

C. CHEELEY ON IDAHO

Former Resident of This County Gives Information

Payette, Idaho, Aug. 28, 1904.
Editor Herald: I will through The Herald answer a few friends who from Minnesota have asked me for information about the part of Idaho in which we live.

Mining, stock raising, agriculture and fruit growing are the chief interests here. Mining, however, is not carried on in or right near Payette. Sheep, horses and cattle are grown here to perfection. Alfalfa is the chief farm product, yet wheat, barley, rye, oats and corn are profitably grown. Three crops of wheat, oats or rye, can be harvested from one seeding, but this mode of farming is not resorted to by the best farmers, as it produces wild oats and smut, which are detrimental to the sale of grain. I think that forty acres well tilled here in farm crops, will produce more than eighty acres will in Minnesota.

There is more good agricultural land right here, than can be found in any one body elsewhere in the arid West.

There is homestead land here. The government appropriated \$2,700,000 with which to build dam and a ditch on the Malheur river, which is in Oregon just across Snake river from Payette. The dam will be 250 feet high, of solid masonry. The reservoir will be fifty miles long and ten miles wide, and will hold water for two seasons need. This water will cover 250,000 acres of as good land as there is in the west. Surveyors have been at work all summer on this project and have pronounced it susceptible and work on the dam is being done. This land is being taken very fast. Speculators are taking more of it than are those who actually want it for homes, knowing that there is money in it as soon as the water goes on. Such land improved is selling now for \$150 to \$300 per acre.

When the government appropriates money to construct a ditch, the land which it covers, is withdrawn from regular homestead entry, and a price is put on the land per acre, covering the cost of the ditch, the maximum price being \$90 per acre. It is left with the Secretary of the Interior as to how much any one person can take. In this particular case 80 acres is the limit and \$10 paid per acre in ten yearly payments, beginning two years after the water is on, without interest. Anyone can take this land whether they have taken government land under the old homestead law or not. People who want a home, can not make any mistake in getting forty or eighty acres of this land. The price I give as \$10 per acre is only a guess as the engineers are not through the surveying, but this amount is the general talk here. This land is now covered with sage brush, coyotes and jack rabbits.

Most of the denominations have churches in Payette. Some join the churches here, to be popular, and keep right on gambling. There are Chinese here. They are mostly laundrymen and truck gardeners. Japs and Greeks are here too, working on railroads and in the coal mines.

Everything a family buys here is higher than back East.

There is no local sale for fruit here, but carload lots go out of Payette daily and the express cars are filled each day and then plenty left awaiting the next train. Pests make it possible for any one to sell fruit here at price that would pay for boxing and transportation. The San Jose scale and the codling moth are the enemies of the fruit growers, and so many allow these pests' full sway that it enables those who do fight them to a finish to find in the east sale for their fruit. The ground in hundreds of orchards is covered with ripe fruit, and it is fine fruit, too, and not half people enough to consume it, but there is a big emigration to this part of the world all the time.

I think that most all kinds of business in the towns and cities are overdone, ditto the labor market. I think the saloons make more here than most other dealers do. Drinks, (beer included) are 15 cents a glass, or two for a quarter, and poor stuff, too.

Salmon are up this far now. I helped this morning to pull a boat, setting out the seine which get salmon and sturgeon also. The seine is about 400 feet long and leaves the shore on the stern of a row boat. The boat leaves heading up stream, and across stream, but the best oarsmen can do the current carries them down. One end of the seine is held at starting point but

is allowed to drift with the current. When the seine is out the oarsmen pull down and back to shore as quick as possible. It takes quick and hard work to land within a half mile of the starting point. When the boat lands a horse is hitched to the end of the seine below and the load pulled out. The oarsmen saw a sturgeon in the net today that would have weighed 900 lbs. but could not be landed. He held the boat until he went through the seine and was free.

A great many sheep tire out and are given to children along the routes from the feeding grounds in the valleys, to the pastures in the hills. One young lady in the Payette valley secured enough of such cast-off sheep to bring her more than \$500 last spring. It would be a useless waste of words to tell a grand jurymen who served in Morrison county on the jury of the spring of 1904, that this was the same girl who walked the pole across the ditch.

C. CHEELEY.

MR. KULL MADE MANAGER.

The board of directors of the Morrison County Farmers' Exchange on Saturday elected Secretary P. A. Kull as general manager of the grain and potato business of the Exchange, President B. J. Smith to devote himself to the live stock branch.

The sum of \$1,500 was deposited in the First National bank as a preliminary to buying grain and potatoes. The directors are looking for a competent wheat buyer to take charge of their elevator here. Potatoes will be shipped from all railroad points in the county.

Tomorrow President Smith will be at Randall and Secretary Kull at Little Falls to meet farmers who have cattle to ship, so the cattle can be sent next Monday.

Mr. Kull's selection is considered very fortunate, as he has taken great interest in the work of the Exchange, and done much to bring it to its present good condition. With the affairs of the association in charge of Messrs. Smith and Kull and the efficient board of directors, the members have reason to believe their affairs are in good hands.

The Exchange will wait a week or so before buying potatoes. The market rules low at present.

Thos. Pederson will be potato buyer for the Exchange at Randall.

ED. McDONALD IN LUCK.

Ed. McDonald was one of the lucky ones in the drawing of lands at the opening of the Devils Lake Indian Reservation, says the Long Prairie Leader. There are 588 farms to be had and Ed. drew number 816 which means that he has the 816th choice of the lands.

The land is valuable ranging in worth from \$15 to \$35 per acre. Fifty men a day make their selection in the order of the number they have drawn. Ed. will make his selection on Sept. 13th. He will have to pay \$1.50 per acre down when he files and within six months from that date move on the land and live there eight months, at the end of which time by paying an additional \$8 per acre, he obtains a patent to the land. Ed. says he will like nothing better than to move up there and live on the land as it will be a sort of vacation for him.

AS TO VALENTINE.

St. Paul Globe: Mr. Valentine is well and favorably known throughout the state. Coming to Minnesota with his parents in 1855, when about one year of age, he has spent his life in this state. He received an excellent education in the Winona public schools, the Red Wing Educational institution, the Winona normal school and the University of Minnesota, later taking a three years course at law at the University of Michigan. He engaged in the practice of law in the city of Winona for a number of years, winning the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. In 1884 he was elected to the state legislature on the democratic ticket.

MORRISON COUNTY BUTTER EXHIBITORS

Among those exhibiting butter at the state fair were O. A. Johnson, of the Little Falls creamery, who scored 92, F. F. Zabel, of Swanville, who scored 93, F. J. Welt of Freedholm, who scored 95, and Nels Olson, living three miles from here, who scored 91.54. The first three were creamery products.

Miss Sarah Holmes is teaching at Red Wing.

Girl wants position for general housework. Inquire of Mrs. Asa Porter, on Little Elk road.

EXTENSIVE LOGGING

Timber Cut on Reservation Will be 200,000,000 Feet

William O'Neil, superintendent of the logging operations on the Chippewa reservations, says that from the present outlook the cut during the coming winter, on Indian timber already sold, will amount to 200,000,000 feet. The logging of that amount of timber will furnish employment to 5,000 men during the winter, says the Duluth News-Tribune.

This does not embrace all the Indian timber that will be cut this winter in northern Minnesota by any means, for in November there is considerable pine to be sold on the Pigeon river, Fond du Lac, Deer river and Bois Forte reservations. A certain amount of timber, and considerable in the aggregate, will be logged on the reserves before spring.

Mr. O'Neil is reported to have saved about \$12,000 worth of timber in the territory, in which the Standard Lumber company is operating on the Chippewa reservation, but in doing so he took chances of receiving censure from the department. There was a considerable amount of down timber on some land that the state claims, but the validity of Minnesota's title had not been determined. Being an old logger Mr. O'Neil disliked to see the logs lie and so to decay. It had been down two years and he knew that in another year it would be valueless, so he began a correspondence with the state and government officials, with a view to having the tract logged and the money placed in escrow with Major Scott, until such time as the rights of the state and the government should be settled.

The state officials could not see their way to a legal solution of the difficulty and neither could the government. Mr. O'Neil finally authorized the Standard Lumber company who offered a good price for the logs, to cut them. The timber was saved and the money is in escrow to go to the state or the Indians as the case may be decided.

EXCHANGE WHEAT BUYER.

Julius H. Newman, of the town of Little Falls, has been engaged by Secretary Kull of the Farmers' Exchange to be wheat buyer at Little Falls. Mr. Newman has been in the milling business for many years, and was for some time in charge of the Gravelville mill. He has leased his farm and will move his family to town. The Exchange elevator will be ready for business Monday.

A young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Guertin is ill with appendicitis.

The Floto shows gave two good performances here Wednesday. The trained animals were far above the ordinary, and the circus features were good. It is a good, clean show, with no disagreeable features.

Secretary P. A. Kull of the Farmers' Exchange was in Minneapolis Tuesday, making arrangements for handling the products to be shipped by the Exchange. He says the poorest wheat seen in many years is being shown on the board of trade.

MARRIED.

Mr. Edmund Loucks and Miss Rose McDaniel were married at the First Baptist church in this city Wednesday evening at 8.30 o'clock, Rev. E. W. Atwood performing the ceremony. Miss Lizzie McDaniel, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Don M. Cameron best man.

The bride was robed in cream satin ribboned batiste, and carried American Beauty roses. The bridesmaid wore cream Swiss and carried cream roses.

After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. McDaniel. A large number of friends and relatives were present, and fine refreshments were served. The young couple received many valuable presents.

Mr. Loucks is a well known employe of the Little Falls Milling Co., an industrious and steady young man, who has won a multitude of friends during his stay in this city. Mrs. Loucks has every quality needed for a good helpmate, and the young couple will begin married life with the sincere good will of all who know them.

Mr. and Mrs. Loucks left on the early morning train yesterday for a short trip to Spring Valley, Austin and other southern Minnesota points, to visit the groom's relatives. They will be at home to their friends in the D. K. Harting house on Second street southeast.

BERG'S BURGLARS.

CAUGHT IN IOWA WITH SOME OF THE GOODS.

John Higgins and John Williams are under arrest, charged with the robbery of J. W. Berg's store in this city two weeks ago. The job had been attributed to local parties, and four revolvers were missing.

Last week Marshal Walker of New Hampton, Ia., in looking up two tramps for the night, searched them. He found some revolvers and razors, and had the men sent up for ten days as vagrants, while he could investigate. He sent a coupon guarantee which he found on a razor to the factory, and was notified that those razors had been sold to J. W. Berg of Little Falls. Mr. Berg was notified and sent his cost and selling mark to the Iowa authorities, who evidently thought identification complete, for Sheriff Schnurr wired Sheriff Tanner that prisoners are ready for him. The sheriff will go after them, and as court time is not far off, a speedy trial will be had.

L. Schmidt of Stewart, Minn., is making his home with his brother A. J., and will go to school here this winter.

Luther Snow brought a little son down from Rail Prairie Saturday to get medical treatment for an injured finger.

Barney Flitsam and C. W. Bouck of Royalton are visiting the World's fair. Nothing will get away from that pair.

The Swedish Mission Friends will give an auction sale at the old courthouse tomorrow evening. Coffee and cake, 10 cent.

A. T. Ehlert, lately in charge of the Windsor hotel, has leased the City hotel, on the corner of Kidder street and First avenue southeast.

An infant, three months old, died at the orphanage Sunday night of cholera infantum, and was buried Tuesday, the remains being interred in the new German cemetery.

Chris Van Buskirk has gone out of the flour and feed business. John Billstein has taken the store formerly occupied by Mr. Van Buskirk and will continue in the same business.

Julius, Gustav, Edward and William Jaeger of Belle Prairie have bought from Gaudet & Doncette a J. I. Case threshing rig, with 20-horse engine and 38 x 68 separator.

Frank Ploof fell sixteen feet off a lumber pile in the Pine Tree yards Wednesday, losing balance while reaching for a board. One arm was broken at the wrist. Dr. Roberts attended.

Mrs. Elmer Scott and daughter of Park Rapids visited the family of Mrs. Scott's cousin, W. T. Tourtellot, en route to their old home at Elk River. Mr. Scott is superintendent of the Park Rivers Lumber Co.

St. Aloysius parochial school opened for the fall term Thursday last week, with four sisters of the Benedictine order in charge. The school is doing good work, and the attendance is constantly increasing.

Rev. E. C. Clemons, D. D., of Duluth, will preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the schoolhouse at Randall on Saturday evening, Sept. 17th at 8 o'clock. All are urged to be present. 27-2

F. A. Ginther of Bellevue was a pleasant caller Monday. Mr. Ginther's wheat turned out 14 bushels to the acre, and his corn is looking well, so he says he doesn't feel like kicking. He has been on his present farm three years.

The opinion of impartial observers from all parts of the state, was that the Morrison county exhibit should at least have got second place. The exhibit attracted more attention than any other, and had the most visitors. The prize drawn was \$181.

Julius, son of Jacob Thoen of Buckman, was operated on by Dr. Rochford of Minneapolis assisted by Drs. Chance and Richard of Little Falls, on Tuesday. The operation was a resection of the elbow joint, which was affected with tuberculosis.

There will be an auction next Monday at the old Swan River mill place. J. H. Kay, who owns the place, is going to Washington for a year, and will sell all his household goods, stock, corn and potatoes in field, 6,000 feet of lumber, and many other things.

MONEY to loan on farms.

Stephen C. Vasaly.

SOME SPECIAL PRIZES

Extra Inducements for Street Fair Exhibitors

In addition to the regular cash prizes for exhibits at the Little Falls Street Fair, there will be many special prizes. Among those already arranged for, are the following, with the name of the business house giving the prize:

Largest Pumpkin—The St. Paul Dry Goods Store. First prize, a \$12.50 fancy parlor lamp; second prize, 6 lb. fancy satin comforter; third prize, 7-piece fancy water set with silver tray.

Best collection of vegetables of at least ten varieties, not less than two of each variety—Barney Burton. First prize, \$12.00 dress pattern; second prize, \$8.50 three-piece suit of clothes for boy 13 to 18 years; third prize, \$3.50 pair of ladies or gent's shoes.

For Largest Three Carrots, weight to decide—H. W. Venners. First prize, one box of good cigars; second prize, large package smoking tobacco.

Best Ten Ears of Corn and Best Ten Stocks of Corn, same variety—W. H. Ryan. First prize, a new double-barrel shotgun; second prize, single barrel shotgun.

Honey—Decker Bros. For best display of honey, a Gordon hat.

Muskmelon—M. V. Wetzel. First prize, a fine large hammock; second prize, a large bottle of perfume.

For Best Collection of Squashes, excepting Hubbard squash—Simonet Bros. First prize, a fancy oak cobbler or mahogany rocker; second prize, solid oak center table.

Caulliflower and Celery—C. H. Brown. First prize, fine brush and comb; second prize, large box toilet soap.

Miss Earlie Brandon is teaching at Lincoln.

Miss Laura Simmons is teaching school near Rice.

Miss Fanny Farrand is teaching in New London, Minn.

Miss Nellie O'Shea is teaching school near Pine River.

Miss Lella Stewart is teaching school at Hill City, Aitkin county.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tucker, of Belle Prairie, Sept. 1st, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charley Traut of Philbrook, Aug. 27th, a daughter.

Moet of the wheat so far brought in has been low grade, with a few loads of No. 1 Northern.

Henry Brouseau of Ripley reports the highest wheat yield so far, averaging twenty bushels to the acre.

Miss Perry of St. Paul is trimmer at Mrs. R. Herron's, and Miss Platts of the same place at Miss Sande's.

W. H. Venners has placed the 'C. R.' cigar, named in honor of Congressman Buckman, on the market.

Jessie Niles has moved to the Geo. Fuller house on Fourth street north, from a house on Fourth street southeast.

Crosland & Dugas have placed an electric massage machine, called the 'vibrassage,' in their Hotel Buckman barber shop.

The city schools opened this week for the fall term, with an enrollment of about 1,250, which is considerably more than the number enrolled at the opening of school last year.

Ed. Newman, son of Julius Newman, the well known miller, now employed by the Farmers' Exchange, has entered the employ of the Minn. Mill Co., and will learn his father's trade.

John Stewart and Miss Caroline Schaefer were married in this city Tuesday morning, by Justice Cameron. Mr. Stewart is a son of Robt. Stewart of Elm Dale and is employed in this city. The young couple will make their home at the City hotel for the present. Several relatives and friends were present at the ceremony and wished the happy couple good fortune.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Came on my premises in sections number one and two, Swan River town, this county, on or about July 28d, 1904, one red dehorned cow about five years old and in fat condition. Owner will please call, pay charges and expenses and take animal away.

John Wetzel

BROWN'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Brown's Business College opened in the north part of the Antlers hotel Tuesday morning, Leslie B. Smith in charge. A. E. Brown, manager and owner of the Northfield school, of which this is a branch, was present.

The school has very pleasant and commodious quarters. The room formerly used for a billiard hall is the main instruction room, and west of it is the typewriter room, with five machines in place. The rooms are splendidly lighted, convenient and well arranged.

The school starts out with a good number of scholars, and it is hoped will become one of the leading institutions of the state.

CITY COUNCIL

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening.

The matter of repairs in the city hall, renovation upstairs, was referred to the building committee.

The mayor's appointment of Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. C. A. Weyerhaeuser and A. R. Davidson as members of the library board, was approved.

A cement crosswalk was ordered constructed on the east side of the intersection of Third street and third avenue southeast.

The surety bond of John Jordan, for construction of cement walks, was approved.

A petition for opening up Fourth street southwest was brought up by Alderman Clark, and the matter referred to the street committee. The erection of the new Drozowski building has shut people off from traversing the block diagonally, and about two blocks will have to be cleared to give them free passage.

A long petition signed by M. M. Williams, C. A. Lindbergh, O. Dulo, and many other residents of Pike Creek, was presented. The burden of the document was that the city had taken a large amount of territory from the town of Pike Creek in 1889, that the city for 16, these many years, had enjoyed the taxes of this particular region, that the city was not taking proper care of the north, west and south highways, that such condition was intolerable, and greatly to the discredit of the city and the discomfort of those using the said highways, that if the council would not or could not repair these highways, that steps be taken to give back to Pike Creek the territory stolen from it, and that the newspapers publish the document that the people at large may know where the fearful responsibility lies. The council laid the petition, reluctantly but firmly, on the table. It is claimed, that with the possible exception of one place, which will be fixed, that the highways in question, are in excellent repair, and that the roads in the town outside of the limits are the ones that need attention.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for 100 cords of wood for the city hall.

The council adjourned to Friday evening, Sept. 9th.

Bills allowed:

M. G. Coleman, washing towels	\$ 39
Hose Co. No. 4, services at fire	5 00
Chemical No. 1, services at fire	3 00
Chemical No. 2, services at fire	3 50
M. H. Jacobson, hauling fire apparatus	1 50
John Lauerman, reeling hose	50
J. W. Jones, refund on cement walk	13 33
C. E. Vasaly, money to poor	3 00
St. Paul Dry Goods Co. Merchandise for poor	1 85
Dr. N. W. Chance, city physician	50 00
M. V. Wetzel, medicine for poor	9 10
Richard Bros., merchandise for poor	10 00
David Gaboury, boarding poor	20 00
Peterson & Nelson, merchandise for poor	14 71
Warren Gibson, merchandise for poor	4 00
Water Power Co., hydrant rental	320 00
Water Power Co., lights	239 80
Water Power Co., supplies	3 25
A. J. Fenn, establishing grades	31 00
Transcript Publishing Co., official printing	19 30
Pine Tree Lumber Co., lumber and wood	71 58
J. W. Jones, one day sprinkling	3 50
Denis & Jolka, hardware	2 00
C. H. Graham, Oak plank	5 60
Phil Randall, checking city engineer	10 00
J. W. Jones, rock	11 62
F. Holmstrom, blacksmithing	3 75
Ellenbecker & Goulet, hardware	13 40
Democrat Publishing Company, printing	50 00

HOUSE FOR SALE—\$450, \$50 down. Balance in installments. Stephen C. Vasaly.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of superintendent of schools on the democratic ticket. I have taught twelve years in the public schools of this county, and ask the kind support of all voters.

Theo. Ortman.