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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETS AND DOES BUSINESS

State Has One Hundred Million

MANY DISCREPANCIES FOUND IN SEVERAL COUNTIES--SHEEP AND LAND ARE MISSING IN FREMONT AND BLAINE COUNTIES
--ABSTRACT OF BOARD'S FINDINGS

The state board of equalization met in adjourned session yesterday with all the members present. Auditor Robert Bragaw reported that the abstracts from all the counties had been received and a general review was made of the same. Blaine county was the last to report and the abstract shows a decrease in the assessed valuation amounting to \$319,036, and a shortage of 3000 acres in patented lands. There is an increase in the valuation of patented lands, while more than 180,000 sheep are unaccounted for in the abstract. It is presumed that these have been classed as "migratory" and were therefore not returned at an assessed valuation by the county. The abstract of Blaine county is defective in the same respect as that of Fremont county, which shows a decrease in the assessed valuation of that county amounting to \$185,006, which is accounted for by 23,000 acres of missing patented lands, and migratory sheep. The Elmore county returns also present some inconsistencies that will come up for special hearing by the board.

Auditor Bragaw as secretary of the board was instructed to summon assessors of Fremont, Elmore and Blaine counties to appear before the board on Tuesday morning, August 20, at 10 o'clock.

The returns show an increase in acreage of patented lands of 821,675, over 4,485,722 returned last year. Increase and decreases of the

assessed valuation of these lands by the acre in the different counties as shown by the returns are as follows: Ada, decrease 62 cents; Bannock, decrease 4 cents; Bear Lake, increase 4 cents; Bingham, increase \$1.13; Blaine, increase 13 cents; Boise, decrease \$1.31; Bonner, increase 69 cents; Canyon, decrease 42 cents; Cassia, decrease \$1.07; Custer same as last year; Elmore, increase, \$2.51, without 3000 acres missing; Fremont cannot be figured owing to 23,000 acres missing land; Idaho decrease 3 cents; Kootenai increase 67 cents; Latah, increase 46 cents; Lemhi, decrease \$1.02; Lincoln, decrease 41 cents; Nez Perce, decrease 39 cents; Oneida, increase 17 cents; Owyhee, increase \$1.20; Shoshone increase 1 cent; Twin Falls, increase \$5.22; Washington, increase 25 cents.

The total assessed valuation of the state, not including railway telegraph and telephone lines, as returned to the board, is as follows:

	1906.	1907.
Ada	\$ 8,984,554	\$10,508,699
Bannock	2,901,020	3,068,453
Bear Lake	1,241,803	1,297,797
Bingham	3,546,382	3,686,101
Blaine	2,166,861	1,847,825
Boise	1,333,813	1,545,300
Canyon	4,280,134	4,858,765
Cassia	3,129,052	1,303,697
Twin Falls		3,228,447
Custer	1,019,220	1,085,861
Elmore	1,016,829	1,163,974
Fremont	3,661,946	3,280,904

Question Settled.

The Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line will shortly publish a rate of \$6 per ton on soft coal from Missouri river points, that is Orinaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, to all points in Idaho, effective at the earliest legal date. The interstate commerce commission have been asked by wire for authority to put the rate in effect on short notice, the statutory requirement being thirty days. There is a large number of coal producers in the territory just east of the Missouri river that are ready to ship coal on this basis. The list of these producers, will be sent to all agents of the Oregon Short Line for distribution to the dealers and consumers.

The cost of laying this coal down at Missouri river points is \$3 per ton, so that the total cost to Idaho points will be \$9 per ton; as to what the dealers will charge is problematical, but as individuals can procure this \$9 rate and can lay in a large supply by combining their orders, the dealers will not be in position to hold up consumers. This is one of the most important developments in the fuel situation.

Darrow Talks.

Clarence Darrow returned to his desk today after several months' absence, during which he successfully conducted the defense of William D. Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, says the Chicago News. Mr. Darrow refused to make a definite statement regarding his connection with the next trial in this case. He said, however:

"In justice to my Chicago client I should not return to Idaho, as their interests demand my presence here. During my long absence there were business matters which suffered. I suppose I will have to defend the next case if there is to be another trial. I don't know if Mr. Richardson of Denver will be in the next case. I have heard no complaint as to the conduct of the case from the man on trial. He went free. That was enough. I presume that the men to be tried have some thing to say about the counsel. Everyone is much pleased. It would seem that there was enough glory to go around.

"Of course there usually is some friction in so long a case between counsel. There was no friction between lawyer and client or between myself and the Western Federation of Miners, however. The only foundation for the report that I was to retire was in an interview given out by Mr. Richardson—at least I know of nothing else on what that report could be based."

Ex-Mayor Put Vice on the Bum.

Ross Madden, Caldwell's first reform mayor, and who retired from office only a few months ago, was in Boise yesterday for a short visit.

During his administration of city affairs the redlight district was abolished in Caldwell and the habitues run out of town, the saloons regulated and disciplined, early closing adopted and the Sunday closing law enforced. The opposing element knew what Ross would do, and in his first race for mayor they defeated him. The second time, however, he was elected and a reform council with him.

The people there have become accustomed to the new order of things and the reforms enforced by Mayor Madden have been accepted now as the only way.

Madden is an unpretentious looking little cuss, with a good-natured, friendly boyish appearance, like he wanted to be on good terms with all mankind, but underneath it all is a mighty strong will. All his friends and enemies combined could not make him do what he believes is not on the level.

He sold his home place in Caldwell a few days ago and was in Boise getting data on the style for a new home which he will build shortly on another tract in Caldwell—Boise Union-let.

The Real Capitalist.

Those who seek to create prejudice against the capitalist or moneyed man fail to realize that any man who owns his own home, rears and educates his family to respect and obey the law, is a capitalist, the real genuine bone and sinew of the land, each asking within his little kingdom and the usual philosophy of the street corner agitator or walking delegate is simply to array man against himself.—Weiser Signal.

Idaho	2,864,316	2,909,414
Kootenai	3,817,894	2,926,961
Bonner		3,015,301
Latah	4,360,304	4,963,045
Lemhi	1,392,613	1,450,649
Lincoln	607,345	693,727
Nez Perce	7,800,895	8,898,239
Oneida	1,974,022	2,207,700
Owyhee	1,899,852	2,114,582
Shoshone	7,283,937	9,688,742
Washington	2,968,946	3,272,659

Total \$68,266,742 \$76,810,142
State Auditor Bragaw estimates that the assessment of the railway, telephone and telegraph lines when added to this will bring the figure to \$95,000,000. It is also expected that in crease will also be shown in Blaine and Fremont counties, when sheep are disposed of and the missing land accounted for. While the total assessed valuation may reach \$100,000,000 when the subsequent returns are made by the assessors of property overlooked in making their rounds, as these returns have in years gone by amounted sufficiently to make up the difference. Blaine county reports yesterday, returns property as follows:

Real estate and improvements—Patented lands, acres 140,594, valuation \$601,549; improvements on patented lands \$154,835; improvements on unpatented lands, \$15,625; city and town lots, 102,977, improvements thereon, \$222,890; patented mining property, acres \$204, valuation \$41,020, improvements on mining property, \$66,527. Total assessed valuation, real estate and improvements, \$1,303,513.

Personal property—Bank stock, \$115,500; cattle, 13,375, valuation, \$165,504; sheep 20,510, \$41,020; horses 3212, \$110,640; swine 386, \$1556; goods, wares and merchandise, \$127,825; wine and liquors, \$8300; shearing plants, \$2200. Total personal property, \$644,310
Grand total assessed valuation as equalized by the county commissioners, \$1,847,825.

Mr. H. R. Cleaver is in receipt of the following letter from the post office department. This letter is self-explanatory.

Washington, D. C., August 9, 1907.
Mr. H. R. Cleaver,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Sir:
With further reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo, with which you transmitted a petition for the establishment of city delivery at Caldwell, you are informed that while the revenues of the post office for the last fiscal year were \$10,623.31, \$874.40 of this amount was for box rents. If city delivery were established this source of revenue would decrease and the receipts of the post office would undoubtedly fall below the required \$10,000.00. It is not therefore deemed advisable to take favorable action on the application at this time.

Respectfully,
C. P. GRANDFIELD,
Acting First Assistant Postmaster General.

Johnson Makes Good.

Reports from the east indicate that Walter Johnson, the Weiser base ball pitcher is making good in the National league. Johnson's many admirers in Caldwell will be glad to learn of the boy's success. He is a wonder. We are glad that Idaho has brought out such a man.

Accident to Lineman.

Mr. Harrington a lineman on the Boise & Interurban road, suffered a serious injury Monday while stringing wire over the private line for the B. & I. company. In some way which he himself cannot explain he fell over on an independent telephone wire and while suspended in mid air 600 volts of direct current passed through his body. His left leg and shoulder were severely burned and the nervous shock sustained was a trying one, but Dr. Young, who attended him thinks his injuries will not be permanent. He was taken to his home at Boise Tuesday morning.

Perky Also Taken In.

Tuesday's Capital News says: Judge K. I. Perky of this city has been definitely employed in the cases of the Western Federation of Miners on the part of the defense.

The information came today in a letter from Charles H. Moyer, presi-

dent of the union, from Denver to Judge Perky and also to John Nugent.

Judge Perky's retainer covers all the cases in which the Federation is interested in Idaho, including the defense of Pettibone as well as that of Steve Adams, charged with murder in Shoshone county; C. W. Aller and Dr. Magee, charged with perjury alleged to have been committed in the Haywood trial.

His connection with the case does not signify that John Nugent will retire. On the contrary Judge Perky wishes it stated that it is the desire of the officials of the Western Federation that all the attorneys retained in the defense of Haywood be retained in the approaching cases and that, should any changes occur, they will occur by reason of withdrawal of counsel for personal reasons or otherwise.

This is taken to indicate, however, in view of the interviews authorized by Richardson in Denver, that Darrow will have charge of the defense and that Richardson will retire. Should Darrow have full charge of the cases, it is surmised that Nugent will also retire.

However, as matters now stand, Judge Perky has been added to the list of attorneys without other change.

Judge Perky is well known as an attorney in this state, having been connected with the defense of Gleason and "Diamondfield Jack" Davis, with James Hawley, now with the prosecution in these cases.

John Nugent will leave tomorrow for the coast, Spokane and Wallace, to be gone about two weeks.

As several of the cases will come up next month it is likely there will be a division of the attorneys, some being assigned to north Idaho and some to this section of the state.

A Monster Apple.

John Lingren on Saturday brought in an apple that is a monster, measuring 16 inches around and weighing 28 ounces. It was raised on his place east of town. He does not know the name of the apple. In size and color it resembles the Wolf River, but is shaped differently and is two months earlier.—Emmett Index.

Getting Ready.

Arrangements for the big Odd Fellows' meet to be held in Caldwell beginning October 14 and lasting four days are in the hands of the following general committee: G. H. Handy, J. H. Lowell and Dr. Isham. The committee is in correspondence with railroad companies and special trains and special rates will simplify the matter of transportation to a joint meeting of the grand encampment the grand lodge and the state Rebekah assembly.

Subcommittees will have charge of the entertainment of guests, and other details of arrangements. The largest attendance in the history of the order is expected.

Summer Tourist Excursion to Pacific Coast.

Round trip tickets on sale until September 15th, 1907 with return limits of sixty days. Stop overs allowed. See ticket agent.

R. FARRAR.

Homesteaders Meet.

The homesteaders living north of the Boise River and under the proposed Boise Payette Reclamation project met Thursday at the City Hall for the purpose of effecting an organization for their mutual benefit, in all matters pertaining to their land interests. W. R. Cupp was elected chairman and Lem Harding secretary, and executive committee of three members was selected as follows, W. R. Cupp, Lem Harding and Mr. Burris. A number of resolutions were read and unanimously adopted, J. H. Lowell delivered an address regarding the prospect for the government getting water on the land north of the Boise river in this district. The district was sub-divided into seven districts with one representative for each sub-division. The following are the names of the representatives for the various divisions: 1st, A. L. Murphy; 2nd, Henry Cox; 3rd, Eugene Bebb; 4th, Mr. Martin; 5th, Samuel Bartles; 6th, J. P. Hall; 7th, A. A. Sessions. The duties of these various representatives will be to take

INSANE MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AT PARMA

Fails But Tries To Run Away

CAPTURED SIX MILES DOWN THE COUNTRY AND BROUGHT BACK TO CALDWELL---REFUSES TO GIVE ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF
NOBODY KNOWS HIS NAME OR HIS HOME

The man who was brought to Caldwell Saturday last escaped from his room at the Commercial, hotel, Wednesday evening and was not captured until Thursday morning. He was found at the farm of W. G. Snodgrass, three miles down the country. It seems that about half past nine the man asked for a drink of water, and when the nurse left the room to get the water, the man jumped up, seized his trousers and started out. The nurse immediately gave the alarm and a posse was quickly organized. He was tracked to the old fair grounds, when all trace of him was lost. The hunt was kept up all night and the man was found Thursday morning at the place stated.

The man, whose name is unknown, was brought to Caldwell Saturday. He had attempted to commit suicide at Parma and had shot himself in the head. Dr. Waldrip gave him medical attention and he was getting along nicely. The Parma Herald has the following account of the man:

A man apparently demented, has been in the neighborhood of town on the north side for several days, and while doing no harm, the inhabitants had become terrorized, and this morning they called on the officers for relief. He had called at two farm houses for breakfast, and his trail was easily picked up. Marshal Castater, accompanied by Stewart Gearhart, Mr. Bartles and M. A. Bates, located him about 10 miles east of

town, in Sand Hollow. He was lying down beside a cabin when found, but endeavored to run away from the officers. When finally surrounded, he turned his revolver, a 32-caliber Smith & Wesson, upon himself, and exclaiming "I will kill myself," fired a bullet into his brain about 2 inches above the right ear. The wound, which would ordinarily cause instant death, was not immediately fatal. After a moment he was assisted to his feet by the officers, walked to the buggy, climbed in, and was brought to town where his wound was examined by Dr. Cluen. He found that the bullet had penetrated the brain, and portion of the brain were oozing out of the aperture, yet the man was able to walk to the depot and go to Caldwell with Marshal Castater on the 1:33 train. The man absolutely refused to give any information about himself. He was between 20 and 30 years of age, over six feet tall, weighs about 190 pounds, is light complexioned, has grey eyes, dark hair, a light mustache and about 3 weeks growth of beard, rather light. He was dressed in old clothes, wearing a small checked coat and pants, corduroy vest, black shirt, hobnailed shoes and an old derby hat. A couple of days ago he gave his name to H. C. Anderson, at whose place he took supper, as Wilson, and said he was from Lower Boise. However, no such person is known in the Lower Boise Valley.

a census of the district. The secretary was instructed to address letters to President Roosevelt, the Secretary of the Interior, our representatives in the upper and lower houses of Congress and in fact to any person who might help hasten the time when the project might at least be started. The executive committee was instructed to prepare the necessary papers so that a permanent organization can be effected at the next meeting.

Editor Touched.

Retiring Editor Hunt of the Weiser Signal went over to Bose to see the circus a few days ago, and at the Idaho lodging house drew a room with a broken lock on the door. Guileless and innocent, as all newspaper men are, he thought nothing of this, but retired and reposed in confidence. In the morning, alas, he awoke to the painful knowledge that he had been "touched" by some heartless wretch and fifteen dollars he had been able to amass during his year of service with the Signal, together with a seventy-five dollar watch he had acquired in some previous business incarnation, had gone the way of things that he possessed no more. It is sad to lose the hard-earned savings of a whole year at one fell swoop, but the incident proves to world that on rare instances, an editor may accumulate wealth. Brother Hunt has our purse-felt sympathy.—Meadows Eagle.

The Tribune had occasion last spring to call attention of the members of the city council to the almost impassible condition of our streets. The muddy crossings and at times, almost impassible streets are still fresh in the minds of our citizens. What The Tribune would suggest is, would it not be a sensible plan for the committee on streets and alleys to formulate some plan for the betterment of our streets, commencing either on Main street or Kimball avenue and if there is only sufficient funds to improve one or the other stop, when the funds are exhausted and not fritter away the road fund by dropping a load of gravel on one side of town and then on the other, no one in particular being benefitted. It is

generally understood that the various funds of the city are exhausted, that the revenue for the past two years was not sufficient to meet the expenses and that the revenues for 1907 have been largely drawn on and in some instances almost wiped out and if there is no systematic plan adopted by the present administration it will be another case where history repeats itself. These suggestions may not have any weight with the committee, but if nothing is done to improve the conditions, there will surely be a reckoning demanded by the tax payers when forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

The Unitarians have no creed, but the name itself indicates pretty well what the people of that body of believers hold.

Many ages ago the Father turned his children loose upon the earth. He gave them boundless opportunity for growth and improvement. But his children gathered on thought sands in their play and, forming into groups, each group fenced itself from the others and thus creeds were born. Each group in its play feels that it controls the sacred ground of truth. In each of these play grounds the boundaries of truth are defined both of the known and the unknown, and woe is he who is fenced out. The Unitarians have proposed in their hearts to believe that there is but one God, even the Father, and presume to define his relations with his children, and the relations that existed and does exist between the Father and Jesus Christ, to what degree the Bible is to be accepted as truth, etc. And, of course, while they are wont to deny it, they also have erected barriers of sand. And the great Father of all benignantly absorbing the enjoyments of his children whippers to himself. Let the children amuse themselves so long as they harm no one. The people of Caldwell are a kind liberal people—like the Atheneans of old they are eager to learn of any new thing, and we expect they will all try to hear Rev. Mitchell and take a peep at religious truth at his angle. If they do they they will broaden their vision.

Remember August 26.