

# News From The Leading Cities of The Gem State

## MANY IDAHOANS UNDER A CLOUD

United States Grand Jury Probing Great Western Sugar Scandal.

WILL APPEAL BARBER CASE.

Marble Creek Case Before Supreme Court—Gov. Brady Plays Santa Claus—Chautauqua for Boise.

(Special Correspondence.)  
BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—It is stated on reliable authority that the probe now being conducted by the United States grand jury in this city will result in some very sensational developments. Indictments have already been returned against a number of prominent Idaho citizens, who were formerly involved in the Great Western Sugar company of Mountainhome, which concern recently went into bankruptcy, among whom are John H. Garrett, W. C. Howie, Fred Daniel, E. J. Colthorp and C. J. Griffiths. The charges upon which each was indicted and the position each held are as follows:  
John H. Garrett, present residence, Chicago—Former manager, Great Western Sugar company, Mountainhome; charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of land in that he entered into collusion with certain men, paying them for filing and making their assignments, at times in blank, which were turned over to others in connection with their purchase of water rights from Garrett's company.  
W. C. Howie, Mountainhome—United States commissioner, well known attorney, charged with being party to land conspiracy in having permitted filing of papers as commission with the knowledge that fraud was being practiced.  
Fred Daniel, Mountainhome—Member of the Daniel-Colthorp real estate firm, that handled some of the land involved, as charged, making them, according to the allegations, a party to the conspiracy.  
E. J. Colthorp, Mountainhome—Member of Daniel-Colthorp firm; same charge.  
C. J. Griffiths, Mountainhome—Salesman employed by Daniel-Colthorp company; same charge.  
It is alleged that Garrett induced many countrymen to come to Idaho from the middle western states and take up land under the desert entry which they were not entitled to under the law. It is stated that such entries were passed upon by Commissioner Howie, the entryman then selling his entry for a consideration of from \$100 to \$200, to the company, after leaving the name in blank, and would then transfer them to bona fide settlers, selling them at the same price as the entries in the Garrett irrigation system.  
Garrett is now supposed to be in Chicago. Mr. Howie was yesterday taken into custody and is being held for a statement and he replied as follows:  
"After my appointment as United States commissioner, I studied the federal statutes but did not give advice to anybody about land matters."

## MURRAY DEPARTMENT

The News is delivered in Murray and vicinity from the branch office every night. L. E. Lauritzen, Branch Manager. Orders for Church work and advertising received. Office over First National Bank, Ind. Phone 57.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS IN MURRAY FIRST WARD

MURRAY, Dec. 25.—At the Murray city council session this week the following business was transacted: It was decided to contract a cement sidewalk through Wasatch avenue. Second avenue must be opened and completed by March 15, 1910, or the contractors must forfeit the bids.  
Relative to the claim of Thomas Smith of Midvale for \$7,500 for injuries he received while traveling through Murray, the city attorney gives his opinion that the city is not responsible as the city did not pile the dirt and ties which frightened his horse and he will have to look to the Utah Light and Railway company for his damages.  
The attorney informed the council that Mr. Bidwell of the A. S. & R. Co. has deposited \$5,000 in the Murray State bank as a portion in the construction of Second avenue, and that this money will be paid over to the city as soon as the work on that street is completed.  
Another report of the attorney was that John Howe who offered the city a tract of land for a water site at the rate of \$300 per acre, rescinded his agreement as the city did not take an option on the ground. If the city desires the property it must make the negotiations for it.  
The city recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for the removing of the city lights to the curb line.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS.

MURRAY, Dec. 25.—Christmas Sunday will be observed with appropriate services at the First ward meeting house to which the general public is invited. The auditorium has been tastefully decorated for the occasion and a splendid program has been prepared as follows:  
At 10 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
Address, "The Life of the Savior," by U. G. Miller.  
Story of the wise men, Melvina Cahoon.  
Reading from the Life of Joseph Smith, Anna Johnson.  
Reading from the Life of the Savior, Wilma Atwood.  
Song by 12 little boys and girls.  
Story, "Why the Chimes Ring," Jean Willard.  
Christmas story, Merle McMillan.  
Song, "Rocky Mountain," Roxy Arnold.  
Recitation, "The Message From Calvary's Hill," Seola Horne.

### AT 10 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Mrs. Ida L. Wimmer severed her connection with the Murray schools, and will hereafter reside over her happy home. She will be succeeded by Miss Alta L. Kinney.  
All the teachers will attend the state teachers' convention and the last week of vacation will be spent at their homes. School will open on Jan. 10, 1910.

### BRIGHAM CITY.

TWO SILVER WEDDINGS CELEBRATED AT BRIGHAM  
(Special Correspondence.)  
BRIGHAM CITY, Dec. 24.—Two silver weddings were celebrated in Brigham City during the week ending Dec. 24. A number of relatives and friends were invited to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rothwell, where the day had been married 25 years. All enjoyed the grand wedding dinner after which a pleasant evening was spent in games, etc.  
Saturday evening Bishop and Mrs. Brigham were entertained at the home of friends to the Wright family, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage. A most pleasant evening was spent, and many beautiful and useful presents were given to the popular bishop and wife.

### BRIGHAM CITY BRIEFS.

Wednesday, in the Salt Lake temple, Mr. Neils P. Anderson, the Main street merchant, and Frida Handel, late of Stockholm, Sweden, were husband and wife.  
While Mrs. Frances Pitt was in Salt Lake City attending the funeral of her son, Tom D. Pitt, her brother-in-law, her car caught fire from a stovepipe running up through it from a stove in the barn which was used by her father, Mr. Norris. The firemen responded quickly to the call and prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings, but the barn was badly damaged.  
Memorial exercises in honor of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith will be observed in and for the four wards of Brigham City next Sunday at 2 o'clock.  
Mr. Carlos Olsen of North ward met with a serious accident last Saturday. While he was laboring on a cement plant, where he was working, he fell from the ground from the top of a wall and broke his left arm and badly bruising his hip, but he is now getting along nicely.

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