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## CITY SOLONS CHECK FINANCES

The city council held a regular meeting Tuesday night with a quorum present, and Mayor Peck presiding. In the absence of Roy DeKay, City Attorney Thomas acted as clerk pro tem, and swore in Frank DeKay, the newly appointed solon for the 4th ward, who succeeds V. Van Bramer.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved.

Prof. Vincent appeared before the council advocating a municipal Christmas tree which he suggested be placed in the court house square, and the platform of the county building be used as the stage for the program, to consist of Christmas carols, etc., which he volunteered to arrange. Mr. E. Pearson was also present and advocated the municipal tree, which was encouraged by City Attorney Thomas, Councilmen Berryman, Hesse and Pelkey, and several of the other councilmen spoke favorably of the public tree, strictly non-sectarian. On a motion of Councilman Pelkey, seconded by Councilman Hesse, Mayor Peck will appoint a committee of five and issue a Christmas tree proclamation.

Councilman Pelkey reported that the Clarke Plumbing company had liquidated its indebtedness to the city in full. The matter of a certain warrant due the city from the Idaho Insane asylum was discussed and it was decided to make another demand on Dr. D'Orr Poynter for the same.

Councilman Pelkey, chairman of the finance committee, reported that the expenditures of the council for the present fiscal year up to November 3, 1915, were a total of \$9989.96.

A building permit was issued to J. D. Murphy to build a 15x40 brick addition in Elmwood addition. Also to C. E. Carson for a brick and corrugated iron building in block 27, lot 6, Lewis addition.

Councilman DeKay complained of the railroad company switching and blocking the main streets at noon and other hours when children and other pedestrians and teams need the crossings the most. Mayor Peck stated that he had complained to Superintendent McGonigal of the railroad employees maintaining dumping grounds within the city limits and he promised to abate the nuisance complained of. It was also suggested that the city attorney see about having the ten-minute limit for blocking the streets by switching cars reduced to five minutes.

It was also ordered that the cemetery committee have the city sexton's residence furnished with electric lights.

Moved that the culvert on South University avenue on South street be referred to the street and alley committee to report at the next meeting.

The V. I. S. ladies have demanded their heater which the fire chief has been using on motion of Councilman DeKay, the chief of police was empowered to buy a new heater.

Chief of Police Sewell was allowed a short absence to visit Hailey as a witness.

Mr. Lesse was appointed chairman of the sewer committee and Mr. Boling chairman of the cemetery committee.

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### LIFE BECOMES UNBEARABLE

Last Friday morning Nephi McBride, who has been an epileptic from boyhood, became both despondent and hopeless and sought the strychnine route from his earthly troubles. He seemed determined to bear the ills of his unhappy life no longer and took three doses of strychnine poison, the third of which brought him the desired relief. It was a plain case of self-destruction that needed no coroner's investigation, and he was buried at the Moreland cemetery last Saturday. Deceased was born in Hyrum, Utah, about twenty-nine years ago, and in addition to his parents, he leaves a great number of relatives to mourn his unfortunate life and its unnatural termination.

### WAIT FOR THIS SALE

The Catholic Ladies will give a sale of fancy articles and a dinner at the V. I. S. rooms, November 27th. All are cordially invited.

### RUMMAGE SALE

The Methodist ladies will give a rummage sale at the V. I. S. rooms Saturday, November 20th.—Adv.

### No. 22 REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of The D. W. Standrod & Co., Bankers, at Blackfoot, in the State of Idaho, at the close of business November 10th, 1915.

### RESOURCES

Cash on hand	\$ 50,134.17
Due from banks	225,307.92
Checks and drafts on other banks	857.28
Other cash items	9,722.01
Loans and discounts	547,129.81
Overdrafts	88.13
Stocks, bonds and warrants	106,496.61
Claims, judgments, etc.	1,259.54
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	40,000.00
Other real estate	2,919.17
Total	983,896.67

### LIABILITIES

Individual deposits subject to check	\$405,244.81
Savings deposits	93,629.51
Postal savings deposits	925.75
Demand certificates of deposit	731.00
Time certificates of deposit	58,004.51
Cashier's checks	14,241.72
Certified checks	123.81
Due to other banks (deposits)	275,748.33
Total deposits	\$848,649.44
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus	30,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses, interest and taxes paid	5,217.68
Other liabilities	29.55
Total	\$983,896.67

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Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1915.  
I certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.  
W. H. STUFFLEBEAM,  
Notary Public.

## BLACKFOOT GIRL AND LOVER KILLED

Edward H. Davies, of Sacramento, Cal., was almost instantly killed and Gladys Mitchell of Riverside, a town near Blackfoot, Idaho, is dying at the police emergency hospital as a result of being struck by an automobile as they stepped from a street car at Fifth East and Seventh South streets Sunday night. The two were hit by an automobile driven by Jesse Gesas, 603 East Ninth South street. The accident occurred about 11 o'clock Sunday night, and it was not until 1:30 Monday morning that the police were able to identify the two.

Miss Mitchell came to this city about a week ago, and was staying at the residence of her brother, L. H. Mitchell. She was to have been married to Davies this week. They were to go to Sacramento, where the young man's parents reside. Davies had been employed as a machinist in Pocatello.

Davies, who was 23 years of age, was to have been married to Miss Mitchell, who is 21, in the Salt Lake temple next Wednesday.

### Neck is Broken

Davies was dead when he was brought to the station in Gesas's car. Upon examination by Dr. H. B. Sprague, it was seen that the impact had broken the man's neck, caved in the walls of his chest, fractured each leg in three places and bruised the body in many places.

The young woman was unconscious when brought to the emergency hospital in Gesas's car. Dr. H. B. Sprague was summoned, and found that she had sustained two severe fractures at the base of her skull and that both arms were broken. He held out little hope for her recovery, though every effort was made to save her. Hospital steward William Robinson and Miss Teresa Stevens, the night nurse, remained at her bedside through the early morning hours, as did her brother and an uncle, B. W. Maycock, who lives at 653 Park street. At an early hour Monday morning she was alive, but sinking rapidly.

### Girl is Identified

Captain Roberts, accompanied by Detectives Frank Glenn and W. C. Brown, went to the scene of the accident and began a systematic search of the neighborhood. Persons were aroused in every house and inquiry made, the description of the girl being given. The second house approached on Park street proved to be the home of the girl's uncle, Mr. Maycock. Captain Roberts described the girl and asked if she lived there.

"Why, yes, but she is in bed, I think," said Mr. Maycock.

"Better look and see," advised the officer.

When it was found that she had not yet returned from the theatre Mr. Maycock hastened to the emergency hospital with the officers and immediately identified the girl and her fiancé.

Henry Mitchell, father of Gladys Mitchell, who is dying in the police emergency hospital as a result of injuries received when she and her fiancé, Edward Davies, were struck by an automobile Saturday night, reached Salt Lake at 4:30 Sunday afternoon with his wife from their home in Riverside, Idaho, a town adjoining Blackfoot on the west. The parents of the girl went at once to the emergency hospital and sat down at the bedside of their daughter. Suffering from two compound fractures at the base of her skull, the young

woman has not regained consciousness since the accident at 11 o'clock Saturday night, and she is not expected to survive the day. Both Mr. Mitchell and his wife were too overcome with grief to speak of the accident. Throughout the night and into the small hours of morning they remained at the bedside watching the paralysis spread over the body of their daughter.

Spectators declare that the girl was hurled 150 feet through the air and fell to the pavement with a concussion that crushed her skull and rendered her unconscious. The body of the man was brought to the police station in the car that struck them, and the limp form of the girl was carried into the station on the patrol wagon stretcher.

Davies was found to have three fractures in each leg, one ankle broken and his neck broken, in addition to many broken bones in the walls of his chest.

### Relatives in California

Because neither Davies nor Miss Mitchell had anything to identify them in their possession, it was several hours before the police could learn their identity.

Captain Roberts and Detectives Glenn and Brown, however, made a tour of the neighborhood and located B. W. Maycock, an uncle of the girl, and at whose home she had been living, at 653 Park street. Through Mr. Maycock it was learned that the man was a brother-in-law of George A. Cranfield, who is employed in the auditor's office at the Newhouse hotel, and at whose house Davies had been staying at 3371 Fifth East street.

Early Sunday morning Mr. Cranfield telegraphed to Reese Davies, a brother of the dead man, who lives in Galt, Sacramento county, Calif. The aged father and mother of Davies live in Galt, and it falls to the brother Reese to break the news to them. In addition to Reese there are three other brothers, Walter, living in Pasadena; Ansdell, in San Francisco, and William in San Francisco. Mr. Cranfield suggested that Edward Davies be buried in Salt Lake, and if the girl dies that she, too, be buried here beside her sweetheart, whom she was to have married Wednesday in the temple.

### Father is Farmer

The elder Davies, William T., is a retired farmer. He came from England in the pioneer days and passed through Salt Lake in 1852 remaining there four months.

According to Mr. Cranfield, whose wife is a sister of Davies, the young man could have remained at home on his father's ranch, but he wished to see a bit of the country; so taking his tool kit he went to Idaho, where he was employed as a carpenter for the Utah-Idaho Sugar company at Idaho Falls. The body of Davies is in the Gualtough-Alcott undertaking rooms, pending word from the parents in Galt.

Monday morning Miss Mitchell, without regaining consciousness and surrounded by her parents, passed away at 11:30. Jesse Gesas, who was the cause of her death and the death of her lover, was charged with manslaughter and admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000. About ten years he was a resident of Blackfoot where his father Harry Gesas was the proprietor of the Kentucky liquor house, and where he lost a leg by a railroad accident for which he received damages.

### AMPUTATED OLD FRIEND'S FOOT

An old friend of Dr. Mitchell's arrived in Blackfoot yesterday from Delta, Colo., seeking medical aid. His name is Thompson and he was taken to the local hospital with a disease in his left foot that was threatening his life. After a consultation with his medical friend in whom he has the utmost confidence he cheerfully submitted to an operation this morning that saved his life and deprived him of his diseased foot that has long been a detriment to him. The operation was very successful and Mr. Thompson is doing nicely.

### FREE CANDY FOR SCHOLARS

Pearson's grocery store yesterday morning with hundreds of school children surging in and out with arms full of books and hands full of candy resembled a Donnybrook fair. They came in response to Mr. Pearson's promise to give each pupil of the graded schools who received a better report card this month than last, a bag of candy, and about 250 little progressives, armed with their credentials were at the store to get their reward which was cheerfully given them. Those who were not called yesterday on account of a lack of time got theirs this morning.

### Chicken Dinner

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

Country correspondence unavoidably omitted this week—will appear in our next issue.

## ESTEEMED LADY SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. W. C. Johnson, a prominent and respected resident of this city, was struck by a locomotive at American Falls Sunday night and badly injured, though recovery is expected. She suffered a broken rib, both hands were mashed, her face was severely bruised and she received other bodily bruises. She was at once taken to the emergency hospital at Pocatello and given good care and will be removed to her home here as soon as possible. It appears that Mrs. Johnson was on the depot platform to return home and hearing a train approaching started for it. She believes that she was wedged between a depot truck and the locomotive and thrown down, receiving the injuries stated.

Her son, T. J. Johnson, the trusted accountant of the Brown-Hart store hurried to the scene of the accident and did everything possible for the relief and comfort of his mother, and says it is a miracle she was not killed.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a bazaar in the V. I. S. rooms Saturday, December 4th, beginning at 2 p. m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30. Many useful and pretty gifts will be found in the apron, fancy-work, candy, parcel post and doll booths. Dolls, dresses, and doll dresses, and hats and bonnets, will be a specialty.—Adv.

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## MONDAY ONLY, NOV. 22

MARY PICKFORD  
In the Paramount Feature,  
"LITTLE PAL," a Story of Alaska

## WEDNESDAY ONLY, NOV. 24

The Paramount Feature  
"THE RUG MAKER'S DAUGHTER"  
A Romance of the Turkish-American Rug Trade

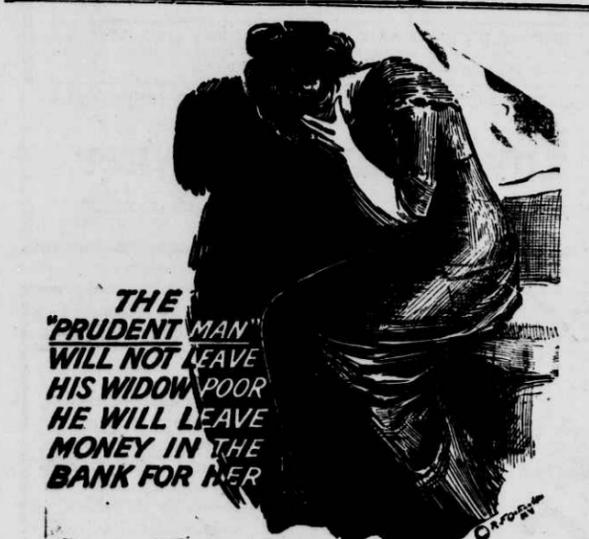
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**LADIES GET \$100**  
The charity masquerade ball given by the P. O. E. ladies of Blackfoot at the Progress hall Wednesday night was a grand success numerically and financially. The ladies realized about \$100, which will be expended on the streets of Blackfoot. Charlie Fisher, as a big dill pickle, and Dr. Patrie, as a sailor boy, were two of the attractive characters.

**BLACKFOOT PATIENTS ABROAD**  
The many friends of R. L. Archer, the accommodating manager of the Idaho Lumber company, who has been in a Salt Lake hospital the past three weeks doctoring for inflammation of the bladder, will be glad to hear that he is improving and soon expects to be home again.

Heber C. C. Rich informs us that his brother Sam, who is in Los Angeles, is convalescing.

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