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KING DEALS DEMOCRATS OF CANYON MOST VICIOUS BLOW

CALDWELL MAN SECURES OFFICE OVER CHARLES W. WHIFFIN WHO WAS SLATED FOR POSITION BY DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS.

Rumpus is on in Democratic Camp—Whiffin's Course in School Wasted—Surest Way to Land is to Provoke Opposition of Buckner, Ruby and Griffiths—Hedden is Competent and Popular Man in Every Respect—Will R. King Blamed.

Edward Hedden was nominated for United States Surveyor General for Idaho Friday of last week. The nomination was sent to the senate and was confirmed in the regular order.

Mr. Hedden is one of the best known civil engineers in this section of Idaho. He has been city and county surveyor; a chief engineer in the Reclamation Service; and an engineer on many important irrigation, railway and other projects. Mr. Hedden succeeds D. A. Utter who has been surveyor general of Idaho for nine years.

Nomination a Surprise.

The appointment of Mr. Hedden was a great surprise to the people of Caldwell as comparatively few of them knew that he was under consideration for the position. The knowing ones kept their secret well. The leading Democrats of Canyon county were as greatly surprised as the general public.

Charles W. Whiffin was slated for this position by the Democratic politicians of Canyon county. It was understood that Mr. Whiffin had the active support of Messrs. D. G. Ruby, T. E. Buckner and Walter Griffiths, and that Messrs. Nugent and Pence had assured the Canyon county politicians that Whiffin would land.

The appointment of Mr. Hedden is a great shock to Mr. Whiffin and his friends. Mr. Whiffin was promised an appointment early in the Wilson administration. He was put off with one excuse after another, and all the while the offices were slipping away. The only one that remained was the surveyor generalship and now that has gone.

County Politicians Not There.

The Canyon county leaders have not been a howling success in their manipulation of the federal patronage. It is coming to be believed among the faithful that the surest way of landing is to secure the opposition of the Canyon organization.

Local Democrats state that Judge Will R. King is responsible for this appointment as he is responsible for many others. They charge that Judge King is handling Idaho affairs at Washington. Messrs. Pence and Nugent turned over the Idaho patronage to Mr. King at the very first for a consideration unknown and Mr. King has controlled matters ever since.

In the issue of April 21st of The Tribune appeared this statement: "Mr. Whiffin will never see the office of surveyor general as the incumbent of the office." We based our prophecy solely on the grounds that he had the support of the Democratic leaders of Canyon county.

Course Goes for Naught.

Mr. Whiffin took a special course under the tutelage of Mr. Fred A. Wilkie of Boise last winter for the purpose of qualifying himself for the office of surveyor general. The hard work and deep study that Mr. Whiffin engaged in last winter have been wasted. It will never be put to use. That we say is rubbing it in.

The many friends of Mr. Whiffin will lay for Democrats who proved traitors. They say that there will be a bean spilling at the first opportunity the like of which has never been seen before.

HEDDEN IS SPLENDID AND COMPETENT MAN

Democrat of Unquestioned Loyalty Through Many Years.

Edward Hedden is a Democrat of many years' standing. His loyalty to his party has never been questioned. He is also a man well qualified for the office to which he has been appointed. He has been prominently identified with many of the great engineering works of Idaho. He has devoted a great deal of his time to irrigation matters.

Mr. Hedden has been a resident of Caldwell for 25 years. During that time he has served as city and county engineer and on many public and private enterprises of importance. Personally he is a very popular man. His appointment will meet with great public approval whatever the politicians may think of it.

Ed Taylor returned to Caldwell from Homedale Tuesday. Mr. Taylor has been employed at the potato mines for several months.

HOLT'S CANDIDACY MEETS WITH PRESS APPROVAL

Caldwell Man Will Bring Strength to Republican Ticket.

The candidacy of Mr. B. M. Holt of this city for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor is meeting with the approval of the press and general public. The splendid citizenship of the man, as well as the broad gauged position Mr. Holt has always taken in public and business affairs, appeals to the general public of the state.

The Parma Review states that Mr. Holt will add strength to the Republican ticket if he is the party nominee. After calling attention to the nomination of Mr. Holt the Review comments as follows:

"Mr. Holt has always been a driving force in local development and in the advancement of the interests of the state. Under his management the grain elevators have carried out the policy of developing grain conditions in their territories and providing a cash market for all grain and seed."

"Mr. Holt fully measures up to the office which he seeks and is of the calibre which will win victory for the Republican party at the polls."

W. I. STEVENS BECOMES ASSISTANT TO DIST. MANAGER

M. L. Pierce Made Manager Gem State Lumber Company Here.

The Gem State Lumber company has made a change in Caldwell which is a promotion for Mr. W. I. Stevens and places Mr. M. L. Pierce in charge of the company in Caldwell. Mr. Stevens has been made assistant to the district manager of the company. He will continue to make his headquarters in Caldwell but will be at other points a great deal of the time.

Mr. Pierce has become manager of the business in Caldwell. He comes here from Oklahoma and Kansas, where he had been engaged in the lumber business for a number of years. Mr. Pierce is an experienced lumber dealer and a pleasant, affable gentleman.

The patrons of the Gem State Lumber company will be pleased to learn of Mr. Stevens' promotion. He is a popular man in the community and people generally will be pleased to learn of his advancement.

Big Business Institution.

The Gem State Lumber company is one of the largest lumber companies in the northwest. It has yards at all the leading points in southwestern Idaho. Owing to the magnitude of the business it conducts building material of all kinds can be had of this company on the most advantageous terms. In addition it makes a specialty of service to its patrons which is greatly appreciated.

SENATOR D. W. DAVIS CONFIDENT OF NOMINATION

Says He Will Be Easy Winner for Nomination for Governor.

Senator D. W. Davis of American Falls was in Caldwell a few hours Saturday. Senator Davis was enroute to Parma where he addressed a large meeting of Republicans Saturday evening.

Senator Davis was recently in north Idaho, and had just returned from a trip through the eastern and central parts of the state. He was in fine spirits while in Caldwell, but a little indisposed physically on account of hay fever and hard traveling.

Will Be Winner.

When seen by a representative of The Tribune Senator Davis said:

"I will be an easy winner for the nomination. I have covered the state and know exactly where I stand. My own observations and inquiries, the inquiries and reports of my friends and the statements of disinterested parties convince me that I will win by a good margin. I will carry the southeast by a good majority and practically every southern county by a nice plurality. I believe that even in north Idaho I will hold my own with the strongest north Idaho man."

"I have been holding large and enthusiastic meetings. I have been splendidly received in all sections of the state. Everything looks good to me. I have no doubts of the results."

Strength Growing.

"The most gratifying reports are coming in and they all indicate that I am getting stronger every day. I have letters from men who were undecided 10 days ago as to whom they would support, pledging me their support now."

ELEVATOR MACHINERY IS BEING INSTALLED

Isham Mill Soon Be Ready for the Year's Wheat Crop.

The elevator machinery has arrived and is now being installed in the Idaho flouring mill of this city. Dr. A. F. Isham, manager of the plant, erected his elevator buildings last year. He is now installing the machinery and will soon be ready for all the wheat in the county.

SMITH BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

President Wilson Friday signed the bill of Congressman Addison T. Smith of Idaho providing for the creation of liens on homestead and desert land entries within irrigation districts organized under state laws.

B. M. HOLT'S ACCEPTANCE FILED WITH SEC'Y OF STATE

CALDWELL MAN GRANTS PLETION OF FRIENDS AND BECOMES CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR—ACCEPTANCE FILED MONDAY.

Ineligibility of Captain Patch Convinces People There Should Be Another Candidate in Field—Mr. Holt Receiving Pledges of Support From All Sections—His Nomination Will Add Strength to Entire Republican State Ticket.

The acceptance of Mr. B. M. Holt of his nomination as a candidate for lieutenant governor was filed Monday. Mr. Holt was presented with a petition Monday signed by a hundred Republicans of Caldwell and vicinity asking him to become a candidate. In response to the petition he consented and his acceptance was filed accordingly.

Since his acceptance was filed Mr. Holt has received word from many sections of the state pledging him support. He is highly gratified that his candidacy has met with such hearty support. The friends of Mr. Holt predict that he will be elected without fail.

No Personal Campaign.

Owing to the fact that Captain L. V. Patch is out of the state Mr. Holt will make no personal campaign for the nomination. He does not consider that it would be exactly fair for him to enter upon a fight for the nomination. The two candidates are before the Republican voters and they will have an opportunity of voting as they see fit.

The friends of Mr. Holt state that Captain Patch is ineligible to the office. If he is elected he must resign his commission in the army or fail to serve as lieutenant governor. A great many people fear that Captain Patch would rather continue with the army on the border. He has devoted years of study to military affairs, and the national guard in particular, and this is likely to be the only opportunity he will ever have to put his study and theories into practice.

The people generally seem to feel that the election of Captain Patch would be ill-advised and needlessly embarrass him. They would not be surprised any day to receive word from Captain Patch advising them to vote for Mr. Holt.

Popular Candidacy.

The candidacy of Mr. Holt is meeting with an enthusiastic reception in all parts. The people were quick to appreciate the anomaly of Captain Patch's candidacy. They welcome the opportunity to escape from a dilemma that might prove embarrassing to everybody concerned.

Locally Mr. Holt is one of our most popular men and he is one of our foremost men of affairs. He will carry the city and county by a heavy majority.

FIVE THRESHING OUTFITS IN RADIUS OF THREE MILES

Wilder Section is Humming With Buildings and Harvesting.

John A. Baker who was at Wilder one day last week states that Wilder is a very busy place. In the town buildings are in course of construction; in the country harvesting is going ahead very fast. Friday last there were five threshing outfits within a radius of three miles of Wilder. The crops are good this year and the farmers were getting \$1.65 per hundred for their wheat at Wilder unstacked.

Mr. Baker states that the new bank building is under construction and that there is activity in many building lines. The people of Wilder are convinced that they are going to have a good town there and are building accordingly. Everybody is busy.

GREAT YIELDS OF GRAIN ARE REPORTED DAILY

J. W. Cooper Gets 65 Bushels Per Acre on 11 Acre Tract.

Reports are coming in every day of the wonderful grain yields in different parts of the valley. The farmers are now threshing their wheat and the yields are becoming known. Not only are the yields large but the price is good.

J. W. Cooper of the Houston section was in the city this week. Mr. Cooper reported a yield of 65½ bushels of wheat to the acre on his ranch. He had 11 acres in wheat.

Will Take Charge About First.

Edward Hedden, the newly appointed Surveyor General, is in receipt of telegraphic advices from Washington notifying him of his appointment. He expects to take charge of the office as soon as his bond is approved. It will probably be the first of the month before Mr. Hedden will assume office.

BARKER EXPLAINS POSITION ON PROBLEMS OF HIS OFFICE

OPPOSITION CENTERED IN CANYON COUNTY WAS ENGENDERED BY PERSONAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL GROUNDS SAYS MR. BARKER.

Candid Statement of Position on Problems Which Will Come Before Secretary of State in Official Capacity—Barker Gives Past Record and Promises For the Future—Feels He Is Entitled to Second Term of Office.

Secretary of State Barker is a candidate for re-election. He seeks a renomination on the Republican ticket and candidly submits his record in office and his position on public questions as the basis for a renomination. Mr. Barker has some opposition which seems to be centered in Canyon county. He explains that this opposition is grounded upon personal matters, and does not extend very far.

The loop the loop correspondent of the Boise evening paper wanted to be secretary of the Republican state central committee, says Mr. Barker, and his animosity was engendered by the refusal of Mr. Barker to give him favorable consideration.

Mr. N. Jenness' opposition grows out of his removal as register of the state land board. Mr. Barker thinks the removal was wholly justified. Mr. Jenness naturally thinks otherwise. The public can readily see that the Jenness opposition could be founded upon personal grounds.

Not Matter of Importance.

These particular oppositions are not a matter of any considerable importance to the public. Every man who has held public office has enemies. The public expects him to have enemies and pays little attention to the opposition engendered by enmity.

The record Mr. Barker has made and the position he now occupies on public questions are the grounds upon which he will be judged. Mr. Barker has published the following statement of his position.

To the Republican voters of the state of Idaho:

In announcing my candidacy for renomination on the Republican ticket for secretary of state, I am acting within the accepted unwritten law of the party, being upon my first term in office and asking at the hands of my Republican friends a renomination.

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MAGNIFICENT YIELDS IN OUR POTATO BELT

Wheat, Oats and Barley Also Produced Abundantly This Year.

If anyone is skeptical as to the crop yields in southwestern Idaho they should take a trip out from Caldwell in most any direction, but probably one of the pleasantest ones would be to go through Deer Flat and over into the Gem Irrigation district. If anyone wishes to secure work at good wages they should go into the potato section of Deer Flat and help in the harvesting of the potato crop. Nearly a train load a day of potatoes are being marketed from this section.

During the trip one might visit fifteen or twenty different fields where potatoes are being harvested today that are yielding from 200 to 300 sacks to the acre. On the Raymond farm just east of Huston they are digging about 212 sacks to the acre, weighing about 120 lbs. to the sack. These potatoes were sold at a price of \$1.15, bringing the grower just about \$300 per acre. These potatoes were sold to a buyer and paid for as soon as weighed.

The W. E. Platt farm was producing just about \$200 to the acre, and a dozen other farms in the neighborhood were receiving equally good prices. The quality of these potatoes is excellent, and they are free from disease and are sufficiently ripe for good shipping.

NEW TOP PRICE ON POTATOES ESTABLISHED

Four Carloads Purchased at \$1.25 Per Hundred by Butte Buyer.

The record price for potatoes was paid Tuesday when Buyer Upson of Butte, Mont., contracted with growers for four carloads at \$1.25 per hundred. A year ago the price for the early crop was around 80 cents at this time. Later the price dropped to 60 cents and was at 50 cents for a short time.

If they sell at a price of \$1.20 and \$1.25 a hundred, most of the potato growers about Huston will receive a gross return of \$200 an acre. To realize this return, production of 135 sacks an acre is necessary, and this is said to be a conservative average for the entire area in potatoes. Many growers will obtain yields of 175 sacks per acre, while a few will harvest more than 200 sacks from each acre.

Archie Fugate and John Johnson

left for a two weeks outing in the hills Monday.

COST OF BOISE PROJECT IS OVER ELEVEN MILLION

Arrowrock Cost Over \$4,500,000 and Deer Flat Nearly Million.

C. C. Fisher, acting manager of the Boise government reclamation project, has informed the Water Users' association that the gross construction cost of the Boise project to June 30 was \$12,126,690.90. The various revenues earned up to that date amounted to \$628,143.08. The net cost of construction of this project is \$11,488,547.82. The cost of the Arrowrock dam was \$4,772,723.17. The cost of the Deer Flat reservoir was \$957,613.67.

The earnings of the project came from water rentals, the sale of power for light and other purposes, profits from boarding houses and stores and other sources.

SALT RIVER VALLEY PROJECT RAN TO \$64.00 PER ACRE

Representations Secure Substantial Reductions and More Coming.

The excessive cost of water under government reclamation is causing complaint, criticism and co-operative efforts on every project in the country. The excessive cost is not confined to the Boise project. The high cost has aroused the settlers to an organized effort for relief.

Mr. Wm. E. Wood of Kuna wrote the president of the Salt River Valley Waters Users' association asking for information as to the steps they had or were going to take. Mr. Wood received a reply from Mr. John P. Orme, president of the association which reads:

"A delegation from this office visited Washington and had a satisfactory interview with the Reclamation Commission and with the Secretary of the Interior. The question is still open and we have further papers and arguments to submit before the secretary makes his finding."

Book Cost \$64.00 Per Acre.

"There was no estimated cost on this project. The announced book cost to which we are objecting is about \$64.00 an acre."

"For your information I would state that this association entered into the plan of cost revision suggested by the secretary in good faith. The Local Cost Review Board made a majority report recommending the reduction of approximately \$3,500,000 due to experimental, useless and extravagant work. The minority reports of the local board recommended a reduction of over \$600,000 including some of the items reduced by the majority so that the net difference was approximately \$3,000,000. The Central Board of Review recommended a reduction of \$384,000 which has been accepted by the Reclamation Commission and so recommended to the Secretary of the Interior. However, we are contending for the original amount recommended by the majority of the local board."

HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED

Republicans Will Meet in This City Tuesday Evening.

Word has been received from Chairman Evan Evans of the Republican state central committee that he will reach this section of Idaho on Monday and that in answer to the request of leading Republicans of Canyon county a meeting will be held in Caldwell on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Hughes and Fairbanks club.

Mr. Evans reports that during the past ten days in Northern Idaho he has organized similar clubs in every considerable town. Membership in each case including large proportion of the progressive strength of two and four years ago.

He also has informed headquarters in Boise that through national auspices women's Hughes and Fairbanks clubs have been organized in all towns throughout the Panhandle. This week he is in that portion of the state but will leave Spokane on Friday morning for south Idaho, coming by way of New Meadows and Council. A club will be organized at the former place on Saturday evening and on Monday a club will be formed at McCall and Council and in the evening at Emmett.

The Republicans will meet at the city hall at 8 o'clock.

CHRISTOPHER ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

PARTICULAR CHARGE IS THAT ASSESSOR CONVERTED TO HIS OWN USE CHECK OF SMEED BROS. IN THE SUM OF \$587.50.

Bonds Furnished for \$2000.00—Preliminary Hearing Will Be Held August 30th—Friends of Former Official Insist He is Innocent of Intentional Wrong—Ouster Proceedings Started a Short While Ago.

A. O. Christopher, former county assessor, was placed under arrest Tuesday. Mr. Christopher was arrested on a warrant sworn to by County Attorney H. A. Griffiths and upon the charge of embezzlement. The former official was immediately brought to town from his farm near Caldwell. He was taken before Judge Frank E. Meek who fixed his bond at \$2000.00 which was immediately furnished.

It is said that Messrs. F. C. Boyes, C. S. Doan and E. Boone furnished the bonds of Mr. Christopher. The hearing on the criminal charge will be held in the probate court, Wednesday, August 30th.

The Particular Charge.

The complaint charge that Smeed Bros., of the Caldwell Horse & Mule Co., on June 7, 1915, wrote a check payable to "Mr. A. O. Christopher" for \$587.50. This check was given in payment of the taxes of 300 head of horses and was not accounted for on the books of the county assessor.

The present criminal charge is separate and distinct from the two ouster proceedings which were started against Mr. Christopher some time ago.

Friends Still Confident.

The friends of A. O. Christopher still insist upon his innocence of any crime in connection with his office. They state that all in due time can be explained and all moneys accounted for.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS MARRIED AT JACKSON, MICH.

Announcement of Wedding Mr. Clifford and Miss Millie E. Fox.

Caldwell friends are in receipt of the wedding announcements of the marriage of Miss Millie Emma Fox of Jackson, Michigan, and Mr. H. H. Clifford of Caldwell. The wedding occurred Thursday, August 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford arrived in Caldwell Tuesday. The public schools open September 11.

GEM STATE RURAL SOLD TO SPOKANE PUBLISHER

Pioneer Agricultural Paper of Idaho Will Move to Washington City.

The Gem State Rural has been sold to the publishers of the Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash. The paper will henceforth be printed and published at Spokane.

The Gem State Rural was established in this city in 1896 by Mr. A. E. Gipson. Mr. Gipson has been the editor of the paper since its establishment and will continue to fill the position. Under his able management the paper has become the foremost agricultural journal in the northwest.

MRS. CELESTIA A. MALLERY GOES TO HER REWARD

Death Claims Aged Caldwell Woman After Short Sickness.

At the age of 76 years and two days Mrs. Celestia A. Mallery passed away at her home 905 Belmont, Saturday afternoon. She had been ill for some time. Funeral services were held at the residence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Dark, pastor of the Baptist church, had charge of the services at the house. The beautiful and impressive service of the Chapter of the Eastern Star was used at the grave. Interment was in Canyon Hill cemetery beside the grave of the husband who died in this city 12 years ago. In 1893 Mrs. Mallery and her husband, E. R. Mallery, came to Caldwell where they established their home. A daughter, Mrs. Lettie P. Askey of this city, a son, E. D. Mallery of Granite, Idaho, and a granddaughter, Miss Edna Askey survive Mrs. Mallery.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbors who so kindly gave their assistance during our sad bereavement.

MRS. LETTIE ASKEY.
EDNA ASKEY.
E. D. MALLERY.

Ray, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas, was operated on for the removal of her tonsils, Saturday.