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### K. OF P. MINSTRELSY

The K. of P. minstrel show which is to be staged in the Orpheum theatre, Monday evening, March 6th, promises to be something out of the ordinary. They are sparing nothing to make this the most spectacular as well as the cleverest show of the season and the people of Blackfoot feel that their time has been well spent in patronizing this home production.

The end men, or funmakers, consist of Dr. Williams, Chapman, Snodgrass and Turner.

Solo artists: Allen, Page, Unkifer, and Kraencke.

The chorus consists of 30 people, men and girls, and the hard, faithful work which they have put in on the chorus bids fair to be something out of the ordinary.

There will be specialties and vaudeville stunts and last, but not least, a plantation scene in which the entire company will take part; lots of dancing and good old southern fun and they say the negro wedding is a fitting climax.

Owing to so many counter attractions it has been decided to show but one night, Monday, March 6 and from the interest which is now manifested there will be a big rush at Dustin's drug store Saturday morning for the advance seat sale, so those wishing good seats should make early reservations by phone.

Watch the windows in the business section for further particulars and above all things boost for the K. of P. First Annual Minstrel Show.—adv.

### FOREST RANGERS IN BLACKFOOT MEETING

Saturday's meeting of the forest rangers lasted from 2 p. m. until nearly 7 and was considered one of the most valuable and instructive of the series by the men guarding the nation's forests.

The general subject was lands. Right-of-way occupancy permits, land laws, and law practice, kinds of land belonging to the forests, kinds that should be eliminated, laws under which claims can be initiated, agricultural claims, mining claims, land classification, trespass procedure, making forests subject to homestead entry, were the principal subjects and were dealt with by Rangers Mealzer, Allen, Henderson, Mahoney, Huffman, Clabby and Buchanan. The discussions following were interesting to all those participating and visitors.

G. G. Henderson acted as chairman and C. I. Huddle as secretary.

### MORELAND'S SOCIAL AID

The Ladies Social Aid of the Moreland M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hendricksen of Riverside last Thursday afternoon. A pleasant time was had by all present. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess in the evening. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. P. C. Christiansen of Riverside, March 30th. All ladies who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

S. L. Reese and Wm. Varley this week bought new 6-cylinder Overlands from the Bills garage.

### MISSIONARY'S FAREWELL

A farewell party was given in the L. D. S. First Ward Church Monday evening in honor of Fred Heese, who left Wednesday, March 1st to labor in the Scandinavian mission fields.

A very humorous and delightful program was rendered, consisting of three selections by Baarer's orchestra; Welcome address, R. H. Claton; Singing, First Ward Choir; A comic reading, Miss Marie Buchanan; Vocal solo, Mrs. Emma Beck; Humorous talk, Stanley W. Gaddie; Piano duet, Mrs. Ada Parkinson and daughter; Reading of paper, Arthur F. Webb; Piano solo, Clara Scofield; Missionary experiences, Ivan L. Tanner and J. T. Carruth; Farewell address, Fred Heese.

Delicious refreshments were served, and a very pleasant time and hearty laughter was enjoyed by all present.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEET

The Parents-Teachers Association meets Friday, March 3, at 4 p. m., in the Auditorium of the High School.

Music under the direction of Mrs. Caster.

"How to Prevent Contagious Diseases in Our Public Schools," by Dr. Hoover.

Discussion, by everyone. Everyone interested are invited to these meetings, whether parents or not.

Those having subjects that they would like discussed will please write them and put in the question box.

### WELSH SINGERS ENTERTAINED

After the Gwent Welsh Male Singers gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the High School last Friday night, they were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thomas, where they were entertained, and gave several musical responses which were highly appreciated by their host and hostess, and particularly by Mr. Thomas' father, who is a very loyal Welshman.

### Death of Otis J. Swope.

Otis J. Swope, son of C. A. Swope, the Pingree merchant, died on the 27th of February, after a lingering illness. He was a native of Phillips County, Kansas, where he was born a little over twenty-nine years ago. Funeral services were held at the Brown-Eldredge undertaking parlors at 2:30 last Tuesday afternoon, and interment took place in the local cemetery.

### Another Burglary

The meat market of the Blackfoot Packing company was again visited by thieves last night. Upon finding the cash register open and empty they contented themselves with a few rolls of butter and a ham or two and left no trace of their identity. They entered through the back door, as usual.

### Furniture Sale

I will sell all my household goods at less than half price any time between now and May 1st. Have about \$550.00 worth and must be disposed of by May 1st. Terms cash and will be pleased to let anyone who is interested examine same at any time.

G. S. PRIEST, Sterling, Idaho.



MARS - I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS BLOODY BUSINESS.

### LEGISLATE FOR HONESTY

Now that the State of Idaho has legislated the saloonmen out of business, some of whom were responsible, honorable citizens, and when we speak of saloonmen we do not mean dive-keepers, most of whom that were legislated out of business by local option are now keeping poolrooms or bootlegging, two vocations that are more demoralizing to the rising generations than the regulated saloon ever was, is it not possible to enact some law that will make men more honest with their creditors and neighbors whose credit and confidence are so generously bestowed upon them. How it would lighten the burdens of life if men were honest with one another, if their word was their bond, and their confidences held inviolate. Then there would be no want or financial embarrassments as there would always be a helping hand extended in the times of need.

It is but once in awhile you meet a man whom you can trust, or a friend to whom you can lend a dollar or two and get it back without losing his friendship and receiving his ill will for your assistance and trust. This deplorable condition of society reminds us of the old San Francisco beer saloon poem that is more truthful than poetical:

"I had a friend and I did trust him; I lost my friend and I lost his custom; To lose my friend it grieved me so, That I resolved to trust no more. To trust is to bust, To bust is Hell; No trust no bust, No bust no Hell."

There are times when honest men, through idleness, sickness, and other unavoidable circumstances, cannot pay their honest debts, and should not be blamed or even criticized for their misfortune; and there are other men who do not believe in frittering away their money paying debts which do not seem to worry them the least bit. Some of them are too indolent or improvident to meet their obligations, while others squander their earnings on the luxuries of life, while their creditors get barely the necessities. The latter two classes of debtors are social outlaws in the estimation of honest men and should be punished even more severely than the petit larceny thief who would rather steal than work, or the kleptomaniac, who is subject to cramps whenever his hands come in contact with another's property.

### Market Report.

Hay	.....	\$10.00
Potatoes, Rurals	.....	1.05
Wheat	.....	1.30
Oats	.....	1.40
Eggs	.....	.25

### DAVIS DENIES BUYING A PAPER

American Falls Man Says He Has Not Purchased Aberdeen Times As Reported.

Denying that he has purchased the Aberdeen Times as charged in an article published in the Blackfoot Optimist and reproduced in this paper, D. W. Davis of American Falls asks that publicity be given his denial. His letter follows:

American Falls, Idaho, February 25, 1916.

Editor, Twin Falls Times, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir: I note that in one of the issues of your paper last week you copied an article from the Blackfoot Optimist, stating that I and others had purchased the Aberdeen Times.

I have never had any negotiations for this or any other paper, in whole or in part, and I am not now nor will I be in future in the market for this or any other paper, in whole or in part.

Mr. Toner, published of the Aberdeen Times, informs me by phone, that he never made any such statement, and that he will immediately contradict the same.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will publish the denial of Mr. Toner when it reaches you.

Very truly yours, D. W. DAVIS.

### FIRTH HAS WELCOME DRY SPELL

We are informed by several law abiding citizens of Firth that their town has been as dry as a bone for the past two weeks, a condition that has never before been known. And while these Firthites are not teetotalers they hope the lid will be kept down as tight as it is for the benefit of the town in general, as the reckless drinking and gambling of the past has only brought to the town a lawless and immoral element that has to a great extent contaminated the rising generation, and in some cases deprived it of the honest earnings of their sires who have been tempted to chase fickle fortune on the green cloth in vain.

### THAT OLD HEADACHE

Could be stopped, permanently, if the eyes were properly attended, because the eyes—not poor vision—CAUSE 80 per cent of all headaches and weaken the nervous system—then poor health sets in. If you are particular and want results, see Dr. Scarborough, the specialist, at the Cottage Hotel, Tuesday, March 7th. —adv.

### COMMISSIONS VISIT BRIDGE

Last Thursday the Bannock county solons, in company with Chairman Bond of the Bingham county solons, made us a welcome visit. In company with County Commissioner Fugate they had spent the day inspecting the construction of the Tilden bridge, which they did not think was as progressive as it should be. The contractor blamed the delayed construction to his inability to get experienced bridge mechanics, notwithstanding he has for several weeks had an advertisement in this paper for the desired help.

### Pleasant Party

Last Saturday Mr. Joseph Warren, one of Blackfoot's respected citizens, arrived at the half century milestone in his journey through life, and in the evening a number of neighbors and friends gathered at his home on Fisher avenue and tendered him a pleasant surprise party and numerous presents. An elaborate supper was served by the generous hostess and a pleasant evening was spent with games and social converse.

### BODY FOUND

The body of Mr. Earps, a workman on the Tilden bridge who was accidentally drowned January 4, 1916, was found last Friday on the shore of Cow Island in the Snake river, about four miles southeast of the bridge. His brother, John, took charge of the remains and will attend to its interment.

A. D. Early and wife of Rockford, Ill., are expected to arrive in Blackfoot next Saturday on a visit. Mr. Early is a brother of our esteemed townsman, Mr. John Early, and his sister, Mrs. P. W. Powers.

### HELD TO ANSWER

W. L. West, the escaped prisoner from the county jail who shot Ferdinand Fackrell in the leg almost a year ago, had a preliminary hearing in the probate court last Saturday on a charge of an assault to commit murder and was held to appear for trial in the district court under a \$2000 bond. He failed to give the bond and was committed to the custody of his former keeper.

### THE POWER COMPANY MUST NOW MAKE GOOD

Edwin Snow, one of the prominent young attorneys of Boise, was in Pocatello yesterday looking after legal matters in which he was interested. Today he will go to Idaho Falls where a public utilities hearing will be given on the petition for the cancellation of the certificate of convenience and necessity granted some time ago by the public utilities commission to the Ashton & St. Anthony Power Company.

The trouble has arisen, and the cancellation of the certificate has been asked for, because the Ashton & St. Anthony company is unable to furnish power to the Roberts and Mud Lake districts where power is needed for 40,000 acres of land just opening up. On the other hand the Utah Power & Light company is ready to enter the field and supply the power. The outcome of the hearing will be awaited with keen interest by the people up the valley.—Pocatello Chronicle.

### The Governor Is Coming

Governor Alexander will address the citizens of Blackfoot at 8 o'clock in the Orpheum theatre, on the night of the 7th. He promises to deliver a non-partisan address in which he will give an account of his stewardship while governor of the state.

## ISIS THEATRE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

Operetta Entitled

# Princess Kiku

Given By

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