

# Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

## TEN YEARS FOR BRITISH FATHER.

Last Chapter in Story of Horrible Crime Committed in Ada County.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOY HOLDUP.

Boise Lad Borrows His Father's Rifle And Goes Into the Highway Robbery Business.

## Special Correspondence.

**BOISE, Ida., Feb. 16.**—Ed Suttles, who sometime ago was tried in the district court of Ada county on a charge of immoral conduct with his daughter, Edna, who was the complaining witness in the case, was convicted Monday in the district court at Albion, Cassia county, on the same charge and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

The charge on which he was convicted was brought against him by Ruth Hudson, whom he disgraced at the time he brought her to the state penitentiary. It will be remembered that at Suttles' trial in Boise the jury returned a verdict of guilty within 13 minutes after the case was submitted, but owing to the fact that the complaining witness in the case, Edna Suttles, denied before the court the statements she had formerly made to the police officers as to the positive guilt of her father, the judge was forced to set aside the verdict and suspend judgment on the ground that the evidence adduced would not warrant conviction.

The traveling guard of the penitentiary arrived yesterday from Albion, bringing with him Ed Suttles and two other prisoners for confinement in that institution.

## DIME NOVEL RESPONSIBLE.

A few days ago young Earl Eby, aged 15, was arrested at the point of a Winchester rifle at the Caldwell road, last week, and relieving him of all the money he had on his person, which amounted to \$2.98.

Young Eby is a pupil at the Boise High school, and resides with his parents seven miles out from the city. He rides this distance every morning on horseback, returning home after school in the afternoon. His parents are highly respected citizens.

After his arrest the boy was quarantined at the source of the inspiration causing the commission of the crime for which he is now held responsible. His answer was, "I guess it is because I have been reading 'Diamond Dick' stories and associated with evil companions."

## BOY ARRESTED.

Nothing was suspected on the part of his parents. The thought had just returned from school. The next morning he made ready as usual and returned to school, thinking that his adventure of the day before would be forgotten, but instead, he found, to his surprise, Phillips waiting at the school for him. The freighter had notified the Caldwell police, and from the fact that the boy wore the high school uniform there was no difficulty experienced in locating him. His father was notified and came immediately to the boy, who confessed in tears to the whole story. A fine was imposed at the hearing of young Eby, which the father paid, thus releasing the boy.

## STEUNENBERG CASE.

A stipulation has been signed by James H. Hawley, prosecuting attorney for the prosecution in the case of Harry Orchard, who is awaiting trial for the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, and by Fred Miller of Spokane, a lawyer for the defense, postponing the trial of the case to the next term of the court in Canyon county, which will convene in April, beginning with Tuesday, the 24th.

It is understood that the legal questions to be raised by the defense will be disposed of at the February term, but no evidence will be heard until April. Attorney Miller, after signing this stipulation, returned to Spokane.

## FOREST RESERVE MEETING.

The Idaho Wool Growers' association has called a meeting of that body to be held in Boise on the 21st of this month. The purpose of the meeting is to reconsider the resolutions adopted at the annual convention at Weiser, Dec. 12, namely: Commending the forest reserve policy, and the objections raised by the sheep men to the regulations adopted by the forestry service are, in short, these: That the Washington authorities have decided, without considering the interests of the sheepmen, that no sheep shall be admitted to a forest reserve until June 1st; that discrimination is made between the stock and sheepmen, in favor of the former, and that the reserves take in the country so low down into the valleys that they include a very large portion of the spring range.

This condition of affairs—keeping the sheep off the ranges coming within the confines of the many forest reserves in this state—will seriously injure the sheep industry in Idaho, say the sheepmen.

So serious does the president of the association, Fred W. Gooding, take the situation to be, that he has gone to Washington to take the matter up with the authorities there and secure, if possible, a modification of the "improper" rulings.

After two weeks of beautiful sun-

shine Boise is now being visited with a heavy rain, which set in last night.

## PRISON IMPROVEMENTS.

A number of improvements of very great importance have been decided on by the state penitentiary commissioners, to be carried into effect during the coming year. At recent meetings of these commissioners it was decided to put in a swimming pool almost immediately, so that the prison domestic water supply might be increased. A heating plant will also be installed, although the latter will probably not be put in until after the new cell wing has been completed and put into use.

## MODEL FARM.

The commissioners and Warden Whitney feel that the opportunity is ripe for the development of a model farm in connection with the institution. Although the prison reserve is of considerable size, the land capable of cultivation around the penitentiary is limited. However, the state owns a quantity of very fine land on the bench south of the Boise river, which will be reclaimed by the government reclamation project. Contracts for the construction of the dam and digging of the canal will soon be let, and it is expected that the work will be completed during the present year. The plan at present is to secure through purchase or lease a section of this land, and there raise the great portion of the food stuffs consumed in the penitentiary. The land could be cultivated by men from the prison. This would greatly reduce the cost of maintenance.

## IRRIGATION SCHEME.

Still another project of improvement is to join with private owners on the north side of the Boise river, and run a ditch from this government dam, about to be built to the penitentiary grounds. The matter has been practically arranged, it being agreed that if the penitentiary and private owners shall construct this ditch, the cost of the work will be credited by the government on the cost of their water right.

During the past year the state land board selected several sections of the hill lands lying to the north and east of the penitentiary. These lands will be used for the purpose of raising hay and used for pasturage. It is the belief of the land board that these lands, lying immediately contiguous to this city, will in future years prove of enormous value to the school fund.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The proposition to fix a date for the Steunenberg memorial services in all parts of the state, which Gov. Gooding has decided on, is meeting with general favor. The governor, however, states that it is difficult to tell at present just what date will be fixed on. It is now thought that these services will be delayed until some time after the trial of Harry Orchard, who is charged with the ex-governor's murder. Gov. Gooding feels that further agitation of the matter by the holding of such services in the state, and that these committees will be urged, as far as possible, to see that these memorial services are held in every church and school house in the state.

## TO INSPECT N. G. I.

Major L. P. Davidson, U. S. A., retired, who is serving in connection with the national guard at headquarters here, has been appointed by the war department to inspect the various companies of the Idaho national guard. He expects to leave for the northern part of the state next Friday or Saturday, and will inspect the military companies at Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Grangeville in the order named. Major Davidson will also visit the Idaho university at Moscow, on Feb. 21, on the occasion of the cadet battalion ball. His trip to the north will consume two weeks. On his return, the companies at St. Anthony, Rexburg, Blackfoot and Pocatello will be inspected, and last those at Weiser, Payette and Nampa. By stipulation between the attorneys, the case of the state against Harry Orchard, charged with the murder of ex-Gov. Frank Steunenberg, it was decided should not come up for trial at the March term of court. It is now thought that Orchard will be tried at the April term in Canyon county.

## FIRST SHIPMENTS OVER MALAD BRANCH.

**MALAD CITY, Feb. 15.**—The first car load of cattle was shipped this week. Eighteen head of horses boarded the train on the new Short Line feeder.

Mrs. Ann Jones of St. John died Monday. The funeral services will be held today.

Jenkin Jones, Sr., spent a number of days in Logan last week, returning Monday.

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On Monday night a social was given in the opera house. The gathering was in the form of a welcome home to Elders Alma Morrison and Matthias Wilson Lowe, two young missionaries. The entertainment, under the auspices of the local missionary fund committee, was a successful success in every sense of the word.

There have been no deaths here for some time and but little sickness. On the other hand the population is increasing. One of the latest arrivals came to Franklin on Thursday night when Mrs. William Olverson introduced her husband to an olive branch of the masculine gender.

Business is somewhat stagnant but better times are anticipated with the advent of spring which almost seems to be coming with the advance guard of the new year.

A social entertainment was one of the features here on Wednesday in honor of two veterans, Parliarch Isaac B. Nash and Elizabeth Church workers. The entertainment was given in the meetinghouse. Since 1853 Elder Nash has been connected with Church work in Franklin, Idaho.

The entertainment consisted of the presentation of a beautiful basket of household flowers to Elder Nash and Mrs. Fox and appropriate responses on the part of the honored guests.

## WEEK'S HAPPENINGS IN MINIDOKA DISTRICT.

**Special Correspondence.**  
**MINIDOKA, Ida., Feb. 15.**—It looks as though spring has come, as it is raining quite hard tonight. Nearly all the snow has disappeared.

The Imperial Salt & Dorr factory has now resumed work after a close-down since Christmas.

The Latter-day Saints of this place have succeeded in purchasing a new organ for their meetinghouse.

A number of townspeople are quite anxious that spring would come, so that work may be resumed on the project of the Minidoka project.

Mr. Ross, engineer in charge of the Minidoka project, met with the settlers last week in a meeting. He recommended that the settlement be organized into a permanent association in order to control the water when it is put upon the land.

A committee of three was selected to meet with similar committees from the north side to draft bylaws and outline a plan for organization to be acted upon by the settlers in the near future. On the committee from the south side were Frank Riblett, Geo. Cramer and Demetri Roberbaugh.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper died last evening of whooping cough.

A serious accident happened last Friday evening at the home of Mr. W. D. Kitchens, who lives about two miles south of town, in which Johnny, the 10-year-old son of Mr. Kitchens was the victim. How the accident happened will probably never be known, as it occurred after dark. The little fellow had taken his father's horses and tied them to the wagon in order to fill the manger with hay before putting them in the stable. After doing so, it is thought that he tried to get on one to ride, and in doing so the horse jerked away, threw him down and either kicked him or stepped on him. When picked up he had almost gone. It was found upon examination that the skull had been broken just behind the left ear, and there were a number of bruises upon his back.

Dr. Nielsen of Oakley was sent for and found that the only remedy that could be done was to perform an operation, but when the time came for this to be performed it was found that he was too weak to stand the ordeal. The little fellow lingered until Sunday afternoon, when he passed away, having never regained consciousness.

The funeral services were held in the L. D. S. church Tuesday afternoon, the meetinghouse being packed to its fullest capacity. Consoling remarks were made by Elders M. O. Funk of Oakley, L. W. Robbins, C. L. Haight and Presiding Elder P. A. Webb. The burial took place in the cemetery and the children to pay their last respects to one of their playmates.

## WEEKLY BUDGET FROM CASSIA CO.

Three Months of Freezing Weather is Now Followed by a Sloppy Thaw.

## CENTRAL SCHOOL IN ORDER.

Oakley Citizens Unite on a Proposition To Erect a \$20,000 Structure For That Purpose.

**Special Correspondence.**  
**OAKLEY, Cassia Co., Ida., Feb. 15.**—The "February thaw" has come, following nearly three months of almost constant freezing weather. There is an unusual large amount of snow stored in the mountains, so that an abundance of water is assured for the farmers' use.

Principal A. M. Merrill of the state academy returned from Richmond, Utah, last evening, where he went last week to attend the obsequies of his father, M. W. Merrill.

M. O. Funk and Mrs. L. W. Robbins went to Burley yesterday to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Snake River Improvement company of which they are members. President W. A. Hyde of the Pocatello stake has been visiting relatives in Oakley.

For several weeks there has been a movement on foot among the enterprise men of this section to unite the three existing school districts and form one large independent school district with a central school building and campus to accommodate all the children of school age in the district.

Enthusiastic mass meetings were held in different parts of the settlement with this object in view. The idea was crystallized into definite shape last night at a meeting held in the academy, when the trustees were authorized to proceed along the lines indicated. This means that Oakley will soon begin the erection of a \$20,000 school building. The plan is to bond the district and secure the necessary means with which to complete the work. The bonds are to run for three years without interest, at the end of which time the first payment will be met. This will give the people an opportunity to accumulate a sinking fund derived from a small special tax levied for that purpose, so that the money with which to meet the annual payments will be on hand before the same is due.

The stockholders of the People's Union Corporation of Oakley held their annual meeting on Feb. 12, electing the former board of directors, with the exception of John Larson, who retired on account of poor health, and James Post was elected to fill the place. A dividend of 5 per cent was declared—the first since the formation of the company, seven years ago. Two years ago this concern was over \$23,000 in debt, but through the adoption of the cash system of business it has been able to pay up, and today presents an exceedingly solid showing.

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## PARIS IS GETTING READY FOR SPRING.

**Special Correspondence.**  
**PARIS, Ida., Feb. 15.**—At present there is an extended thaw. The snow, nearly a foot in depth a few days ago, is reduced now to only a few inches, and the roads in many places are almost bare. Hay has been higher in price this winter than for several seasons past, owing to recent large purchases for the feeding of "church" cattle and to the shipping of large quantities out to mining camps in Wyoming. If the weather becomes colder now, however, the price will probably drop, as there is yet a considerable amount unsold. Stock is in good condition. The prospects for plenty of irrigation water next summer are very encouraging to the farmers of this section.

Both the district school and the Fielding academy are doing first-class work this season, the combined attendance being about 450 students.

Orson Pendry is erecting a new building on Main street for his drug store, and is renting his brick building to Scowcroft Bros. of Ogden, who intend launching forth here in the mercantile business on March 1.

A week ago one of the most pleasing events of the season occurred in the banquet given in the First ward meetinghouse by the stake choir. About 200 people were seated at the sumptuously spread tables. After which a most entertaining program was rendered, Choir Leader J. R. Shepherd acting as master of ceremonies.

The health of the community has been exceptionally good during the winter. All the ward organizations are in good order and are doing aggressive work. Among the regular entertainments are the bi-weekly sessions of the Fielding academy Polytechnic society, which are becoming more popular all the time.

## MONTPELIER PIONEER MEETS WITH ACCIDENT.

**Special Correspondence.**  
**MONTPELIER, Ida., Feb. 15.**—Ann Jones, one of the pioneers of this town, met with a serious and extremely painful accident Tuesday evening, while going to the home of her son Frank she slipped and fell, breaking her right thigh in two places. Dr. Poynter, who was summoned, immediately set the broken limb, and she is now resting as comfortably as could be expected. Mrs. Jones is the surviving widow of the late Jacob Jones; she is the mother of a large family, and has indeed done much toward the comfort of those who were afflicted, and has in this manner won the heartfelt affection and gratitude of the entire community who deeply sympathize with her in this, her sore affliction.

The ward board which was arranged for the purpose of assisting in liquidating the ward's indebtedness, is proving a great success. The people generally have contributed very freely, and the business men who were visited only two were found who were not magnanimous enough to make a contribution towards the enterprise. Over 50 per cent of the articles contributed were disposed of during the first day of the fair. A nice program has been arranged for each afternoon and evening, the whole to conclude with a grand ball this evening.

The Montpelier Commercial club is making an effort to consolidate the two school districts, Nos. 10 and 15, for the purpose of bonding and erecting a public high school. The proposition is meeting with a little opposition on account of the present indebtedness of the two districts, as well as the present high taxes for the payment of other bonds. A few months ago an irrigation district was formed and bonded for \$36,000; last fall the city was bonded for \$50,000, and now to ask the taxpayers to vote another \$35,000 bond, which would be necessary to carry into effect the present project, is more than some folks feel would be wisdom and proper.

The R. M. B. Telephone company sent two of its auditors up here to check up the accounts of the local office at this place, and in doing so found the manager, H. B. Thomas, who was sent here from Salt Lake, short in the sum of \$428.31. It is admitted, however, that

this shortage is due to carelessness, and not intentional dishonesty. Mr. Thomas was placed under arrest Saturday evening, and is now having a preliminary hearing. It is expected that Mr. Thomas will make an effort to settle up the shortage, providing the company will be satisfied therewith and drop the case.

## LEIGH CHANGES ITS NAME TO CLAWSON.

**Special Correspondence.**  
**LEIGH, Fremont Co., Ida., Feb. 15.**—Ward conference was held here in the North Leigh schoolhouse Saturday and Sunday, and concluded with a conjoint session of the Mutual Improvement workers.

About two years ago the townsite was located north of here, about a mile and a half, and at this conference it was moved back to the old townsite, and the ward was given the name of Clawson instead of Leigh. The name was given in honor of H. B. Clawson, Sr., of Salt Lake, father of Apostle Clawson.

The presence of the stake was unexpected, and all had a good time in meeting together. It will be some time before the name of the postoffice can be changed. This locality is expected to have a free delivery before long. A petition in the hands of President Briggs, and will be taken up in the near future.

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## POCATELLO MEN HAVE A SCHEME.

Merchants Unite in an Agreement To Put Down Ticket Peddling Graft.

## GEORGE HICKS FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted of the Crime of Assault With Intent to Commit Murder On Officer Brown.

## Special Correspondence.

**POCATELLO, Feb. 15.**—A movement is on foot here to unite the merchants in an agreement to close all stores at 6 o'clock, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 20, and also to refuse to "treat" customers, or to buy tickets to any balls, theatricals, concerts or entertainments of any nature. This action has been found necessary because of the number of people who have drifted into the practice of peddling tickets to the merchants for every little local affair that comes up, thereby working a hardship upon the storekeepers, and greatly reducing their profits.

The same argument obtains with reference to the "treating" habit, or custom. In future it is the intention to impress upon the minds of the people the fact that they are receiving the full value for their money and consequently must not expect to receive any favors when they come to settle their accounts.

It is claimed that this rule prevails in business in the east, and can be as successfully carried out here.

## A JOKE ON THE HUMORIST.

One of the linemen employed in putting in the new service for the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company here was the star actor in a little one-act drama that was played on the streets yesterday. A certain individual who had imbibed rather freely in the "goods" sold at the Q. P. saloon had his attention directed to the blind man who was playing an organ and soliciting means from the passersby. Immediately Mr. Boozefighter walked