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MONTPELIER TO HAVE A BOOSTERS' CLUB

Organization Practically Completed Last Friday Night—Frank Williams Elected President— Another Meeting Next Tuesday Night

There have existed in Montpelier from time to time during the past fifteen years some three or four different commercial clubs. Each one thrived for a few months or possibly a year and then quietly lapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude. The last club, which was organized about three years ago, was the shortest lived of any of its predecessors. In fact it existed only about three months, without having accomplished anything for its own good or for the good of the city.

Not discouraged in the least by the fate that had befallen all previous clubs, a number of the enterprising business men of the city set about a few weeks ago to perfect the organization of another club. The first two or three meetings were attended by only a half dozen or so of men who were enthusiastic in the belief that the time was ripe for the organization of a real live club in Montpelier. After discussing plans of the organization, and the appointment of a committee to outline a draft of a constitution, a general meeting was held last Friday night in the office of the Utah Power & Light Co., which was attended by some 25 of the "live wires" of the city. The meeting was called to order by W. J. Ryan, who had been acting in the capacity of temporary chairman. As the expression was unanimous from all in attendance that the time had arrived for the organization of a club of some kind which would have for its purpose the advancement of the interests and welfare of Bear Lake county in general and Montpelier in particular, the selection of officers was at once declared to be in order, and the following were chosen to guide the destiny of the organization, which is to be known as the Bear Lake Boosters' Club of Montpelier.

President—Frank M. Williams.
Vice President—L. C. Norris.
Secretary—W. B. Trowbridge.
Treasurer—H. M. Moore.

As will be noted, the officers are composed of the younger business men of the city, but they are numbered among the substantial citizens and are deeply interested in the advancement and upbuilding of the city.

In the selection of Frank M. Williams as president we believe a wise choice was made. He has been a resident of the city for the past four years and during that time he has made a large circle of friends. He is a young man of sterling character and good judgment. That he has faith in Montpelier is evidenced by the fact that he is about to engage in business for himself. He is a

booster in every sense of the word, and can be relied upon to exert his influence in behalf of every legitimate enterprise that will have for its purpose the making of a bigger, better and more up-to-date town out of Montpelier.

The other officers are all young men who will be found working in harmony with President Williams.

The constitution, which was tentatively adopted, provides for two classes of members—voting and non-voting. The membership fee was fixed at \$10 and \$5, respectively, and the monthly dues of both classes at \$1.00.

The number of voting members was fixed at fifty, but this will undoubtedly be increased in order to meet the requests of those who have expressed a desire during the week to become voting members.

The club is to be under the management of a board of seven directors, the president and secretary to be ex-officio members, the other five to be appointed by the president.

This, in brief, outlines the plans under which the club will work. In response to an invitation, Rev. J. G. A. Martin, who was present, made a short talk. He referred in a general way to the need of organization on the part of the business men of a community, and he was pleased to see the spirit of progress and harmony which prevailed at the meeting. He announced that he would assist the club in any possible way and hoped that it would accomplish every purpose for which it was aiming. Mr. Martin was made an honorary voting member.

Several other short talks were made in which were outlined some of the things which it was believed the club should endeavor to accomplish.

The time of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday night, March 18, at the city hall. To this meeting every business man and every citizen of Montpelier who is a booster is earnestly invited to attend. If there are any knockers in the town they are also invited, for it is possible they might experience a change of heart and go away from the meeting enthusiastic boosters. You know it is that "wise men change their minds often, but fools never."

Before adjourning President Williams named the following committees:

By-laws—W. J. Ryan, J. W. Jones, C. E. Wright.
Membership—W. G. Staley, Carl Spongberg, R. L. Nicholson.
Permanent headquarters—A. E. Thiel, Dr. Roskelley, Chris Olson.

BERN AND LIBERTY TO HAVE ELECTRIC SERVICE

Last Tuesday a number of representative citizens from Bern and Liberty met with Division Manager E. R. Owens and District Manager W. B. Trowbridge of the Utah Power & Light Co. to talk over the proposition of the company extending its lines to these two communities. As a result of the meeting the company agreed to give the people of these communities electric service as soon as possible during the coming season. These people are to be congratulated upon securing this concession and by next fall it is probable that every home in Bern and Liberty will have electric service.

LEROY HOGENSEN MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Last Monday night while coasting on snow shoes down the hill, just east of town, Leroy Hogensen, the 17-year-old son of Mrs. Chas. Hogensen, met with an accident which may make him a cripple for life.

In coming down the hill one of the shoes suddenly turned and threw him to the ground in such a manner as to break the bone of his right leg in the hip joint. The young man was

brought to the Montpelier hospital, where the broken bone was set. The injury was a very painful one. Owing to the nature of the injury it will be several months before the lad will have any use of his leg, and at this time the doctors are unable to say whether or not he will be permanently crippled.

MUCH GRAIN HELD BY IDAHO FARMERS

Pocatello, March 12.—In a report made by United States Field Agent Julius Jacobsen, there remain in the hands of the farmers of Idaho 2,526,000 bushels of wheat of the 1918 harvest, which is 14 per cent of the harvest last season.

Of oats, there remain 2,272,000 bushels, or 13 per cent of the 1918 crop. In 1917 there remained in the hands of farmers on March 1, 1,798,000 bushels of wheat and 2,194,000 bushels of oats.

There were 1,029,000 bushels of barley in the granaries of the state on March 1. A large part of this holdover grain is held by the farmers for domestic use and for seed.

IDAHO CAPITOL TO BE ENLARGED.

Boise, March 12.—Governor Davis today signed the bill authorizing the sale of \$900,000 in state bonds to raise the necessary funds to build the two wings to the capitol here. Members of the Ada county legislative



IMPORTANT LEGISLATION OF FIFTEENTH SESSION.

Boise, March 10.—When the Fifteenth session of the Idaho legislature adjourned sine die at 5:30 p. m. Saturday a post-war reconstruction program of huge proportions had been carried out almost in its entirety.

Beginning with the adoption of a law which reorganized and centralized all of the departments of state government and ending with the passage of measures which will provide a budget system to simplify and stabilize expenditures, the legislature accorded itself the place in Idaho history as the body which came nearer to carrying out party pledges and a carefully thought out program of development, approved by members of both parties, than any of its predecessors.

Nine commissioners will be designated to carry on state work heretofore handled by 48 departments, thereby eliminating overlapped effort, confusion and inefficiency. There will be direct responsibility and no chance to "pass the buck."

A new primary law was enacted which does not impair the principle of the old law but makes possible more careful selections, eliminates a source of public aggravation, reduces the cost and prevents the theft of political parties.

Safety of the public from anarchistic disturbances and attendant violence is assured by the establishment of a state constabulary, which may be used in emergencies as a state police body. This measure was passed as a non-political law, only the members of the Nonpartisan league opposing it in the legislature. Their action again emphasizes their sympathy with forces of disorder, it was pointed out on the floor.

A purchasing system which eliminates unfair practices in allowing contracts is a feature of the session.

The bonded warehouse law will insure the farmer that his hard earned produce will not be lost through the manipulation of speculators.

The farmers are also allowed payment for stock killed by this state on account of tuberculosis.

Another law is a blow to middlemen who rob farmers on their produce shipments. Combinations to force down prices will be prosecuted and the middle men who fail to correctly return the proceeds of sales, according to the actual market conditions, will be prosecuted.

Good roads will be an actuality in Idaho—at last. The legislature made provision by direct taxation for enough money to meet the federal government's appropriations for the next two years. This was necessitated because the limit of bonded indebtedness by legislative action had been reached. The rest of the road program, and especially in 1921-22, will be carried out if the people approve a constitutional amendment authorizing a bond issue.

The new capitol building will be completed, a constitutional amendment will be voted on to increase the membership of the supreme court, and reclamation work will be facilitated in behalf of returning soldiers.

delegation and representative citizens were present at the time he attached his signature.

Boise must purchase and deed to the state the approach property, which will be parked and boulevard. The city has already acted, and in April the people will be called upon to vote \$135,000 in bonds with which to raise the funds to buy the property.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS CONCERT IN TABERNACLE

Fully 1200 people attended the concert given at the tabernacle last Monday night, under the auspices of the stake choir. The main attractions, of course, were the desire of the people to view the interior of the beautiful new temple of worship, to hear Prof. Willard Weihe, the premier violinist and hear the \$2,500 organ, with Prof. J. J. McClellan presiding. But very few of the large audience had ever been in the tabernacle, since its completion and from all sides one heard expressions of praise on the beauty yet simplicity of the finish and upon the splendid seating arrangements.

The evening's entertainment opened with invocation by President H. H. Hoff. As we are not a musical critic, any attempt upon our part to review the selections on the organ by Prof. McClellan and the violin numbers by Prof. Weihe would be inappropriate. That both delighted the big audience was evidenced by the hearty applause following each selection by these artists in their respective lines.

The opening number, "The Star Spangled Banner," and "The Long, Long Trail a Winding," by the stake choir were also warmly appreciated. Mesdames W. C. Parker and Edward Grosjean rendered a vocal duet in such pleasing manner that they had to respond to an encore.

The net proceeds of the concert were approximately \$600, which will be applied on the indebtedness of the tabernacle.

"What do you think of the tabernacle and its organ," was asked of Prof. McClellan by the editor of the Examiner at the close of the concert. "It is all a surprise and a delight," said the noted organist.

The acoustic properties of the beautiful tabernacle seem to be highly successful and the building throughout is a work of art. The appearance of the edifice from the outside, with its artistic brick work and Greek lines of architecture, is a joy. The choir seating arrangement and the appearance of the organ show thought, care and genius.

"The tabernacle organ, as it today stands, will be a blessing to the people and of assistance to the very fine choir under the able leadership of Prof. J. B. Tueller, a musician I respect very much. But the organ is not complete enough, especially in tonal contrasts and body of tone. Another two or three thousand dollars added to this little gem of an organ would make it a very fine responsive instrument.

"The voicing mechanism and quality of the organ, so far as it goes, are equal to any I have seen, but it is too small for the tabernacle. No better flutes, diapason or string tone can be made, but it needs some reeds and more of the true organ tones to make the instrument completely successful.

"I must compliment Prof. Tueller on his fine choir and their spirited and tuneful renditions this evening. In all of the above I am seconded by my friend and fellow artist, Willard E. Weihe."

SHOPMEN TO MAKE INCREASE DEMAND

Washington, March 12.—The spokesman for about a half million railroad shop employes presented arguments to the board on railway wages and working conditions, today, in support of the demand for general wage increases from the basis of sixty-eight cents to 85 cents an hour.

THE MONTPELIER-AFTON ROAD IS ASSURED

Bear Lake County to Unite with Forest Department in Its Construction--To Cost \$100,000 --Work to Begin This Year.

District Engineer J. P. Martin of the national forest service, met with the county commissioners at Paris Tuesday to talk over the construction of the Montpelier-Afton road. The survey and cross-sectioning of the road was completed last fall by the forest engineers, and from the data Engineer Martin has figured that the cost of constructing the road will, in round numbers, be \$100,000. The forest department will put up half this sum if Bear Lake will put up the other half and the object of Mr. Martin's meeting with the commissioners was to learn what they were willing to do in the matter.

The plan first talked of was to extend the building of the road over a period of five years, but Mr. Martin stated Tuesday that the forest department now wished to complete the road in two years and that \$25,000 of the department's share was available for use this year.

After investigating the condition of the county funds, the commissioners announced that they could not appropriate more than \$10,000 this year, but they went on record as being in favor of "going halves" with the forest department in the construction of the road.

In discussing the matter Mr. Martin brought out the fact that it would cost \$45,000 to construct that portion of the road which is in the new county of Caribou and he felt as though that county should bear a portion of this cost—\$10,000—at least. It was decided to arrange a joint meeting of the Bear Lake and

Caribou commissioners with Mr. Martin at an early date to ascertain what the officials of the new county will do in the matter.

Mr. Martin stated that the department would be willing to go ahead with the expenditure of its \$25,000 this year, providing this county agrees to put its \$10,000 and the balance of its share next year. If this is done, it means that one-third or more of the road will be constructed this year. Work will begin on the Montpelier end and the road completed as they go along.

Right here it might be well to state for the benefit of any who may be opposed to the expenditure of \$40,000 or \$50,000 by this county for the construction of this road, that it will not be a make shift of a road and there will not be any "graft" in connection with the work. It will be a scientifically constructed highway, and one over which it will be a pleasure to ride. When completed it will bring Bear Lake and Star valleys in closer touch with each other and will be of great financial benefit to the valleys.

In addition to the good news that this long contemplated highway is to be constructed, comes the news that the forest department will this year spend about \$45,000 on the Logan canyon road.

The completion of these two highways will give practically a boulevard from Salt Lake, via Logan, to Star valley. It will be one of the greatest scenic highways in the intermountain region.

WILL OPEN MORTUARY ABOUT MAY FIRST.

Frank M. Williams has leased G. C. Gray's old bank building and is having the interior remodeled for his use when he engages in the undertaking business on his "own hook" about the first of May. As previously stated in the Examiner, Mr. Williams intends to conduct a strictly up-to-date establishment and will carry a well selected stock of undertaking goods. He is a licensed embalmer, and a capable funeral director. He will be prepared to go to any part of the county when his services are needed.

Mr. Williams is having constructed by the Sidney Stevens Implement Co. at Ogden a modern auto hearse, which can also be used as an ambulance when occasion requires. The hearse is being constructed according to Mr. Williams' own design, which are somewhat different from the auto hearses made by eastern concerns. He will drive it up from Ogden as soon as the roads will permit.

A mortuary, such as Mr. Williams is establishing, has long been needed in Montpelier, and he is to be commended in supplying the city with this long felt want.

DR. H. H. KING NAMED AS COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

At the meeting of the county commissioners last Tuesday Dr. H. H. King was reappointed county physician. Dr. Guyon of Montpelier and Dr. Sutton of Paris, were applicants for the position.

The new wagon bridges at Pogram and Border were accepted and final payments made on them. The two bridges cost \$20,000.

The appointment of a county treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. George De Voe, nee Lucile Hall, was considered, but action was deferred until the meeting of the board next Tuesday. Three applications for the appointment were on file, namely: Miss Mercy Price of Paris, Lorenzo Shirliff of Ovid, and Mrs. Flora Severs of Montpelier. Although no applications had been filed, we understand the board considered the names of Louis Perkins of Montpelier and Chas. Lindsay of Georgetown.

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BEAR LAKE FARM LANDS INCREASING IN VALUE

A couple of instances of how the value of farm lands is increasing in Bear Lake county was brought to our attention last Tuesday. In one instance the party, who preferred to not have his name mentioned, paid \$1,500 for 160 acres of land in Bennington precinct nine years ago. He recently sold the 160 acres for \$12,000.

A year ago another Bennington farmer paid \$3,500 for 120 acres and a few weeks ago sold the tract for \$7,000. Such transactions as these show that Bear Lake people have faith in their own county, for the purchasers in both instances were Bennington men. They felt that the land was worth the price they were paying and that it would produce crops which would bring them good interest on their investments.

WYOMING SOLON TO BE FLOOR LEADER IN CONGRESS

Washington, March 11.—Representative Frank W. Mondell of new Castle, Wyo., today was elected republican floor leader in the next congress.

The vote for Mondell was 160 to 23, the latter number voting merely "present." Fifty-three votes were absent from the meeting of the republican committee on committees.

Previous to the nomination of Mondell, Representative Mann, Illinois, present republican floor leader, was chosen to again lead republican forces in the house, but declined the nomination. The vote for Mann was 154, 12 voting against him and 2 voting for Representative Longworth, Ohio.

Mondell first came to Washington during the 54th congress. He was not in the house during the 55th congress but was elected to the 56th and all succeeding. During his stay in congress he has been chairman of the irrigation and public land committees and was member of the appropriation committee during the 56th congress.

His election as floor leader puts him in a rank equal to that of speaker. He is for suffrage and prohibition, and his election will serve to satisfy suffragists and prohibitionists who fought Representative Gillett for the speakership.