

News From The Leading Cities of The Gem State

IDAHO AUDITORS MEET AT BOISE

Officials from Various Counties Of Gem State Assemble for Four Days' Session.

PURPOSE TO IMPROVE SYSTEM

Uniform Accounting Plan to be Devised for all Counties—Governor Gooding Welcomes Visitors.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 9.—The second annual state convention of county auditors of Idaho convened in the hall of representatives at the capitol yesterday for a four days' session. A permanent organization, the final adoption of a system of uniform accounting, and the recommendation of some important changes in the revenue laws of the state, are the matters to which attention is to be directed, and over which some lively discussions are expected.

A system of uniform accounting was temporarily decided upon a year ago. All the counties of the state have adopted the forms, blanks and books recommended so far as feasible considering the varying circumstances under which the officers labored. Some of these changes have proven advantageous over old methods, although in detail there is room for still further improvement. To perfect the present system is the primary object of the meeting.

WELCOMED BY GOVERNOR.

The attendance at the opening session was much larger than had been expected owing to the late arrival of many of the visitors. The state auditor, C. D. Gooding, presided temporarily, later being elected permanent chairman. After briefly stating the objects of the convention he invited Governor F. E. Gooding, who delivered the address of welcome.

Governor Gooding heartily commended the movement, emphasizing the importance of a uniform system of accounting in the various counties of the state and pointing out the merits of such a system over the different methods used in the past. After the address, the state auditor presided over the efforts exerted in this direction and he hoped the temporary system would be further perfected and adopted.

R. Holmes of Bear Lake county responded in behalf of the auditors. Governor-elect J. H. Brady of Pocatello will, it is expected, address the convention later in the week.

SUBJECTS TAKEN UP.

The various branches of the work connected with the county governments are to be taken up and considered in papers which will serve as a basis for discussion and suggestion. Only one-half of the business sessions was taken up. Subjects omitted will be treated this morning, the regular program in part giving place to them.

"Combined Receipts and Pay Book," was the subject assigned to W. C. Smith of Lemhi county and which he discussed under three subheads, "Clerk, Auditor and Recorder's Receipts," "Combined Receipts and Pay Book," and "General Ledger Accounts." These topics opened a general discussion which culminated in a report of the session.

W. L. Clifford of Nez Perce county, spoke on the "Assessor's Cash Collection Account." "Form of Assessor's Report to Auditor," "Form of Assessor's Receipt and Quick Method of Handling Same,"

AUDITORS PRESENT.

The various counties are represented as follows: Ada, Will McReynolds; Bear Lake, William R. Holmes; Blaine, H. B. Curtis; Boise, C. D. Gooding; Bonanza, H. B. Curtis; Canyon, O. V. Badley; Elmore, C. F. Smith; Idaho, J. L. Overman; Kootenai, T. L. Quarles; Latah, A. P. Ramstedt; Lincoln, H. W. Anderson; Lemhi, W. C. Smith; Nez Perce, W. L. Clifford; Oneida, J. J. Evans; Shoshone, S. P. Fairweather; Washington, F. E. Smith.

The trial of Albert Jennings for the alleged murder of William Simmons on the morning of Sept. 4, will be called at 10 o'clock this morning before Judge Wood. It is possible that a jury will not be selected until the afternoon. A number of witnesses are expected to be in attendance, and a special venire may be ordered in which case the taking of testimony will not likely commence until Thursday. County Attorney Koonce will appear for the state and Morrison & Pence for the prisoner.

In the Airborne case, R. S. Shaw vs. W. S. Walker, et al., Judge Wood yesterday afternoon declined to give out any information and it is doubtful if the order enjoining the city from dismantling the structure at the corner of Main and Third streets will be enforced. The order continues in force for the present.

Four appeals were filed in the supreme court yesterday in litigation involving priorities in the bridge over the Boise river and which have been pending for years. In the various actions the Farmers' Co-operative Ditch company is named as respondent. The appellants are the Riverside Irrigation ditch and the New York Canal companies.

The causes are appealed from the Ada county district court for the second time, having been previously remanded by the supreme court for trial.

SHORT LINE SURVEYORS.

According to authentic information received in Boise today from Frank D. Maxwell, one of the United States deputy surveyors having in charge the surveying of the 800,000 acre Twin Falls-Bruneau tract in south central Idaho, two crews of Oregon Short Line surveyors are working on the same tract, one near Elkhart and the second at the extreme western end near Grandview, establishing lines, it is believed, for the Buhl or Mindoka extension of the Oregon Short Line from Behl to Boise.

The latest information relative to the proposed building of the Mindoka extension is to the effect that instead of crossing the main line of the Oregon Short Line and running north to Boise the road will extend parallel to the main line, except that it will be on the south side of the Snake river, to Ontario, where it will again connect with the main line of that road. This route will save the railway company the expense of building a costly railroad bridge over the Snake river. The surveying party has not been inclined to give out any information and it is doubtful if the Short Line officials have fully determined whether or not to build into Boise making the Grandview-Twin Falls-Bruneau and also the Twin



THE MAN WHO DOES THINGS.

William G. McAdoo, until five years ago a struggling and comparatively unknown young lawyer in New York, conceived and executed the most gigantic tunneling feat ever attempted in this country. Alone, he organized the company which has since sunk tubes under the Hudson river, through which a thousand trains are operated daily.

Falls country tributary to the capital city of Idaho.

The infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Snook, 418 Jefferson street, had a narrow escape from a terrible death by burning Monday evening of this week and had it not been for the cool headedness of Mrs. Snook, who instantly realized the peril that her child was in and smothered the flames that were enveloping the little tot, their baby boy would probably have been fatally burned. The burning was of a most peculiar nature and was caused by a lamp.

While Mrs. Snook was attending to her household duties she left her baby son in the sitting room, which was being heated by a stove. In some way the little boy had secured and was playing with a celluloid comb which had been left in the room. Approaching the stove the baby attempted to strike the comb against the heated metal and while so engaged the celluloid instantly ignited flaming high into the air. Naturally the baby was greatly frightened and cried out for assistance at the same time dropping the comb in the folds of the dress which he wore. Mrs. Snook, hearing the cries of the child, rushed into the room and was dumfounded to see the baby almost enveloped in flames. Rushing to his assistance she gathered the folds of her dress together and wrapped them about the burning apparel of the little boy in this way succeeding in smothering the flames but not before the hands and body of the child were severely burned. Medical assistance was immediately summoned and the burns of the child cured for.

The baby will survive the burns although they are serious. Had Mrs. Snook been an instant later the child would probably have been fatally burned.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW, FIRST OF THE SEASON AT RIGBY

RIGBY, Idaho, Dec. 10.—Since last night about six inches of snow, the first of the season to amount to any-

IDAHO NEWS BRIEFS.

Wardner.—The North Idaho Telephone company has 25 men constructing a 10-pin cross-arm line from Ena-ville to Murray.

Thomas Jenkins, one of the oldtime residents of this place, died at the Wallace hospital Thursday morning after an illness of several weeks brought on by a complication of diseases chief of which was kidney trouble. His brothers, Frank and Dan, were with him.

A number of Wardner-Kellogg people are planning to take advantage of the low rates to Spokane next week on account of the National apple show. The Kellogg fire department has announced its intention of giving a grand ball in Pythian hall New Year's night, the proceeds to go into the department funds. The election night dance netted \$90.

Several of the Wardner-Kellogg teachers are in Wallace today attending the session of the county teachers' association. Prof. C. W. Vance of Kellogg and Prof. Charles Johnson of Wardner will deliver addresses before the meeting.

Sandpoint.—Theodore S. Iverson, wanted at Deadwood, S. D., was located here a few days ago, but managed to make good his escape. He is charged with having a couple of months ago pocketed \$2,300, the proceeds of the sale of a bunch of cattle which he took to Omaha, Neb., and sold for his brother-in-law.

The officers of Bonner county have collected to date \$45,912.77 of the 1908 taxes, which is considered a record amount. The total taxation will be \$175,000.

The Humboldt Lumber company's new sawmills at Sandpoint and Kootenai closed down this week for the winter.

Wallace.—Shortly after midnight of Dec. 5, C. E. Richards, formerly of Spokane, who was frightenedly burned in the gasoline explosion which destroyed the building at the corner of Fifth and Pine streets, in which all his family were more or less injured, succumbed to his injuries.

Emil Zeltfuchs, one of the best known pioneers of Wallace, died at his home on Residence street shortly after noon today after an extended illness, due to heart trouble and complications. Mr. Zeltfuchs came to Wallace in 1896.

Troy.—Mr. and Mrs. John Smith are rejoicing over the arrival of a son. J. M. Bellamy, who has had the management of the Hotel Monroe for several months, has turned his lease over to Mrs. C. J. Bernardini.

A Christmas ball will be given at the Opera House Dec. 24. The music will be furnished by the Simkins orchestra, from Denary.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Christian church and a program will be given by the little folks of the Sunday school.

The Blackfoot contestants were victorious in the three classes, viz., oratorical, humorous and dramatic. Each student rendered his part in a very creditable manner. Musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. Haynes and Miss McCormick, and Messrs. McComb and Clayton.

Last Thursday Mrs. Charlotte Allred gave birth to twin girls, and owing to dropsy, from which she was suffering, died the same day. The two babies lived but a few hours. Funeral services were held in the Latter-day Saints chapel in this city and interment took place at Groveland Saturday.

Next Sunday Elder Harvey Allred will continue his lecture, "Infidelity," at the Blackfoot ward chapel. John A. Anderson, a prominent rancher, living north of town, is very ill with typhoid fever, and owing to his advanced years, little hope is entertained for his recovery. Mr. Anderson has been one of the foremost beet raisers in this locality, and had entered in the competition for the best twenty acres of sugar beets grown this year.

Last Sunday a shooting affray occurred that might have proved fatal to one man. Jensen and Hodgson are feeding sheep near the sugar factory. Antone Bittinger owns a farm west of the factory, and some of the sheep got on to the latter's place. The herder in charge tried to get them off, and while thus engaged, Bittinger came from his house and fired two shots with his shotgun at or near the herder. A complaint has been sworn out and the trial is set for Dec. 16.

Christmas business is beginning in Blackfoot. The merchants report that the outlook is better than any previous year.

SUGAR CITY SENTIMENT IS OPPOSED TO DIVISION

Special Correspondence.

SUGAR CITY, Ida., Dec. 10.—The correspondent of the Deseret News has interviewed several leading citizens here and finds that the sentiment is against any division of the county.

The reason for this is the expense of carrying on the business of the county would be much greater, and that the taxes would necessarily have to be increased. The only argument heard in favor of the proposition is that the officers will be better able to attend to the business of the county if it were not so large, that there would be better bridges, roads, etc. There has not been much agitation on the question in this locality.

NEW FLOURING MILL DESIGNED FOR CAREY

Special Correspondence.

CAREY, Ida., Dec. 8.—Last summer a committee of five persons from Carey and Silver Creek was chosen by the citizens to see if land could be secured on the Silver creek, on which to construct a roller mill of modern pattern. The committee met with citizens in the Carey school-house to report the result of their labors.

The land desired for a mill site is that owned by the county. The school land and the committee reported that 40 acres of the section had been purchased and paid for, and at this meeting a committee was chosen to incorporate the milling company and find takers for the balance of the stock.

Mr. Martin Ahlstrom of Silver Creek is the moving spirit in the matter and is sanguine that the people will cooperate and build a mill. Some of the active men of Carey are on the committee.

Nov. 20, the body of Henry McGhee, who died at Gooding, was brought here to be buried by the body of his wife, who preceded him in death but a few months. The funeral services were under the direction of Bishop Harris, although the young man professed no church membership. His wife was the daughter of Mrs. James Carey, after whom this place was named.

Last Sunday and Monday President William T. Jack of Cassia, stake and Elder David T. Burley held meetings with the people of this place, and a feast of good things was had from their earnest talks. A large meeting was held on Monday morning, and good instructions and counsel were given by President Jack.

Wednesday evening two of Carey's basketball teams gave an exhibition of their prowess at the Philpen hall. The old team was pitted against the new team, the latter just starting to practice about six or seven weeks ago, and the young bloods held the old team down by a score of 26 to 16.

Friday night Mr. George W. Rice and wife Della gave a general invitation dance (wedding reception) in the big hall. A large, orderly and appreciative company of young folk enjoyed the dance, while quite a number of the parents were present as onlookers. Weather is quite changeable, there being a little of nearly every kind within a week's time.

Sheep are herding on the big lava desert between here and Mindoka, report much more snow out there than in this little valley. Still sheep are doing well and flock owners are elated. The prospect of this winter state of affairs is to visit each family in the ward and expect to continue the labors until all in the ward are met with. An awakening with the members is being expected.

It is snowing quite hard and steady today.

Report comes home to Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Richards from St. John, Utah, that their daughter, Faith, Arthur, gave birth to a girl baby Nov. 28.

Dec. 2 there was born to Ruth Dillworth, wife of Albert Park, a boy baby.

ONEIDA CONFERENCE IS HELD IN PRESTON

Special Correspondence.

PRESTON, Dec. 10.—Quarterly conference of the Oneida stake of Zion was held in the stake house last Saturday and Sunday. A great gathering of the saints turned out to listen to words of counsel, advice and admonition from Elders Heber J. Grant and George F. Richards. The sessions of Saturday were held in the academy building, and on Sunday in the stake house.

The teaching upon which most stress was laid was local option, temperance, word of wisdom, and the binding necessity, on the part of the saints, of obeying the instructions of the file leaders of the Church. On Sunday more than 1,000 people crowded into the house of worship.

The authorities of the Church locally, and in general, were unanimously sustained. The conference was a spiritual treat, and those who journeyed for many miles to be in attendance, felt that they were amply repaid for the effort that it had cost them.

Among the recent marriages were those of Daniel Taylor and Trassia Nelson, both of Preston; Alma Monson of Whitney and Ena Peterson of Preston; Heber Johnson of Preston and May Christensen of Thatcher; Wilford Bodley of Fairview and Alice Peterson of Preston; Thomas Palmer and Alta Maughan, both of Preston; Samuel Hansen and Annie Jenkins, both of Preston, and Heber Hawkes and Mrs. Rose Gibbons, both of Preston.

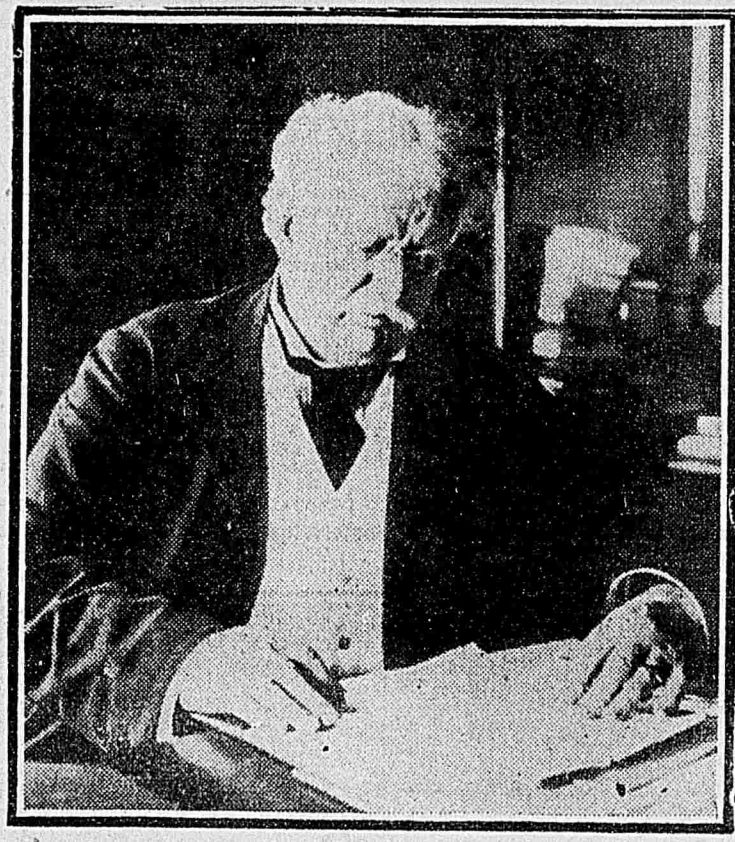
The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith has been stricken with diphtheria.

Mr. Cyrus Curtis of Preston was taken to the Budge hospital in Logan yesterday to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

The 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Larsen lies very ill of typhoid fever.

The Sunday school superintendents of the four wards of Preston are busily engaged in getting up a Christmas celebration.

Atty. Joseph Davis went to Salt Lake City today on legal business.



HE FAVORS GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Theodore N. Vall, recently elected president of the Bell Telephone system, is a firm believer in and an advocate of government control of corporations. He has written many interesting and able papers on this, his pet theme.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ORGANIZED AT DRIGGS

Special Correspondence.

DRIGGS, Ida., Dec. 8.—Saturday, Dec. 5, the business men and farmers of Driggs and vicinity organized a society known as the Driggs Commercial club. The following were elected officers: J. R. Fairbanks, president; James A. Berry, vice president; James F. Griggs, secretary; Charles Cherrington, treasurer; D. C. Driggs, Dr. J. H. Fuller, A. C. Ulmer, William Wilson and N. C. Edlefsen, advisory board.

Great enthusiasm was manifested at the organization, all being bent on boosting the town. N. C. Edlefsen has been elected road supervisor of Driggs district. The people residing in Pratt ward are elated over being able to make entry on the homesteads. Some of the people have resided there 18 to 20 years, and now is the first time they have been able to file on their lands, owing to the fact of the former surveys not being approved by the department of the interior at Washington, D. C.

Now they are able to leave the claims they will begin a new town in Idaho just west one mile from the Wyoming line.

Recently the threshing machine men reported the results for the season, and an estimate of \$50,000 bushels of grain have been raised instead of 250,000, as previously estimated.

The coal coming from the mines is better than ever before. A string of 48 teams in line were seen coming to the mines from the Rexburg valley. This shows the wonderful development of coal here. This place is at present supplying thousands of tons of coal to the Snake River valley people.

ESTEEMED WOMAN DIES AT OAKLEY

Special Correspondence.

OAKLEY, Cassia Co., Idaho, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Rottie Grant Severe, who has been confined to her bed for six weeks with a complication of serious ailments, died at 9 a. m. Monday, Dec. 7, surrounded by a host of relatives and friends. Mrs. Severe was the granddaughter of Jeddiah M. Grant, her father, George Grant, having come to this part of the state in early days.

Before her marriage to Mr. Carl Severe the deceased filled a successful mission to the Sandwich Islands in the interest of her Church. She was a lady of sweet, mild, temperamental and of winning personality. Decades of leaves beside her husband and mother, Mrs. Albert Belcher of Marion, two small children, aged 1 year and an infant six weeks old. Funeral services were held at Oakley today at 2 p. m.

Elder Farley Matthews, who has been absent for two years doing missionary work in Great Britain returned home last week. Also Elder Wallace, who has been laboring as a missionary in the Central States, and Joseph F. Tracy of Basin who has been doing similar work in the Eastern States, each returned home today in good health.

The Young Men's and Young Ladies' associations gave a Cape Greenaway ball in the Nelson hall on Friday evening last, which was a charming affair. Stake President William T. Jack and Bishop and Mrs. D. P. Thomas went to Kimberly Saturday to hold religious services.

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE GOES TO LELAND FARMER

Special Correspondence.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 5.—The sweepstakes prize was awarded to Joseph Thornton of Leland by the Idaho state corn show, that closed here last night after a three days' session. It was arranged by the Idaho Agronomy association.

The other prize winners were: L. K. Strong, first on white corn, a \$25 watch; D. C. Petrie of Boise, second on white corn, merchandise to the amount of \$10; Joseph Thornton, first on yellow corn, a wedding machine; S. E. Reeder of Troy, second on yellow corn, corn planter; R. C. Gossett of Moscow, first on mixed corn, 20 pounds of seed corn; A. W. Benscoter of Viola, second on mixed corn, 10 pounds of seed; W. A. Nelson of Caldwell, first on flint corn, basket of seed corn; John Pearson, second on flint corn, 20 pounds of seed; Julius Cherpiell, third on flint, 10 pounds of seed; Joseph Thornton of Leland, first on popcorn; Henry Moore, second on popcorn, 10 pounds of seed in each case.

By unanimous vote the Idaho Agronomy association decided to hold corn shows annually. L. K. Strong was elected president and Prof. R. E. Hyslop, secretary. The greatest benefits to be derived from these meetings and exhibits are to get a more perfect knowledge of what corn is best adapted for this climate and how best to utilize ground instead of letting it lie idle to summer fallow.

QUEER SHOOTING AT POCATELLO

Attempt Made Upon the Life of A. M. Stangle on His Own Premises.

NO CLUE TO THE CULPRIT.

Gate City of Idaho to be Provided With An Extensive Gas Plant.

POCATELLO, Dec. 10.—The attempt made last Sunday evening upon the life of A. M. Stangle continues to be a much talked of occurrence. The patient is now considered to be out of danger, and it is believed will rapidly recover. The bullet entered the shoulder and came out half way between the elbow and the shoulder.

At the time of the tragedy Mr. Stangle was standing at the rear of his wagon in the act of unloading the paraphernalia with which he does the killing. He just arrived from home and had given his rifle with which he kills deer to his assistant, Mr. Roach, who resides in a cabin near the slaughter house, who had departed with it for the purpose of cleaning it. The gun had been taken apart when found by the sheriff and the further fact that Mr. Stangle was facing the cabin at the time the shot was fired precludes all possibility of connecting Mr. Roach with the shooting.

Mr. Roach heard the call for help from Mr. Stangle and as soon as he understood the situation he placed the wounded man in the wagon and drove in all haste to the city, stopping at the Book Store pharmacy where medical aid was summoned, and then driving to the Stangle home. Here a hasty examination was made and a consultation resulted in taking the patient to the General hospital. Here it was found that the clothing and flesh about the wound were powder burned which evidenced the fact that the would-be assassin had placed the weapon almost against his victim's head and fired twice. Drs. Howard and Bean were the physicians in attendance but their information regarding the affair is confined solely to the nature of the wound.

At a special called meeting of the city council last night Floyd E. Andrews and Andrew H. Elkman of New Baltimore, Michigan, were granted a franchise to construct a gas plant in Pocatello, to furnish gas for lighting and fuel. The franchise runs for 50 years, and its acceptance by the city is contingent upon the filing of a good and sufficient surety bond for \$5,000 and the commencement of work in time for completion within 15 months from the date of the franchise. The franchise provides for the laying of gas mains and laterals under the supervision of the city engineer and guards against disturbing any water mains or pipes now in the streets of the city. The maximum charge for gas shall be, under the terms of the franchise, 2 1/2 cents per 1,000 feet for lighting purposes and two cents per 1,000 for fuel purposes. The franchise contains the usual statutory provision for the appointment of a commission to fix rates whenever it may be deemed necessary.

The case of Edginton vs. Edginton, in which R. W. Edginton of this city sued his divorced wife for a modification of her decree, has been set out of court. Mr. Edginton being again granted the care and custody of their minor child.

Mrs. Marie Sellstrom, mother of Engineer Lawrence Sellstrom, slipped and fell down the stairs leading to the cellar of her home at 531 North Main street last Saturday and sustained a painful injury. Her daughter, Mrs. Gus Sponberg of Montpelier, is here nursing her.

Hon. Thomas Preston of Weston Idaho, state senator-elect from Oneida county, was in the Gate City this morning on a mission of business. Senator Preston was a member of the lower house in the seventh legislative session and is one of the most active and valuable lawmakers in the state. He is very much opposed to the calling of a special session of the legislature this month, as he believes the Tenth session can take care of code revision as well as the other matters that will come before it. Senator Preston returned to his Oneida county home this afternoon on No. 10.

I. N. Nash of Franklin, Idaho, county assessor and tax collector in Oneida county, spent the forenoon in Pocatello on business today, returning to his home on No. 10 this afternoon.

WARD ORGANIZATION EFFECTED AT KIMBERLEY

Special Correspondence.

KIMBERLEY, Dec. 8.—This town is located on the Twin Falls tract, six miles east of Twin Falls City. It has two of the best elevators and grist mills that can be found in the state, and the town is forging to the front.

Sunday, Dec. 6, the Latter-day Saints branch here was visited by Stake President Wm. T. Jack, Elder Harp Sessions of the Marion ward, Bishop David P. Thomas of Oakley, Mrs. Alice Sessions and Mrs. Mabel Thomas, stake presidents of the Relief society and Y. L. associations, respectively. Four meetings were held. During the day, Presiding Elder Magnus Swan was honorably released and Elder Ekson B. Wilkins was chosen to preside over the branch, with L. D. Morrill and Joseph Sedgwick as assistants. Elder Alma Pratt was called to fill the vacancy as first assistant superintendent in the Sunday school, caused by the absence of Joseph Sedgwick, who is attending the state university at Moscow.

The Relief society was organized in the branch, with Mrs. Emma Pratt as president; Mattilda Strong and Emma Morrill as counselors.

An association of the young men was effected, with G. H. Johnson as president; Rufus Rodgers and Joseph Pratt counselors; and the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement association was organized with Miss Ida Morrill as president; Miss Stella Sedgwick and Mrs. Margaret Fisher, counselors.

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FORMER LONELY POST TAKES ON GREAT ACTIVITY

LEWISTON, Ida., Dec. 5.—Fort Lapwai, once a lonely military post and for many recent years the solitary site of an Indian agency and a couple of stores, is building more rapidly than any town in Nez Perce county. Almost 50 buildings are under construction and all of the lots placed on sale this summer have been sold. Another addition will be platted and the lots thrown on the market because of the demand for them.

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