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## BACK FROM THE GRAVE

### Salmon River Rancher Makes Almost Miraculous Recovery After Lying Unconscious for Fifteen Days.

Today John Vernon Smith will leave St. Joseph's hospital for his ranch on Salmon river, west from Cottonwood, a comparatively well man. On the night of May 3 the same John Vernon Smith was carried from the launch Prospector, placed in an ambulance and hurried to St. Joseph's hospital, his life being despaired of at every moment and for some time after he entered the institution.

It was on April 22 that Smith suffered an injury to the brain by being thrown when a horse he was riding somersaulted twice over. This happened near the village of Joseph, Smith having ridden there from his ranch. The place was entirely without proper medical service and for 12 days after an injury which in a great majority of cases proves fatal, he lay in an unconscious state, all the while word being sent to Whitebird and other places within communication by telephone for advice which, when not forthcoming, caused his friends to take him to the river for the trip to Lewiston.

It was three days after his arrival at the hospital that Smith first showed signs of returning consciousness. The physicians in attendance made an examination and it was thought the upper portion of his skull would have to be removed to reach the seat of the trouble, blood clots and water having formed on the brain. This, however, proved unnecessary and an operation was made on the right side of the skull at a point where the brain matter is located. This proved highly successful. The only disability suffered by Smith is the temporary paralysis of his left leg and left arm. Up to several days ago he found it almost impossible to use either member, but yesterday with the aid of a cane Smith walked with comparative ease. His arm's use is returning, it now being possible to sustain the weight of a book of ordinary size.

To the sisters of the hospital and to the attending physicians Smith feels very grateful and to their care and knowledge he attributes his recovery.—Thursday's Tribune.

## Celebrate Away From Home

Cottonwood will be practically deserted on the Fourth this year, most of our people going either to Winchester or Grangeville to celebrate, the others either staying at home or driving out onto the mountain for small picnic parties. Grangeville is offering a big three-day celebration this year with all the usual attractions for such an occasion and some that are not so usual. A base ball tournament will be pulled off with a game between fast teams each day, Nezperce and Kamiah contesting the first day, Grangeville and Ilo-Vollmer the second day and the winners of the first contests battling for the championship on the last day. This celebration will start on Monday morning and wind up in a blaze of glory Wednesday evening.

Winchester is offering a big one-day program on the 5th and many will take advantage of this opportunity to spend a day over by the big mill and lazy around

in the shade. A nice program of water and other sports will be provided, including the indispensable ball game and wild west stunts.

Kamiah is also celebrating this year and there is no lack of places to go if one desires to get away from home for a day or two and throw dull care to the winds.

## Will Erect Concrete Building

H. H. Nuxoll let a contract this week for the hauling of sand and crushing rock for a concrete building which he intends erecting this summer on his corner lot opposite the Chronicle office and will have work started as soon as possible, as he hopes to have it completed by the first of September. The building will be 34 feet deep and will extend about 42 feet along King street. It will have a ten foot ceiling and a full basement and will be divided into two rooms, for both of which Mr. Nuxoll states he has renters in sight. Mr. Nuxoll reached his decision to build after leaving his corner lot idle for several years, he finally deciding that it would be better to erect a building there and receive some returns from the property in rent than to have it lie idle indefinitely.

This will be the first concrete building to be erected in Cottonwood and it will probably pave the way for several others of its kind, especially if the cost is not prohibitive. As sand and rock is easy to be had it would seem that concrete should become one of the principal materials of construction here in time to come.

## New Hill Road Completed

The new road over Cottonwood hill between this place and Westlake was thrown open to the public the first of the week and is said to be a very good thoroughfare. Among the first conveyances to pass over the new road was an auto and it came through in fine shape. Cottonwood business men donated over \$200 to get the road changed at that point and the new road does away for all time with the former difficult piece of road over the old Cottonwood hill which had been used and worked from time immemorial and was always a bad road at its best. D. B. Denham, road overseer for the Westlake district, had the supervision of laying out and grading the new road and much credit is due him for the thorough manner in which he handled the work.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday at Grangeville to Werner Kalin and Miss Rose Crea.

H. J. Barth left Tuesday morning for Spokane with two cars of hogs and one of cattle.

H. H. Nuxoll is preparing to have a concrete walk laid in front of the German State Bank.

The Jack Pennecard sale held northeast of town Monday did not draw a very large crowd and the property sold went rather cheap.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Henderson near Vollmer. Mrs. Henderson was formerly Miss Ella Stratton and is well known here.

The Ferdinand ball team defeated the Vollmer team Sunday by a score of 6 to 5 and the Fenn team took the Joseph boys into camp the same day to the tune of 9 to 7.

Dr. Truitt writes us from Spokane that after three months of trouble with a very sore eye he is just about well again and will soon be home to take up his practice on the prairie.

## HARDWARE CO. BUYS BLOCK

### Local Firm Secures Valuable Main Street Property and will Occupy Same Early Next Year.

A deal of no small importance to our city was closed here Tuesday when the Cottonwood Hardware & Implement company purchased from Samuel Goldstone the latter's business block at the corner of Main and Broadway and the vacant lot at the corner of Broadway and First, just south of the first-named property. The consideration of the deal was not made public but is believed to have run well up to five figures. The Main street property consists of a two story building, the lower floor of which is occupied by Barth's jewelry store, the post office, Gaul's confectionery and the Turner drug store. It is one of the most desirable business locations in the city and well worth the price paid for it. After the first of the year it is the intention of the new owners to occupy the two west rooms of the building with their stock of hardware and they will perhaps later erect a warehouse on the lot in the rear.

In speaking of the deal Mr. McKinney stated they had been considering the purchase of the property for some time and now that the deal has been consummated their firm will become a permanent fixture in Cottonwood. He said they know of no better country than the central Idaho section and Camas prairie in particular, are well pleased with the people generally and hope to continue their past pleasant relations with the local public for many years to come.

## Auto Goes Over Embankment

An automobile accident which nearly proved fatal to the lives of four persons, happened near the ranch of Chas. Doumeq, Sunday. At a narrow point in the road, and in making a sharp turn the chauffeur, J. C. Rigby an insurance man of Spokane, lost control of his machine. For some reason the steering gear refused to work, the car ran over the embankment carrying the occupants with it. The machine dropped about fifteen feet, turned over and rolled into the river. It was fished out Monday by Wallace Hill and is now in his shop for repairs. Mr. Rigby and the three ladies accompanying him returned to Spokane. None of the party was seriously injured.—Whitebird correspondent to Free Press.

## Much Concrete Being Laid

Work commenced in earnest Monday on the laying of concrete sidewalk on the south side of Main street and we understand the Cottonwood Hardware company will have the walk continued in front of the corner property they purchased this week. Other property owners on that side of the street are also seriously considering the laying of this kind of walk in front of their places of business and it is possible the walk may be put in the full length of the block. Let the good work go on. It is money well spent and will add to the value of the property double the cost of the investment.

Dr. Orr was called to Denver Monday to attend Mrs. Carl Zehner who had cut her foot quite badly with an axe.

## Local Company Loses Cases

The Cottonwood Milling company lost out in both of its cases tried here last month before the state utilities commission, according to the following dispatch from Boise under date of June 25:

The public utilities commission today decided the case of the Grangeville Electric Light & Power company, growing out of its controversy with the Cottonwood Milling company. The commission dismisses the complaint that the service furnished is inadequate, irregular and inefficient, and as to the charge that the rates are excessive orders that a test of the electric plant be made by an engineer, to be agreed upon by the two concerns, to determine a minimum charge, the report to be filed within 30 days.

The commission has formally issued an order denying the application of the Cottonwood Milling company for an order compelling the Camas Prairie Railway company to install a spur to the milling company's plant. The commission held that the construction of such a spur would establish an unnecessary hazard.

## Odd Fellows Hold Convention

The district convention of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Idaho county, which was in session at Grangeville for several days late last week, closed its work Friday evening, the last order of exercises being a grand banquet, in which not only delegates to the district convention were present but also a large number of members of the orders not delegates. It was decided to hold the next semi-annual convention at Winona. The following officers were elected for the subordinate lodge district association: President, J. S. Adair, Winona; vice president, George E. Stanbury, Winona; secretary, T. M. Atwood, Winona; treasurer, George Vedder, Winona.

The following officers were chosen by the district association of Daughters of Rebekah, which will hold its next convention at Winona: President, Mrs. Riley Rice, Cottonwood; first vice president, Mrs. Geo. M. Robertson, Cottonwood; second vice president, Mrs. A. C. Lanningham, Grangeville; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Viola Rhett, Cottonwood.

## Westlake Blacksmith Hurt

Tom Davis, the Westlake blacksmith, met with quite a serious accident when returning home from this place Monday evening. Mr. Davis and son were driving home in a wagon and on starting down the Cottonwood hill on the Westlake side the boy started the team up rather suddenly and the wagon wheel struck a rock at the same moment, throwing the elder Davis from the high seat onto the ground on his head. His left arm was broken between the wrist and elbow, his face badly cut over the eye and his cheek bone injured. James McCorkle, who came along in his car a few minutes later, brought the injured man back to town and Dr. Turner set the broken arm and sewed up the lacerated face, several stitches being required to close the wound. The injured man was taken home the next day and will recover from his injuries in due time.

Fred C. Drube returned late last week from his trip to Montana and is better pleased than ever with that country. He intends moving up there after harvest.

## NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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

Several small burglaries of stores have occurred recently in Lewiston.

The Lewiston ball team defeated the Lapwai Indian team Sunday by a score of 6 to 1.

Dr. H. J. Coggins, of Ilo, has been appointed deputy state veterinarian for the central Idaho district.

The first harvest operations of the season were started south of Lewiston Monday in a 180-acre field of Marquis wheat belonging to E. E. Bever.

Lewiston is considering the feasibility of constructing a floating natatorium in the Clearwater river for the benefit of the men and boys of that city.

Three prisoners who escaped from the Asotin county jail last week were captured later at Lapwai and turned over to the sheriff of Asotin county.

A barn containing four horses was burned at Southwick last Friday and the fire spread to and destroyed the United Brethren church nearby. The total loss was about \$1500.

The community of Gifford lays claim to an infant prodigy in the shape of a little girl four years old who can speak four languages—Swedish, high German, low German and English.

C. G. Paffield was drowned recently in Salmon river near McCall and Deputy Sheriff Eller is now enroute to that place to investigate the drowning and head the search for the body.

Clarence Baer, the 12-year old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baer, was drowned in the mill pond near the old town of Winchester Tuesday afternoon while in swimming with other boys.

Judge Steele, of this district, is now taking his summer vacation and any important business arising in the district during his absence will be handled by Judge Dunn or Judge Flynn, of Coeur d'Alene.

I. M. Lowrey reports the loss by death of the imported Clydesdale mare, which sold in Scotland as a yearling for \$750. She was 7 years old and had been a very serviceable animal. Mr. Lowrey congratulates himself that he has left two splendid colts of which she is the dam.—Winchester Journal.

Peter Book erected a stone foundation this week for Peter Klappich's new residence.

Mrs. Giezantner returned Wednesday evening from her trip to the San Francisco exposition and reports having had a very nice time while away. Misses Wood and Watson, who accompanied her on the trip, went on to San Diego and will return later.

The new picture service recently contracted for by C. H. Ames went into effect this week and is being fully appreciated by the patrons of the Orpheum. The new service is one of the best on the market and is not often seen in towns the size of Cottonwood. Mr. Ames has also arranged to get special feature films in each week in future and will offer the public the best service that can be given here.

## Stock Market Report.

Following is a report of the stock market at Portland for the week ending June 24:

Receipts for the week have been—Cattle, 1067; Calves, 69; Hogs, 3686; Sheep, 3082.

Cattle market is steady to weak with fair receipts: Ten loads of Mexican steers brought \$7. One load of choice Hereford-Shorthorn steers sold at \$7.40. In general, quality stuff was conspicuous by its absence. Cows are quoted at \$5.75 to \$6.25.

With a good run of hogs the market opened at \$7.85 for top stuff, going down 10c toward end of week. Bulk of sales at \$7.75.

Buyers are still forcing mutton prices down. Receipts of sheep are light with good quality stuff. Choice lambs are quoted at \$7.15, ewes at \$4.75 and wethers at \$5.50.

We are able to offer you very attractive prices for developing and printing with results to suit the most exacting. Give us a trial. Turner Drug Store.

Peter Aschenbrenner and Joseph Frederick were in the city yesterday from Ferdinand. The former had just returned from a week's visit at Spokane and points in the Palouse country and reported having had an elegant time while away.

Henry Michalek completed a telephone line up to his place on the mountain northwest of town the first of the week and is now in close communication with his neighbors and the outside world. The line will serve several families in that neighborhood.

Last Saturday night a goodly crowd of jolly young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Whitson north of town and spent the evening in dancing until the small hours of the morning, and all departing realized they had had a most enjoyable time. Much credit was given the musicians who stayed at their post like the veterans of old and dealt out music galore.—One who was there.

The weather report for the month of June, as recorded at St. Michael's Monastery west of town, shows the maximum temperature to have been 80 degrees on the 23rd and minimum 36 degrees on the 11th. The total precipitation for the month was 2.27 inches. The weather last month was almost perfect for harvest conditions and if it continues for the next two or three weeks will insure the harvesting of one of the largest crops ever produced on Camas prairie.

## Bank Report

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Report of the Condition of The German State Bank at Cottonwood, in the State of Idaho, at the close of business June 23, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Cash on hand.....	\$ 7,476.99
Due from banks.....	19,653.07
Surplus.....	50.45
Loans and discounts.....	110,247.45
Overdrafts.....	27.24
Stocks, Bonds, and Warrants.....	1,587.74
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	7,850.00
Total.....	\$146,872.94

LIABILITIES	
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$59,850.00
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	56,313.15
Cashier's Checks.....	897.09

Total Deposits.....	\$117,060.24
Capital stock paid in.....	25,000.00
Surplus.....	3,700.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	1,112.70
Total.....	\$146,872.94

State of Idaho, County of Idaho, ss.  
I, M. M. BELKNAP, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. M. BELKNAP, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 1915.  
F. S. WIMMER,  
Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:  
John B. Forsmann,  
Herman H. Nuxoll,  
Directors.