

IDAHO STATE NEWS

New Meadows has a population of 200 people, all of which came to that section since June 1, 1911.

Mrs. Beulah Caplan, wife of a leading business man of Weiser, died July 13 of hemorrhage of the lungs and brain. She was ill but a few hours.

That the Bruneau tract is pretty sure to be financed and 600,000 acres of the choicest land in Idaho will be soon open for entry, is the latest news from that section.

The state pure food and sanitary inspector made a raid on Idaho Falls one day last week, securing twelve convictions out of twelve arrests for violation of the pure food laws.

David W. Moffatt, a former prominent citizen of Iowa and Nebraska, a resident of Nampa for the past three years and a veteran of the civil war, died at his home in Nampa, July 10.

A new road is being surveyed to the Arbon country leading from American Falls. The new route is said to be a much shorter one than surveyed two years ago, with easy grades and little expensive construction.

As a result of a conference between the state land board and a representative of the government, this state secures undisputed title to approximately 75,000 acres of the best timber land in the Clearwater national forest.

Trees have been planted in the new city park at Caldwell, the drives leading in fenced, culverts constructed, a well sunk, and contracts for draining the plat let to a local firm, who are to complete the work within 30 days.

M. Wilson, formerly of La Junta, Colo., was shot by an Oregon Short Line brakeman and seriously wounded, after being thrown from a moving freight train east of Shoshone. Wilson is in the hospital and will recover.

Recent heavy rains that swept over north Idaho have eliminated danger of forest fires in the mountain regions for at least two months, is the belief of Major Frank A. Fenn, supervisor of the Salway forest reservation with headquarters at Kootskia.

One of the most progressive moves of the citizens of Rockland and the surrounding region is to observe a "farmers' day in September. There never has been an opportunity to get such an extensive or such a comprehensive display a sthis season offers.

The sheriff raided the Elks' club rooms at Lewiston and confiscated all the liquors he found there. Now the members have instituted replevin proceedings to recover possession, contending that the liquor is private property, located in a private club.

What might have been a serious fire at the Boise barracks was extinguished through the timely discovery of the conflagration by one of the soldiers, who saw the fire on the grass creeping close to the powder houses of the several hardware firms of the city.

William Cooper, the negro convicted of making an assault on Miss Bertha Bauer in Boise on Sunday evening, April 23, while the young woman was on her way home from her work, has been given an indeterminate term of from one to fourteen years in the state prison.

Quisida Darruda, a Spanish boy, was drowned in the Boise river near Eagle, despite the fact that half a dozen young men came to his assistance in an endeavor to rescue him. The boy, who could not swim, joined the other bathers and got into deep water.

New Meadows is the headquarters of the Pacific & Idaho Northern Railway company, which is also building large shops. It has the finest passenger station in the state of Idaho, beautiful in its architectural features and modern throughout, built at a cost of \$30,000.

Secretary of the Interior Fisher has authorized the purchase of the Hubbard reservoir and reservoir site, between Ten-Mile and Indian creek, four miles from Kuna, to be used as part of the Boise irrigation project, according to advices received from Washington.

J. S. Neil was shot and killed at Darby, in Teton basin, by Ellington Smith. Both men are farmers and the killing is the result of a row over right to water in an irrigation ditch, although a bitter feud has existed between the two men for a number of years.

Governor Hawley has issued a proclamation intended to remove all danger of importing sheep infected with scab or scabbies. The governor says he is informed by the state veterinarian that this disease exists among the sheep of Canada and some of the surrounding states.

A Greek shot and probably fatally wounded Fred Wilson, at Ashton, and attempted to escape, but was captured later by a posse after a short flight at Hamer river, twelve miles above Ashton. The attack was entirely unprovoked.

The sugar beet crop in Idaho will be enormous this year. The St. Anthony or Sugar City factory has 7,000 acres of beets out; the Idaho Falls factory has out 6,000 and the Blackfoot factory has out 4,500 acres. In addition to this Burley has out 2,000 acres.

MEET DEATH IN MINE

TWENTY-ONE MEN MEET DEATH AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.

Deadly Fire Damp Probable Cause of Most of Deaths, Men Being Found Clasped in Each Other's Arms in Death Embrace.

Dubois, Pa.—An explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke company at Sykesville late Sunday night caused the death of twenty-one miners, most of them being killed almost instantly. Among the dead are nine Italians, eight Slavs, one Lithuanian and three Americans.

Twenty-seven men were at work in the mines at the time, and whether they were killed by the explosion or died as the result of inhaling the deadly fire damp is not known. A few bodies recovered show that they were killed by the explosion, but the majority had their dinner pails with them and were making their way towards the main entrance when cut down presumably by the fire damp. There were two sets of brothers and a father and son among those killed. George and John Hook, brothers, were found clasped in each other's arms, while Frank Pavelick and his fifteen-year-old son were also found in a death embrace.

LOAN WILL AVERT CRISIS.

Galapagos Island, Commanding Panama Canal Entrance, to be Neutralized.

Washington.—Negotiations are under way through the state department whereby the Galapagos islands, off the coast of Ecuador and commanding the Pacific entrance to the Panama canal, will be forever removed as a factor to be turned against the safety of the United States in the event of war.

Abandoning the old plan of purchasing the islands from Ecuador, Secretary Knox has called his "dollar diplomacy" into play.

Not only then will the neutralization of the Galapagos islands be accomplished, but one of the pest holes of the world will be cleaned up, namely, Guayaquil, the seaport of Ecuador, and control of the railway in Ecuador will be retained in American hands and the stock and bondholders of this road will be fully protected in their rights.

The long discussed \$3,000,000 loan to Ecuador is the means by which these ends are to be brought about.

END NOW IN SIGHT.

It is Believed Congress Will Adjourn on August 7.

Washington.—All legislative paths now lead to adjournment of congress quickly after the vote on the Arizona-New Mexican statehood bill is taken in the senate on the legislative day of August 7.

The senate probably will then be ready to adjourn, despite the general tariff revision threat of Senator Cummins of Iowa and other insurgents, and the house will not interpose any fresh legislation to disturb the senate's program for winding up the extra session.

May Still Buy Oil From Trust.

Washington. — Attorney General Wickersham has decided that it is not unlawful for the United States to deal with the corporations recently declared by the Supreme court of the United States to be illegal combinations. The question came up in connection with contracts awarded to the Standard Oil company for a year's supply of coal and gasoline for the military department of the east. The attorney general holds that the corporations declared illegal combinations are so only in restriction of trade. The sale of materials by these corporations is not in itself illegal.

Aeronaut Collides With Street Car.

Denver, Colo.—Wayne Abbott, a local aeronaut, had a narrow escape from death Sunday afternoon when he dropped from an estimated height of 4,000 feet in a parachute and in landing collided with the front end of a trolley car. The collision caused a panic among the passengers. One woman fainted and a number of others were injured in their wild rush to safety.

Plague in North Carolina.

Asheville, N. C.—An epidemic of an unknown disease prevails in Mitchell county, and is baffling skilled physicians. The malady manifests itself by small blood spot stains on the tops of the fingers, passing through the arm into the body and resulting in death within a few days. The plague has claimed several victims, one of whom was Dr. E. P. Slagle.

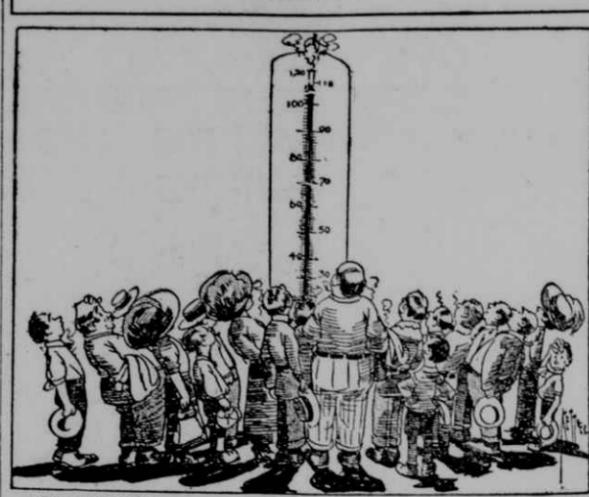
Tragedy in Montana.

Great Falls, Mont.—James W. Cornell, a saloonkeeper of Cascade, shot and seriously injured a woman of the redlight district known as Goldie Graham and then put a bullet through his own brain.

Boat Capsized.

South Bend, Ind.—Two men were drowned and two more narrowly escaped a like fate at the Lake of the Woods near here on Sunday, when a sailboat in which they were riding capsized.

"GOING UP"



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HUNDREDS PERISH IN FOREST FIRES

FOUR TOWNS IN PORCUPINE DISTRICT DESTROYED AND OTHER VILLAGES ARE DOOMED.

An Area of Three Hundred Miles Laid Bare by Flames Which Brought Death to Many and Financial Ruin to Others.

North Bay, Ont.—Four towns—Cochrane, Kelso, South Porcupine and Pottsville—have been destroyed, a dozen other towns and villages are burning or are surrounded by forest fires, probably 100 persons have perished, thousands are homeless and suffering from hunger and exposure and a property loss of above \$2,000,000 has been suffered in one of the worst disasters North Ontario ever experienced.

An area of 300 miles north from North Bay and from ten to twenty miles wide has practically been laid bare.

The fire raged with such fierceness and fury that the people of the villages had barely time to save their lives and abandoned everything in one frantic rush for safety.

At Porcupine thirty men and women were driven into the lake by a wall of flame and drowned.

Every mining camp from Dome to Whitley is gone. The mines burned include the Dome, North Dome, Preston, East Dome, Vipond, Foley, O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, Eldorado, Porcupine, Standard, Imperial, West Dome and Success.

FIRES UNDER CONTROL.

But Not Until Area of Ten Thousand Square Miles Had Been Burned Over.

Toronto, Ont.—Reports from northern Ontario are that the forest fires which for several days have swept over a section of country extending 300 miles northward from North Bay, and covering a wide section east and west, either have been extinguished or are under control.

The towns of Cochrane, South Porcupine and Pottsville, have been obliterated. The fire swept clean the townships of Langmuir, Eldorado, Shaw, Deloro, Ogden, McArthur and Cripple Creek districts.

The known dead total 122, the majority of whom lost their lives at South Porcupine. There are believed to have been many other fatalities, and estimates based upon unverified reports run as high as 400.

Refugees from the burned area say that it covers 10,000 square miles, comprising a district inhabited by 20,000 people. From every quarter have come fugitives who escaped the flames, many of them badly burned.

Scores are missing and are believed to have fled terror-stricken into the wilderness. They possibly survived the fire, but are believed to have died from exhaustion.

Some of the survivors tell of stumbling over bodies of those who had run before them and died on the way. The first trainload of dead and injured reached Cobalt Thursday.

Ten Injured in Train Wreck.

Edmonton, Alberta.—The Canadian Pacific Edmonton express was hurled into a ditch one mile south of Ponokao on Thursday, seriously injuring ten persons and slightly injuring five others.

Captain Assumes Responsibility.

San Francisco.—Captain J. O. Farla, of the wrecked steamer Santa Rosa, on Wednesday assumed, at an official inquiry, all responsibility for the loss of his boat on Point Arguello, 260 miles north of here on July 7.

Crippen's Lawyer Suspended From Bar.

London.—Arthur Newton, who was found guilty of professional misconduct in his defense of the wife murderer, Dr. Hawley Crippen, by a committee of the Law society, has been suspended from the practice.

WICKERSHAM IS UNDER FIRE

Attorney-General Charged With Having Permitted Statute of Limitation to Run Against Alaskans.

Washington.—After secret consideration of charges made by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska that Attorney General Wickersham deliberately permitted the statute of limitation to run against agents of the Alaska syndicate who defrauded the government through perjury to the extent of \$50,000, the house committee on judiciary has determined to report favorably a resolution of inquiry offered by Delegate Wickersham.

Investigation aimed at impeachment and removal from office of Attorney General Wickersham for corruption in the administration of justice in Alaska is proposed.

The resolution will call upon the attorney general to furnish the house with any documents, affidavits and testimony in his possession relating to an affidavit submitted to him more than a year ago, and sworn to by H. J. Douglas, former auditor of the Alaska syndicate in 1908.

Delegate Wickersham started the committee when, in executive session, he produced a copy of an affidavit relating to an alleged criminal act by Captain D. H. Jarvis, of the Alaskan syndicate and for-



GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.

merly prominent in the government revenue cutter service, who committed suicide in Seattle on June 2, the day following the introduction of the Wickersham resolution calling for production of the papers in the case, and by John H. Bullock of the John J. Sessor Coal company of Nome.

Through connivance of these men, it was charged, the government was defrauded on coal contracts, and evidence to that effect, it is alleged, was permitted to remain unacted upon by the attorney general's office for more than a year until the statute of limitations expired last May.

McNamara Trial Set for October 11. Los Angeles.—The trial of John J. McNamara and his brother James, on charge of murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times, October 1, 1910, was set on Friday for October 11, 1911—a year and ten days after the tragedy in which twenty-one men lost their lives.

Beef Supply Short.

New York.—American beef packers must go to Argentina for their product, said J. Ogden Armour, if they wish to retain their hold on the exportation of beef. Mr. Armour arrived Friday from Europe.

Convicted on Finger Print Evidence. Chicago.—Thomas Jennings, colored, the first man ever convicted and sentenced to be hanged in this country on finger print evidence, has been granted a stay of execution by the state supreme court.

Bailey May Resign.

Washington.—Because of variance between his views and the views of Democratic colleagues on the tariff, Senator Bailey of Texas is said to be thinking of asking to be relieved from duty on the finance committee.

INSURGENT VICTORY

OLD GUARD BEATEN IN ELECTION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

All Candidates on Insurgents' Slate Are Successful. While Amendments Offensive to Progressive Element Are Tabled.

San Francisco.—Carroll Gardner Pearce, superintendent of schools of Milwaukee, was elected president of the National Education association, the largest pedagogic body in the world, at the annual meeting of its active members Thursday. Miss Katherine D. Blake of New York was elected treasurer.

With these were elected all candidates on the insurgent slate of which Pearce was the head, and an insurgent majority of the executive committee, and late Thursday the board of directors elected two members to the board of trustees, considered favorable to the progressive wing of the association.

The insurgents succeeded in tabling until 1912 an extensive report on amendments to the by-laws submitted by a committee appointed two years ago, and decidedly unpopular with the progressives, who asserted that it took away from the rank and file much of whatever power it now has. Some more liberal amendments were offered, but these cannot be voted on this year. The insurgents felt that they had done all that they started out to do, and more than they expected to accomplish.

Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona was endorsed by the association.

PUBLIC LANDS CONVENTION.

Governor of Colorado Issues Call Which is of Interest to Westerners.

Denver.—Pursuant to a joint resolution of the legislature, Governor Shafroth has issued a call for a public lands convention, to be held in Denver September 28, 29 and 30 of this year. No state is asked to send delegates which does not contain 1,000,000 acres of public land, there being no desire for a packing of the convention by states not interested.

The states and territories which will take part in the public lands convention are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Alaska.

The purpose of the convention is well stated in the words of the call: "The real issue is whether the public domain, other than the little remaining farming lands, shall be held in perpetuity by the national government, free from taxation by the states, to be administered by leasehold for revenue for the federal treasury, and under bureaus at Washington."

SEE FACES PRISON SENTENCE.

Founder of Absolute Life Cult Convicted of Abduction.

Chicago.—Evelyn Arthur See, founder of the Absolute Life cult, the chief tenet of which was said to be the establishment of a perfect race, Thursday night was found guilty of the abduction of Mildred Bridges, the 17-year-old disciple of the cult.

The jury was out only forty-five minutes and is said to have taken but one ballot. The statute fixes the penalty at from one to ten years in the penitentiary.

The jury also returned a verdict of guilty of contributing to juvenile delinquency, which has been incorporated in the abduction charge.

Spanish Festival at Saltair.

Salt Lake City.—What promises to be the most thrilling and interesting amusement spectacle ever held in the west is the Spanish festival which begins at Saltair beach Saturday, July 22nd, and with the exception of Sunday continues through the week.

Twenty bull fighters from Mexico, including some of the very best in that country, and twenty genuine Spanish fighting bulls, reached Salt Lake Monday and are now at Saltair ready for the festival to begin. The Hippodrome has been arranged with more than 10,000 seats and it resembles in every way the big arenas in Spain and Mexico. Eight inches of dirt has been placed on the floor and this has been thoroughly packed and rolled.

The resort is being decorated in Spanish colors and a Mexican band will play Mexican music during the week. Special arrangements are being made to handle the large crowds that are expected. Excursions will be run from all over the intermountain country and it is expected that large numbers of people will be attracted as this is the first event of the kind ever held in Utah. (Adv.)

Rioting at Tlaxcala.

Mexico City.—It is reported that a riot occurred at Tlaxcala as the result of an attempt by Maderistas to kill Felipe Chaomnan, an insurrectionist leader, who had the support of the federal garrison.

Williams Rebukes Heyburn.

Washington.—A characterization of the Confederacy as an "infamous cause" by Senator Heyburn of Idaho brought from Senator Williams of Mississippi a bitter rebuke in the senate on Thursday.

CYCLONE CAUSES TWO DEATHS

Storm of Few Minutes Duration Brings Sorrow and Desolation to Residents of California Town.

El Centro, Cal.—A storm of cyclonic violence, in which two lives were lost, several persons injured and buildings throughout the business district badly damaged, struck El Centro Saturday afternoon.

Sweeping in from the southeast at 3:20 o'clock, the storm passed with great speed and force over the central part of town. While it lasted only a few minutes, it damaged property to the extent of at least \$30,000.

The two whose deaths were caused by the storm were Leslie Novak who died at St. Thomas hospital two hours after being injured in a falling building, and Singh Sunda, a Hindoo, who lost his life in the same way.

Many persons narrowly escaped injury while in buildings which collapsed, or in the streets dodging debris, which was carried more than two blocks by the storm.

TENT FALLS ON AUDIENCE.

Patrons of a Wild West Show in Chicago Thrown Into Panic When Canvas Collapses.

Chicago.—Five thousand persons at Buffalo Bill's Wild West show were thrown into a panic Saturday evening when half of the large tent was blown down in the electric storm. Several men and women were injured by collapsing seats and falling poles.

The greatest damage was done in the "extension tent" which is just beyond the "marquee," or entrance pavillion, and which was occupied by an audience of more than 2,000. The band had just finished the second overture and the performers, mounted on horses, were crowding in the approach of the arena before the grand march, when the accident occurred.

Will Fight for Fortune.

Hempstead, L. I.—Eva Duryea Thelberg of Stockholm, Sweden, a sister of Walter E. Duryea, the millionaire who lived for twelve years with a broken neck and who built up a fortune from a small sum left by his father, has begun a contest in the surrogate's court of Nassau county for her brother's estate, which he left almost entirely to Eleanor Peregrin, who had been his faithful nurse and attendant. The nurse received over \$2,000,000 and two handsome houses.

Painter's Lucky Fall.

New York.—Joseph Kinward of Tarrytown was in a swing painting the water tower there late Saturday, when the rope broke. He dropped 150 feet, struck a wire, turned a complete somersault and landed on his feet. He smiled and said: "I didn't expect to come down this way, but I'm all right." Although somewhat shaken up he was able to walk home.

Mrs. Armour Sues Former Companion.

Kansas City.—Mrs. Margaret Klock Armour, widow of Simeon B. Armour, the packer, filed suit in the circuit court here Saturday for \$142,000 against Miss Harriet Byington to cover peculations alleged to have been made by Miss Byington while serving as companion and housekeeper to Mrs. Armour.

Sees Husband and Children Drown.

St. Louis.—Frank Duclerville, 41 years of age, was drowned Sunday with his son and daughter, Thomas and Mary, 3 and 13 years respectively, while a crowd on the Mississippi river bank restrained the wife and mother, who tried to leap in after the struggling trio.

Editor Falls to His Death.

Hlawatha, Kan.—Daniel W. Wilder, author, pioneer editor and political leader, died at his home here Saturday night as a result of injuries sustained Saturday when he walked out of the window of his bedroom. It is supposed he became confused and mistook the window for a door.

Famous Southern Woman Dead.

Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Sarah E. Gabot, known throughout the south as the designer of the Cross of Honor of the Confederacy, an emblem given Confederate soldiers of valor, died at her home early Sunday morning. She was seventy-eight years old.

Bud Mars Will Recover.

Eric, Pa.—J. C. ("Bud") Mars, the aviator, hurt in a fall with his aeroplane, will recover and will be able to leave the hospital in about ten days. His injuries are not nearly so severe as at first reported.

Kitchener British Agent to Egypt.

London.—Official announcement was made on Saturday that Field Marshal Lord Kitchener has been appointed British agent to Egypt. He succeeds Sir Eldon Gorst, who died July 12.

Brand Bryan as Traitor.

Omaha, Neb.—A Nebraska Democratic convention on Saturday declared William J. Bryan a traitor to the Democratic party and passed strong resolutions denouncing him for having bolted the state Democratic ticket.

Gave Life for Friend.

Evansville, Ind.—In an attempt to save her friend, Anna Griffith, from drowning while they were bathing in the Ohio river, Bonnie Walton, 21 years old, was drowned. Miss Griffith was rescued.