

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

IDAHO POLITICS VIEWED IN BOISE

Outlook is for Some Really Interesting Developments All Along the Line.

INTENSE FEELING IN NORTH.

Lively Scrap Promised Over the Nominations for the District Judgeship There Shortly.

Special Correspondence.

BOISE, July 19.—All indications at present point to a harmonious state convention at Pocatello, on Aug. 1, when the Republicans of Idaho will come together for the purpose of naming a state and congressional ticket. At the present writing it looks as though Gov. Gooding will be renominated. There are a number of dis-appointed office-seekers, and sheepmen, who have taken umbrage at the efforts of the state sanitary board to prevent the spread of scab among the hands of sheep. These men are putting up a fight against the governor, while the friends of the administration in Washington county have gladly accepted the challenge and merry war will be waged there next Monday, at the primaries, and later at the county convention, which will be held on July 28. Things are complicated somewhat in Washington county, by the candidacy of Dr. R. L. Stevens, the present lieutenant governor, and who desires the support of his home county for the congressional nomination. Dr. Stevens is reported friendly to Gov. Gooding's administration, and will find himself in the position of standing with the friends of the governor, or of being opposed by them.

HOT FIGHT PROMISED.

It is understood that there is intense feeling in the two far northern counties, Shoshone and Kootenai, relative to the district judgeship. The present incumbent, Judge Morgan, is a candidate for re-nomination, and has the 18 votes of Shoshone county instructed for him. Robert N. Dunn, register of the Land office at Coeur d'Alene, is the opposing candidate, and claims Kootenai county. These two counties constitute the district, and as Kootenai has the greater number of delegates to the state convention, it looks as though the latter would win. It is reported that the delegation instructed in the same way as the Shoshone delegation was instructed for Morgan.

BOISE CANDIDATES.

But little is heard here relative to other candidates for state nominations. Of course, Boise has a receptive audience, several candidates in some instances, for every office, and in some instances, several candidates for the same office. For senator, besides Mr. Borah who desires the senatorial nomination, there are Judge Bishards, Judge Beatty, ex-Gov. Morrison and a few others who would like to try conclusions in the legislature. Hon. Edgar Wilson would like to be governor. H. N. Coffin is anxious to be named for a third term for treasurer, and has a rival in this desire in John W. Bagleson.

There are several others whose ambitions are not as pronounced. Hon. A. B. Moss of Payette, is also mentioned for senator, and Hon. J. H. Brady of Pocatello, is also in the senatorial race.

FROM NORTH IDAHO.

From north Idaho word comes that Kootenai county will ask the nomination of Robert S. Boggs for a second term as state auditor. Shoshone county will support Dr. Hugh France for governor; Latah county will have George L. French Burton L. French for re-nomination; Nez Perce county has a number of aspirants for state nomination, including Jake Goodnight, Mark A. Keans and George N. Crum for lieutenant governor; William Schmidt and G. A. Hastings for state treasurer, Prof. Calhoun and Miss McCoy for state superintendent of public instruction. Idaho county will have S. A. Carpenter for state superintendent, and Johnnesso for state mine inspector. Washington county will demand the nomination of Col. T. R. Hamer for Congress, Col. R. E. Hamer for Congress and W. E. Borah for senator.

Charges of a sensational nature were made upon the floor of the legislature and when the results of the ballots for delegates were obtained it was found that the anti-Gooding forces had secured a sweeping victory, electing 20 out of the 25 delegates. Appointment was at fever heat during the whole day, and the hotels and lodgings houses were unable to accommodate the throngs there were in the city.

REXBURG WAS FROZEN OUT OF THE CONVENTION.

Special Correspondence.

REXBURG, Fremont Co., July 20.—During the week a Republican convention was held in St. Anthony for the purpose of electing delegates to go to the state convention in Pocatello. The delegation remember having gone to St. Anthony but do not seem to know what happened, only that they did not get a single delegate.

The trenches for the watermain are almost done and laying of the pipes will begin in a short time.

The first cutting of asphalt will soon be in the state. The crop is somewhat shorter this year than usual owing to the cool weather.

Yesterday Drs. Hyde and Rich performed an emergency operation for appendicitis on the little daughter of William Hope of Salem. The case had gone so long that the child was unable to stand the strain and is reported to have died at about noon today.

It is understood that the state secretary of state, Will H. Gibson, would be willing to be re-nominated. His chief deputy, R. E. Hyatt, is also being mentioned for this place. Blaine county will have a candidate for mining inspector in the person of James McPherson. Fremont county will probably ask for the nomination of Ross J. Comstock for state treasurer.

Situation of the Campaign.

The results in the primary elections now proceeding throughout the state are about as indefinite as they could well be with the delegations non-committal in some instances and reported in directly opposite directions in others. Out of the main however, it seems that Governor Gooding is practically unopposed, though with the delegations not clearly nominated and the senatorship figuring very materially in the proceedings, it is possible that unexpected developments may change the appearance of things at any time. Dr. France is the only new candidate occupying the field at this time, though Ada county may instruct for ex-Congressman Edgar Wilson and Canyon for ex-governor Morrison. If, however, the unexpected should happen and Dr. France become a formidable candidate for the executive office, a grave situation would be opened before the state. It seems that Dr. France holds a relationship of profit with the Federal mining syndicate that is entirely honorable and proper in a private capacity, but that makes it peculiarly unfit that a man of these affiliations should be seriously considered for the governorship of the state. The warfare between the mining trust and the labor trust is well known and has proven a severe burden upon the people of the state. The state is now representing some of the principals in this war and in doing so is accused of it, bringing up the cause of the other side of it and by reason of this accusation its

position is made difficult and delicate. But what would be thought and said if the state should elect an employee of the mining trust to carry on these prosecutions and confer the public powers upon him in these critical proceedings? The Tribune has not felt it necessary to explain or defend or even refer to its own ordination of its own political preference in government in order to do what it could to sustain the lawful authorities in suppressing and preventing the mad, chimerical and seditious violence by the mis-leaders of the Western Federation, some of whom are now in custody and under indictment. Yet rather than see a gentleman of otherwise estimable character but holding a relationship with the mining trust, in imminence of securing the executive power of the state the Tribune would do what it could to defeat him and it believes the state could be brought to see it in the same way. If the law should again fail in applying the law against the despises of the red flag, the misfortune would be a heavy calamity but not an irretrievable one. But if it should put the government in the hands of one side of the field, or if the result should look that way, while members of the other side to the field were held helplessly to the public pressure, the state of the honor of the state could not be washed out. And the pity of it is that the public life of this state any such manifest timeliness should ever be interested. Of course Dr. France would not let his relations with the mining

companies prejudice his conduct of the public business, but that would not lessen the evil of a bad appearance as when the honor of a good woman is cruelly but unjustly compromised.

The stigma remains, and is not removed until the great day when all things are made right. We do not want to believe that Idaho is going to have to fight down this new peril in addition to its old real perils and in order that the danger may not grow, it seems well to have it understood so that those who may not have known it before will not be led unconsciously into other deep and dark waters.—Lewiston Tribune.

Again in the Administration.

Republicans of Washington county who are opposed to the renomination of Gov. Gooding, have issued a statement giving their reasons for such opposition, follows:

"We condemn the methods employed to secure Frank R. Gooding's nomination at the last convention, and believe that it was in violation of the wishes of a large majority of the rank and file of our party and was brought about by the use of reprehensible machine methods, shameless open trafficking with a candidate for the United States senatorship, and the dishonest tactics employed to secure the election of one of the state's foremost citizens, and deem it a reflection upon the manhood and citizenship of the state to assert that it is necessary to nominate any particular person by reason of such trials.—People's Advocate, Malad.

"We condemn his action as chairman of the state land board in allowing the valuable Carey act land on the Emmett bench to be parceled out

before the advertised opening day, by the Canyon Canal company, to members of the governor's official family.

"We condemn the governor's interference with the legislature, which began with the election of the speaker of the house and continued throughout the session. The method used in controlling the legislature becomes plain when it is remembered that at its adjournment seven members were appointed to various positions by the governor.

"We condemn his opposition to the local option and Sunday closing laws before the legislature, and which secured their defeat, and stamps him as an opponent of temperance and moral legislation.

"We condemn the selection and secret leasing of a vast tract of land in

Fremont county for the benefit of large sheep companies, and class such action as a bid for political support that is a disgrace to the state.

"We condemn the extravagance of the administration, whereby taxation has increased so tremendously that the limit of endurance has been reached; for example, the state tax paid by Washington county for the year 1904 under Morrison was \$14,452; for the year 1905 under Gooding, \$22,394, an increase of \$11,881, and this upon a material increase in valuation, 10-wt., \$50,747 over the valuation of 1904, of which \$14,881 was created by a raise made by the state board of equalization on the real estate of the county.

"We condemn the efforts of Gov. Gooding, his friends and press, to make a political issue out of the prosecution, of those accused of the foul murder of one of the state's foremost citizens, and deem it a reflection upon the manhood and citizenship of the state to assert that it is necessary to nominate any particular person by reason of such trials.—People's Advocate, Malad.

"The difficulty in such a case is to secure leaders, ambitions to secure power and political control, are prone to overlook the salient features of the general situation. This year the political conditions in Idaho are more delicate than the Republican party has known for a long time and exercise of the greatest wisdom is demanded. We are going to nominate a ticket, and we desire to make it a ticket after it is nominated. To make certain of victory we must have both of these men nominated, and those who are in control of the machinery at various points are in duty bound to so shape the current events that both shall be nominated, no matter how great the tem-

IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR IONA FARMERS.

Special Correspondence.

IONA, July 17.—A move is being made by the farmers of this vicinity to form an irrigation district of the land covered by the Farmers' Progress Canal company and if consummated will be the most progressive step that has been taken in this direction.

It is contemplated buying the canal and laterals and if consummated the land, canals and water will all be owned by the farmers while now the canal is owned by an incorporated company and many of the farmers have to rent water for their use. At a meeting held in Iona on the 12th, committees were appointed to ascertain if the necessary signs could be secured to incorporate and to ascertain what the canal and lakes could be bought for.

Bishop Beckwood, field superintendent of Idaho Sugar company, after an extended visit to the fields from the south fork of Snake River on the north to Placidfoot on the south, reports that the beet fields are in excellent condition. The entire plant is on excellent land and has received careful care and cultivation. A large percent of the hand labor has been done by Japanese in a very satisfactory manner and the heaviest tonnage ever produced in the valley is expected. Hay is generally light; small grain and potatoes promise a heavy yield. The sheep have given a very satisfactory account of themselves. Many beautiful residences are being built and vicinity has a general air of prosperity.

Many farms are in the midst of harvesting and the beets will soon seek their first irrigation. The past two weeks have been very favorable to plant growth; there has been an excessive wet spring and crops are a little later than usual.

At a recent meeting of the priesthood of the ward it was decided to purchase the old schoolhouse as a home for the organizations of the ward. This move will enable the people to complete the new schoolhouse as well as furnishing an excellent place for the associations. Stake conference will be held here on Aug. 11 and 12, when it is expected the new meetinghouse will be dedicated.

Iona joined with the people of Lincoln in celebrating the Fourth and are preparing to have a grand celebration on the Twenty-fourth.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM CAREY THIS WEEK.

Special Correspondence.

CAREY, Idaho, July 19.—Until about 10 days ago the weather has been cold most of the time and season backward in this valley, but for about two weeks it has been quite hot and everything has made a rapid growth. Haying for first crop has usually commenced July 1 to 5, but this year very few got started before the 8th to 11th. The first crop of hay will be lighter than usual, generally, but as there is plenty of water now a heavy second crop is assured. Grain is looking fine and most of the crop will mature with but one watering.

There is a scarcity of help for haying and hands are in demand at \$1 per day with board.

A very interesting celebration of Independence day was largely participated in by the people of this valley and many from the outside, at the large timber culture grove of Thompson Park. A most excellent program and amusements were carried out.

Committees are appointed and will work hard for a big celebration on July 4.

The many buggies and spring vehicles bought by the residents of Carey this summer would indicate that the people are being prospered in their temporal affairs.

N. W. Thompson of the Palisade farm company from Boise has been here for three weeks working to form a company to purchase a fine Belgian sire. The deal was completed and the company organized yesterday. Sixteen of the farmers have bought the animal, paying \$4,000.

The trustees of this school district have notices out calling for bids to build a new schoolhouse in the south end of the district. The building is to be completed by Sept. 15.

There have been about 14 carloads of wool shipped from Tukira station, nine miles from here, in the past two weeks.

Some of the flock owners are being offered such good prices for their lambs here that large numbers will likely be sold at home rather than risk better prices by shipment east.

Blaine Coop at Carey received a carload of blenders, mowers and horse-tails last Wednesday, and over two-thirds of same are already sold.

Gov. Gooding has a force of 17 teams and men putting up hay on his extensive Carey ranch.

President William T. Jack of Cassia stake was a visitor here last Sunday and addressed the people at the largely attended meetings on that day. Some timely counsel was given to the people.

The Fish Creek saw mill, after a rest of six months, is now running and turning out lumber for the farmers and ranchers of the valley.

CASSIA IS FOR ADMINISTRATION

As Seen Through Eyes of Correspondent Delegates Will Go Uninstructed.

CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR

Geo. A. Day May Have a Rival in the Person of John L. Smith for State Legislature.

Special Correspondence.

OAKLEY, Cassia Co., Idaho, July 19.—The precinct primary was held here this week. For several days local politics have awakened from a sleep of two years and become quite active.

The fact has been clearly evident for some time that the citizens of Oakley were not a unit on the naming of a United States senator at the state convention.

Hon. W. E. Borah has won strong and enthusiastic admirers in this part of the country who have urged the wisdom of naming the senator at Pocatello; and, as a rule, this idea is held by the people who do not engage in active politics. But there are those, and this class is led by citizens who are more or less associated with state or federal positions—who oppose naming a senator in the state convention, although some of these favor the candidacy of Mr. Borah, while others favor Judge Beatty and Hon. J. H. Brady, respectively.

At the primary, good order prevailed and the following delegates were elected to the county convention, to be held at Albion, July 21:

John L. Smith, Geo. A. Day, M. O. Fudge, D. P. Thomas, J. A. Ellison, H. Thomas, A. Collins, B. P. Bowels, Thos. H. Clark, W. T. Harper, J. L. Millard, A. M. Merrill, W. R. Lee and R. H. Hunter. Eight of these will favor the state convention plan.

NEXT STATE SENATOR.

The question of the next state senator from Cassia county has been given little attention heretofore, until recently. Hon. Geo. A. Day has represented the county in the state senate for four years, and Hon. John L. Smith who has had considerable experience as a law maker and who is probably the best known man in Cassia county, has at the urgent request of people from all parts of the county, finally announced himself as a candidate for the office of state senator. Mr. Smith is a good, strong man, and having served as assessor and collector of taxes in this county during the past two years, has become familiar with the needs of the new and rapidly growing districts of country lying along the Snake river, particularly, and the whole county in general.

LOOKS LIKE GOODING.

So far as your correspondent has been able to learn, there is no opposition in this section to the renomination of Gov. F. R. Gooding. But as the delegates go to the state convention—which is to convene at Pocatello on Aug. 1—will go uninstructed, they will work for the best interests of the party as they see it when the time to act arrives.

Mrs. Julia Curtis, who has spent 18 months in Denver and Pueblo, Colo., has returned home on a brief visit, and will return to Pueblo on July 25.

PIONEER DAY.

A committee, composed of leading people from the four Oakley wards, are making extensive preparations to celebrate the 24th of July in honor of the settlement of these western valleys in '47 by the Mormon pioneers, led by Brigham Young. The program will consist of a grand parade in the morning, representing the pioneer train which will be attacked by a band of Indians—carriages, floats and costumed horseback riders, etc., after which a splendid program will be rendered in the stake tabernacle. Amusements and baseball will follow.

HOT WEATHER.

The weather has turned off extremely warm, and haymaking is in full blast." The water, which has held up remarkably well this season, is falling away rapidly now.

OLD FOLKS' DAY.

Will be held in the Bingham snake at the following places: Idaho Falls on July 21, 1906; Louisville on Friday, Aug. 3, 1906. All persons over 65 years of age are cordially invited to attend regardless of color or color.

The stake presidency, bishops and counselors and ministers of the gospel are especially invited.

By order of state committee.

R. H. FIFE, Secy.

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