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AT WORK ON STATE HIGHWAY

Arrangements Completed to Finance Road to Grangeville —Time for Prairie Districts to Get Busy.

State highway engineer E. M. Booth was in the city Wednesday afternoon enroute from Nezperce to Grangeville and spent several hours discussing the various features of the north and south state highway with local citizens. He went on to Grangeville that evening where a large meeting was held to plan ways and means for completing the financing of the link of state highway from White Bird to Grangeville. Citizens from both Cottonwood and Ferdinand attended this meeting and bring back word that positive assurance was given Engineer Booth that the $50,000 needed to guarantee the county's part of this road construction would be forthcoming whenever the state saw fit to award the contract for this piece of work. The sum to be raised will be secured by a bond issue in White Bird, Lake and Grangeville highway districts. This move places the state highway commission in position to at once take up the preliminary work of building the state road down Salmon river from the Adams county line to Grangeville, the citizens of Adams county having voted a $100,000 bond some two weeks ago to complete the highway through their county.

With full assurance of the road being completed to Grangeville, it is now up to the residents of the prairie country to get busy and raise the money necessary to secure the setting aside of sufficient state and federal funds to guarantee the construction of the road to the north line of the county north of Ferdinand. The matter of completing the highway through the county instead of stopping temporarily at Grangeville was discussed with Engineer Booth, who stated that if the county's portion of the money was guaranteed to the highway commission the state's one-third would be set aside for such purpose and could not then be diverted to other projects in various portions of the state, which would certainly happen should the residents of this county fail to show the proper spirit in keeping their promise to the state in this regard. This does not mean that the road across the poairie would be built this year, but the state fund available for this work would be apportioned and could not be used elsewhere, while the county bonds could be voted and not sold until the money was actually needed when construction was commenced.

When the state and federal funds were apportioned to the north and south highway project last winter it was upon the assurance that the counties to be traversed would raise their portion of the sum needed at the proper time and all have done this except Idaho and Lewis, the state taking care of all of the cost of the highway through this county south from White Bird and offering to stand one-third of the cost from that place to the north county line.

Under existing conditions it is doubtful if a county bond issue would carry but it is believed the road can be constructed across the prairie by the various highway districts, each bonding for sufficient to take care of its portion of the state highway and for enough more to handle such additional road work within the district as may be deemed advisable. This plan is thought to be entirely feasible and the matter will be given consideration by the residents of the Fenn, Cottonwood and Ferdinand highway districts in order to arrange to join with the highway commission in completing the state highway across the prairie at the proper time. It is thought locally that the district bond elections could be held some time this fall and the bonds be sold next spring or summer when actual construction on the road might be commenced.

LATER.—Ed. Blake returned this morning from Grangeville and reports another stormy road meeting there last night, which finally resulted in the withdrawal of Lake highway district and Grangeville and White Bird agreeing to finance the road between the two places. The survey will be changed somewhat in that locality.

Idaho Holiday June 5

Boise, Idaho, May 19.—Tuesday, June 5, declared by an act of President Wilson to be registration day in the nation when the young men of the United States will offer their services to their country by filing their names with accredited registrars, is set aside in Idaho as a legal holiday by Governor Alexander. In a proclamation issued today the governor calls upon all citizens to suspend their respective business and to show their patriotism by assisting in such ways as they can in making the event an historical one. The display of national flags is urged, together with other evidences of loyalty.

The governor was formally notified of the issuance of the president's proclamation following the passage of the conscription bill. He was also notified of the plans under way to concentrate the army divisions for military service.

Colonel Edelblute received instructions to recruit the second Idaho to war strength of 150 men to a company, which will necessitate the enlistment of 475 additional men. The Boise barracks has been designated as the recruiting station. The order makes it possible for those who are within the age limitations to volunteer their services before the draft law goes into effect.

Made Good Record at Traps

A number of members of the local gun club got out Sunday afternoon and, in spite of the cold day and strong wind at times, made a very creditable showing at the traps. It was the first shoot for some of the boys in years and others had never tried their hand at slaughtering the festive clay pidgeon but they all did well considering the circumstances and the local club promises to turn out some good shots when the members once get into form. Following is a record of the afternoon's shooting:

	Birds shot at	Birds killed
Malerich	30	15
Baker	30	7
Welte	70	54
Funke	20	12
G. Lange	30	16
F. Lange	40	11
Reed	20	5
Butler	10	6
Humphrey	30	13
Schober	20	3
Hamlin	30	13
Farthing	10	7
Weigand	10	8
Bryan	30	17
Wirrer	10	2
Aichlmayr	10	1
Newell	20	3
Thompson	30	18

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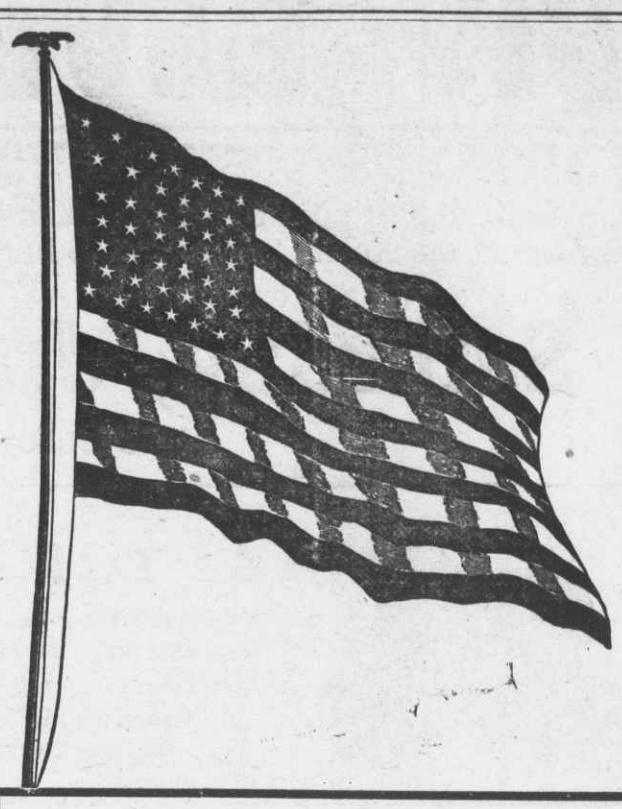

The Nation's Dead

A Memorial Day Poem

Four hundred thousand men,
The brave, the good, the true,
In tangled wood, in mountain glen,
On battle plain, in prison pen,
Lie dead for me and you!
Four hundred thousand of the brave
Have made our ransomed soil their grave
For me and you,
Good friend, for me and you!

In many a fevered swamp,
By many a black bayou,
In many a cold and frozen camp
The weary sentinel ceased his tramp
And died for me and you!
From western plain to ocean tide
Are stretched the graves of those who died
For me and you,
Good friend, for me and you!

On many a bloody plain
Their ready swords they drew
And poured their life blood like rain,
A home, a heritage, to gain,
To gain for me and you!
Our brothers mustered by our side;
They marched, they fought and bravely died
For me and you,
Good friend, for me and you!

Up many a fortress wall
They charged, those boys in blue,
'Mid surging smoke, the volley'd ball;
The bravest were the first to fall!
To fall for me and you!
Those noble men, the nation's pride,
Four hundred thousand men have died
For me and you,
Good friend, for me and you!

A debt we ne'er can pay
To them is justly due,
And to the nation's latest day
Our children's children still shall say,
"They died for me and you!"
Four hundred thousand of the brave
Made this our ransomed soil their grave
For me and you,
Good friend, for me and you!

Mrs. Bartlett Bead

Mattie Davis Raymond was born at DeSoto, Missouri, April 25, 1851, her father being killed during the Civil war. She was married September 20, 1881, to Nash G. Bartlett. They continued to reside in Missouri till June 1884, when they came to Idaho and took up a pre-emption near Cottonwood. They were among the first settlers in the vicinity, and have lived here ever since with the exception of about four years spent in the East. Mrs. Bartlett was not in rugged health for the past few years, and last September she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she partially recovered, but another stroke occurred on Sunday, May 13 and she died at 6:20 p. m. Tuesday, May 22. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon. In the absence of Rev. E. A. K. Grant, Rev. H. J. Wood, of Grangeville, officiated and Undertaker A. J. Maugg was in charge.

Her husband and two sons, Raymond F., of Keuterville, and William Leland, of Ashmoor, Mont., remain to mourn the loss of a loving wife and devoted mother. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Carrie Alger, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Bartlett was a member of the Cottonwood Community Church and stood high in the esteem of all who knew her during her many years of residence here. The deep sympathy of many friends go out to the sorrowing relatives in their bereavement.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who tendered us assistance and sympathy during our late bereavement and especially thank those who contributed the beautiful floral offerings. Words cannot express our feelings for the favors shown us.

Nash G. Bartlett
and Family.

Julian Jones was in town late last week and left to join the navy. Before leaving his home across the river he was given a farewell camp fire dinner under the apple blossoms by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Nash, the Jones and Nash families and other friends being present.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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

The little town of Nyssa in southern Idaho is planning on paving her streets with concrete.

Between 35,000 and 40,000 pounds of wool was sold last week at Parma at a price of 52½ cents a pound.

High water undermined a pier and partially wrecked a county bridge across the Clearwater at Orofino last week.

Lloyd A. Fenn, of Missoula, purchased an interest in the Kooskia Mountaineer last week and new presses and other equipment are soon to be added to the plant, materially improving that paper.

Theodore Bartecheck was caught in a cave-in while digging a well near Weiser last week and was dead when his body was recovered. He was covered by nine feet of dry sand when the well caved.

Mrs. Charles Estes, of Culdesac, was bitten in the finger by a rattlesnake last week and is in a very serious condition. She was walking to a neighbor's and stooped to pick some flowers when the snake struck her.

Advertisements for bids for the constructions of 33 miles of highway are being published in Weiser papers. The road to be built lies in Washington county between Weiser and Midvale and between Cambridge and the Adams county line.

By a vote of fully eighty per cent the residents of Payette county last week voted to create their county out of territory formerly embraced in Canyon county. The vote on the enabling act was 2172 in favor and 512 against. Payette will be the county seat of the new county.

Malcolm Bentley, a 14-year old boy near Blackfoot, was recently beaten until insensible and thrown into a crevice in the lava beds for dead. He later regained consciousness and crawled a mile to a sheep camp where he was found. He is not expected to live and a sheepherder has been arrested charged with the crime.

Raymond Alexander, a Parma boy and former pitcher for the College of Idaho ball team, is playing with the Tacoma team in the Northwestern league and is making good with a vengeance. He recently pitched against "Iron Man" McGinnity of the Butte team and won the contest by a 4 to 2 score.

Dr. E. A. Bryan, who for twenty years was president of the Washington state college at Pullman, was offered and accepted the position late last week of state commissioner of education in Idaho to succeed E. O. Sisson, who recently resigned. Dr. Bryan is one of the leading educators of the northwest and Idaho is fortunate in securing his services.

The body of Thomas Cavanagh, a young rancher who has been missing since March 12th, was found last week near the home of James Ruth in the Weiser locality. Ruth and his brother-in-law are being held by the officers. A coroner's jury returned a verdict finding death due to a gun shot wound and bruises on the head administered by persons unknown.

Owing to the general appeal to the citizens of the country to conserve the food supply, the Northern Pacific railway company has announced that it will discontinue serving the famous big baked potato in its dining cars during the continuance of the war. This is done because a single potato of the size usually served is more than an individual will eat, the waste often being more than 50 per cent of the potato.

The federal Mining and Smelting Co., operating in the Coeur d' Alene and Wood River regions of Idaho has declared a quarterly dividend of $210,000. This is at the rate of 1¾ per cent. Disbursement will be made on June 15 to stock of record May 22. This payment will raise the total for the year to $270,000 and the grand total to $13,506,695 on preferred stock. To this may be added $2,708,750 paid on common stock, which would raise the total of Federal distributions to $16,215,445.

Commandeer All Tin

American consumers will have to deny themselves canned beans and canned soups for a time. The war can committee, comprising the tin can makers, can manufacturers, canners and government officials, announced that a shortage of tin makes it imperative that cans be supplied only to packers of perishable foods.

The order will be effective for 60 days or perhaps longer and will be put into operation over the vigorous protest of the bean and soup packers who declare it means ruin. All cans made in this country for the present will go to canners of fruits and vegetables and to Canadian canners of soups and beans for troops at the front. Soldiers in France, it is held must use canned products because of a lack of cooking facilities.

No cans hereafter will go to packers of products who can substitute paper or other containers. No tin will go to packers of a hundred different kinds of toilet articles and many other commodities.

Save Your Bottles

Home canning specialists urge every housekeeper to save bottles —especially wide-necked ones— for putting up fruits, preserves, jellies, jams, and fruit juices. Saving of bottles is highly important, they say, as there threatens to be a serious shortage of regular jars and preserving cans this season.

The fruit products named, if sealed with corks and paraffin, can be kept perfectly in these makeshift containers. Jellies, jams and preserves can be kept even in ordinary drinking glasses, by the use of paper and paraffin. Fruit juices should be packed in ordinary small-necked bottles.

Vegetables, soups and meats, on the other hand, to keep must be sealed by the usual fruit jar or tin can packing methods. Reserve regular containers of foods that can not be packed in bottles.

Oldfield Makes Tractor

The feelings of the aged, even those of royal blood, are not held in reverence by the rising generation. "Barney" Oldfield purchased a 1908 Cadillac some time ago and this week stripped it of its running gear, substituting the wheels and other paraphernalia of a Ford tractor. The idea of a kingly Cadillac, dressed up in the accouterments of a Ford tractor, having to spend its last days pulling a plow, is sad indeed.—Kendrick Gazette.