HAPPENINGS AT STATE CAPITAL.

Boise Chamber of Commerce Passes a Resolution Regarding the Recent Action of Land Board—Work on the Foundation of The New Capital Building Has Been Commenced—Idaho Building at the Portland Fair Has Been Sold.

BOISE, Oct. 31.—At a session of the directors of the Boise Chamber of Commerce, held last week the following resolutions were passed:

"Complaints having been made to the chamber of commerce that the selection of lands in the immediate vicinity of Boise by the state land board, acting under the various acts of Congress granting lands to the state, worked an injustice, in that mineral lands already located upon were included in these selections, and future prospectors and intending homesteaders would be deprived of the benefit of the generous laws of the nation, thus retarding the settlement and development of the country, the matter was taken up for due consideration by the board of directors.

"Governor Gooding being apprised, appeared before the board and explained that these selections were made solely in the best interests of the state, and that the land board was not to be held responsible for the action of the board of directors, and that in every instance wherein mineral locations were included, the same had been released or would be released upon the application of parties interested, and that future selections could be depended upon to legislate in the interest of prospectors, and those desirous of becoming actual settlers, while at the same time safeguarding the interests of the funds for which these grants were made by the national government, and which should ever be held in a sacred trust. Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Chamber of Commerce of Boise, that the action of the state land board in the selection of these lands is in harmony with the spirit of the nation's gift, and in the line of official duty, and that the board is to be commended for respecting the rights of mineral locators without expense or contest, while also protecting and safeguarding the rights of the state.

"This is a matter that has attracted a great deal of attention here. Early this summer the state land board selected and filed on the quantity of lands lying immediately adjacent to the penitentiary grounds and the military reserve in the interests of different state land grants. The lands are full lands, and have apparently but slight present value, although if freed they would make excellent pasture lands. It was largely for this reason that these lands were selected, it having been found that the penitentiary was compelled to pay large sums for rental of pasture, which the taking of these lands would supply. The board also figured that in the future the growth of the capital city might make these lands of great value.

"After the lands had been selected, it was ascertained that a portion of the land taken was covered by mining locations. These lands have now all been released. It is hardly seriously taken that the lands actually released actually contain mines of value. In fact every thing points to a different conclusion, as prospecting has been going on intermittently in this region for more than 40 years, and nothing of a particularly promising character has yet been discovered. But it is evident to the state land board that many of the locators had taken up claims in good faith, and were endeavoring to develop their mining claims.

"The chamber of commerce were especially careful and thorough in its investigations. There had been reiterated charges by a paper opposing the state administration that an injustice was intended that the board of directors, which is entirely non-partisan in character, were endeavoring to take the state land board that many of the locators had taken up claims in good faith, and were endeavoring to develop their mining claims.

NEW CAPITAL BUILDING.

Work on the foundation for the new capital building has been commenced. The excavation for the basement has just been completed and a force of men is at work putting in concrete footings upon which the foundation walls and those of the superstructure are to rest. It has been found necessary to start the footing at a depth of six to eight feet below the floor of the basement. The capital building commission are now discussing the proposition of whether the entire foundation walls shall be made of concrete, or whether a stone wall shall be placed. It depends entirely on cost. If the stone wall is determined on the stone will be gotten out by the convicts at the penitentiary, who will thus all be kept employed all winter at healthful, and at the same time, non-competitive labor, while in this way more men will be given employment than if the basement walls are made of concrete.

Governor Gooding and the commission

have fully determined that the new state capital shall not only be one of the handsomest public buildings in the state, but that it shall also be erected at the least comparative cost of any public building ever erected in any of the states.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

Reports are that the Soldiers' Home is in fine shape. There are a large number of residents at the home, and the general conditions are better at present than at any previous time in the history of the institution. The new hospital building at the home has just been completed, and the iron fence about the capital grounds is expected will be taken to the home and placed about the yard there, taking the place of the old board fence that at present surrounds the grounds.

WORK AT STATE PRISON.

At the state penitentiary work has been commenced on the women's ward, which is to be erected outside of the present stockade wall. A stone wall is being erected close by the entrance to the prison stockade. Inside of this the women's ward will be erected. The new ward will be of stone, and will be made of sufficient size to accommodate a number of female prisoners. At present the women prisoners are kept in a small building outside the wall, which is poorly fitted up for that purpose.

Work on the new cell wing inside the stockade is being rushed. Contracts for the steel work have already been let, and a large force of the convicts are at work cutting stone for the wall copings, and for the cells, which are to be of stone, with steel floors and ceilings and furries. This cell wing, which has been in course of construction for several years, when finished, will be one of the handsomest prison buildings in the United States. It was planned by Frost, a life prisoner, who has studied architecture since being sent to prison, and is a man of ability. By reason of his capacity the state has been able to save several thousand dollars. Frost has recently invented a patent cell closing appliance, which a large eastern manufacturer has examined and has offered to put on the market for him.

Altogether the administration feels that in a comparatively short time, the penitentiary is a model record is being made. The prisoners at the penitentiary are all being kept steadily employed at useful labor, which at the same time does not in any sense interfere with free labor, and at the same time reduces the tax expense of the maintenance and guarding of the prisoners.

STATUE OF WASHINGTON.

The equestrian statue of Washington, which several months ago, was removed from the site just west of the present capital, where it had been for more than 20 years, has been erected on the capital grounds, just east of the building, where it will probably remain until after the completion of the new building. The last legislature made a small appropriation for the statue, which is a beautiful work of art. The capital building commission has requested Mr. Oster, the sculptor, who made the statue, and presented it to the territory almost 28 years ago, to undertake the rigging of the statue. This work has already commenced and will probably occupy several weeks.

IDAHO BUILDING SOLD.

R. W. McField, executive commissioner for Idaho at the Lewis and Clark exposition, has written that the Idaho building at Portland has been sold. Paul Wessinger, of that place, for \$1,200. The letter states that Mr. Wessinger has also bought the ground on which the building stands, and that it will be left there and kept in practically the same condition as it was throughout the fair, being used as a resort for Portland people. It is now expected that Mr. McField will be through with the making and shipping of the exhibit by the first of November. There is a general feeling that the fair at Portland was of great value to the state of Idaho, calling attention to her wonderful resources and undeveloped opportunities, which will result in bringing many people to the state. In speaking of the matter Gov. Gooding recently said that one of the features attached to the Idaho exhibit in Portland in which he took the greatest pride, was the fact that the state will finish the exposition season, ship its exhibit back to Boise, and have a small part left of the appropriation, while with former exhibitions of the kind it has been usual to have no left over. In point of fact the appropriation for the Portland fair, a large part was used in settling old bills from the St. Louis fair.



VIEW OF A PORTION OF THE BUSINESS CENTER OF MALAD.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SMALLER CITIES.

Special Correspondence.

LEWISVILLE, Idaho, Nov. 1.—On Wednesday evening a farewell party was given by the Relief society to Elder James D. Hoggan, who leaves Salt Lake for the mission field on Nov. 8. The proceeds raised were enough to substantially assist him on his journey.

On Saturday evening a goodly number of friends spent an enjoyable evening at the residence of T. A. Hoggan. Supper was served, and the evening spent in music, songs and recitations, and on Monday morning Elder James Hoggan with his wife and sister took the train at Market Lake for Salt Lake City.

Lewisville is enjoying fair weather again, and farmers are rushing the beets and potatoes.

ST. CHARLES, BEAR LAKE CO., Idaho, Nov. 2.—The past summer has

been exceptionally dry and hot. The hay, grain and potato crops is a little above the average. October was very cold for the season of year; the mercury registering as low as 12 deg. above zero.

Quite a little snow has fallen. On Monday about two inches of snow fell, and it has been quite cold since. The cold weather caught a great many potatoes in the ground; farmers are busy gathering, but they find about one-third of them frozen.

On Monday, Mr. Andrew Mattson of St. Charles and Miss McPherson of Soda Springs, were married by County Clerk John E. Hart.

Last Sunday, W. H. Michaelson and Miss Mary A. Walker started for Logan, where they will be married in the temple.

John W. Linford, Jr., and wife will start for a mission to New Zealand in about four weeks.

MALAD CITY, Nov. 1.—News reached Malad tonight of the attempted suicide of David Thomas, who cut his own throat, but is still living. He is in hope, Idaho.

Hon. Joseph W. Dudley left this

morning for an extended business trip to Idaho Falls.

The pupils of the eighth grade, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Rice, are busy practicing an opera, which they will present on Thanksgiving eve.

A baby boy gladdened the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones this week.

ELBA, IDAHO, OCT. 25.—YESTERDAY and today is quarterly conference at Oakley, and quite a number of people have gone from here.

Last week Henry Stokes left for a mission to the Southern states.

The farmers are busy getting up wood, and otherwise preparing for winter.

John C. Darrington and Marie Rasmussen, Russell Hopworth and Jane Glen have gone to be married, and Hattie Otley left yesterday for Snake river, where she will meet Wm. Freeman, and they will go to Logan and be married.

The schools in both districts have started and are doing good work, and the attendance is very good.

Farmers' products have had a very good market at the new town of Burley and Reynolds this summer.

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM RIGBY, IDAHO.

Special Correspondence.

RIGBY, Fremont Co., Idaho, Nov. 1.—The threshing of grain is about completed for this season. Probably the yield for Rigby is near 100,000 bushels, chiefly wheat. The greater part of the sugar beets have also been sent to the factory. The yield varies from two to over 20 tons per acre. The sharp frosts of a few nights ago have left quite a number of the potatoes frozen, so that great care has to be exercised in sorting them for the market. The yield is good, but prices are low, quantities being sold at 25 cents per cwt.

A good building is being erected for a furniture store by M. T. Peck, and several dwellings are in course of erection. The new schoolhouse is being plastered and will soon be ready for occupancy.

There are several cases of typhoid fever, some quite severe, but none have yet proved fatal.

Symptoms are extended to Enoch Grover and wife in the loss of their child, Alton, about 16 months. The child was suffering much from asthma and other lung troubles for months, but the parents cling to him as only faithful, loving parents can, hence, the blow seems more severe now it has come. Preparations are being made for the holding of the Brigham Stake conference at Rigby.

FAREWELL PARTY AT RIVERSIDE, IDA.

Special Correspondence.

RIVERSIDE, Bingham Co., Nov. 2.—A farewell party was tendered Elder William Killian, who leaves for a mission to the southern states on Friday night. There was quite a large gathering present to wish him God speed and a most enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the entertainment the departing Elder was presented with a purse containing \$10.00 as a token from his friends.

On Sunday the conference at Riverside ward was held in the hall here. Among those present were Presidents Elias S. Kimball, L. R. Thomas, Stake Clerk J. F. Carruth, James Wray, James Johnston, of the High Council, Isaac Johnson, home missionary, and Orin M. Hess, assistant superintendent of the religion class. One and all referred to the good showing made in the conference given by Bishop G. H. Wintle and the presidents and superintendents of the different organizations in the ward. Pres. Elias S. Kimball and L. R. Thomas were very pointed and studied in their remarks. Pres. Kimball exhorting the spirit of prophecy, and all present enjoyed themselves.

When Pres. Thomas and Elder J. T. Carruth were near Snake river bridge, coming from Blackfoot to Riverside to attend conference, they met a large flock of sheep, their horse became frightened, wheeled around and upset the buggy, throwing out the occupants. The horse ran away for half a mile, when another person stopped it. Remarkable as it was not a thing was hurt, and the sheep were in good running order, with A. C. Miner and Millie Christensen as teachers.

The best crop around here has been very poor. Blight is the cause. Potatoes are good, but prices are low, being 40 cents per hundred. Grain has been good, cattle from the mountains look well.

Mrs. Charles Myler has gone to Logan to work in the temple.

Hyrum Christensen is still a great sufferer from rheumatism.

A good many teams went to work on the American Falls canal last week.

Several of the residents are working at the sugar factory.

Pres. Elias S. Kimball is working hard to get a railroad through Ammon, Taylor and Goshute; it will be a grand thing.

Health of the people is good here.

Alex White has bought a large ranch on Lost river and will soon move.

The fruit crop is good this year.

L. D. Wilson is shipping several car loads of potatoes.

POCATELLO BOYS AND HALLOWE'EN.

Disgraceful and Destructive Pranks Enrage Citizens of the Railroad Hub of Idaho—Academy Team and Idaho Falls High School Eleven Meet on the Gridiron for Baffle—Hon. James H. Brady Down With Typhoid Fever in Boise Hospital.

Special Correspondence.

POCATELLO, Ida., Nov. 2.—It will be unnecessary to remind some of the citizens of Pocatello that a certain occasion known for some inexplicable reason as "Hallowe'en," was celebrated here one night this week. While the average Pocatellonian is as willing that the boys should have their "time" so long as they confine themselves within certain limits, as is the average American, still the extremists to which some of the celebrants went last Tuesday night is sufficient cause for the indignation that has been aroused in the minds of all, as an instance of the utter disregard shown for the rights or feeling of others—and which, by the way, is but one case in many. Mr. Higley, a prominent meat dealer, anticipating mischief, had locked all the wheels of his delivery wagons together, but upon his arrival at the store upon the following morning, discovered that, having been unable to unlock the wagons, the miscreants had maliciously jumped upon the shafts until they had succeeded in breaking them, and then went their way to continue their depredations. Again at the McNeel & Wright hall, where the retail clerks were giving their ball, all went well on the inside, but when the ladies went to secure their wraps, several valuable furs were found to be missing, and up to the present time have not been returned in spite of the advertisements for them that have appeared in the papers. It will be seen from this that the act of purloining the articles was not committed as a joke, but that it resolves itself into a matter of robbery, theft, and should the thieves be discovered they will receive the full penalty of the law.

ATHLETIC CLUB.

The spirit of the Gladiators has taken hold of a good number of the boys here to such an extent that they have decided to organize an athletic club. They have the offer of an excellent hall, well adapted to the requirements of the athletes, and a meeting has been called for tonight at Corney & Fragg's cigar store, to which all persons interested in athletics have been invited.

FOOTBALL LINEUP.

The line-up of the Academy football team as it will appear in the big game with the Idaho Falls high school next Saturday, has been given out and is as follows: Nielson, center; Lowrie, left guard; Burkhard, left tackle; Burnside, right end; Griffith, right guard; Woodrill, right tackle; Eskin, left end; Royle, quarterback; Moon, captain, left halfback; Gooding, right halfback; Leonard, fullback; Houde, Sellstrom and Roulette, substitutes.

Intense interest centers in this game as in the last contest between the two teams, at Idaho Falls, three weeks ago, neither side scored. The local boys, however, have been practicing hard, and under the capable management of Prof. Upjohn, are fast rounding into form, and the prospect bids fair to make it an excellent game.

The remains of William Ryan, the elderly man who was shot to death by a man named McClure in the Elks hall here one day last week, were interred yesterday, the services being held at the Catholic church, of which the deceased was a member.

J. H. BRADY HAS TYPHOID.

Hon. James H. Brady is reported ill in the hospital at Boise, with a fully developed case of typhoid fever. Mr. Brady had gone to Boise with the expectation of transacting some business there, and then going on to Portland to meet Mrs. Brady, who is now there awaiting his coming, when he was taken down with the disease.

TURKEY SHOOT.

The Gate City Gun club is making preparations for a big "turkey shoot" Thanksgiving day. Upon that occasion the club announces they will not limit the "shoot" to members, but all who desire to participate with them may have the privilege.

NEW THEATER.

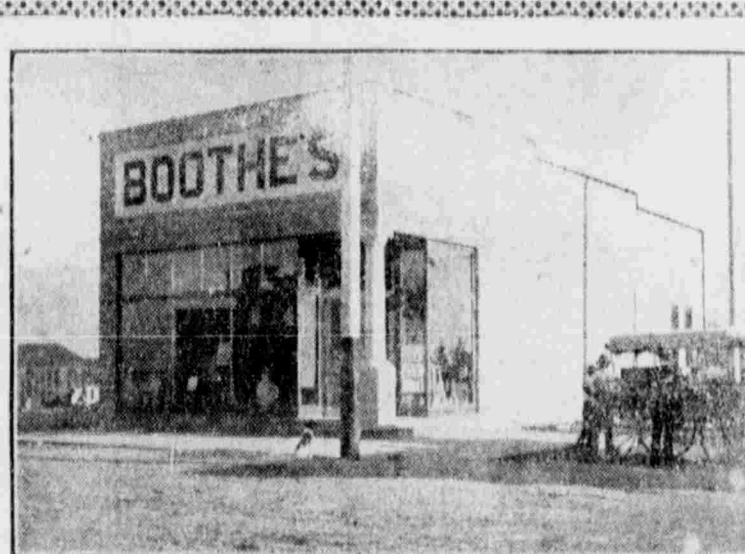
As previously predicted by the "News" the new theater—the Lyric—is playing to packed houses each night. Mr. Young is to be congratulated upon his enterprise and also the cleverness of good attractions that he continues to exhibit.

DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS.

On Wednesday evening a special meeting of active members and regular officers was held in the L. D. S. church for the purpose of devising ways and means of meeting the running expenses of the church here.

Elder Samuel G. Garbett, presiding, Bishop A. M. Hendricks being detained at home on account of the illness of Mrs. Hendricks. Some 55 or 60 members were present. After a general discussion it was proposed by Pres. W. A. Hyde, and carried that Messrs. L. J. Haddock, A. B. Redford and W. H. Lovessy be chosen as a standing committee, with full power to call in each ward society, to aid in giving talent and moral support to a series of entertainments, lectures, and such other forms of attractions as may develop.

It developed that considerable talent lies dormant here and it is hoped that by creating a fixed motive, that native powers will be brought out for the mutual good of all concerned.



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NAMPA NOW HAS A REALTY FLURRY.

Special Correspondence.

NAMPA, Nov. 3.—Lamson & Estes, as agents, have just sold the E. M. Steadfast lots on the corner of First and H streets to Spill & Everett for \$4,000. This is recognized as one of the best business corners in the city, and the purchase is made simply as a speculation.

Frank Lee has sold his building and saloon business on the corner of First and H streets to J. G. Smith for \$4,100. There have been a number of smaller sales made during the last few days, bringing the total sales to the sum of \$20,000.

The sale of \$255,000 worth of the total issue of \$583,500 of Nampa-Meridian Irrigation district bonds, which was advertised to take place at the Citizens' State bank in Nampa at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, did not occur owing to the fact that the advertisement called for unconditional bids and there were none of that character submitted. However, seven or eight bond buyers made inquiries about the issue. The board of directors of the district will therefore hold the bonds and dispose of them at private sales.

There is some little light on here in regard to the appointment of postmaster. A. G. Nettleton, the present incumbent, has circulated a petition which has received many signatures. Mr. Thomas J. Clark, formerly postal inspector, is the other applicant for the office, and claims to have the backing of the Republican organization. The result will be watched with interest.

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