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## CITIZENS WANT INDIAN CREEK COURSE CHANGED

### THE PEOPLE THINK THAT THE CITY SHOULD ORDER A PRELIMINARY SURVEY BEFORE VOTING BONDS FOR BRIDGE

The Tribune mentioned in the last issue the necessity of changing the course of Indian Creek from its present location, by conducting it along the foot hills east of the city, commencing at a point just above the stock yards and following the foot hills to the river. In order to get an expression from some of the citizens regarding this important matter, the Tribune publishes the result of the various interviews. It will be observed that the sentiment is largely in favor of changing the creek. The change if made would benefit the city from two points of view, one as a economical proposition, as there would then be no necessity for the numerous expensive bridges and from a sanitary view, it would doubtless remove the possibility of a fever epidemic. The Tribune fully concurs with a large majority of the citizens of Caldwell that a preliminary survey of the proposed location should be made before submitting a \$15,000 bonding proposition to a vote if it would be less expensive to change the creek it should be done, if not, then vote the bonds.

S. D. Simpson, cashier of the Western Nat. Bank, says: "I feel this to see the creek changed if the cost would not be too great. I am in favor of a preliminary survey being made so as to arrive at the approximate cost. As the creek now is, it is neither a thing of beauty nor a joy forever."

D. D. Campbell, president of the Western Nat. Bank, says: "I feel this way: I would like to see the creek changed, but I am of the opinion that the cost would be too great and don't think this is the time to make the change. I believe that when Indian Creek is changed, that a canal 15 feet wide on the bottom should be excavated for it. I would like to see a preliminary survey made before any large amount of expense is made."

Ex-Judge F. J. Smith says: "I have not given the subject much thought but I am in favor of either changing the creek or cleaning it out, for as it now is it is a menace to the health of our city. Yes, I

would favor the idea of a survey so that the probable expense could be known before steps are taken for making the change."

Alex. Ballantyne of the firm of Ballantyne Bros. says: "I believe the creek should be changed from its present bed and taken along the foot hills east of town. It would be well for a survey to be made as soon as possible with the view of ascertaining the probable cost."

Louis Schnable says: "I am in favor of taking the creek out of town. I am not in favor of running it along the foot hills east of the city."

W. B. Jones says: "I am in favor of having Indian Creek changed from its present location. Yes, I think it would be a good idea to have a preliminary survey made to determine the necessary expense."

J. T. Hay of Doan & Hay says: "Yes, I think something should be done with Indian Creek. I believe that the city council should have a preliminary survey made, before any extra expense is incurred."

J. C. Rice president of the Caldwell Banking & Trust Co. says: "I believe it would be a good scheme to make a preliminary survey so that we may have some idea as to the probable cost of changing the creek from its present location. It is a sure thing that something should be done with Indian Creek."

L. S. Dillie, cashier of the Caldwell Banking & Trust Co. says: "The city should have a preliminary survey made to determine the probable cost of changing the creek. It is only a matter of time when something will have to be done with the creek, either flume it or change its location."

H. W. Dorman: "I believe the money necessary for bridging Indian Creek in the next five years to meet the requirements of the needs of our growing city will build a new water course for the creek near the Canyon Hill on our north."

Henry Zeh says: "I believe something should be done with Indian Creek. I am in favor of changing its course and the city should have a survey made with that end in view."

H. D. Andrews of the Central Lum-

ber Co. says: "I think property in the City of Caldwell is too valuable to let Indian Creek run through the entire of it. Put it out at the foot hills. It will raise our property double in the city."

M. A. Roberts says: "I am in favor of the city council having a survey made so as to determine the probable cost of changing the creek before anything definite is done. Oh, Yes, the creek should be changed by all means."

T. W. Boone says: "I am positively opposed to taking Indian Creek from its present location. It has always been there and let it stay where it is."

R. S. Madden, ex-mayor of Caldwell, says: "I believe for the sake of proper drainage for the town it will become necessary soon to have drainage trenches on both east and west of town. I believe that Indian Creek can be successfully changed from its present location to a course along the foot hills east of town. I should like to see it done. I believe it is the proper thing for the council to have a preliminary survey made of the route along the foot hills."

G. D. Snell, cashier of the 1st Nat. Bank, says that he believes that it would be a good thing for the town, providing that it does not cost too much money. "I think it would be advisable for the council to have a survey made to determine the probable cost of making the change."

E. C. Lavering: "I am in favor of taking Indian Creek out of its present location. I thought at one time of circulating a petition to present to the city council asking that they take steps with the view of changing the creek."

W. G. Cowden when asked by the Tribune scribe for an expression relative to changing the bed of Indian Creek from its present position to one more remote from the business center of Caldwell, said: "I would say that this proposition is certainly well worth investigating. That Indian Creek in its present location is an eye sore and a source of great expense to the city I believe none will deny. Flowing through the center of the town it entails almost endless expense in the matter of bridges. As the town increases in size and prosperity it will not be content with old-fashioned plr driving piers and any other suitable construction will cost lots of money. Even now we are asked to incur an indebtedness of \$17,000.00 more or less for two bridges only."

How much better if this money could be spent on the outlying approach to Caldwell, thus inducing a larger trade from surrounding country, than to spend it in a vain endeavor to imitate a metropolitan city. It is more to our advantage to get the people to Caldwell to trade than to give them a few paved blocks or artistic bridges to ride over after arriving."

As to a positive opinion the proposed change it is impossible to say without an estimate of cost. This our city engineer should be asked to furnish and if feasible plans are presented, such a change should be advocated and that too before large sums of money are spent on bridges, which would be come useless when the stream had been diverted."

Indian Creek thrown against the bench east of town would furnish a drainage for the low lands adjoining.

the matrimonial sea in this county for many moons. Frank is not yet 19 and his young wife is not 17. The couple will have the best wishes of the entire city for their future success.

Albert Swope and Alice I. Stone received a license Monday. Mr. Swope is a resident of Boise and Miss Stone resides at Nampa.

Fred G. Goff and Ruth James got permission to wed anytime after 10 A. M. Monday. Mr. Goff is a Boise man and Miss James hails from Payette.

W. J. Douglass and Catherine Demmitt came over from Vale, Oregon, in order that there might be no questions regarding the legality of the papers.

Badley is of the opinion that the flurry will abate after the 4th and that business will resume its normal state.

Charley Paine, the Roswell orchardist was in town Wednesday. To a Tribune reporter Mr. Paine said that the fruit crop would be about

as large as last year, especially so far as prunes are concerned. He has just placed an order for prune crates sufficient to load 21 cars. His order for apple boxes will be placed later on. The pear crop is practically a failure—the frost caught all his pears. It was previously stated in The Tribune that Mr. Paine was experimenting with the pear blight by pruning. He says there is no perceptible difference in his pear trees, no blight having appeared so far. The blight is puzzling others besides Mr. Paine.

### Clerk's Office.

The county clerk's office has received blank books for the registration of marriages, births and deaths. This is made necessary by reason of the new medical bill passed by the late lamented legislature. One copy each of the death registers must be sent to each doctor, minister, coroner, sexton and undertaker in the county. It requires 85 copies to supply Canyon county.

Those getting birth registers are doctors and midwives. Those families who do not require either doctor or midwife must be supplied with a register. It is predicted that the demand will be large in the southern portion of the state. The birth register contains columns for the following data: date, place, name of child, sex, race or color, number in family living or still born, parent's names, color, occupations, birthplace, age, residence, maiden name of mother, is child legitimate? It requires 60 of these books to fit out Canyon County so as to be able to comply with the law. Then there is the marriage register; ministers and Justices of the Peace are the only ones who get copies, but it will take about 80 to go around in this county. It is not to be wondered at that there was objections to the medical bill in the legislature. However, it is predicted that the law will be of great benefit to the state.

### Liberality.

Oakes Brothers tendered the free use of space in their store room to the several churches in Caldwell on the following liberal terms. The firm donates 5 per cent of all their sales on the days the sales are being held. Thus, for instance, the Catholic church had a sales day on Wednesday; their receipts were \$38, the donation from Oakes Brothers was \$7. Baptist day was Thursday \$10 was the amount received from Oakes Brothers and the receipts for ice cream and cake was \$7.50 making a total of \$17.50. Friday the Methodists take their turn, but owing to The Tribune going to press before the receipts have been figured up it is unable to publish the amount.

### Caldwell Railroad Sold

It is now practically settled that the Boise Valley Electric Rail Road Company has purchased the Caldwell Interurban. The deal has been on for sometime but it was not until this week that the preliminary papers were signed. The transaction is based on a \$57,550 deal. The Interurban has a bonded indebtedness of \$30,000 and stock has been issued in the amount of \$27,550. The agreement is, that the Boise Valley road shall assume the bonded debt of \$30,000 and issue first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds to the stockholders at par for all the stock thus far issued amounting to \$27,550. The bonds run 30 years.

While Dr. Ustick and Robert Noble are reticent regarding their future operations it is known that they will first complete their road to Caldwell as it is now about seven miles west of Boise and the supplies are all bought and paid for and are in the yards at Boise. The work of completing the road will be a matter of only a few months. They will extend the road from the terminal at the government dam to the Roswell country and cross the Boise river nearby opposite to Farms, and return to Caldwell on the north side of the river. Another line will be built from Lake Lowell to the Warm Springs in Owyhee county. With the completion of this line Caldwell will then be the hub for two electric roads whose bands of steel will radiate to all points of the compass as there is no land within a radius of 25 miles but can be brought under irrigation. Already preliminary steps have been taken to irrigate the vast stretch of country lying between the Boise and

## SENSATIONAL SHOOTING AFFAIR AT BOISE SUNDAY

### HEDGES ATTEMPTS TO KILL WHITEWAY IN A FIT OF JEALOUSY---PROMINENT PEOPLE QUARRLED IN THIS AFFAIR

A sensational shooting affair occurred in one of the rooms of the Idanha hotel at Boise Sunday afternoon. H. M. Hedges, a well known civil engineer, and for years superintendent and secretary of the Pioneer Irrigation District, fired seven shots at A. S. Whiteway, the builder and contractor, seriously wounding him. Five of the shots took effect. He is now laying at St. Luke's hospital at Boise. It is thought that there is little danger of the wounds proving fatal. The cause of the shooting was jealousy. The facts immediately preceding the sad affair are as follows:

Saturday Mrs. Hedges, accompanied by Miss Anna Parks, went to Boise on the Pony. Mr. Whiteway was on the train. Immediately upon arriving in Boise the two women went to the Idanha hotel and secured the rooms of suite 5. Saturday evening Mr. Hedges arrived in Boise from Shoshone. He met his wife, and they together with Mr. Whiteway and Miss Parks went to the dance. At this time everything was apparently all right. Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hedges and Miss Parks went to the ball game. Mrs. Hedges returned from the ball game with some other Caldwell people. Mr. Hedges came soon after and meeting Whiteway on the sidewalk, when he was with his wife and children, asked him to come up to his room as he wanted to speak to him.

Whiteway accompanied Hedges to his room, where Mrs. Hedges had preceded him. Upon entering the room Hedges closed the door, and turned to Whiteway and his wife and demanded to know what was the meaning of their conduct, and what there was between them. Mrs. Hedges did not answer. Whiteway started to answer when Hedges drew a 32 Colt's automatic revolver and opened fire. Seven shots were fired, five of which took effect. Mrs. Hedges screamed for help and rushed into the hall still screaming. A crowd soon gathered. Hedges walked out into the hall and gave himself up to the police officer who had just arrived.

Description of Wounds. The first shot was fired at close

range and struck Whiteway in the back of the neck, just missing the end of the spinal column. The bullet plowed forward striking the jaw bone and breaking it. The bullet is still lodged in the bone although great effort has been made to extract it. Two other bullets passed through the right leg, neither striking the bone. Another bullet grazed the right side. At the present time Whiteway is slowly recovering. Unless blood poisoning sets in, there is no danger of death from the wounds.

Hedges in Jail. Hedges was taken down stairs by the officers. A standerby offered the use of his automobile, and into it got Hedges, his wife, the officer and the owner of the automobile. It is said that Hedges said that he had taken that man to his room to kill him and turning to his wife said: "I didn't have nerve enough to shoot you too." This was the only statement that has been made by Hedges. Judge Smith who was in Boise at the time saw Hedges at the County jail. He advised Hedges to say nothing, and on the advice of his attorney he will make no statement. The preliminary was to have been held yesterday but was postponed.

The Story told. The cause of the trouble was undoubtedly jealousy, whether it was justified or not. The Tribune cannot say. Mrs. Hedges claims that Mr. Hedges was unreasonably jealous. She claims that there was nothing wrong between her and Mr. Whiteway. We do not know Mr. Hedges' side of the story.

Owing to the prominence of the parties concerned, the affair is quite sensational. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges came to Caldwell three years ago. Mr. Hedges became secretary and superintendent of the Pioneer Irrigation District, in which capacity he served for three years. He is considered one of the best civil engineers in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges were always highly respected in Caldwell. Mr. Whiteway is builder and contractor. He had the contract for the Canyon County court house, and also has a contract for our new high school building. He was generally respected and esteemed.

Payette rivers. The Tribune will not attempt to estimate the benefit that Caldwell will derive from the location of this road. On the one hand it passes through a country already under high state of cultivation, while by acquiring the Caldwell Interurban it makes easy access to a section of country that in two years or less will blossom as the rose.

Caldwell is now on the threshold of the greatest prosperity of any town in the state. It does not require a soothsayer to predict her future, for it is plainly to be seen that in five years she will be a city of 10,000.

Much credit is due the citizens who by their liberality made it possible for this enterprise to be brought to a successful issue; they builded better than they knew. The citizens of Caldwell have always had a reputation for push and energy and it is pleasant to know, that while some of the "old guard" have passed away and some moved to other localities, yet their places have been filled and Caldwell, the Magic City, continues to show a solid front.

Miss Finney, one of the professors in the College of Idaho, will spend her vacation in Caldwell. She said she is so much in love with Caldwell that she could not think of leaving.

Dr. E. E. Dutton, the Caldwell ice man, was in Nampa Thursday extending his sympathies to the ice man at Nampa in his loss by the recent fire.

A. Doore, one of the prosperous farmers on Pleasant Ridge, has bonded his farm for \$10,800, the bond runs until October. It is reported that a number of Quaker families contemplate locating in this vicinity,

and it was to one of these that Mr. Doore has bonded to.

Marshal Maxey arrested four young ladies for fast and reckless riding on the streets. The quartet were brought before Judge Shorly and plead guilty to the charge. The Judge gave them some advice and discharged them. The marshal says this fast riding on the streets must be stopped if it takes all summer.

Sheriff Thorp passed through Caldwell Thursday, for Weiser, where he goes for the purpose of capturing a check forger. It appears that a friend of Pinney Long's requested him to endorse a check for \$25. "Pinney" is an accommodating cuss, as well as a good ball player, so he placed his autograph on the check and then it looked good to Ralph Seebree, who cashed it, but the Boise bank was more particular and turned it down. This is why he is so anxious to meet his former friend.

There has been no new developments in the San Francisco and Caldwell railroad situation since last week, other than that surveyors have been working this week in the city, straightening out some lines and making some trifling changes. Mr. E. R. Place writes that he will arrive in Caldwell not later than Monday. "Further the deponent saith not."

One of the features of the band concert last night was the vocal music by Mr. Manning, of Boise.

Mr. J. A. Dement came down from his sheep camp Thursday evening. He says that they have had much severe weather in the mountains this spring. Mr. Dement and family will leave for the mountains immediately after July 4th.