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### New Assessment Plan.

Of Great Value to County Assessor. Impossible to Overlook Assessments of Real or Personal Property.

Mr. P. Tempest of Rexburg, a Fremont county pioneer of many years has fell upon a plan of assessing which he has laid before the county commissioners in the hope of having them adopt his system. It is practical and beneficial both for town, county, real and personal property, thoroughly defining the lines of all school and road districts and also all other items of benefit having for their object a better financial and educational system of government for the county.

The plan as outlined to a PEAK representative is unique, plain, and highly practicable and is commendable upon the absolute accuracy which it affords assessors. If adopted by the county commissioners it will result in great financial gain to the county. The location of timber lands, school lands, agricultural lands and canals are thoroughly outlined and defined with practically no expense to the county. The only necessary expense incurred being the printing of blanks necessary to go ahead with the work.

### PARKER.

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Poulton died on the 7th inst. age eleven days.

A son was born to the wife of I. A. Parker. Mrs. D. V. Crapo, the attending nurse reports all doing nicely.

Mr. Henry Stoddard of Richfield, Utah, has located on the Harshbarger ranch.

Mr. W. M. Davis has secured a position in the St. Anthony bank and is making St. Anthony his home.

Mr. John Palmer has begun the erection of a home on the lot adjoining his brothers on the south side.

The crazy man has left us. The Deputy Sheriff and County Attorney came down to investigate, but the fellow has not been heard of since.

The digging and hauling of the beet crop is being pushed ahead and it is oped this good weather will last two or three weeks longer.

Threshing is progressing, but it will take the five threshing machines three weeks to finish the threshing on Egin bench.

Mr. H. W. Jackson has moved into his new residence in town.

Mrs. Ed Jones of Victor is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jackson.

Mr. Arthur Drummond of Oakley, Idaho, is here with his family and will make this his future home.

Mr. Clarence Dayley will move to Hood River, Oregon, in a few days.

There is a great demand for houses to rent.

Miss Grace Carson of Albion, is clerking in Karlson's store.

### Light for Blackfoot.

All Blackfoot was rejoicing last night because there was light. The electric current from American Falls, which has proved such a vast benefit to Pocatello for a long time, was turned on to the wires that lead to Blackfoot, and that city for the first time was lighted by electric light.

The current was turned on at exactly 3:20 yesterday afternoon by little Miss Cammie Standrod, the daughter of Judge Standrod of this city.

About one thousand lights have been wired up in Blackfoot, and last night the business and dwelling houses were aglow with the bright light given them from the waters of Snake river at American Falls, nearly fifty miles away.

For the successful completion of the line, much credit is due to O. H. Tildmore, who was superintendent of general construction, and H. I. Reynolds, superintendent of construction of the pole line.

Mr. J. H. Brady of the Power, Light and Water company began active construction work on the line on the first day of last June. Early in July everything was ready for the current except that the factories in the east were unable to deliver the machinery at the time it was contracted for and the delay was necessary until this arrived, which it did only a few days ago.—Pocatello Advance.

J. G. Lewis is having erected a large building 40x125 which will be used for the wagon and machine business. Mr. Lewis conducted the machinery business this season from his shop on Main street, but intends to run it on a much larger scale next year. He will handle the celebrated Mitchell and Shuttler wagons, and handle all kinds of farm machinery, hacks, buggies, and light mountain wagons. The new building is located on the corner of Washington and Third streets.

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### Democratic Campaign Gossip.

To the Republican Editors of Idaho:

Gentlemen: Considerable gossip is going the rounds just now concerning an alleged "scandal" in connection with certain land selections made in Idaho country, and as it is being manufactured into Democratic campaign thunder, I feel it my duty to give you, first hand, the exact facts in the case. The task of fighting the battles of the party always falls upon the newspaper men, and they are entitled to know the facts about any matter they are obliged to discuss.

Some time last spring the State Land Department was informed by the U. S. land officers at Lewiston, that certain townships in Idaho county had been surveyed at the request of the State and that the State would have a prior right to the land over everyone excepting actual settlers who were on the land before the date of withdrawal (August 15, 1900.)

In my capacity as chief clerk I was instructed by the Board to ascertain whether or not any of the land was worth selecting. I went to Whitebird and requested Mr. Jones, the liverrman at that place, to provide me with a saddle horse and guide. He had no man that he could spare and after inquiring at the hotel and elsewhere for someone who could go, finally introduced me to Mr. Harbaugh, a life insurance agent whom he stated was well acquainted with the Joseph Plains country. Harbaugh acted as my guide for three days. I gave him a check for \$7.50 for three days' services as guide at \$2.50 per day. This is the only money Mr. Harbaugh ever drew from the State and the nearest he ever came to being in its employ.

I found the land on Joseph Plains, townships 28 and 29, range 1 west, exceedingly satisfactory, but was told that the other townships lying south, 26 and 27, range 1 west, and 26, 1 east, were practically worthless. My report to the Board was that between 3,000 and 6,000 acres could be selected on Joseph Plains and that it would take about ten days to do the work.

A short time before the State's time expired, I was authorized to have the selections made. The men detailed to do the work were M. L. Goldsmith of Spalding, Nez Perce county, and A. F. Hitt of Weiser, both men who have the highest reputations for integrity and ability in their respective counties. They were total strangers to each other at the time of their arrival at Whitebird to do the work. Neither had even heard of Mr. Harbaugh until after the selection lists were filed. I had met Mr. Goldsmith (who made the filings) but once, and that but for a short time one evening at the home of County Treasurer Hastings at Lewiston. I never saw Harbaugh from the time he acted as my guide until after the selections had been made, and I had been sent to determine who were actual settlers. I mention these facts to show the improbability of collusion between any of the parties, all practically being strangers to each other.

Mr. Goldsmith, it transpired, was quite familiar with that vicinity and knew that there was also much valuable land in townships 26, ranges 1 east and 1 west. With but five or six days at his disposal he realized the futility of attempting to run the survey lines in manner consistent with a judicious selection. By the usual method, on account of the roughness of the country, he would have had time to secure some 2,000 or 3,000 acres. He was, in popular parlance, "up against it," but rather than lose to the State some 25,000 acres of land easily worth \$10.00 an acre, he decided to make a blanket filing. The necessity for this was explained fully through the newspapers and by letters at the time, and assurances given that the rights of every bona fide settler and mineral claimant would be respected and relinquishments made to them by the State. This has been done, and over 5,000 acres have been released in favor of those who were found to be legally entitled to the land.

This blanket filing also covered, in addition to the valuable land mentioned, an equal amount of winter grazing lands along the Snake and Salmon rivers that I have advised the board to release. This land, though it is eagerly sought after for grazing purposes at an annual rental of 12 1/2 cents per acre, is not, in my opinion, of sufficient value to retain. We wish to fill the State's land grants with the best lands obtainable. After the selections had been made the Land Board discovered that the notice of withdrawal for survey had been illegally published by a previous Democratic administration, and therefore the land of all bona fide settlers at the time of filing the township plats were promptly released.

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Kentucky Democrat) secured an agreement for a fee from the settlers whose rights were at first in dispute, to act as their representative to secure relinquishments from the State. It was charged that he claimed to have a "stand in" with the writer and with the Land Board and had intimated that he would use money to secure releases. The friendly letters from the Governor and myself with which he is said to have been armed, were merely courteous acknowledgments of the receipt of communications from him and the usual assurance that they would be given careful attention.

From all accounts, however, he must have made much capital out of the fact of his brief acquaintance with me and of an alleged acquaintance with Governor Morrison, and displayed the letters in a way to convince the settlers that he was able to secure their relinquishments. He is also said to have warned the settlers against employing Grangeville lawyers. Out of revenge for this latter piece of impertinence, a Democratic lawyer of that place had him arrested on a charge of attempted bribery of the State Land Board. Some fifteen or twenty settlers were subpoenaed, but after examining four or five without bringing out any evidence, the County Attorney dismissed the suit. The same attorney then had warrants issued by Jas. De Haven, U. S. Commissioner at Grangeville, for the arrest of Goldsmith and Harbaugh for alleged perjury in making non-mineral affidavits. This attorney had no clients who were in any way affected by the selections and his activity can be attributed merely to the fact that he had nothing else to do, the insurance agent (Harbaugh) having corralled the fees from settlers that he had been expecting to receive. By the way, Harbaugh's fee (about \$750 in money and notes) is a conditional one, and the money was placed on deposit with a Grangeville merchant, payable to him on condition that the relinquishments were secured through his efforts and influence. So far as I know, the money has not been handed over to him, and if the terms of the contract between Harbaugh and the settlers is as stated it is extremely doubtful if he ever will receive it.

The grounds for Goldsmith's arrest were that there were mineral lands within the townships on which he had placed blanket filings. The dismissal of the cases is certain, it being simply a piece of spite work. One of his selection lists had to be withdrawn from the Lewiston land office for correction after he had left the city, and being in Boise at the time, I authorized County Treasurer Hastings by wire to act as selecting agent and refile the list. In his search for some one to make the necessary non-mineral affidavit, he ran across Mr. Harbaugh at the land office, who, knowing the country, as a matter of accommodation made the affidavit for which he was afterward arrested. This furnishes the grounds on which the opposition is constantly referring to him as a "State land selector."

James DeHaven, who, under his title of U. S. Commissioner, wrote an open letter to Governor Morrison in which he attempts to prove that I was a partner of Harbaugh in the latter's alleged graft, and also in an authorized interview says in effect that I stated to him that I used my position to help work the graft, is an impecunious individual for whom I have much sympathy. He lives alone and ekes out a bare existence from the small fees that come to him as commissioner. As a rule the income and importance of the office is about equal to that of a notary public. He had expected to get a great many filings from prospective settlers in these townships, and the disappointment over the State's action in selecting the land has embittered him greatly. To make the matter worse Harbaugh steered all his clients to a rival U. S. Commissioner, living at Whitebird, and now poor DeHaven is venting his spleen by furnishing ammunition to his former Democratic brethren manufactured out of deliberate and malicious falsehoods. Politicians who have his record in Idaho for the past twenty-five years, assure me that he is now exhibiting symptoms that presage one of his frequent fops.

I realize that the selections were inimical to the interest of the local newspapers, for whose editors I have the highest regard. If the state had not selected the land in these townships they would have received over 150 homestead and timber and stone notices for publication, equivalent to nearly \$1,000 during the next year.

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not made this entire affair clear to you, I will be glad to give you further information. There is nothing in the actions of Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Hitt or myself in this matter for which the slightest apology is due. Some \$250,000 worth of splendid land was secured for Idaho, though it was necessary to tread on the toes of some of the brethren in order to accomplish that result. In spite of such assaults as these, the land department will continue to work for the best interests of the State and endeavor incidentally to reflect some measure of credit to the party to which its employees owe allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,  
NORMAN JACKSON.  
Boise, September 28, 1903.

### Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Fremont Stake of Zion will convene in Flamm's Hall at Rexburg, Idaho, Saturday and Sunday October 24th and 25th, 1903. Meetings will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 p. m. Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 p. m. It is desired that there be a good attendance at these meetings. All ward and stake officers are especially requested to be present.

THOMAS E. BASSETT,  
JAMES W. WEBSTER,  
C. H. WOODMANSEE,  
Presidency of Stake.

### Idaho Reform School

Trustees Receive Amended Deed for Site and Warrant Issues.

Boise, Ida., Oct. 15.—The board of trustees of the State Reform school to be established at St. Anthony completed its business and adjournment today. The amended deed to the land to be used as a site for the school was received and a warrant was issued in payment for the property.

The board discussed various matters, such as the kind of buildings to be erected, etc. It was finally determined to appoint a sub-committee, to make a thorough investigation of the needs of such an institution and have plans prepared for the building or buildings. The committee consists of Gov. Morrison, Miss Scott, State Superintendent, and Mrs. R. I. Nourse of Hanley.

### Adventures in Photography.

The readers of the big newspapers and magazines seldom give a thought to the manner in which are obtained the graphic illustrations that are now published almost as soon as an important event occurs, and surely never to the man who secures them, often taking his life in his hands simply that he may snap his camera upon some incident that will interest the readers of his particular publication. In The Delinctor for November, J. C. Hemment, the well-known illustrative photographer, relates some of his adventures in search of photographic news. Mr. Hemment disclaims in advance the possible charge of foolhardiness, but some of his experiences scarcely bear out his assertion; certainly he exhibited a fine quality of courage in the performance of the duties assigned him. In his ardent desire to photograph everything that could be pictured he met with some very unpleasant experiences, such as a clubbing by the police, arrest and all manner of insults, but these incidents, as he relates them, are merely humorous. In a number of instances, however, his life was endangered, and then only his quick wits saved him. The illustrations are intimately connected with the text.

### Cash Racket Jim.

A. J. Lewis, of the Cash Racket Store, has been for the past week, putting up supporters on every fence corner throughout the surrounding country, in the form of an advertisement. While the sign not only strengthens the fence, it tells you where to go to get wonderful bargains for very little money doing a good turn to the purchaser as well as to the Cash Racket man himself. Jim is a rustler and will treat you in such a manner that you will always be pleased to call on him when in St. Anthony.

### Bold Theft.

A young man from Wilford, by the name of Lansing Brower, came to St. Anthony the first of the week to purchase a few goods and in some mysterious manner got into a Mackinaw coat which was hanging in front of the High Quality store. The young man was seen taking the coat and a careful watch was kept on him while Mr. Hughes was informed of the theft. The young man was standing in front of Burland's saloon when Mr. Hughes walked up to him, looked the coat over carefully and asked the possessor of the garment if he had \$3.00 to pay for same, whereupon he was informed that the coat was too small and that he could take it with him. This Mr. Hughes refused to do and informed the bold young man that he wanted the marshal, and went to look for him. Young Brown immediately took the garment back where he got it and hit the road for home. A warrant was issued for his arrest and Sheriff Harrop went to Wilford and brought the young man back when he was taken before Justice Antes and fined \$5.00 and costs.

We are told the young man has a shady reputation and we hope this will be a lesson to better his condition.

The Idaho Industrial School is without an occupant, Percy Gardner, who was sentenced there until twenty-one years of age, succeeded in making his escape last Saturday evening. We would like to ask what business that boy had that he was out on the streets until nine o'clock at night before he was missed.