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## PERTINENT NEWS OF STATE WITH OUR OWN COMMENT

### The Governor's Friends May be Storing up Trouble for Him

### NAMPA HAS WINDSTORM

First Jury in the State Entirely Composed of Women Finds Member of Sex Guilty of Assault—Jury Fail to Agree in Case of Blackfoot Banker, D. R. Jones.

While the friends of Governor James H. Hawley are urging that he be made Secretary of the Interior in the cabinet of President Wilson, they should remember that they may be creating trouble for our governor. The last western man who occupied this distinguished position was driven from office by the faddists and muckrakers of the eastern states. Hon. Richard A. Ballinger, an honest, able and conscientious cabinet officer as the country has ever had was pestered to distraction simply because he tried to carry out the western idea in accordance with the law. Secretary Ballinger insisted upon keeping within the law even though muckraking magazines and politicians thought differently. If Governor Hawley becomes Secretary of the Interior he will have the same fight on his hands. The Pinchot-Roosevelt idea of the conservation of our natural resources is not the idea of the people of the west. The people of Idaho believe that they are perfectly competent to conserve such resources within the state as may need conserving. As little interference on the part of the federal government as possible is greatly to be desired. The inhabitants of Idaho want to see their state developed. They want the timber placed in homes and buildings; the water placed upon the land; and the water power utilized. To accomplish this purpose the national policy as formed by Gifford Pinchot and enforced by Secretary Fisher must be changed. The change will arouse a storm in the eastern states. The people there having squandered their own heritage now wish to assume the guardianship of the west.

In the development of the eastern and Mississippi valley states the resources at hand were freely used. While there may have been great waste we believe that there are few people who would care to restore those states to their primeval glory. To utilize without waste or extravagance is the aim of the west. The people here believe that conservation that simply bottles up is the quickest and most indefensible method by which we can dissipate our natural resources. As Governor Hawley is of the west he naturally takes the western view of conservation. We trust that he will be appointed Secretary of the Interior and that he will escape the fate of Secretary Ballinger.

Another Failure to Agree. D. R. Jones, formerly a banker of Blackfoot, was tried in the district court of Bingham county this week on the charge of embezzlement. The jury failed to agree and the case will be tried again. It is alleged that the defalcations of Jones caused the suspension of the Mackay bank as well as one of the Blackfoot banks. This is the second time the jury failed to agree where former bankers were on trial. In the case against B. F. O'Neil the same result ensued. Just what the ultimate result will be is unknown, but it is safe to say that both culprits will eventually get clear. Idaho has experienced a number of bank failures within the past two or three years. Among the failures were one at Boise, one at Walla, one at Halley, one at Blackfoot and one at Mackay. In every instance they were banks organized and operated under the state laws. In at least two instances it was shown that the state bank examiner was a debtor to the insolvent institutions. It is openly charged that the state official used his knowledge of the condition of the bank to secure loans. If such be the case a deplorable condition exists. The next session of the legislature should overhaul our banking laws.

The greatest insurance that stockholders and depositors can have is the honesty and integrity of the officers of the bank. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the bank of officials are all that can be desired. One in a while, however, a reckless, not to say dishonest, man becomes connected with a bank. To guard against such the laws must be made most stringent. To safeguard the depositors and the public generally should be the next legislative measure that the next legislature should consider.

Water Power of the Snake. According to Allen Miller and other men who have filed the office of state commissioner of immigration, labor and statistics, experts estimate that the water power of Idaho is "sufficient to heat every house, turn every wheel and illuminate every city in the three Pacific northwest states." If McCosser, his predecessors and successors, have correctly quoted the experts, and the experts have correctly estimated the available water power, some time in the future that water power should be utilized. In the meantime the legislature by proper legislation should provide for a public utilities commission. It is only just that the people of Idaho be given a fair deal in the cost and service of the electrical energy which they can use. As public service corporations have never been known to give the public a fair deal of their own volition the people must look out for their own welfare.

At present practically the entire water power of the state is unused. This waste must be stopped at the earliest possible date. Those who will develop this power with strict regard to the rights of the consumer should be encouraged to do so. Idaho is not antagonistic to foreign capital. We want and welcome the introduction of every dollar, and while in this state of mind provision should be made for the future. By taking action now the rights of capital will be respected while the interests of the public will be maintained. The idea that is advanced by many and sometimes encouraged by fear by railroads, telephones, telegraph and power companies, that we first get the companies located and proceed to regulate them afterward is untenable. He who advocates such a procedure would work an injustice upon all concerned or else he thinks that the regulation will never come. He would work an injustice to capital by holding out the false inducement that state regulations would never be enforced. He would work an injustice to the consumer by denying them the rate and service to which they are now entitled. If he thinks that continued postponement will kill the commission idea he is simply blinded by the interests of those he serves.

Nampa Has a Wind Storm. The last issue of the Nampa Record contains a thrilling account of a high wind which devastated the Snake river valley and scalped William Harrison. While scalping its victim the wind knocked him senseless and afterward broke his leg by pushing over some heavy timbers. The timbers were part of a tent which Mr. Harrison occupied. After accomplishing its purpose at Nampa ferry the wind blew where it listed. It listed to Mountainhome where it picked up a small girl and hurried her across the street besides demolishing six hen houses and three pig pens. Neither the chicks nor the pigs were seriously injured. According to the faithful chronicler, "the wind seemed to reach down and take up everything that was loose. It would start in one moment with almost the force of a tornado, and just as the observer would conclude that the elements were going to destroy everything, a gentle calm followed." The calm was for the purpose of giving the observer another guess. "After a few minutes rest," continues the Record, "the god of the winds would come again with redoubled fury." The god had probably gone off to take a chew of tobacco. However, we are gravely informed, "no signs were blown down in Nampa," so the fatalities were not numerous.

The Tribune did not know that the "Nampa Valley" was subject to such visitations and we are glad that the signs remain intact. Poor William Harrison has our sympathy, as have the little girl, the pigs and chicks of Mountainhome. If they insist upon living in a valley likely to have such irresponsible and erratic windstorms there is nothing to be did.

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## KIMBALL AVENUE TO BE IMPROVED

There is no road leading into Caldwell so important as Kimball avenue. While considerable money has been spent each year in its upkeep, the superintendent of streets has been seriously handicapped in his work by insufficient funds.

A petition is being circulated now by Mr. Vassar calling for contributions in order that a fund may be raised to secure a road. He has been able to secure some \$275.00 in the last 18 months and it is now up to the people of the city to come through handsomely. \$1,000.00 is needed for this improvement and the good of the city demands that the money be raised instantly. The plan contemplates finishing the grading and the placing of about 18 inches of coarse sand, gravel and clay on the surface of the street which will be thoroughly rolled by the new street roller. This will give a fine highway leading into the city and be the cause of many more people coming into Caldwell that now go elsewhere for their supplies. If the people meet Mr. Vassar half way work will be started at once and the road will be ready for travel in a couple of weeks.

## IDAHO TRACTION CO. GIVES EXCURSION TODAY

To Celebrate the Opening of Service Around the Loop

### CARS EVERY HALF HOUR

New Schedule in Effect Sunday—Cars Leave for Boise by Way of Middleton on the Hour; By Way of Nampa at 22 Minutes After—Band Out to Meet Excursionists.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening arrangements were completed for the reception of the visitors expected to arrive in the city today at 12:30 on the big excursion run by the Idaho Traction company to celebrate the completion of the loop.

Representatives of the business and professional interests of Nampa and Meridian will assemble at Boise and leave there at 11:00 a. m. They will pay short visits at Eagle, Star, and Middleton, arriving in this city at about 12:30. The visitors will be met at the end of Main street, where the cars turn, with the Idaho State Band and a strong delegation of citizens. They will then be escorted to the site of the splendid new station the company is erecting, where an address of welcome will be made by Mayor Griffiths.

After dinner at the Saratoga the visitors will renew acquaintances among the business men of the city and pay their respects to the sights of interest, after which a delegation of 50 members of the Commercial club will board a special car and proceed with the excursion to Nampa. From this place the cars will go to Meridian, and thence to the Capital City.

The Caldwell delegation will then be tendered a banquet at the Owyhee, after which it is hoped all will come home.

Caldwell Band 50 Strong. The Caldwell delegation will be represented by a band of 50 pieces on this trip, and it is likely that everybody along the itinerary will know that Caldwell is with the excursion.

### ACCIDENT NEAR PLEASANT RIDGE

Tuesday evening while returning home from a revival meeting held in the Pleasant Ridge Methodist church, Mr. and Mrs. Robert French, little son, Arthur, and Miss Josie Atterbury, were thrown from the rig and narrowly escaped serious injury. The horse became frightened at the noise of the brake against the wheels as the rig started down an incline, and made a sudden jump, breaking the harness, which he followed with a series of kicks and plunges. Mrs. French, who was driving, was pulled over the dashboard and dragged some ways. Little Arthur French had his leg twisted, the bone narrowly escaping a fracture. Mr. French escaped with a few bruises, while Miss Atterbury was thrown heavily upon her head, sustained a blow which rendered her unconscious. Those injured were taken to the home of J. H. Lybolt, from which place a call was sent for Dr. Miller. The physician was given the wrong name and after a search for injured people, finally came back to town where he found an urgent call waiting. The second trip was successful, and after some time Miss Atterbury regained consciousness, and the limb of the little fellow was taken care of. Mrs. French, outside of many bruises, was not hurt, and Mr. French is all right by this time. The escape from serious injury by the party is little short of miraculous.

Tuesday evening the girls of Pleasant Ridge went down in defeat in a basketball game with the Greenleaf young ladies. The score was 12 to 20, the game being played at Pleasant Ridge after school.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES MANY TOPICS

Holds One of the Most Interesting Meetings of the Year

### HAWLEY FOR SECRETARY

Mayor Recounts Deeds of the City Council—Two Big Conventions to be Held Here Jan. 2, 3 and 4—Will Join Idaho Traction Co. Excursion to Celebrate Completion of Loop.

In many respects the meeting of the Commercial club held Monday evening was one of the most interesting of the year. At the meeting next month will occur the regular annual election of officers attended by the regular smoker. A good program will be prepared and everyone is expected to be present. Only the business of election will be transacted.

New Members Elected. After the reading of the monthly reports, the names of J. F. Gordon, proprietor of the Saratoga Cafe, and Martin Jensen, rancher, banker, and P. C., were proposed for membership and unanimously elected.

A letter from a Utah man was then read, in which he proposed that the city go into the woolen manufacturing business. His proposal in a nutshell was that the citizens and philanthropists of Caldwell buy some machinery which he held for \$2,500.00 and give him a job. Several members of the club expressed themselves on the proposition. Mr. H. W. Dorman said that the proprietor of the Pendleton mill, one of the most successful of the small woolen mills of the west, had told him that it was necessary to take personal charge of the mill and run things pretty close to make expenses. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that a woolen mill would not prove a paying proposition for this section of the country. A scouring plant would make money, but not a woolen mill. The offer of the gentleman from Utah was turned down by a unanimous vote.

For Secretary of the Interior. A letter from the Portland Commercial club was read in which after an excellent preamble they present the name of the Hon. John N. Teale, as a candidate for the position of Secretary of the Interior. They asked that the club adopt a set of strong resolutions upon the gentleman and send them to the president-elect, as well as a copy to the Portland Commercial Club.

A letter from the Boise Commercial club upon the same lines was then read, presenting the name and qualifications of Gov. James H. Hawley. The club was unanimous in deciding to back the Governor to the last ditch, not only because he was Idaho's candidate, but because they thought him eminently fitted for the position. Secretary Gibbons was instructed to confer with Mayor Griffiths and write a strong letter reflecting the sentiment of the club and send to Mr. Wilson.

Accomplishments of Council. Mayor Griffiths was then called upon to make an address recounting in a brief way what had been accomplished during the last year by the city council. Owing to his part in the work Mr. Griffiths was greatly embarrassed, but succeeded in telling the tale of work done, in a mighty interesting manner. He said that it had been the intent of the present council to give their work the greatest publicity possible. To this end they had issued last year a report of all the officers, printed in an inexpensive manner and distributed free to every citizen. While the reports, he said, had not been as complete as might be wished, the effort was creditable and a better report would be made this year. A copy of a report of the officials of Marshall, Mich., had been secured, which report was ideal, and would be used as a model this year.

Mr. Griffiths spoke of the levies of 1911 and 1912. The latter levy was 33 mills as against a levy of 19 mills in 1911. As this levy of 33 mills was upon only 40 per cent valuation it was in reality only a levy of less than 14 mills. Mr. Griffiths said that it was not generally understood that the net tax was lower than last year. The chief distinction to which the present council lays claim is their excellent work on the streets and roads leading into town. The new street roller which has just been purchased will grade and keep the streets in repair at just half the cost heretofore.

The City Council, Mr. Griffiths said, had been very fortunate in having a superintendent of streets as efficient as Sam Vassar. Mr. Vassar had not only done good work on the streets and highways but had been signally successful in interesting the people living along the roads leading into the city so as to get them to help in the work necessary. Among the work done Mr. Griffiths mentioned the following:

One mile along the cemetery road, straight over the hill from Kimball Avenue; three quarters of a mile of the Runciman road; three quarters of a mile on 5th Avenue; one and one-half miles Boise Avenue road; one and one-half miles on Indiana Avenue; road to river (dump grounds) three miles; all being graded last year. Among the jobs done this year were 1/4 mile; Marlatt road, 1/4 mile; Linden street, 3 miles; drainage and improvements along Odd Fellows Home.

Mr. Griffiths said if he had as good men in the three road districts that adjoin the city as Jack Riddle had proved to be in his district, much more could be accomplished. We have splendid roads leading south towards Nampa, but poor ones leading west into Caldwell. This should be remedied.

The city council while making the improvement in the street around the City Hall built a concrete storage house for coal. This building will hold a car-load of coal, which when bought in the summer will prove a big saving.

Mr. Vassar then spoke of the effort being made to get enough subscriptions from the people of Caldwell to improve Kimball avenue from Cleveland Boulevard to the city limits. He had already secured about \$275.00 in cash and promises of men and teams and needed about \$1,000.00. The members of the club appreciated the value of this improvement and assured Mr. Vassar of their earnest co-operation in an effort to secure the needed money.

Big Interurban Junketing Trip. The matter of the entertainment of the guests of the Interurban line on the big junketing trip to-day came in for due attention, and a committee composed of Messrs. H. W. Dorman and Walter Griffiths was appointed by Dr. Gue to make arrangements for the reception and proper entertainment of the visitors. The cars will arrive about 12:30 and will be met by a strong delegation of citizens at the lower end of Main street, where the cars turn. They will be escorted by the Caldwellites, headed by the band, to the site of the new station, where Mayor Griffiths will make one of his celebrated addresses and after the band discourses as only the Idaho State Band can, the crowd will repair to the Saratoga and partake of one of Jack Gordon's feasts. The visitors will then have a couple of hours with Caldwell business men, Caldwell, 50 strong, will then board the cars and proceed to Nampa, Meridian, and Boise with the party. All Caldwellites may obtain badges from the club.

"Idaho's Ideal." Mr. Griffiths then made mention of a plan to place a huge electric sign on the big water tank on Canyon Hill. He suggested a big red apple, with the words "Idaho's Ideal" beneath. This idea had been advanced by Mr. Markhus of the Idaho Railway, Light & Power Co., some time ago. At that time he said the company would furnish the electricity free of cost to the city. The idea appealed to all present and Mr. Griffiths promised to tell the club all about the scheme at the next meeting—cost, size and situation.

"Euphonious Appellation." Mr. Griffiths declared that he had for 10 these many moons thought earnestly anent some catch-word that

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## TWELFTH ORGAN RECITAL SUNDAY

Mr. Beale announces the next organ recital at the Methodist church for next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock sharp, December 15th, when a program suitable for the season of the year will be given. As an unusual and most attractive feature Mr. Beale has prepared a number of Christmas Carols to be sung by a choir of young girls. That these will prove most enjoyable to all is to be expected from such fresh young voices. The organ numbers will be up to the standard and include the great Fantasia of Lemmens in which is pictured a storm. The program in full is given below:

1. Pastorale, Op. 103—Merkel.
- (a) Silent Night—Graeber.
- (b) "Gloria in Excelsis."
- (c) Processional, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"—Beale.
- (d) "Shine on, Little Star"—Beale by the Carol Choir.
3. Fantasia in E-flat—Saint-Saens.
4. Grand Fantasia, "The Storm,"—Lemmens.
5. (a) "Happy Little Girls Are We,"—Beale.
- (b) "Christmas Bells"—Beale The Carol Choir.
6. (a) A Memory.—Stebbins.
- (b) Second Toccatina, C-minor—Rogers.

## BORAH WORKING ON BLACK CANYON AFFAIRS

Letter to President Newport Evidence of Continued Interest

### WILL WORK FOR BILL

Legislation Required in Order That Necessary Funds May Be Forthcoming—Experience Makes Him Chary of Promises, But Hope Springs Eternal.

As an evidence that there will be something doing along the line of legislation which will make the development of the Black Canyon possible in the near future, Mr. Jas. B. Newport, president of the district, handed a representative of the Tribune the following letter:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1912. My Dear Mr. Newport: Since coming to Washington I have been interesting myself with reference to the Black Canyon situation. I have had a talk with Mr. Newell and others in the Department. I find that in all probability before we can make any headway there will have to be some legislation in the way of securing additional loans to provide funds. Under the distribution of the funds as they were made by the Army engineers appointed by the President we would not really be able to secure any help from the present funds. As I see the matter, therefore, we must bend our energies to passing the present bill which we have pending for that purpose. As soon as the chairman of the committee on irrigation arrives I will endeavor to get a meeting of the committee to consider the matter. My experience heretofore has been cautious in promises as to results but I shall do everything I can to hasten the matter to a successful conclusion. I realize fully the great importance of action and speedy action. I have explained fully to the Department and members of the committee the situation, the fact that the settlers were there and the necessity almost from a humane standpoint as well as a business standpoint of furnishing water to them. Let us hope we will be successful.

Very respectfully,  
WM. E. BORAH.

The bill referred to provides for additional loans to the reclamation department and will insure the speedy development of the Black Canyon district.

### MEETING OF THE FORWARD CLUB

The Forward Club met Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in regular session. The legislative committee had charge of the program for the afternoon, with Miss Althea Sheldon as leader. Some of the bills that the Women's Federation of Clubs hope to bring before the legislature this winter were discussed by Messdames Cook, Blatchley, Wiley and Gue.

The ladies talked over the idea of a uniform reception day in each ward, and it was decided to ask the ladies of the first ward to observe their at home day on the 1st Thursday of each month, those of the second ward on the 2nd Thursday, and so on.

At the close of the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed with Mrs. Blondel and Miss Wescott as hostesses. A pleasing feature of the program was a "Fairy Love Song," rendered by Mrs. W. M. Case in her usual charming manner.

The members of the club were surprised and delighted by the presentation of a large enameled coffee pot, the gift of the firm of Maxey & Schnabel.

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GETTING READY FOR THE BIG MINSTREL SHOW

Manager Gabe Broiler is mighty busy these days preparing for the big minstrel show which is to be given soon after the first of the year by the Idaho State Band.

The entire band will parade in long tan-colored coats and uniforms—an inspiring sight. The show gives promise of being the best minstrel show that Caldwell has had for many a day, the specialties being of an especially high class, and the jokes and local hits will be sure to bring down the house.

The band is going to considerable expense to insure a first-class production and the members are working hard to make the affair one long to be remembered with pleasure.

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