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MOSES PEDDLES SAME OLD DOPE

The first volley of Democratic hot air was fired at the Orpheum theatre Tuesday night by Governor Alexander who was greeted by a full house. The vice-presidents of the meeting were: Dr. Poynter, superintendent of the Blackfoot State Asylum; S. L. Reece, one of the directors of the asylum; G. L. Brawley, deputy game warden; Jap Toner, the Democratic editor; T. J. Bennett of Shelley, ex-Democratic county commissioner, and Attorney Beakley, who acted as chairman.

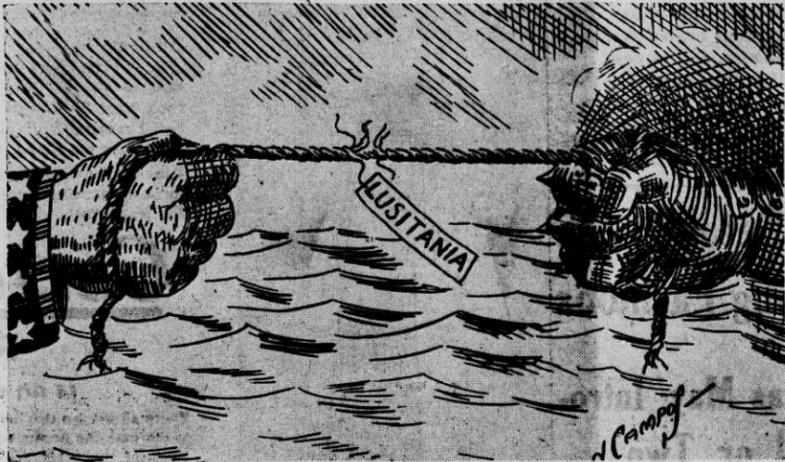
Mose made one of his characteristic talks to the gallery, overflowing with grotesque figures of speech that elicited hearty applause and frequent laughter. His time was consumed in explaining the different branches of government, and telling his audience what a good governor he has been. He also told them that the State of Idaho had 1000 militia men costing them \$200,000 every two years, for which they should "bend their heads and bow their knees." He informed them that the state, during his administration, had accumulated \$1,000,000, and that it would not be necessary to levy any state taxes for 1917. He took credit for the abolishment of the tax commission which cost the state \$20,000, and all it did was to submit a report, which he said he had furnished for \$1.75. While it was generally known that the State Insane Asylum at Blackfoot was in a very creditable condition both sanitarily and economically, his auditors were surprised to learn that it had accumulated a surplus of \$35,000 during his administration. However, this startling surplus was a few moments later reduced to \$25,000, which he suggested should be spent in building an annex to the institution to be called an "administration building." He said that during his presidency of the state land board he had fixed it so that the chief and only requisite to borrow money from the state was to become a "boneified farmer," and that none other could borrow money for his farm but a horsey fistful tiller of the soil who actually resided on the farm.

While many of Moses' thoughtful audience doubted his veracity and sincerity, they all conceded him the ability of being the King of Votegetters the hero of the gallery gods and a hard politician to beat in the approaching gubernatorial election if Republicans are not loyal to their party. Moses did not intimate that he desired to succeed himself, but if he can make all the Democratic and half the Republican voters believe half he is telling them no announcement is necessary, as his re-election is a foregone conclusion.

Overland Service Station

The Browning Auto Supply Co., of Salt Lake and Ogden are erecting an Overland Service Station 50x125 in Idaho Falls, and are putting in a large stock of cars and parts. This will insure the highest point of service to Overland car owners. The main thing to consider in buying an auto is to have an honorable and efficient service corps behind it, and the Overland certainly has—adv.

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STRETCHING DIPLOMACY TO THE BREAKING POINT.

NEIL BOYLE COMPANY STARTS NEW HOME

A large wholesale hardware concern is to take up its permanent quarters in this city and one of the finest and most up to date warehouses in the state will soon be erected on the corner of First avenue and Terry streets.

Neil F. Boyle and company, is the firm that will build the new structure and move here from Blackfoot. The plans for the new building have already been completed by Frank H. Paradise, Jr., a local architect, and will soon be turned over to the contractors. The Boyle people purchased the ground several months ago. The building will be 60 by 130 feet and of reinforced concrete and brick. The balance of the property which is 180 by 140 feet will be used as a pipe yard and to track in. The warehouse will be three stories and a basement. Sashes of drawn steel and all delivery doors automatically operated. A modern electric operating elevator will be installed and the building heated by steam. It will be constructed so that additions can easily be added.

The general offices of the company are planned in the corner rooms on the first floor. Two vaults will be constructed, one in the basement to be used as a storage vault and the other on the first floor for office use. The exterior of the building will be in red pressed brick.—Pocatello Tribune.

AN APPRECIATED OCULIST

For business reasons I have had to call a number of times on Dr. Scarborough while here on his professional visits, and each time he has had a number of patients waiting for his services. And from what they report about his work the man surely has a "kick" back of his system and method of eye treatment that delivers the results that he claims. In fact some of his patients tell of getting better and more far-reaching results than he had promised. In the end isn't this the best way of doing to get people's good will and confidence. No wonder Dr. Scarborough is always kept exceptionally busy. He informed me Tuesday that he will have to come to Blackfoot twice each month to take care of all the work he has here.

City Solons After Municipal Power Site

Secure Option on 2800 H. P. Site for a Municipal Electric Plant to Cost About \$140,000. Council United for Plant.

The city council held a regular meeting last Tuesday night with Mayor Peck presiding and a quorum present. Councilman Mowrey being the only absentee.

The minutes of the previous regular and two adjourned meetings were read and approved with a few slight corrections.

The next action of the council after the reading of the minutes was a motion by Councilman DeKay to the effect that the council adjourn to attend the non-political address of Governor Alexander at the Orpheum theatre.

Councilman W. F. Berryman arose in opposition to the motion on the ground that there was important business to be transacted, and that to adjourn to attend political meetings was a very expensive and unbusinesslike precedent to establish. But his opposition met with little support, as the vote on adjournment carried by five to two. Councilmen Berryman and Pelkey were the only members voting against adjournment to the following night.

Adjourned Regular Meeting

The adjourned regular meeting of the city council was called last night by Mayor Peck, when the minutes of the previous adjourned meeting were read and approved.

All members were present but Councilman W. F. Berryman. The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Bills	
S. W. Gibbs	5.00
Bernard & Co.	20.00
Tom Bolins	1.25
Blackfoot Grain & Produce Co.	7.50
South Idaho Water Power Co.	2.25
R. L. Sewell	90.00
White Transfer Co.	4.00
W. T. Brown	60.00
South Idaho Water Power Co.	233.00
Wm. Drew	85.00
W. H. Groseclose	80.00
Grove City Cafe	12.00
Northwestern Fire Apparatus Co.	20.00
J. H. Bickell	62.35
Arthur Smith	1.75
Jack Reay	1.25
I. E. Smith	53.40
Van Capps	15.00
W. H. Groseclose	80.00
Mt. States Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.82
J. E. Good	25.00
Berryman Hardware Co.	3.10
Optimist	3.00
Gen State Lumber Co.	3.00
W. S. Wright	10.00

J. T. Wigand, (payment deferred) 103.75
H. A. Mowrey, (payment deferred) 123.75

Collections

Collections for the month of February were reported as follows:
Chief of Police Sewell \$42.50
Police Judge Good 40.00
Sexton Brown 74.00

Councilman Pelkey presented a petition for an extension of sewer as follows: Beginning at the alley line between Stout avenue and Fisher avenue, tapping the present sewer line on Court street and running thence south through blocks 63, 64 and 65. The council favorably considered the petition but as it was drawn in 1913, the mayor and council suggested that the solon have a new petition drawn.

It was ordered that the cemetery committee solicit bids for some garden hose and lawn mower for the cemetery. Ordered that bids for sewer be solicited by the Street and Alley Committee.

Harry M. Heimerdinger appeared before the council with an offer of a 2800 H. P. site on the Snake river in Bonneville county, about 22 miles north of Blackfoot. The cost of this site is \$60,000, to be paid on or before May 20, 1916. He also offered to give the city an option on the site for \$800, which amount was to be a part of the purchase price. He said there were other interests after this power site, one of which is a railroad which will soon build in this territory.

Moved by Councilman Pelkey, seconded by Councilman Hesse, that the offer for the power site be referred back to the committee to ascertain the cost of developing the said power site, bringing its product to the city and also the cost of maintenance, etc. The motion was lost.

Councilman Thompson moved that the council offer the sellers of the power site \$100 for an option on their site until May 20, 1916. The motion carried and the option was accepted. The option money is not to be paid until the city attorney passes upon the title of the site and its abutting property.

N. F. Parkinson, who seems to be an interested party in the sale of the power site and acquainted with its possibilities and costs, stated that he thought the site could be put in working condition for \$140,000. Mr. Alex Younic, who was present as an advocate

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STAKE MEETINGS

On Sunday the 19th inst., the following meetings will be held in Blackfoot:

High Council meeting at 10 a. m.
Meeting for the stake presidency high council, bishopries and ward clerks at 1:30 p. m., in the upper room of the stake building.

Sunday School Union at 1:30 p. m., in the First Ward Meeting House.

High Priests meeting at 1:30 p. m., in the lower room of the stake building.

Stake priesthood meeting at 3 p. m., in the First Ward Meeting House.

Meeting under the direction of the Y. L. M. I. A., in the First Ward Meeting House at 3 p. m.

Meeting under the direction of the Relief Society at 3 p. m., in the upper room of the stake building.

Meeting under the direction of the Primary Association at 3 p. m., in the lower rooms of the stake building.

It is hoped that there will be as large an attendance as possible from every ward so that there will be a full representation at all of the above meetings. Everybody come.

JAMES DUCKWORTH,
HEBER C. C. RICH,
NOFEAR DAVIS,

Stake Presidency.

SAD DEATH OF FRED McCracken

The sad news of the death of Fred McCracken, the only son of Congressman McCracken, reached here last Sunday. He had only been sick eleven days with typhoid fever when his young and promising career was ended. The funeral services were held in Washington, D. C., last Monday when the remains were placed in a vault where they will rest until moved to Idaho, the land of his birth, as soon as convenient. Deceased was 16 years of age, and was born in Blackfoot where he received his earliest education while his father was a practicing lawyer and county attorney. Besides his parents three sisters mourn his sad and sudden death, which is also regretted by a host of acquaintances who knew him as a bright and lovable boy.

His parents have the sincere condolence of this entire community in their unusually sad bereavement.

Two inmates of the city prison who were allowed to work on the streets made their escape last week for parts unknown, and their whereabouts is not of much consequence, as our loss is nobody's gain.

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