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To Eliminate Those Mud Holes Vote in Favor of the \$20,000.00 Bond Issue, on Tuesday, July the 5th

BOND ELECTION JULY THE 5TH

MONEY TO BE SPENT ON ROADS LEADING OUT TOWN

The village bond election will be held next Tuesday, July 5th to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of improving the streets of the town especially the streets leading out of town and connecting with the roads now being improved by the highway district. The Cottonwood Highway District is now rocking the slaughter house road from the town limits on out and it is the intention of the village council to rock this road from the slaughter house on into town if the bond issues carries so that there will be funds with which to carry out this work. This road it will be remembered was almost impassable this last spring and it is to be hoped the bond issue will carry so that it may be rocked before another winter. Likewise with the other roads leading out of town it is the intention of the council to grade up and rock them as fast as the work can be carried out.

The impression has gotten out with some of the people that the council intend to use this money in fixing up the streets in the center of town, but this is not their intention, as the bulk of this bond money will be used on the streets leading out of town and connecting with the roads now being improved. With this statement on the subject it is to be hoped the bonds will be supported by a large majority of the voters.

If you have not registered you had better do so, as Saturday will be the last day the books are open. Only persons whose name are on the tax roll and who are citizen of the village are entitled to vote.

Vote for the bonds and let's eliminate these mud holes. What do you say. Let's go!

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Knight Baby is Run Over by a Ford Truck.

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Knight, of this city had a narrow escape from instant death, Monday evening, about 7 o'clock when the mere baby was knocked down and run over by a Ford truck on the cross walk near the Leggett Mercantile Co. The child was quickly picked up and rushed to the office of Dr. Orr and upon close examination was found to have been uninjured, outside of a bloody nose.

The accident, which might have proven fatal, is regarded as a fortunate one by all those who seen the little fellow run over by the truck and clearly demonstrates that drivers must keep on the right side of the road, which this truck driver failed to do according to witnesses of the accident and also that the city must place a turning sign in the middle of the street at this point, which is regarded as a dangerous turn.

The city last year had such a sign but owing to its lightness was knocked to pieces by careless drivers. They are now planning on placing a large concrete post at this point and the city police should be given strict orders from the council to enforce the law which compels drivers to keep to the right and from everlastingly cutting corners. That some one has not been killed at this intersection is a mystery, for there are few, if any who make this turn properly, as it should be, so let's act before some fond mother's or father's child or some grown up is crippled for life or is sent to his grave, due to carelessness.

WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER

ONE TIME RESIDED WITH HER PARENTS IN FERDINAND SECTION.

Bound over to the district court of Twin Falls county on a charge of having murdered her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, at Twin Falls, last fall the case of Mrs. Lyda Southard, who was apprehended in Honolulu, T. H., after investigation had led authorities to believe she had murdered four of her five husbands for the life insurance, is attracting more than ordinary interest here, for Mrs. Southard and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trueblood, once resided in Idaho county says the Idaho County Free Press.

The parents, who now are residents of the Twin Falls country, are aiding the daughter in her defense against the murder charge. The family at one time lived on a ranch in the vicinity of Ferdinand and is known to old-time residents of Idaho county.

Mrs. Southard, who is now the wife of Paul Southard, a petty officer in the U. S. navy, was held to the district court on a charge of murder by Probate Judge Duvall, of Twin Falls, last Friday.

Within two hours after she had been appraised of the court's decision she was joined by Paul Vincent Southard, her fifth husband, wearing his uniform as an officer in the U. S. Navy, on leave of absence to remain with his wife throughout the remainder of her present ordeal. Aside from saying that he had come to be with his wife and that he had full confidence in her innocence and ultimate vindication, Southard declined to make any statement, "at least until I have con-

MRS. SOUTHARD



Mrs. Paul Vincent Southard, on trial in Idaho for murder in connection with the death of four of her husbands.

ferred with my wife and her attorneys," he added. Mrs. Southard's mother did not appear with her in the court room Friday, but her father, W. J. Trueblood, sat at her side during the entire hearing.

Action of the probate court came after a morning of testimony adduced to support the state's contention that Meyer's death resulted from arsenic poison administered by Mrs. Southard.

Testimony of four witnesses was introduced by Prosecuting Attorney Frank L. Stephan. City Chemist E. R. Dooley of Salt Lake, testified in detail as to the results of a test made by him upon organs taken from the Meyer body when it was exhum-

ed April 2, 1921. He said that he detected arsenic in all of the specimens taken, including the hair, and that he found in all approximately one-fourth grain of the poison. He gave it is his belief that the body contained a killing dose of arsenic, notwithstanding the fact that in his purging, Meyer had expelled considerable amounts of the poison. His analysis of poison flypaper found in the rooms occupied by the Meyers on Blue Lakes ranch showed four grains of arsenic in one sheet and seven in another, he testified.

Dooley was preceded on the stand by Sexton L. A. Snyder, who testified that the Meyer grave had not been disturbed from date of burial until the body was exhumed. Miss Georgia Maxwell, superintendent of the hospital where Meyer died, testified to having seen Mrs. Southard alone with Meyer in his room on the day preceding his death.

INDIAN CAMP MEETING.

The Talmack's Camp meeting association opened their annual meeting at Mason Butte, near Forest Sunday and will close on July 7th. It is stated that approximately 500 Indians of the Nezperce reservation are attending the meetings.

A large tent to seat 400 persons has been erected and prominent speakers from cities of the northwest will be present and assist the Indian ministers. Professor Aiken of Seattle has charge of 40 voices.

The place of meeting is a natural park and last year was set aside by the government to be used for religious purposes by the Nez Perce tribe and an annual appropriation has been made for its upkeep.

A 1500-watt electric lighting plant has been installed to furnish lights for the big tent as well as the dozens of teepees surrounding it. John Frank, David Moffett, George Moody and David McFarland, prominent members of the Nez Perce, are the committee in charge of the meeting.

Speeches are made both in English and in the native tongue of the Indians. Everybody is welcome to attend these meetings.

SIGN UP AGAIN.

A contract, bearing the signatures of 30 citizens of this city, was made with the Ellison-White chautauqua people for another chautauqua next summer, Saturday. While the local chautauqua guaranters, this year, were compelled to make up a small deficiency, they believe that the affair is well worthy of their support again for next year. The contract this year calls for the sale of 340 season tickets instead of 500, 160 less than last year, and the new contract also shortens the chautauqua by one day, 5 instead of 6 days.

The local chautauqua closed Saturday evening and the tent was taken down and shipped out Sunday morning.

COTTONWOOD LOST.

Cottonwood was defeated on the local diamond Sunday by the Winona base ball team by a score of 10 to 11.

Greencreek defeated the Stites team on their home grounds Sunday in a 11 inning contest, the score being 11 to 12 in favor of the Greencreekers at the end of the two extra innings.

Games for next Sunday are as follows:

Sunday July 3rd
Cottonwood at Winona
Greencreek at Stites.
Grangeville at Fenn.

BOND ELECTION TUESDAY.

PICNIC POSTPONED.

The Annual Picnic of the Idaho County Pioneer Association, which was to be held in Grangeville Thursday was postponed to some near date in the future on account of rain.

HAIL STORM PLAYS HAVOCK

LEWISTON ORCHARD HIT HARDEST—NEZPERCE PRAIRIE ALSO HIT

The hail storm which hit the Lewiston Orchards last Thursday afternoon at about 4 o'clock according to H. H. Rowell, representative of this district for the Lewiston Tribune did much more damage than is commonly supposed by many. His version of the storm is as follows:

"The loss by this storm is the most extensive ever experienced in this district, affecting to some extent probably 95 per cent of the acreage, and causing practically total destruction of all crops in a large portion of the territory reached by the storm. Even in parts of the district where the hail was less severe, the loss of apples was practically total, so far as packing for the regular grades is concerned. All of the apples, except in a small acreage not touched, will be of the "hail-marked" grade.

It is estimated that something like from 400 to 500 acres carried insurance, perhaps an aggregate of \$50,000, or to the amount of ten per cent of the aggregate loss, which is probably not less than \$500,000, and may have been much greater, depending partly upon what the apple market is this fall. Losses of other crops in the district will probably bring the total up to \$700,000 to \$800,000.

The hailstorm seemed to be the result of the meeting in the vicinity of Lewiston of two heavy storm clouds, of heavy electrical power. As these united, the newly formed storm cloud turned to the southeast, generating the hail as it went, passing from northwest to southeast through the center of the district, where the damage was the greatest, in many places stripping foliage, as well as fruit, from the trees and destroying vegetation generally, even injuring the wood of fruit trees to some extent. Being driven by a strong wind, the hail had great force. In some places it killed young chickens. The heavy rain at the same time flooded the orchard and highways and piled the hail into great drifts, some of which remained for more than twenty-four hours on the ground. Most of the hailstones were about the size of cherries or plums, but a few are reported as large as hen's eggs.

This is the third hailstorm of important character that has visited the district since its formation fourteen years ago, with one or two of minor nature. The first general one was eight years ago. Another came last year affecting principally the western portion of the district.

Several fine fields of wheat including those of Mrs. G. E. Nichols, Clyde Leachman and D. Taylor, in or adjoining the district were practically total losses. The field of very heavy grain of H. P. Barnes, just west of the district entirely escaped and is being harvested.

Other fruits, such as cherries, plums, prunes, pears, apricots, grapes, raspberries, strawberries, etc., and many fine gardens of vegetables were greatly injured. The fifteen-acre vineyard, on Thain road, owned by W. B. Armstrong, of Bend, Oregon, in charge of Mr. Varker, is a total loss. The crop on this vineyard was estimated on the morning of the day the hail came to 75 tons, probably worth \$100 a ton.

Nezperce Prairie Hit.
The Nezperce prairie was also hit by the hail storm Thursday, but not in such a severe manner, it being confined, however, to only a small area. A barn half way between Nezperce and

Craigmont was blown down by the wind. It was the editors privilege to examine a portion of the devastated belt Saturday evening and a field of fall grain southeast of Nezperce, consisting of 160 acres, which was in the worst part of the hail belt was practically beaten to the ground, from a stand, which before the hail measured about 5 feet.

So severe was the hail that it left imprints in the soil, which was not covered with grain that one could place the tips of his small finger in them very easily. A hail accompanied by a high wind also visited portions of the Palouse county and the Walla Walla section. On Camas Prairie the storm was confined to only a small shower, accompanied by very little wind and no hail.

WHY NO FUNDS.

A great many people have been asking why the road work on the Cottonwood-Grave Creek road is not yet under headway, for which the recent session of the Idaho state legislature voted \$20,000. The county commissioners, under whose supervision his work is to be done, and the money to be handled have made efforts to get the appropriation but owing to the fact that the recent \$2,000,000 bond issue, which the state attempted to sell failed to receive any bidders the state was unable to pay over the money to the county commissioners, from which bond issue the \$20,000 will come when sold. The state treasurer has taken the matter up with their representatives in New York and it is hoped that a deal will be made in the near future and the bonds sold.

STATE GETS \$36,238.36.

A remittance of \$36,238.36 will be made shortly by Mrs. Otie L. Cone, treasurer of Idaho county, to the state treasurer, as Idaho county's quota of state taxes from the payment of the second half of 1920 taxes. Taxes became delinquent on Monday, last. Henry Telcher, county auditor, on Thursday, issued an order on the treasurer for this amount.

The treasurer's office at Grangeville has been busy this week crediting tax payments. Many persons held off until the last day to pay their taxes, and the office has not yet fully checked the remittances. It is stated the delinquent list will be large.

BRIDGE COMPLETED.

The Stock Creek bridge near the A. Wemhoff ranch, which was washed out by high waters about six weeks ago has been replaced by a new structure, the work on the same having been completed Wednesday by William Ruhoff and his crew. The Ruhoff crew is now engaged in building a concrete bridge near the Twin Houses.

WILL NOT CELEBRATE.

Cottonwood, this year will hold no celebration of any kind on Independence Day and many of our town and country folks are making preparations to take in the celebrations at Grangeville and Winchester. The largest majority, however, are making plans to quietly spend the day with relatives and friends camping at nearby places.

ELECT OFFICERS.

The Cottonwood Commercial Club at their regular noon luncheon held in the Cottonwood Hotel, Tuesday, elected the following officers for the coming year: M. M. Belknap, president; John Hoene, vice president; W. W. Flint, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Reilly departed today for Moscow, Idaho, to spend the 4th of July with relatives and friends in the Palouse country. They will return in about a week.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items of Interest From Various Sections Reproduced for Benefit of Our Readers.

The enrollment at the summer session of the Lewiston State Normal reached 427, and the work has now got down to the regular routine exercises connected with the various classes.

Imperial Wizard W. J. Simmons of Atlanta, Ga., states that organizers working in the northwest would soon be in Sandpoint to organize a branch klan of the Ku Klux Klan. This is an organization originating in the south.

A carload of tubercular cattle went out of Moscow to Spokane Wednesday. They will be slaughtered under government and state supervision there and the owners of the cows will be paid by the state and federal government. There were 30 head in the shipment.

William Wardrobe, of Genesee was seriously injured when a motor truck in which he was hauling grain overturned near that city Saturday. One ear was completely torn from his head, and he sustained serious cuts about the face and serious bruises over the body.

The body of a young boy, believed to be that of 9-year-old Herman Orvis, who was drowned in Snake river at Lewiston last Wednesday, was found at the mouth of the Snake near Pasco Monday, left by the receding waters, according to advices given Coroner W. B. Williamson of Lewiston by Coroner Chamberlain of Walla Walla.

Meyers & Telanders, the Spokane contractors who were the successful bidders for erecting the new wing to the sanitarium at Orofino have a force of men at work setting up a steam shovel, hoist and other equipment preparatory to beginning work on the building, which will be 33 by 120 feet in dimension, 3 stories.

Coeur d'Alene's sixth annual regatta, the northern Idaho water circus which has attracted a larger attendance each year, takes place July 4. Two grandstands have been erected on the regatta site. The grandstand site on Tubbs' hill is among the most picturesque in Idaho and aside from the grandstand, has an abundance of natural shade.

Raymond Moore of Boise, vice president of the First National Bank of Idaho, was sentenced to imprisonment in the Ada county jail for 30 days and to pay a fine of \$50 by Judge Charles F. Reddock in the Third judicial district court for Ada county Friday morning. Mr. Moore was found guilty on the charge of possession of intoxicating liquor.

At the call of governor Davis, the nine commissioners in the cabinet of the state of Idaho held their first formal meeting in Boise Thursday, June 23. The purpose of the meeting, as set forth in the letter of the chief executive to the commissioners, was to check up expenditures of each department. A complete financial report of each department was asked with a monthly average of expenses.

Headed with bequests of \$50,000 to the Salvation Army and \$25,000 to the Knights of Columbus the last will and testament of the late James F. Callahan, Coeur d'Alene pioneer and mining man was filed for probate at Wallace. To the caretaker of his Nine Mile cabin, Frank Ribar is left \$10,000, and Victoria Cameron, formerly a nurse at Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane, receives an equal amount. The remainder of the \$2,000,000 estate is left to near relatives.