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TO EXTEND STATE HIGHWAY

Southern Counties Plan to Connect With Oregon and Nevada and Tap Lincoln Highway to California.

State Highway Engineer Booth who reached the city yesterday from Boise, brings the information of a further important development in connection with the north and south state highway. The development applies to plans now receiving initial attention for connecting the highway with a link to run through Oregon and Winnemucca into Nevada and there connecting with the Lincoln highway affording a convenient route into California.

The movement organized at Caldwell. The north and south road reaches Caldwell after passing through Weiser. The people of the northwestern section of Owyhee county are joining with the Caldwell people for a thirty-mile road from Caldwell that will reach the Oregon line, here striking Malheur county. The people of the latter county are organizing to carry the road through that country to the Nevada line, when the Winnemucca people will promote the construction to connection with the Lincoln highway.

The plans have proceeded to such a point that in the early spring, Engineer Booth will, with Malheur county and Winnemucca people, make a trip over the route.

Mr. Booth will spend about a week in Lewiston and vicinity. While here he will meet the commissioners of the Lapwai and Clearwater highway districts and will also make an inspection of the progress of work on the Lewiston Hill state highway.—Monday's Tribune.

Break Convict Camp Friday

County Commissioner John D. Long was notified yesterday by Engineer Hazzard, in charge of the convict camp at White Bird, where they have been working this season on the North and South highway, that camp would be broken there Friday morning and the men would start at once on their trip to southern Idaho. Mr. Hazzard stated that the work on the road would be completed today and that the funds having been exhausted they would not be able to remain longer. The engineers made a decidedly inaccurate estimate on the cost of the construction of the road from White Bird to the ferry, afterwards revising the first estimate a time or two without arriving at a correct conclusion. As is now being left, there is really no connection with the new road from White Bird and it still requires a considerable sum of money to complete it in shape for heavy hauling, as it will be necessary to put a bridge across White Bird creek.—Globe.

W. B. Hussman, J. F. Jenny and August Schroeder were passengers for Grangeville Wednesday evening to attend the good roads meeting held at that place yesterday. Ed. Blake also went over to represent the Keuter-ville district.

This is the last week in which taxes for the present year can be paid and if you have not already taken care of your taxes it is high time to do so. Half of the taxes may be paid at this time and the remaining half before the first Monday in July.

Sign for New Lyceum Course

Miss B. Lawrence, business representative of the Redpath Lyceum bureau, was in the city yesterday and closed a contract last evening with the commercial club for a lyceum course for the winter of 1917-18. The numbers of the present course have proven so highly satisfactory that the club had little hesitancy in contracting for a course for next winter, and by so doing will bring to Cottonwood some of the finest musical and educational talent in the entire country, which many of our people would otherwise not have an opportunity of hearing.

The course contracted for yesterday consists of the following numbers: The Ada Roach company of six people in a light operetta, "The Heart of the Emigrant," the Means-Anderson trio, the Homeland male quartette, the St. Clair sisters and Rollo McBride, lecturer. These are some exceptionally fine numbers and are sure to please the local public. Season tickets will be placed on sale early in the summer.

Another Trusty Goes Wrong

One of the convicts from the road camp known in White Bird as "Happy," a name adopted by himself, for some reason unknown to the good people of White Bird, last week forged the name of one of the Salmon River State Bank's customers, which was detected when presented to the bank, the same being passed on a party in Grangeville.

The White Bird bank is a member of the American Bankers' Association, which has the services of the Burns Detective Agency to look after all depredations, against member banks. "Happy" will no doubt be returned to Boise for safe keeping.

Dr. Macneill of this place, accepted the check which was forged with the name of C. M. Cone and endorsed by "Happy," for professional services. But the forgery did not get further than the cashier's window.—Globe.

Wanted Back in the Pen

While Miss Freda Hesterman was on her way down town Sunday night from her home in the east part of town, a young man rushed up to her when she had reached main street, and snatching her purse, ran around the corner of the Imperial Hotel north, and disappeared from sight. The sheriff's office was notified and in a short time the offender was apprehended. He proved to be one of the men recently released from the convict camp at Whitebird, by the name of E. V. Hocum, and when questioned as to the offense, admitted that he had taken the purse and said he did it to get back into the penitentiary, as he had found it harder to get along outside than in. He is now in the county jail.—Grangeville Globe.

Mrs. John Aichlmayr is reported quite ill at her home in the north end of town.

E. E. Hale and Nick Bieren joined the list of Chronicle readers this week.

The Camas Prairie Railway company is preparing to erect a commodious section house here for the benefit of its men. The house will be built of tile and brick.

The electric power has been very poor again this week and part of the time the mills were unable to operate. It looks very much like a case of too much load for the plant.

GETTING BUSY AT BOISE

Timber for Appointive Offices Now Being Selected—A. F. Parker Lands Good Position as State Land Appraiser.

Boise, Dec. 23.—Governor Alexander announced today that the members-elect of the state board of prison commissioners had decided to name Frank E. Dekay of Blackfoot as warden of the state penitentiary to succeed Warden John Snook, who has presented his resignation to the board of prison commissioners effective January 1. Dekay is an ex-sheriff of Bingham county. He will spend the balance of the month becoming familiar with his new duties.

At a conference of the executive members-elect, Governor Alexander, Secretary of State Dougherty, Attorney General Walters and State Auditor Van Deusen, who constitute a majority of the new state land board, it was decided to name I. A. Smoot of St. Anthony state land commissioner; M. C. Stott of Boise register of the land department; A. F. Parker of Grangeville state land appraiser for northern Idaho; Mrs. Fred Floed and Mrs. S. T. Schreiber, clerks in the land department.

Sheriff Stroud, of Lemhi county, will probably be named deputy warden of the penitentiary.

Miss Ethel E. Redfield, state superintendent of public instruction, announces the appointment of Miss Carrie E. Plummer of assistant superintendent. Miss Plummer was some years ago assistant clerk of the supreme court.

It is also announced that Harvey Alfred, representative-elect from Bingham county, and Ernest Anderson, representative-elect from Canyon county, will enter the race for speaker of the house against C. S. Moody of Sandpoint.

Christmas Tree a Success

The community Christmas tree and entertainment given last Sunday evening at the K. of C. hall proved a complete success in every sense of the word. The big hall was filled to full capacity at an early hour and the moving picture program was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterward the special Christmas program was rendered and the recitations, music and songs met with rounds of applause, the selections of the male quartet meeting with especial approval. The tree was beautifully decorated and was aglow from top to bottom with colored electric lights and when old Santa appeared on the scene the little folks went wild with excitement and joy. Following the distribution of gifts from the tree, packages of candy, fruit and nuts were presented to each child as the crowd left the hall and many hearts were thereby made happy that otherwise might have thought Christmas nought but an empty name.

Mrs. Mills and Mary Byam came up from Kamiah late last week and are spending the week here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce.

Bills are now out announcing a big dance on the night of January 8th. Music will be furnished by the popular Reubens orchestra and a fine time is promised all who attend. As this will be the first dance since Thanksgiving it should be well attended.

Idaho Regiment at Boise

Boise, Dec. 23.—The Second Idaho regiment which returned to Boise today from Nogales where six months were spent in border duty was given a noisy, enthusiastic welcome by thousands of people. Tonight the regiment is comfortably quartered in the buildings at the Boise barracks. The first battalion arrived at 3:55 o'clock, the second a half hour later and the third in the evening. Officers and enlisted men look the picture of health. There is not a man on the hospital list. From the warm climate of the border they traveled across Idaho today in a mild December snow storm. The regiment will be held here for demobilization until after the convening of the legislature Jan. 9th.

Whistles screamed, bells rang and shouts from the multitude of people at the Oregon Short Line depot greeted the returning soldiers. As each battalion arrived it marched through a dense mass of people in the business section of the city, to the stirring music of the regimental band. Thunderous cheers greeted them. Officers and enlisted men declare they are as happy to be home as Idahoans are to see them. There has been no military demonstration like the one in Boise today for many years.

Program a Grand Success

The Christmas program given at the Stock Creek school Saturday night was a success in every sense of the word and was very well attended.

The teacher, Miss E. Booth, must be complimented on her untiring effort in the training of the pupils, the program having proved in every way the skill of the teacher and was appreciated by all. The decorations were also beautiful.

Mr. R. S. Curless pleased the audience very much with his humorous talks and songs, while the songs by Miss Caroline Terhaar were delightful.

The big tree loaded with presents were a source of joy to the many little folks, while Santa Claus came in for his share of amusement after scrambling down the chimney and filling the row of gaping stockings.

Barber Kills Fellow Employee

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—W. A. Shaner, a barber, was shot and killed at his chair in a large shop here today by W. A. McCall, another barber who had been discharged and who attributed his trouble to Shaner. McCall surrendered himself at the county jail.

The McCall above mentioned is without doubt the same man who was formerly employed at the Weigand barber shop in this city. He left for Portland about a year ago.

To The Public

We now have our flour and other mill products ready to offer to the public.

This is a home institution now if you wish to patronize home industry give us a chance to serve you. We guarantee all of our mill products not to contain any acids or bleaching compound and to give entire satisfaction.

FARMERS UNION WAREHOUSE CO. by G. S. Downer, Mgr.

The Kamiah high school basket ball team will play the local school team tonight at the Odd Fellows hall. The teams are very evenly matched and a hard, close game is expected.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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

The one million dollar smelter at the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine at Kellogg, is employing a force of between 250 and 300 men.

The U. S. Beet Seed, company at Idaho Falls has 2,000,000 pounds of beet seed taken from some 10 sections of beet growing land in the Snake River valley.

The W. A. Burghardt ranch of 240 acres near Mohler was sold last week to Harry Knutson, of Nezperce, for \$21,000. The place is a fine one and is well improved.

United States Senator Brady has announced his intention of trying to secure \$25,000 more for the Fort Hall irrigation project than is now contemplated by congress.

A couple of farms in the Genesee country changed hands last week at \$75 and \$85 an acre. Hardly as high as land here on the prairie, but then—its hardly as productive, either.

Rent money to the amount of \$150,000 has been paid into the office at Lapwai within the past few weeks for the rent of Indian lands. The payments have been very prompt and the rental price ranges from \$3 to \$7.50 per acre.

W. H. Puckett, a prominent attorney of Boise and formerly a member of the firm of Hawley, Puckett & Hawley, died there last week after an illness of two years' duration. He had been a resident of Idaho since 1891 and was considered an expert on mining law.

Steven Rossiter, a man sixty years of age, was seriously injured on the mountain south of Grangeville Saturday while hauling wood. In some manner he was thrown from the sled while descending the mountain and his back was injured and a runner struck the back of his head.

A party of Genesee hunters returned home last week from the Big Island country and brought in nine deer and four cougar hides. Two of the hunters remained in the woods for more cougar and one hide was also left at camp by the returning hunters. This is the most game ever brought into Genesee and the largest kill reported this season. The five hunters were absent less than three weeks.

A check for \$5,000 donated by Timothy Regan and another for \$1500 donated by Governor Alexander made up a deficiency due the officers and members of the Second Idaho regiment and gave them a real Christmas present at Boise Monday. The money due the regiment was for time before they were mustered into the army service and no provision had been made by the state to pay the bill.

The pardon applications of O. V. Allen, defaulting former state treasurer, and Fred Coleman, former deputy state treasurer, were both denied by the pardon board at Boise late last week.

The board voted unanimously against the Allen pardon and Attorney General Peterson was the only one who voted in favor of Coleman. Pardons were granted Jack Dillon, of Wallace; Lee Harvey, of Power county; Ross Benson, of Power county and Miami Ross, of Albion.

Coleman Now Be Paroled

Boise, Dec. 22.—The state board of pardons today reconsidered the application of Fred Coleman, former defaulting deputy state treasurer who confessed to the embezzlement of \$22,000 for which he is serving time in the state penitentiary, and will release him in February. This was accomplished by fixing his sentence at two and a half years. Coleman was sentenced December 26, 1914, to from two and a half to ten years. By fixing his sentence after serving the minimum he will serve but another month. Good time accounts for the minimum expiring then.

The entire board refused to pardon either Coleman or Allen, defaulting treasurer, yesterday. Today it denied Allen a parole. Secretary of State Barker asked consideration of the Coleman case on the grounds he thought he was entitled to leniency for helping the state trace the falsified treasury book records so that it could recover losses from the looting of the treasury. He moved to fix the sentence and voted to do so with Attorney General Peterson. Gov. Alexander voted against it. The Coleman confession two years ago created a state-wide sensation, as did Allen's.

The board also granted a pardon to Joseph Siciliano, sentenced from Bannock county for second degree murder to serve from 35 years to life. He started service of sentence January 14, 1914. Siciliano murdered a fellow countryman in a restaurant at Pocatello.

Stock Market Report.

Following is a report of the Portland stock market for the week of Dec. 26.

With a very light offering of cattle here today prices as expected advanced from 25 to 50 cents on all grades. Best steers sold readily at 8.00 with ordinary kinds down to 7.00, common grades sold down to 5.00. It was one of the liveliest sessions here for a long time, sellers having about their own way several buyers being on each load. Good cows sold at 6.50 with no top stuff here although they are being quoted at 7.00. Bulls were in very good demand at 25c higher prices, good bolognas sold from 4.00 to 4.75. There were but a few head of feeder stuff here best feeding steers bringing \$6.25.

A very light hog run was offered the trade today and a much higher market was the rule. Prices were fully 10 to 15 cents higher than last weeks close. Tops sold at 9.85 while the bulk of good packing hogs brought 9.65 to 9.70; pigs sold mostly at 8.25.

There were only a few head here. Valley sheep have been making up all receipts, prices a fully 50 cents higher than a week ago. Valley lambs are bringing 70.00 for the best with yearlings at 8.50 and ewes 7.25.

Dr. Shinnick spent a couple of days in Spokane this week.

N. J. Williams sold his homestead south of town this week to Mrs. Georgia Uhl for \$2500.

Peter Kelsch came in Sunday evening from Idaho Falls and will spend several weeks here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arnzen moved into town yesterday from their farm beyond Greencreek and will occupy part of the C. W. Nuxoll residence in the north end of town. Mr. Arnzen has rented his large farm to his sons and will take life easy for the rest of his days.