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RESIGNS FROM HIGHWAY BOARD

SCHROEDER SERVED ON BOARD FOR SIX YEARS RECEIVE NO SALARY.

At the last meeting of the Cottonwood highway board, Mr. August Schroeder tendered his resignation to that body to take effect at once. Mr. Schroeder was elected to the board of county commissioners at the last election, and stated that his reasons for resigning from the highway board were that he wished to give all of his new duties the proper amount of attention.

Mr. Schroeder took a seat on the Cottonwood highway board on January 24th, 1916, serving six years as commissioner, during which time he was an untiring worker. He was an enthusiast on good roads but he always had in mind the interest that the taxpayers had in them, trying at all times to build good roads at the least possible expense, endeavoring at all times to be fair and just to all parties concerned. He had the interest of the community ever in front of him and every act was preceded by thought and consideration.

Commenting upon the resignation of Mr. Schroeder, J. F. Jenny and Ed Jessup, the other two members of the highway board gave out the following statement:

"By accepting Mr. Schroeder's resignation, which we do with deep regret, we realize that we are losing a valuable co-worker and the taxpayers are losing a fair minded and just commissioner, a man reliable and conservative in all undertakings."

The vacancy on the board will be filled by appointment. According to law the appointment will be made by Mr. Jenny and Mr. Jessup, the remaining members of the board.

At the present time there appears to be only one candidate for the position, John Schnieder. Petitions have been circulated asking the commissioners to appoint Mr. Schnieder to fill the vacancy. The petition is being freely signed by the taxpayers of the district. The Cottonwood commercial club at its luncheon, Tuesday noon, endorsed Mr. Schnieder for the position made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. Schroeder.

Receive No Salary

The following statement is made by M. A. Pierce, secretary of the highway board and is self explanatory:

This statement is made to the taxpayers of the Cottonwood Highway District, but more for the party who circulated the report that the commissioners of the Cottonwood Highway District were receiving \$500.00 per year as salary.

As secretary and treasurer to the board and in justice to them I take this means of contradicting the report and the books and files of my office are open for inspection to substantiate this statement. The laws of the state of Idaho do not provide for a salary for highway commissioners but does state that they shall receive sufficient money to cover their expenses.

I have served the board as their secretary for three years and a rechecking over that period of time proves that no one commissioner has received the sum of \$50.00 for his year's expenses. There is no other public office in the state that the compensation offered is as small as that of a highway commissioner.

The commissioners of this district are deserving of a great deal of credit, a careful study of the affairs of other highway districts convinces me that your affairs are handled in a very economical manner. As secretary and treasurer of the district I am the highest paid official of the office, my salary being \$225.00 a year; I am custodian and am held responsible for your funds amounting at this time to approximately \$60,000.00.

It is very unfortunate that the

tax payers of this free country of ours are so neglectful of their rights. They have the right to know and if they are good business men and good farmers they will know where each and every dollar of their tax money is spent.

The books of the Cottonwood Highway District are your books, bought and paid for with your money, they are your records, and they are open for your inspection at any time. The commissioners of the Cottonwood Highway District and the secretary will gladly assist you in looking up any record that you are interested in.

M. A. PIERCE, Secretary.

GRANGEVILLE WINS FROM COTTONWOOD

Some 75 Accompany Basketball Team to Grangeville

Some 75 basketball enthusiasts with spirits running high sojourneyed to Grangeville Friday evening to witness the contest between the Cottonwood high school teams and the Grangeville high school teams, both boys' and girls' team taking part in the contests.

In both instances the local teams lost, the girls losing their game by a score of 13 to 2 and the boys by a score of 32 to 8.

The boys lost their first game of the season when the heavier Grangeville team defeated them in what appears to be on paper a one sided contest but which according to those witnessing the contest was a battle royal and very rough at times. Seven of the eight points made by Cottonwood were caged by Nims who played center. For Grangeville "the man with the side burns" who was disqualified in the last half for a personal foul, was the star player.

Cottonwood has no alibi to offer and the only regrettable feature of the game was the personal "rooting" which never does any good and only causes unneeded prejudice that should at least not crop out from high school games. Some of the rooting at Grangeville, Friday evening by Grangeville fans was even criticised by Grangeville citizens who call it unsportsmanlike.

MANY ACCIDENTS.

While going home from his school work Friday evening Superintendent Moll of the Cottonwood school had the misfortune to fall and have his right collar bone broken. Mr. Moll was walking past the old Schor brewery when a boy coasting on a sled ran into him throwing him to the sidewalk. He was taken to Craigmont Thursday where an x-ray picture was taken of the broken bone. Up to the present time it is mending nicely under the care of Dr. Shinnick.

The seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Lauer had the misfortune to break his right leg last week. He accompanied his father to the woods and while there a log rolled on his leg breaking it. The broken limb was dressed by Dr. Shinnick.

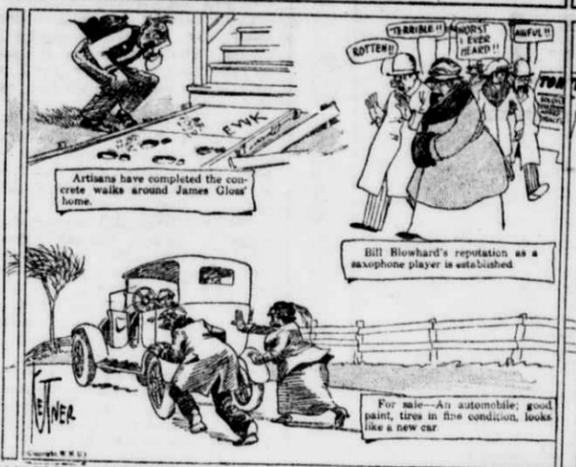
Thursday of last week Bernard Schmidt of Keuterville had his right foot badly crushed between two logs, while hauling timber. The injured member was dressed by Dr. Shinnick and no serious results are expected from the injury.

Christmas morning while Mat Kaschmitter was returning home from the Catholic church he fell upon the slippery walk dislocating his right wrist. The injury was dressed by Dr. Shinnick.

CHILDREN HAPPY.

Hundreds of children were made happy in Cottonwood Saturday afternoon when Santa Claus entertained them for more than three hours personally at the Leggett Mercantile, Turner Drug Store, The Rexall Drug Store, Hoene Hardware, R. H. Kendall Confectionery, Cottonwood Mercantile and J. V. Baker & Son. Santa Claus arrived at 1:30 promptly as advertised in the Chronicle last week and remained until 3:30. Santa handed out several hundred packages of candy to the children visiting the above named stores. As he went from store to store the children followed him in a body.

Locals



Artisans have completed the concrete walks around James Glass' home.

Bill Blomhard's reputation as a saxophone player is established.

For sale—An automobile, good paint, tires in fine condition, looks like a new car.

HARD SURFACE NOW ASSURED

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE APPROVES ROAD PROJECT NO. 68.

The following letter was received this week from Wm. Osborn, district engineer of the bureau of highways by M. A. Pierce, secretary of the Cottonwood highway district. It is self explanatory:

Wish to advise that on December 1st, the Secretary of Agriculture approved Idaho Project statement No. 68, involving the improvement of 11.71 miles of the North and South State Highway between Cottonwood and Lawyer's Canyon, in Idaho County, at an estimated cost of \$61,000.00 and Federal Aid to the extent of \$30,500.00 payable from the funds appropriated for the fiscal year 1922.

The necessary notes and other information are being forwarded to the Boise office that they may prepare the plans for forwarding to the Bureau of Public Roads, so that the project may be played under contract at an early date next year.

The Cottonwood and Ferdinand and highway districts have their portion of the money set aside and this will be matched dollar for dollar by the federal government. It is estimated that the work will cost \$61,000, \$30,500 being furnished by the government and the remainder by the Cottonwood and Ferdinand highway districts.

ELLER-TUNNELL.

Benjamin F. Eller and Miss Lydia M. Tunnell, two popular young members of pioneer families in the Greencreek section, drove over to Nezperce Thursday and just after noon they negotiated with Recorder Emerson for a marriage license and with that document in their possession they dropped into the office of Probate Judge Dowd and received his solemn sentence to love, cherish, etc., ever after. The Judge averred, after the excitement had subsided and the happy pair had gone smiling on their way, that he hoped this would not be the last couple he'd waft into wedded bliss during his tenure of office, but blamed it if he didn't believe it was about the best looking he'd had the pleasure of passing on.—Nezperce Herald.

WILL VISIT BROTHERS.

Barney Nuxoll of Greencreek, Illinois arrived in Cottonwood, Friday evening to visit for an indefinite period with his brothers F. G. and John F. of Greencreek and H. H. Nuxoll of Clarkston, Wash., and William Nuxoll of Cottonwood. Mr. Nuxoll came unannounced and his arrival was a great surprise to his brothers. He visited here some five years ago. Greencreek, Idaho derives its name from Greencreek, Illinois in this way. A good many of the settlers of Greencreek are old time residents from Greencreek, Illinois and when they settled here they called it Greencreek in honor of their old home town.

ASK STATE TO BUILD BRIDGE

PEOPLE WANT SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE SALMON RIVER.

Plans for a suspension bridge across the Salmon river at the foot of the Grave Creek road, a bridge which would open up the Joseph plains country and give that district an all year road to Cottonwood, were discussed Tuesday at a meeting of the Cottonwood commercial club and the matter is to be laid before the next session of the state legislature. An appropriation of \$5,000 is to be asked for this class bridge to supplant the ferry, which is able to run only a part of the time.

The completion of the Grave Creek road from Cottonwood to the mouth of Rice creek last summer by the State of Idaho, at a cost of \$20,000, has caused the present project to be fostered by farmers of the Joseph country, who are in need of a bridge to connect with their road from the west side of Salmon river. Should the bridge be built by an appropriation, as was the road, from Cottonwood to Rice creek it will not only be of great benefit to those residing there but to the state as well who owns thousands of acres of land in that part of the county.

At one time it was the impression that the bridge would be built by private capital but owing to present financial conditions this will be impossible at the present time.

The completion of the bridge with the Grave Creek road would open several thousand acres of good farming country as well as being a great benefit to the many stockmen who have holdings in the Joseph country and run large herds. An open road to the market any time of the year will greatly stimulate the production of both stock and grain.

WEALTHY MAN DIES.

Marion Freeman, age 67, one of the prominent citizens of Colfax and a pioneer of Whitman county, died suddenly Christmas day at the home of his son, Frank R. Freeman, three miles from Colfax. Mr. Freeman and his wife had gone from their home in Colfax to attend a family dinner at the son's home. After dinner Mr. Freeman got in his buggy to drive to another part of the farm when his son, who was on horseback near by, saw him waver and fall. He was dead when his son reached him.

Mr. Freeman is well known in Cottonwood, being at the time of his death one of the owners of the Goldstone block occupied by the Leggett Mercantile Co.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cottonwood National Farm Loan Association will be held in the First National Bank on Tuesday, January 9th at 2 p. m. The meeting is called for the purpose of electing directors for the coming year and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

INFANTS HEAD DEATH REPORT.

Month-Old Babies Lead Septuagenarians by 108 on Mortality Lists.

Idaho's greatest mortality during the year 1922 was among babies less than one month old, according to the annual report of the bureau of vital statistics, issued Saturday. The bureau's report covers the period from December 20, 1921, to December 13, 1922, and in that time 3948 people died. Of these 635 were babies less than one month old. The next age showing the greatest mortality was from 64 to 75 in which classification there were 527 deaths.

The death rate per 1000 of population this year is 9.14, while last year it was 8.97. Males led in the number of deaths with 2307 and the remainder of 1641 was females. Only nine colored people died in the state during the year.

In the period covered by the report 10,285 babies were born in Idaho. One of these was colored. There were 5303 boys, 4967 girls, and the sex of 15 was not stated in the report to the bureau. Fifty-seven were illegitimate. Exactly 100 pairs of twins were born in the year and two sets of triplets. Single babies numbered 10,079. Still births totaled 194. Parents of 9270 babies were born in the United States, while those of the remaining 1015 were born in foreign countries.

The birth rate per 1000 of population for 1922 was 23.81, but in 1921 it was 26.47.

There were more cases of influenza in 1922 than any other disease, 1031 cases being reported. In 1921 measles held first place with 1618 cases. Smallpox was second with 894 cases. In 1922 304 cases of scarlet fever were reported, making this disease second from the standpoint of number of cases to influenza.

"BUGS" ON FORDS.

When starting
A Ford
In cold weather
Great care
Must be taken
Not to anger
The beast
Gently apply
Boiling water
About the exuberator;
Then grasp the crank
Firmly
Between the thumb
And forefinger,
And at the same time
Tickle its epiglottis
With the wire
Provided
For the purpose
And then pump
Gas into its lungs
When the animal coughs,
Mount
And depart.

DIES IN CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Sue Hayes, age 75 years, died in her home at Cederville, California, on December 22nd according to word received in Cottonwood this week. Mrs. Hayes was the mother of 10 children, six of whom survive her. She also leaves her husband and her sister, Mrs. A. B. Rooke, of this city, and a brother, John Harriman of Grangeville, Idaho. At one time she was a resident of Camas Prairie having left Idaho 33 years ago with her family.

"ENTHUSIASM."

In chronicling the basket ball game between Nezperce and Cottonwood the Nezperce Herald among other things said:

"The enthusiasm shown by the Cottonwood crowd was also a great factor in the victory of their team for we all know what effect strong backing has on the spirit of a team. On January 5, however, when Cottonwood plays Nezperce on the local floor the home boys are determined to get even with their opponents."

FOREMOST CITIZENS.

Who are the ten foremost present day American statesmen? Here is the answer of the American history students of the University of Idaho. Woodrow Wilson, 96; Hughes 94; Borah, 87; Hoover, 84; Harding, 80; Bryan, 78; Taft, 74; Root, 71; and McAdoo, 60.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STATE

The first appointment of C. C. Moore, governor-elect, to be made public was announced Saturday when Idaho's next chief executive named B. H. Read, Idaho Falls editor, as his private secretary.

William E. Corrado, arrested in Lewiston on advices from Grangeville, charging him with forgery, Tuesday pleaded guilty and was sentenced by District Judge W. N. Scales to two to 14 years in prison.

The governor-elect and all other officials take the oath of office a week before the legislature meets. Usually they take office at the same time, but under the provisions of the constitutions, the dates for both do not fall in January, 1923, on the same day. This will give the incoming governor a week of grace to determine on policies and appointments.

A sad case of having been struck blind overnight is that of Mrs. Garrison wife of ex-Sheriff F. W. Garrison of Orofino, now residing at Kendrick. One day during the latter part of last week, Mrs. Garrison complained of pain in her left eye, and the following morning she was totally blind. She had been suffering with nervous trouble for some time and to this is attributed the attack.

Idaho's public utilities commissioner ruled Saturday that the value of the Idaho Power company, upon which the power users of the system are required to pay "fair return," is not \$22,567,890, as originally claimed by the company, but only \$11,638,495. Of this greatly reduced total, the commission decided \$1,542,095 worth of property is not entitled to full return.

A tract of white pine timber near Weippe, Idaho, has been bought by the Ohio Match company from Henry Turrish, Duluth lumberman, for a reported consideration of \$200,000 cash. This is one of the finest stands in the Clearwater country. It is reported the Ohio Match company will erect a mill midway between Weippe and Greer, the railroad station. Joseph Malloy of Orofino represented Mr. Turrish in the deal.

R. F. Bicknell, former president; J. H. Black, vice president, and G. R. Hitt, cashier of the defunct Overland National bank of Boise, were found not guilty of misapplication of the bank's funds, but the jury disagreed on the charge of making false reports to the comptroller in the items of excess loans. United States District Attorney E. G. Davis said the he would probably proceed to re-try the defendants on the latter charge.

The work of pouring concrete for the north abutment of the new bridge to span the Clearwater river at the town of Spalding was renewed last Thursday, F. W. Straw, local manager for the Security Bridge company, having the contract, stated. Piers one and three are now ready, and excavating for pier number two, in the center of the stream, is now being made. With nothing of an unforeseen nature happening it is expected that the bridge will be completed before May 1, and thus avoid the high waters of spring.

Montana newspapers contain articles in which prominence is given to reports of revival of plans of the Northern Pacific for construction of the Missoula-Lewiston cutoff through the Clearwater mountains. The story is printed in Butte, Anaconda and Missoula newspapers. The Missoula papers state that 20 miles of the proposed road was completed out of there several years ago. The articles all associate the development with plans of the Weyerhaeuser syndicate for milling their Clearwater district timber holdings.