

# Camas Prairie Chronicle.

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## Water System Is Assured

Everybody Favors it and Town Board Now Has Opportunity to Put in Municipal Plant or Interest Private Capital.

The meeting held Monday evening for the purpose of considering the securing of a water system for this place was well attended by the progressive business men of the city and after considering the matter at some length it was decided to pass a resolution requesting the board of village trustees to secure a water system for the village at the earliest possible moment. This was done and the matter now rests with the town board.

At the meeting there was not a single expression against the installation of a water system, the only question being whether it should be municipally or privately owned and whether it should be a pump or gravity system. All present were in favor of the system being a municipal one and owing to the heavy cost of installing a gravity system most of those present were in favor of a pump system as it is thought the town can bond for enough money to put in that system. All agree that the gravity system would be cheaper in the long run but few feel like seeing the town go too heavily into debt to install a system of that kind.

However, the matter now rests with the town board and the sooner they decide on a system and commence the work of installing it the better the citizens will be suited. All feel the urgent need of fire protection and do not care so much which style is provided so that it is provided early. It is possible a vote to pass bonds may be taken before fall.

### Mistakes Don't Go.

The postoffice department has lately promulgated a new rule applicable to the opening of letters by mistake. Heretofore anyone who took a letter out of the postoffice, not belonging to them, and opened it, had only to write across the end of the letter "opened by mistake" and return it to the postmaster. But from now on this don't go. The postoffice department has ruled that mail must be looked over before taken from the postoffice, and that any letter placed in your box by mistake must be returned before leaving the office under a penalty of \$200 for failure to do so. It will be well for everyone to scrutinize all mail carefully. A mistake that will cost you \$200 is pretty expensive, and one that few people can afford to make.—Rathdrum Tribune.

George Stuber expects to leave for Kooakia just as soon as the weather turns a little cooler with 200 head of fat hogs which he will ship from that place to Alaska.

W. L. Brown was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

Charles Staal has been appointed night watch by the village board.

All goods purchased at Goldstone's will be delivered free to any place in the city.

Bert Deering was in town Wednesday from Grangeville supplying our liquor houses with soda water.

Lee Rhoades recently purchased three lots from W. W. Blackburn just south of the Harris residence for \$300.

Mr. Eagan, who has secured the contract for the railroad grade through this place, is establishing a camp west of town and will begin work in a few days with about twenty men.

Mr. Breier, a German farmer from Missouri, was in town this week looking over some of the land in this vicinity. He left again for the east but expects to return later and locate here with his family.

Fred and Frank Simon purchased the Joseph Kohler farm south of town Wednesday with all the stock and farm machinery belonging to it for \$4200. The farm contains 320 acres of land, about 100 acres being under cultivation and the balance being pasture land. The deal was made through the Camas Prairie Land Co. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler expect to leave soon for San Francisco where they own property and formerly resided.

### Notice.

Having sold my saloon all persons owing me on account are hereby notified to call and settle same at my brewery at once.

JOSEPH SCHOBBER.

### Political Announcement.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Assessor of Idaho county subject to the decision of the republican county convention.

EDMUND DUNN,  
Greencreek, Idaho.

H. N. Robenson was drowned in Salmon river Tuesday morning near Pittsburg Landing while trying to swim the river to get a boat on the opposite side. Robenson was 42 years old and formerly lived at Caldwell. He was an excellent swimmer but is supposed to have been seized with cramps. The stream was dragged but his body was not recovered.

A robber entered the Idaho Store Co.'s store at Kamiah early Tuesday morning and after securing \$15 in money from the tills and taking a revolver and some knives from the show case then attempted to blow open the store safe. He had drilled three holes into the safe when his presence in the store was discovered by the proprietors and a pistol shot scared him away. His tools and explosives were found on the floor by the safe. It is not known who did the work but several suspicious characters are being watched.

## News Around The State

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Rehashed from our Exchanges.

Dan Ryan dropped dead in the street at Troy Saturday from the effects of a protracted spree.

Mrs. C. L. Carter, of Pocatello, gave birth Monday to her seventeenth child. The lady is 50 years old.

The Alexander & Freidenrich firm at Grangeville has decided to erect a 2-story brick building to cost \$12,000.

Gasoline in a wash boiler exploded at Lewiston last Friday and burned a house and its contents at a loss of several hundred dollars.

James Groves, an old timer living near Placerville, committed suicide Sunday night by shooting himself. Despondency and drink caused the act.

Moscow citizens have petitioned the board of county commissioners to let voters of that county vote this fall on issuing \$90,000 bonds to build a new court house.

The trial of Mike Sweeney and Andrew Prader for the killing of "Dog Joe" Mitchell at Orogrande recently was concluded at Grangeville Saturday. Self defense was clearly proven and both men were turned loose.

The elk in the Bitter Root mountains east of the Clearwater are reported to be dying from mange which appears to be much more serious to them than to cattle and horses. If the contagion spreads it may desimate the herds.

George Durand, a young man 21 years of age, was drowned Sunday afternoon while bathing in the Sweetwater Irrigation company's reservoir near Lewiston with several companions. The drowning was due to cramps.

C. M. Levey, vice president of the Northern Pacific, appeared before the city council at Lewiston Monday evening to secure right of way concessions for his road and while there stated that after the Riparia-Lewiston joint line and the Riparia-Pasco lines were built all the freight from Marshal Junction down through the Palouse country and over the Clearwater and Grangeville branches would pass through that town and down the river and that his company would put in large side tracks at Lewiston instead of at North Lapwai as previously intended. If the above statement is correct it will make Lewiston an important railroad center and do much to build up the town. Mr. Levey was accompanied by Henry Blakely, assistant general freight agent, and T. H. Crosswell, division engineer. They left over the Clearwater line for Grangeville to drive back across the prairie and view the new line and the work being done on it.

## Sunday School Picnic.

Last Sunday morning at 7 o'clock the children of the Baptist Sunday School at Cottonwood met at the J. F. Howell residence on King street where two four horse teams were awaiting them to carry them to Craig's mountain. The heavy freight racks were fitted with a long seat on each side, arranged so that the occupants would sit facing their neighbors on the opposite side of the wagon, with a goodly supply of new timothy hay as cushion for the feet. Besides the two four horse wagons, several buggies and carriages joined in to swell the procession. The route chosen was by way of Keuterville and at about 10:30 o'clock a beautiful shady grove of fir and pines near a cool mountain spring directly west of the main summit of Cottonwood Butte, which is the culminating point of Craig's mountain, was reached and the picturesque mountain with its inviting grassy slopes stood guard over the happy assembly, while they enjoyed the balmy mountain air, the cooling shade and the beauties of nature in her most lovely attire.

At 11 o'clock the party was called together by the Sunday School Supt., J. F. Howell, and after singing a couple familiar hymns and prayer by Rev. Henderson a general discussion of the lesson (The Lord's Prayer) was conducted by Geo. M. Robertson. The Sunday School lesson being over, Rev. Henderson favored the people with an enjoyable sermon and wound up with the benediction just in the nick of time when everybody's appetite was sharper than a two edged sword, and it is needless to say that as soon as the last "Amen" was said the good wives ordered the very obedient husbands to collect the grub boxes on a green, shady sward and a luncheon fit for a king was served with fragments enough taken up to feed half of Cottonwood.

At about half past two o'clock P. M., the most stalwart members of the party made a start for the summit of the butte that strikingly resembled Greeley's Arctic Expedition. Through a powerful telescope from the mountain peak the surrounding country on every side developed into a panorama of exquisite and enchanting beauty. Towards the southwest lying low on the horizon, the Blue Mountains of Oregon loomed up gloomily while directly south the Seven Devils reared their craggy heads. To the northwest Mason's prairie lay flat and broad and the many cottages and capacious barns betokened the fact that Craig's mountain could afford comfort, happiness and munificence. Near the eastern boundary of Mason's prairie, Westlake nestled against the woodland back ground and men and women could be seen parading the streets in their Sunday frocks. As the telescope swept the Nez Perce prairie due north of us the hamlets were very interesting and the railroad camps, with their white canvas tents, were very like the stories our fathers have told us of the Bedouin Arabs when we were children. To the east Camas Prairie, in all her pristine glory, lay spread before us with Cottonwood nestling at our very feet, but the beauty and splendor of those broad fields, beautiful mansions, glistening church spires, prosperous towns with their thrifty people, where but a few years ago the fleet footed deer gambled at will and the majestic elk roamed undisturbed, where the human voice was never heard save when a wandering band of moccasined red men crossed over from the Clearwater river to the Salmon river and back again, can only be recorded by the pen of a poet.

By six o'clock the mountain climbers were all on the picnic ground and in less than half an hour the merry party was journeying homeward, arriving at Cottonwood just as the shadows of evening were gathering darkly over the town. (Contributed.)

If you are looking for fresh candy you will find it at VanDorn's drug store. We carry Up-to-now candies—the best made.

Just arrived from Lewiston. Permanently located here. Sign writer, paper hanger, house painter and carriage painter. Guarantee satisfaction or no money. J. DAYL.

## Ferdinand Findings

New Townsite Soon to be on the Market—Takes a Saucy Rap at Keuterville Over Ball Game—Hotel Changes Hands.

Anton Nau will soon be in his new store.

The farmers are busy haying, and will soon begin to harvest.

Our new hotel changed hands and will soon be completed.

Joe Gerding left Stites Sunday for Seattle, going with Mr. Armbruster's stock.

The new townsite of Ferdinand is now completed, and the lots are on the market.

S. P. Judson left Sunday for Tacoma where he will spend a few days with his parents.

Wendell Phillips returned Monday from Stites where he has been assisting in the hog drive.

In reply to what was intended for a brilliant piece of sarcasm, read in the Cottonwood Chronicle, regarding the second ball team of Ferdinand, we wish to make a few remarks. Twice the Western Star boys have played with Ferdinand, both times being fairly wiped off the face of the earth. There is no glory in such easy victories. Therefore we sent our second team to Keuterville last Sunday, thinking to give the Western Star boys a change, and we are willing to bet our last dollar that had the game been played, our "baby boys" would have proved that young as they are, they are of the stuff players are made of. Come over Keuterville, if you are not afraid, and practice with our baby boys to give you pointers and maybe after awhile you will get so you can hit a ball, perhaps catch one, though that is almost too much to hope for. It is alright to sneer at us, but give our baby boys a chance and if they don't make good—well the drinks are on us. So come over Keuterville, but don't bring any of the Cottonwood boys with you, we mean just the Western Star boys, we are ready to bet \$50 (fifty dollars) that the so-called baby boys can wipe up the ground with you, but say! you don't need to bring any cookies with you, we're not cheap like some people; when a crowd comes to Ferdinand we see that they get fed, even though they get in at 3 p. m. Of course we know how you feel about coming over here, just ashamed to be seen after the lickings you've taken, but just let us have one more "go" at you and we'll be satisfied. (The CHRONICLE does not believe in abetting strife between rival towns so will not give space to any further utterance of the above nature from either side. We are always glad to receive news items but do not consider such bickerings as news and will not publish more of them. If you have news, though, send it in and it will always find space.—Ed.)