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PLENTY OF COAL SOON

The utilities commission held a meeting in Pocatello last Monday to devise some means whereby the present coal shortage might be remedied and an apparent famine averted. C. C. Clarke of the Clarke Fuel & Ice company, who was present at the meeting by invitation of the state commissioners, reports that the Oregon Short Line has promised to furnish the D. & R. G. with 30 to 40 cars for the transportation of coal from the mines daily until the present shortage of coal is overcome and all demands satisfied.

E. Forrest Taylor, the popular actor, his wife and daughter, were the guests last night of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Watson, who entertained the distinguished guests at a very palatable dinner at their home.

CITY COUNCIL

The city council held a regular meeting Tuesday night with all members present but Thompson and DeKay. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

City Engineer Young made a detailed report on the actual cost of the plant of the Blackfoot water works of Blackfoot. Considerable discussion as to its purchase took place and the voting to give the city a municipal water works was postponed until next Tuesday night. The mayor spoke in favor of the proposed purchase stating many reasons why the city would never get a better opportunity to have its own plant. Mr. George Gagon, who was present, and upon request of the mayor, stated that while he could not speak for the people of Blackfoot, personally he was in favor of a municipal plant if it was bought and managed in a proper manner.

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Bingham County's Good Roads Discussed.

Bingham County Civic league met in regular session Thursday evening in the V. I. S. rooms at the city hall. The subject discussed at the meeting was "Good roads." There were present E. E. Salzman, representing the Bonneville County Good Roads association, his stereoscopic views, and his splendid lecture on general and detail good roads. Mr. Brimm, good roads worker, gave advice backed up by years of road building experience and log work. The experiences of these gentlemen were interesting in the extreme. In a general way they advise the county of Bingham to bond and build good roads and get their benefit now, and to pay interest on the bonds, and maintain such roads on the automobile license, and put away a sinking fund with the usual amount assessed for road building.

R. W. Adair, our county attorney, was the principal committee to report on work assigned to him by our chairman of the last meeting. His report was an exhaustive detail of the ways and means whereby the county can secure unto itself the desired good roads. He said that it is lawful for the county to vote bonds for any amount it sees fit and advises that the county commissioners arrange with some good competent engineer and road expert to go over our county roads and to estimate the cost of making them "good." Upon receiving his report, the commissioners then to call a bond election and upon receiving a favorable vote, sell sufficient amount of the bonds to commence the work. As the work on the roads progress, more bonds are sold, and so on until the entire roads of the county are made "good."

One thing worthy of great attention by taxpayers is the plan afforded by state laws of doing away with the road supervisor and doing the work under the eyes of competent engineers by contractors. We all know of the waste of time and labor under the present law and know further that contractors getting the work by competitive bidding would save such waste. Bingham county is fortunate in having so much good material for road building. All our country is more or less good road material and gravel is to be found most everywhere. The only thing we lack is a topping or surfacing material. Bannock county will have to supply this, and by the proper methods of hauling, it can be had reasonably. The best surface material to be had is a mixture of shale and lime rock crushed fine and well rolled on the surface of a gravel grade.

It is the purpose of this league to acquaint Bingham county residents of the facts as to our needs, the way to satisfy them, and advise and aid our county officials as to the desires and requirements of the public. Our secretary will be pleased to give details of the plan to any resident upon request.

This league is not a Blackfoot club, but just what its name implies: The Bingham County Civic league, and all residents of the county are invited to join the organization. We meet the second Thursday evening of each month in the V. I. S. rooms, Blackfoot city hall, at a dinner, the expense of which each member pays by paying dues, \$4.50 each six months.

BINGHAM COUNTY CIVIC LEAGUE
F. N. Parkinson, Secy-Treas.

DUCK SEASON.

Last evening at sundown, closed the last day of the open season on ducks in Idaho for this year. It is hoped, ere another season passes, that the game laws will be revised and written in such a manner that people at large will be able to understand them, and lawyers able to interpret what they mean, as the state law cannot be correctly interpreted at the present time by the courts. A number of sportsmen will gather in this city and make the attempt at revision for presentation to the next session, and if that body does not choose to adopt the suggestions no harm will be done, and it won't be the first instance of the kind.—Pocatello Tribune.

BLACKFOOT'S HERD BEST.

E. M. Kennedy, the banker-farmer-rancher of Blackfoot, is offering for sale a fine lot of pure-bred cattle. His herd is recognized as one of the best in the state. He has cows in the herd for which he paid \$500, and his herd and the individuals of the herd have taken first prize wherever shown. Stock judges and state veterinarians pronounce the herd as good as can be bred.

Mr. Kennedy says, "I am told by judges of livestock, state veterinarians and others that I have the best herd in the west. I have several cows that cost me \$500 and more. My herd bull weighs 2400 pounds. I have taken all prizes at all fairs and stock shows where my herd has been shown. If there are any better Hereford cattle than are in my herd I do not know of it, and if I thought that there were any better I would have them. The best is none too good for Idaho, and in offering them for sale I am giving cattlemen a rare opportunity.—Idaho Falls Register.

LOST HIS VOICE AGAIN.

J. Wesley Holden is again attacked with throat trouble and has scarcely been able to speak for the past two weeks. About three years ago he had a similar attack and was for many weeks incapacitated. Throat trouble with Mr. Holden is usually followed by inflammatory rheumatism and on three or four occasions this has all but cost him his life. His physicians advise a lower and much warmer climate and have urged him to depart at once. Owing to the press of business he will not leave for a few days but states that if a little more time shows no improvement he will take his physicians' advice and depart for the winter.—Idaho Falls Post.

Christmas Song Service.

At First Ward L. D. S. church, Sunday, December 24, commencing at 2 o'clock.
Christmas story Mrs. A. F. Adams
Duet R. H. Clayton, Wm. Parkinson
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Ladies chorus.
Mixed double quartet.
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To all who have in any way contributed toward the material or moral support of our business we tender the assurance of grateful hearts.
Trusting that the coming year may hold for you much that is good and as little as possible that is evil, we shall ever remain,
Greatly yours,
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SENATOR INVITES ADVICE.

Senator Thomas leaves on the 6th of next month for Boise where he goes to prepare his legislative duties when the legislature is convened January 8. Before going and during the session he is anxious to have all his constituents, regardless of their politics, to call on him and furnish him with their views on important legislation such as the repeal of the utilities commission, the direct primary law, and any other legislation that is of vital importance to every resident of Idaho. Should any of his constituents be in Boise during the session of the legislature, they are cordially and sincerely invited to call on him in the legislature or at his private abode and consult or visit with him.

Another Interurban Evidence.

The Eccles interests of Ogden are making a number of investments in this section, having recently commenced the erection of a big hotel building at Blackfoot, taken over the big new hotel at Rexburg, and negotiating for hotel buildings both here and at St. Anthony.—Idaho Falls Register.

Popular Caterer Married.

E. J. Noguez, the well-known chef, commonly known as "Frenchy," made a very quick trip to Salt Lake City last Monday. He was accompanied by Miss F. E. Morgan, who returned with him as Mrs. Noguez. The bride and groom were the recipients of the best wishes of a host of friends.

Free Dance.

The First Ward Sunday school will give a free dance for the children on Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock at Progress hall. Santa will be there and all the children are heartily invited to be present and have a good time.

FRANK DeKAY IS SLATED

Frank DeKay was called to Boise last Tuesday by Governor Alexander and as he is a very promising applicant for the wardenship of the penitentiary, it was surmised that ere this he has been presented with the much coveted and valuable political appointment.

Frank E. DeKay, former sheriff of Bingham county, and T. J. Strud, present sheriff of Lemhi county, may be appointed warden and deputy warden respectively when the new state board of prison commissioners—the governor, attorney general and secretary of state—take office. While no announcement has been made as to what Democrats will draw these two plumbs, it was said that these two men have "a place in the sun" and stand an excellent chance securing the appointments. It is equally true that the "dope" may be all switched at the last moment.

In view of the fact that Warden Snook's term expires with the ushering out of the new year it is said to be necessary that his successor be named prior to that time. The state board of parole is in session this afternoon and as the same board constitutes the prison commission, Warden Snook may decide to submit his resignation, effective on and after the close of his term, or the appointment and qualification of his successor.—Capital News.

The high school chorus presented "The Pennant" last Monday evening. More than 60 voices were heard in the chorus. Ora Rogers, Loraine Tavey, Loa Martin, Ren Drollinger, Port Arthur, Clarence Marlowe, William Lowrey and Merrill Boyle took the leading parts.

Successful Blackfoot Breeder.

Blackfoot is becoming famous in Idaho and other states for the breeding of Hereford and Short Horn registered thoroughbred cattle. Last week Carl F. Lenz of Squirrel, Idaho, and Otto Sturm of Ashton, Idaho, visited Blackfoot in quest of the best bred stock obtainable. Both of these gentlemen are breeders of pure bred Hereford stock and have visited several fairs and herds to get just what they wanted but failed to do so until they visited Blackfoot and the famous Kennedy stock farm. After consulting with Mr. E. M. Kennedy and purchasing two choice Hereford bulls, they insisted that he had the best stock they had yet found. When such stock judges as these visit Blackfoot and are so well pleased it is a compliment not only to Mr. Kennedy's herd but to the city that is bound to give advertising that will be very valuable in attracting other stock breeders.



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