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VALUATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET HERE SATURDAY

COMMITTEE FINDS THAT EXPERIMENT WORK AND ERRORS COST GOVERNMENT \$10 ACRE

Information Should be in Saturday in Order that Committee May Prepare Report—Cost of Project is Already \$11,186.00—Reclamation Commission Will Finally Pass on Report.

The committee of the Boise Water Users' Association appointed to check up the project will hold a meeting in Caldwell Saturday, at the office of the secretary of the association. Any one having information of errors of commission by the government during the construction of the Boise Project Irrigation works will have the information available by Saturday. In case they cannot file it Saturday the following week will do. The time at the disposal of the committee is getting short and it is urged that information be filed at the earliest possible date.

The committee, which consists of Messrs. J. L. Magee, C. H. Kelm and W. E. Wood, has gone over the project thoroughly and carefully. Its report is by no means complete yet but we are assured that it has found errors and experiment work done by the government engineers and others that cost at least \$10.00 per acre. The committee hopes that the government will give the project credit for these errors.

Cost of Project.

The Boise project has cost, up to the last report \$11,186,000. There will be approximately 200,000 acres under the project when completed.

The local committee will report to the Reclamation Commission who in turn will advise the Secretary of the Interior. The Reclamation Commission consists of Consulting Engineer Marshall, W. A. Ryan, comptroller, and I. D. O'Donnell, supervisor of irrigation. This commission was appointed by Secretary Lane for the purpose of advising him on this and other matters. Mr. Lane has ordered and is now having made a re-valuation of all government reclamation projects.

The final report of the committee of the Water Users' association will be available at an early date. The members of the committee feel sure that the Secretary of the Interior will give this project credit for all that it is entitled to credit for.

G. A. R. SERVICES FOR DECORATION DAY

Decoration day will be observed Monday, May 31, by the G. A. R., W. R. C. and other orders. The Boy Scouts will march with the G. A. R. Band music will be furnished by the Caldwell band. The program which will be given at the Methodist church follows:

- Song, "Star Spangled Banner"
- Invocation.....Mrs. F. F. Beale
- Rev. Winfield S. Hawkes
- Post Department, Chaplain
- Logan's Order.....Adj. M. L. March
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.....Ross Raymond
- Song, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground" Mrs. W. W. McNair
- Recitation.....Miss Daphne Gowen
- Quartet "Tossing Flowers on the Billows"
- Reading.....Miss Mable Dresser
- Address.....Hon. M. L. Church
- Song, "America".....Audience
- Benediction.....Rev. E. M. Ewing
- Mrs. Miles will beat taps at close of service.

All citizens are requested to display flags both Sunday and Monday, half-mast until noon, at mast head until night.

DECORATION DAY.

Services on Monday, May 31st will begin by W. R. C. and all patriotic orders meeting at City Hall at 9 o'clock to arrange flowers, etc.

While this is doing the Young Campaigners led by Mrs. Deitrick, will sing. At 10 o'clock start is made to cemetery from bank corner. Everyone is invited to meet with the patriotic orders at the monument to the Unknown dead, where ritualistic services will be held near 10:30 o'clock. From there the orders with the children will decorate the graves of twenty four comrades of the G. A. R., and of two soldiers of the Mexican war, also of a few W. R. C. sisters.

The Post and Corps request the donation of flowers to be sent to the city hall before 9 o'clock Monday the 31st.

All will furnish their own conveyances to and from cemetery as none have been solicited this year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Myers entertained at auction bridge Tuesday evening. Delicious refreshments were served, everyone reported having enjoyed themselves immensely. Mrs. Walker won the high score prize and Judge Bryan the low score. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Jackson, Walker, Devors, Ross, Harrington, Banks, Hoyes, Holt; Messrs. Blondell and Cole; Miss Cupp and Mrs. Ross.

Miss Grace Lenord of Waverly, Ia., is in the city, the guest of Miss Farrer. She is en route to the California expositions and will remain in Caldwell a few days.

Mr. W. R. Wilkerson is looking after business interests in Vale, Ore., this week.

PROCLAMATION.

Believing that every intelligent citizen of Caldwell is interested in its advancement, and being convinced that the commercial and moral interests of our community cannot safely be divorced, I issue this urgent invitation to every man in the city to show his appreciation of a visit that is to be made us next Sunday afternoon by a delegation of Parma men. Seventy-five of their enthusiastic hustlers, accompanied by an orchestra, are expected. These men are coming at their own expense and at no little inconvenience, in order to tell us about some of the things they are doing in Parma for the good of their community.

A large local committee, headed by Mr. Bert Skidmore, of the Golden Rule store, has secured the Huree theatre for the meeting at 4:00 o'clock, and is hustling to fill the building. As mayor of the city I wish to urge every man, young and old, to help show these visiting gentlemen that Caldwell too has enterprise and knows how to express her appreciation of such a visit from a neighboring city.

FRED C. BOYES, Mayor.

HICKOK THANKS AUTO CLUB FOR RECOGNITION

Will Show Appreciation by Good Work on the Roads.

E. C. Hickok was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Hickok was one of the county road overseers who made so much improvement in the roads in his district that the committee of the Caldwell Automobile Club awarded him one of two prizes. He wishes to thank the club and will show his appreciation by continuing his good work on the roads.

Mr. Hickok is overseer of District No. 13 and has 25 miles of road to look after. He is keeping these roads in splendid shape and at a very small expense to the county. His main roads start at the Boise river bridge and run to the Smith school house on the Notus road; and from the bridge to the city limits of Middleton. He drags each road about 15 times a year. He has covered 25 miles in one day but this is too much to undertake as a regular thing.

RAINS HAVE BEEN WORTH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

The recent rains have been worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers in this section of the state. There has been a very large saving in irrigation water and coming as it did the rains have saved the country from what threatened to be a serious shortage of water.

A trip through the country will amply repay any one. The Deer Flat and Wilder country never gave a brighter promise of bumper crops. Clear from Greenleaf to the Riverside community wheat is higher than ever before at this time of the year and all of the crops looking wonderfully well.

Some sections that were beginning to be troubled with the grasshopper pest have gotten relief without expense while in others the pest is so thinned that prompt attention will enable the farmers to rid themselves of this danger.

There is every indication that the crops will give immediate relief to the community and give business a needed impetus while we are waiting for our share of the benefits that are accruing to the commercial interests of the whole country, and which are already beginning to be felt here.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PUBLISH INTERESTING BOOKLET

The Caldwell Commercial Club has just published a very interesting and attractive booklet on Caldwell, its resources and the resources of the adjacent country. The booklet is handsomely illustrated, splendidly printed, and above all filled with truthful matter well written. It is one of the best things of its kind that has ever come to our attention. The booklet was printed by the Caxtons of this city.

The annual banquet of the Caldwell High school alumni was given at the Methodist church Friday evening. A most elegant supper was served by the Methodist Ladies' Aid. The ladies deserve great praise in the way they prepared and served the banquet. 80 members of the alumni both old and new were present.

Mrs. H. S. Williams entertained the Stickfraud and a few intimate friends at a beautifully arranged luncheon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Sutfin, who is visiting her here from the east.

Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Farrer gave a dinner last evening in honor of Mrs. Gilbert, president of the Rebekah State Assembly, and Mr. and Mrs. Preeley Horne.

Mrs. B. M. Holt and children will leave the latter part of the week for Grand Lake, Colo., where she will remain the summer.

L. J. Ross left Monday evening for Utah to attend to business interests. He will return home by Mackay, Ida. Invitations are out for dinner next Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Botkin.

Westminster Guild met at the home of Miss Fowler, 812 Everett street, on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. M. H. Miller spent Tuesday in Nampa, visiting friends.

Geo. W. Lamson of Nampa was in the city Monday.

J. W. Watkins visited Boise Tuesday.

CONSTITUTION FORBIDS STATE BUILDING NEW RAILROAD

CAPTAIN DAVIS DOES NOT THINK AMENDMENT TO STATE CONSTITUTION WILL BE MADE

Republican Victory in State and Nation Predicted in 1916—Party is United and Harmonious—Clean Ticket Must be Placed in Field if Party is to Win.

(Special to Caldwell Tribune.) Boise, May 26.—Capt. E. G. Davis, Assistant Attorney General, and by virtue of his office legal advisor of the Public Utilities Commission, is back from his trip to the north where he accompanied the commission. The captain gave the Tribune representative an interview which throws some very interesting light upon the north and south railroad proposition and brings out some points not well understood by the general public, but was rather backward about discussing politics. He talked very entertainingly about the north and among other things, said:

"I have just returned from northern Idaho, the greater part of which I had never seen until making this trip with the Public Utilities Commission."

"I was greatly impressed throughout with the wonderful resources of that section of the State, and could not help feeling the great necessity that exists for closer and better communication between north and south Idaho. Because of this fact, the current discussion relating to the building of a north and south railroad may ultimately lead to the creation of a sentiment favoring the construction of such a road directly by the State if private capital for such purposes is not forthcoming. In discussing this important matter, I found that most people are unaware of the limitations under which the State is laboring in this matter. It is generally supposed that private capital for such construction could not be found easily at the present time when railroads are experiencing such difficulty in raising money for lines where the traffic is already waiting, and there seems to be a very general belief that the legislature could be called in session and provide for raising money by the sale of State bonds, or by guaranteeing the interest on bonds issued by a railroad company for this road. The fact has very generally been overlooked that under our constitution, as it stands at present, the state cannot finance or arrange for the financing of this road, and if the legislature were called in special session, the upmost it could do along this line would be to propose an amendment to the constitution under which the state might ultimately do what the constitution now forbids. Should the question be presented directly to the people as to whether or not they would vote to so amend the constitution I doubt very much if they would be found in the mood for authorizing the state to embark on such an enterprise. Even in those parts of the north where the sentiment was strongest in favor of a north and south railroad, I found that there were very few who believed for a moment that the people would amend the constitution in the manner indicated were the question submitted to them at this time."

"I know very little about political conditions generally throughout the state. My visit was entirely legal and non-political, but I could not, of course, avoid meeting many prominent Republicans from that section of the state and talk over the prevailing conditions with them. I found that there is a very general belief that the Republican party will be reunited and triumphant in both state and nation in 1916. I found prominent Republicans in north Idaho very much interested in the question of rehabilitating a few Republicans who were elected to office, they are in no temper to believe that their actions are to be looked upon as a condemnation of the Republican party of this state. They feel that absolutely clean candidates must be forthcoming in the next primaries; that those who have been guilty of any form of wrong doing must and should take the full consequences of their acts, and that the Republican party must stand for clean, straightforward, and honest administration of state affairs along such lines as will tend to re-establishing Idaho in the place it should occupy in the business and financial world. They feel I believe as do Republicans of this and other parts of the state, that with the right kind of candidates and enthusiasm that is bound to result from the issues of the national campaign, the party cannot fail to succeed in this state."

"There is very little discussion anywhere at this time of candidates for particular positions, and probably there will not be for some time as yet."

Thompson Will Lecture at Nampa.

Hon. J. M. Thompson will deliver the class address before the graduating class of the Nampa high school, Thursday, June 3rd.

Mrs. Blondel is among the P. E. O. delegates who are attending the convention in Boise this week.

Albert McGrath of Star was transacting business in the city Tuesday.

Attorney Morrow of Boise was a business visitor in Caldwell Friday.

IDAHO WINS FIGHT WITH FORESTRY SERVICE OF GOVERNMENT

STATE WILL MAKE LIEU LAND SELECTIONS FOR LAND WITHDRAWN BY PINCHOT FADDISTS

Victory Means Millions to Schools of State, New Industries, New Payrolls—Peterson and Day Greatly Pleased With Result of Visit to Washington—Meet Old Friend.

(Special to Caldwell Tribune.) Boise, May 26.—That Idaho has won her big land contest at Washington was the word brought from the National Capitol last Tuesday by Judge E. C. Finney of the Interior Department. The acreage involved amounts to over 500,000 acres and the value is inestimable, much of it being rich timber land. It is worth at least \$10,000,000 and the state may realize \$20,000,000 for future sales. The decision has not been promulgated, but it has been written and passed upon and waits the return of Secretary Lane to become effective.

The controversy involved grew out of the grant of the Federal government to the State of Idaho of Sections 16 and 36. The state lost thousands of acres of these lands by reason of settlers going upon them before the survey and finally securing patent from the government. The state lost a still greater acreage when the Forest Reserve policy was inaugurated. Pinchot's policy tied up the state lands as well as the public lands. In order to secure reimbursement the state claimed the right to select other lands in place of the lands patented to the settlers and to exchange its lands tied up in Forest Reserves for other land. Pinchot denied this right of the state and the controversy has been on for many years. The Hawley-McDougal-Gifford-Shepherd-Taylor land board took the question up direct with President Taft who acknowledged the justice of Idaho's claim and declared that Uncle Sam would no longer play Injun with the people of Idaho. An agreement was entered into with President Taft and the Idaho officials whereby the state might select in lieu lands to the amount of its losses. This necessitated extensive detail work before the exchange could be made, and it was impossible to effect the arrangement before the administration of President Taft ended. New complications arose and legal issues were sprung, so Idaho has not yet come into its own.

Fortunately for Idaho Judge Finney was a friend at court, and has been in a position of influence. He is a member of the Board of Appeals of the Interior Department. The Idaho case came before this board. The Judge was thoroughly familiar with the Idaho case having been employed at one time by the state to look after these very matters.

It was not in connection with this case, however, that Judge Finney made his recent visit to Idaho. He is close to Secretary Lane and is visiting the governors of western states to sound them out upon legislation that the Secretary is contemplating with reference to coal, oil, and phosphate lands. The proposition is to lease such lands on a royalty basis, half the revenue to go into the Reclamation fund. He called upon Governor Alexander while here to place the matter before him.

Judge Finney was the guest of Attorney General Peterson and State Land Commissioner Day while in Boise, the two state officials having become well acquainted with him while in Washington on land business. Speaking of the effect of the decision giving Idaho the lands claimed, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Day both commented upon its far reaching effect. Commissioner Day stated that there were now on file in his office applications to purchase timber to the total amount of \$1,500,000. If these sales were consummated, this amount of endowment funds would immediately start earning interest money to support the common schools, while new pay-rolls would be established with the effect of increasing the prosperity of the state. No sales could be consummated while the land was in dispute.

CALDWELL BAND PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1915

- March—"Alcazar".....K. L. King
- Overture—"Sincerity".....G. D. Barnard
- Waltz—"Affinity".....J. Watson Scott
- Overture—"The Elves".....Kiefer
- One-step—"A la Carte".....Holzman
- Flower song—"Morning Tears".....
- Concert Mazurka—"Rose Queen".....
- March; Two-step—"The Great Divide".....Louis Maurice

Breaks Ankle at Picnic.

While enjoying himself at the community picnic held in Dixie last Tuesday, T. B. Smith of the U. S. R. S., had the misfortune to sustain a broken ankle. He is said to have broken the member in falling from a tree. He was brought to the local hospital to be cared for.

Senator Dow Dunning of Homedale, director of the Gem Irrigation District, is in the city on business connected with the District.

Mrs. Dunsforth, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Kahn, returned to her home in Boise, Tuesday.

James B. Newport of the city from Notus yesterday.

B. F. Clay of Claytonia was in town Monday.

Dr. Avery of Payette was in town Monday.

Strayed—Sorrel mare, 15 years old; 4 white feet. Phone 151.

J. L. Phillips of Middleton was in the city yesterday.

PREPARATIONS.

Messrs. J. B. Newport, Dow Dunning, J. M. Thompson, J. C. Rice, W. P. Lyons, and representatives of the Boise Water Users' Association, will meet committees from the Boise Commercial club at Boise, Tuesday, June 1st. At this meeting the final arrangements for the entertainment and itinerary of the Congressional Committee on Appropriations will be made. The Congressional Committee will be here June 20th.

It is expected that the committee will go over the Boise project thoroughly, look over the Black Canyon and visit the Gem District. The local committee will do everything in their power to make the visit of the Congressmen pleasant and profitable. It is hoped that interest in the Black Canyon may be aroused.

The program will consist of the necessary trips and meetings at Caldwell, Notus and Boise. Full details of the program and itinerary will be announced in the next issue of The Tribune, in order that the homesteaders and others interested may be at the points most convenient at the time of their visit.

WATER USERS' PICNIC AT FAIR ACRES JULY 14TH

Fine Program is Being Arranged to Please Those Who Will Attend.

The annual Water Users' picnic will be held at Ole Larson's grove, Fair Acres, Wednesday July 14th. This year the completion of the project will be celebrated.

This picnic, given annually, is one of the biggest events of the kind in the state. There will be present prominent men of the state. An interesting musical and literary program is now being prepared. There will also be all kinds of outdoor sports.

CHAUTAUQUA HELPS BUSINESS TO PROSPER

Many a noble man or woman has had the course of their life turned by the uplifting influence of a single lecture, and this is one reason why the young people should be encouraged to attend every one of the high class entertainments provided by the chautauqua course. Nothing that comes to the community compares with it.

It was George Fitch who said of the chautauqua, "It takes away the horrors of attaining a college education." There are thousands over the country who have been helped to culture and whose minds have been educated and their lives broadened by the chautauqua influence that never had much in the way of school advantages.

This is one of the great ways in which a chautauqua helps a community. It raises its standards and enriches the lives of all who attend and their ideals and standards are raised, they get more out of life and with better thought and better work there is eventually greater prosperity in that community. When people's ideas of living are raised they live better, dress better, buy better clothes, better food, they become more efficient and in the end want better houses and better automobiles and there is a financial benefit to the community as well as a benefit to its moral tone. Caldwell Chautauqua opens June 17 closes June 23.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF REV. MR. DAMER AND WIFE

Tuesday evening Mrs. T. D. Farrer received in honor of Rev. Martin Damer and wife late of Philadelphia. Mr. Damer is now pastor of St. David's Episcopal church of this city, having charge as well of the Naampa church.

Mr. and Mrs. Damer will prove quite an addition to the cultured circles of the community. They are unusually interesting people and have found a warm welcome.

AUSTIN WESTROPE MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Wednesday about noon Austin Westrope, one of the most favorably known of Caldwell's young business men, plunged headfirst down the steep cellar steps at the Kahn Clothing Co. store and sustained serious internal injuries.

The young man was taken to Boise by Dr. Cole, but the physicians were unable to ascertain the exact extent of his injuries.

Mr. Westrope was to have been married yesterday to Miss Elvira Clambev of this city.

BAKER-AINSWORTH WEDDING LAST SATURDAY EVENING

Miss Bea Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of this city, were quietly married Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Baker has been for some time employed in the local postoffice and has a host of warm friends and admirers. Mr. Ainsworth is an engineer and is one of the most respected young men of the community.

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REGULAR STOCK YARDS SALE BEGINS NEXT TUESDAY

UNUSUAL NUMBER OF BUYERS ARE EXPECTED—PRICES HOLD UP EXCEEDINGLY WELL

War is Making a Good, Stiff Market and the Farmers and Stock Growers Will Reap the Benefit—Opportunity to go into Horse Raising Better than Anything Else Now.

The management of the Union Stock Yards are looking forward to one of the best sales in the history of the yards at the next regular monthly sale, beginning next Tuesday, June 1st.

The demand for war horses continues to be strong and every farmer having any good, fat stock can find a ready cash market.

The Stock Yards sales have attracted a large number of buyers from all over the country and the sales, conducted monthly, have become the largest in the Northwest.

There is a steady demand for farm horses at these sales and the constant drain on the stock occasioned by the great European war gives the farmers of the Northwest an unusual opportunity. The farmer that raises good, well-proportioned horses for the market will reap a rich reward in the years to come.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars annually are spent by the buyers attending these sales and the larger part of it remains right here with the farmers and stock growers. The business has grown until it has become one of the most important in the community and it is to the best interests of the farmers to encourage the industry in every way possible—especially by bringing in all the horses they can spare at this time.

TRANSACTIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

By decision of Judge Bryan, handed down Saturday, Luther J. Mitchell gets a verdict in his suit against A. Michael Bonewitz. The defendant is now an inmate of the Blackfoot asylum, and suit was brought by the plaintiff just at the time Bonewitz was declared an incompetent.

S. J. Spencer filed suit to secure judgment against A. W. Balkwill and Maud L. Balkwill, by way of collecting on a promissory note for \$400.

Isaac Dolbow and Sarah E. Dolbow institute suit to collect the sum of \$655 alleged to be due on three promissory notes covered by mortgage. The Fairbanks-Morse company was awarded a decision in giving it judgment against J. R. Fields of Emmett for the sum of \$1522, claimed to be due.

The district court jury is summoned to report at 10:15 Monday morning to start the real grind of the May term.

THERE WERE 70 MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION

Hon. John Hailey, state historian, has called our attention to an error that occurred in the last issue of The Tribune. The state constitutional convention consisted of 70 instead of 64 members. We took our list from the Idaho Revised Codes, Vol. 1. The delegates by counties follow:

- Ada county—John S. Gray, A. B. Moss, Edgar Wilson, John Lemp, W. C. Maxey, Chas. A. Clark, I. N. Coston, P. J. Pelfey, Frank Steunberger, Alturas county—J. H. Beatty, A. J. Pinkham, O. R. Batten, Lyeurgus Vineyard, P. McMahon, J. W. Ballentine, Bear Lake county—J. L. Underwood, Bingham county—W. H. Savidge, F. W. Beane, H. B. Kinport, J. T. Morgan, H. O. Harkness Ralph Anderson, Sam F. Taylor; Boise county—Fred Campbell, George Ainslie, John H. Meyer, Cassia county—H. S. Hampton, J. W. Lamereaux, Custer county—O. J. Salisbury, A. J. Pierce, A. J. Crook, Jas. M. Shoup, Elmore county—F. P. Cavanaugh, A. M. Sinnott, Homer Stull, Idaho county—A. F. Parker, Kootenai county—Henry Melder Albert Hagan, W. A. Hendryx, Latah county—Willis Sweet, W. J. McConnell, J. W. Brigham, W. D. Robbins, H. B. Blake, A. S. Chaney, Lemhi county—N. I. Andrews, Thos. Payatt, John Hagan, J. M. Howe, Nez Perce county—James W. Reid, J. W. Poe, Logan county—J. S. Whitton, Henry Armstrong, W. C. B. Allen, Owyhee county—S. J. Pritchard, J. I. Crutcher, Shoshone county—W. B. Heyburn, W. H. Clagett, Wm. H. Hammel, S. S. Glidden, W. W. Woods, A. B. Bevan, A. E. Mayhew, G. W. King, Washington county—Sol. Hasbrouck, E. S. Jewell, Frank Harris, Oneida county—John Lewis, D. W. Standrod.

Messrs. Fred McConnell and John Shepherd, engineers and surveyors, have formed a partnership and opened offices on Seventh street, in the building occupied by Messrs. Smith, Wilkerson et al.

Attorney Tom Martin of the firm of Martin & Martin of Boise, was in the city Wednesday.

Hon. J. M. Thompson was in Boise Wednesday attending to professional business.

W. I. McIntosh, who has been very sick for several weeks, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30. Death resulted from Bright's disease.