

News From The Leading Cities of The Gem State

"WETS" REJOICE IN ADA COUNTY

Enthusiasm on Both Sides Marked the Day and the Previous Campaign.

CONSPIRACY CASE ENDED.

Dismissal ordered in Barber Lumber suit—Many Big Land Suits Filed.

(Special Correspondence.)
BOISE, Sept. 9.—Followed by one of the most spectacular demonstrations ever witnessed in this city Ada county was yesterday declared a non-prohibition county by the popular vote of the people. Enthusiasm ran high from the time the vote began to be counted until the final returns were announced, and never was there such interest manifested in a voting contest since Boisse has been here. There still remains no small outside precincts to be heard from, but it is conservatively estimated that the majority for the "wets" will exceed the 50 mark.

The total vote cast in this city for the "wets" was 3,665; for the "dry," 1,757, giving the anti-prohibitionists a majority of 1,908. The vote in the country precincts was a majority of 91 to the city's column, the voting standing 1,066 "dry" as against 1,316 "wet."

The total vote cast in the county was 4,655 "wet" and 2,688 "dry" giving "wet" a majority in the county of 971.

The saloons of the city voluntarily closed their doors during the day yesterday while the voting was in progress, but opened up again after the polls were closed and did a hand-to-hand business.

Crowds gathered on the streets by the thousand as soon as the polls had closed eager to hear the first meager returns of the election, and as the returns began to indicate the maintenance of a "wet" town cheer after cheer resounded through the air from the sympathizers of the saloons, while of an opposing mind still dissented. When it was announced that the county was safe for the "wets," a greater parade formed and, led by the band, paraded the streets of the city.

LEADERS MAKE STATEMENTS.

The leaders of each of the forces have made short statements as to how they feel over the results. Chairman Lamson the man who was successful in carrying the county for the "wets" said:

"The final official figures will not supersede my estimate of 550 majority for our side in the county. While organization counted for much, at the same time it was the thinking done in the homes of Boise and the country, practical people that did the business. The credit belongs to the people who have spoken, not to me or to the committee of which I was the head."

Chairman Kessler of the "dry" forces said:

"I realized that the "wet" forces gained a great deal of ground during the past week and account for it on the ground that they were the taxpayers and laboring vote by the affirmations made to the effect that injury would result if prohibition was adopted and county if prohibition was secured."

"How do you account for the fact that so many women voted "wet"?"

He replied:

"I always have believed that the women vote was not much of a deciding factor in politics." Mr. Kessler replied, "But I thought it would be in this instance if we could get it to vote."

We are now ready to go to work with the Taxpayers League to bring about the enactment and enforcement of the resolutions. It has adopted, if it will assist in this we will use all the influence of our organization to urge the city council act upon the matter at once."

On his opinion this defeat of the "wets" must sustain the adoption of statewide prohibition, which is really an ultimate object. I do not regret the fight. It has aroused and united the prohibitionists as they have never been before."

HOW NAMPA FEELS.

The statements procured this morning from the various parts of the most turbulent area in Nampa on the result of the election in this county. Mayor E. H. Davis had this to say:

"I believe that our business standpoint will hurt Nampa and Ada county has gone well. I have not forgotten the assistance Ada county gave us in our fight for a new county and also the later help shown us during the fire and for that reason I rejoice in Ada county's good fortune."

Chairman Moore, when informed that Ada county had gone wet, said: "The voters of Ada county displayed more judgment than those of Can-

ada county." William Strader—I am glad to death that Ada county has gone well, but Nampa is still good enough for me."

Commissioner V. T. Elmer—I don't know if it will hurt Nampa a bit. Personally I would like to have seen Ada go."

Mr. Belmont, county commissioners, said: "I would like to have seen Ada County dry, and I think that its voters differ with me. The county though it is not a seat of everything."

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LANDS IN LITIGATION.

Ten civil suits have just been filed in the United States circuit court by Atty. U. S. Atty. Gen. Peetor Gordon, against William F. Kettenbach, George H. Kester, Clarence Robnett and others for the cancellation of patents for 7,600 acres of land to the timber land, title to which it was alleged was procured through a conspiracy to defraud the government.

The government, just at present, is in the condition of a man who is about to sleep, who will come to those investigating matters, since we have sent out to ascertain what is the best method to pursue with the funds which we have on hand and you may quote us as saying that we emphatically recommend the complexion of those professors which have already been commenced, particularly in Idaho, before anything else is attempted."

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LIVELY ELECTION.

Tuesday was the annual city school election here; these elections are usually a quiet affair of course affair, the candidates named being certain of election, but on this occasion some stir was caused by the cry of opposition.

Surprisingly, the names of W. A. Hyde and Milo A. Hendricks were placed in nomination, representing a ticket opposed to the present policy of the people of the district.

The race was effective in bringing out the largest vote recorded here for a school election. Messrs. Hyde and Hendricks were kept busy denying their candidacy for the office of school trustees.

The result of the ballot shows 251 votes for J. H. Wellington, 271 for Atty. C. W. Nibley, 12 for W. A. Hyde, 10 for Milo A. Hendricks, 10 in favor of Mrs. H. W. Doty, 1 for Rev. W. S. Hunt. Mr. Clark succeeds Geo. Olmstead on the board. The present board consists of the following named persons: Lyman Fargo, president; Dr. O. B. Steely, clerk; trustees, John J. Hull, Walter R. Siders, J. H. Wellington and D. W. Clark.

DISTRICT COURT OPENS.

The September term of the district court opened Tuesday, with 14 prisoners awaiting trial. The jury was summoned for service Monday Sept. 12.

The greater part of Tuesday was occupied by Judge Alfred Budge in hearing motions and fixing dates for trial.

A rather amusing jail delivery took place at this time, whereby one George Breslin, accused of burglarizing the Bader hardware store, gained his freedom by the aid of his wife, who was a close relative of the victim. The woman was released on her own recognizance.

Mr. John E. Dailey, formerly of this place but now a resident of Pocatello, was arraigned on a charge of breaking and entering.

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AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

Arrangements are now fully closed for the introduction in the curriculum of the public schools of Boise of agriculture, with Frederick C. Bauer of the Illinois school of agriculture as instructor.

TEACHERS IN CONVENTION.

Fifty five school teachers, primarily from the six surrounding counties, are assembled in convention in Boise, the purpose of which is the acquisition of superior methods of imparting knowledge in their schools. Dr. Elliot of Chicago addressed the convention yesterday at the Modern School and Modern Technical Schools. Mr. Josephine Thompson, of the University of Chicago, gave an address on "Child Psychology." The teachers were last night the guests of Gov. Brady at a party given in their honor.

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Pocatello Sports Make Long Preparations Only to Have Them Blasted.

CONFERENCE AT MCCAMMON.

Lively School Election—District Court Opens With Fourteen Prisoners Awaiting Trial.

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McCammon, Sept. 8.—The Pocatello race meet, for which long and careful preparations had been made to convene here four days beginning Monday, was called off Tuesday morning, following a one-day typhoon Monday with a light attendance.

The wet weather which has prevailed for the greater part of the last month, made the track slow. Knockers loudly proclaimed the race off, which effected a postponement of races from the north, and they stopped at Blackfoot Monday morning. A Blackfoot contingent of excursionists was cut out Monday's attendance and it was finally decided to abandon the race meet, save it be a few midget races if the weather will permit.

Jupiter Phinney had another inning Tuesday afternoon and evening, and gave the city and county anotherousing, and put out the electric light services for three hours.

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