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## BIG SLICE OF MELON TO IDAHO.

Two Million of Bond Issue Comes to This State and Interest at 3 Per Cent Will Be Assessed Against Entire Project, While Balance Will Come From the Continuing Appropriation On Which No Interest Payments Are Required.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 26—Idaho's two big government irrigation projects are assured completion by the appropriation of funds made today by President Taft. The president not only has apportioned the \$20,000,000 fund which was provided by congress at the last session, largely through untiring efforts of Senator Borah, but has apportioned as well the contemplated increment to regular reclamation for 1911 to 1914, inclusive, amounting to more than \$25,000,000 additional. From these two funds Idaho will receive a total of \$7,000,000, of which all but \$528,000 goes to the Payette-Boise project. The half million goes to complete the Minidoka project. Of this total \$2,000,000 for the Boise-Payette is taken from the \$20,000,000 fund provided by congress, the remaining \$5,000,000 and over is allotted out of the receipts to the regular reclamation fund between 1911 and 1914.

This allotment insures not only the completion of the Minidoka project, which is now in advanced stages but insures the practical completion of the Boise-Payette project, the allotment being in accordance with the estimates of the reclamation service engineers.

Fortunately for settlers in Idaho no interest will have to be paid on the \$5,000,000, which is taken from regular reclamation fund, although 3 per cent must be refunded on the \$2,000,000 given the Payette-Boise project from the twenty million fund. Whether this \$60,000 interest on the two million will be assessed against the entire Payette-Boise project or against that portion benefited by this specific allotment is a problem the board of engineers did not solve, but they intimate that it will be impossible to segregate the lands benefited and that the \$60,000 will be assessed against the entire project. This, however, will not greatly increase the per acre cost of water, and will be only one-third of the tax that would have been imposed had the whole allotment for this project come from the \$20,000,000 fund.

Senator Borah, when told of Idaho's allotments, expressed his satisfaction said: "I am not familiar with the figures necessary to complete the Payette-Boise and Minidoka projects but I do know that the amounts allotted are understood and believed to insure the completion of both of them just as rapidly as the work can be done. There will be no question from now on as to their completion, and if the money is not ready in accordance with this distribution it will be provided by an extra issue. The main proposition that our prospects will be finished as speedily as possible is settled."

## Criminals and Good Roads

A grocer drummer, inexperienced in criminology and without previous service in dealing with criminals other, perhaps, than those who have tried to beat his firm out of bills for groceries, has revolutionized the handling of inmates of penitentiaries within the last year.

Governor Shafert of Colorado upon assuming the duties of his office two years ago, named this inexperienced grocer's drummer as warden of the state penitentiary having some 750 inmates, the toughest the country knows.

There had been scandal after scandal in the institution and revolt after revolt on the part of the prisoners. The appointment of this man without experience in handling desperate men of this character caused a howl to go up but the appointment stood, and now the Colorado penitentiary is pointed to as a model for like institutions all over the country.

This man began his administration by reforming the guards, other employees, sanitary and other conditions about the institution. He made no effort to reform the inmates believing that the place for reform must begin in their surroundings. He cleared out the old guards who had maltreated prisoners, he improved the cells and sleeping cots; he put in new walks and laid out the grounds in more attractive shape and he caused flowers

## SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO POULTRY SHOW.

January 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1911, are the dates set for the big poultry show. The services of Prof. Elmer Gimlin of Indiana has been secured to judge the show, thus insuring the awarding of prizes absolutely on the points of the birds. Prof. Gimlin is an expert judge of poultry. Last week he judged the show at Pendleton, Ore., holiday week at Boise, after which he goes east for two weeks, returning to Logan, Utah, where he will pass upon the birds displayed at the show there, after which he will come to Blackfoot. The score card system of judging birds will be used here, and the whole show conducted on the same plan as used in Boise and other large cities.

### Get Your Birds Ready.

The association earnestly requests that all who possible can join in and display their stock at this show. Do not keep your birds at home because your neighbor has fowls he paid a fancy price for. Bring yours to the show and have a competent judge pass upon them. Fancy price does not make fancy birds. Get your birds into trim and show them at our show.

Coops will be furnished by the Association for all not having them, but it is earnestly requested that those who can furnish their own.

Join the Association in making this the biggest poultry show ever held in the state. It can be done.

and shrubs and grass to be planted where before the prisoners saw only cold, bare, bleak stone walls.

After he had done all that he could do, then he began to ask them to do something that they could do. He applied to these men prisoners the same principles that Judge Lindsay had used in the juvenile courts of Denver. He put them on their honor, and he found that even the hardest of them had honor left which only needed to be awakened. He set them to work raising produce, cattle, hogs, sheep—anything and everything that could be used about the prison. He set them to work on new buildings and other improvements about the institution with the result that for the first time in the history of the prison he turned back over \$50,000 of the annual appropriation unexpended, although he had made improvements almost equal in value to the original buildings when he went there.

Not that alone, he has put hundreds of these men to work on public road building, not under guard with loaded gun ready to shoot down the first man that strikes or tries to move a foot from his beaten path but merely "under honor." These men are given tents; they are sent away from the institution many miles and are left weeks at a time to do the work assigned them. Many miles of the best roads the state has were built that first year and without cost, practically, to the people. He has established rules whereby counties may secure the labors of these prisoners by paying the cost of their board; he sends the prisoners out to these places dressed just as other laboring men are dressed with nothing to designate them as prisoners. That his plan has worked is shown by the results attained and by the fact that less than one and one-half per cent of the prisoners have broken the "parole" thus given them or have broken his confidence in making them "troubles."

Why would it not be a plan worth trying in Idaho, Ada county which is near the prison, and Canyon county which is not much farther away, want roads the worst way. Why should the legislature make provision whereby the warden of the penitentiary might give these men a chance to develop some latent manhood so they might know they are accomplishing something for good, by letting these two counties try the experiment for a year or two along some such lines as those which were so successful in Colorado, and which are successful in Washington, we believe, and perhaps in other states, thus saving the state the expense of feeding the prisoners and giving the counties the benefit of their labors and the people the benefit of good roads.

If the experiment, which cannot prove an expensive one at the most, proves successful, then provision can be made whereby any county, might avail itself of this labor for the public good.—Capital News.

## COUNTY DIVISION COMMITTEES REPORT ON PROPOSED LINE

The committees appointed by Blackfoot and Idaho Falls for the purpose of formulating some plan for an amicable adjustment of the division of the county met at the Club of Commerce Friday morning, and went into an immediate session by the election of J. L. Milner as chairman.

The committees in full are as follows:

Blackfoot—L. R. Thomas, P. G. Johnston, R. N. West, James Duckworth and E. T. Peck.

Idaho Falls—J. L. Milner, A. T. Shane, W. D. Huffaker, B. J. Briggs and H. J. Hasbrouck.

The following report of the commercial club committees was read. This report is supported by the representatives and senator and will no doubt influence the action of the legislative body relative to county division:

Whereas, it was thought expedient and to the best interest of the people of Bingham county, Idaho, to divide Bingham county upon equitable lines, the citizens and taxpayers residing in the south end of said county and those residing in the north end of said county met in their respective localities and appointed executive committees with power to act and to agree upon a line to suggest to the Senator and Representatives of Bingham county and request the senator and representatives to present to the Legislature at the Eleventh Session a bill creating a new county upon the lines agreed to by the representatives as chosen. The representatives as chosen by the citizens of the south end of Bingham county being Honorable P. G. Johnston, James Duckworth and R. N. West, and the representatives chosen by the citizens of the north end of Bingham county being Honorable H. J. Hasbrouck, J. L. Milner, A. T. Shane, W. D. Huffaker and B. J. Briggs.

Pursuant to arrangements said representatives met in Idaho Falls, Ida., on December 23, 1910, whereupon the following proceedings were had:

Honorable H. J. Hasbrouck was elected chairman of the meeting and W. D. Huffaker was elected secretary. The figures as taken from the assessor's rolls of the county for 1910 were given as follows as an aid to the committee in arriving at an equitable adjustment.

Readjusted valuations of Bingham county, north and south of the base line, figures taken from the assessment rolls of the county for 1910 by C. E. Crowley, assessor and collector:

Total value as equalized by State Board, \$5,680,080.00.	
Valuation of all north of the base line including Mackay line .....	\$3,293,664.00
Valuation of all south of the base line .....	2,386,416.00
Difference in favor of the north side of the base line .....	\$907,248.00
Miscellaneous items stated for the purpose of arriving at an equitable adjustment:	
Grays Lake country; \$60,000.00.	
Migratory stock in Gray's Lake country; \$100,000.00.	
Sixteen miles Mackay line north of base line; \$72,000.00.	
Thirty-six thousand acres of Carey land shortly to come under taxation in the south end is estimated at \$250,000.00	
Newly built Aberdeen railroad, 28 miles, \$98,000.00 Mr. Crowley's estimate for the 28 miles is \$110,000.00.	
Migratory stock south of base line and not in Gray's lake country; \$35,000.00.	
Shelley school district, including Shelley village, \$221,664.60.	
South of base line including Carey lands and Aberdeen railway, \$2,734,410, showing difference in favor of north of base line, still \$559,248.00.	

**Suggestions for Equalizing**  
Commencing at the northwest corner of township 3 north, range 35 east, thence south 14 miles, thence east 16 miles, thence south 4 miles to base line, thence east 26 miles, thence south to south line of county. Valuation of north county \$3,160,000 Valuation of south county 2,868,080

Difference favor of north .. \$291,920

The above valuation for the south

county includes the Aberdeen railway and Carey lands that are not on this year's assessment rolls.

After considerable discussion and a presentation of figures representing the assessed valuation on either side of the proposed line, Duckworth presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the joint committee here assembled agree upon the following line for the creation of a new county out of the territory now comprising Bingham county and recommend that the Senator and Representatives elect of Bingham county use every honorable means and endeavor to procure the creation of a new county out of the territory lying north and east of the proposed line herein set forth as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of township three (3) north, of range thirty four (34) east, thence south fourteen (14) miles, thence east twenty-one (21) miles, thence south one (1) mile, thence east three (3) miles, thence south three (3) miles to the base line, thence east twelve (12) miles, thence south six (6) miles thence east twelve (12) miles, thence south to south line of Bingham county."

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by West, Johnson and Briggs, and after some discussion the chairman called for a vote whereupon the resolution was unanimously adopted.

It was moved by West and seconded by Johnson that the court house and grounds now owned by Bingham county be retained by and remain the property of Bingham county. The motion was put by the chairman and unanimously carried.

It was moved by Johnston and seconded by Miller that the figures furnished by the Assessor and Collector of Bingham county and which were used as a basis for the calculating made in determining the valuation as well for the proposed new as the old county be attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.

There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting do now adjourn. The motion prevailed and the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

We, the undersigned hereby declare that we have read the foregoing minutes and that they contain a true and correct record of what transpired at the meeting held at Idaho Falls, December 23, 1910, and together with the Senator and Representatives of Bingham county, Ida., hereby pledge our support to the bill creating the proposed new county.

H. J. Hasbrouck, Clerk  
W. D. Huffaker, Senator  
A. T. Shane, G. W. Edgington,  
James L. Miller, P. G. Johnston,  
B. J. Briggs, C. L. Warnick,  
P. G. Johnston, Representatives  
R. N. West  
Jas. Duckworth, Committee.

### Timely and Wise Resolution

Be it resolved by the senator and representatives elect of Bingham county and a committee of representatives from Blackfoot and a committee of representatives from Idaho Falls convened in Idaho Falls for the purpose of conferring upon proposed legislation that it is the sense of all present that legislation be recommended for the betterment of a wagon road between Pocatello and Blackfoot and particularly that portion known as the "Fort Hall Sand Belt."

And, we recommend that the Commercial Clubs of Pocatello, Blackfoot, Shelley and Idaho Falls, authorize an expenditure for the purpose of procuring the services of competent engineers to make a survey of the sand road and recommend as to the best method and cost of construction of a permanent road thru what is known as the "Fort Hall Sand Belt" between Blackfoot and Ross Fork.

And we further recommend that Honorable P. G. Johnston be empowered with full authority to procure the services of competent engineers to furnish him with all necessary data with reference to said road and construction of same.

Be it further resolved that a copy

## HAWLEY MAKES APPOINTMENTS FOR SEVEN.

Says He Will Not Vary From Former Official List Either—Declares That If Time Proves Him Mistaken Office-Holder Will Be Fired.

Chief Clerk in governor's office, Fred Floed of Ada county.

State engineer, Aubrey E. Robinson of Wallace.

Chief clerk in engineers office, H. M. Wing of Boise.

State veterinarian, Dr. J. H. Webber of Weiser.

Insurance commissioner, I. C. Hattabaugh of Grangeville.

Deputy insurance commissioner, T. I. Quarles of Sandpoint.

Governor-elect James H. Hawley Thursday night announced his appointments to the seven state offices as above indicated. In discussing the appointments he said in part:

"I requested Mr. Hattabaugh, if consistent with his wishes in the matter, to appoint T. L. Quarles of Sandpoint in Bonner county, as deputy insurance commissioner. To this request he has answered me by wire in the affirmative and this appointment will be made.

"In the matter of the state engineer, I have had many difficulties in coming to a conclusion in the matter. There have been numerous applicants for the position, all of whom were qualified to fill it acceptably. I have given careful attention to this appointment during the last week.

"My choice for this position and the gentleman whom I would like to have appointed is A. J. Wiley of Boise whom I regard as the dean of his profession in this state. Mr. Wiley's many engagements and large private practice, however, precluded him from accepting the position.

"Most of the other applicants for the position have been and still are actively engaged in many irrigation projects in this state, which in all probability will be matters of consideration by the state land board. I endeavored, however, to secure for this position a man of undoubted ability, learned in his profession and who thoroughly understands and is an adept in hydraulic engineering, an whose integrity could not be assailed; and also a man who has not been actively interested in the Carey act projects now being carried on in this state.

"Mr. Robinson, in my judgment, possesses all of these qualifications, and he has been recommended by many of the most prominent citizens of this section of the state, who are thoroughly conversant with his abilities and qualifications.

"The present state engineers' term of office expires April 1, and the nomination of Mr. Robinson will be for the term commencing upon the expiration of D. G. Martin's term of office.

"I am somewhat conversant with the condition of affairs in the state engineers' office, so far as the clerical part thereof is concerned, and I believe that Herbert M. Wing, the present chief clerk in that office, is thoroughly efficient and is responsible in a great part, for the high standard that office has maintained so far as the clerical work is concerned. I have requested Mr. Robinson to retain Mr. Wing in his present position.

"The office of water commissioner for the third district is one that has caused me considerable anxiety and I have given the matter my most careful attention. There have been some 10 applicants for the position, and the matter has been of great public interest among the water user of the district. There has been considerable feeling engendered in regard to this matter in Canyon county, a rivalry seemingly existing between several sections of that county as to who should fill that position.

"I decided that the best interests of the district required the selection of a man for the position who is of undoubted integrity and who had experience in the handling of water,

of these resolutions be furnished to the President of each of the Commercial Clubs with urgent request of an immediate action.

Dated at Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 23rd day of December, 1910.

H. J. HASBROUCK,  
President.

W. D. HUFFAKER,  
Secretary.

and who was not personally interested in any way in the distribution of waters under his control. I wanted a man whose business ability to manage the affairs of the office could not be questioned.

"Mr. Gage, I ascertained, possesses all of these qualifications and I believe his administration of the affairs of that office will give universal satisfaction. Mr. Gage, during his residence in Boise, has been in other business but he had considerable experience in Colorado in the distribution of water before coming here, as he was water commissioner of the Seventh district in that state.

"District No. 3 includes the waters of the Snake river and its tributaries on the south side from the mouth of the Bruneau to and including the Owyhee and on the north side of the Snake from the mouth of the Malad river to and including the Clearwater.

"The position of state veterinarian has been sought for by many of the men engaged in that profession in various parts of the state and a very keen rivalry existed between friends of the several candidates, notably of those living in Ada county. I desired to secure for this position not only an honest and capable man, but one agreeable to the stockmen of the state, and I believe that Dr. Webbers appointment will be hailed with satisfaction by all engaged in the stock business as well as by citizens in general.

"The appointment of Mr. Hattabaugh as insurance commissioner and Mr. Quarles as assistant will I think, give general satisfaction, as both are eminently qualified for their respective positions by reason of previous experience in this kind of work. I have never received or heard a word from any source impugning their fitness for these positions. Each of these gentlemen is well known in all parts of the state.

"Mr. Fred Floed has accepted the position of chief clerk in the governor's office at my earnest solicitation. This is an appointment of a personal character, and I desire to surround myself in the governor's office with those who are not only capable but agreeable to me personally. I feel glad to secure the assistance of Mr. Floed in the position named.

"The appointments heretofore and now announced I have concluded to make after careful investigation and due deliberation. I have sought for efficiency and honesty. And in addition, I have sought to appoint men who would be satisfactory to the people generally.

"If it proves that I have been mistaken in making any of these appointments, such mistake is of my own making and one for which I will be, as I should be, held personally responsible. I have neither excuses to make nor apologies to offer for any appointment that I have decided upon. And the list of appointments that I have given out will not be varied from nor changed in any particular.

"I expect upon taking office to keep myself thoroughly informed in regard to all important matters connected with the various offices either wholly or in part under my control. And I will expect to share the responsibility for the conduct of those officers with the incumbents, and whenever I find that I have been mistaken in regard to either the qualifications to fill the office or the honesty of purpose of the officer, I will not hesitate to exercise the power that will be vested in me as governor and to summarily remove such officer, regardless of the personal feelings of myself or any other person towards him."

### Was a Great Surprise

Geo. B. Riches, deputy county clerk and Miss Nancy Seedall were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last evening at 7:30 in Judge Crowley's office.

The bride is well known in the social circles in this city and the groom has a wide acquaintance both here and in Blackfoot, being deputy county recorder.

The marriage comes as a surprise to their many friends. The young people will make their home in Blackfoot for the present. Their many friends join in wishing them a merry Christmas and happy New Year and extend congratulations upon their happy union.—Idaho Falls Post.

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