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## GEO. TWITCHELL'S SUDDEN DEATH

George G. Twitchell, 23 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Twitchell, of Presto, Bingham county, was shot to death at Roberts yesterday by the accidental discharge of a rifle which he had been examining.

The young man was given immediate medical attention, but the wound was too severe, and he died within an hour, conscious to the last and sending word to his parents.

The body was brought here on a bob sled, arriving last night, and placed in the morgue of the Dinwoody Furniture Co. undertaking department, where it is being prepared for burial.

The funeral will be held at Shelley, his former home.

Young Twitchell with two companions, George Munroe and Albert Wilson, left his home near Presto, Sunday, for the Mud Lake section, where it was his intention to buy lands. They stopped at Roberts for the night.

Monday, Twitchell, with a companion, was in the barnyard when he noticed a rifle hanging by the trigger guard from a wagon, he taking it down and examining it and hanging it back on the nail, intending to hang the gun by the trigger guard, but hanging it by the trigger. The weight of the gun on the trigger discharged the cartridge. The heavy bullet struck the young man at the top of the left shoulder, ranging downward through the body, tearing its way through the lungs inflicting a mortal wound.

Medical aid was summoned at once and all that could be was done, but it was seen that his case was hopeless. The young man realized that death was near, telling those with him that he was "done for," and sending word to his parents that he knew that he had to die, and not to feel too badly about it. The body was placed on a bob sled and, with his two friends, was brought here to be prepared for burial. The body will be taken to Shelley.—Idaho Falls Register.

## FAIR GROUNDS FOR SALE

The Board of Directors of the Bingham County Fair Association held an informal meeting Monday night for the purpose of liquidating debts that were contracted at the last fair, which the directors claim was an unprofitable venture. We understand that they are anxious to sell the fair grounds and improvements to the county of Bingham for their actual cost, which is \$1200.

## EXPLOSION OF CAR

Last Monday evening, about 7 o'clock, the people of Blackfoot, were startled by a noise caused by the explosion of one of the Mackay passenger cars' heating plant, as the car was switched on the Mackay side track. The top of the car was blown off, and several windows in near-by buildings were broken. Frank Paine had just left the car three minutes before the explosion, and as it luckily happened, no one was in the car at the time of the accident.

## GET YOUR EYES RIGHT

And you will have taken a long step toward getting a deranged nervous system into a healthy condition, if attended by a reliable specialist, whose original methods are noted for giving results for old standing headaches and nervous troubles. This specialist is Dr. Scarborough who will be at the Cottage Hotel, Blackfoot, Tuesday, February 1.

## KIDDIES DAY

### Big Free Show.

We have arranged with the management of the Orpheum Theatre to admit all children under 15 years of age as our guests on Saturday afternoon, January 29th.

The Management of the Theatre reserves the privilege of selling tickets to Adults.

Not necessary for Parents to accompany Children.

SEE CHARLIE CHAPLIN AND OTHER PICTURES, ALSO VAUDEVILLE. DON'T MISS THIS, KIDS!

The Racket Store.

## ANOTHER HAUL OF BOOZE

Some time ago Sheriff Simmons received a tip that Milo Andrus and a companion, of Firth, had gone to Ogden with a new Buick car for a load of booze, and that the alleged illegal vendors of wet goods might receive a legal welcome home he spent several long, weary hours at the Blackfoot bridge in the cold and snow. Tuesday night his watchful waiting brought results, for what they were looking for arrived in sight, and when its occupants saw that they were about to be captured they hit a speed that almost run over the sheriff and his deputy. Unfortunately for the transgressors, their auto took a side tack which put it out of commission, when its occupants made for the depot on foot, leaving the injured car for the sheriff. The officers followed the pair of supposed bootleggers to the depot and captured Milo Andrus, his partner escaping at that time. Mr. Andrus called for Attorney Beebe who arranged for his release, but the booze and the auto were taken in charge by the officers who will take steps to have them both confiscated. The load of liquor consisted of two cases of whiskey, or 502 pints, which are worth at the bootleggers' price of \$2.00 per pint, \$1004.

## FOUND DEAD

Last Friday County Coroner Peck and Sheriff Simmons were notified of the death of a young recluse at Taber. Upon investigation the name of the dead man was found to be Gabriel Miller, aged about 29 years, and that his death was a natural one, and was caused by tuberculosis. When the Grim Reaper called, Thursday night, the unfortunate young man was alone and unattended. The body was brought to Blackfoot and a message sent to his sister in Fairfax, South Dakota, she replied promptly and instructed the coroner to bury the remains in Blackfoot and she would pay all the expenses of interment. He was buried Monday afternoon.

## CHARACTER BALL AT THOMAS

Last Friday evening a jolly character ball was given at Thomas, by the Thomas Amusement committee, which was a great success. It was the largest crowd that was ever assembled in the hall before. The prizes were won by John Cameron, of Thomas, who represented a Maori gentleman, the prize being a safety razor set. Mrs. Anna Felsted won the ladies prize, for representing a Japanese lady, the prize was a manicuring set. Slack's orchestra furnished the music for the happy dancers. A large crowd of Blackfoot young people were present. The ball lasted until 1 o'clock, after which the dancers left feeling that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening.

## PECK-DANILSON WEDDING

Robert Peck, of Arco, and Miss Naomi Danilson, were united in marriage Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Danilson, of this city, Rev. Barnstable officiating. They immediately left for Arco, where they will make their future home. The young people are well and favorably known, and they have the best wishes and congratulations of all.

## GATHERING OF ELKS

The Elks ministrals at the Orpheum Monday night was well attended and Mr. MacCosham informs us that the Pocatello lodge will be \$100 better off. A dance was given in the K. of P. hall after the show to entertain the Pocatello guests, which they seemed to enjoy very much. Delicious refreshments were served and the dance lasted until about 1:30.

## RECOURED TO OLD AGE

Mrs. Annie Jacobson of Moreland, a native of Norway, aged 84 years and seven months died at the home of her son, Mars Jacobson, last Wednesday from the infirmities of old age. She will be buried in the Moreland cemetery tomorrow and Rev. Stromquist will have charge of the burial services.

## WATSON'S ENLARGED GARAGE

Morris Watson has bought the brick and gave the contract for the extension of his garage which when completed will be 50x140 feet, the largest garage in this part of Idaho. D. A. Jenkins has the building contract and work will commence as soon as possible.

## No Immediate Danger of Land Office Removal.

The reported efforts that have for some time been made by the citizens of Idaho Falls and Pocatello to have the United States land office removed to their respective cities, have not been generally known, but when a few of the wise ones learned that Fred Kiefer has been at the local land office the past few weeks gathering data for an application of its removal to Idaho Falls, they immediately got busy to do everything possible to frustrate the political selfish scheme. Saturday morning D. H. Biethan and D. H. MacCosham, Frank Berryman and others circulated among the business men and citizens and called a meeting in the afternoon to protest against the designs of our neighboring cities. At 3 o'clock about forty interested citizens met at the K. of P. hall and called a meeting to take steps to protect their city's interest, and the meeting was called to order by H. D. MacCosham who nominated Ernest Pearson for chairman which nomination was unanimously carried. After the selection of Hamilton Wright for secretary, the chairman called on each and every citizen present for their opinion as to the proper and most effective course to pursue in order to prevent the attempted removal of so valuable an adjunct to Blackfoot as the land office.

Mr. MacCosham suggested that every resident of this city having its interest at heart write a letter to one of our congressmen in opposition to removal. Mr. Biethan thought the suggestion very good, but as he stated that he did not believe that a sufficient number to do any good would write the proposed letters, he suggested that a petition be circulated with all the protests possible and sent to our congressman. Some thought that a personal representative should be sent to Washington to intercede in our behalf. A suggestion was made that a committee be selected from those present with

full power to act as to the best course to pursue. A motion finally prevailed that Chairman Pearson select a committee of three to investigate the present status of the removal attempt, and to take what steps they say proper to frustrate it, and to report their work at a meeting to be called Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The chairman after the meeting adjourned appointed Hon. P. G. Johnson, Mayor Peck and Hamilton Wright. Those present were: D. H. Biethan, H. D. MacCosham, C. W. Berryman, Frank Berryman, W. E. Brown, Robt. Boyd, C. G. Haines, E. T. Malcolm, S. W. Gibbs, H. Wright, D. Johnson, Chas. Hilliard, Ernest Pearson, P. W. Powers, Dr. Mitchell, S. L. Reece, E. M. Kennedy, Jas. Duckworth, L. Henish, F. C. Christ, Dr. Mote, J. Gibbs, Byrd Trego and W. M. Dooley.

At the meeting Tuesday afternoon only about a dozen citizens were present, and those present regretted very much that the attendance was so small. Mr. Wright verbally reported that the committee had written their congressional representatives, all of whom advised that Idaho Falls nor Pocatello had made no application for the removal of the land office to either the general land office or the secretary of the interior as yet. With the assistance of several attaches of the local land office, the committee found that the Blackfoot land office was in almost the exact center of the land district, and that for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, there had been 3833 applications for land north of the base line, and 5868 south of it, which gave the Blackfoot land office 60 1/2 per cent of the filings in these years. This date the committee contends is conclusive that the present location of the land office in this district is more convenient to entrymen than either Pocatello or Idaho Falls.

## CAPT. DAVIS GETS AUDIENCE

Captain E. G. Davis, a native son and a Boise attorney, the first campaigner of the approaching state election, was welcomed at Blackfoot last night by a fairly good audience, most of whom seemed to have been favorably impressed with his ideas of what should constitute the character and conduct of a gubernatorial candidate. There were not a few who thought him too angelic, from his own introduction, for political office in Idaho, where no governor has been credited with having reached the standards of purity and honesty that he says should be required by the voters. All agreed with him that the high taxes were due to incompetent and lazy public servants and sinecures, all of which he promised to eliminate if elected. J. O. Morgan, our worthy townsman, speaks very highly of Captain Davis, who was in his employ a quarter of a century ago as sheep camp tender. Hon. P. G. Johnson, who has known him in private and political life, also gives him credit for being honorable and honest, two lonely but only necessary virtues to make a good governor, and give the state of Idaho an honest, economical administration.

Captain Davis is a retired army captain. He is a graduate of West Point and later was an instructor of law and history there. Following retirement because of injury to his foot, he returned to his home in Idaho, was elected to the legislature and served through one session and a session extraordinary, after which he settled in Boise, became private secretary to Governor Haines, after he had served as secretary to the state central committee, and later was assistant to the present attorney general during the last administration.

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## A NEW AUTO MACHANIC ARRIVES

A. Andren, of Salt Lake City, has arrived in Blackfoot and has taken charge of the mechanical department of the Bills Garage. Mr. Andren has been connected for the past two years with the Sharmen Automobile Co. of Salt Lake City, Cadillac dealers, and is an expert electrician and auto mechanic.

Band Concert and Picture Show, Thursday, Feb. 3rd, at Orpheum Theatre, Featuring Blanch Sweet in a 'Strange Case of Becky' in a Five-Reel Paramount Picture. Admission 10 and 25c.

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## DEATH OF FRANK BARKER

After a long siege of sickness and suffering Frank Barker was last Sunday afternoon relieved of his earthly cares by a merciful Providence. Deceased was an old and respected citizen of Blackfoot where he was known as a merchant and painter for a long number of years. Several months ago he contracted tuberculosis in his right leg which was amputated above the knee, but he never regained his usual strength and kept getting weaker and weaker until the end came last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was born in Wisconsin 49 years ago and leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. His funeral, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, took place Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church, the Rev. Austin officiating.

## MRS. LOWNEY SELLS HER FARM

Last Tuesday Mrs. Mary Lowney sold her 55-acre tract southeast of Blackfoot which adjoins the Berryman farm. The purchasers were Abraham and Shiman Reiska, of Wyoming. They are cousins of E. Koury, who last fall bought the Conger farm. These new investors who are very favorably impressed with their investments, are native born Asyrians, and progressive citizens and thrifty farmers. The sale was negotiated by Messrs. J. H. Early and J. H. McDonald.

The city council held a regular adjourned meeting last night when the resolution of intention to pave certain streets was unanimously passed and ordered to print.

**Orpheum Theatre**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th  
**Charlie Chaplin**  
In His Latest Picture.  
**"A Night In the Show"**  
— 2 ACTS —  
ALSO TWO OTHER REELS  
**VAUDEVILLE**  
**Paramount Pictures**  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
**Charlotte Walker**  
— IN —  
**"Out of Darkness"**  
Miss Walker in the Role of a Woman of Lost Memory  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
**Blanch Sweet**  
— IN —  
**"The Case of Becky"**  
The Story of a Woman Possessed of two Personalities

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