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THE STATE WILL PAY DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR

DECISION REACHED BY ROAD COMMISSION NOW IN SESSION--THE WARREN-BIG CREEK ROAD.

Every section of the state desiring a wagon road built under the authority of the act of the last legislature estimating a state wagon road commission must pay dollar for dollar for the state. That is the decision reached by the commission, which is now in session in this city, says Boise Statesman. The commission has but \$50,000 at its disposal. Several times that amount is asked in the report presented during the legislative session and which went over by unanimous consent to be considered by the commission. In order that any applicable benefits should accrue to different parts of the state it was necessary to adopt the dollar for dollar rule.

The commission's first day was a busy one. Three delegations were received, representing the Atlanta, Warren-Big Creek and Sheep Mountain projects. The commission also took up the work of charting the routes asked by the bills presented to the legislature.

The commission devoted some time to looking over the wagon road bills which were printed, and in searching through the records for evidences of those that were not printed. As early as possible the routes are being charted. All these projects will be scheduled under the following headings: Length, estimated cost, proportion of expense, kind of mineral opened up. The commission will send an engineer over to various proposed roads and will personally inspect them. The inspections will be made as fast as other conditions in the mountains permit. Probably the first examination will be made of the Atlanta project owing to the likelihood of the trail being opened early.

In the Weiser delegation, which is headed on behalf of the Warren-Big Creek road were E. M. Barton, Dr. G. Waterhouse, Dr. J. R. Numbers

and C. W. Luck, the engineer. Others who were present when the project was being discussed were J. B. Eldridge, James Green, ex-Governor Hunt, M. B. Gwinn, J. E. Clinton, Jr., Max Mayfield and Leonard Logan.

Engineer Luck presented a report based on surveys of three routes he had made into the Big Creek section for mining companies. His surveys converged at the Werdenhoff mine, which is located in about the center of the district. One, 40 miles in length, went from the Werdenhoff mine over Profile pass, through Yellow Pine basin and, via Johnson creek, to a connecting point with the present Thunder Mountain road. This he called the southern route because the nearest railroad point was Council and because it would be of little use to people in the north. The other survey was from the Werdenhoff mine to Dixie and thence to Stites—the northern route, which would accommodate none from the south.

The third route, and the one which the commission was urged to accept and aid in building a road over, was from Warren via Elk creek to the Werdenhoff mine, a distance of 35 1/2 miles, with three miles of the road already built. This route would be available for people in the north, south and west and presented no great difficulties in wagon road construction. There would have to be built three and a half miles of road above the Payette lakes so as to straighten out the state road and place it in the west side of the river. That, with some repairing on the state road, would leave a splendid route from the lakes to Warren. The total cost, including a substantial bridge across the south fork of the Salmon at Shafter's ranch, would not exceed \$30,000.

E. M. Barton said the mining companies and others would pay half this sum.

A Heavy Fall of Snow.

A private letter from Black Lake of the 2nd inst. states that about four and a half feet of snow has fallen during the past few days which will delay the opening of the roads until about May 15. The letter also states that a large number of men are employed at the Black Lake and Iron Springs mines and everything is awaiting the arrival of spring.

Bryan With Iowa Democrats.

Des Moines, Ia., April 1.—William J. Bryan was the guest of honor tonight at the Jefferson banquet of Iowa Democrats, which was planned largely for the purpose of beginning reorganization of the Democratic party in this state.

"Back to the people," said Mr. Bryan, "is the phrase that best describes the tendency which is manifesting itself in the nation and in most of the states. For a period of years the tendency was toward corporate domination and the voice of the people grew weaker and weaker in comparison with the influence of money. But the tide has changed and we see evidences everywhere of a determination on the part of the masses to assert themselves in the management of the parties and in the conduct of the government."

Father Bohn Drops Dead.

Boise Statesman: The body of Rev. Austin Bohn of Rexburg is lying at Schreiber & Brennan's undertaking parlors, his remains having been received at an early hour yesterday morning from Rexburg, where he dropped dead on the depot platform about 7:30 Friday morning from heart failure. He was about 50 years of age.

He was living at Idaho Falls, having been placed in charge of the work in Bingham, Fremont and Lemhi counties by Bishop Glorieux. He had been in the field only about two months, having gone there directly from the diocese of Baker City, where he was formerly stationed. Before coming to Oregon he had been in the diocese of Peoria, Ill. It is believed that he was an Alsatian by birth.

Father Bohn was in Rexburg on Friday morning, attending to the spiritual needs of the Catholic people there, and went to the depot platform, where he was overcome by his trouble, and sank down, never to rise again. He had always seemed to be a rugged, healthy man.

Rev. Godschalx, of Weiser, was called to Boise by Bishop Glorieux to assist at the funeral ceremonies.

Japanese Scouts Active.

Tokio, April 2.—The following official advices have been received from army headquarters in Manchuria: "Our scouts advancing toward Hailung and collided with 3000 of the enemy's cavalry at Sanchengtu, 30 miles northwest of Seilung, on the morning of March 28. The enemy, 4000 strong, retreated to Haloung. There are large stores of cereals at various points between Yengicheng and Sanchengtu. Yiengcheng is 35 miles north of Hiengcheng. The situation is unchanged in the Chang Chun and Kirin districts."

Oyoma is resuming pursuit of the Russian armies retreating from Tie Pass.

Dead Man Found in The Payette.

Payette, April 3.—Will Short discovered the body of a man floating in the river about two miles above Payette. The remains were recovered and brought to this city where an inquest was held. The remains are unidentified, but are those of a man of about 35 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall with blonde mustache. Two dollars and a piece of plug tobacco were found in the pockets, but no writing to aid in identifying the body. It is supposed the man had attempted to go out to an island on the ice during the recent cold spell and fell through and was drowned.

Mormons Consolidate Sugar Factories.

Salt Lake, March 30.—Official calls for special meetings of the stockholders of the Idaho Sugar company and the Fremont County Sugar company are published here today. The meetings are called for May 2, and are for the purpose of considering the consolidation of the two companies, resolutions in favor of which were adopted by both boards of directors some time ago. As the board were practically unanimous in their action, it is practically settled that the consolidation will take place. The propositions to be submitted to the stockholders are that the two companies shall be embraced in one corporation to be known as "The Idaho Sugar company," with a capital of \$3,000,000. The paid up capital of the two present institutions is \$1,000,000 each; so that the present stockholders will receive share for share in the new stock company. The other \$1,000,000 in stock will be held in the treasury for future needs, and will be sold at par from time to time to the stockholders as the money is needed for improvements.

Fishing tackle at Candee's. tf

REPORT OF THE JURY

APPOINTED BY COURT

To Investigate and Examine Condition of County Buildings and Offices.

Report of jury appointed by the court to investigate the conditions of the county buildings and offices.

To the Honorable Court and the County Commissioners of Washington county:

We the undersigned jury appointed by said court as a committee to investigate and examine into the official conduct and business of said county do hereby beg leave to submit the following as a result of our limited investigations:

Upon an examination of the court house and its surroundings we find the same to be in a bad and unsightly condition, especially the office occupied by the Probate Judge and the Jury room, and believing that cleanliness is next to godliness we recommend that a general cleaning up be made of said court house from top to bottom. We also recommend as a matter of protection and safe keeping of the county records that suitable fire-proof vault be provided.

We recommend that the present cesspool and water closet for said court house be condemned and a suitable and sanitary one be constructed. Also find that the cesspool belonging to the prison should be enlarged and removed further from the prison and put in a sanitary condition.

We further recommend that the sheriff be instructed to keep the court house yard and premises in better condition. We recommend the removal of the present shade trees which have passed their days of usefulness and that they be supplanted by trees more ornamental and more suitable for shade trees.

We have, to a limited extent, investigated the books of the County Assessor and find that a great deal of the taxable property of the county has been omitted from said books and thus escaped taxation, and we recommend that an expert be employed by the county to thoroughly inspect all county books and records of the officials of the county.

We recommend that the County

Superintendent's office be supplied with one water pail, dipper and wash basin, brackets, shelves for books, registers, etc., or book-case.

We further report to the Court and recommend to the County Commissioners that this committee have consulted together with regard to the conduct of official affairs by the county road supervisors we believe it would be to the best interests of the county that a committee be appointed to thoroughly investigate the records and bridges and the methods used by the different road supervisors to keep same in repair and as to their general conduct of the offices they fill.

We also request that the County Commissioners should appoint a committee of three to investigate the conditions of the County Poor Farm as soon as possible.

All of which we most respectfully submit. Dated March 27th, 1905, Weiser, Idaho.

Thos. Shannon, Chairman.

18 Jurors.

More Sales of Wool.

Frank Johnson reports the purchase of 200,000 pounds of wool at Payette and 100,000 pounds at Weiser. This is the last of the clip west of Mountain home. The price paid was 16 1/2 cents. During the last two days half a million pounds of wool have been sold at Mountain home at an average price of 16 cents. There are still about a million pounds there.—Boise Statesman.

We don't blame Mr. Johnson for wanting to "get a cinch" on all the wool deals he can, but we do blame him for attempting to create a wrong impression. By no means has the last clip west of Mountain home been purchased, for there are yet at least a half million pounds in Washington county alone unsold. These figures are given us by a prominent sheep man.

Welcome The Coming Tide.

Weiser people should be ready to put their best foot forward this year to secure intending investors who will visit here this year going to or coming from the great Fair at Portland. The right kind of reception and hospitality shown will work wonders in making a favorable impression upon strangers. The opportunities that capital is looking for are to be found here. All that is necessary is to make a proper representation of facts that can be substantiated. Half the truth will suffice.

Judge Huston is Dead.

Judge Jo. Waldo Huston, who had been a central figure in the affairs of Idaho for nearly 40 years, died at his home in Boise Sunday afternoon, aged 72 years, the immediate cause of death being a clot of blood in his heart. The judge had been in failing health for many weeks, lingering between life and death and final dissolution was not unexpected to the members of his family. Besides the widow Judson Huston is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carrie H. Leonard, who lives on North Eleventh street, Boise and a son, Dr. Collister P. Huston, of Challis. Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Back Pension For Weiser Heirs.

Pensions have been granted, through the efforts of Senator Duboise, to Idaho veterans as follows, a remarkable feature being the uncommonly larger ratio of back pensions:

Jason F. Tryon of Boise, \$6 a month and \$84 back pension.

Heirs of John W. Wells of Weiser, \$6 a month from August 20, 1899 and \$2 a month extra for each of three heirs; also back pension of \$1600 each for three heirs on the \$6 rate and \$250 each on the \$2 rate.

Thomas H. Davis of Pocatello, a Spanish war veteran, \$50 a month and \$500 back pension.

Something doing every minute at Brother Edwards' big shop.

All the best in The Signal.

Meadow Did Well.

A few hours one afternoon last week a thousand dollars was subscribed in this town for the construction of a wagon road from Payette to the Big Creek mining district. Nothing was done on the road last week, however, but the matter has been taken up and an appeal has been made to the new road commission for assistance in this very important matter. A subscription list has been circulated here during the past week with the result that the amount subscribed last year has been exceeded, this time by more general participation than before. Last year the amount was subscribed by a few in the town, whereas the response was more general on this occasion and it very properly should be.

The road will subserve the value of property, open up new markets for horses, cattle, hay, grain and other products, and in many other ways be a benefit to every resident of the valley, and it is only right that it should assist in getting the road through. Meadows Fein.

A first class house keeper, the AGA and lady preferred. Call for flight party. Call at the Weiser in The Signal.

P. H. B. MOULTON IS ELECTED MAYOR OF WEISER FOR TWO YEARS TO COME.

The election passed off rather quietly yesterday, although considerable interest was manifested in some quarters.

As there was but little difference, if any, between the platforms of the "Tax-payers" and the "Business Men's" tickets, the contest resolved itself in a simple trial of the respective personal strength of the heads of

the two tickets, the nominees for mayor. The result was the election of P. H. B. Moulton by a majority of 44.

The councilmen who will serve for the next two years are Coakley, Woodcock, Galloway, Galey, McCune and Smith.

The vote of the city was as follows:

First Ward.

Mayor—Moulton, 90; Fuller, 101.
Clerk—Travis, 179
Treasurer—A. J. Davis, 176
Engineer—Luck, 81; Fox, 98.
Councilmen—Frank E. Smith, 97; J. A. McCune, 104; John Bothwell, 89.
Second Ward.
Mayor—Moulton, 75; Fuller, 82.
Clerk—Travis, 92.
Treasurer—A. J. Davis, 90.

Engineer—Luck, 81; Fox 71.
Councilmen—E. H. Galey, 92; Thos. C. Galloway, 83.
Third Ward.

Mayor—Moulton, 178; Fuller, 116.
Clerk—Travis, 164.
Treasurer—A. J. Davis, 153.
Engineer—Luck, 93; Fox, 189.
Councilmen—James B. Coakley, 177; Thos. P. Woodcock, 134; L. E. Verbeck, 111.

Capt. Rogers Dead.

Capt. L. H. Rogers died yesterday afternoon at his home on West Commercial street from Neuralgia of the heart. Funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from the residence. Capt. Rogers came to Weiser from Ogden about a year ago and purchased the Fuller building now occupied by the Forney millinery and furnishing goods store. He is survived by the wife who is here, and a son and daughter in the East.

Land May Be Relinquished.

Washington, March 28.—From the present indications the state of Idaho has succeeded in being allowed to relinquish 45,000 acres of land selected under the impression it was valuable for agricultural and grazing purposes but which proved to fall far below the value of standard land required to be selected. The case was decided about a year ago adversely to the state but on evidence recently submitted by Attorney General Gibson, through Senator Heyburn the case was reopened and reconsidered and a favorable decision may be expected within a few days. Senator Heyburn has been in

fore Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock a number of times in the matter and yesterday further urged the matter before the attorney general for the interior department and acting commissioner general of the land office with the result above indicated. This action will save the state about \$500,000 which otherwise would have been lost to the state institutions and enable the state to make new selections.

Plenty of Money

On hand to loan on city and farm property. B. A. McKinney, Weiser, Idaho. 234

Special Rates.

Conference, Salt Lake City, April 6-7-8-9, 1905. For the above occasion the following rate is authorized for the sale of round trip tickets to Salt Lake City, from Weiser, Idaho, \$22.15, tickets limited to continuous passage. Good returning until April 15th. J. W. Lippish, Agent, O. S. I. Weiser, Idaho, March 20th, 1905.

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