FREMONT COUNTY, IDAHO.

Indignation over a Proposed Territory Change—Other Interesting Notes.

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Editor Deseret News:

The people of central and northern Fremont county are somewhat excited—and justly so, too—over the attempt to take a slice off Fremont county and add it to Bingham county. A week or two ago quite a petition was circulated through the western part of Bingham and the southern part of Fremont counties, asking our present legislature to move the boundary line of Fremont county so as to create a large portion of eastern Bingham. Hence the promoters of the scheme to secure—if, it would take from Fremont a large strip of very valuable and rich country, including the following settlements: Lorenzo, Hibner, Ririe, Sty, Rigby, La Dora and Mather, with also several miles of railroad track, besides a large district country in which there is room for a town or more settlements similar to those already mentioned, thus adding to the wealth of Bingham, giving her thousands of citizens, and proportionately increasing the wealth and revenue of Fremont. There is no doubt in the minds of Fremont county people but that the city officers of Idaho Falls, Market Lake and St. Anthony are behind this scheme, in order to further their aforementioned cities, irrespective of the injury it would work to the taxpayers of Fremont. The people of this county are not for so easily, it might become the rallying struggle of numerous Bingham as well as some from—the promoters of the scheme are—we have lost county seat from Hartford to Idaho Falls, and we don't propose to have Lake's new neighbor to the county seat, giving it more reliable connection with the north. Another great source of the excitement you would see if the taxpayers of Fremont are not slow to see—it would increase the voting strength of Bingham and extend Fremont and thereby decrease the proportion of voting the county seat from St. Anthony to a more central part of the county.

When the people of Fremont heard of this move they were very indignant, and justly so, too, for about the county of Bingham was interested, some two years ago, and Fremont county citizens, all parties in the contract were agreeable to the present county form, and pledged themselves not to tamper with, or in any manner look to change them; and now after the space of two short years for some of the parties to the contract to thus break their given word was something that the people of Fremont were not prepared to believe possible. The Commercial and Taxpayers of Fremont will, however, prove themselves equal to the occasion. Fully realizing that vigilance is the price of liberty, they have got up a strong remonstrance against any disturbance of their county, which has been very numerously signed by the taxpayers, and forwarded to the legislature, which, it is hoped, will be successful in frustrating the nefarious scheme of the Bingham—Idaho and their allies.

The Reading Library society will hold its regular weekly meeting Saturday evening, March 2nd, when the following report will be debated: "Resolved, that the laws of nature tend more to discourage crime than does the fear of punishment."

Our district school, which has been closed for some time on account of sickness, resumed its session Monday, Feb. 18, with a very large attendance of scholars.

The Rexburg Dramatic company will soon place on the boards the drama "Above the Clouds" and the farce "Handsome." The members of this company have attained a high course of excellence and the people of Rexburg look forward with pleasure to their reappearance before the footlights.

The First ward Sunday school held a very profitable review last Sunday, which renewed the school to a progressive and up to the times in all Sunday school duties. Great credit is due Bro. Thos. E. Hamblin and his associates in bringing this school to such a high standard of efficiency.

The Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. combined of the Second ward met a very interesting local session on Sunday evening last, which was well attended and a very instructive program rendered.

Pres. Thos. E. Ricks, assisted by the Bishopric of the Second and Rexburg Second wards, held a very interesting meeting in the Tabernacle in this county seat house on Sunday, Feb. 24. The building was crowded to overflowing. A good spirit prevailed and some very valuable instructions were given. During the meeting President Ricks called for a vote of all those who desired to be organized into a ward. The vote was unanimous in favor of a ward organization. It was, however, left for the present deemed advisable to give them a ward organization, which was accordingly done, with Elder George Hammond as presiding Elder. This church comprises of nearly ward, and part of Rexburg ward, and has in it about 400 souls. It covers some of the finest farms in Fremont county. Some years ago a Sunday school was organized in this church with an enrollment of nearly one hundred, at which time the following officers were appointed: Geo. W. Watson, superintendent; Wm. Widtsoe, first assistant; Jos. Rigby, Jr., and Thos. Parker, second assistant; Wm. Widtsoe, secretary. More anon. LY LOOKER.

The Bondholders.

Few Bonds Now Available at Attractive Rates for Sale.

The Bondholders' Meeting and Union Pacific Land Grant Conference, which was held in Salt Lake last week, has brought good results, says a writer in Union News. The original order was a great one which resulted in the sale, with its accompanying conditions, of about half a million of bonds. Like all other bonds issued in Utah, the bondholders were made quite plain, that the Union Pacific would not be responsible for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds, and that the bondholders must look to the Utah and Idaho land grant for the money to pay the principal and interest of the bonds. It is no secret that Utah Mormons are not willing buyers for the Union Pacific land, and, generally speaking, they would not have bought the bonds if they had not been induced to do so by the promise that they would be able to sell the land at a good profit. Experience has shown that the Mormons are not good land speculators, and that they have not been able to sell the land at a profit. The result is that the Union Pacific has not been able to sell the land, and the bondholders have not been able to realize on the land, and they have not been able to realize on the bonds. The result of the conference was that the bondholders will not foreclose on the land, but will give the Union Pacific more time to sell the land, and that the Union Pacific will do all in its power to sell the land, and that the bondholders will do all in their power to help the Union Pacific to sell the land. The Union Pacific has not been able to realize on the land, and the bondholders have not been able to realize on the bonds. The result is that the Union Pacific has not been able to sell