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INTERESTING STATE NEWS AND OUR COMMENT

POWER COMPANY PURCHASES THE BOISE VALLEY ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Public School Teachers Are In Convention at Pocatello—Methodists Looking For Location For University—Payette Loses Title to Park Given Town.

Another move in the concentration and consolidation of the power and electric railway interests of the Boise valley, was made Saturday last when the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co. purchased the Boise Valley electric railway. The purchase price was \$850,000. The majority of the stock was owned by Mr. Robert Noble. The new owners propose making extensive improvements and extensions. One of the more important extensions contemplated is the building of the line to Caldwell from Nampa. From this point an electric line will be built to Payette and Weiser. The Idaho-Oregon company is one of the largest and most enterprising power companies in the west. William Mainland, one of the heaviest stockholders, has confirmed the report of the purchase of the Boise Valley line; and has also confirmed the report of contemplated improvements and extensions. He has had agents in Caldwell this week for the purpose of securing terminal facilities in this city. In another column of this issue of The Tribune will be found greater detail of the transaction and the plans in view.

Payette is having an experience similar to one Caldwell almost had several years ago. According to the Independent Mr. N. A. Jacobsen of that city donated ten acres to the city of Payette provided that the city would convert it into a park. It is now claimed that the city has failed to carry out its part of the contract and Mr. Jacobsen has concluded that Payette does not want a city park; and proposes to relieve the city of its land. The same thing happened in Caldwell. Mr. Howard Sebree gave Caldwell 20 acres of land to be used for a city park. The land was accepted by the city council. Afterward it was concluded by the same council that Caldwell did not want the park; and it was proposed that the tract be returned to Mr. Sebree. A number of citizens interfered claiming that the land had been accepted by the city, belonged to the city, and that the city council had no authority to thus dispose of municipally owned real estate. The contention of the citizens stood and Caldwell still owns the tract of land. It will probably develop that the Jacobsen land at Payette is in the same position. Payette should certainly keep the land. If Mr. Jacobsen is the man we think he is and his action in donating the land would indicate that he is, he will not require Payette to undertake onerous or burdensome improvements on the land. In all likelihood all that he requires is that the municipality show good faith and a desire for the park.

The Bear Lake county fair was held last week and is said by the Montpelier Examiner to have eclipsed anything ever held before in that county. There were larger and better displays than ever. The horticultural display is said to have been unusually good. The products of farm and garden were also above average. The experience of Bear Lake county is the experience of every other county. The annual fair fosters and encourages every kind of industry. The product of the field, garden and orchard gets better year after year. The institution naturally arouses pride and interest in the farm. By enabling the farmers to get together new ideas gain circulation. The man who makes an unusual success of raising potatoes tells his manner of seed selection, ground preparation and cultivation to the man who has made a success of onions. The potato man in turn learns of onion culture. The successful bee man gives the successful poultryman ideas on bees, and gains ideas on poultry. This dissemination of ideas, experiences and knowledge is the greatest boon to the farmers. In consequence the industries of the community become both

more profitable and diversified. The county fairs are great educational institutions. All who have attended the Canyon county fair regularly have remarked the great improvement in live stock that has come about during the past six or seven years. The fair is not entirely responsible but it has exerted a great influence. It is the same throughout the state generally. Bear Lake county will have the same experience as Canyon has had. The county fair idea should be encouraged by the people of every community.

During the Methodist conference in Caldwell last June plans were discussed and formulated for a great church university in Idaho. At that time it was claimed that the institution would be located in Boise. Since then other towns have become interested and keen competition for the school is in evidence. Caldwell, Payette, Emmett, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Blackfoot Methodists have been urging the advantages of their respective localities before the commission having the location of the university in charge. Emmett, through Mr. Finley Munroe, secretary of the Commercial club, informs the commission that she has a good proposition to submit. Action will be taken early in the year 1912. The claims, advantages and propositions of the different towns will be thoroughly investigated.

The average yield per acre of wheat in the northwest is as follows: Idaho, winter wheat 31 bushels, spring wheat 29 bushels; Washington, winter wheat 27.3, spring wheat 19.5; Oregon, winter wheat 22.7, spring wheat 17.5; Montana, winter wheat 31.7, spring wheat 25.2 bushels. The total yield of the four states is 88,129,000 bushels. These figures are given by the United States department of agriculture. They show that Idaho yields more per acre than any state in the northwest. The same authority estimates the oat crop of the four states at 48,935,000 bushels, as follows: Washington, 10,857,000 bushels; Oregon, 10,584,000 bushels; Idaho, 8,404,000 bushels and Montana, 19,090,000 bushels. Barley, which was a good crop this year and brought unusually high prices is estimated at 14,152,000 bushels for the four states. Washington is credited with 6,882,000 bushels, Oregon 2,319,000 bushels, Idaho 3,026,000 bushels and Montana 1,934,000 bushels.

Idaho towns on the whole are proud of their public schools—the system and the buildings. They do not hesitate at voting bonds for school houses and in most instances keep fully abreast of the needs of the town. This pride and interest in the schools by the people of Idaho are a credit to them. Monday of last week Twin Falls voted bonds in the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of enlarging the high school building. Twin Falls last week also dedicated the \$150,000 court house just completed. Wednesday of last week Emmett defeated a \$30,000 bond issue for school purposes, but has decided to hold another election. The second election will be held Tuesday, October 31. At Emmett the district has a warrant indebtedness and the bonds are to be issued in order to take up the warrants.

The public school teachers of the southeastern part of the state have been in convention at Pocatello this week. The counties of Bannock, Bingham, Bonneville, Fremont, Bear Lake, Cassia, Oneida, Lincoln, Lemhi, Custer and Twin Falls were represented at the assembly. Fully 1000 teachers were present. The purpose of the convention is to discuss new methods of teaching and to secure the most advanced ideas in the profession. Capable instructors were present. It is thought that great good will be the direct result of the meeting.

The old pioneers are rapidly passing away. This week we read in the Malad Enterprise of the death of Daniel Tovey after a lingering sickness of 8 months. Mr. Tovey was 73 years of age. He located at Malad in 1867, coming there from Utah. He was born at Lynn Ddee, South Wales, in 1838, coming to America at the age of 21. He lived at Johnstown, Pa., two years. Mr. Tovey was a prominent citizen of Oneida county, having been county treasurer two terms and county commissioner two terms. He was a genial, whole-hearted man, greatly beloved and greatly respected.

Mr. and Mrs. Strahorn of Spokane sent in their check for \$500 last week. They are great friends of the college and Caldwell in general.—College Coyote.

IOWA WEDDING WAS GREAT SOCIETY FUNCTION

BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING AT MITCHELLVILLE, IOWA, OCTOBER 12TH.

Miss Katherine Jones of That City and Louis Schnabel of Caldwell Joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony—Couple Will Be At Home After the First.

The following account of the Jones-Schnabel wedding, taken from the Mitchellville (Iowa) Index, will be of interest to Tribune readers. Mr. and Mrs. Schnabel will be at home to their friends after November 1st. The Iowa paper says: The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones on West Second street, was the scene of a beautiful wedding last Thursday evening, Oct. 12, 1911—beautiful in the good taste and charming arrangement of all its appointments.

Their only daughter, Miss Katherine, was united in marriage to Mr. Louis Schnabel of Caldwell, Idaho. Shortly before 8 o'clock, Mrs. T. M. Rodgers, an aunt of the bride, sang with much expression, the solo, "Beauty Eyes," Mrs. J. B. Ryan, a cousin, playing the accompaniment. As the last notes of the song echoed into silence, another aunt, Mrs. J. W. Jones, touched the keys and the time-honored Mendelssohn wedding march was played. At this signal, the bridal couple, preceded by the officiating clergyman, descended the stairs and took their places in the southeast corner of the parlor which had been artistically transformed into a bower of green. The pastor of the bride, Rev. E. A. Thomas of the Methodist Episcopal church, uttered the solemn and impressive words which united Louis Schnabel and Katherine Jones as husband and wife.

The bride looked charming in a cream-colored gown of marquisette, over white satin and covered with hand run Lierre lace. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The only ornaments she wore were a pearl pendant, the gift of the groom, and a garnet pin that is an heirloom in the Schnabel family and was worn by the groom's mother at her wedding. The groom wore the conventional black and looked as if he appreciated the fact that he was receiving life's choicest gift. Following the ceremony hearty congratulations were bestowed.

A delicious two-course supper was served. Misses Ella McCleary, Ida Seems, Grace Hickox, Fanny and Lizzie Brown rendered their tribute of esteem for the bride by waiting on the tables.

During the evening the company was entertained by listening to solos by Mrs. T. M. Rodgers of Newton and Mrs. Will Davis of Colfax, both sweet-voiced well trained vocalists. The kindly feelings of many friends, both present and absent, were shown in the numerous beautiful gifts presented.

Mrs. Schnabel's birthplace was Mitchellville. Here she grew to womanhood. In society and in her church she has made for herself a useful place. For years she has been the faithful, conscientious organist of the Methodist church. For the past few years she has been an efficient obliging assistant in the postoffice. If the sincere good wishes of an entire community will avail, then Mrs. Schnabel's life will be one of unalloyed happiness.

After a brief visit with the friends, the bride donned her traveling gown of navy blue cloth and she and Mr. Schnabel accompanied the Des Moines friends on the 10:15 car to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Schnabel expect to spend two weeks visiting here before leaving for their home in Caldwell.

Change at Pure Food Store.
This week Mr. Sam Van Hynning bought out his partner, Mr. Maurice Manning, and will conduct the "Pure Food Store" in the future. Mr. Van Hynning will build up a fine business. He is enterprising, industrious and thoroughly understands the grocery business. Since he and Mr. Manning took charge the store has grown rapidly.

MAINLANDS BUY AN ELECTRIC ROAD TO GET HERE

WILLIAM MAINLAND NEGOTIATING FOR PROPERTY IN CALDWELL FOR LINE.

Boise Valley Will Come to Caldwell Thence to Payette, Weiser and Other Points—Great Development For This Section of Idaho—Noble Sells Out.

William Mainland, president of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co., was in Caldwell Sunday, for the purpose of negotiating for land for terminal facilities for the Boise Valley railway which will be extended from Nampa to this city. The plans of the company include an electric line from Caldwell to Weiser via Parma and Payette. It is also proposed to make a number of improvements. An extension from Nampa to Kuna is included in the program.

Last Saturday the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co. purchased the Boise Valley railway. The purchase price was \$850,000. Mr. Robert Noble owned two-thirds of the stock of the Boise Valley. Both he and Mr. Mainland confirm the report of the deal. Mr. Mainland has stated that the papers had been signed and that the actual transfer of the property would take place within a month; and further that his company proposed making the line one of the finest in the northwest.

The company is backed by New York financiers, who have the utmost confidence in Idaho, the Boise Valley and in Caldwell. The transactions just closed means that hundreds of thousands of dollars will be spent in and around Caldwell during the next year in electric railway improvements and extension work.

To Build Extensions.

In speaking of the deal and its vast import to this section of Idaho the Capital News says: R. W. Watson of New York, chief advisor of the syndicate, was in Boise for some time and left for the east only a few days ago. He has plans of the entire lines of the company and also of the extensions which the company proposes to build, and it is likely that material will be ordered at once for the work. The company wishes to keep its plans as much in the dark as possible at present in order that the competing lines may not rush work into the territory to be covered. The possibilities of the company, while not made public, it is understood, will be the building of a line to Kuna, making the Nampa line more direct, and the building of a number of lines in the city covering portions through which no service is given at present.

Actual operation is to take effect just as soon as the affairs of the Boise Valley can be placed in the hands of the Idaho-Oregon people and that company will take up active operation of the city line of the Boise Valley and its line from here to Nampa, completed about a year ago and since which time cars have been in daily operation. It is generally conceded that the deal is of paramount importance to Boise and the Boise valley, due to the fact that the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power company is one of the largest electric power concerns in this state, operating as it does electric power lines as far west as Huntington, near which city its big Ox Bow power plant is located. These power lines connect with all of the intermediate towns between Boise and Huntington, furnish light and power to these cities as well as to Boise, where a seven-year contract is held for the furnishing of light.

In further confirmation of the information The Tribune has received, and indicated by the Capital News, Tuesday's Statesman says: **To Shorten Boise Valley.** The property is to be bought, and the right of way from Nampa is to be bought. Whether it was gotten yesterday or not is open to guess, but that it will be secured within the next few days is an absolute certainty, it is said.

The proposed shortening of the Boise-Nampa line, by the cutoff over the Morris Hill cemetery, will leave the company some six miles of ties and rails, which, when the building of the Nampa-Caldwell line begins, will be used in the construction of at least half of the spur, it is claimed.

In the not distant future, the South Boise line will be extended to Mora, and thence along the Oregon Short Line to Kuna, and, probably, eventually, west on to Nampa, thus completing the triangle of railway owned and operated by the Idaho-Oregon company, it is said. These lines of railway would not only open up a fertile and valuable country, but will increase the values of acre lands within and near the triangle, and enhance even land values in Boise.

Of the Main street line and the hint that it will soon be transferred to either the Kuhn interests or the opposing company, nothing can be learned. Vice President I. W. Anderson is expected daily. It has been declared that William Alley has had an option on the road for some weeks and that he and his partner, L. O. Leonard, were ready to sell, either to one or the other of the factors in the electric power struggle, holding out for the highest price obtainable. It has not yet been learned, either, just who contributed the moneys for the purchase of the valley road, or how much is held in reserve for other operations of the sort. The capital is supplied from the east—from New York, and as many as two or three of the biggest manipulators of money on Wall street are said to be involved. But the exact identity of those behind the veil cannot be learned, for special pains seem to have been taken that the public shall not know.

OLD MAN MURDERS HIS WIFE THEN SUICIDES

COMMODORE CAREY LOADS DOUBLE-BARRELLED SHOT GUN AND KILLS WIFE.

Returns to Kitchen and Kills Himself—Double Tragedy at Boise—Monomaniac Well Known in Caldwell—Writes Letters Telling of Contemplated Crime.

Commodore Carey, well known in Caldwell, he having worked in this city for some time, murdered his wife and then committed suicide at Boise about 8 o'clock Monday morning. The Statesman has the following account of the double tragedy: After brooding evidently for days, writing numerous letters to various persons, which he sealed and secreted in the house, and which recounted his terrible design in language clearly indicating that he was a victim of the monomania that everyone was conspiring against him, Commodore Carey, an aged laborer and gardener, shot his old wife to death as she was busy about her household cares, and then killed himself, about 8 o'clock Monday morning, at his home, 1020 East Washington street.

All the indications point to the theory that Mrs. Carey was cleaning up the kitchen just after their breakfast, while her husband was premeditating her murder in the next room, where he carefully arranged a bundle of letters describing his motives for the awful deed and placed money in a long leather purse, including a \$100 money order for himself, a \$50 money order for his wife, \$30 in bills and \$4.50 in silver, which he put on an organ.

Going Up Long Valley.

But these are not the only deals in big finance made within the last few days. The formation and incorporation of the Long Valley Light & Power company, with a capital of \$100,000, announced yesterday, is another fact that indicates the interest of powerful financiers in the natural resources of the state. This company will operate on the north fork of the Payette river. The power dam, which, when completed, will generate almost 15,000 horsepower, will be located at Van Wyck falls, situated near Crawford, 60 miles north of Boise.

Kuhns Still Interested.

Many persons did not take kindly to the report published three weeks ago that the Kuhn interests were going to get possession of everything in the Boise valley. They thought this was putting too much power in the hands of one interest. The Mainland interests now own the Boise Valley while the Kuhns own the Boise & Interurban. This division meets with the approval of the people more generally than did the first arrangement above referred to.

In any event the Boise Valley as a whole and the section immediately surrounding Caldwell is about to enter upon an era of development such as it has never experienced in the past. Caldwell is in the center and all electric and power lines must emanate from this point.

Battleships Bigger Than Ever.

The new Japanese ministry will ask the parliament for an appropriation of about \$175,000,000 for the construction of new naval vessels. Of this great sum about \$135,000,000 will be used to build seven dreadnoughts and two armored cruisers of 30,000 tons each. The program is to be complete in seven years. These 30,000-ton warships will be considerably larger than any now in existence, the largest extant being the two of 27,500 tons each recently delivered in Argentina. Our biggest vessels now building are about 26,000 tons. Japan's course would seem to indicate that the day of the dreadnought is just beginning, instead of being over, as the naval experts have been asserting.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Good-Hearted Cabbage.

A well-known expert in cooking encountered trouble in a suburban community called Nampa, when she prepared to lecture to the Mothers' club. Her subject was "How to Cook." She began by telling how much a man appreciates good cooking, and then she proposed to give various recipes. Among the first was one for cold-slaw. "To have this best," began the lecturer, "take a good-hearted cabbage and"

At this point a young matron interrupted. She was eager to get all the information possible. "Tell me, please," she spoke up, "how is one to know the disposition of a cabbage?"

House for Rent—Modern 6-room house, electric lights, city water with bath, lawn and trees, located at 814 Dearborn street.

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He loaded a double-barrelled shot-gun, (a 12-gauge, hammerless), with shells carrying No. 5 shot.

Shoots as Wife Turns.

Mrs. Carey evidently was leaning over the kitchen stove when he stepped from the next room into the doorway, and, as attracted by the sound of his footsteps, she turned half way about toward the right, he fired one barrel, the shot striking her low in the back, tearing clear through her body and coming out in front on the left side.

The stricken woman fell to the floor in a narrow space between a chair and the kitchen stove, her body lying partially under the stove. The madman then deliberately took aim again at the prostrate form at his feet and fired the second barrel, the shot again entering the back, a little higher up than the first wound, and coming out also on the left side of the sternum, at a point higher than the first shot emerged.

Evidently Carey did not have a clear aim at the second shot, because the top of the chair was powder-burned and the discharge tore away a small segment of the seat of the chair.

Madman Attracts Audience.

Carey then went out the back door, into the back yard, where he reloaded the gun. Several neighbors, aroused by the reports, had gone out to see what was the matter. It is believed that the shots fired by Carey in the yard were for the purpose of attracting an audience to witness his suicide, as his actions at this time were highly dramatic.

Mrs. James A. Taylor, a neighbor, started into the Carey home to discover what had happened and inquired whether she "could do anything for Mrs. Carey," and the maniac warned her to go away. He fired two shots, but the woman was about 60 yards distant at the time, and it is believed that if he had aimed at her some of the shot would have struck her, as he was a good marksman and No. 5 shot, which he was using, carry well out of a 12-gauge. It is believed these two shots were fired into the air by Carey as a part of his theatrical program to attract a crowd to witness his own destruction.

Pushes Trigger With Stick.

Thelma Dunning, a little girl who lives in that neighborhood, happened to run up in childish excitement, and Carey instructed her to telephone to the police and tell them that he had killed his wife. "Hurry up! Hurry up!" he screamed to the girl, "I'll be dead before the officer gets here!" The

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