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SOUTH IDAHO BUILDS ROADS

Southern Counties Secure Large Sums From State Highway Commission for Road Improvements.

In order to show how the counties in southern Idaho are taking advantage of the opportunity afforded them to secure aid from the state highway commission in the building of roads the following report of the commission may be of interest to our readers at this time:

The annual report of the Idaho state highway commission which has just been compiled by Secretary of State George R. Barker, its secretary, with the assistance of the state highway engineer's department, shows the financial condition of the commission and the work that has been done on the state highways over the state. The report is up to June 1, 1916. Auto licenses collected up to that date amount to \$124,283.07. The only bond issue shown was for \$200,000. The receipts from the various counties amount to \$345,891.47, while there was refunded on warrants \$700.21, making the total receipts \$670,874.74.

The expenditures of the commission total \$740,786.10. Of claims approved by the commission, there remain unpaid a total of \$76,603.43. The balance in the highway fund is \$6,692.08. The total expenditures for the highway department amounts to \$16,637.24; for the engineer's office, \$20,385.17; field equipment \$3,120.13; preliminary and locating surveys, \$35,137.77; construction expenses, \$694,399.57. The last claim does not include \$6,323 paid by the state to Twin Falls county, as one-third the cost of the Rock Creek bridge. It does include some construction estimates for work done on the state highways, payment for which was made directly to the contractors by the counties. It is estimated the expenditures for the department from June 1, 1916, to December 31, 1916, will amount to \$39,200.

By counties the following total expenditure is shown to have been made for roads, bridges, culverts, etc., on the state highway system:

Ada.....	\$ 20,083.20
Bannock.....	162,849.53
Bear Lake.....	22,461.19
Bingham.....	4,676.82
Blaine.....	41,521.57
Bonneville.....	819.41
Canyon.....	15,220.64
Fremont.....	30,325.73
Kootenai.....	3,764.12
Madison.....	17,984.88
Twin Falls.....	87,896.45
Washington.....	4,225.20

District Expenditures
Funds expended for the state highways in districts as listed follow:

Bliss district.....	\$ 4,855.78
Buhl district.....	19,872.26
Burley district.....	59,649.71
Good Roads District No. 1—	
Canyon county.....	3,532.70
Washington county..	1,340.47
Hagerman district.....	34,954.98
Highway district No. 1—	
Power county.....	46,306.88
Lewiston highway district—	
Nez Perce County ..	11,229.98
Nampa highway district—	
Canyon county.....	7,716.19
Richfield highway district—	
Lincoln county.....	12,583.34
Shoshone highway district—	
Lincoln county.....	9,667.05
Weiser valley district—	
Washington county..	8,074.83
Yates Center highway dist.—	
Elmore county.....	12,610.60

Shoshone Falls—
Convict camp..... 7,111.77
In the Lewiston highway district the report shows \$11,229.98 was spent from January 1 to June 1, of which amount the state's proportion was \$3,743.33 and the highway districts' \$7,486.65. The mileage of road now under contract is shown to be 8.1, the estimated cost of which is \$72,600. The total spent is divided as follows:

Grading.....	\$1,043.80
Bridges.....	812.82
Culverts.....	4,387.64
Engineering.....	4,985.72
Total.....	\$11,229.98

Contract Let For Flour Mill

The contract for the new flour mill building and elevator to be erected for the Cottonwood Milling & Elevator company was awarded this week to the Burrell Engineering company of Chicago, which has the contracts for erecting several elevators at different points on Camas and Nezperce prairies this summer for the various farmers union locals, and Manager John Meyer left last night for Walla Walla to pass upon the plans and enable the company to get into actual operation at the earliest possible date.

The contract calls for the completion of the mill building within thirty days and material is now being delivered on the site for the construction of the concrete foundation for the buildings. The elevator will be 85 feet in height, over all, and will be of 50,000 bushels capacity, while the mill will have a daily capacity of from 100 to 125 barrels of flour. The new machinery needed to bring the mill up to its increased capacity and make of it one of the best mills in the Inland Empire, has been ordered and will be received in time to install as soon as the building is ready to receive it.

The elevator will be constructed so that any bin can be emptied from the lower floor and will be strictly modern in every respect.

The buildings are to be constructed of first class material and when finished will be a credit to the town and community. Conditions around the mill will be as sanitary as it is possible for same to be made and nothing but the milling and elevator business will be carried on at that location, the hog yards and receiving and shipping stations being kept entirely separate from the mill property.

Delivery of lumber for the two buildings will commence as soon as Mr. Meyer returns from Walla Walla, all of the material going into the buildings having been secured from the local mills and lumber yards.

Dr. Moore passed through town Wednesday enroute by auto to Sandpoint where he intends locating.

The shipment of five cars of hogs and three of cattle from this place Tuesday represented a total valuation of nearly \$14,000 turned loose in this community in a single week. This is substantial evidence that the growing of livestock pays, and pays well.

Jay Rhoades and C. J. Hall were in the city Wednesday from the upper Salmon river country, having returned this far from a trip by auto to Lewiston. Mr. Rhoades has filed his nomination for the office of county commissioner from the third district on the democratic ticket and will make a strong race for the nomination in the primary election. He is well known throughout the river country and will prove a hard man to defeat.

STILL TALK BIG BOND

Half Million Deemed Insufficient to Solve Road Problems of This Big County—A Million Might Do It.

Quite a number of delegates from the various parts of the county attended the big good roads meeting at Grangeville Wednesday and, although the meeting was not as largely attended nor as enthusiastic as the one held at this place two weeks before, much good work was accomplished. Talks of a general character were in order until noon when the delegates were invited to luncheon at the Imperial hotel as guests of the Grangeville commercial club.

In the afternoon the districts that were prepared handed in to the secretary reports covering the roads needed, with the estimated cost thereof, in their districts and these were discussed at some length. The Clearwater river sections were best prepared in this respect and some seven highway districts in that part of the county combined their desires in a single application for road improvements covering a sum total of approximately \$193,000. This called for the construction of a belt road from the present state highway near Grangeville to Harpster, thence down the river past Stites and Koskia to Kamiah, and, in case Lewis county should not provide a connection with the state highway, the belt road to be continued up Lawyer's canyon to a connection with the state road at the nearest point. This belt road was estimated at 31 miles and to cost \$93,000. A further sum of \$100,000 was asked to build and improve lateral roads leading into the belt road from points east of the river and from the Winona and Fort Misery highway districts.

Other districts were not so well prepared to outline their requirements and in several cases these figures could not be definitely determined until the permanent location of the state highway across the county is established. This finally resulted in all propositions being withdrawn and the executive committee decided to hold another general meeting at a later date when the details of county road improvements could be presented in a more comprehensive form. In the meantime an effort will be made to secure definite information as to the exact location of the state road north from Whitebird, which will materially simplify the work of several districts in determining their estimates.

During the meeting many talks were made on good roads and bonding matters and it was generally conceded that a half million dollar bond would not be sufficient to take care of all the necessary road improvements in the various parts of the county.

Just how the question will be finally decided is hard to determine, though several solutions are offered, among them being the following: Bonding for sufficient to construct our part of the state highway and allowing the districts to take care of their own roads in any manner they see fit; bonding the county for a million dollars to build the state road and all other needed roads in the county; letting the state, with federal aid, build the state road and each county be required by the state to pay its just portion of the expense as determined by

its total tax valuation and population, without regard to the mileage of state road passing through the county.

Parker Files For State Office

Upon the urgent solicitation of a number of the leading democrats from Boise the nomination of Ernest L. Parker, of this place, was filed Monday for the office of lieutenant governor on the democratic ticket, the nomination papers being signed and forwarded to Boise by the editor of this paper. Mr. Parker was a candidate for this office two years ago and ran far ahead of his ticket but it was a republican year and Governor Alexander was the only democrat who weathered the storm.

Mr. Parker is well and favorably known all over the state, having been a member of the state legislature for several terms, and is well fitted for the office to which he aspires. That he will carry a heavy vote from the northern counties where he is best known goes without saying and his friends hope he will carry the state by a handsome majority next November.

Should Boost The Butte

E. M. Ehrhardt and family and two or three other auto loads of Lewiston people spent Sunday on the top of Cottonwood Butte enjoying the cool atmosphere and one of the finest scenic views in the entire country. From the top of the butte can be seen all of Camas and Nezperce prairies, the Bitter Root mountains east to the Montana line, the Seven Devils to the south, most of eastern Oregon to the west and well into the Palouse country to the north. Parts of three states can be seen from this elevation and even the far famed Columbia Highway does not produce anything finer in the way of scenic beauty. With a small expense a good road could be opened to the top of the butte and, with small publicity, this could be made an attractive side trip for tourists passing through this part of the state.

I. O. O. F. Picnic

The I. O. O. F.—Rebekah picnic will be held Sunday Aug. 6 just beyond Dr. Blake's residence on the Hussman mill road. Families are requested to bring along enough lunch for themselves.

Committee.

E. J. Nau, H. G. Sasse and sister, Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, of Lewiston, were visitors in the city yesterday for a few minutes from Ferdinand.

C. W. Thompson sold a new Willys-Knight car to Dr. Riggs and an Overland to Al. Chance, manager of the Madison Lumber company at Grangeville. The Riggs car was delivered Sunday, Mr. Thompson going to Spokane after it Thursday and returning to this place with the car Saturday evening.

J. E. Gentry delivered four head of yearling lambs to the local market this week that tipped the beam at 670 pounds and brought six cents a pound. Mr. Gentry says the lambs were wintered on alfalfa hay and had no other feed this spring than grain pasture. Had they been pushed at all they could have been made to weigh 200 pounds apiece. Mr. Gentry finds that a few head of sheep are a fine thing on the farm for they help materially in keeping down the foul weed growths and pick their living in a way that their feed is hardly noticed.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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

The progressive party in Nez Perce county held a convention in Lapwai Saturday and placed in nomination a complete county ticket for the coming election.

Hollis Reed, the young man who fell 42 feet from a hay derrick last week and struck on his back, is still lying in a comatose condition at the Lewiston hospital and his recovery is doubtful.

While out hunting last week near Orofino the 19-year old son of William Ingram, of Gilbert, had one heel almost shot away when the gun carried by his companion was accidentally discharged.

Karl Frank, the monument man, erected a large monument for Phelix Corbett, in the Indian cemetery this week. The stone was over nine feet high and was furnished by the children of the deceased.—Kamiah Progress.

The store building and residence of J. Malige at Lapwai was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The fire originated in the rear end of the store building which was one of the oldest buildings in the town and an early reservation land mark. The loss amounted to about \$2000.

Secretary-Treasurer F. C. Bowman of the Idaho Honey Producers' Association reports their total sales for 1915 as \$49,764.66. The average price received for extracted honey per hundred pounds was \$6.12. Their honey was all sold early and at an advanced price over the season of 1914.

The T. J. LaForest home near Orofino was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, the blaze resulting from a lighted candle being upset against a lace curtain. The family was in the orchard when the accident occurred and the house was a mass of flames before they could reach the building. The loss was \$2000, with \$650 insurance.

The W. J. Houser grain crop of about 16000 sacks, located about nine miles west of Clarkston, is being delivered to market at Lewiston by auto trucks at the rate of 30 tons per day. The contract for hauling the crop was given to the Lewiston Dray company and their two trucks are at work, one making four trips and hauling 8500 pounds and the other making five trips and hauling 5000 pounds.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Lowrey & Howerton lively stable and nine head of horses early Sunday morning at Ilo and came near burning several other buildings. The fire started in the middle of the barn shortly before 2 o'clock and the barn was in flames when the fire was discovered, the barn man losing most of his personal effects. Two horses in a shed adjoining the barn were saved. The loss is estimated at \$6,000, with \$1500 insurance on the building.

A petrified tree, thought to be the only one ever found in this part of Idaho, was found by T. B. Jones of the Potlatch Lumber company last week. Sheriff Campbell, who returned from the Bovill and Elk River country recently, brought back a specimen of the curio, says Moscow Star-Mirror. It has the appear-

ance of agate and is so hard that a hacksaw operated by machinery failed to make even a notch in it, although several attempts were made. Many beautiful colors are blended in a section taken from a portion of the tree where a huge knot had been. The curio is being used at the Star-Mirror office as a paper weight.

The Depth of the Silo

A silo should be not less than thirty feet deep, because the greater the depth the heavier the downward pressure, resulting in a more efficient expulsion of air from between the particles of cut corn or other forage. As the completeness with which the air is excluded determines the keeping quality of the silage, depth is necessary. Further than this, the greater the downward pressure the greater the amount of silage can be stored in a cubic foot of space. Equally important is the fact that silage capacity gained in depth rather than diameter makes it possible for a greater depth of top surface to be fed off daily. Silage exposed to the air for two or three days begins to mold and spoil, and for satisfactory results one and one-fourth to three inches, according to climatic conditions should be fed off the top each day.

The feeding surface in the silo should be about five square feet for every cow in the herd. Thus, for a herd of thirty cows 150 square feet of feeding surface or a silo fourteen feet in diameter will be necessary; for forty cows, 200 square feet, or a diameter of sixteen feet; and a herd of fifty cows, 250 square feet, or an inside diameter of eighteen feet. Many have made the mistake of building silos with too large a diameter and have experienced considerable loss by not feeding a sufficient amount from the top each day to prevent molding. Better results are gained from two small silos rather than one extremely large one, providing they are properly filled. The depth necessary for the silo can be readily obtained. For instance, if two inches are to be fed off each day, 180 days feeding would require 360 inches or thirty feet in depth.

WANTED—Job as engineer during harvest. Harry Blake, Cottonwood, Idaho.

LOST—Between Hussman's sawmill and Cottonwood, two log chains. Finder return to this office and receive reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Jones came out yesterday from their home across the river and will visit here with relatives for a week or so.

Hans Pedersen returned Wednesday from a trip into central Washington, as a result of his investigation there, will declare the deal off for the trade of his Keuterville property and will soon be back in charge of his store again. This will be welcome news to the people of that locality who look upon Hans as one of the fixtures in that part of the country.

Among those from this section who were fortunate in drawing numbers in the Colville reservation land drawing last week were Anthony Wessels, of Greencreek; Henry Michalek, Miss Mattie Blackburn, of Cottonwood; Geo. Hanson of Ferdinand; Ernest Nissen, Winona. Wessels and Michalek are the only ones to draw numbers under the thousand and mark and may possibly secure claims. It is reported that there are only 600 claims on the reservation and only about 200 of these are considered of much value.