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WEEKLY REVIEW OF STATE NEWS WITH OUR COMMENT

The state grange held a well attended and most successful meeting at Nampa this week. The grange convened Tuesday and adjourned Thursday. A number of serious problems were thoroughly discussed by leading members of the association with the result that much good was accomplished. Leading men of the state addressed the grange on various subjects. Wednesday officers were elected. State Master H. Harland of Payette was accorded a unanimous re-election and the same was true of M. N. Webb of Weiser, overseer; H. Villeneuve of Nampa was elected steward; J. F. McBurney of Wendell, assistant steward; D. C. Mullen of Nampa, re-elected state lecturer; E. C. Preston of New Plymouth re-elected secretary; George Collins of Gooding, elected treasurer; Guy Smith of Nampa, gate keeper; Mrs. H. A. Harland, of Payette, Ceres; Mrs. Rothrock of Weiser, Flora; Mrs. J. P. Bates of Wendell, Pomona; Mrs. T. A. Allen of Meridian, lady assistant steward.

T. A. Allen of Meridian was re-elected to the executive committee, the other members of which are D. C. Mullen, M. N. Webb and the master and secretary. W. G. Sholtz of Boise and W. W. Deal of Nampa, are the new members of the legislative committee.

The report of the committee on resolutions provoked considerable discussion. As these resolutions will govern the policy of the grange during the year they are of greatest importance. Their adoption, rejection or amendment, whichever might be decided upon, was postponed until yesterday afternoon so that we are unable to give the resolutions adopted in this issue of The Tribune.

Pocatello In for a Clean-up.

Judge Alfred Budge has called for an investigation of conditions in Pocatello by the grand jury. Several matters will be investigated. Among them are the constant violation of the local option law which occurs almost daily in the Gate City. Judge Budge directs special attention to the "Red Light" district of Pocatello as deserving of investigation. In his instructions to the jury he says, in part:

"I refer to what is commonly called the 'Red Light District,' or in other words, buildings that are used for the purpose of providing homes for public harlots or prostitutes. From the best information obtainable there are between forty-five and fifty public prostitutes who pay monthly fines to this municipality of \$13.50 each, making a total of \$607.50 monthly, or yearly fines amounting to \$7290.00. These amounts are taken by the municipality for the purpose of assisting in defraying the expenses thereof, and to this extent the municipality countenances their right to carry on their nefarious avocation by the payment of this amount of money, which is in direct conflict with the statutes of this state, as well as being repugnant to the sensibilities of all Christian people and good citizens.

"It is estimated that these prostitutes must receive from men and boys who visit them approximately \$100.00 per month to defray their actual and necessary expenses. From information obtainable they are taxed \$2.00 per day by the owner of the premises for the privilege of inhabiting these rooms; it costs them \$1.50 per day to eat; \$15.00 per month for their laundry and \$13.50 per month for their fines, which would make an approximate expenditure by these harlots of \$50,000.00 annually, which is contributed by parties who patronize these prostitutes."

It is claimed that these houses of prostitution are breeding places for all kinds of crime and that the violation of the local option law is a daily occurrence. Judge Budge is doing everything in his power to clean up the city of Pocatello.

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VANDERBERGH AND WATERS DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP.

Yesterday Messrs. L. W. Vanderbergh and I. W. Waters, proprietors of the Bungalow, dissolved partnership by mutual consent. Mr. Vanderbergh retires from the Bungalow. Mr. Waters will continue the business and is responsible for all claims against the business.

BORAH ASKS FOR \$100,000,000

Senator Borah has attached a rider to the Alaska railroad bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for reclamation in the west. The Alaska bill is an administration measure.

Miss Mary Campbell and her pupils gave a little party on Wednesday afternoon in honor of the pupils who will pass into the sixth grade.

Miss Eula Williamson entertained the young ladies of the Sunday school class on Saturday afternoon, at her rooms in Dr. Starcker's home.

Mrs. J. A. Baker visited at Nampa Tuesday, the guest of Mrs. J. M. McPherson.



News Snapshots Of the Week

The oil tank steamer Oklahoma, the largest of its kind flying the American flag, broke in two during a storm off the New Jersey coast, and eight of the crew of forty were saved by the liner Bavaria, while five others were picked up by the liner Gregory from a lifeboat. Seabright, N. J., was badly damaged by the same storm. Miss Belle Willard, daughter of the American ambassador to Spain, became engaged to Kermit Roosevelt, son of the former president. Ex-Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was reported seriously ill. Congressman W. S. Howard of Georgia prepared to seek a congressional investigation of the federal prison at Atlanta. A. J. Jennings, ex-train robber and federal prisoner, announced his candidacy for governor of Oklahoma. Joseph Chamberlain, member of the British house of commons since 1876, announced he would not seek re-election.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ENDORSES BORAH

The Republican county central committee met at Emmett Tuesday in response to a call of Chairman Hawkins. Owing to our closeness to Boise it was decided to hold no Lincoln Day banquet in the county as a great many Republicans desire to attend the Boise meeting. There may be Lincoln Day banquets in the towns of the county although the county committee does not encourage such meetings.

At the meetings of the county central committee at Emmett the following resolution were adopted:

"Whereas, Senator William E. Borah, by his public acts and his official policy has taken a stand for progressive Republicans at all times and

Whereas, He stands in the front ranks of the public men who are to bring life and power to the Republican party;

Resolved, That the Republican organization of Canyon county hereby pledges its faith to the policies and principles advocated by Idaho's senior senator, and that the platform of this organization for the coming campaign be laid on the same broad and progressive lines that have marked the career of Senator Borah."

The Emmett meeting of the county committee was attended by Sheriff Bresler and County Attorney Henry of Caldwell. Nearly every precinct in the county was represented, which shows that the party in Canyon county is in a good state of health.

WESTERN NATIONAL REPORTS GOOD INCREASE IN BUSINESS

Statement Highly Pleases Officers and Stockholders

The Western National bank this week elected officers for the ensuing year. The entire old board of directors was re-elected. There was no change in the officers of the bank. The officers of the bank are: John T. Morrison, president; Edward Hedden, vice-president; L. S. Dille, cashier; J. K. Kody, assistant cashier; Ernest Boone, assistant cashier. The directors are: John T. Morrison, Edward Hedden, J. W. Graff, Martin Jensen, H. D. Blatchley, D. P. Dodd and L. S. Dille.

In response to the call of the controller of the currency all national banks are now publishing a statement showing their condition at the close of business January 13. The statement of the Western National shows a substantial increase of business since the publication of the last statement less than three months ago. The officers and stockholders are well pleased with the condition of the bank. At this time the total footings are \$388,865.53. The resources of the bank are given as follows:

Loans and discounts	\$153,808.97
U. S. bonds and premiums	\$8,877.29
Real estate, fixtures, etc.	\$9,054.36
Cash and due from banks	\$115,124.91
Total	\$386,865.53

The liabilities as shown by the statement are:

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and undiv'd profits	7,286.39
Circulation	49,995.00
Deposits	269,584.14
Total	\$386,865.53

The officers and stockholders of the Western National are all local men, all of them having been residents of this section of the country for twenty-five years or more. The bank is now growing steadily and is considered one of the safest and soundest banks in the state.

\$1,000 to loan immediately, private money. Wants first mortgage and 10 per cent. No bonuses or strings. FISK REALTY COMPANY.

Mr. and Mrs. Wren Shepard left on Saturday for Butte, where they will make their home for the future.

COMMERCIAL BANK WILL JOIN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM

Newly Elected Officers So Decide at Meeting Tuesday.

At its annual meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year the stockholders of the Commercial Bank of Caldwell passed a resolution by which the bank will become a member of the federal reserve system. This was done in order to take advantage of the new currency law, which the officers of the bank feel will be of the greatest benefit to the entire country. They are indifferent to the location of the regional bank for the Rocky Mountain states but are insistent that it be one of the strongest banks of the system.

At the meeting which was held Tuesday the old officers of the bank were elected. The officers are: John C. Rice, president; J. H. Lowell, vice-president; E. H. Plowhead, cashier; W. E. Parker, assistant cashier. The directors are: John C. Rice, J. H. Lowell, I. S. Binford, Robert Aikman, S. F. Chaney, A. Ballantyne, E. H. Plowhead, A. Greenlund and W. E. Parker. They are all local men of high rating, splendid character and acknowledged ability.

The statement of the Commercial bank showing its condition at the close of business January 13, 1914, shows the bank to be in a strong position in every respect. The total footing are \$476,000.00 which makes a stronger and better statement than the last. By item the resources of the bank are:

Loans and discounts	\$307,174.89
Overdrafts	895.92
Warrants and securities	20,264.05
Real Estate and Fixtures	54,478.64
Cash and Exchange	93,657.20
Total	\$476,470.70

The liabilities are:

Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided Profits	942.75
Bills payable and redis.	43,500.00
Deposits	312,027.95
Total	\$476,470.70

FIRST NATIONAL SHOWS BIG INCREASE IN BUSINESS.

Pioneer Bank of Southern Idaho Reaches Nearly \$900,000.00.

The statement of the condition of the First National bank which will be found elsewhere in this edition of The Tribune is the strongest and best in the history of the institution. Under the unsettled condition which prevails locally the condition of this bank is reassuring. The statement shows that the resources of the bank are nearly nine hundred thousand dollars. We give below the statement more in detail.

Loans and discounts	\$400,847.31
Overdrafts	1,291.70
Bonds and securities	109,716.37
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	18,077.05
Due from U. S.	
Treasurer	\$ 4,500.00
Cash and sight exchange	357,393.19
Total	\$889,825.62

The officers of the bank were re-elected at the meeting held this month. They are: J. E. Cosgriff, president; W. P. Lyon, cashier; E. M. Hendon, assistant cashier and John A. Tucker, assistant cashier. The officers are all well known and substantial men of affairs who are maintaining the bank's reputation as one of the strongest in Idaho.

HOLD COURT AT WEISER.

Judge Bryan of the Seventh Judicial district and Court Reporter Gilbert Shelby are at Weiser this week for the opening of district court in Washington county, Jan. 20. District court will open at Council in Adams county Feb. 3, and at Caldwell in this county Feb. 17.

SETTLERS PROTECTED BY COURT DECISION.

Settlers on an irrigation project are entitled to have every dollar they pay on water contracts applied to the completion of the system, no matter how many transfers of the property may intervene, nor how the water contracts have been assigned to the settlers, where the promoters are insolvent.

This is the purport of a decision handed down by the supreme court on Wednesday in the case of C. C. Childs and others against N. J. Neitzel and others, a case involving the Murphy Irrigation company project in Owyhee county. It is a decision of tremendous importance to settlers and irrigation companies throughout the state. It is far reaching in its application, and the main principle laid down by the court will be invoked in straightening out the tangles on a number of projects, such as the King Hill, the Medbury, the Big Lost river and others. It means, in brief, that the promoters of irrigation projects must complete the system and put the water on the land before they can expect to reap harvests by compelling the settlers to make payments on water contracts, to be applied on the interest on bonds and other obligations.

CHECK ARTIST APPREHENDED

The sheriff's office here is in receipt of information to the effect that Frank Mills, who is wanted at Emmett for forgery and issuing worthless checks, has been arrested at Des Moines, Ia. The Iowa authorities write that Mills has been indicted for forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses and that the Idaho officers may have him after he has paid the penalty for these alleged crimes. Mills has served a term in the Idaho penitentiary for forgery committed in Bannock county, and is also wanted in Nevada for the same offense, it is said.

Colin McCloud is building a fine new barn in Arlington Heights.

Mrs. J. S. Miller was operated on Wednesday in the Canyon hospital. Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Myers were Sunday guests of J. E. Myers of Boise. The Lincoln school is to be conducted by Mrs. Dille.

Miss Campbell spent Sunday in gratulated. They now enjoy a new piano.

Miss Addie Smith of Portland in Caldwell for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ackley and Helen Ackley were Boise visitors last Thursday.

John Isabel is on the sick list at the home of his nephew, James Witherspoon.

Clark Post and John Post of Deer Flat took dinner with C. B. Banks Wednesday.

Daniel Butt has sold his acreage near the fair grounds to W. C. Postlethwaite.

M. L. Walker made a trip over to Homedale last week looking after his real estate interests.

Mr. Castile of Nampa and Mr. Bess and family visited the C. M. Nickle home last Sunday.

The Methodist ladies will serve dinner in the basement of the church Monday, February 2.

W. E. Platt returned Saturday from North Carolina, where he has been for several months past.

C. C. Austin has leased the Royal Cafe building and will move his racket store the first of the month.

THE TRIBUNE IS OF YELLOW HUE

Homedale, Jan. 21, 1914.

Editor Tribune—I wish to say that generally The Tribune hits a fairly high plane, though occasionally I notice what seems to be a slight yellow tinge. But The Tribune last week surely acquitted itself proudly. It is seldom that so much value is found in any paper. And I feel duty bound to make a few comments. First I will notice the city taxes—this to some extent goes to substantiate what I said last week. The expense is too great for those who must support the towns to pay.

Yes; J. C. Rice is correct, prosperity is on the way, really in sight. And so says Champ Clark. But then, as one of our senators has said, and truly, our prosperity is a danger. The prosperity that is on the way is coming at too great an expense. Then you know that it is only borrowed. It is but money and bank credit, and the money must come through the banks. All must be borrowed and the cost is too great to last. Many of those who borrow this prosperity will find grief on the road.

But it was Walter Griffiths who hit the key note. The matter of paying the government for water. There should be no mistake made there, and in my opinion the extension of time should not be asked for. The people should not be asked to return this money in the first place. No one seemingly but the farmers are asked to return appropriations. Even where money has been raised by taxation. But that is not the case here. This is but money taken in from land and should remain in the land—nearly all of it is taken that way. As Mr. Griffiths says, the country can not stand the drain. The people cannot pay. Doubtless a great majority of them cannot pay. I talked with the late Ross Davis upon this matter in his time. I told him the people could not pay it, and that they should not be required to pay. He agreed with me upon it. But he asserted that the government would not reject the people. When it was found that they could not pay, Congress would cancel the debt. But that is neither here nor there. A move should be started now to have the debt cancelled. This is no personal matter, neither is it strictly a community matter. I would help everyone to have the money remain here. First the farmer who did not have it to pay, then the banker where he carried his cash. Last but perhaps not least, the local merchant. That is, if the latter could make good. Otherwise, the mail order house. It is up to the various commercial clubs and other organizations to take the right hold of this. Ask for all the rights due. It will be time enough to take a half loaf when it is shown that a whole cannot be had.

In my remarks last week I stated that all the people of an agricultural town must get their support from the farmers, carrying the idea that they were the only producers and that there were no producers in a town. This is generally true, but there are exceptions, and Caldwell is one of the. Caldwell is a great producer. It takes the wheat and produces flour from it; the wheat has more value after it is ground than before—a great deal more. I will note the great gain. One bushel of wheat of 60 lbs. that the mill allows the farmer 69 cents for, that the government reports say will make 46 lbs of the various grades of patent flour, and 14 lbs of bran. Calling it straight grade, that wholesales at 90 cents per sack, the wholesale price of the product of one bushel of wheat, flour and bran, is 101.65 cents. 32.65 cents has been produced or added to the value of a bushel of wheat by grinding. Therefore Caldwell must be given credit for producing about one-third of the wheat grown in the vicinity. Presuming of course that the mill will grind it.

Respectfully yours,
W. H. SCHENCK.

SIMPSONS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO CALDWELL

W. G. Simpson, former president, and S. D. Simpson, his brother and former cashier of the American National bank of Caldwell, were arrested by Federal authorities Monday. W. G. Simpson was taken at Meridian, Miss., and S. D. Simpson at Fort Worth, Texas. It is reported here that W. G. Simpson waived extradition proceedings and was released on bonds in the sum of \$5000.00. S. D. Simpson resisted extradition and his preliminary hearing will be held Saturday. Messrs. M. A. Devers, who succeeded to the presidency of the bank a few weeks ago, and Gabe Broilner, a bookkeeper at the bank, left Monday for Fort Worth, where they will testify at the preliminary hearing.

The specific charges against the two brothers are unknown in Caldwell. At the time of his arrest S. D. Simpson was acting as vice-president of the Cattleman's Trust Co., of Fort Worth. He had been in the Texas city for some time.

There has been talk on the streets for some time that an effort was being made to locate the Simpsons and that their arrest would follow. This was not generally believed because for some time a number of people in this city knew where they were and what they were doing. They were permitted to leave the state and it was thought that they had made such reparation to the bank as was within their power. Evidently discrepancies have come to light since their departure that were unknown at the time.

In spite of the latest developments in the failure of the American National bank, the opinion prevails generally that the liquidation of the bank will result in every creditor getting practically all of his money. It is now conceded that the stockholders will sustain a loss so far as their investment is concerned.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE LEAGUE

- SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE
- Jan. 26—Pres. Heavy v. Methodist H.
 - Baptist Light v. Christian L.
 - Jan. 28—Baptist H. v. Christian H.
 - Presbyterian L. v. Meth. L.
 - Feb. 2—Presbyterian H. v. Chris. H.
 - Baptist L. v. Methodist L.
 - Feb. 4—Baptist H. v. Presby. H.
 - Presby. L. v. Christian L.
 - Feb. 9—Baptist H. v. Methodist H.
 - Methodist L. v. Presby. L.
 - Feb. 11—Methodist H. v. Christian H.
 - Baptist L. v. Christian L.
 - Feb. 16—Baptist H. v. Christian H.
 - Presby. L. v. Methodist L.
 - Feb. 18—Presbyterian H. v. Chris. H.
 - Baptist L. v. Methodist L.
 - Feb. 23—Baptist H. v. Presbyterian H.
 - Presbyterian L. v. Chris. L.
 - Feb. 25—Baptist H. v. Methodist H.
 - Methodist L. v. Presby. L.
 - Mar. 2—Methodist H. v. Chris. H.
 - Baptist L. v. Christian L.
 - Mar. 4—Presbyterian H. v. Meth. H.
 - Baptist L. v. Christian L.

Light weight, 110 lb. stripped. Play at 7:15 sharp. Heavy weight, 135 lb. stripped, play at 7:45 sharp. Teams must absolutely be ready on time and in charge of an adult from their own church.

Practice Saturday afternoons: Presbyterians 2 to 3, Methodists 3 to 4, Christian 4 to 5, Baptist 5 to 6. Player must be accompanied by some one in charge.

No one will be allowed in gymnasium but bona fide team members and substitutes. Church leaders will enforce this rule. No one from other schools allowed in gym when other teams are at practice, allowed in dress room 10 minutes before the time. Schools must give way promptly on time. Team leaders must hand in weights 24 hours before playing. No change.

WON THE CLEAVER MEDAL.

Those interested in the Cleaver debate have been able to resume their work in a normal way. This famous debate is of the extemporaneous sort and hence the interest in it. The subject for this year's debate was as follows: "Our Currency—Its History, Its Present Status, Its Needed Reforms." Two hours before the debate the debaters were given the following resolution: "Resolved, That Our Currency System as Amended by the New Bank Act Now Being Introduced, Is the Best Currency System Which the United States Could Have at the Present Time."

Mr. Roscoe Turner, having the negative, defended the Central Bank against the present system and won the highest place. Mr. Robert McCormick being a close second. The subject is a very hard one for popular debate but the boys acquitted themselves very honorably in this hard task.

Judge Harger, Attorney Bicknell and Attorney Alfred Stone were the judges. The winner, Mr. Turner, received a gold medal from the founder, Mr. Cleaver, of this city. Mr. Lee Tappan and Mr. Chas. Paine were also in the debate.

After the debate the college students, judges, alumni and faculty attended a reception at Finney hall, where a pleasant social hour was spent. Refreshments were served by the freshman class. The Preparatory students had to be outdone by their elders, had a royal time in Vornes hall after the debate.