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PERTINENT NEWS OF STATE WITH OUR OWN COMMENT

Legislature Will Make Investigation of the St. Anthony Scandal

WOULD ABOLISH SENATE

Dow Dunning Bring Forth Wonderful Scheme—Methods of Boise Press Bureau Not Fair to Some Senatorial Candidates—Judge Ailshie is in the Fight to Stay.

The legislature will undoubtedly make a thorough investigation of the state industrial school. Senator-elect George W. Edgington of Bonneville county has signified his intention of introducing a resolution calling for such an investigation and Attorney Harry Holden of Idaho Falls is determined that the evidence submitted to the board of regents of the institute be given the legislative committee. Messrs. Edgington and Holden, as do practically all the people of Idaho, believe that the board of regents simply applied a good thick coat of whitewash. They believe that men capable of resorting to a "bull whip" are not to be trusted with the discipline of helpless children.

Governor Hawley has expressed the opinion that the band master and assistant superintendent should be summarily dismissed and afterwards prosecuted in the courts and that Superintendent Humphries be removed from office. The members of the board of regents, to whom the evidence was submitted, with the exception of Governor Hawley and Mr. George Hill, the Fremont county member of the board, were of the opinion that the industrial school officials had conducted themselves very creditably, notwithstanding the fact that the gardener is now confined to the Fremont county jail, and the other three should be with him.

It is to be hoped that the legislature will make an investigation of the institution. If it does we trust that none of the members will be guests of the Humphries family while making the investigation. It would have looked better if Miss Grace Shepherd had stopped at a hotel while in St. Anthony.

Would Abolish the Senate.

Hon. Dow Dunning, state senator from Owyhee county and candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor two years hence, advocates the abolition of the state senate. Senator Dunning argues that proper initiative and referendum laws will do away with the necessity for the higher house of the state legislature. Great things are to come from the initiative and referendum—greater we imagine than their fondest friends ever anticipated. Without regard to the initiative and referendum, a great many people will look upon the abolition of the state senate with indifference and some will feel highly elated. There are people who would not grieve to any great extent if the entire legislature were done away with. Such of course are the extreme radical. In this day it is profitable to be radical—the more radical you are the higher you stand in public esteem. The estimate placed by the public measures the success with which a politician meets. Politics is the life breath of Hon. Dow, and if he will go the whole hog we predict that he will be safely nominated and elected governor of the state. It will be a good thing for the people of Idaho when they will have finished trying every fantastic idea advanced. The people are in a frame of mind where they must go the gamut before they will be satisfied. Let us hasten through the scale that we may again get back to pitch.

Methods are Hardly Fair.

is a candidate for the United States Former Governor James H. Brady senate. For the purpose of promoting his candidacy he maintains a publicity bureau at Boise. Now our former governor has a right to be a candidate for the senate and he has a right to get all the publicity for that candidacy that he can. He should not, however, misrepresent his opponents in the fight. Judge Ailshie is a candidate for the same position. The Judge says that he is in the fight to the finish. The Brady press bureau says that Judge Ailshie is only after a complimentary vote at this time—that his real purpose is to be a candidate two years hence. The exact purpose of the complimentary vote idea is not further explained.

The fact of the matter is that every man in the Republican party in Idaho who has senatorial aspirations is a candidate this very moment. This includes Judge Ailshie, former Governors Morrison, Gooding and Brady and Col. Thomas R. Hamer. Others are undoubtedly situated in a like manner. All of these men realize that a great advantage two years from now. In two years he will have built up a following; if any kind of a man at all, will have made a record; and

following the time honored custom in this state will be entitled to a re-election. Everybody understands this. The Brady bureau is simply wasting its ammunition. It is deceiving no one. Worse than that it is leading people to believe that the Pocatello statesman is not fighting fair. We would advise Mr. Brady to order a little different brand of dope sent out by his press headquarters.

Personal press bureaus may have at some time or other been of benefit to some politician, but it was a long time ago. When it was, or who the beneficiary we know not. It has always seemed to us that the poorest sticks that could be found were placed in charge of the political press bureaus. All parties and every politician employ the same brand, furnished, we believe, by the same person, but labeled differently. So far as we have ever seen the same dope appropriately headed would serve as well for one party as for another. The press bureau usually contents itself with claiming an overwhelming victory for its party or its man. It never seems to have dawned on a press bureaucrat that the average American citizen would rather be upon the right than upon the winning side. In regard to Mr. Brady's own little bureau: what has the fact of Judge Ailshie's being or not being in the fight to the finish got to do with Mr. Brady's claims or qualifications? If Mr. Brady is the man to represent Idaho in the senate, why not say so? But then no orthodox press bureau is supposed to furnish real arguments in behalf of its cause.

STATE DAIRY ASSOCIATION

The eleventh annual meeting of the Idaho State Dairymen's association will be held in Caldwell, Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3, and a number of prominent dairy experts from the agriculture colleges of both Idaho and Utah will be here to take part in the program. In connection with the meeting there will be exhibits of dairy products and a butter judging contest. The sessions will be held in the city hall and the Commercial club is arranging for the entertainment of the visitors.

The program for the convention was prepared by E. F. Rhinehart, field dairyman of the University of Idaho, and is as follows:

Opening Session.
January 2, 10 a. m.—Call to order. Address of welcome.

Response and annual address by H. J. Young of Twin Falls, president of the Idaho State Dairy Association.

Appointment of committees.

"Silos in the Intermountain Country." A. K. Risser of the U. S. department of agriculture, in charge of Western Dairy Farming investigations. Discussion by J. E. Stinson, Nampa.

Afternoon Session—1:30 O'clock.
"Selection of Dairy Herd." John T. Caine, professor of animal husbandry, Utah Agricultural college, Logan, Utah. Discussion led by A. L. Hubbard, Nampa.

"Why Keep Herd Records of Production?" E. F. Rhinehart, field dairyman of the University of Idaho. Discussion led by George Caine, field dairyman of Lincoln county.

"Feeding for Milk Production." E. V. Ellington of the department of dairy production, University of Idaho. Discussion led by H. C. Watson, Notus.

Evening Session—8:00 O'clock
Musical program.

Illustrated lecture of Sanitation by John F. Nicholson, professor of bacteriology, University of Idaho.

"Dairy Farm Economics," D. R. Hubbard of Boise.

Friday Forenoon—10:00 a. m.
"Results of the Butter Scoring Contest," G. M. Lambert, U. S. department of agriculture, Salt Lake City.

"Butter Making on the Farm," G. N. Frevert, department of dairy manufacture, University of Idaho. Discussion led by W. E. Boulton, Caldwell.

Address by James H. Wallis, state pure food and dairy commissioner.

The afternoon session Friday, the closing session of the convention will be given over to association business affairs except for an address by W. L. Carlyle, dean of the Idaho College of Agriculture.

Swine Breeders to Meet.
The Idaho Swine Breeders association will meet in this city Saturday, January 4, the day following the close of the dairymen's convention, and the program for the occasion will be made public within the next few days. The two large meetings are expected to attract a number of prominent stock men from all over the state.

SHERIFF BRESBEARS
MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Yesterday Sheriff Bresbears made his appointments of assistants in the office of sheriff. Arthur Street is the Under Sheriff, and H. D. Carmichael Deputy Sheriff.

INTERURBAN ROAD ROUND THE LOOP OPENED

Idaho Traction Company Gives Excursion to Cities Along Line

CARS STARTED MONDAY

Caldwell Delegation Gives Banquet to Officers of Road After Serenading Newspaper Offices of Capital City—Company Appreciates Caldwell Spirit

Last Friday the Idaho Traction Co., gave an excursion around the loop, to mark the opening of the service between Caldwell and Boise, both ways.

The excursion started from Boise at 11:00 a. m., and after making brief stops at Eagle, Star and Middleton, arrived in Caldwell at about 12:20. They were met by a large delegation of citizens, and listened to an address of warm welcome by our silver-throated mayor, after which the excursionists got something to eat and made merry generally.

The new fire-auto was sent through its stunts for the benefit of the visitors, and after Main street was cleared, came down the street at a 40-mile clip, showing that Caldwell was not only in the lead in interurban facilities, but in all that goes to make a modern city of its class.

About 60 citizens joined the excursion and when the city of Nampa was reached a big parade, headed by the great banner calling attention to "Caldwell, the Interurban Center," marched up and down the streets, paying a brief visit to the brewery. Mr. O. V. Badley accompanied the parade to within 50 feet of the brewery, but at this point his nerve failed him, and he beat a retreat.

The Caldwell banner was one of the best advertising ideas that Caldwell has gotten out. It was the work of Secretary Gibbons and was in the form of a big wheel, whose spokes represented the different interurban lines emanating from the city, with one bearing the legend, "The next Spoke—Roswell." The story was told in the line: "Caldwell, the Interurban Hub." This being the only banner in the parade, the different delegations from the other cities naturally fell into the line and helped to boost Caldwell in Nampa, Meridian and Boise.

At Meridian, the amount of noise manufactured by the excursionists had reached its zenith, and a genuine inter-rogation regarding the cider for which Meridian has become famous, brought forth rich results. The parade was directed to the cider mill, where numberless cups, doughnuts like mother used to make, and cookies of like deliciousness, were discovered, together with a hearty welcome. Here the advantage of having large hands became apparent. Wm. Cowden emerged from the door of the cider factory with a doughnut decorating each finger, two cups of cider, and a generous supply of cookies skillfully lodged between the doughnuts. It was with difficulty that Judge Harger was prevailed upon to leave the refreshments and join in the return parade, and then only by being allowed to march backwards so that he might see the building as long as possible.

Upon arriving in the Capital city, the boys formed in parade once more, headed by the big Caldwell banner, and accompanied by a perfect bedlam of horns, whistles, cymbals and drums, paid their respects to the offices of the Statesman and the Capital News. After this they marched through the Idaho and the Owyhee, where they dispersed.

The Caldwell delegation then gave a banquet to the officials of the Idaho Traction company, at which addresses were made by the various members of the delegation and officials of the traction company. The address of Mr. Dicke, vice-president of the Idaho Railway, Light & Power company, was especially felicitous. Mr. Dicke paid a high compliment to the spirit of our fair city, and assured all present of the intention of the company to do everything in their power to further the interests of Caldwell and her citizens.

Most of the excursionists came home on the 10 o'clock car. H. R. Cleaver came very near causing a riot by beating the big bass drum and cymbals from the time the car left Boise until it reached Caldwell. After those in the car had stood this noise, which was artistically accompanied by a duet of cow bells in the hands of Messrs. Cowden and Harris, about as long as human forbearance was able, someone started to part the bells and their owners. When the dust cleared two windows had gone the way of most windows, and everybody was dusty and tired—but still the drum and bells kept up their furore.

The excursion was successful from every point of view, and the Idaho Traction company is greatly to be congratulated upon the service they are giving the people along the lines. The company is doing a genuine development work and doing it well.

INSURANCE RATES WILL SOON BE LOWERED

Expert George Houghton Recommends Many Improvements in City.

INSTALL ALARM SYSTEM

Council Meets Next Monday to Consider the Recommendations of Expert—Paid Firemen to Sleep at Headquarters—Wooden Water Mains Need Protection.

Practically the entire time of the city council was taken up last Monday night's meeting in hearing and discussing the recommendations made by George H. Houghton, a representative of the board of insurance underwriters, relative to the needs of the city in the matter of improved fire protection. Mr. Houghton has been here for the past ten days and has given the matter careful study, testing the new fire engine, the pumping plant and the general efficiency must be met before the property owners can hope to profit by a material reduction in fire insurance rates. While the changes suggested are extensive and will necessitate the expenditure of considerable money, the council believes that they can be provided for, and will meet next Monday night to take the first steps toward that end.

Recommendations of Expert.
Among the recommendations made by Mr. Houghton was that the city employ three paid firemen for the Central station, where the engine is kept; that a modern telegraph fire alarm system be installed; that the present wooden and steel water mains be replaced as rapidly as possible with cast iron mains; that pressure reducers be installed in the pipes, and that the council pass and enforce a strict building ordinance. When these requirements are met the underwriters' representative states that Caldwell will have as complete fire protection as any city of its size in the northwest.

To Extend Water System.
The council at the session last Monday night also arranged for the construction of the Arlington extension to the city water system, a question that has been under consideration for some time. The extension will carry city water to the residents of the south part of the city, as far out as Logan street. Over a mile of pipe will be laid and the cost of the improvement is estimated at \$2,562.59.

Recommendations in Full.
The recommendations made by Mr. Houghton are very interesting. They follow in their entirety.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Caldwell, Idaho:

As the result of several days inspection work in Caldwell, made with the view of recommending adjusted insurance rates on the mercantile buildings, on account of fire and water improvements, I beg leave to submit a few recommendations, which if carried out, will have effect in the rates to be promulgated.

First: It is always desirable to possess two separate sources of electrical energy for fire pumps, so that in case of wires of one system breaking, the other line may be utilized; thus insuring an assured supply for power purposes.

Second: Arrangements should be made with one of the employees of the water department, who thoroughly understands the operation of the pump, to live at the brick pump house throughout the year. Under the present arrangements the pump man only goes to the pump house when necessary. To leave the pump house unguarded allows the machinery and pump house to be at the mercy of unscrupulous parties, besides the delay in furnishing fire pressure at the hydrants.

Third: I think you will agree with me, from your experience, that wood stove mains are undesirable with pumping systems and as soon as practicable should be replaced with cast iron or steel. Pending this important change—pressure reducers should be installed at the intersections of the wood and steel mains, so that when fire pressure is desired, this arrangement will prevent the wood mains being subjected to the strain. Nampa has such an arrangement and it might be very well to consult with the water department of that city before purchasing this equipment.

Fourth: The hydrants should all be thoroughly tested by a competent man and all valve leaks, etc., repaired. They should be inspected and oiled at least once in two months and a written report filed with the city council.

Fifth: The hose carts will not probably be called out very much from the city hall headquarters and it is suggested a cart be placed in the North also the south or southeastern part of the city—with 500 feet of hose on each. This arrangement will obviate the necessity of sending to headquarters for extra hose when buildings are located a long distance from the hydrants or ditches, about eight or ten men in each hose company will be sufficient.

Sixth: That a modern telegraph fire alarm system be installed as soon as funds are available.

Seventh: That three paid firemen be maintained at the city hall, at least two of which to be capable of handling the motor driven apparatus.

The value of having three competent firemen as a nucleus for the department work, will become apparent the first large fire occurring. Full paid firemen should always sleep at headquarters.

Eighth: No member of the fire department either full paid or volunteer be allowed to keep liquors at the headquarters or stay there while intoxicated. Breaking this rule to be subject the offender to dismissal.

Ninth: It is understood that the present building ordinance is not actively enforced for various reasons and a substitute is herewith presented for your consideration.

Tenth: Enactment of a fire works ordinance is suggested along the lines of the copy enclosed. It is a matter of public record that "Sane" Fourth of Julys have materially lessened the fire and death loss on this day.

Eleventh: Generally speaking the accumulation of rubbish in the mercantile district is not alarming. The worst yards being in the rear of The Tribune Printing office (ouch!) and the Colonial Candy Kitchen. Lack of metal receptacles for ashes were noticed in several instances.

In the rear of the buildings on the north side of Main Street was noted several wood packing cases filled with excelsior and paper. Owing to the close proximity of the railroad tracks—this condition is a fire breeder.

After giving these matters your consideration, I will appreciate a letter addressed to the Board of Fire Underwriters, Salt Lake City, Utah, setting forth the improvements, that you will be enabled to carry out in the near future and the report on your town will then be forwarded to the Fire Insurance Companies.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. HOUGHTON,
Insurance Surveyor.

SAD DEATH OF CALDWELL BOY

Last Saturday afternoon the citizens of Caldwell and vicinity were shocked when the intelligence was conveyed to them that Kent McVey, the second son of Judge W. S. McVey, had been drowned in Lake Lowell.

The young man, with his companion Bryan Harding, the 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Harding, left early in the day with the intention of spending the afternoon in the pleasant pastime of skating on the lake. The boys were enjoying themselves freely and forgetful of the soft, warm rain of the night before, they skated too far out upon the lake. Suddenly the ice broke, letting them both into the water, with the result that Kent McVey was drowned, and young Harding barely escaped with his life, after making many futile attempts to save his companion. The accident happened about 4:30 o'clock.

After his friend had gone down for the last time, Bryan Harding skated to the construction camp, where the casualty was reported.

As soon as possible about 50 men from Caldwell arrived on the scene of the disaster, and the body of the drowned youth was recovered, in good condition, a short time afterward. It was brought to Caldwell and placed in charge of the Platt-Peckham Furniture and Undertaking company.

Kent William McVey, was born December 30, 1896, in Charter Oak, Iowa. He is survived by his father, W. S. McVey, a sister, Vera McVey, and two brothers, Donald and Roger McVey. The mother died about two years ago in Caldwell, where the family has lived for several years.

The deceased was a freshman in the Caldwell High School. He was known as a good worker and a popular boy. He was generally rather reticent and quiet for one of his years. He was respectful and courteous to his teachers, and was held in high esteem by both teachers and pupils.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, at two o'clock on Monday afternoon. Dr. R. Emory Buckley officiated.

A large assemblage witnessed the ceremonies, the Caldwell High School attending en masse.

Many beautiful floral pieces attested to the sympathy that is felt for the bereaved family.

The body was laid to rest by the side of the mother in the Canyon Hill cemetery, about 4:30 o'clock.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE SAYS THE JURY

Mock Trial Is Held At Court House With Great Success

CASE OF JENNIE BRICE

Story Has Been Running in Everybody's Magazine—Big Prizes Offered for Best Solution and Mock Trial of Case—All States Contest—Court Room Crowded

The case of Jennie Brice, from "Everybody's Magazine," was tried at the Canyon county court house Tuesday night.

The trial of Philip Laidley, charged with the murder of Jennie Brice, occurred in the court room of the District Court Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Westminster Guild of the First Presbyterian church of Caldwell.

While the trial was but a mock affair in fact, yet in its various aspects it embraced every feature of a genuine proceeding in a real case. All of the legal forms of practice and procedure in our state courts were observed.

The presiding judge was the Hon. Ed. L. Bryan, judge of the seventh judicial district of Idaho. The regular court stenographer, Gilbert Shelby, recorded the evidence. Fred Mitchell, the present deputy clerk of our district, acted as clerk.

The jury was selected from the audience and consisted of the following ladies: Mesdames Crookham, Flynn, Binford, Bryan, W. A. Stone, Harrington, Ward Stone, Bach, Hay, Waite, Farrar and Miss Platt.

W. P. Lyon, cashier of the First National bank, acted as court bailiff. W. A. Stone was attorney for the state and Alfred Stone was attorney for the defendant.

The entire affair was staged and carried out in the most realistic manner.

The trial had been advertised by the local press, and by the large posters furnished by "Everybody's Magazine," and in consequence 250 spectators came to the court house to witness the trial of the now widely-known "Case of Jennie Brice."

Mr. Snodgrass, our local photographer, was on hand and took two flashlight pictures at the close of the trial.

The trial began promptly at 8 o'clock and it was 11:15 when the jury retired.

The crowd came early; by eight o'clock the entire seating capacity of the court room was occupied. Promptly at eight o'clock Judge Bryan emerged from his chambers, took his seat on the bench and ordered the bailiff to convene court.

W. P. Lyon, the bailiff, tall, portly, dressed in a regular policeman's uniform, with star, "billy" in hand, and wearing a set of red false whiskers, rapped loudly for order. The audience gave attention at once and then in a stormy voice and a rich Irish brogue, the bailiff said "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! The Honorable District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Pennsylvania, in and for the county of Allegheny, is now in session—let dies will please remove their hats."

Judge Bryan then announced that the first case on the calendar was that of the State vs. Philip Laidley, and asked counsel if they were ready to proceed. Counsel said they were ready, whereupon the court ordered the defendant to stand and listen to the reading of the information. After reading the information to the defendant, the Court asked if he was represented by counsel, to which Laidley replied that he was.

Counsel for defendant then stated to the Court that he would waive the statutory time in which to enter plea and asked to plead instanter.

The court then asked the defendant if he pleaded "guilty," or "not guilty," to the charge in the information, to which the defendant replied that his plea was "not guilty."

The court then ordered the clerk to call the names of twelve jurors. The jury box being filled the prosecuting attorney proceeded to examine the jury on its voir dire.

Mrs. Waite, a lady of about 70 years of age, was asked "How old are you?" to which question counsel for defendant objected on grounds of immateriality. After a wordy controversy between the lawyers the defendant's counsel said he would admit that the juror was at least 31 years old.

Mrs. Blatchley, another juror, was asked if she had formed or expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant. She answered yes, and proceeded to say that she thought the defendant was guilty—that her opinion was fixed and unqualified. Counsel for state then challenged this juror for cause, but the challenge was denied by the court, amidst laughter from the audience.

Another juror, Mrs. Harrington, was asked among other things: "Where did you come from in this country?" Answer: "From Missouri."

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