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## TO HAVE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

In consideration of the fact that the present high school rooms are entirely inadequate to accommodate the present enrollment of pupils and the farther condition which obtains in the grades below the high school, where even now, after adding the gymnasium rooms, there are four grades working under crowded conditions; considering these facts, the school board on Monday evening voted to call an election for a bond issue in order to erect a new high school building. It is high time that a move of this kind be set under way. Next fall will find the schools so completely filled that half day sessions will be absolutely necessary in many of the grades unless more room is provided. It is proposed to build a separate high school building with capacity sufficient for seventh and eighth grades, thus relieving six rooms of the present buildings and at the same time affording suitable quarters for high school with its new departments and enlarged enrollment. We are laboring now under conditions which cannot continue long without a decided detriment to the school. We need more room and must have it if Blackfoot is to keep her schools up to where they should be.

The local high school has entered the newly formed league of similar institutions for both debate and declamation. When the athletic league is formed, we will also join this. These student activities are to be encouraged. Blackfoot with her 123 high school students can find representatives in debate and oratory equal to her athletic votaries, and these branches of endeavor are as worthy of attention. Those who take active parts in these lines earn honors as lasting and receive benefits more pronounced than their athletic classmates.

The literary society program of the eighth grade was a fine one. The pupils conducted the meeting in accordance with the best of parliamentary practices and themselves in a manner befitting young ladies and gentlemen. It was a noticeable fact, however, that these eighth graders are strong on equal suffrage for all the officers were young ladies. The boys aver that it was a mark of gallantry on their part, besides the impelling fact that the girls needed the chance to air their political views.

The library books are now classified and arranged. Patrons of the district are welcome to come up and look over the twelve hundred volumes, if they are interested in either reading for pleasure or instruction. The books may be taken out for a period of not more than two weeks, excepting, of course, the books used as references in the class work. There will be some one in charge of the library each school day from 8:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

In answer to the frequently propounded question in geography, "Name and bound the five zones of the earth," a recent answer by a Blackfoot girl is worthy of consideration. It was as follows: "North frigid extends from the Arctic Circle to the North Pole. Temperate from the Arctic Circle to the Cancer of Capricorn. Torrid zone to Cancer of Capricorn to Cancer of Popcorn and the South Temperate from Cancer of Popcorn to the Antarctic Circle."

Christmas vacation for the schools will commence Thursday eve, Dec. 22. School will commence Monday, Jan. 2, 1911. This gives ten days of vacation. The Friday which is missed next week will be made up by holding regular school on Washington's Birthday. It was thought best to dismiss on Thursday so as to allow all pupils and teachers who live at a distance, a chance to get home for Christmas dinner.

Several members of the class in agriculture came in Monday morning heavily laden with a bag of Snake Valley soil. An analysis of these soil specimens is going on this week. Alva Jordan has discovered that besides NO<sub>3</sub>, K, P and S that there is to be found great quantities of S P U D in the soils of this locality. Great discovery, this.

The reddened eye lids of the lady teachers of late, does not necessar-

ily mean deeper or greater study. The fancyworked Christmas present for "the folks at home" is receiving many minutes of eye wracking attention.

Many of the grades gave programs during Thanksgiving week, so that the pupils might be used by the several Sunday schools of the city for Christmas entertainments. The plan has lessened the strain on the children and parents alike.

The Seniors of the high school are feeling now that they will be able to boast of the largest class that has ever graduated from Blackfoot. We sincerely hope that this ambition materialize.

Mr. Griffing hums these days that touching little air made famous by George Dore in the recent school play, to wit, "My wife's gone to the country."

### High School Ranks for November

- Freshmen—  
1st, Clara Noack.  
2nd, Charlotte Loewell.  
Sophomore—  
1st, Hazel Hackman.  
2nd, Sylvia Hanson.  
Junior—  
1st, Shelomi Van Blaricom.  
2nd, Rose Fuller.  
Senior—  
1st, Ray Randall.  
2nd, Frances Parker.

### Irving School Notes

The eighth grade Nautilus club rendered the following program Friday afternoon:

- Song—By School.  
Monologue—Phyllis Hoover.  
Solo—Merle Simmons.  
Recitation—Ethel Fisher.  
Instrumental Solo—Agnis Sollenberger.  
Reading—Inona Sterret.  
Solo—Lulah Smith.  
Paper—Ruby Hilliard.  
Song—By School.

Most of the rooms are to have Christmas programs. So just now is a very busy time practicing.

There is a great deal of evidence in each room of the approaching holidays. The decorations breathe of the spirit of Christmas.

The following are those who ranked first and second in the different grades this month:

- Eighth—  
1st, Ruby Hilliard.  
2nd—Marie Dunn.  
Sixth A—  
1st—Wayne Bradley.  
2nd—Alice Grover.  
Sixth B—  
1st—Freda Sollenberger.  
2nd—Marguerite Van Aiken.  
Fifth A—  
1st—Amil Uriand.  
2nd, Lavern Lane.  
Fifth B—  
1st, Pearl Muir.  
2nd, Nina Baker.  
Fourth A—  
1st, May Gertsch.  
2nd, Inez Hartey, Clara Hofer.  
Fourth B—  
1st, Maudie Taylor.  
2nd, Violet Taylor, Lillian Graham.  
Third A—  
1st, Ella Volpert.  
Third B—  
1st, Blanche Snider,  
2nd, Harold Lane.  
Second A—  
1st, Sylvia Rasmussen.  
2nd, Ella Von Blaricom, Vada Parish.  
Second B—  
1st, Homer Lutz, Leona Gertsch,  
2nd, Helen Stultz.  
First A—  
1st, Clyde Jolley.  
2nd, Gladys Beakley.  
First B—  
1st, Hattie Neff.  
2nd, Grace Stultz, Emery Nelson.

### WILL TRADE FOR MILCH COW

Twenty-five volumes of Ridpath's Library of Universal Literature, bound in half Morocco, beautifully illustrated, entirely new and a gem for any home. We secured these volumes on an advertising contract and having a similar set, will trade for a good milch cow or will sell cheap. Enquire at this office.

### Notice to the Public

B. W. and T. H. Hopkins have purchased the interest of Paul Goetz in the Idaho Meat Market and all accounts outstanding are payable to them. Please call and settle.  
HOPKINS & HOPKINS.

## THAT ROSS FORK ROAD AND P. G. JOHNSTON

That Bingham County's Representative in the South End Has Awakened is Evidenced by a Letter Which is Published Herewith---The Gentleman Stands to Win Everlasting Gratitude of People.

At last it seems that action is to be taken by the state, through its representatives, to make a road over the expanse of sand between here and Ross Fork, the Indian town 12 miles south of here. Hon. Peter G. Johnston, Senator-elect St. Clair, Representatives Edgington and Warnock have all signified their intention of using their utmost efforts to secure an appropriation from the state for the building of this road, and no more commendable legislation could be enacted. The letter of Hon. Peter G. Johnston to the commissioners of this county, and which is reproduced here, is explanatory of the situation and of the benefits to be derived. It behooves the county commissioners to co-operate with the legislative committee in this action for better roads. The time has arrived when certain action should be taken and the road built. Great credit is due our respected citizen, Mr. Johnston, for his work along this line.

Blackfoot, Idaho, December 13, 1910.  
Hon. Board of County Commissioners for the County of Bingham, Ida.  
Gentlemen: Some two weeks ago I took up the matter of having an engineer's estimate as to what it would cost to make a good road over that piece of sand in the Fort Hall reservation, situate between Blackfoot and Ross Fork, but, as yet, you have not taken any action in the matter. As you will remember, my suggestion was that you authorize your county surveyor to make a profile map of this road, chain it off, and together with a like surveyor from Pocatello or Bannock Co., these to be assisted by Mr. Young of Blackfoot, a civil engineer, render an intelligent estimate of the cost attached to fixing this piece of road.

I believe that it is something that

the state should issue bonds for and it is altogether proper for the legislature to pass a measure thus creating the necessary funds. That piece of road gives us a bad name from New York to San Francisco. If you will observe, every continental auto guide in America makes reference to it as being impassable with the ordinary machine. Much of our county's produce is, at an enormous expense, dragged through the almost impassable road, and if we had a good road there it would very much benefit all Southeastern Idaho and the state in general. An important advantage to be gained consists of the fact that if the road were made passable, many parties from Salt Lake and vicinity, would drive up in their machines as far as the Yellowstone National Park, and in so doing our splendid farming territory from Blackfoot to the north end of Upper Snake River valley would be seen to its best advantage. As a representative of the legislature, I feel I cannot too strongly urge your immediate action in the matter, and in doing so I may say that I have met with our legislative delegation, Messrs. St. Clair, Edgington and Warnock, and they are unanimous with me in the matter; in fact, they urged me to take some such action.

While the present road is alongside the railroad, and consequently over a large stretch of sand, it is possible by going east a little to miss nearly all of it.

With a view to creating favorable sentiment, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter, with a request that they publish it, to our nearby newspapers, and also to Mayor Church of Pocatello and Judge D. W. Standrod.

Believe me, your sincerely,  
(Signed) PETER G. JOHNSTON.

### BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED ARTISTICALLY FURNISHED

For over a year Cutler's studio has been rented to Mr. C. F. Ericsson and Benj. Dressor, who have served the old customers and many new ones as best they could. But now we are happy to state that Mr. Cutler, who has been in poor health, has fully recovered and will again take charge of his neat, clean studio, which is being fitted with new backgrounds, artistic chairs, accessories and cameras. He has also bought some of the best lenses that money can buy and will be prepared to do any and all kinds of portraiture that the public may demand; also any size picture from a miniature stamp to any size called for. He will also do framing of pictures and will carry a full line of kodak supplies, as well as a lot of fancy frames and mouldings. His skylight also is to be remodelled as soon as the weather will permit and a new, up-to-date ground glass light put in. We learn from Mr. Cutler himself that he intends to have a studio second to none in the state of Idaho and will be prepared in a few days to satisfy the most artistic tastes as soon as his goods arrive.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to the following the past week: Otis W. South and Nettie Downs, W. T. Patezick and Merrian M. Smith, Lawrence Obrey and Edith M. Coghlan, Gus H. Hess and Florence E. Stewart, W. J. Walke and Sarah Baum, David A. Bender and Alta Doyle.

### HER CONDITION IMPROVING

The many friends of Mrs. Wilbur Craig will be pleased to learn that that lady is improving in health very rapidly, after her serious illness.

### NEW BUSINESS BLOCK WILL BE BUILT

James Buttane, who is at present conducting a closing out sale of his entire stock of goods, is a firm believer in the future of this city and, although he will dispose of his entire stock, he intends to remain in business in Blackfoot. Mr. Buttane owns the lots adjoining the C. W. & M. Co.'s building on the north and will erect thereon a large brick building in the spring. He says he has already had offers for the upper stories at prices that will pay good interest on the investment and the plans for the new building are now under way. Mr. Buttane expects to use the ground floor for his own use and rent the upper portion for offices.

### BERT WALLIS DIES

The following from the Pocatello Tribune is self explanatory:

Word was received in Pocatello this morning of the death at Rexburg, of Bert, the 12 year old son of State Pure Food Commissioner James H. Wallis. The young lad succumbed to heart failure. News of the death came in the form of a telegram to District Judge Budge, Commissioner Wallis' old time friend. Mr. Wallis passed through Pocatello yesterday afternoon on his way home to be at the bedside. The Wallis family is enjoying an exceptional streak of hard luck. The eldest son, James B. Wallis, editor of the Preston News, is lying dangerously ill in a Salt Lake hospital, following a series of surgical operations. The heartfelt sympathies of uncountable friends all over the state go out to Mr. and Mrs. Wallis.

### BRADY WILL INCREASE CAPACITY OF POWER PLANT

Governor Brady, who returned to

Boise on the first of the week from a trip to Slat Lake, made in the interest of the Idaho Consolidated Power company, of which he is the head, announces that final arrangements have been completed for increasing the capacity of the company's hydro-electric plant at American Falls from 3000 to 30,000 horse power. Work will commence as early in the spring as weather conditions will permit.

The plant of the company now provides power and light to the towns of Pocatello, Blackfoot, Rockland and American Falls, as well as to one or two minor points throughout southern Idaho. With the completion of the work decided upon the capacity of the plant will be increased to a point whereby power and light from this plant will be available over a greatly increased area, not only in Idaho, but in Utah as well.

In discussing his plans upon his return, Governor Brady said: "With the added capacity of the plant it will be possible for the company to provide all the power that is needed for years to come in southern Idaho and we could very readily contract for its transmission clear to Slat Lake City, but it is not likely that this will be done, as I desire that the plant being an Idaho industry, Idaho shall reap the benefit."

"Work on the plant was begun in 1910, and it has been steadily added to ever since. The great dam is now built one-third of the way across the river and this will be completed at once. Because of the demands upon the proposed new plant the plant and dam will have to be practically a part of each other and this will necessitate a large amount of construction."

### MISS KILLINGSWORTH UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Nina Killingsworth, matron of the Blackfoot hospital, was taken seriously ill about two weeks ago, and went to Salt Lake last Monday morning to be operated on for appendicitis. The operation took place Tuesday morning and she is reported to be doing nicely. Mrs. F. Brown will take charge of the hospital during her absence. Dr. Mitchell accompanied Miss Killingsworth to the hospital.

### THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS COMING TO GATE CITY

Manager Alex Murray of the Auditorium theatre, Pocatello, has arranged for an excellent list of attractions for this season. The next good thing to come to the local play house will be "Is Marriage a Failure?" on December 17. Thereafter the following attractions will appear in order: "Stubborn Cinderella," "Three Twins," "The Spendthrift," "Honey-moon Trail," "The Climax," "Queen of the Moulin Rouge," "Man of the Hour," "Gentleman From Mississippi," "Seven Days," "Polly of the Circus," "Hanson's Superba," "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," and Ferris Hartman.

### BOY ARRESTED MONDAY

The sheriff's office Monday picked up a young man who gave his name as Harvey Brown on information from Salt Lake, where he is wanted for defrauding his partner. He is being held awaiting word from Salt Lake.

### TAXES ARE COMING VERY FAST

C. E. Crowley, county assessor and tax collector, is very busy these days taking care of the tax money that is coming in. He expects to take in \$298,000 by the first of the year, over \$80,000 having been taken in up to date. Mr. Crowley will have everything cleaned up when the office changes hands the first of January.

### TO THE PUBLIC

We will conduct a 10c parcel sale beginning Saturday, December 17, until December 24. Each parcel contains useful articles and you will be more than surprised at the contents. Hats at reduced prices. Call and see us.  
EVA B. SMITH.

### W. O. W. MEMBERS

Be at the I. O. O. F. hall on evening of December 23, at 8 p. m. sharp. No meeting on night of 27th.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT DUBOIS HOME

Mrs. F. T. Dubois entertained about twenty-five young ladies last Friday evening in a most delightful manner. Miss Alice Lorraine Daly, teacher of expression at the Academy of Idaho, was a guest at the Dubois home and for the pleasure of the young ladies, she read Tennyson's beautiful story of Queen Guinevere with wonderful dramatic effect. Miss Daly has a winning manner, wholly free from affectation and those who were so fortunate as to hear her Friday will long remember the delightful occasion. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the reading and afterwards Miss Daly described Mme. Nazimova's interpretation of "Nora" in Ibsen's "Doll's House," she having heard the famous Russian actress recently in Ogden. Miss Olsen, Miss Puss Wright and Miss Agnes Hart added to the evening's pleasure by beautifully rendered piano solos.

### BAY VIEW CLUB ENTERTAINED

The members of the Bay View club and their husbands held a most enjoyable and instructive social session Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Dubois. The club is studying China at present and was extremely anxious to learn more of this country from Senator Dubois who has been a wide traveler in the Orient. On broaching the subject to the Senator, he and his wife invited the club to be their guest Monday evening. The time passed in a delightful manner, the Senator giving a splendid talk on China. Many interesting curios were shown and each guest was the recipient of a souvenir brought by Senator and Mrs. Dubois from the Sleeping Giant, across the seas.

### TODD IN THE TOILS

J. N. Todd, who has been working in livery stables and dealing in horses in and around Blackfoot for some time and who in partnership with T. N. Elledge ran the City Livery Stable on North Main street, left town some time last week for Salt Lake City where he was over taken and arrested by Sheriff-elect Harry Bucklin and brought back to answer for singing his partners name to certain notes and for issuing checks on banks where he had no funds. He will be given a chance to settle out of court. At present he is spending his nights in the county bastille and endeavoring to make up his shortage during the day.

### PRIESTHOOD MEETING

The regular Priesthood meeting of the Blackfoot Stake will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th and this will be the last Priesthood meeting of the year. The Priesthood generally are requested to be present and a full attendance is earnestly desired. All members of the High Council and the Bishopsrics throughout the Stake are specially requested to be present as business of special importance will be considered.

The High Council meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m. and every member is expected to be present.

JAMES DUCKWORTH,  
JOHN F. SHELLEY,  
HEBER C. C. RICH,  
Stake Presidency.

### FORGOT THEIR PURPOSE

Monday evening a bunch of the Academy football heroes boarded the train at Pocatello to come to Blackfoot. Their purpose was to tack that Orange and Black color of theirs on the dear old B. H. S. But a bunch of heroes that has defended the Maroon and White in football this year learned of their purpose and wree waiting for them. Well as usual that broad yellow streak that runs down that Academy's back showed up bigger than ever and they sat around the depot until the next train back to Professor Holmes.

### CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT TERM

The illegal liquor selling cases that were to have been tried at the term of court recently closed were with the exception of one continued until the next term of court. The attorneys for the defendants asked for a change of venue and the county attorney asked for time to prepare a counter plea, which will be heard at the next term of court.