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SPRINGTIME RENOVATION.

A few clean and orderly homes in a select residence district can never safeguard the entire community. A single filthy home, dirty back yard, or a stagnant pool may easily become the source of an epidemic of fatal diseases that will sweep the city. A trash pile in the slums may start a general conflagration.

Every thrifty housewife knows the need and the joy of household cleanliness. She has a general housecleaning twice a year, when she changes her furnishings, but she keeps her home immaculate all the time. No semi-annual nor annual bath for her home. There are millions of women who smile with pride when visitors praise their good housekeeping.

Take a drive or walk through our streets and alleys. Are they as clean as your home or your place of business? Are the lawns mowed and raked, the hedges trimmed, the buildings kept repaired, painted and in as good condition as your stores, offices and public institutions?

Visitors from other places will judge our city as a whole in much the same way that the individual citizen is judged by the appearance of his home. Every man, woman and child should be as proud of our city and its environments as your most famous housekeeper is proud of her home.

A week of spasmodic cleaning at this season of the year will not make an immaculate city—eternal vigilance and constant effort is the price of permanent cleanliness—but a clean-up campaign of one week's duration, if properly conducted, will make a good start.

Blackfoot is neither a filthy or wicked city, but a little extra effort at cleaning up, and a new resolution on the part of every householder, at this time of the year, together with the expenditure of a little money for paint, will make it a much more beautiful city to live in.

Those trees overhanging your front porch are wonderful, and "Grove City" indeed is a better name for the city than "Blackfoot." But is it not a fact that if more than a hundred houses in town were given a fresh coat of paint, the appearance of the city as a whole would be improved one hundred per cent? Not only the appearance of the houses would be improved, but their saleable value would be doubled fifty per cent.

Will the Big Lone Star State Ever Split Itself Into Five States?

By W. W. BELEN, of El Paso, Texas.

Texas has thousands upon thousands of fertile acres of land that are yet untouched by the plow, and the state could easily support a population of 50,000,000 people, and yet the census figures just announced show that it has only 4,661,027 people. One-third of the population of Texas lives in 17 counties, yet the state has 253 counties. The population runs all the way from 37 in the county of Crane, away out in west Texas, to 210,000 in Dallas county. Ten Texas counties showed a gain of more than 100 per cent in the last decade.

It must be remembered that Texas, when it came into the Union, had in its annexation treaty a clause providing that any time it so desired it might divide itself into five states and send ten United States senators to Washington without any action on the part of congress being necessary.

It will be many years before Texas divides, but eventually such action will be taken, though I do not believe it will divide into more than two states. Even now the interests of west Texas and east Texas are entirely dissimilar.

America's Southwest Should Keep Its Natural and Historical Relics.

By PROFESSOR A. J. FLYNN, Colorado Archaeologist.

The American Southwest offers unlimited opportunities for archeological and geological investigations and research, and local educational institutions are not making the most of the natural advantages of the Rocky Mountain region. Eight institutions of the East invaded the Southwest during the last year and carried away prize specimens of the localities visited.

There are some famous things in the East that are a part of history, such as the Plymouth rock. We are content to allow those things to remain there in the East, where they belong. We do protest against allowing people to come from the East and take from our Southwest the things which belong to us.

We should have the most colossal museum in this country. The great museums of the East are filled with nature specimens and relics which have been brought from our own and neighboring states. Are we going to sleep on, and let the rest of the country take advantage of our lethargy in this respect?

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

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Fire Insurance—J. H. Early.

Miss Elizabeth Kelley is now employed at the Bon Ton.

Miss Lydia Windler, of Firth, was visiting in this city Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lynch were over Sunday visitors with friends in Pocatello.

Mrs. Gordon, of the Orpheum Theatre, was a business visitor in Pocatello Monday.

The Misses Blanche and Doris Dunn went to Idaho Falls Sunday to spend the day.

Mrs. J. W. Hennebold and children, of Pingree, were callers in Blackfoot last Friday.

Life Insurance—Beebe, Tel. 120

C. W. Berryman and D. L. Evans were business visitors in Malad the latter part of last week.

Miss Marguerite Van Akin came from Shelley, and spent the weekend at her home in Blackfoot.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith went to Pocatello on the train Sunday morning, returning in the evening.

Mrs. O. W. Peterson went to Twin Falls Saturday for an extended visit with many friends and relatives.

Mrs. A. B. Richards, who had her tonsils removed last Saturday, has entirely recovered from the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Greer, of the Riverside district, were visitors in Idaho Falls the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. G. Simpson and children went to Downey Sunday, for an extended visit with Mrs. Simpson's mother.

The Misses Marie Greenan and Julia Squires went to Pocatello Saturday morning and spent the day in that city.

Complete wireless station, equipped for giving and receiving messages, for sale by the Boy Scouts of Pocatello.—31-2

Miss Stella M. Rogers, of Idaho Falls, was in town the latter part of last week, calling on County Superintendent Faulconer.

Mrs. Ernest Style and child and Mrs. Rudolph Wilson, of Firth, were callers in Blackfoot Saturday, returning on the afternoon train.

Miss Frances Carlson and Miss Anna Blomquist returned to their home in St. Anthony Sunday, after visiting friends here and at Thomas.

Miss H. J. Barron, a teacher in the Firth schools, was in Blackfoot Saturday, leaving Sunday morning for McCammon, where she is visiting home folks.

B. L. Eakin spent Sunday visiting friends in Pocatello, and Mrs. Eakin and child, who had been there all last week, returned home with Mr. Eakin Sunday evening.

Miss Sarah Clark, who has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Athay, left Monday for Rexburg, to visit friends. Miss Clark's home is in Utah.

Miss Tula Gunderson, who has been teaching school at Virginia, was in this city Monday, enroute to her home at Rigby. The school which she was teaching has closed for this season.

Miss Ester Downey, who had been at the bedside of her grandmother, Mrs. Jeff Miller, returned Monday to Salt Lake City. Mrs. Miller has been very ill, but at present is well on her way to recovery.

Manager Tate, of the Skaggs store, certainly has a knack for making things look good to eat in his show window, as well as an artist's eye for arrangement, as was well proven by the display of fruits and cheese in his front window this week.

Mrs. S. W. Wilson, state organizer for the P. E. O. society, Mrs. F. J. Cowen, president of the local chapter, and Mrs. James Ryan, have been in Gooding for the last few days attending the grand chapter meeting being held there. The three named above are delegates, and they were also accompanied by Miss Katherine Ryan.

Mrs. D. D. Neelan left for Omaha, Nebraska, Saturday, in response to advise that her daughter's husband, Dr. R. H. Campbell was very ill in a hospital in that city, having had an operation. Dr. Campbell is a Blackfoot boy, and his friends in this city will be anxious to learn of his recovery.

E. M. Kennedy and Frank Starkweather returned the latter part of the week from Boise, where they attended the April meeting of the Consistory, A. F. & A. M., and also while there Mr. Kennedy became a member of the Shrine. Mr. Starkweather already being a Shriner. They report that there were 59 in the class which took the Shrine, and they all had a good time and got all that was coming to them.

Fire Insurance—J. H. Early.

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