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## BLACKFOOT IS AGAIN BUNCOED

Last Saturday there arrived in Blackfoot a comely, well dressed woman and little girl and two young, enterprising looking young men. They secured quarters with Mrs. O'Connor who conducts a private hotel on the corner of East Main and Judicial streets. The woman said she was a dressmaker and that the two sons were real estate manipulators and that they had come to stay and would pay for the room they occupied later on. Tuesday morning Mrs. O'Connor had a hunch that prompted her to investigate the alleged lady and two sons when she found to her sorrow that they had flown through a window Monday night with their hand baggage and left no trace of their future abode. The only memoirs of their presence in Blackfoot were three approval slips showing that they had done some business with our merchants during their brief residence. Upon inquiry we found Miss McNeese mourning the loss of a \$9.00 hat, and Biethan was short about \$12.00 worth of divers articles. The Brown-Hart store was short a \$4.00 pair of shoes that Bookkeeper Johnson parted with without the collateral. In speaking of the transaction, Mr. Johnson said she was a nice looking lady who promised to pay when her money arrived the following Wednesday, and owing to her good looks and promise he could not refuse, but was ungallant enough to admonish her that his store was not in the habit of extending credit to strangers.

## PYTHIAN LODGE BOOMING

Tuesday evening was a big night for the local lodge Knights of Pythias. About forty members witnessed the conferring of the Page and Esquire ranks on several candidates, after which all sat down to a splendid feed. The lodge is having a boom in initiations, no less than twelve candidates being now on the way, with several more preparing to submit their applications.

The members will shortly start their winter club dances, and they promise to be even more popular than last winter, and that that will be going some, if they are.

They have also recently organized a club for the entertainment of visiting knights and for the good of the order generally to which only lodge members are eligible.

## THE LOST FOUND

Cliff Rhodes, the barber who suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from his home and business last Wednesday afternoon, was found Friday night in a nearby hayloft and returned to his happy home, and is as sane and sound as ever. What prompted his strange escapade has not been learned, but partnership trouble is surmised. Mr. Geo. Losey, his father-in-law, has bought his interest in the barber shop, as well as that of his partner's Ira Stewart, who is now in Kansas. Mr. Rhodes will take a needed rest at the springs.

## CITY COUNCIL

The city council held a regular session last Tuesday night with all but two members present, the absentees being Councilmen Thompson and Van Bramer. The latter has left town and the clerk was instructed to ask for his resignation.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peck, and the minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

At the adjourned meeting Mangant & Sons of Rigby were awarded the contract for the construction of about 9450 feet of cement street crossings in the city. Their bid was 20 1/2 cents per square foot. E. J. Benson's bid was 21 cents, and William J. White's was 19 cents. Although the latter bid was the lowest the council did not consider it the cheapest on account of no provision being made for the fills and excavations which would cost the city more than the other bidders wanted.

The request of the council that the ladies of the Village Improvement society vacate their present quarters in the city hall in order to make room for a boudoir for Fire Chief Groseclose, met with considerable opposition. Attorney Lee and Ex-mayor West were present in person on behalf of the ladies and both made impressive arguments why they should not be disturbed in the quarters they have occupied since the city hall was built. Mr. Lee recounted the many valuable deeds of the V. I. S. ladies for the upbuilding and improvement of the city and hoped the council could provide some means that would enable them to accommodate their fire chief and not discommode or inconvenience the ladies who have been such great benefactors of the city. Mr. West followed in the same friendly spirit for the ladies and showed that they had at divers times raised funds for the city amounting to \$6075 and thought they should not at this time be molested. He showed the council that with very little expense the basement could be fitted up for a tool house, and the present tool house transformed into a boudoir for the fire chief.

Mayor Peck also took the floor in behalf of the ladies and stated that they had contributed the cost of the building of the city hall less one thousand dollars and insisted that they had a right to their present quarters and more too, if they desired it. He suggested that the jail in the basement, which has long been idle and is destined never to be of any benefit as a jail, be used as a tool house and the present tool house made pleasant and comfortable for the fire chief, who is very agreeable and desirous of any arrangement that will be for the ladies' benefit. This suggestion of the mayor's could be acted upon with nominal expense, and Councilman Bond was requested to perform the work that would be beneficial to the ladies, fire chief and city.

E. & G. Bills were granted a building permit. Francis J. Riley, a civil engineer from Idaho Falls, was present at the meeting with plans and specifications for an oil lighting system for the city to cost \$33,500, and stated that it will be an adequate system for all purposes, backed by a \$40,000,000 company. The electricity of this plant is to be generated by an oil engine with a twelve-ton fly wheel, which will produce power at the rate of 80 cents per hour. The annual expense of operating this plant was given at \$3400. Mr. Riley's proposition was postponed until after the report of the committee now prospecting for a power site on the Blackfoot river is made, when he and an expert man from the factory will be given a hearing at an adjourned meeting to be called at Mr. Riley's pleasure. It was reported that the municipal skating pond in the Fair grounds was about completed.

## Sad Death of William H. Boyd

Last Sunday William Henry Boyd, an old and respected citizen of Blackfoot, who has been an incurable and helpless invalid for several years, passed to his eternal rest surrounded by a loving and attentive family, consisting of a wife and daughter, whose paternal love and devotion knew no bounds during the long sickness and final ending of their beloved husband and father, who was a native of Ohio and about 68 years of age. Death was caused by arterial sclerosis. The interment took place Monday at the local cemetery. The bereaved widow and children have the sympathy of the entire community, for while death was a relief to them and their loved one, it also had its sting, and the loss of their husband and father has caused them bitter sorrow.

William Henry Boyd was born at Peoria, Ohio, September 26, 1847, and departed this life at Blackfoot, Idaho, October 17, 1915. Funeral services were conducted from the residence on Shilling avenue, Monday afternoon, Rev. Barnstable officiating. Mrs. Dycart

sang "Some Day." The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Mr. Boyd's early life was spent in Ohio where he was engaged in teaching in public schools and academies. At the age of 21 he removed with his parents to Knobnoster, Mo., where he was married to Caroline Dewar, who died at Belvue, Kan. January 15, 1883. One child, Grace M. survives this union.

April 27, 1887, he was married to Mary E. Gould of Solomon, Kan., to whom were born Robert G., George H., and Evelyn. George H. died December 1, 1897, aged seven years, at Elmo, Kan. Mr. Boyd spent about thirty years in Dickinson county, Kan., successfully engaged in the grain business. In 1908 he removed from Abilene, Kan. to Blackfoot, Idaho, being owner and proprietor of the Cottage hotel in this city. He retired from active business about five years ago, and has been in poor health for over three years. He was a charter member of Solomon lodge No. 152, A. O. U. W. He is survived by one brother, E. J. Boyd, of Dayton; the wife, Mary E., and children Robert G. and Evelyn, of this city, and Grace M., of Ogden, Utah.

## STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING

The regular monthly priesthood meeting of the Blackfoot stake will be held in the First ward meeting house on Sunday, October 24, 1915, commencing at 3 p. m. A full attendance of the priesthood of the stake is earnestly desired.

In addition to the priesthood meeting the following meetings will be held in Blackfoot:

The High council will convene at 10 a. m.

The high priests of the stake will meet in the Stake building at 1 p. m.

The Sunday school union will meet in the Blackfoot First ward meeting house at 1:30 p. m.

The genealogical committees of the Relief society will meet in the Stake building at 2 p. m.

There will be a meeting under the direction of the Relief society in the Stake building at 3 p. m.

There will be a meeting under the direction of the Y. L. M. I. A. in the First ward meeting house at 3 p. m.

There will be a meeting under the direction of the Primary association in the Stake building at 3 p. m.

It is earnestly hoped that there will be a full attendance at all of the above meetings and a cordial invitation is extended, not only to the workers in the various organizations, but to all who are interested in the same. Everybody come and assist in making an enjoyable time for all.

JAMES DUUCKWORTH,  
HEBER C. C. RICH,  
NOFEAR DAVIS,  
Stake Presidency.

## W. S. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The first tennis tournament of the Blackfoot high school held recently was such a decided success and aroused such spirited interest and enthusiasm that it has been decided to make it a semi-annual affair and the cup winners will have to fend their trophies at the next tournament.

The winners of "B's" by classes are as follows:

Freshmen—Ruth Poyater, Laverne Miller.

Sophomores—Iva Potter, Sidney Parkinsson.

Juniors—Blanch Dunn, Port Arthur.

Seniors—Katherine DeKay, Avery Kalmody.

In the finals, Miss Katherine DeKay won the girls' championship over all classes, and Port Arthur won the boys' championship over all classes.

## THE COUNTY CAR RETIRED

The county commissioners at their last meeting concluded that the county car of the sheriff's office was a too costly convenience and have discontinued its use. So far this year it has cost the taxpayers almost \$1000 and sooner than continue this extravagance they have made a three-months' contract with the Bills Garage to do transportation at the rate of \$100 per month, which includes the driver and vehicle transportation when necessary.

## BAZAAR AND SUPPER

The Baptist Women's Union will give a sample bazaar and take orders for Christmas work on Saturday afternoon, October 30th, in the basement of the church. Supper from 5 to 8.

Miss Marie Burggraf last Sunday enjoyed a visit from her folks in Roberts.

## PICKED UP UNCONSCIOUS

Last Sunday afternoon, as N. Lewis, the merchant, who is better known as "Dollar Bill," was returning to Blackfoot from Idaho Falls, when several miles this side of Idaho Falls he encountered a capsized car in the road and nearby it an unconscious man and several tramps who had rifled the unfortunate man's pockets and taken some money and valuable papers. The unconscious man proved to be J. W. Killian, who was taken to the Blackfoot hospital, where he was found to be considerably bruised about the head and body. He could give no explanation of the accident which confined him in the hospital for several days when he was removed to his home. Mr. Lewis gave the papers and money which he took from the tramps to the doctor in attendance, who states that the papers are very valuable.

## FAREWELL PARTY

Peter Rich Johnston, son of Hon. P. G. Johnston, left Tuesday morning for Salt Lake City, from whence he will go to Australia on a mission for the L. D. S. church, to be gone about three years. He will sail from San Francisco on the 25th inst. and will stop at Honolulu and the Samoan Islands enroute to his destination. Before leaving Blackfoot he was tendered a farewell party by the Second ward when a pleasant evening was spent with music refreshments and games.

## OFF TO SALMON RIVER

Sam Lloyd and son Asa, Judge Andersen, Dolph Johnson and Jim Young left this morning for a point on the Salmon river where they go every year in quest of big game and—

## Reception

Last Friday evening a reception was given in the high school gym in honor of the freshman class. A very enjoyable evening was spent playing games and initiating the freshmen. About 10 o'clock a sumptuous luncheon was served after which all departed reporting a good time.

## USED CAR FOR SALE

A five-passenger 1915 Auburn automobile in good condition, just completely overhauled and repainted. A bargain. RED CROSS GARAGE.

## Chicken Dinner

By the Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran church, Saturday, December 11, 1915.—Adv.

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## THE M. I. A. CONVENTION

On Saturday, the 16th of October, at 8 o'clock, p. m. the Mutuals of the Blackfoot Stake held the first session of their conjoint convention in the I. O. O. F. hall, with Brother and Sister Goddard of the general M. I. A. board in attendance. Fully 200 M. I. A. officers, bishops and stake authorities were present. Excellent demonstrations of a correct social dance and the home evening entertainment were given. After a literary and musical program had been given light but dainty refreshments were served.

On Sunday in the same hall two sessions were held. At 10 o'clock a. m. the M. I. A. officers met conjointly and discussed contests and special activities, social work, the joint reading course, preliminary programs and joint supervision. At 2 o'clock p. m. separate meetings were held. The young ladies spending the time upon subjects with which they were especially concerned, and the young men doing likewise.

In the evening in the First ward meeting house the officers and general public listened to Brother and Sister Goddard deliver interesting and powerful sermons upon "The Joy of Living the Gospel," and "The Spirit of the Gospel is M. I. A. Work."

Musical numbers were rendered by competent and gifted brothers and sisters at every session and were greatly enjoyed by all present.

The convention can be summarized by saying that it was a mental and spiritual feast, that aroused new enthusiasm in the work and created a determination to make the season's work a success.

## CHECK ARTIST IS INSANE

Mamie Larson, a bad check artist, who has been operating in this vicinity and Pocatello, has been convicted of insanity and committed to the local asylum.

She worked chiefly in the Lava Hot Springs country, and in that place she worked a bad check on Bob Miller, a well known contractor. The Larson woman bought a piece of land at Lava Hot Springs and hired Miller to erect a house on it. When the house was nearly completed she gave the contractor a check for \$500.

The check was found to be no good and, after an investigation, it was discovered that the woman had also paid for the land with a bad check. Miller was in a ticklish position as he had erected a \$500 house on another man's land.

## Thorstenberg-Stevens Marriage

Mr. Phillip Thorstenberg and Miss Leah Stevenson were married this morning by the Rev. Stromquist at the Lutheran church, where only the relatives and a few intimate friends were present. After the ceremony the happy couple left for the California fairs, where they will commence their honeymoon, which their many friends hope will never terminate. They will return in due time to Blackfoot where they will permanently reside.

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