

DISTRICT COURT WILL CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

The Murder Cases to Be Tried This Term Will Be the First in Nez Perce County in Nine Years

Judge Edgar C. Steele has announced that district court will be convened in this city next Monday morning. This week Judge Steele is engaged in holding court in Idaho county. The Nez Perce county term will end May 14, but it is believed that the criminal and civil calendar will be disposed of long before that time.

Up to the present time nine criminal cases have been filed. It is expected that a number of other cases will be filed before court convenes. There is now on the civil calendar thirty cases which were laid over from the October term of court but a number of these cases will in all probability be stricken from the docket. Up to noon today twenty-two new civil cases were filed and will probably be placed on the calendar tomorrow.

Court Deputy Geo. E. Erb is now engaged in preparing the calendar and expects to have completed the civil cases tonight.

The prosecuting attorney, Miles S. Johnson, has not as yet filed the information in the alleged murder case of the State vs. Harry Thompson who was held in the county jail without bonds on the alleged charge of murdering S. T. Luper near Gifford last Thanksgiving. It is presumed that Mr. Johnson will file the information before court convenes. This case and the case against Andrew Fogarty who is out on bonds for the alleged murder on an Indian two years ago on the reservation are the first murder cases to be tried since the famous Godard trial which was held here in 1896.

The Thompson case will excite considerable interest in view of the youthfulness of the defendant in the action and it has been stated that the case will be bitterly fought. Judge R. S. Anderson will represent the defendant and Miles S. Johnson the state.

The story of the killing of Luper created considerable excitement at the time and young Thompson, who is the son of a widow living in the Gifford section, apparently showed no feeling or repentance when he learned that his victim had died.

The killing occurred at the King schoolhouse near Gifford where a dance was being held Thanksgiving evening. Mr. Luper the victim was engaged in furnishing the music for the dance. Luper's young son and young Thompson were on the outside of the building and it is alleged that Thompson abused Luper's boy with the result that Luper went outside and upbraided Thompson for attacking a boy younger than himself. Luper turned to go into the schoolhouse again when Thompson stabbed him in the back with a pocket knife. Luper died a few days later and a coroner's jury held Thompson responsible.

Thompson was tried in Lewiston and bound over to the district court without bonds to answer to the charge of murder in the first degree.

The Fogarty case is one of long standing and has been continued from time to time owing to sickness of witnesses and other matters. Fogarty was held for killing an Indian named Brown. The facts in the case are that Brown alleged that Fogarty killed some of his cattle and went to Fogarty's house where the men engaged in an altercation over the matter. It is alleged that Brown pulled a gun on Fogarty and a general mixup ensued in which Fogarty secured possession of the gun. It is claimed by Fogarty that the gun went off accidentally killing Brown. G. W. Tannahill will represent Fogarty in the case and Miles S. Johnson the state.

The following cases on the criminal calendar were filed up to noon today:

State of Idaho vs. Andrew Fogarty. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. James Gibson. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. Louis and Fred

Stevens. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. James Gibson. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. Walter Pixley. Prosecuting attorneys, R. S. Anderson and D. Needham.

State of Idaho vs. George Campbell. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. Paul Jackson. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. Wm. Rooke. Prosecuting attorney, Geo. W. Tannahill.

State of Idaho vs. EH Hickman. Prosecuting attorneys, L. N. Smith and Geo. W. Tannahill.

GEOLOGIC FOLIO ON SILVER CITY

Government Engineers Have Issued an Interesting Review of That Quadrangle

Precious metals and opals are sufficient to make almost any area attractive to man. They are the most important mineral resources of Silver City quadrangle, which has recently been topographically and geographically surveyed by the United States geological survey. A geologic folio (No. 104) descriptive of the quadrangle which is the work of Messrs. Waldemar Lindgren, N. F. Drake, and F. C. Schrader, is now available and may be procured for twenty-five cents, on application to the director of the United States geological survey, Washington, D. C. It will be interesting in connection with the Nampa folio (No. 103), which is also ready for distribution.

The Silver City quadrangle is situated in the southwestern part of Idaho, south of the Snake river plains, close to the Oregon boundary line. It includes the northern end of the Owyhee range and a part of the sloping high plains bordering it on the east and west. It also includes, in its northeastern part, a small fraction of the Snake river plains.

Silver City, the county seat of Owyhee county, is located in the southern part of the quadrangle and has a population of about 600. A few miles west of Silver City is the town of De Lamar, and a small place, Dewey, is located about halfway between them. The main road from Nampa to Silver City traverses the quadrangle and crosses Snake river at Walters ferry. A railroad connects Nampa with a small settlement on Snake river called Guffey. It is the intention to extend this road to Silver City.

The principal industry of the district is gold and silver mining, which has been carried on successfully since 1863 in the vicinity of Silver City and De Lamar.

The larger part of the rocks of this quadrangle do not contain fissure veins or other metalliferous deposits of any kind. As indicated by the placer gold found in Succor Creek, a gold-bearing area occurs somewhere near its head, but the primary deposits have not thus far been located.

Along the southern boundary of the quadrangle there is a mining district of small extent but of great importance. The deposits are located on both sides of Jordan Creek, on War Eagle Mountain, Florida Mountain, and near De Lamar. They were discovered in 1863, and have yielded a total of over \$30,000,000, of which amount approximately \$12,000,000 is in gold and \$18,000,000 in silver. The output of

the War Eagle veins from 1863 to 1878 was about \$15,000,000. After an interval of twelve years, the De Lamar veins came into bonanza in 1890, and in seven years produced \$6,000,000, mostly in gold. About 1892 the deposits on Florida Mountain began to be exploited and now over-shadow the De amar mines in output. The production in 1900 was nearly \$776,000 in gold and 1,000,000 ounces in silver. The process used to recover the gold and silver from the ores is ordinarily that of pan amalgamation. In late years the cyanide process has also been used to treat low-grade ore and tailings.

Snake river contains, in this quadrangle, as it does all through the Snake river valley, a considerable amount of gold in its sandy gravel bars. The gold is extremely fine and flaky, containing about 1,000 colors to the cent. During many years from several hundred to a thousand dollars worth of fine gold was annually washed from the streams in this quadrangle, but at present very little work is done and then only at intervals.

Opals have been found at various places in the northern end of the Owyhee range. They are usually in the abundant vesicular cavities of the eruptive basalts and rhyolites. Some good fire opals have been reported, but by far the larger quantity is the common opal, of no value.

MANY FILINGS WERE MADE

Report Issued of Business Done in Local Land Office During February

The rooms of the local land office are now looking in fine shape. The painters and paper hangers have completed their work and within a few days the office force will settle down to their work much relieved. A doorway has been cut through to the additional office room granted by the department and the furniture and fixtures will soon be installed.

The report of business for the month of February has just been completed and shows that there were fourteen cash entries which brought in the sum of \$2,305.26. During the month 110 homestead filings were made and forty-one final homestead proofs were filed. The fees and commission received during the month amounted to \$4,267.55.

The local office is in receipt of a number of patents for distribution, which will be checked over and mailed out early next week.

HEAVY STORM AT NEZPERCE

Snow Now Thirty Inches Deep on the Level and the Snow Drifting Badly

(Special to Evening Teller.)

NEZPERCE, March 2.—After two days of almost continuous snowfall Nezperce prairie has sunshine again today. There is now about thirty inches of snow on the level, the heaviest snowfall that ever visited this section, and it has practically all fallen in the last two days. Yesterday a heavy wind prevailed and the snow drifted badly. In many places the drift is three feet deep and in some instances it covers the fences. All traffic is practically suspended.

In addition to being snowbound Nezperce is now cut off from mail service because of the slides on the Clearwater Short line. There will be no mail through today but may be tomorrow if there are no new difficulties encountered. News reached here this morning that the slide at Peck was nearly disposed of. The track was covered there from 8 to 10 feet deep for sixty feet.

The other slide is three miles below Greer where the track is covered for a distance of eighty feet to the depth of three feet. The train men at Kamiah say that all obstruction will be removed today and that the Lewiston train will be able to get through late tonight.

LELAND FARM LANDS

Several Places in the Potlatch Section
Change Hands in Past Few Days

(Special to Evening Teller.)

LELAND, March 2.—Mr. William Kryger, formerly of this place, but late of Everett, Wash., arrived here on Saturday evening's stage.

Mr. George Sandrock sold at public auction all of his personal property last Thursday and will leave for Colfax, Wash. in a few days.

Mr. F. M. Talbot sold his farm last Saturday to Mr. Butterfield of Moscow the consideration being \$4,500. Mr. Talbot is undecided as yet just where he will go but thinks he will go to Lapwai, Idaho.

Mrs. W. W. Johnson left this morning for Walla Walla, Wash., to visit her daughter, Amanda, who has been sick there for some few days past.

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