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## PUT IN PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM

**Benedictine Monastery West of Town is Piping Fine Spring Water From Cottonwood Butte for Domestic Purposes.**

Charles Norlin, the Lewiston contractor, is now busily at work putting in the water system at St. Michael's Monastery west of this city. The ditch for the pipe was dug last summer by Mr. Norlin's men after the extension to the town water system was completed. The pipe for the monastery system reached here last week from the east and the work of laying it commenced early this week. It will take another week to complete the laying of the pipe and owing to the condition of the soil the pipe line will not be covered until next spring.

The new system for the monastery will be 9,975 feet in length and will have a drop of between 750 and 800 feet, providing an enormous pressure. The water is being taken from the large spring on the former Fred Rustemeyer claim near the top of Cottonwood Butte, which is known far and wide as one of the purest and finest springs of water in this part of the state. Four inch pipe will be used for a distance from the spring and will then be reduced to 2½ inches. The water will be used at the monastery for domestic purposes, and when the plant is completed it will be one of the finest private systems in the state.

## Passenger Stuck In The Mud.

The local passenger train left the track and got stuck in the mud over in the "dobe" belt about two miles this side of Grangeville Tuesday morning and did not get out and make the trip down the line until yesterday afternoon, thus shutting us off from mail or passenger service for two days. The train has been bothered considerable of late on account of the soft condition of the track at several places on the other side of the prairie and a work train has been hauling gravel there for a week or so in an attempt to get the track into shape to stand traffic through the winter.

On Tuesday the engine and tender left the track at one of the soft places and mired down completely, the baggage car also leaving the rails. The work train and a freight crew were called into service to get the engine back onto the track and by hard work succeeded in doing so yesterday morning.

After getting straightened out again the train made the run to Lewiston yesterday afternoon and returned last night about midnight.

It is anticipated that further trouble will be encountered on the line through the "dobe" country unless the ground freezes soon.

H. J. and A. H. Nau were visitors in the city yesterday from Ferdinand.

Vincent Lorang is in the city today from Forest on his way to Spokane for a visit of a couple weeks.

Barney Westhoff was in from Greencreek Wednesday with a load of hogs and advanced his subscription another year.

The period of forty hours' devotion commenced yesterday morning at the local Catholic church and will last until tomorrow afternoon.

## Booze Venders Arrested.

As a result of the grand jury investigations in Nez Perce county recently and the indictments returned by that body eight warrants of arrest were issued at Lewiston late last week and the following persons were placed under arrest:

George Vollmer, clerk at the Kentucky, two indictments.

W. C. Cooper, proprietor of the Kentucky, three indictments.

Fred Caldwell, proprietor of the Annex, two indictments.

Thomas Kittsmiller, clerk at Alsopach & Cole's, two indictments.

P. LeFrancis, proprietor of the Seattle, two indictments.

L. L. Miller, proprietor of Miller's Grill, one indictment.

Henry Burke, clerk at the Seattle, four indictments.

John Morrison, clerk at Miller's Grill, six indictments.

The defendants were each held under \$500 bonds on each count, which were furnished, and the cases will come up for trial at the next term of the district court in that county.

## Got Plenty Of Game.

A Grangeville dispatch to the Lewiston Tribune has the following to say about Idaho county's nimrods:

The hunting season for big game ended November 30 and parties of hunters numbering from two to six men have been coming into town the past two days. Some of them brought home the limit, while others had a hard luck story to relate. Those who killed the limit said they never saw so many deer, and those who were unlucky said the deer were scarce and very wild. Among the successful hunters were Robert Walker, Allie Campbell and Joe Hazelbaker, who bagged two deer each. They hunted near Adams' camp. John Powell and James Bickford tried their luck on Black Tail ridge and killed two. J. I. Overman, Fen Batty, Fred Corliss, Charles Lee and Fred Shaw hunted near the Corliss ranch in the John's creek country and bagged six. E. L. Sparks and John Howard, of Thorp, secured three deer on Mill Creek. Sam Wright, C. B. Knorr, Ben Knorr, Harry Dobner and William Gotzinger climbed the breaks of the Little Salmon river and got one deer. C. A. Johnson, Richard Hannan, Will Hannan, Will Stillwell and Will Smith hunted in the John's creek country. S. M. Crawford and Louis Tripplett, of Ilo, brought in two deer last night. They hunted near Huckleberry Springs, on the Florence road. Gus Ulrich and J. H. Barnes, of Lewiston, took their annual hunt on Meadow creek, across the Clearwater, and got two fine deer. John Callan and Mr. Ramsdale hunted in the Big Cove country. Mr. Callan saw one deer real close, but forgot to shoot at it. He missed two that he shot at, and Mr. Ramsdale had the same luck.

## Why Not?

It has been locally suggested that, in view of the soft condition of the railroad grade across the prairie, the train schedule be changed so that the trains would operate only between Lewiston and Cottonwood, and that a handcar or some other light vehicle be used to transport passengers from the county seat to this point to connect with the train.

L. A. Reed came in the first of the week from Canada where he has been for some time.

## IDAHO FRUIT WINS PRIZES

**Five Apples From Washington County Carry off First Prize at Chicago Apple Show--Were of the Delicious Variety.**

A special to 'The American' from Chicago dated November 24 says: Five apples that are almost worth their weight in gold form the proudest part of the Washington county exhibit of Idaho products which are attracting wide attention from Chicago visitors to the United States Land Irrigation exposition in the big Coliseum. These five apples took a \$50 prize for the finest single exhibit of Delicious apples raised this year in the entire country.

Eager crowds gather every day at the gaily decorated booth of the Washington county exhibit and listen to J. A. Carr, of Council, tell about the biggest single apple orchard in the world which is being planted in Council valley of Washington county.

"This orchard contains 4,000 acres, of which 750 acres were planted this year with one-year-old Delicious apple trees," declared Mr. Carr today. "Those trees will produce two to four boxes of the finest apples in the world when they are five years old and after they are a year older they will begin to be good for six boxes a year."

There are seventy-five varieties of apples on exhibition in the Washington county booth and they form an array, that draws the people from all parts of the big hall to the south end of the Coliseum where the booth is splendidly located.

R. E. Wilson, of Cambridge, represents the exhibits of alfalfa, grain and fruits which show the fertility of Cambridge valley's famous soil. Mr. Wilson is enthusiastic over the possibilities of his home county within the next few years and he expatiates daily upon the wonderful development of the beet sugar plantations in Cambridge valley of which he says 2,000 acres were planted with sugar beets during the last summer.

Lee Rhoades called in yesterday and advanced his two subscriptions another year.

The road election held here Monday resulted in the election of A. H. Haskin as overseer for this district, only six votes being cast. In the district south of town Wm. Hanley and S. L. Tripplett were nominated, the former winning out by a large majority.

Owing to the train being a couple hours late Monday evening the lecture given by George Gilbert Bancroft, under the auspices of the high school students, was not very well attended and the students went behind. All who attended the lecture were well pleased with it.

A man working with Reed's wood saw received quite a severe cut in the hand yesterday afternoon when the saw run off of its shaft while going at full speed. Two stitches were required to close the wound. The man was fortunate in getting off with as slight an injury as he did.

Dr. and Mrs. Shinnick received word from the east recently that their little daughter, Margaret, had taken two steps. The little child was stricken last summer with infantile paralysis and when she was sent east the parents had practically no hopes of her ever being able to walk, so the news is indeed welcome to them.

## May Not Get Here Before Spring.

B. Gustad, manager of the Grangeville electric light plant, was in town Monday and left a man here to work during the winter remodeling the local plant and extending the system in the city. Machinery is now being installed at the power plant on the Clearwater and work there is being rushed as rapidly as possible but it will probably be early spring before the company will be in shape to take over the local plant and provide both power and light for this place.

## Idaho's Population.

According to information given out by the census bureau Idaho has a population of 325,594 people, a gain of 101.3 per cent over the census of 1900.

The population of the counties follows: Ada, 29,088; Bannock, 19,242; Bear Lake, 7,728; Bingham, 23,306; Blaine, 8,387; Boise, 5,250; Bonner, 13,588; Canyon, 25,323; Cassia, 7,197; Custer, 3,001; Elmore, 4,785; Fremont, 24,606; Idaho, 12,384; Kootenai, 22,747; Latah, 18,818; Lemhi, 4,786; Lincoln, 12,676; Nez Perce, 22,860; Oneida, 15,170; Owyhee, 4,044; Shoshone, 13,963; Twin Falls, 13,543; Washington, 11,101.

## Gem State Leads Them All.

Idaho beats all the American states in the mildness of her climate and the fertility of her soil. In wheat, potatoes and hay, she leads everything, and for oats she has only one state in the lead of her—the state of Washington—according to the government year book.

In the average yield in wheat per acre in bushels, Idaho comes first with 27.2 and the state of Washington second with 23.2 and Oregon third with 20.2.

In the average yield of oats the state of Washington comes first with 49 bushels to the acre, Idaho second with 44.5 and Illinois third with 36.6.

In the average yield in potatoes Idaho is way in the lead with 200 bushels, Washington second with 170 and Minnesota third with 115 per acre.

In the average yield for hay Idaho comes first with 2.85 tons per acre, Washington second with 2.1 and Oregon third with 2.05.

Thus does Idaho maintain the standard of excellence in grain, hay and potatoes. The soil of Idaho is without a peer anywhere.—Ex.

## Farmer Finds Gold Near Town.

Frank Galles was in town Wednesday with a sample of rock taken from a well on his place about three miles southeast of town. The rock was of a very hard black formation and contained small particles of gold that could be seen with the naked eye and when put under a magnifying glass showed quite a sprinkling of color. It was estimated that the rock might carry values of from \$75 to \$100 to the ton but owing to the character of the rock it would have to be treated by a cyanide process in order to extract the gold. Mr. Galles intends investigating the find further and may develop quite a mine on his farm.

Leslie Reed rigged up a gasoline saw the first of the week and is busily engaged in sawing wood around town.

E. L. Parker and Geo. M. Robertson returned from Nezperce late Wednesday night, riding in part of the way on a work train, the passenger being out of commission at the time.

## NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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

The Mason Valley mine in Idaho has 1,000,000 tons of copper ore in sight which smelter men estimate to be worth \$3,500,000.

Prominent fruit growers of Kendrick are trying to start a cannery there to handle the fruit and vegetable crop of that section.

A six-foot vein of silver-lead ore has been struck at the Lawrence mine in the vicinity of Clarkes Fork, near Sandpoint, Idaho, that runs from \$90 to \$100 per ton.

The various state offices to be filled by appointment of the governor aggregate over \$100,000 in salaries besides \$80,000 in traveling and office expenses for each term of two years.

An operation was performed Saturday near Grangeville on the 7-year old daughter of George A. Cowgill and a seven pound abdominal tumor was removed. The child is recovering nicely.

At the Middle Mountain mine across Clark's Fork from Sandpoint, Idaho, Archie O'Donnell, an old miner of that district has rediscovered an eight-foot vein of copper in an old tunnel 300 feet long.

Approximately 50 million feet of logs have been floated down the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river since the forest fires of last August. The timber is all first class and a large percentage of it is white pine.

An unknown Japanese was struck by the passenger train on a bridge above Kendrick Saturday afternoon which knocked him into the creek bottom below. He was rather badly bruised up and was taken to the hospital at Lewiston for repairs.

The new timber flume of the Orofino Timber and Lumber company has just been put into operation and its carrying capacity is about four hundred cords of four foot wood per day. The flume is 2½ miles long with an 1800 foot drop.

The spoils of the hunt, four monstrous elk, shot close to the boundary line of the Yellowstone national park, near Roe's pass, in Fremont county, in the country where B. E. Corbin is supposed to be lost, were killed by Mayor J. T. Pence, Mr. Butler and his son, of Boise last week.

George C. Clark, convicted of the crime of arson, was sentenced to from 2 to 5 years in the pen; Harry Love, who pleaded guilty to cattle stealing, was given from 1 to 14 years, and Billie Yellow Wolf, who admitted stealing horses, was given a like sentence by Judge Steele at Lewiston late last week.

Mike Kliver, a pioneer resident of the Deary section, committed suicide Saturday night by shooting himself three times. He had been in poor health for some time and left a note saying his death was due to suicide and not foul play. He was about 55 years of age and was worth about \$50,000. He left a wife and several children.

It is estimated that fully fifty million feet of timber bought from the forestry department as burned timber will be floated out of the Coeur d'Alene north fork country this winter to the mills

about the lake. From Harrison, the St. Joe river is full of timber for fifty miles and in one jam it is estimated that there is one million feet.

The state supreme court handed down a decision at Boise late last week in which it held that the local option election in Nez Perce county could not be overthrown because of the fact that both the stubs and ballots used in the election were numbered and the voters numbered as they voted. The court held the ballots were void but that the election was legal.

E. M. Heigho, president of the "Pin" railroad, was tried last week at Caldwell on a charge of manslaughter and was acquitted. Last August Heigho had a quarrel with J. W. Barton at Weiser and during the quarrel Mrs. Reigelman, mother-in-law of Barton, appeared on the scene and was so frightened that she fainted and died later from the shock. The jury was out nearly fourteen hours before a verdict was reached.

Governor Brady late last week removed from office state bank examiner William G. Cruse and placed in charge deputy S. H. Gerry. Cruse was removed because of the fact that he was found to have personal notes to the amount of about \$4,000 in the State Bank of Hailey which went defunct several months ago. This fact became public knowledge during the campaign prior to election and many hold that his removal at this late date was more to keep the incoming governor from causing his removal than for other reasons.

Former Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, has decided to make a gift to the state of Idaho in the shape of the wonderful painting of the great Shoshone falls, which hung for a number of years in the rotunda of the Auditorium hotel in Chicago, and which gave thousands of travelers their first idea of this great state. The picture was painted about twenty years ago by a pupil of Bierstadt, the great landscape painter, and is an exceptionally fine piece of work. It will be hung in a conspicuous place in the capitol.

What may result in a renewal of the famous tailings cases on the Coeur d'Alene river was started at Coeur d'Alene when Dr. Richardson, veterinary surgeon for the Blackwell Lumber company, declared that the horses sick in the livery stable in that city were poisoned from eating slough grass cut from the land on the Coeur d'Alene river which had been overflowed and covered by tailings from the mines in the Coeur d'Alenes. He said the water contains lead and arsenic in solution in sufficient quantities to cause death to animals that eat the grass grown on the overflowed lands.

Hope is having another boom. This time it is gas, and perhaps oil. Last spring a number of Sandpoint citizens became interested in the proposition, at the time of the discovery by J. F. McBride, a real estate man.

Since then little has been heard of the matter, but in the meantime options have been secured on several pieces of property and others have been bought outright. Experts have passed favorably on the matter. Now it is stated on good authority that the work of drilling for the gas will be commenced within the next 30 days. The shaft will be sunk on the old Lawrence place, about five miles from Hope. The tract of land comprises 200 acres and is owned by C. A. Peterson and F. F. Wright.