

Teton City; W. A. Ward, North Salem; Margaret Archibald, Rexburg Second ward; Conrad Walz, Burton; Gottlob Bobi, Salem. In the evening the faculty of the academy gave a farewell ball in honor of the departing students, which was numerously attended, and a right good time was enjoyed by all present.

The Consolidated Implement company of Idaho Falls and Salt Lake City, are opening a branch house in Rexburg. It is their intention to erect a large and commodious building near the Z. C. M. I., where they will carry a full line of farming implements and machinery; already several carloads have arrived and more is expected daily. This branch house will be a great benefit to Rexburg and its immediate neighborhood, and ought to prove a very profitable venture to the company.

Rexburg will soon have a political contest on her hands, April 2nd being the day for the election of our village trustees. At our last election we had but one ticket in the field, all parties uniting in nominating a citizen's ticket; but this year such an agreement did not suit a few of the politicians, so both political parties are out with full-fledged ticket, each party, of course, sanguine of success. Both tickets contain some very good candidates and some who are more or less objectionable. The general feeling seems to be: "Vote for the men, and not for politics;" so that there will be a heap of scratching done on election day, and very few, if any, straight party tickets will be voted.

Pincock and Woodmansee, of Teton, shipped several car loads of muttons to Omaha last Tuesday. IN LOCO.

### A MENACE TO MORALS.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 26, 1895.

The times in which we live seem more than ever pregnant with good or ill for mankind. Not infrequently the agencies at work for good are thrown vastly into the shade, and made to appear tame and vapid in comparison to the vigorous energy and push displayed by soulless money-makers, in their almost desperate efforts to get gain, regardless of the ill they do.

Men who think may well be startled at the aggressive efforts made from time to time by vendors of poisonous drugs and nauseating weeds to introduce their moral—and health-destroying truck among the young and thoughtless.

One of these spasmodic efforts is now being made in our city to introduce a certain brand of cigarettes, and encourage the baneful practice of smoking them among the people. The wily agents of this brand of cigarettes have taken great pains, and have gone to great expense, to display and advertise their wares to the public gaze, choosing the time approaching and during the General Conference for their purpose. Their advertising shrewdness and business acumen in this move are more than visible, they are transparent to all.

But what have the people to say about this matter? Shall the guardians of the public weal keep silent, and by that silence tacitly approve of the encouragement thus given, on a grand

scale, to the pernicious habit of cigarette smoking in our community?

If evils come upon us in ordinary ways they may be quietly met by corrective influences. But when they come in bold, aggressive waves, threatening a deluge upon society, they should be met with more than passive resistance. Will not some of our moral teachers and public educators arise and express their view upon this matter?

As an individual I regard this effort to flood the city with cigarettes, just at the time when it is likely to be filled with people from all over the country, as a menace to the moral safety of our youth. And I freely express the hope that the people will display as much wisdom in avoiding the trap which has been laid for them, as there is cunning or shrewdness on the part of those who have planned to entrap them, for gain, without regard to the evil which must result if they succeed.

Let those who have the public welfare at heart express themselves either on the rostrum or through the press, and turn on the search-light of intelligent remonstrance against this or any other growing evil, which threatens to undermine and destroy the moral status of the people.

Respectfully,

JOS. F. SMITH.

### THE COUNTY FRAUD.

The county court met as an investigating committee Monday morning to hear what George Kilgore had to say as to the frauds alleged to have been committed by him. Kilgore, however, refused to testify before the committee for the reason that it would tend to criminate himself.

At the investigation of the committee on Saturday the testimony given was in effect that Kilgore, late road supervisor, had exacted from the men employed in macadamizing the State road five per cent of their earnings; in the case of one whose teams had been admitted to work it was stated that he not only extorted from him the five per cent, but that he was compelled to pay the supervisor a bribe of fifty cents for each day his team worked.

On being summoned as a witness Kilgore, who was located in Harvey's canyon, refused to accompany the officer, and a warrant was issued by Commissioner Pratt for his arrest on the charge of perjury. Yesterday morning Deputy Sheriff Irwin reported at the sheriff's office, having Kilgore in custody. He was not locked up, but consented to remain under surveillance until today, and spent the afternoon and night with Deputy Irwin at the latter's dwelling in Sugar House ward.

Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning Kilgore appeared before the committee, accompanied by his attorney, H. A. Smith.

County Attorney Whittemore called the committee's attention to the fact that Mr. Kilgore was present, and addressing that person said: "Do you desire to be sworn and testify before this committee in regard to the matter which is being investigated by them?"

"I do not," responded Mr. Kilgore.

In answer to a question from the

committee as to his reason for refusing to testify, Attorney Smith said:

"For the reason that he is under arrest on the charge of perjury made by a member of this committee, and further, he would refuse to testify on the ground that it would tend to incriminate himself.

At 10:30 this morning Kilgore was taken by County Sheriff Hardy before Commissioner Pratt, his attorney, H. A. Smith, being present. The prosecution was represented by County Attorney Whittemore.

The complaint is sworn to by Martin Christopherson, one of the county selectmen, and charges defendant with having committed perjury, in that he falsely swore before H. V. Meloy, late clerk of the county court, that the amount of a certain claim presented by him against the county on December 24th, 1894, and amounting to \$2,028.55 was correct, whereas the same was false and fraudulent, in that it included the sum of \$17.50 for ten days' work alleged to have been performed by one D. Lester, when, in fact, only seven days' work had been done by him.

The commissioner holding up the complaint and addressing the defendant said—Mr. Kilgore, you know the contents of this do you?

Kilgore answered that he did, and the reading of it was waived.

"Are you prepared to enter a plea now?" asked the commissioner.

Attorney Smith—Yes, sir; we enter a plea of not guilty.

Commissioner Pratt said he would fix the bond now at \$1,000, and if the defendant found that he could not raise it, he could come up again.

Witness told of many overcharges, discounts, etc., naming Albert Cahoon, Harry Haynes, ex-selectman John P. Cahoon in connection therewith. It was shown that soil was hauled from Mill Creek and paid for as shale. The inquiry into the frauds probably continue for some time.

### THESPIAS AT WOODLAND.

WOODLAND, Utah, March 23.—On Friday evening, March 22nd, at Woodland's hall, Woodland's dramatic company, recently organized, gave an entertainment to a goodly sized house, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and poor condition of our roads left after the recent snows and thaws. After some appropriate music the interlude, "The Day After the Wedding," was well rendered by a capable cast of characters. The drama has plot, vivacity and wit, and does not violate good taste. Mr. P. T. Polts then sang a song, followed by his son George with a stirring recitation. The evening's exercises were fittingly closed with the farce, "Woman's the Devil," by Edward Stirling. Our quiet rural community will again have the privilege of attending another play in two weeks, to be given by the same persons with some added comic exercises.

R. C. WATT.

Idaho stockmen are said to be praying for more rain. They say unless the flood gates of heaven are opened liberally, springs that usually remain until June will be dry within a few weeks.