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THE ECCLES ARE HERE TO STAY

Plans and specifications have been displayed this week of the new Eccles Hotel and adjoining store buildings on Taylor street, and the site is being cleared of the buildings that have so long stood there.

The Eccles Bros. are negotiating for the Tanner property north of the city, where it is their intention to start a lumber yard.

WORKMAN GIVES HIS LIFE IN VAIN

Peter Nelson was drowned in the Snake river at the Sterling bridge several miles from Blackfoot last Saturday afternoon, while trying to rescue a young lady who was stranded on some driftwood near mid-stream.

Three men secured a boat and attempted to reach the young lady, but the boat capsized and Nelson, one of the three, was drowned.

This is the second workman that has lost his life during the construction of the bridge.

A VERY COSTLY GAME OF POOL

G. W. Stowell, the only live merchant of Thomas, was in Blackfoot last Monday on a telephonic invitation from the sheriff to call at his office and answer to a complaint of allowing minors in his pool room.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. E. M. Kennedy.

WANTED

500 HEAD

Of Horses and Mares, weighing from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds, solid colors, height from fifteen to sixteen and a half hands.

Bring in your stock if you want to cash them for the highest market price. Will be at Hesse's feed yard, Saturday, May 13

THE FORGY HORSE CO.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR THE CLOSING WEEKS

The grade schools will close on Friday May 19th, the High School will run one week longer. This became necessary in order to get the Commencement speakers, and at the same time to give the High School a full nine months of school which is demanded of the standard High Schools in the state and country.

There will be an exhibition of school work displayed in the gymnasium on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16th and 17th. There is no admission fee, and all interested in the schools are respectfully asked to attend.

The programs are given below for the Class Day Sermon and the Commencement exercises. The Commencement exercises on Friday evening of the 26th of May, will provide reserved seats for the parents of the graduates, all will be charged an admission of ten cents merely to help defray expenses of the speakers.

The Eighth Grade Commencement Exercises will be held in the high school auditorium on the evening of May 23rd. Not only will the Blackfoot graduates receive their diploma's at that time, but all pupils in this part of the county will be present and take part in the exercises. No admission fee. All invited.

The Senior play, "Green Stockings" will be presented on Monday evening, May 22nd. The class has been working hard on this play for several weeks under the able tutelage of Miss Roberts. It will be a success if talent and hard work can make it so.

Commencement Programme

- Song—"Soldiers' Chorus".....Faust High School Chorus. Invocation.....Rev. Austin Response.....High School Chorus Salutatory and Oration....."The True American Idea" Grace Peck. Oration and Valedictory....."The Reformer" Ruth Van Blaricum. Violin Solo—"Romance".....Wieniawski Ronald Robbins. Address to Class....."Civilization in the Crucible" Mr. Wilbert H. Tyer. Vocal Duet....."Farewell" Misses Drollinger and Palmer. Presentation of Diplomas.....J. F. Lewis Benediction.....Rev. Barsettable

Baccalaureate Service Programme

- Prelude....."Old Hundred" Invocation....."Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn.....Congregation. Scripture Lesson. Prayer.....High School Chorus Anthem....."The Home Land" Girls' Chorus. Announcements. Hymn....."Oh, Worship the King" Baccalaureate Sermon.....Rev. Frank L. Wemett Hymn....."Maker of All Things" Congregation. Benediction.

RECEIVES PARALYTIC STROKE

Last Friday morning about 3 o'clock Mrs. J. H. McDonald was overtaken by a severe attack of paralysis which rendered her speechless and helpless. The stroke affected her entire right side. Although Mrs. McDonald has been an invalid for some time, she retired Thursday night with her husband in her usual health. After several hours of peaceful and natural slumber, she awoke her husband and asked for a glass of milk and some limewater. After being called, Mr. McDonald relapsed into a brief swooze. When he again awoke and turned on the light he found his wife apparently dead, with her face distorted and her speech gone.

By a severe massage he brought signs of life to her person, and sent for Dr. Mitchell, who responded and considerably relieved the unfortunate woman, whom it is believed may recover from this first attack. Mrs. Fred West now has the case and is hopeful of her patient's recovery.

ROUND-UP OF HORSES

Department of the Interior, Fort Hall Indian Agency, Fort Hall, Idaho, May 6, 1916.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that a round-up of horses on the Fort Hall Indian reservation, Idaho, will be commenced on Monday, May 15, 1916.

All persons having lost horses which they think are on the reservation are invited to attend this round-up. H. H. MILLER, Superintendent Fort Hall Indian Reservation. T. B. LESIEUR, Superintendent of Live Stock.

A SWELL CABARET

The opening of the Bon Ton last Friday afternoon was a far greater success than its proprietors anticipated, and the popularity of the unique pleasure resort has since daily increased.

The place is artistically fitted up for a candy parlor and factory, and the display of sweetmeats is indeed attractive. The place is also provided with a player piano and a victrola in connection with a small dance hall, where patrons can dance and have the use of either kind of music by dropping a nickel in a slot. The service is first-class, and strict order and decorum is demanded of the patrons, so that you needn't hesitate to take your wife or sister or sweetheart to the Bon Ton for a dance, the choicest of candy, or the latest concoction of a first-class temperance parlor.

75 Boosters Gather at Festive Board

Last Thursday evening, the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of enterprising citizens that ever assembled in Blackfoot, met in the basement of the Baptist church for the purpose of fostering and encouraging suggestions and enterprises that will make a larger and better city than we now have.

The evening's program was commenced by a free and generous indulgence in one of the most bounteous and palatable dinners ever served in this city, and consisted of the following menu: soup, pressed boneless chicken, cold ham and tongue, whole and stuffed olives, salads, delicious bread and butter, fragrant coffee, plain and fancy cake, bananas, oranges, and iced Adam's ale.

After the inner man had been properly taken care of, the boosters began their work by the selection of P. W. Powers as toastmaster, who after a brief and very appropriate address called on Prof. Vincent, who was followed on the floor by Stewart Parkinson, Judge Andersen, Mayor Peck, Ernest Pearson, C. S. Beebe, and Bert Pennington. The occasion was considerably enlivened by the presence of M. S. Eccles and a Mr. Anderson, of Logan, Utah. The former is the manager of the well known and wealthy Eccles estate, and the latter is a lumber magnate, both of whom have been attracted to Blackfoot and its environs by encouraging inducements for investments. Both of these genial capitalists responded to the toastmaster's request for an address, and their talks were both humorous and impressive. They both suggested that our citizens become united both socially and commercially, and very strenuously deplored the absence of a club of commerce in our city, and impressed their auditors with the truth of their suggestions. After eulogizing the mayor

and city council of Blackfoot, Stewart Parkinson induced Mayor Peck to fix up the basement of the city hall for future public meetings, and he also stated that he had in his possession public money enough to give another banquet, and asked that the time and place for the future banquets be named by the meeting. Mr. Powers was not long in making a selection of a committee to carry out Mr. Parkinson's suggestion, and he appointed Mr. H. D. MacCosham, Stewart Parkinson and L. B. Dustin a committee to set the time and select the place for another get-together meeting.

During Ernest Pearson's brief address he sprung something very novel on his present friends in behalf of the Southeastern Fair Association. He stated that if Blackfoot was to have a fair this year the directors would demand some guarantee of support sufficient at least to guard them against the annual loss they have experienced in the past. And in order to have a fair this year, Mr. Pearson said, it was proposed to sell season tickets to every citizen of the county who was willing to buy one, and a thorough canvass of the county will be made for this kind of support, which seems very popular, and will undoubtedly meet with the hearty approval of a majority of our merchants, farmers and citizens, if the price of the tickets is reasonable.

Some one proposed taking a census of Blackfoot, and Prof. Vincent promised to have the count made by High School students, if the mayor would district the city, which the mayor readily promised to do.

Before adjournment was taken the Chautauqua Association of Blackfoot met for the purpose of receiving the resignation of its president, Prof. Vincent, who is contemplating an eastern visit. James Duckworth was chosen as the new president of the association.

STOCKMAN IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Peter Christian Christensen, 42 years of age, a wealthy and prominent stockman of Blackfoot, died last Thursday morning at a Salt Lake City hospital, after an illness extending over a period of two weeks. Mrs. Christensen left Salt Lake City Friday for Green River, Wyoming, their former home, with the body, and funeral services and burial were held there.

Mr. Christensen was a native of Denmark, but had resided in the United States since youth. He was for many years a resident of Green River, where he was married for eleven years, and only two years ago came to Bingham county and purchased a farm near this city. He was a thirty-third degree Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., of the Danish Brotherhood, and in the Masonic order held also the Shrine. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and saw active service in the Philippines. He is survived by his widow and three children.

(Communicated.)

P. C. Christensen, of Riverside, died May 3 at the Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City, aged 42 years. He was a native of Denmark. He made Green River, Wyoming, his home for many years, at which place interment was held, May 8. About five years ago he moved his family to Idaho. He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters to mourn his departure. He was a man of sterling worth, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

BLACKFOOT COUPLE UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Peter C. Jensen, a prosperous farmer of Blackfoot, and Miss A. Moom, of that city, were married yesterday at the home of P. C. Hansen, 643 South Harrison avenue. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harry S. Hamilton, of the Methodist church. Miss Christina Hansen and Paul Sahiberg stood up with the contracting parties.

The parlor of the Hansen home was decorated with wedding bells and car-nations. In the center a large wedding bower was hung, under which the young people were united in wedlock.

After the ceremony the wedding party enjoyed a bountiful supper.

The young couple will go to Blackfoot tomorrow, where their future home will be made on the Jensen ranch.—Pocatello Chronicle.

ANOTHER AUTO ACCIDENT

Sunday afternoon a party of Blackfoot young people composed of Misses Alfreda and Brenda Showalter, Miss Letha Jacobs, Chas. Davis and Bennie Showalter, while returning from Rigby in an automobile, met with an accident which might have proven a great deal more serious than that which transpired. The party was racing with another automobile, when a deep rut was encountered and the entire party were thrown from the machine. All were badly bruised and shaken up. Charles Davis and Miss Alfreda Showalter being the more seriously damaged. Miss Jacobs was also quite seriously bruised on the head and face.

HAD A BAD FALL

Lady May Osborn, the petite and pretty pianist, met with a painful accident last night. While returning from her night's work, she slipped on the cement paving of the depot and broke a wrist.

WAYWARD BOY PARDONED

Last Monday noon the weeping and wailing of a boy cast a gloom over the corridor of the court house. A peep into the probate courtroom disclosed the sad sight of a mother and her boy huddled together with sad faces and tear-dimmed eyes as though their hearts were breaking over some sorrowful occurrence. Probate Judge Doud informed us that the boy was one of a crackers from the rear of Bybee's store, and as this was not his first offense, he felt constrained to send him to the reform school. But the boy's mournful cries, his mother's tearful acception for her wayward son, and his constant entreaty for another chance to be a good boy, not only touched the heart of the merciful judge, but brought tears to the eyes of Truant Officer Fannie Kain and the others who, heard the boy's sad pleading and saw his loving mother's tears over the thoughts of being separated from her son, though disobedient and annoying he has been to her. We believe it is the saddest experience in life to see a mother's love abused by an erring child, or to witness the sorrow and disgrace that is so often the lot of aged and sacrificing parents, through the inhumanity or waywardness of their children for whom they have suffered and struggled so hard to rear, comfort and educate. If there is a crime that we think should prick one's conscience in the mature years of a man or woman it is that crime of ingratitude for parental love and forgiveness that is too often unappreciated until it is irrevocably lost. It seems to us that one of the richest blessings in the life of a parent is a good, kind child, while one of the greatest and saddest curses is a wayward, unkind child, who often tempts parents to curse the day that he or she was born, yet seldom forsake or even chide them. A child who is disobedient and cruel to its parents, is either a degenerate or a criminal, and will most likely develop into an undesirable member of society, for he or she who does not honor their parents, will not honor their friends or neighbors, or respect the laws of God or man.

SPECIAL BOND ELECTION CARRIES

The special election last Tuesday for the purpose of voting bonds to the amount of \$22,250, for the paving of the intersections of Improvement District No. 18, resulted in favor of the bonds, as was generally predicted. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the vote was light, but much enthusiasm was manifested by the advocates of paving, who used their influence and autos in getting as many voters to the polls as they possibly could. A total of 404 votes were polled, out of which only 25 were against the proposed paving, leaving 379, of fifteen-sixteenths of the total vote in favor of paving.

The vote by wards is as follows: First ward—For 121, against 3. Second ward—For 142, against 2. Third ward—For 58, against 16. Fourth ward—For 57, against 4.

SHILLING AVENUE EXTENDED

At their session this week the county commissioners extended Shilling avenue five blocks to the Blackfoot river, through the lands of P. G. Johnston, C. W. Berryman and A. E. Byers, who gave the right of way to the city gratis. From the Blackfoot river this avenue will be extended through the land of Chas. Digby, on the Reservation, to the county road, thus affording travel in and out of Blackfoot on a straight road over the best and most attractive street in the city. We understand that Mr. Digby will ask \$100 for a right of way through his property.

The commissioners also established a herd district in the town of Firth, notwithstanding a slight remonstrance. The full minutes of the board will be officially and fully published in this paper next week.

STAKE CONFERENCE

The regular quarterly conference of the Blackfoot Stake will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, the Saturday sessions being held at Riverside and the Sunday sessions in the Blackfoot First Ward meeting house.

Saturday sessions will be held as follows: Regular conference in the Riverside Ward meeting house at 10 A. M. Stake Priesthood meeting will be held in the same place at 2 P. M. This meeting to be addressed by the visiting brethren.

To accommodate all the sisters, there will be a meeting under the direction of the Relief Society in the basement of the Riverside Ward meeting house at 2 P. M. There will also be a meeting under the direction of the Primary Association in the Riverside school house at 2 P. M. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of all the sisters (including all workers in the Y. L. M. I. A.) at both these meetings.

On Sunday the regular conference sessions will be held at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., and there will also be a meeting in the evening at 7:30.

It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of the members at all the meetings, and the general public is cordially invited. Everybody come and have an enjoyable time.

JAMES DUCKWORTH, HEBER C. RICH, NOPEAR DAVIS, Stake Presidency.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Brown returned home Sunday morning from a four months' trip abroad, looking hale and hearty.

CENSUS OF THE CITY IN ONE HOUR

On Monday, May 15th, the Sociology Class of the high school will undertake to get a census of Blackfoot in one hour. There have been so many wild guesses on the population of the city in the last four or five years that it has become a real joke among the residents. The boys and girls of the high school will divide the city up into small districts and each district upon the density of population. They will make a study of their assignment for a few days and then on Monday they will start at 9:00 a. m. to take the census. It is estimated that they will be able to list every man, woman and child in one hour's time, and then in a few minutes more make the necessary additions. This will give us the census and at the same time a city directory which might be drawn from the lists provided by reports.

Citizens are asked to assist in every way in making this census as complete and accurate as possible, by answering all questions rapidly, so as not to delay the work.

The many friends of S. W. Gibbs, Blackfoot's popular veteran liveryman, will rejoice to hear that he has retired from active business with a neat little competence that is sufficient to keep himself and wife in the necessities and many of the luxuries of life for the balance of their lives. The Blackfoot Auction and Real Estate Co. and Dan Egley have leased this well known livery business for a year, and Mr. Egley will act as manager.

BLACKFOOT FAIR JOINS RACING CIRCUIT

Jos. Waddell, secretary of the Baker County Fair Association, was in Blackfoot last week and held a consultation with the Southeastern Idaho Fair Association officials in regard to placing the Blackfoot Fair on the Inter-Mountain Fair and Racing Circuit. Most of the members of the local fair association were present and unanimously agreed to join the new racing circuit, in which the following cities now hold a membership: Boise, Montpelier, Blackfoot, and Rexburg, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah, and LeGrande, Baker City and Ontario, Oregon. Now that Blackfoot is on this new racing circuit, the patrons of the fair can rely on witnessing some good races, as the best horses on the coast will be induced to come here for the purses offered, but could not do so in the past for the lack of a circuit.

THE WILLYS-KNIGHT A GAS SAVER

Yesterday morning a gasoline test was made at the Bills Garage with a 40-horse power Willys-Knight automobile owned by Ralph Dixie. The car was emptied of its gasoline and replenished with a gallon of gas with which, with the aid of an observer, Ralph Dixie covered twenty-two and a half miles on the single gallon of gas. The test was witnessed by J. H. Eearly, Orton Andrus, C. S. Beebe and Gordon Bills. The test, which was made in the interest of the gas company, was an honest one, and convinced the observers that the Willys-Knight car is a great saver of gas.—Adv.

CHAUTAUQUA EIGNERS TO BREAKFAST

A representative of the Ellison White Chautauqua Association will arrive in Blackfoot Saturday and remain over until Sunday. All the local signers of the Chautauqua agreement are requested to meet at the Cottage Hotel for breakfast Sunday morning and listen to plans by the representative for the successful operation of the Blackfoot Chautauqua.

A Policy of Helpfulness.

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