

# LAND DEPARTMENT HANDLES BIG SUM OF MONEY ANNUALLY

## Report Is Made by Board on Work Accomplished During the Past Year

The state land department is fast resolving itself into a huge banking institution, according to figures contained in the eleventh biennial report of the department issued under the direction of N. Jenness, the register.

A comparison of this report with that of preceding periods of like duration shows a remarkable advance and increase of the business of the department. The resources of the department, including deferred payments on land contracts and timber contracts, investments in bonds and farm loans, loans pending and cash on hand total \$7,831,157.98. The total receipts into maintenance funds of various institutions up to the present time are \$1,145,915.16, including \$478,129.98 from the rental of lands, and \$666,785.12 from interest of deferred payments on state land contracts.

In 1902 and 1904 the total cash receipts were \$462,987, and during the past two years \$2,387,214, or nearly five times greater than eight years ago.

Farm loans made during the years 1903-4 aggregate \$290,245, and during 1911-12, \$1,146,527, or, in round numbers, four times the amount loaned in the former period. In fact, the loans made during the past two years amounted to more than all previous loans made during the history of the state.

**Sale of Endowment Lands.**  
From the sale of its endowment lands the state has already received in cash and contracts about \$5,000,000. Of this vast sum, \$2,714,848 are in contracts drawing 6 per cent interest; \$2,341,844 are invested in school bonds drawing 5 or 6 per cent interest, and the remainder in farm loans in force or cash on hand to be used for loans granted, and not yet completed. Farm loans draw interest at 6 and 7 per cent.

From this it will be seen that the annual income from leases and interest on deferred payments on land contracts and investments amounts to about \$600,000, which goes to the support of schools and state institutions. When the more than 3,000,000 acres of land which the state still owns are sold, the endowment funds should be in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000, and the income from such a permanent fund will in large measure relieve the taxpayers of the burden of the support of schools and state institutions.

**Total Acreage Leased.**  
The amount to be collected by the department in annual payments on 6 per cent interest as represented by sale certificates is \$5,714,848.91. The total acreage now leased is 1,130,059.17, and the rental thereon is \$195,733.97. The leases made during the past two years cover an acreage of 248,253.82, the rental aggregating \$79,751.71. A total of \$3,777.57 acres of land were sold during 1911 and 1912, at a price of \$1,213,102.28. During that period the sum of \$472,848 was expended in the purchase of school district and state bonds. The farm loans total \$1,146,527.58.

Beginning Jan. 1, of last year, the land board increased the rate of interest on farm loans from 6 to 7 per cent, and on school and state bonds from 5 to 6 per cent. During 1911 and 1912 there was more money loaned by the state to the farmers, secured by first real estate mortgages, than in all the history of the state.

It has been the custom heretofore to invest large sums from endowment funds in purchase of general fund state warrants through the state treasurer, but during the administration just past not a dollar was so invested. The money was loaned to citizens of the state, and invested in school bonds instead.

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**The Cash Receipts.**  
A recapitulation of the cash receipts for 1911-12 shows:  
Principal ..... \$1,571,722.03  
Interest ..... 642,335.82  
Rental ..... 134,595.90  
Carey act ..... 30,501.44  
Fees ..... 8,658.92

Total ..... \$2,387,214.11

It should be noted that the register's fees alone during the two years amounted to over \$8000.

The general public has only a meager knowledge of the immense volume of business transacted by the land department. Aside from the appraisements, leases and sales of enormous acreages each year, the loaning of the state's endowment funds and the working out of the manifold and intricate details in connection with the numerous farm loans and school bond purchases, as above indicated, it is interesting to note that lands are sold in 40-acre units, and certificates of sale issued accordingly, which show upon their face the annual principal and interest payments for 16 or 18 years, as the case may be, which certificates pass through five different records before they are mailed out to the individual purchasers. The same formula is prescribed for leases and deeds. Payments on land and timber contracts and leases are collected annually, some falling due on the 1st of January.

**Interest Payments.**  
Interest payments on bonds and loans are collected semi-annually—on the 1st of January and the 1st of July. It can be imagined the enormous volume of work entailed upon the office for issuing and mailing of notices, and receipting for these various payments and in keeping up the numerous records and accounts involving annual receipts of about \$1,250,000.

The correspondence of the register's office alone shows a yearly output of 20,000 letters. The inquiries to this office on general land and loan matters are voluminous. And, as secretary of the land board, the register is required to write many letters and answers numerous inquiries under its direction.

**Land Board Meetings.**

During the two years last past 220 land board meetings were held, ranging in length from one-half hour to four days, the proceedings of which cover 259 typewritten pages in the large minute record book. By way of comparison, showing increase in the business of the office, it is interesting to note that during 1903-4 there were only 89 meetings held, covering 102 pages in the minute record.

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## NEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON THE MESA MODERN STRUCTURE

The Wright Congregational church by the Franklin school house on the Mesa has completed the first unit of its new building. This consists of a very substantial basement, with a seating capacity of 200, temporarily roofed with Malthead roofing. The congregation occupied this on Jan. 1. Prior to this time the church has worshipped in the Franklin school house.

The church was organized in October, 1910, with six members. It was named in honor of Rev. R. B. Wright, D. D., who for many years was pastor of the First Congregational church of this city, and who is the dean of Congregationalism in this state. Building lots, valued at \$600, were donated jointly by W. T. Kerr and John Fisher, at the time of organization. The congregation met with discouragement in the loss of its first building fund by the failure of the Boise State bank. But it rallied to the work again; individuals and business houses have assisted, and now a thousand dollar basement is completed. This will be used for Sunday school and worship this winter; the superstructure is planned to be built next summer. The entire building will cost \$3000.

The church wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the school board of Franklin for the use of the school building for three years.

The church is in the fullest sense a community or neighborhood church, and will be the center not only of the religious life, but of the social and welfare life of Franklin district. A station of the state traveling library will be established there, open certain evenings in the week.

Much credit is due to the pastor, Mrs. M. J. Dickinson, and to Evangelist Rev. B. W. Rice of Caldwell. By the work of these two persons the membership of the church is now 63, and the membership of the Sunday school is 150. The church has also a mission Sunday school on the corner of State and Twenty-sixth street, on the west side of the city, which is conducted by several of the young people of the church.

Beginning Jan. 12, Rev. Philip Koenig, pastor of the Congregational church of Ontario, Ore., will begin a series of daily evangelistic meetings in the Wright Congregational church, to which all are cordially invited.

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## HEAVY DAMAGES ARE ASKED BY WIDOW FOR DEATH OF HUSBAND

Miguel Marrulla asks \$25,000 damages for the death of Antonio Barrutia in a street car wreck in South Boise a few weeks ago. The suit was filed in the district court yesterday afternoon by the plaintiff as administrator of the estate of Antonio Barrutia.

The damages are asked from the Cleveland Construction company, the Idaho Traction company, George B. Webster, Charles L. Fell and Roy Layshure, employees of the companies for alleged carelessness and neglect in the handling of the traffic over the lines on the day on which the wreck occurred and the man was killed. The complaint declares that the men were careless in handling the work train; that the cars were defective and were dangerous; that the equipment was poor, and that it was dangerous for an employe to work on the old train that was sent out over the road.

The train, at the time Barrutia was killed, had stalled on the track in front of the church in South Boise. The regular car was unable to pass, and started to push the work train off the track, and on to the switch. While the train was being sidetracked, the flat car suddenly jumped sideways across the rails and caught Barrutia underneath the mass of wreckage. He was instantly killed, and Roy Layshure, the conductor on the regular car, was injured.

The plaintiff now claims that the accident was due to a defective car; that the material was weak, and dangerous; that the equipment was not in the best repair, and that the old train was in a general run-down condition. On the strength of these statements, he bases a claim for \$25,000 for the estate and heirs of Antonio Barrutia.

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## The Weather.

FORECAST FOR BOISE AND VICINITY—Rain or snow and warmer today.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER HERE—Highest temperature, 28; lowest temperature, 22; mean temperature, 25. Total precipitation for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m., .91 of an inch.

CONDITIONS—No reports were received last night except from stations on the Pacific slope and in western Montana. They indicate the presence of a decided barometric depression off the Washington coast, with high barometric pressure in the southwest. This distribution of pressure is attended by rain in western Oregon and Washington and snow in the interior. Zero temperature is reported as having prevailed throughout the day in Montana. Freezing temperatures are reported from the intermountain region, but along the coast the temperature ranges from 36 degrees at Seattle to 50 degrees at San Diego. The barometric depression noted off the Washington coast is expected to cause continued snow or rain in Boise and its vicinity, with rising temperature.

Her Just Cause. (From Judge.)

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