

## Around the Boise Valley Loop

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## Potato Crop Wins Nation-Wide Fame for Deer Flat Country

Caldwell, March 10.—The widely famed Deer Flat potato belt which is in proximity to this city may well be termed "America's potato garden," for through its wonderful crops of this product the past two years and the phenomenal revenue the farmers of this rich section have received from them, it has come into national publicity as the leading potato section of the entire United States. The vastness of the revenue coming to this community the past two years from this crop is well indicated by the fact that its farmers last year received sums for their crops equalling the valuation of their farms. This was the general rule and not the exception.

The community was visited by potato experts from the potato growing centers of the country or rather from those sections which had taken this rank in the past, and they freely conceded that this favored community now had the lead of all other sections in the country, not excepting the renowned Greeley, Colo., section itself. They were astounded at the crop records which they observed, and made a close study of the country from the viewpoint of its capacity for development as a great potato producing section and were greatly impressed by the study given by them to this widely advertised territory.

### THE DISTRIBUTING POINT.

Unquestionably, the industry is destined to become of great import to this city, the distributing point of this community, for the stimulus given the industry by the great prosperity that the crops have brought to the farmers

the past two years has been great, and as a natural consequence, there will be a great expansion of the potato industry in this community this year. Not less than 600 acres will be planted to potatoes there this spring. C. P. Oellien, one of the leading potato growers of this renowned belt, will plant 40 acres of his farm to "Idaho Rurals" and "Netted Gems." Twenty-four acres will be planted to "Idaho Rurals" 16 acres to "Netted Gems." Mr. Oellien confidentially expects an average yield of 300 bushels to the acre. From 22 acres planted to "Netted Gems" last year he secured an average yield of 400 bushels to the acre. From the potatoes, alfalfa hay and grain on his 40-acre farm last year, Mr. Oellien realized a revenue of \$3500.

He located in the Deer Flat community in 1913, coming out from Greeley, Colo., where he had a number of years of experience as a potato grower. His farm is eight miles south and west of this city, and the progress attained by him in the industry which gave Colorado so much publicity in past years is highly reflective of what may be expected of the industry in this section. Moreover, the very fact that Mr. Oellien and Mr. Smith, better known throughout Canyon county as "Potato Smith," both experienced potato growers in Colorado have the confidence to locate in the Deer Flat community and engage in the industry on such an extensive scale tends to inspire confidence in its possibilities for the development of this industry to proportions of national magnitude.

### NEW RESIDENCES TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Meridian, March 10.—Judging from present indications there will be more building operations in the Meridian district this year than in the past several years.

H. M. Bell, manager of the Meridian Grain & Elevator company, this spring will build in Meridian a modern five-room bungalow at a cost of about \$1500. His building site is a block north and a block east of the post-office.

The four-room country home being built for Henry Post on his farm six miles southwest of Meridian, is now nearly completed.

Fred Post is building a barn on his farm three miles southwest of town. It will be 36x10 feet, and cost about \$600.

The extensive improvements being made to the second story of the Meridian Hardware company building, owned by George Parkins, are nearing completion.

### DEMAND FOR FARM LANDS CONTINUES

Caldwell, March 10.—Through the extensive publicity given the wonderful productiveness of the agricultural lands tributary to this city there has developed an unprecedented demand for them in the eastern and middle western states and almost each day brings a number of homeseekers.

The great revenues yielded by the crops of last year have also had a highly stimulating effect upon local people and many of them are investing in additional lands.

One farm sale of note, closed this week was that of the Jesse Baker 60-acre farm on the Roswell bench through H. D. Hanna, the local real estate man, to C. R. Chaney, of Middleton, for \$10,500.

### THOROUGHBREDS SHOWN AT THE CALDWELL HORSE SHOW

Caldwell, March 10.—Among the horses which were on exhibition at the great horse sale held in this city the first of the week were the two young Percheron stallions of Clint Matlock, one of the progressive farmers of the Meridian country, who has a penchant for thoroughbred horses and purebred cattle. One of the horses is a coming three-year-old and the other is a coming two-year-old. Both are beauties and have excited much favorable comment.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Caldwell, March 10.—Marriage licenses were issued today by County Recorder L. C. Knowlton to the following: Willie D. Bay and Ruby L. Baxter, both of near Silver City; Eugene J. Jones and May Waltman, both of this city; Ralph A. Clark and Edith Small, also both of Caldwell.

### NAMPA

Nampa, March 10.—Judge and Mrs. W. W. Snell and daughter, Miss Julia, visited in Boise yesterday as the guests of friends.

Mrs. J. J. Walling visited in Caldwell today as the guest of friends.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas left last evening for Walla Walla, Wash., where she will spend several weeks visiting her son.

C. H. McCandless returned yesterday from a brief visit to coast cities.

The birth of a girl baby is reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stinson at their country home near the city.

William Hunter and son, Clyde, of Moscow, are business visitors in the city.

If you are interested in the most productive potato belt, the Deer Flat potato section where crops yielded their owners returns last year equivalent to the valuation of their farms, write

**H. D. HANNA,**  
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## CASES OF INTEREST WILL COME BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT

Former County Assessor to Be Tried for Alleged Shortage—Label Case to Be Heard.

Caldwell, March 10.—The regular March term of the district court for Canyon county will convene in this city Monday morning. The docket is a heavy one, and it is probable that trial jury will not be summoned until the latter part of the week. Monday is likely to be consumed in the calling of the calendar, and following this several days will be taken up in the hearing of motions and demurrers.

Among the most important cases on the docket are the cases against A. O. Christopher, former county assessor, charged with shortages in his official settlements with the county approximating \$10,000, and the case, instituted against John L. Davis, editor of the Caldwell Tribune, by Henry Griffiths, former county attorney, in which criminal libel is alleged and the case against G. H. Moore, of Nampa, former assessor of the county, who is also charged with shortages in his official settlements with the county.

The bonding county which bonded Mr. Moore asserts that he is not short in his settlement with the county after having had an audit made of the books of the office by one of its expert accountants. The alleged shortage of Mr. Moore was first reported by present state auditor, Clarence Van Deusen, of Boise, after he had made an audit of the records of the county for the county.

Since the bonding company bonding Moore asserts that Van Deusen's findings are not a matter of fact, much interest is evidenced in the case, and its trend of development will be followed in all sections of the county with marked interest.

### EDITOR TO ENTER PLEA.

The case against Mr. Davis of the Tribune, will come up Wednesday morning when he will appear before Judge Bryan and enter his plea. The charge against him grew out of the publication of several editorials in his paper criticizing Henry Griffiths, then county attorney, in connection with the trial of Vera Huntzbury in the probate court. In the trial referred to, Huntzbury was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum at Blackfoot. Subsequently, he was released and a brief time afterwards, re-arrested upon the initiative of A. P. Stone, the newly elected county attorney, who took the position that the charge against Huntzbury had never been legally terminated, but still pending. This case entered into the last campaign very largely as a political factor, and as a consequence, it will also be watched with the keenest of interest.

### FORGER SENTENCED TO TERM IN PRISON

Caldwell, March 10.—An indeterminate sentence of from 1 to 14 years in the state penitentiary was given Charles Pinsor by Judge Bryan in the district court this morning when Pinsor was arraigned and entered a plea of guilty. It will be recalled that Pinsor forged a check for \$215.40 and passed it on the Nampa Department store the first of the week. Just after his arrest, he claimed that a man by the name of Burke in this city had induced him to pass the check, and had agreed to give him \$100 of the amount for passing it, but this statement was not verified by subsequent development.

### CALDWELL

Caldwell, March 10.—General A. M. Rowe, of Boise, was a business visitor in the city today.

Walter Sebree, president of the Caldwell Traction company, returned from a business trip to Boise this morning.

Mrs. J. J. Walling of Nampa visited in the city today as the guest of friends.

John Ackley, of Quincy, Ill. is visiting in the city as the guest of his brother, George Ackley.

Marion, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Riddle, who has been quite ill the past several days, is reported to be progressing nicely.

Mrs. Roy Keithley, of Emmett, is visiting in the city as the guest of Mrs. George L. Castle.

E. Jordan has returned from an extended visit to southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doan have returned from a visit to southern California.

J. W. Greer, who resides near the city is enjoying a visit from a brother, who lives in Canada.

Mrs. Charles Bugger was hostess at a handkerchief shower party this afternoon given for Miss Juanita Stewart, whose engagement to John Cupple, also of this city, was announced last week.

### TO SELL PROPERTY FOR BENEFIT OF DESERTED WIFE

Caldwell, March 10.—Through an agreement entered into by William Hewitt, of near this city, who was arrested for wife desertion the first of the week, and his wife who resides near Star, Sheriff G. W. Froman will sell the personal property of the defendant Monday and return the proceeds to the deserted wife. The property consists of three horses, harness and a wagon.

Phone 75—A taxi line without a Ford. All large cars. Orris S. Cole. —Adv. t.

### TO BUILD BUNGALOW.

Nampa, March 10.—A modern bungalow will be erected by Herman Gregory of this city at an early date upon the lots on Sixth street, South, which he purchased this week of G. L. Bridges through the local real estate firm of Walling & Walling. The cost of the two lots was \$650.



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