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## DEATH OF A PIONEER LADY

Mrs. G. U. Peterson, one of the earliest pioneers of Firth and an old and highly respected lady, died on Christmas evening about 5 o'clock. She was a native of Sweden, aged 74 years and eight months. Death was not unexpected as she had been ailing for several years and was due to a natural decline.

Her demise has caused much sorrow to her loving and devoted children, who spared no pains or expense to make her life as pleasant as possible. She was a consistent and loyal member of the Lutheran church and Rev. Corney, of Idaho Falls, and Rev. Stromquist attended her interment which took place at Blackfoot last Wednesday, when a large cortege of friends and acquaintances were present. The following bereaved sons and daughters of the deceased have the sympathy of a large circle of friends: Simon Peterson, of Firth; Mrs. Amanda Frazer, of Goodwin, Kan.; Henry Peterson, of Firth; Mrs. Selma Styhl, of Firth, and Mrs. Jennie Johnson, of Idaho Falls.

## PARENT AND TEACHER ASSN.

There will be a meeting of the newly organized Parent and Teachers' association held at the High School auditorium at 4:30 p. m., Friday January 7th, 1916.

All parents are requested to be present. The following program will be rendered:

Song—Mrs. Austin.  
Address—Prof. Vincent.  
Reading—Miss Brooke.  
Paper—"The Parent and Teacher; the Teacher a Parent"—Mrs. Aldrich.  
Song—Mrs. Dygert.

## DAWE RECEIVES SENTENCE

In the District court room last Monday evening Judge Gwinn pronounced sentence on W. P. Dawe, found guilty by the jury after five hours' deliberation, on the charge of embezzlement of city funds. Mr. Dawe was given from one to ten years in the State penitentiary. Through his attorneys notice was given that a motion for a new trial would be made, and presented a certificate of probable cause, which the court deemed sufficient, and admitted Mr. Dawe to bail in the sum of \$5000, which was immediately furnished. The case will likely go to the Supreme court for settlement.

## SOCIAL PARTY

Last night Miss Verna Robertson entertained about twenty-five of her young friends at her parents home in honor of her cousin, Grant Brisbrey, of St. George, Utah. The evening was happily spent with games, other amusements and a dainty lunch.

## A SNAP

12½ acres just outside the city limits with good orchard and four-room house. Small cash payment and eight years given to pay the balance. Must be sold. Enquire of M. Boyle, the land man.—Adv.

See page three for the notice of the Idaho State Insane asylum calling for supply bids.

## NO REDUCTION FOR BLACKFOOT

Southern Idaho is again to receive the benefit of reduced freight rates on coal, for the announcement is made, through tariffs filed with the public utilities commission, of a reduction of from 50 to 75 cents per ton on coal from the Utah mines shipped through a joint arrangement with the Denver & Rio Grande and the Oregon Short Line Railway company to this State. Boise and southwestern Idaho is given a reduction of 50 cents per ton on nut coal and 75 cents a ton on slack coal. Proportionate increases are given to other southern and eastern Idaho territory.

Some time ago the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line railroad announced through the filing of tariffs, freight rate reductions in the same proportion to the same territory from the Wyoming mines. There has always been a differential in the freight rates on coal from the Wyoming and Utah mines of 25 cents a ton. In other words it cost 25 cents more a ton for freight on coal from the Utah mines than from the Wyoming mines. When the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line made their reductions the Denver & Rio Grande was left with a high coal freight rate that was out of proportion, made more so by the 25-cent differential. The reduction through the joint arrangement still leaves the 25-cent differential, but it makes the freight rates on the Utah mined coal in the same proportion as between the Denver & Rio Grande, the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific, while consumers should get the benefit of the difference.

The above article appeared in the Capital News this week and also in the Salt Lake City papers which may lead the people of Blackfoot to believe that there should be a reduction in the price of coal. Parties interested may refer to Supplement No. 8, D. & R. G., Tariff No. 5372 B, which gives Blackfoot the same old rate; also supplement effective July 22, 1915, which makes no change in rates to Blackfoot, but reduces the rate on nut coal to Wapello 10 cents. The Union Pacific tariff gives a reduction of 10 cents per ton on nut coal, but requires a reduction in size that makes the coal undesirable in Blackfoot.

## CAED OF THANKS

We, the undersigned bereaved sons and daughter desire to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors whose assistance and sympathy during the last sickness and death of our beloved mother was a balm to our sorrow that will not soon be forgotten.

MRS. AMANDA FRAZER,  
SIMON PETERSON,  
HENRY PETERSON,  
MRS. SELMA PETERSON,  
MRS. JENNIE JOHNSON.

## SHIP BODY

The body of Mrs. Evans, wife of Dr. P. B. Evans, of Taber, Idaho, was Sunday shipped from the Larkin & Son undertaking parlors to Dixon, Neb., where burial will take place. Mrs. Evans was brought to this city a few days ago, operated on for appendicitis, and failed to recover. Dr. Evans is the owner of the Taber townsite, and is very well known in that section.—Pocatello Tribune.

## MUNICIPAL TREE GREAT SUCCESS

Blackfoot's first municipal Christmas tree was a success far beyond the expectations of its popular promoter, Prof. Vincent. The weather was ideal and the tree, tall and graceful, was beautifully decorated with tinsel and colored electric lights and kindly bowed down with many presents. A large electric star shed a halo on the scene which was illuminated and warmed by a huge bonfire, which was greatly appreciated for a short spell of darkness caused by a burned out transformer.

When the bugle call announced the starting of the program the Christmas tree platform was crowded with happy and anxious children, whose parents had brought them to see the municipal Santa Claus for the first time of their lives. Mayor Peck delivered a short but appropriate address which was followed by a very impressive and grateful prayer to God for the peace, plenty and prosperity of Blackfoot and the entire nation. Prof. Lewis followed with a very interesting paper on "Christmas and then acted as leader of the High School Glee club, which sang "Silent Night," in a very creditable manner. Mrs. Austin and Grace Wright then entertained the large audience with several songs by the grade school children, after which the Rev. Stromquist pronounced the benediction when distribution of 2900 sacks of nuts, candy and oranges commenced, and no one was intentionally overlooked.

Blackfoot's municipal Christmas cheer was not confined to the tree in the court house square, as quite a number of needy and deserving families were remembered by the committee of four ladies appointed by Mayor Peck to seek out the homes that might be made happier by the public spirited and benevolent people of this city. Never were there so many happy faces seen in Blackfoot as there were on Christmas eve of 1915, and it is to be hoped that the municipal tree that circulated so much happiness in our city will be an annual blessing in the future.

## PARDONING OFFICIALS HERE

Attorney General Peterson and Secretary of State Barker were in Blackfoot a fortnight ago on official business, and while here investigated the feeling of the officials and citizens regarding the applications of Lawrence Hawkins and Maurice Burton to be liberated from the State's prison where they are confined for contributing to the delinquency of minor girls of Blackfoot and surrounding country. Messrs. Peterson and Barker, who comprise the majority of the pardoning board met with opinions that were friendly, unfriendly and neutral, and it is not quite certain what their action will be in behalf of the convict rape fiends who desire their liberty. We understand that Burton developed more influence in his behalf than did Hawkins whose friends were less numerous and active than those of his fellow convict, whose chances of a pardon are not so promising.

## IDAHO FALLS VISITED BY FIRE

IDAHO FALLS, Ida., Dec. 27.—The entire store and building of the City drug store was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock Monday morning. The store was owned by P. L. McLain and was valued at from \$4500 to \$5000, with \$4000 insurance. The building, an old frame structure, was owned by William Luxton, now in California, and was insured for a small amount. The fire originated in the basement, which was filled with goods, and is supposed to have started from one of the hot-air furnaces, although Mr. McLain and several clerks left the store about 1 o'clock after banking the fires. The fire department succeeded in holding the fire within the building, while the mercury was ranging around zero. The dry goods stock of the Newberry company, adjoining was damaged by smoke and the basement of the Brandt market was flooded, damaging a large quantity of meats.

## BOND-PATZ WEDDING

Miss Emily A. Bond and Mr. Ed. Patz were married last night by the Rev. Austin at the home of the bride's brother, J. G. Bond, at 8 o'clock. After a delicious wedding supper the wedding party adjourned to the K. of P. club dance, where they danced until the wee, small hours and then repaired to the groom's ranch west of Blackfoot where they will assume the joys and responsibilities of matrimony, and their many friends sincerely hope that their future life on the sea of matrimony will be long and happy.

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## REPAIRING FORT HALL ROAD

December 22, 1915.  
Mr. John H. Early, Sec.,  
Bingham Co. Auto & Good Roads Assn.,  
Blackfoot, Idaho.  
Dear Sir:

I am making arrangements with the government to secure a rock crusher at Fort Hall, have made arrangements with the Bingham county officials for a road roller, and expect to get busy on this repair work within the next two weeks. The same kind of material from which this road was originally constructed will be shipped from Pocatello and the road will be placed in as good shape as possible at this time.

This matter was not taken up sooner on account of the department desiring to get as much construction work as possible done before the winter set in. I certainly appreciate the interest your association has taken in this matter, and assure you that this department desires to have your co-operation at all times.

Very truly yours,  
E. M. BOOTH,  
State Highway Engineer.

## NEW CONTRACT ON LOST RIVER PROJECT

The Utah Construction company, which owns the Big Lost River irrigation project, submitted a new and modified contract to reclaim Lost river lands to the State Land board this afternoon and that body is giving it serious consideration late today. This contract which the company seeks to have the State enter into with it, eliminates some of the objectionable features of the old contract which the land board some time ago turned down. It was stated late this afternoon that the prospects are very promising for the State accepting the revised contract.

One of the main objections to the old contract was that the delivery of water was not guaranteed. This is assured in most positive terms in the new contract and for that reason it is looked upon with favor. The board is taking its time deliberating on the new proposal.

## REPUBLICANS WILL MEET IN CAPITAL

A meeting of the Republican State Central committee will be held in Boise in February, according to the present schedule.

The State chairman, Evan Evans, has been on the sick list for some time, and states that he hopes to complete a trip through the balance of the southeastern Idaho counties before the committee meeting is called, as he was compelled to overlook Bannock county and several other large sections of this part of the State, during several trips through this section.

A full meeting of the State Central committee is desired this year for the purpose of generally going over affairs of interest to the party, and he will endeavor to get into touch with all those parts of the State he has not yet visited before the committee meeting occurs.

## MARKET REPORT

**Cattle**  
After Christmas market on all kinds of livestock usually is a very dull affair. Yesterday's market was no exception to the rule, not enough cattle were in the yards to test the strength of the market. All lines are, however, quoted steady with last week's top. Top grain or pulp-fed steers would bring \$7.50, other grades in proportion.

**Hogs**  
Only a handful of hogs today, a total of 2300 were offered to the trade. Last week's closing was at a strong figure, and today's session put on a top of \$6.25. This figure records an advance of ten cents over last week.

**Sheep**  
The strength in the sheep market was shown in a good scale of a double deck of wethers at seven cents weighed off the ears. This price would indicate not only strength but an advance in mutton values.

## HONEY-MAKERS' CONVENTION

The sixth annual meeting and convention of the Idaho Honey Producers' association will be held in the club of Commerce rooms at Idaho Falls next Monday and Tuesday, January 3rd and 4th. All bee keepers are welcome and should join the association. A strong program is being prepared. Among our local bee men H. B. Weber is giving a paper on cellar wintering of bees, and J. H. Stoneman a report of the National Beekeepers convention held at Denver, Colo., last February.

Ferdinand Paekrell, the deputy sheriff, who was shot by an escaped prisoner from the county jail, is in Salt Lake City where he is getting an artificial foot.

## JACKRABBIT EXTERMINATION

The first steps in a campaign for the extermination of the jackrabbits that annually destroy a considerable proportion of the crops on the dry land farms and homesteads near Taber, Ida., will be taken at a mass meeting of the farmers at Taber school house on Thursday afternoon, January 6th, at 2:30 o'clock. U. S. Ebner, a special government agent, who is sent here for that purpose, will be present at the meeting and will spend several days at Taber and vicinity, assisting the farmers to save their crops by killing off the pests. Every farmer in the neighborhood is urged to present at the mass meeting and to take part in the campaign against the jack rabbits.

Poison will be the means used to kill the rabbits and arrangements have been made in Blackfoot for the purchase of large quantities of strychnine to be used in the next few weeks. The government expert understands how to mix and plant the poison to secure the best results. The increasing acreage in wheat in the Taber neighborhood makes it necessary for prompt action to protect fields from the pests. Every farmer who is interested should arrange to attend the first meeting.—L. J. Davis, Taber, Ida.

City Engineer Young has returned from the Snake river with a report for the city council on a certain power site.

## SHEPHERDER SENT TO PRISON

Alfred Lundhigh, the sheep herder who was convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of a fellow herder on the range of his employer, was sentenced yesterday by District Judge Cowen to an indeterminate confinement in the State's prison of from ten to fifteen years. His counsel gave notice of an appeal for a new trial.

G. Brown, a bootlegging suspect who was convicted of having a bottle of booze in his possession, was fined \$100, which he paid.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that taxes are now due and payable at my office in the court house, and will be delinquent January 3, 1916.

Come early and avoid the rush that always occurs at the end of the month.  
H. A. BENSON,  
County Treasurer.

## BOTH BANKS TO CLOSE

Next Saturday being New Year's day, and the attaches of both banks being weary with the weight of gold they have handled during the past year, desire to rest and celebrate the dawn of the new year to prepare for a heavier task in 1916.

Next Sunday is "Go-to-church Sunday" at all M. E. churches. Arrangements isn't it, to go to church on the first Sunday of the year!

# SPECIAL ORPHEUM THEATRE

THE KENWORTHY PLAYERS, with Helen Duffy  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th

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## COMING

January 10, Monday

The Dixie Minstrels

Saturday, January 1

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with Vaudeville

## ON THE WINGS OF THE MORNING

The Old Year is dying—the New Year is coming—coming fast upon us. Will it find you a better, richer man or woman than last year? Have you laid by something out of what you have made during this year. If not, why not NOW—today open a Bank Account at the D. W. Standrod & Company Bank? Make a resolution that the close of next year will see you better off than the close of this year.

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