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SO PEOPLE MAY KNOW

Blackfoot and Bingham county are enjoying an era of prosperity never before experienced. Buildings and work now under construction and those completed this year aggregate a total valuation of about \$350,000. This does not include many small buildings and additions which have been made during the same period. We believe this is a good time for every citizen to put his shoulder to the wheel of progress and push Blackfoot forward so that she will lead all the cities of South-eastern Idaho. To aid this progress we must have permanent, hard-surfaced county roads, and the only way to attain this is by a bond issue which will enable the county to provide an adequate fund for the construction of the same. We believe the sentiment is in favor of a bond issue of a half million dollars, said amount to be expended under the supervision of a competent road engineer. We believe this bond issue should be submitted to the voters at an early date.

FRED SAYS, "CHEER UP."

Ex-Senator Fred T. Dubois, the national Democratic organizer and missionary of the West, has returned from a tour of inspection and reports that the women of the West who want suffrage, and the men of the West who want peace, are going to re-elect Wilson. He leaves again for Montana to instill his political optimism into the hearts of his fellowmen of that Democratic stronghold.

See the Novelties in Ladies' Brooches at 25c. Just arrived.
The BROWN-HART CO.

Orpheum

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY
OCT. 11-12



The Most Perfectly Formed Woman in the World.
ANNETTE KELLERMAN
—In—
"Neptune's Daughter"
A Weird, Wild, Spectacular
Drama in 7 Parts
Prices, 15-25c.

SCHOOL NOTES

The enrollment in the various schools continues to increase almost daily. There is a strong probability of several rooms being divided and but half time given to each set of pupils. This is a poor substitute for a full school day, but is better than one teacher trying to handle a room of sixty or more pupils at one time.

The grade school teachers held a meeting on Wednesday evening to give special attention to the problem of retardation and acceleration as it exists in the Blackfoot schools. A table will be prepared which charts the exact standing of every room in the schools. A special study will be made of the status of each child that does not conform to the standard conditions and an effort will be made to give such children special attention.

The Commercial Department receives many calls these days for help in the various offices about town. The demand is so great that few of the students really remain to finish up the course, before some one offers a position so attractive that the student can not turn it down.

Mr. Avery is organizing an employment bureau for the benefit of the boys who wish jobs and want to get in touch with all the farmers who can use potato pickers or other laborers during the week beginning October 23rd. A telephone call or a postal card addressed to the High School will receive special attention. This labor will be available for jobs about town as well as in the country.

The ladies' gymnasium class met on Wednesday evening with a good attendance. Miss Baron, one of the High School teachers who has had charge of the Play Ground work in Denver for the past year, is the instructor. The class is open to any of the ladies of the city, free of charge. It is intended that the work shall be of a sort that will give all a mild form of healthful exercise, and at the same time couple up the pleasure of suitable games as soon as the preliminary stages have been covered.

The business men's volley ball games will begin next week according to present plans. Last winter a bunch of fifteen or twenty men took part in these bi-weekly games, but there is every indication of a much larger crowd this year, and several teams will be organized for a regular tournament, lasting for the winter months. If you are interested notify H. D. Macosham, C. V. Fisher or W. D. Vincent at once.

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet this week in the High School auditorium on Friday, at 4 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged which should bring out a full attendance.

Supt. Vincent spent the day in Pocatello on Tuesday, making arrangements for the Institute and looking after other school business.

Prof. J. F. Lewis accompanied the Pocatello boys on their trip to our city last Friday in quest of football glory. Mr. Lewis attended the Senior reception in the evening and then remained over until late Saturday, visiting friends.

The Senior class gave a party to the visiting football players and their friends as well as the High School faculty on Friday evening of last week. About 125 attended and all enjoyed the hospitality of the class of 1917. The Pocatello people had to stay until the 2:00 a. m. train and appreciated a place to spend the time in fun and frolic. Games of all sorts were indulged in until a late hour, when light refreshments were served. A general good time was the verdict of all.

The English classes are contemplating a mock trial in the near future. They will first attend some suitable trial at court and then take over the information and stage a trial of their own. Miss Baron and Miss Noel are full of ambition and energy, and their classes are responding heartily.

LIBRARY REPORT

September 1st to October 1st, 1916.	
Rent of books loaned	\$.39
Juvenile	2.69
Adult fiction	2.03
Reference books	.05
Total	\$ 5.16
Members registered, 296.	
Attendance, 862.	
Rent collection	\$ 3.90
Fines	2.51
Total	\$ 6.41
Gifts	103.00
Total	\$109.41

NOTICE TO POTATO GROWERS

Bond Bros. will be prepared to receive potatoes at the Aiken Switch, Monday, Oct. 9th, at the market price. Just received a car of corn.—Adv.

Latest reports from the European front contain the same old stuff served up under a new name.

If you can't speak well of this town, at least don't speak at all.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MISS JACKMAN AND MISS PENNINGTON HAVE ENLARGED THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS ON PACIFIC STREET, OPPOSITE THE BON TON, WITH A FULL LINE OF ART GOODS AND UP-TO-DATE STOCK OF MILLINERY.

THE TAXPAYERS FRIEND



HON. D. W. DAVIS

Of American Falls, successful candidate for governor on the Republican ticket. Governor Davis was nominated by a very heavy vote, considering the light vote cast in the state. He carried the southeastern part of the state, with a heavy vote in the southwestern part of the state and carried several of the northern counties, demonstrating the fact that he is the stronger of the men who were candidates, and is the man who will make the strongest race against Governor Alexander.

Want a \$10,000 Library, a Site and a Thousand a Year

The city council held a regular adjourned meeting Tuesday night with a quorum and mayor present.

Minutes of the previous regular adjourned meeting were read and approved with a few corrections.

Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, P. W. Powers, J. T. Carruth, Chas. Harris, J. G. Brown and L. R. Aldrich, chaperoned by Mrs. Duckworth and West, appeared before the council pleading for a \$10,000 Carnegie library and an annual appropriation of \$1000 to maintain the same, on a suitable site also to be provided by the city council. Mr. Duckworth made quite a lengthy and passionate argument in favor of the proposed library, as did Mrs. Aldrich. Mrs. P. W. Powers, on behalf of the Current Event Club, gave the solons many important facts concerning the present and proposed library. After the ladies departed the council briefly discussed their desire and its advisability and legality, and some of the members, notwithstanding President Duckworth's oft repeated and pathetic narrative of how the youth of Blackfoot was hungering for literature, insinuated that the city and its rising generation had more urgent and beneficial wants than books of which they now had more than a thousand.

The matter was taken under advisement.

It was ordered that the water supply of the Corbett Slough Ditch Co. be investigated.

The following building permits were granted: To Hansen Bros., to build a brick addition to the Red Cross Garage on Main street, 75x25 feet. To Dahle & Eccles, to build a 2-story brick store and office building on Tay-

CURRENT EVENT CLUB

An unusually interesting meeting of the Current Event Club was held at the club rooms Monday, Oct. 2, 1916.

Roll call was responded to by quotations from James Whitcomb Riley.

Mrs. Astoria Williams, Mrs. L. A. Jackson and Miss Josephine Hendrie were elected members of the club.

Mrs. DeKay, Dubois and Aldrich were elected delegates to the State Federation meet to be held at Twin Falls the second week of October. Mesdames Biethan, Carruth and Hendrie were chosen alternates.

Prof. Vincent gave a very able address which was deeply appreciated by those present, on "Socialology." His specific subject being "The Coming Generation."

Mrs. Minnie Jackson rendered a vocal solo.

Rev. Johnson and wife left today for Gooding and the Rev. Chaney his successor, will occupy the Methodist pulpit next Sunday.

Yes, it's a fact that many a great man never breaks into history. We know from experience.

The fellow who thinks he knows it all usually knows less than the one who admits that he knows nothing.

lor street, in the rear of the Pearson grocery store.

The chief of police reported collections amounting to \$23 for September.

Ordered that bids be asked for the construction of four cement street crossings and extensions.

Ordered that the city purchase twenty traffic signs, 4 1/2 feet high, for the parking of autos.

City sexton reported collections amounting to \$126 for September.

Ordinance No. 195, granting the O. S. L. railroad a 50-year franchise for a spur track on Main street from its depot to the Anderson lumber yard, passed and is published in this issue.

Clerk DeKay's \$10.00 typewriter bill met with some opposition, but was finally allowed with the solemn injunction that no more such bills appear without order of the council.

The following bills were read and allowed:

Grove City Plumbing Co.	9.70
Idaho Power Co.	9.45
Idaho Power Co.	232.00
Blackfoot Waterworks	199.00
M. S. Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.25
J. E. Good	25.00
Brown-Eldredge	25.89
Alvin Keil	96.90
W. T. Brown	60.00
Blackfoot Optimist	13.25
Mrs. E. C. Stultz	4.00
B. F. Boyle Co.	.95
White Transfer	2.00
J. B. Rollings	20.00
J. Robinson	20.00
S. E. Roundy	96.40
I. E. Smith	70.50
Dahle & Eccles	443.20
Wm. Drew	85.00

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

What, then, are you doing to constitute yourself a good citizen?

What are you doing for this town?

What are you doing to justify your citizenship in this town?

You can not sit down, criticize, let others do the work that makes a town or community, and still call yourself a good citizen.

The good citizen never thinks only of self. He must necessarily think of self or he would not survive, but good citizenship requires more than that—much more.

It requires that you keep in mind that there are others who have rights and are entitled to have those rights respected by others—by you. On the same basis you are entitled to have your rights equally respected by them.

That is good citizenship—partially. In addition, the good citizen remembers that his town is entitled to his best efforts in its behalf, to the end that the interests of the community may be advanced by all legitimate means.

This means, too, that in advancing the interests you are advancing your own, which is the ultimate aim of the human race.

We make a specialty of printing Sanitary Butterwrappers.

STAKE MEETINGS

On Sunday, October 15, 1916, the following meetings will be held in Blackfoot, in the places mentioned:

High Council meeting at 10 a. m. in the usual place. Meeting of the stake presidency, high council, bishoprics and ward clerks in the upper room of the 2nd Ward meeting house at 1:30 p. m. Meeting of the Sunday School Union at the same hour in the 1st Ward meeting house. Also the high priests quorum will meet at the same hour at the usual place.

At 3 p. m. the Relief Society will hold a meeting in the 2nd Ward meeting house and at the same hour there will be a meeting under the direction of the Primary Association in the same building, in the usual place. At the same hour and in the 1st Ward meeting house there will be a meeting under the direction of the Y. L. M. I. A. in the north rooms.

At 3 p. m. there will be a meeting of the priesthood of the stake in the 1st Ward meeting house. It is hoped that the priesthood of the stake will be in attendance at this meeting and that all the meetings of the sisters will be fully attended. Everybody come.

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

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

At the regular Library Board meeting Tuesday evening it was decided to place upon the magazine table for the use of the reading public the following magazines:

The Youth's Companion, The Stock Breeder's Gazette, The Gem State Rural and Idaho Farmer, The Literary Digest, Harper's, Woman's Home Companion.

Cases have been ordered in which to file magazines. There are no better reference books than such magazines if properly filed. We wish to draw the attention of the public, especially the students in the High School, to the number of reference books we now have on all subjects. These reference books can be taken out, but it is hoped that the library will become a study center. The ladies are doing all in their power to make it an attractive place for study.

Lord Lytton's works have been given; also Hall Caine's, and a complete set of Thackeray during the past week.

There are now out 269 books and only five are over-due. This is some record.

Every thoughtful citizen ought to read the monthly library report in this paper and then study carefully whether we need a city library. All country children having books out ought to return them Friday noon.

Sixty children listened attentively to Mrs. Ernest Pearson as she so beautifully told the stories last Friday.

At 4 o'clock this Friday a treat has been prepared for the children. If the room was only larger the grown people would be welcome, but many children are forced to stand out doors as it is unless they come early.

The proceeds from the Merry Girl minstrel show amounted to \$90.

Many new books have been ordered this week.

The city officers have been busy of late gathering up drunken Indians, who all insist that they get the booze in Pocatello. As they are broke and cannot pay their fines they are converted into street sweepers, a degree that should be conferred on the distributors of "Temple Club," which seems to be the popular dry-land whisky.

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DEATH OF NEIL F. BOYLE JR.

Neil F. Boyle, Jr., who is in charge of the Boyle Hardware Co. of Pocatello, was brought home sick Saturday night with what threatened to be an attack of appendicitis or ptomaine poisoning. Monday morning he was taken to Salt Lake for medical examination. He was accompanied by Dr. Patrie, who returned on this morning's train and reports his patient a victim of appendicitis in an aggravated form. Yesterday afternoon an operation was performed, and the young man, though in a precarious condition, had an even chance between life and death. The many friends of the young man hope that his valuable and honorable career will be spared to his devoted relatives and friends.

Just as we were going to press the sad news of the death of N. F. Boyle, Jr., reached Blackfoot, and cast an apparent pall over the entire city, where he was a unanimous favorite. His mother and father were with him when he died and to them has gone forth the sympathy of this entire community.

SUGAR MAGNATES FORM TRUCE

Ogden, Oct. 2.—Confirming the report that an exchange of stock had taken place between the Amalgamated Sugar Company of this city and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company of Salt Lake City, Fred G. Taylor, secretary of the local company, announced upon his return from Idaho tonight that the deal also included the purchase of the New Brigham City factory by the Amalgamated company. It is provided that the local company shall assume control of the new factory on March 1, 1917.

Mr. Thompson also confirmed the report that C. W. Nibley had retired as a director of the Amalgamated company and that D. C. Eccles had ceased to be a director of the Utah-Idaho company. Their successors have not been named. As a result of these stock transactions heirs of the late David Eccles and their associates obtain control of the Amalgamated company.

The new Eccles Sugar Company, a \$2,000,000 corporation, launched only a month ago, is also involved in the deal in that it shall not invade territory of the Utah-Idaho company. According to Mr. Taylor, neither the Eccles company nor the Amalgamated company are to enter into territory competition with the Utah-Idaho company under the agreement reached.

NOTICE TO MODERN WOODMEN AND GENERAL PUBLIC

National Lecturer Edw. F. Brown will deliver a lecture on Woodcraft at I. O. O. F. Hall, Saturday evening, Oct. 7th, at 8:00 o'clock.

Everybody come.—Adv.

A Boston scientist predicts 75 cent eggs. Don't like 'em, anyway.

Lowest prices for Boys' Good Clothing. Biethan's.

Modern Protection

It is a serious matter to leave jewelry or valuable papers loose around the house, or try to protect them with ordinary locks.

Even the average house or office safe is inefficient to afford positive protection for them against fire, theft and designing persons.

We cordially invite you to investigate our Safe Deposit Department. It provides absolute safety, with every facility for the convenience of boxholders.



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