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THE SCHOOL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

About fifty patrons of this school district living in and near town met Monday evening in the Presbyterian church to discuss the matter of dividing the school district. In the past there has been a sentiment in the rural portion of the district in favor of dividing the district, and this meeting was held to learn the sentiment of the people of the town and nearby territory.

It seemed to be the belief of practically all those present that if the rural portions desire to manage their school matters, they should be allowed to do so, providing the district can be divided so as to be fair to the old and new districts. The proposition to divide the district in such a way that Jerome would only have a territory of four miles square would undoubtedly be voted down, because if it were divided that way neither the old or the new district could have the benefit of the railroad property in the northeastern part of the district, and Jerome would be left with a majority of the children to educate, and only have less than one-third of the taxable property in her district.

However, a committee of five was appointed to meet with a committee from the north and south, and instructed to say that the people of the town were willing to divide the district, making a new district on the north, about two and one-half miles north of the center of town, as the southern boundary, and a new district on the south, about two and one-half miles south of the center of town as the northern boundary, leaving Jerome district with the remainder of the present district.

Under the present law, however, it seems that a district cannot be divided while there is any bonded indebtedness. The last legislature passed a law to remedy that defect, but the governor vetoed it because the enacting clause was omitted. So it seems we stand just as we did in this respect before the legislative session. And it is not likely the division can take place, but in case it is possible, all parties concerned are willing it shall be done.

WENT TO SLEEP IN A VILLAGE. AWOKE IN A CITY

The residents of the village of Jerome had an experience Monday night, at least some of them did, which they never had before and never will have again in their lives. Their wonderful experience of that evening exceeds anything we ever read about in the fairy books of our childhood, and as for Alladin and his wonderful lamp, if Alladin were in Jerome today he would surely have to take a back seat. Monday night a portion of the villagers at least went to sleep in a village and awoke next morning in a city, for at a special meeting of the village board of trustees that night at about eleven o'clock a resolution was unanimously passed to incorporate Jerome into a city of the second class, a petition having been presented to the board, signed by a sufficient number of the people to have such action taken. So the village of Jerome virtually grew into a city over night. A complete outfit of city officials will be elected at the next regular election.

The city will be divided into four wards, that part west of Lincoln avenue comprising one ward, that part east of Lincoln avenue and north of Main street another ward, and that part east of Lincoln avenue and south of Main street another ward. Two aldermen will be elected from each ward, also a treasurer, a mayor, and perhaps several other officials, will be elected for the city.

At this meeting the board passed a resolution asking for bids for the work of paving Main street, and such other paving as was decided upon at a previous meeting. They will later pass a resolution requiring damage for any interference with the pavement, in the way of tearing it up to repair the water mains, and it seemed to be the intention of the board to be firm in this matter. The work of paving the streets will go ahead regardless of the suit pending with the water company.

The engineer and attorney for the city will furnish estimates of the expense of building the proposed sidewalks, in a few days, and when the approximate cost of same is known, which will be very soon, the board will advertise the bond issue for the construction of the sidewalks.

A resolution was adopted designating April 10th as "Clean-up Day" in the city of Jerome. That does not mean that householders should wait until April 10th to begin cleaning up

their premises, but that day is intended to be the finishing up day, and anyone whose premises are in an unclean or unsanitary condition after that day will be given special attention by the city marshal. An extra man, known as the day marshal, has been appointed to assist in the work of seeing that everybody cleans up his premises.

Do you want to see the best horse race ever screened; the best prize fight and a beautiful love story all through? If you do not fail to see "Sporting Life," the famous Drury Lane melodrama which comes to the Rialto Theatre next Monday and Tuesday nights, "Sporting Life" was directed by Maurice Tourneur, producer of "The Bluebird," "The Whip," and other big special productions. It is the greatest picture of its kind released in recent years.

ORCHARD VALLEY

The Goff family attended the movies in Jerome Saturday evening. Miss Myrtle Journey, our county superintendent, visited our school last Wednesday. She was accompanied by her mother.

Mr. Burlin Shook purchased a tractor a few weeks ago and has been using it on his ranch. This is the first one in this neighborhood.

Mrs. S. J. Barton is visiting at the home of her son, H. J. Barton, this week.

Milton Ekedahl was on the sick list and out of school a few days last week.

There will be Sunday school at two-thirty and preaching at three-thirty every Sunday. Remember that and be on hand, every body.

Mr. P. P. Pratt was a Burley visitor last week.

A gentleman from Hagerman has purchased the Jack Lindsey forty.

Mr. Sweet has purchased the forty west of Mr. Coffall on east Orchard Valley boulevard and has begun clearing for crop. Mr. Sweet is a brother-in-law of Messrs. Giles and Coffall.

Our school is growing so rapidly that we will soon have to have more school room. There are thirty-two enrolled now, and twenty-four were neither absent or tardy during the month.

H. J. Barton treated his house to a coat of paint recently.

Mr. Edison McLaughlin recently sold his ranch to the Roberts brothers of Wendell, who have taken possession.

The Polly-Anna Club have taken up their pre-war order of work and held a very enjoyable meeting at the Pettit home last week. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. P. Gifford.

There was a community meeting at the Barton home last Saturday evening in the interest of a local telephone. Committees were appointed to get prices and subscribers.

DEATHS

Charles J. Modrell, aged 27, son of J. C. Modrell, who lived seven miles east and one mile south of Jerome, died on Sunday, March 23rd, of influenza. Funeral services were held from the L'Herisson undertaking parlors on Wednesday at eleven o'clock and burial was made in Jerome cemetery. The deceased was born in the state of Washington, and lived in the vicinity of Jerome over a year before his death, where he was well thought of. He leaves one daughter nine years of age, his wife having preceded him to the beyond.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anders, the former is connected with the C. W. & M. Co., died Sunday of pneumonia, and was buried in the local cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Anders have the sympathy of everyone in their loss. The infant's name was Milo Coleman Anders.

Frances Leroy Blessing, the three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Blessing, died Saturday night, March 22nd, of influenza. Funeral services were held Sunday from the L'Herisson undertaking parlors, and the remains were laid to rest in the Jerome cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their neighbors.

NOTICE

Owing to a temporary disability of our linotype this issue of the Times does not contain all the news and announcements which were prepared for publication.

Auto Robes at Jas. Summers.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

Seed Wheat

The car of Dicklow wheat purchased by the Farm Bureau last week did not last long. Arrangements for the purchase of the car had been definitely made at noon and the entire order was sold by three p. m. of the same day. There is a big demand for really good seed, and the Farm Bureau will endeavor to secure more but the chances are pretty slim, as the supply seems to be exhausted now. Seed already purchased by the Bureau is sufficient to seed considerable total of over a thousand acres. This seed will as far as possible be held in the county for next year's use.

At the present time, the only available wheat the Farm Bureau has been able to locate is mixed soft wheat in the hands of the mills and a small amount in the hands of farmers.

Germination Test

The sample of Dicklow wheat which the Farm Bureau sent to the state seed analyst, germinated as follows: In three days 94 per cent; in five days 98 per cent. It graded number two common, according to the Federal Grain Grading Rules. The analyst describes the sample as follows: "Both samples take the grade of number two common White on account of the test weight per bushel. They are free from mixtures of other classes and are beautifully cleaned. You are fortunate in securing seed wheat of this quality so late in the season."

Silo Excursion

A total of about fifteen men were present at the various silos visited. Ten or more silos will be built if construction costs are not too high. Among the number is S. P. Newman, who will build a capacity of from four to five hundred tons. E. P. Rhinehart, field livestock specialist for the state university, will be in the community on Friday, March 28, and will visit those who are planning to build.

Squirrel Poisoning

The Falls City farmers came in Saturday in a body and took out a large amount of poison for squirrels. Farmers in the vicinity of Hazelton are using the poison with very good results. Every one killed now may save killing a whole family later in the season.

APPLETON

Walter Kelley built an addition to his house this week. His mother arrived from California, and will keep house for him this summer. Walter is a lucky bachelor.

William Thomas and family moved into the Tweed shack Thursday. Mr. Thomas will help J. H. Silbaugh this summer.

Fred DeBoard and family spent Sunday with his brother Lester, near Jerome.

Spring work has begun and as usual everyone is saying, "I am so busy."

Humphreys held their sale last Thursday. Mrs. L. C. Humphrey expects to return to Appleton about April first.

Mr. Thrall is having a drain hole made on his place near Appleton switch.

Another good time is promised those who attend the dance at the Appleton school house Friday night, March 28th.

RETURNED TO AMERICA

The sixty persons who recently left America for a "Trip Around the World" with the Epworth League, have safely returned to America. No sea-sickness was felt and all enjoyed the journey immensely. If you wish to know the details of the trip, please consult any member of the party. After paying all expenses there was still left in the treasury of the Epworth League the sum of \$37.

One of the first things that attracts the notice of a stranger in Jerome is the electric sign in front of the Rialto theatre. And when he goes inside he is astonished at the seating capacity, arrangement and coziness of the place, and the high character of the matter he sees on the screen. Jerome's picture show house would be a credit to any town in the state, and Manager Zug is to be commended for his progressive ideas along his line of business. Most shows raise the price when they have a special feature, but this one gives you a two hour special feature at the usual price frequently or often.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Baseball practice has started again.

Even a wasp may interfere with the good work of the freshmen—indeed even with that of the dignified seniors.

The freshmen have been studying "The Merchant of Venice," and the sophomores writing a review of "The Lady of the Lake."

A certain observing student thinks that it is easy to see how much harder the students of the high school studied the past month than before.

Marching in step, passing in line and avoiding talking in the study room have eliminated much of the confusion formerly so noticeable to a stranger especially. There is still room for more improvement.

The lawn in front of the building put in by the members of the agriculture class last year is getting a growth of green.

The juniors are just now trying to discover who's who in "Hamlet."

Since another month has been added to the school year other school activities besides the purely academic studies are to be allowed. Miss Walkington will have charge of the senior class play, Mrs. Archer of the school annual put out by the same class, and Mr. Snodgrass of the athletics.

Many of the students and teachers attended the Rialto Monday and Tuesday nights when "Les Miserables" was shown.

Mrs. Kearney brought in supplies from Boise last week for the office of county superintendent. Her office down town will be ready for occupation by the first of the month, but very little business can be transacted until the records from other counties are transcribed.

The seventh grade pupils of Mrs. Prentice are going to pictureize the story of "Rip Van Winkle." That is, the characters will be represented by pictures cut out from papers and magazines by the pupils.

The class in agriculture took a trip last Thursday to see the implements of the dealers in town. The members of the class now claim that they know all about farm implements—even what a lister is and there are many wise folks that know not what a lister is.

After the experience with would-be school laws as the people of the district have had all students will realize the volume of the study of civics and of apparently small matters such as an enacting clause.

SALUTATORY

Beginning with this issue of The Times, the undersigned assumes control of the newspaper and job printing establishment, having bought the plant and business of A. C. Alexander. The latter retires from the business to look after other interests, he and his deceased father having run a creditable newspaper for the community for the past eight years.

Some time ago the writer heard wonderful reports concerning Jerome and community, its progressive farmers and business men, its climate, and the great variety of products that can be raised here. He did not investigate at that time, but made a tour of the southwest, visiting many different states and localities, finally landing at Jerome. After a few days inspection he decided this should be a good enough location for anybody, and began negotiations for the purchase of the Jerome County Times.

It will be the policy of this newspaper not to antagonize the farmers in their reasonable aspirations or any business firm engaged in a legitimate line of business; but on the other hand to help boost every undertaking that can in any manner be a benefit to the public generally, farmers, business and professional men alike. Give us a trial, and see if we do not give publicity to your legitimate announcements.

However, the present owner is a perfect stranger in Jerome county, and practically so in the state of Idaho, so if there is very little local news in this and the next few issues, you will have to be patient, and trust that the paper will grow better as we become better acquainted. And in the meantime, write us the news, phone us the news, tell us the news, or get the news to us any way you can, because if you don't we will certainly be up against it for news to fill these columns.

The paper has several correspondents writing for different localities in the county, and we desire to extend this service to the entire county. Will some one in each section of the county please volunteer to write

the local news and mail it to The Times so we receive it early in the week.

We trust that our relations with all the people of Jerome county will be mutually agreeable.

BERKLEY WALKER.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

BEGINS MARCH 30
The bill as adopted by congress in March of last year, provides that at 2 o'clock a. m. on the last Sunday in March of each year the clocks of the nation shall be turned ahead one hour. At 2 o'clock a. m. on the last Sunday in October the clocks shall be turned back one hour.

The daylight saving for the year 1919 begins at 2 a. m. Sunday, March 30. The extra hours of daylight in 1918, it is estimated, saved the nation 1,500,000 tons of coal and \$40,000,000 in gas and electricity.

BIRTHS

February 13—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brinegar, a girl.

March 14—To Mr. and Mrs. Grand Day, a boy.

March 15—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Walters, a boy.

March 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Owen Daniels, a girl.

March 23—To Mr. and Mrs. Sheba, a boy.

NOTICE

Having disposed of my interest in the Jerome County Times I beg to advise that on subscription accounts the present owner, Mr. Berkley Walker, agrees to continue all unexpired subscriptions and all subscriptions in arrears are due and payable to him.

With reference to accounts due The Times for advertising and job work I will say that all such accounts contracted up to March 10th are payable to me.

Signed:

A. C. ALEXANDER.

Houses in Jerome are never vacant more than twenty-four hours, and sometimes not that long. It is estimated that at least fifty families would be living here who are not here now, if there were houses for them to move into. Some people are building temporary places of abode to live in until they can erect more commodious residences. It is safe to say that building operations here will be more active than in any previous year of the town's history.

"Don't Change Your Husbands," which will be shown at the Rialto Friday and Saturday of this week, has been drawing the largest crowds of any picture recently released. It was booked for a week's run at the new million dollar theatre in Los Angeles, but on account of the immense crowds attending the show the booking was extended two weeks longer and each night the theatre was unable to accommodate the people. It is a Cecil DeMille production with Elliott Baxter in the lead and is along the same lines as "Old Wives for New," which was shown a while back at the Rialto and which proved to be one of the best pictures even shown here. The entertainment value is one hundred per cent.

The Royal Neighbors of Camp 6615, Jerome, had as a member Mrs. Ed Robinson, who for long weary years lived in a small house in northwest Jerome, who as all the faithful "stick-it-out hang-on" Jeronites do has built them a lovely new home, modern in every way. The Neighbors decided to give their Neighbor in the new house a genuine old-fashioned house warming. Tuesday afternoon saw a crowd some in cars and some on foot, wending their way with arms laden with good things to eat. About thirty Neighbors attended and completely surprised the lady of the new home. A jolly good time was had by all present.

CIVIC CLUB PROGRAM

The Civic club gave a musical at the Ladies Rest room Tuesday evening. There were a number of vocal and instrumental numbers on the program, and the subject of having music taught in the public schools was discussed. The program follows:

The Star Spangled Banner; "Amoroso," Mesdames Burkey, Brown, Peterson, Maguire; Piano—"Polonaise," Mrs. Mannon; Paper—"Musical Appreciation," Mrs. Grenzobak; Vocal—"An Open Secret," Mrs. Dargett; Piano—"Second Nocturne," Mrs. Brown; Discussion—"Home Problems in Music, especially Public School Music," "Viking Song," Mesdames Burkey, Brown, Peterson Maguire.

WATER COMPANY MAKES A STRONG DENIAL

In the suit of the Village of Jerome against the Jerome Water Works company to compel the removal or replacement of the water mains on streets on which it is intended to lay paving, the village alleging that on account of the leaky and temporary character of the mains it is impracticable to lay such paving, the defendant water works company has filed a lengthy answer and denial.

"8. Denies that said water system water pipes, pipe lines or water mains have been installed or laid, or are now being operated or maintained in violation of the terms of said Ordinance No. 42 or any of the terms thereof. Admits that said pipe lines and water mains are of wood, but denies that said pipe lines or water mains either constantly or frequently leak or cause the streets of plaintiff, or any of them, to become rough or soft; and denies that said pipe lines or water mains for any reason require or necessitate the constant or frequent digging up of plaintiff's streets for the purpose of repairing or mending such pipe lines or water mains. Denies that said pipe lines or water mains, or any or either of them, were defectively constructed or defectively laid or installed, and denies that this defendant, either because of the breaking or leaking of water pipes or water mains or for any other cause or reason constantly or frequently obstructs the streets of plaintiff, or any of them, or renders such streets or any of them inconvenient or dangerous for public use; and denies that this defendant does not leaves such streets in as good condition as they were before entered upon by the defendant to repair or construct or install such water pipes or water mains."

APPROVES CAREY ACT LAW

Governor D. W. Davis has signed the Wedgwood bill conferring upon the state land board the necessary power to enjoin irrigation companies from overselling water rights on Carey Act Lands. This is believed to be one of the best laws passed in the interest of Carey Act settlers during the present session.

PARTY FOR LIET. PIPER

The Progressive Society gave a pleasant party Tuesday evening for Liet. Piper at his home, he having recently returned from the service overseas. The evening was spent at card playing, dancing and an old-time sing, at the close of which refreshments were served. The doctor's safe return from the overseas service of his country is the source of much rejoicing to his friends, and this event was a manifestation of their gladness.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Times is pleased to announce a new law firm in Jerome, to be known as "Walters, Haddock and Reynolds."

Messrs. Walters and Haddock are well known on the tract, both of them having reached southern Idaho prior to the time there was such a thing as the North Side Tract. Both of these attorneys have been very successful in their practice, and it will be recalled that the Hon. E. A. Walters was at one time judge in the Fourth Judicial district.

Mr. Reynolds, the local member of the firm, came to Jerome about four years ago and since that time has become well known to the large body of our settlers, having been employed by the Twin Falls North Side Land and Water company.

The new firm will occupy the office now held by Messrs. MacGowan and Eichelberger and expect to be located there about April 1st.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Street Pavements
Jerome, Idaho, March 24th, 1919. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Village of Jerome, Idaho, until 3 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, April 15th, 1919, for furnishing materials and constructing Street Pavement.

Proposals shall be based on the use of one or more of the following materials: concrete, reinforced concrete, gravel or crushed rock bitulithic, bitulithic on a concrete foundation, asphalt on a concrete foundation.

Plans and specifications may be seen and form for proposal, on which bids must be made, may be obtained upon application at the office of the Village Clerk, or of Louis C. Kelsey, Civil Engineer, 410 Selling Building, Portland, Oregon, the engineer for the Village of Jerome.

Approximate quantities are: Excavation 25673 sq. yards Street pavements 24023 sq. yards Curbing 3844 lin. feet Parties desiring plans and specifications for their personal use may obtain them from the Engineer on payment of \$10.00 for plans and \$5.00 for specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Anders Anderson, Chairman. J. R. Keenan, Clerk. Louis C. Kelsey, Engineer, 410 Selling Building, Portland, Oregon.