

## AFTER ARTESIAN WATER

Idaho Investment Company Will try for a Well on the Yantis Tract.

### WORK WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Morning—The Location Selected is Where the Basalt Outcrops—Boulders Cannot Interfere.

Work will begin tomorrow on an artesian well on the Yantis tract. The machinery is all in place and the men who will do the work are practical well men and the machinery first class and complete for the purpose. The Idaho Investment and Banking company and the Blanchards of Newark, N. J., who own the Yantis tract, have consummated the deal. W. P. Hurlbut, president of the Idaho National bank, was seen about the details this afternoon. He said:

"Everything is in readiness to begin in the morning. We are determined that the question of water shall not deter us from improving the Yantis tract. If artesian water can be had in this valley we mean to get it. We have secured competent workmen and are prepared to go 500 feet if necessary to get a flow of water. The work is undertaken by ourselves and the Blanchards of Newark, N. J., who own the tract. The spot selected for the trial is at the south end in a draw where the basalt makes an outcrop. By drilling there we avoid the question of dealing with the cobblestone formation that has bothered the operations at the Weisgerber well. The point selected is, too, at an elevation where, if successful, we can cover the entire tract with water, as it flows from the well.

All indications favor the success of the experiment and with the question of water solved we will begin the immediate improvement of the Yantis tract. We expect to grade it, plant trees and prepare to make it the finest residential addition to the city of Lewiston. To guard against cheapness in the buildings

we will sell with the understanding that the improvements shall not fall below a certain figure. The details are not yet settled but the minimum will probably be placed at about \$1500."

The machinery will be operated by Helm & Steward who have secured the contract and are prepared with effective machinery to push the work rapidly. From the success of the wells in Tammany and in the Palouse country there is every indication that the work will terminate in a complete success for the originators of the plan and prove the solution of the water problem.

#### Another Large Crop.

"While the citizens of the town are objecting to the weather the farmers and those directly in touch with them are rejoicing over the prospects for a crop that such weather brings." This observation was made by Sam Sweeney today in his comment on the weather. "Most of the grain in our vicinity," said Mr. Sweeney, "is fall sowing on summer fallow land and this weather is bringing it along. I never saw grain look better. The coming crop will equal last year's big crop if this weather continues. The farmers are in good shape this fall. While the price of wheat has continued low and many are still holding every one has had enough to pay expenses and there are few advances asked on next year's crop. I have only had three farmers make application for advances on the new crop. This condition applies generally over the reservation country. The farmers will enter the new year in better shape than they have in years and prospects of a big crop makes them very cheerful. Do not kick because of the rain, it is the salvation of the country."

#### A Reservation Farm.

Joseph Harr, a reservation farmer with a homestead near Beeman, tells of the season's business on his farm. His crop this year yielded him 2100 bushels of wheat, 1200 bushels of barley, 700 bushels of oats and 700 bushels of flax. The wheat averaged 28 bushels to the acre and the flax about 16 bushels. He sold his flax for \$1.45 per bushel. His wheat he still holds. Mr. Harr has an orchard of nine acres with about 700 trees ready to bear. Between the rows of trees he has berries. From his berry patch he has sold this year \$255 worth, \$162 of this being from his strawberry patch alone. Mr. Harr is consequently very enthusiastic about prospects on the reservation. He left on the boat this morning to visit friends in Charleston, Illinois. He will return in the spring and hopes to bring with him several others whom he can persuade to try life on the Beeman prairie.

## Paraphrastically Told

McGilvery & Boston are displaying some elegant house furnishings in their show windows this week.

There will be degree work in the third at the K. of P. lodge tonight and lunch served by the Rathbone Sisters.

E. A. Leachman sold his Craig mountain farm today to Mr. Weslin of Minnesota; consideration \$550 for 160 acres.

B. F. Bashor, assessor-elect, will move to the city the first of the year. He has rented one of the Dent cottages on Idaho street.

The steamer J. M. Hannaford did not arrive today as was expected and her trip up the river will be delayed in consequence.

Robert Hayes, the young man who was married at the fair ground, received his barrel of flour from the Lewiston Milling company today.

The steamer Spokane went up to the Waba warehouse this morning and loaded 1800 sacks of wheat for shipment to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. of Portland.

Ira Small is making arrangements to continue drilling at the artesian well at his place. The machinery is being put in shape at Cooper's machine shop today.

J. N. Gwin of Beeman has been selected as deputy assessor under the incoming officer Mr. Bashor. Mr. Gwin is a reservation man who has a claim near Beeman.

The apparatus for driving the piles and putting in the slips for the transfer of freight from the steamer Hannaford to the Northern Pacific cars has arrived and work will be begun at once to put the improvements in place.

The Kettenbach Grain company bought 30,000 bushels of wheat from the Washington Improvement company today. S. Sweeney represented the latter company in the deal. The wheat is now stored in the improvement company's warehouse at the mouth of Sweetwater.

Contractor Reid is fixed in his belief that the city is getting the advantage of the contract in the way the work is being done. The wet packing of the cement gravel is better than any dry packing could ever possibly be. The moisture will soon absorb leaving practically a concrete foundation. "Lewiston will have the best sub-grade that it is possible to make," said Mr. Reid today. "This work will be superior to any I did in Spokane in all my contracts there."

The athletic team not being able to get any more games practically disbanded last night. The record for the season has been three games in which the club scored, won once, were defeated once and played one tie game. Their victory was the defeat of the Walla Walla Athletic club by a score of 11 to 0. The tie game was with the University of Idaho, the score being 0 to 0. The club suffered defeat at the hands of the W. A. C. club by a score of 2 to 0. In the three games played the home club scored 11 and their opponents 2. Lewiston has had a strong team and only inability to secure matches with Spokane, Moscow and Pullman kept the record from being a brilliant one. H. L. Byers, who has been acting as coach for the L. A. C. team, left for Moscow on the morning train.

## Coming and Going

E. R. Windus of the Lewiston Water P. H. Blake returned to Orofino today.

J. G. Wright of Culesac is in the city today.

A. Morse went to Grangeville this morning.

Bob Richville went to Stuart this morning.

Adrian Sweet is back from his trip to Kendrick.

and Power Co. left on the morning train bound for Kendrick.

Sheriff J. W. Rozen went to Orofino on official business today.

J. W. Fenderson returned to Spalding on the morning train.

N. B. Holbrook returned to his home in Juliaetta this morning.

Mrs. J. B. West and son went to Moscow today for a short visit.

R. H. Parker, representing Erb & Co., went to Grangeville this morning.

I. N. Smith returned tonight from attending the district court at Moscow.

Lafe Williams, a Clearwater mining man arrived tonight from Grangeville.

I. D. Cleck, the Pierce mining man, was a passenger on the morning train for Kendrick.

Scott and Claude Wilkinson went to Basalt this morning where they will have charge of one of the warehouses belong-

ing to the Clearwater Grain Co.

Paul Corbett of Felix Corbett & Sons, Indian merchants at Kamiah, returned home this morning.

Seth Gifford, postmaster at Beeman, left on the morning train for home after proving up on his homestead.

C. T. Waller returned to Ahsahka this morning where he is employed as time-keeper and book keeper for McLean Bros.

C. E. Hibbs and wife are the guests of Newton Hibbs this week. Mr. Hibbs is in the city to file on some timber lands in the upper Clearwater.

S. G. Martin proprietor of the Nezperce Herald was a passenger on the Clearwater train this morning after a short business trip to Spokane.

County Commissioner A. G. Johnson, who has been in the city compiling statistics on county division matters left for his home this morning.

B. F. Bashor, assessor-elect, and his sister, Mrs. C. F. Rinehart left on the boat this morning for Salem Oregon, where they go to make a two weeks' visit their parents. There will be a reunion of the Bashor family on the 21st to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. Bashor's father and mother.

D. A. Stevens has fenced and seeded the sand bar that has been drifting for years back of the Normal school. The late wet weather has brought up the crop with splendid results. Mr. Stevens will use the field for pasture in the early summer and let it seed itself in the fall. Such a method will soon form an effectual sod that will hold the sand.

Mrs. L. J. Anderson, postmistress at Orofino, returned to that place after having completed a filing upon a homestead on the reservation. Mrs. Anderson, who is a widow and a native of England, had the right of naturalization from her husband's citizenship papers taken out in Iowa, but fearing that the papers from there could not reach here in time to file upon a valuable relinquishment, she applied for papers for herself and on these made her filing yesterday at the land office.

### New Century Consecration Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Archbishop Martinelli, the apostolic delegate, will participate at services to be held at St. Patrick's church in this city at midnight, December 31, to consecrate the new century to God. A year ago the pope gave special permission, with a view to wide exercise of the privilege, to sing a solemn mass at night December 31 of last year to consecrate the closing year of the century and to repeat it December 31 next, for consecrating the entire new century. The coming ceremony is expected to be an unusually interesting one. Most of the bishops throughout the country will probably hold similar solemn services.

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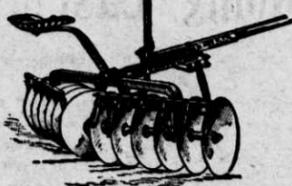
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