

BIG PROFITS IN HANDLING THE STATE LEASES

Traffic Carried on in Eastern Idaho Called Shameful by State Land Appraiser in His Report to Commissioner.

SPECIAL FAVORS TO CERTAIN PERSONS

Charged That Former Administrations Have Not Administered the Law in an Impartial Manner—Specific Cases Cited.

The traffic in leased agricultural farm lands in eastern Idaho has been shameful in the opinion expressed by John Walker, state land appraiser, in a second report filed with State Land Commissioner I. A. Smoot and presented to the state land board. The board considered the startling revelations made in the report this afternoon.

Appraiser Walker takes up specific cases and mentions names in his second report which covers some of the leases made in Madison and Fremont counties. "I think the traffic in lease lands has been shameful," he says. "Real estate men have made handsome sums in the sale of state land leases, receiving commissions running well into the hundreds of dollars for transferring a single lease and they seem to have had special advantage in obtaining land from the state and immediately turning same to farmers for bonuses of several dollars per acre."

The appraiser then states that Messrs. Tuttle and Harris, the former a resident of St. Anthony and the latter a former resident, the Rexburg Realty company and others, "have done a very good business along that line but I fail to see wherein they have been a special benefit to the homeseekers. They have discouraged small holders that they themselves might be able to turn their tracts to larger holders for the sake of making a commission; have advised people to sell, arguing that they would be crowded out anyway by larger holders."

The appraiser declares that one M. W. Swendsen offered to locate Anthony Blair on a 160-acre tract that joined Blair's lease for \$400; that Swendsen and Ryland are to receive \$1000 if they succeed in locating Seth Stoddard on a 320 acre tract now in conflict with E. P. Martineau. It was also shown that holders of large leases are transferring them to relatives because of the investigation.

DUMMY ENTRYMEN USED.
"Conflicts," says the appraiser later in his report, "have been made for the purpose of drawing down 25 or 50 cents per acre from the man who wanted to farm the land. Dummy entries have been made." As authority for the latter statement the appraiser refers to the card report of J. O. Ellsworth, wherein he states he sold his lease to F. S. Parkinson and that when the lease expired he released the land for Parkinson, who furnished the money. It is charged, W. F. Cahoon leased for Parkinson and the appraiser declares that many others have been "used in the same way for different ones, but will not admit that it is a fact."

Leases, he declares, have been signed in blank and taken in by realty companies for sale. He says large holders declare they are operating the leases for their friends to whom leases have been assigned. "I believe," he says, "that land monopolies exist." He says, "Smith and Espe of Rexburg are operating as nearly as I can determine 1100 acres, Parkinson 6874 acres."

SAYS DAY PROMISED PROTECTION
"Ed Parkinson told me," says Appraiser Walker, "that George A. Day, former land commissioner, promised to protect him in the holding and operation of 1400 acres of lease land. It would seem that past administrations have handed out special favors to special interests which has had a tendency to bring about a bad condition for which the people at large are not altogether to blame."

Appraiser Walker makes the following recommendations in his report:

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.
First—That the state land be sold as fast as possible, giving special attention to home seekers so far as it is practicable.

Second—That the price per acre on agricultural leases be raised, if it held the people are willing to pay for the land, the state does not want the money and as conditions now are the land sharks get it.

Third—That the 320 acre rule on leases be rigidly enforced, and that the people be obliged to deal with the state land board in state land matters so far as it is practicable, and that the go-between and locators be discouraged.

Fourth—That all transfers, sales and assignments, contracts to sell or operate state land leases, which are not reported within 30 days to the state land board for record shall be subject to cancellation, and that in the event of physical possession of state land leases by any person, firm or corporation other than the lessee, it shall be deemed that same transfer has been made.

E. C. Bickford and family have gone to Lewiston to locate. Mr. Bickford proposes engaging in the second hand business there.

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WORKED ON SUNDAY.

Councilman Pincus's street draggers worked from early morning until evening Sunday and put a number of streets in excellent condition for traffic. The streets were just right to drag and rather than take a chance that they would be too dry of too wet, the men were put to work and now have large portion of the city streets in excellent condition.

FLAGS ON RESIDENCES.

"Old Glory" not only floats from public and business blocks in the city but are also adorning many residences in the city and country. The comment most generally heard when a display of the national colors is observed is, "A good patriotic American lives there."

REBUILT FLUME.

Councilman Stevens was a busy man Saturday night overseeing the repairs being made to the flume in Hull's gulch. Saturday morning a portion of the old flume gave way. With prospects of high water Mr. Stevens got busy and at night when the weather was colder and water did not interfere with the work took a force of men there and rebuilt the flume. There was also a small break in Cottowood creek, but it was quickly repaired.

TO IMPROVE RESIDENCE.

John Nagel, the well known soft drink manufacturer, has taken out a permit to remodel the interior of his residence at a cost of \$400.

HORSE STEALING CHARGE.

Roy Cody, who has been in trouble in Boise numerous times, once for horse stealing, is to be taken to Pasco, Washington, to answer the charge of horse stealing. He was arrested by Sheriff Post for the authorities there. Today Deputy Sheriff Hays of Pasco arrived for the prisoner and will take him back tonight or tomorrow.

JUST LIKE SPRING OF 1897.

Hugh Clawson is in town today from his farm on the Idaho City road near the summit, about eight miles from Boise. He says at his place the snow is now four feet deep. A warm rain, he prophesies, would produce something of a flood in the valley. Mr. Clawson was looking over the toll road books of his late father the other day and he found that the weather conditions this year are almost exactly like those in the spring of 1897. That was the season the floods washed out the Idaho City road badly and all the bridges.

PATRIOTISM IN THE EAST.

Dr. W. F. Smith has returned from the east. He says the people back there are in a fever of patriotism and excitement. Everywhere flags are displayed and everyone indicates a purpose to make any necessary sacrifice in the event of war.

UNUSUAL SERMON TOPIC.

Pastor C. L. Trawin at the First Baptist church is preaching a unique series of sermons from the Epistle to the Hebrews. At the Sunday services Christ was presented in his relationship to God, the universe, and the human race, emphasizing the greatness of the salvation He came to announce to the world. Tonight the following striking question will be discussed, "Is this World the Nursery of the Universe?"

RUG EXPERT HERE.

K. A. Haddad, the oriental rug expert, is in Boise again at the Standard Furniture company's store with a handsome display of rugs. When Mr. Haddad was here a year ago, he believed it would be his last trip to Boise in many years, owing to the scarcity of oriental rugs, but through strenuous efforts he secured a large assortment and again is explaining their merits and beauty to the customers of his trade. Just what another year will bring forth in the oriental rugs, Mr. Haddad will not prophesy, but he declares he is glad to be back in Boise and meeting some of his old friends.

RAILROAD FOR PREPAREDNESS.

The Oregon Short Line railroad is for preparedness. A telegram received by C. E. Chrisman, freight agent for the Oregon Short Line, contains the interesting attendance of 100 employees of that road at the citizen's training camp at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Aug. 4 to Sept. 2. Those attending will receive full pay from the company. G. H. Smith will be appointed chairman of the Short Line committee to select the men.

SNOWBOUND AT CASCADE.

C. A. Barton, manager of the Boise-Payette Lumber company, is snow-bound at Cascade in Long valley. He has been held there for a week on account of a blockade which stopped traffic on the Idaho Northern above Banks. Mr. Barton made a trip into the valley to investigate the progress made on logging roads and other improvements and while there the heavy snow came, causing slides which put the Idaho Northern out of commission. A rotary is to be sent up the line this week to open it.

CHURCH BLAZE SUNDAY.

A box of books which had been placed near a stove in the study of the Presbyterian church caught fire Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The department was called out and extinguished the blaze quickly and before much damage was done, except the burning of the books.

CHIMNEY CATCHES FIRE.

Trash which had accumulated in a chimney to a fireplace at the residence at 801 East Jefferson street, caught fire Sunday at 1:30 o'clock and the fire department was called to the scene. The damage done was slight.

NEW FLAG FOR COURT HOUSE.

A new flag now floats over the county court house. Gus Carlson, chairman of the county commissioners, seeing that the flag which has been floating

PROBATE JUDGE WELL.

Judge R. H. Dunlap was back in his chair in probate court today after an illness of several days.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Ernest Morin Jr. and Miss Effie Eather Fry secured a marriage license this morning at the county clerk's office.

COMMERCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON.

"How Best to take care of Boise's Associated Charity Work," is the subject to be discussed Tuesday at a Boise Commercial club luncheon. The fact that Captain Barnes may be removed from Boise has brought this question before the business men. John M. Regan will preside at the luncheon. The speakers are John F. Nugent, president of the Associated Charities; Mayor S. H. Hays and Lieutenant Colonel Scott, provincial officer of the Salvation Army.

MISSOURI WINTER BAD.

Mrs. P. N. Engstrom has returned from Missouri, where she has visited for some eight months. She reports that the summer weather there is too hot and humid and that the winters are cold and damp. To sum it up she states, "Missouri has no climate, just weather," and she is glad to get back into Idaho. She stopped enroute at Salt Lake and was accompanied from there by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry Engstrom, who will visit here several months.

PERSONAL

W. H. Baugh of Shoshone spent Sunday in the city.

Colonel M. W. Wood left Sunday night for Lewiston.

Dr. W. R. Hamilton of Weiser was a Boise visitor Sunday.

M. H. Joyce of Ontario is transacting business in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Nampa spent Sunday in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Rollin Smith are Boise visitors from Weiser.

W. L. Gorton of Richfield is spending a day or two in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cole are here for a few days from Brogan, Oregon.

Paul S. Haddock is in the city from Shoshone spending a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fenwick are guests in the city from Jordan Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Prindle of Jerome are visiting in the city for a few days.

M. G. Grebe came over from the Elmore county metropolis to spend a few days.

Floyd E. Cox and E. W. Brown are down from Montour, guests at the Grand.

L. N. Bardull is here from Burley to spend a few days. He is at the Idanha.

B. Smith is a Boise visitor from Cascade and will spend several days in the city.

Fred Cozen, who is away on a business trip, expects to be home in about two weeks.

James Lycoot and family are at the Owyhee. They came in Sunday from Mountain Home.

S. Wingate of South Boise has returned from Long Beach, where he spent the winter.

Mrs. Earl Pickers, who has been visiting relatives in Boise, left Sunday for her home at Lake Charles, La.

J. A. Martin and U. H. Clemens are looking after business affairs in the city. They came in Sunday from Kuna.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klinge have returned to Newport. They came to Boise to attend the funeral of Charles Leyerzaph.

W. H. Minely has gone to Portland to join his wife and daughter for a few days. Miss Minely was taken to Portland for an operation.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—A cameo brooch. Return to Capital News. Reward. M27

WANTED—To rent. In suburbs, 1/2 to 5-acre tract, with small house. Address 2019 N. 16th. M26c

OAK case, upright piano and bench; rare bargain at \$135—1711 Idaho street. A1c

Three-quarter-ton Studebaker truck, self-starter, electric lights, etc.; late model. Cost \$1200, will sell for \$650. Hub Realty Co., Cor. of 10th and Idaho Sts. Phone 50. M28

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GAS RANGE. Cost \$40.00, sell for \$15. Never used. Call 2680. A25

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FOR SALE—Horse and delivery wagon at 1301 N. 20th. Phone 716. A1

FOR RENT—Furnished apartments for housekeeping; 628 Fort St. T L tf

WANTED—Good single work horse, mare preferred; 409 S. 2nd St. M26c

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