

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

REXBURG MURDER CASE HEARING

E. A. Larkin Held Without Bail For Killing of C. W. Edwards.

BARBER PRINCIPAL WITNESS.

City Council Authorizes Special Election to Vote on Waterworks Proposition—New Hospital—Notes.

Special Correspondence.

REXBURG, Idaho, Feb. 27.—The preliminary examination of E. A. Larkin, for the murder of C. W. Edwards, was held at the county seat on Wednesday. County Atty. Douglas Hix and Atty. J. D. Millsaps appeared in behalf of the state and Atty. James H. Wallis represented the defendant. Arthur H. Woodvine, proprietor of the barbership in which the shooting occurred, was the principal witness. He testified that the trouble arose over a debt of \$85 owing Larkin by Edwards, which the latter refused to pay, and which Larkin wanted settled that day. On cross-examination, the witness testified that he was but a few feet from Larkin when he fired the fatal shot, but that at no time did he see Edwards throw his hands up in the air, as reported immediately after the tragedy occurred. The defendant was held without bail to the district court, which convenes on the 9th of the coming month.

TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION.

The city council held a very important session on Monday evening, to take final steps for the extension of the waterworks system for a distance of 11 more blocks. City Atty. James H. Wallis, filed a legal opinion regarding the special election to be held on the 24th of March, for the purpose of conferring upon the council the power to dispose of 60 acres of valuable real estate owned by the city, proceeds from which is to be used in the extension of the mains. The report was adopted, and the council appointed the following officers of election: Judges, Joseph Morris and W. G. McAllister; clerk, L. Jane Osborn; distributing clerk, Violet Walcott; registrar, A. L. Blackburn. The council at its meeting on next Monday night will consider bids for the construction of the proposed extension. The council is being congratulated by the people generally for their determination to reach the homes of the people with pure water and fire protection.

WILL OPEN NEW HOSPITAL.

Dr. George E. Hyde, president of the state board of health, is to be the resident physician of the new hospital which will open in Rexburg, the middle of the coming month. The institution will be completely fitted with all the appliances found in an up-to-date hospital, including X-ray machines. It will be a boon to the upper Snake river country, and the fact that about a dozen of the most prominent men in Fremont county are behind it, speaks for its success.

BUSINESS FIRM DISSOLVES.

The firm of Fogg & Jacobs has been dissolved by mutual consent. James E. Fogg taking over all the interest held in the several sawmills by John L. Jacobs. Mr. Fogg will continue the business under the name of James E. Fogg. In consideration of this deal, Mr. Fogg turned over all his interest in the Oregon business to John L. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs still keeps his offices in the Fogg & Jacobs Mercantile company and St. Anthony Building and Manufacturing company. The whole affair is simply an exchange of the sawmill interests here and in Oregon. Mr. Jacobs taking in the Oregon business, and Mr. Fogg taking over the Idaho business. Mr. Jacobs says he has no intention of making Idaho his permanent home, as his interests in this county are very extensive.

MRS. CAHOON HONORED.

On Saturday at the home of Mrs. Jacob Brenner, the stake Primary officers gave a social in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Sarah R. Cahoon. An interesting program was given, when Mrs. Cahoon was escorted to the dining room, where an elegant banquet was spread. Here she was presented with a beautiful gold ring set with a valuable stone. The presentation was made by Stake President Agnes C. Winter, and a feeling response was made by Mrs. Cahoon, who was greatly surprised and almost overcome by the manifestation of love and confidence made by her collaborators in the stake. Mrs. Cahoon is one of the best friends who have the Prophet Joseph Smith and talked with him.

REXBURG NOTES.

Assistant Stake Superintendent Rolla E. Harris, of the Y. M. M. I. A. entertained the members of the stake board at his home in Salem Tuesday night. The evening was spent in social enjoyment, and an elegant spread was partaken of by all present.

Bishop Joseph Kerr, of Ashton ward, was in Rexburg for a couple of days this week. He is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Gee. He reports the Ashton ward in good flourishing condition.

There is a strong movement on foot in the interest of building an addition to the Ricks academy for manual arts and gymnasium. The subject will receive attention at the next educational board meeting.

The long-year ball given last Friday night in Flamm's hall by the Second ward Mutual Improvement association, was a success, socially, financially and otherwise.

First, Don C. Griggs, of the Teton stake passed through here on Tuesday's train on his way home from a visit to Utah points.

George T. Odell, general manager of the C. W. & M. Co., accompanied by Mrs. Odell, left for the Idaho Falls house, where in town on Tuesday morning over their business at this point. They report everything in a very flourishing condition.

There is a constant complaint here against the C. S. L. for the poor train service the people are up against on the branch line. In view of the immense travel the branch line gets, it would seem the people have a kick coming.

T. L. Wright, late manager of the Con. W. & M. Co., company here, writes from Twin Falls, where he is in charge of that company's business, that he is highly pleased with his new location, and is preparing to build a cottage with a view to making that his permanent home.



FIRST ORDAINED WOMAN CLERGYMAN.

New York, Feb. 25.—Rev. Antonette L. Blackwell, 85 years old, and the first ordained woman, will again enter the pulpit and resume active work in the Unitarian church.

The Rev. Blackwell is building a church in Union county, N. J., a short distance from Elizabeth, her home, which will be known as All Souls.

Mrs. Blackwell preached her first sermon about 60 years ago at Henrietta, N. Y., where she was born in 1825. At 16 she taught school and was graduated at Oberlin college at the age of 29. She was ordained as a Congregational minister at South Butler, N. Y., in 1853.

OLD FOLKS GIVEN

PARTY AT BANCROFT

Special Correspondence.

BANCROFT, Idaho, Feb. 5.—An old folks' party was held at Chesterfield last Thursday, the 26th inst., the wards of Chesterfield and Hatch participating.

The assembly was called to order at 11 a. m., and presided over by Bishop Loveland. The affair was under the auspices of the Relief society, and was a decided success. An appropriate program, consisting of instrumental music, singing, recitations, essays and speeches, was rendered. Each number was given with commendable merit, the most meritorious being the essay of Mary Robertson and the poem by Christina Higginson.

When the program was concluded at the meetinghouse, a bounteous repast was served at the amusement hall nearby, and this was as much enjoyed as any part of the proceedings. There was certainly no indication of panic or money stringency, as the best of earth's products were served in plenty. During the festive hours the old folks thoroughly enjoyed themselves, joking, talking and conversing with each other.

At 5 p. m. the hall was put into shape and dancing commenced. From then until 11 p. m. it seemed that all were young again. The fair haired boys and girls of three score and ten could turn the "two-step" without apparent effort.

All retired with expressions of satisfaction and agreed that much good, from a physical, social and spiritual point of view, results from such gatherings when properly conducted.

CASE OF SMALLPOX

AT MONTPELIER.

Special Correspondence.

LABOR SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

MONTPELIER, Idaho, Feb. 24.—The scores of men being out of employment with no means of support for themselves and families; still they appear to be hopeful that the advent of spring will bring with it new openings and opportunities.

The weather is very pleasant but the snowfall is extremely light and it is feared the water supply will not be sufficient for irrigation during the coming season.

A few days ago a railroad man came here from Pocatello, Idaho, and the day after his arrival complained of feeling ill. He was accordingly excused from work and went to his room, where, upon the arrival of the city physician, it was found he was afflicted with smallpox.

He was removed to a vacant building and placed under quarantine, but yesterday one of the children of the home where the man first stayed came down with the disease, and it is feared by the physicians that other cases may develop as the children of the house have been attending the public schools during the time the man was ill, and before it was known what was the nature of the illness, he contending it was only a case of jaundice.

An epidemic of mumps has been going the rounds of the school children with no serious results.

On Monday evening, the 17th inst., the Flaming Academy Dramatic company played "Under the Force of Impulse," to a full house in Strong's hall.

PRESTON THOMAS

FAMILY REUNION.

Special Correspondence.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 24.—A reunion of the Thomas family was held at the home of A. Raskett, Idaho Falls, Idaho, on the 15th of Feb. About fifty relatives of Preston Thomas met to commemorate the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth.

A very enjoyable time was had. A sumptuous dinner was served and a very interesting program was rendered in the evening.

Preston Thomas, in whose honor this reunion was held, was born in Richmond county, North Carolina, on Feb. 15, 1814. He was one of the pioneers of Utah, having crossed the plains in 1851. He endured many hardships in connection with the persecutions of the saints in Nauvoo, Illinois, fled seven times and held many positions of honor.

He was probate judge of Utah county for a number of terms, being the first judge of that county. He was also one of the first settlers of Idaho, and was one of the founders of Franklin, being its first bishop. He was also probate judge of Bear Lake county for a couple of terms, being one of the first settlers there.

MASS MEETING AND

ACCIDENT AT MORELAND

Special Correspondence.

MORELAND, Idaho, Feb. 25.—A mass meeting was held here by the citizens and a committee appointed which has drafted a set of resolutions urging the members of Congress to amend the Smoot bill that entry men under the homestead law may file on an additional tract of arid land allowing him the limit of 320 acres. With this measure the bill is endorsed.

A copy of the resolutions will be sent to the following officers were appointed and set apart in their respective positions: George A. Garbett, president; Wilford W. Morgan, and Eugene Grant, William Williams, counselors; Charles W. Hild, secretary; and Enos Wray, assistant secretary.

The discussion was participated in by Miss Walker, Mr. Standeard, Mr. Siders and Mr. Baruch. Mr. Standeard gave a vocal solo.

A third quorum of deacons of the L. D. S. Church was organized last week, with a membership of 13. The following officers were appointed and set apart in their respective positions: George A. Garbett, president; Wilford W. Morgan, and Eugene Grant, William Williams, counselors; Charles W. Hild, secretary; and Enos Wray, assistant secretary.

The winter has been quite mild, but cold weather has been continuous. The people have all been busy. Some building, others getting material to improve their farms.

The school grounds will be inclosed with a good fence and trees planted on the site of this coming spring.

Bishop W. T. England and Ward Clerk E. D. Benson have made a visit in the ward, straightening up genealogy.

Reuben Robson, superintendent of the Sabbath school, has gone to Calgary, Canada, and taken up his abode. Others have the Canada fever and may go there in the near future.

A series of business meetings is being held each week at which discussions upon various topics are given and some definite results are expected to follow.

Mrs. Maud Robbins, president of the Primary association, while returning from participating in the exercises of that organization, with her three children, was driving a spirited horse in passing a number of cows, one of them started across the road just in front of the rapidly approaching horse and buggy, at the same time the horse, which was in the same direction, one of the buggy wheels struck the cow with sufficient force to break a shaft of the vehicle.

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A telephone message came and did what he could to relieve her suffering, which were quite severe. It is feared she has received internal injuries.

RIVERSIDE OLD FOLKS HAVE BIG CELEBRATION

Special Correspondence.

RIVERSIDE, Idaho, Feb. 27.—The old folks and married people of this section enjoyed themselves last week in the celebration of an old folks' day. All assembled at 1 p. m., and after a good lively program consisting of recitations, songs, speeches and toasts extending over two hours they sat down to a banquet. There were baskets of goodies left over from the feast and the next day the Primary children had their luncheon and did full justice to the remainder. A grand ball was a feature of the closing hours of old folks' day.

Farmers locally are raising good crops of hay and feed. Quite a number are being shipped for the market via Blackfoot.

The stock made a call at the home of Richard Norwood and left a baby girl for permanent residence.

There are three families quarantined in town, one for scarlet fever and two others for chickenpox.

FINANCIAL STRINGENCY DOES NOT AFFECT PARKER

Special Correspondence.

PARKER, Idaho, Feb. 25.—A dramatic company composed of local talent presented the play of "Nugget Nell" in a creditable manner, the last performance being for the benefit of the missionary fund.

A character ball was given on the 18th at which some skilful delineations were presented.

Schools and public gatherings are well attended, and all go on well notwithstanding the financial stringency. A little baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Jackson on Feb. 15. All Well.

Y. M. C. A. BANQUET IN NEW BUILDING

Concerted Effort to Raise \$15,000 by March 5 for Building Fund.

STUDENTS VISIT PARIS.

Engineer A. G. Preston Loses a Hand—O. S. L. Shops Again Closed—Republican Committee Meets.

Special Correspondence.

PARADELLO, Feb. 27.—The Y. M. C. A. building fund committee gave a banquet last night in the new and partially completed \$40,000 structure on north Arthur avenue. A committee of 100 was present, presided over by Chairman Hon. J. H. Erady. The banquet was served by the ladies of various churches of the city. A concerted effort is being made to raise \$15,000 by March 5, for the building fund.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Last night the members of the Congregational church held a thank offering missionary meeting at the residence of Judge D. W. Standeard, papers were read by Miss Walker on "Problems of Medical Missions," and the solution of the same.

The discussion was participated in by Miss Walker, Mr. Standeard, Mr. Siders and Mr. Baruch. Mr. Standeard gave a vocal solo.

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TROUT FRY PLANTED.

About 700,000 brook trout fry were received yesterday by the Pocatello Gun club, from the government, for planting in the Portneuf river.

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS.

Walter H. Chase addressed the students of the Academy of Idaho last Friday on the subject of "George Washington and Patriotism."

STUDENTS VISIT PARIS.

The visit to Paris last Friday by the students in the academy contest was most instructive and interesting. Miss Mona Paris lost the original short story contest, to Miss Gertrude Rich of Paris. The academy basketball team won over the Pocatello team by a score of 19 to 15. The visitors were royally entertained.

ENGINEER PRESTON HURT.

Freight Engineer A. G. Preston of the First district, who resides at Pocatello, was injured by a fall from a right hand at Kemmerer, Wyo., Tuesday morning, through being crushed under the wheels while he was adjusting a sand pipe.

SHOPS AGAIN CLOSED.

The Short Line shops are again closed for a week, beginning yesterday, and will re-open Monday, March 2.

Two new engines of the Atlantic type, for use in the passenger service of the west end, were received this week, and two more are on the way.

REPUBLICANS MEET.

The Republican county central committee will convene here Monday, March 2, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of fixing the date and place of holding the county convention to elect delegates to the state convention that is to be held at Wallace on May 12.

The remains of Walter Klemm, the Pocatello school teacher who died today at the county's expense, efforts to locate relatives or friends were unavailable.

O. A. Hopkins, a youthful offender out on parole, was returned to the industrial school at St. Anthony this week from Boise, where he had obtained money under false pretenses. The arrest was made at Ontario, Or.

Sheriff Quigley had to intercede this week, some of the school children at Dempsy, to terms.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Teachers' examination for this county began today at the county court house, under the direction of Miss Grace of Longbrun, county superintendent of schools. A three days' session will be held.

WEDDING BELLS.

This morning Thomas J. Halloran of American Falls and Ida M. Bushman of Mason, Ia., were united in marriage at the Catholic church.

John H. Powers of Ogden and Mabel Powers of Silver Bow, Mont., were married yesterday by Justice of the Peace Felix Van Reuth.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Mrs. Arthur Wakeley presented her husband with a pair of twins—two boys—last Tuesday. A 12-pound boy arrived at the home of ex-Councilman George Williams last Friday.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Mrs. Charles T. Golding and Mrs. Hyrum Kay were given a birthday surprise party this afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kay on North Arthur avenue. A dozen lady friends of many years acquaintance brought plenty along and spent a pleasant time together. As a token of mutual love and esteem, Mrs. Golden was presented with a diamond set of china, and Mrs. Kay was presented with a rocker.

TWO NEW MAIL ROUTES NOW RUN INTO WILFORD

Special Correspondence.

WILFORD, Idaho, Feb. 27.—This section is being drawn upon for missionaries to the extent that Eric Johnson is filling a call in New Zealand while Hugh Stewart who was originally called to fill a mission in the Antipodes, left for his field in Oregon shortly after marrying Miss Adeline Greenhalgh. Two more young men are slated for missions early in the spring.

An old folks' party was held last night which brought out every married individual for miles around.

Two new rural delivery mail routes have been established to run from St. Anthony. The first one will be operated by the Pocatello post office.



COUNTESS ANNA VON RODECK

HER DIVORCE SUIT MAY CLEAR UP DEATH MYSTERY.

New York, Feb. 25.—The violent death of Thomas Mannell may be cleared by reason of a family dispute. This is attorney Rufus Perry's statement. He says the Countess Anna, at whose home Mannell died, was murdered, and that his relatives are responsible for his death.

Countess Anna sues her husband Count Von Rodeck for divorce, praying alimony.

Mannell was named as co-respondent in a suit by the count for an absolute divorce from his wife.

Although the coroner's verdict was suicide, an investigation is now progressing of the new features given the case by the countess.

ated by Miss Jane O'Meservy; the second is supervised by B. H. Cook and will run to Twin Grove, and No. 3, for the Parker and Egin district is in charge of Martin Davis.

Samuel S. Higbee and family have passed through a severe ordeal this winter in the form of sickness. At Christmas time he and one child were taken down with diphtheria and later a new babe was born to the family and for weeks the life of the mother was in jeopardy.

During the past seven days five marriages have occurred in this place. The contracting parties being Samuel E. Collett and Elizabeth M. Larsen of Rexburg; Florence McArthur and William Terry of Cache valley; Alice Davis and Lawrence Bush and Rose Davis and Lorin Thomas, both from Teton, and T. E. Smith, Jr. and Mary C. Layton, both of Wilford, the ceremony in the last named and the Collett weddings was performed by Justice O. K. Meservy.

Postoffice Inspector R. E. Nelson of Boise, Ida., dropped into the office today and after a thorough inspection, pronounced everything in good shape, and said the managers of the government service here were doing well for beginners. All the lock boxes were secured in four days after starting sale, and a number of call boxes also.

ESTIMATED 2,000 MEN WILL BE NEEDED AT TWIN FALLS

Special Correspondence.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 26.—It is estimated that 2,000 men will be needed to perform the work on the irrigation projects in Twin Falls and other portions of the state of Idaho the coming summer. In Lincoln and Twin Falls counties, with the letting of the Salmon river project and the second segregation under the north side system, 1,800 men will be needed according to S. H. Hays, attorney for the company promoting the projects.

"This will mean," said Mr. Hays, an interview with the Capital News "an expenditure of nearly \$200,000 a month for labor alone. The preliminary work necessary for letting the contract for the Salmon river project is now under way, and the state engineer with the company's engineer is examining the work necessary for the second segregation. The first segregation is complete and the second one lies to the west in the vicinity of Miller. Water will be turned on the first segregation April 1, while that for the second segregation from the west end to the south of Shoshone and Gooding will be turned on in about a year. I freely anticipate," said Mr. Hays, "that the electric road will be into Jerome within the next 12 to 14 months."

CAREY'S BUDGET OF NEWS—ALL ABOUT WEEK'S AFFAIRS

Special Correspondence.

CAREY, Idaho, Feb. 2.—On the night of the fourteenth the silver band gave a masquerade ball in Phippen hall, the first one for over a year. A large number of characters were represented.

The judges selected awarded the prizes for the best impersonation to the "Coco Preacher" and "The Gypsy" who were impersonated by Edwin Eldredge and Bertha Howard. The affair was voted a great success. The spare space in the hall was filled with interested spectators. The surplus realized will go towards paying for the new set of silver instruments purchased last summer.

On the 15th the amateur basketball team of this place went to Harley and had a lively contest with the Harley club, and beat the city team by a score of one basket. The Harley club will be here next Friday to try and win the laurels back from the Carey's.

On the occasion of Washington's birthday the home dramatic troupe appeared in the four act play of "The Noble Quaint." The roles were taken by A. S. and Ray Ivis, E. A. Gile and Leon Alnoworth, Mrs. E. A. Gile, Mrs. J. Billingsley and Mrs. Maud Ivis.

County Assessor and Collector T. Williams spent all last week in this valley assessing for 1908. The basis of assessment is half cash value on nearly all assessable property.

John Hart of Harley also was here today.

ALL DEALERS IN LIQUOR MUST PAY

Such is the Decision of the Idaho Supreme Court.

ARGUMENTS IN BUDGE CASE.

Court Martial Ordered at Boise Barracks to Try Officer Charged With Cruelty to Soldiers.

Special Correspondence.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 27.—The supreme court handed down an opinion yesterday of considerable importance to the liquor dealers of the state, as it affects all wholesale dealers of that article. The decision virtually authorizes the county commissioners to exact a retail liquor license fee of \$750 from all liquor dealers, instead of only \$250 from wholesalers, as has been done in most instances heretofore.

The case is that of I. A. West & Company vs. the board of county commissioners of Latah county, petition for writ of mandamus, which a demurrer was granted by the county attorney in its last term. This same question has been before the courts of several of the districts and conflicting opinions have been rendered.

ARGUMENTS IN LIBEL SUIT.

State Auditor Robert S. Bingham's libel suit against the Statesman and the Gooding was argued in the district court yesterday. The attorneys from both sides presented their arguments and the court took the matter under advisement. The complaint alleges that the Statesman published an article in its issue of January 1st, 1908, in which the governor's which was published in the Statesman, setting forth the action of the state auditor in handling certain claims, and relating certain statements he had formerly published, the governor used language which was "false, malicious and defamatory."

BUDGE CASE ARGUED.

The case of Judge Alfred Budge of Bear Lake county, judge of the fifth judicial district, in which the Budge question is involved, was argued before the supreme court yesterday.

This case represents the desperate struggle of Fred T. Dubois in his efforts to disfranchise the Mormon people of Idaho. The immediate attempt is to appoint the judge on account of his connection with the former action.

Ten days will be allowed in which to file further briefs, then the question will be taken under advisement by the supreme judges for possibly 20 days yet.

DEMOCRATS MEET.

The Democratic state central committee meets today in this city to select the time and place for the holding of each of the two state conventions, and to appoint the delegates. Six towns are in the race for the one of the conventions, namely, Boise, Weiser, Wallace, Twin Falls, Caldwell and Nampa.

COURT MARTIAL AT BOISE.

The department headquarters at Vancouver barracks sent the following message to Capt. Smith of the Boise barracks:

"A court martial is hereby called to meet at Boise barracks, Idaho, Wednesday, March 4, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it."

The full meaning of this is well known here. It is the result of the judgment of the lower court in the case of George Dick, who was convicted of selling liquor to the Indians on the reservation, in this state May, 1905, at Moscow, and sentenced to one year and a half's imprisonment in the state penitentiary, together with a fine of \$100. He served the sentence, upon taking the poor mark oath.

It is reported that there are now some 25 or 30 saloons doing business on the reservation, and that all will be affected by the ruling of the higher court, and which are now operating unlawfully. The district attorney stated yesterday that the law will be strictly enforced, and that a big clearing in a very short time.

DOGS AND DIPHTHERIA.