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## WON GAME BY SKILL

### R.H.S. Basket Shooters Defeat Coeur d'Alene.

The Rathdrum high school basketball team defeated Coeur d'Alene high school in the return game played here last Friday night. The final score was 20 to 16.

It was probably the most hotly contested game of the season on the local floor because of the intense rivalry existing between the two schools and because of the Rathdrum team's determination to get even with its larger antagonist for the defeat administered by it at Coeur d'Alene earlier in the season. The Coeur d'Alene players averaged over 31 pounds each more in weight than the Rathdrum boys and they evidently relied upon this preponderance of averdulpse for success. Against this handicap the local team had to play hard and fast, and by superiority of speed and skill secured a lead in the beginning which it held throughout the game.

At the end of the first half the score stood 9 to 4 in favor of Rathdrum. In this half the local players kept the ball in their territory most of the time, and were successful in blocking nearly every play attempted by the visitors. In the second half the greater weight of the visiting team became more manifest and when the score stood 18 to 14, the Rathdrum boys, tired but winning, resorted to the expedient of tossing the ball about to one another keeping it out of the hands of the visitors while the watch ticked the minutes away. Varying these tactics an instant they added two more points to their score and the visitors securing the ball again also made another basket, their last, although they later awakened from their bewilderment and sought vainly to break up the delaying tactics again before the pistol shot ended the game.

A large crowd attended, including a number of spectators from Coeur d'Alene.

## Idaho State News Items.

A carload of clover seed shipped east from Nampa brought \$12,000.

The Gold Hunter mine at Mullan has closed owing to the slump in the price of lead.

Indian horses are being shipped from Pocatello to southern California for chicken feed.

Beaver hides cannot legally be sold from Idaho except by the state or by individuals to whom special permits are issued.

Snow is rapidly piling up in the Idaho mountains, according to reports, promising a plentiful supply of water for irrigation next summer.

About 5000 acres devoted to sugar beets in Twin Falls county this year produced an average yield of twelve tons per acre.

Truman Wilkinson pleaded guilty to the charge of making moonshine whisky near Fry lake in Boundary county and was fined \$300 and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Idaho's first corn and silo school, with which was held a corn show, was held in Wendell, early in December, under the auspices of the Gooding county farm bureau and the Wendell grange.

Freight rates on Idaho hay to Missouri river points have been reduced from \$15 to \$10 a ton, to meet the emergency resulting from the alfalfa tieup in the southern counties. The reduced rates will be in effect until April 30.

The Sandpoint city council is passing ordinances licensing and regulating public dances and skating. Freakish or suggestive dances are to

be banned and minors under 18 refused admittance unless accompanied by parents or guardians.

Jerome county farm bureau work is estimated to have induced the planting of pure seed wheat on approximately 300 farms, where last year it was grown on only 33, and in 1918 not a field of pure seed wheat could be found in the county. It formerly was quite common to find as many as eight varieties of wheat grown in one field.

Receipts of the secretary of state's office from the registration of motor vehicles and chauffeurs for the period, January 1, 1919 to Dec. 15, 1920, were more than 61 per cent. greater than for the same period during 1917 and 1918. The total for the 1917-18 period was \$988 251, while the same period of 1919-20 the revenue was \$1,611,969.

### Wants Levies Kept Down.

Boise, Dec. 15.—"I predict, that in 1921, unless the legislature loses its head, the Idaho state tax levy will be reduced to three and a half mills; we must live within our means," declared Governor D. W. Davis in an address delivered Tuesday before the Idaho county commissioners' convention which opened a three days' session. Approximately 100 commissioners from every section of the state were in attendance.

The governor made a strong plea that the commissioners do everything in their power to keep the tax levy of their respective districts as low as possible. He went on record as emphatically opposed to the legislature granting any increase in the levying power of the county boards.

"If the legislature is reasonable Idaho will again have one of the lowest tax levies of any state in the United States," the governor asserted.

He also spoke briefly on the road question and suggested a ton tax for funds to maintain the roads. He urged that a business policy be followed in issuing bonds for road building. Twenty-year bonds should not be issued to construct roads which last five years, he declared. He referred to the road problem as "one that would last forever."

Captain Jeter made the principal talk of the morning session on "Truck Transportation."

Predicting that within five years there would be as many trucks in operation as there are now touring and pleasure cars and reminding the commissioners of the damage wrought to roads by overloaded trucks, he urged that resolutions be passed petitioning the legislature to enact a law which would prohibit the loading of trucks to within more than 20 per cent of their ton capacity.

He suggested a "gasoline tax" for funds to maintain roads throughout the different districts and outlined a plan, already in operation in the state of Oregon, which would tax the driver one cent per gallon of gasoline purchased. This would provide a sufficient fund for the upkeep of the roads, he said, and cited the case of Oregon, which collected nearly two million dollars last year from this source, to prove his contention.

## FROM OVER THE COUNTY

### POST FALLS

The school district is calling for 100 cords of wood.

The Rathdrum Electric company has extended a line to give service to the Post Falls irrigated tracts.

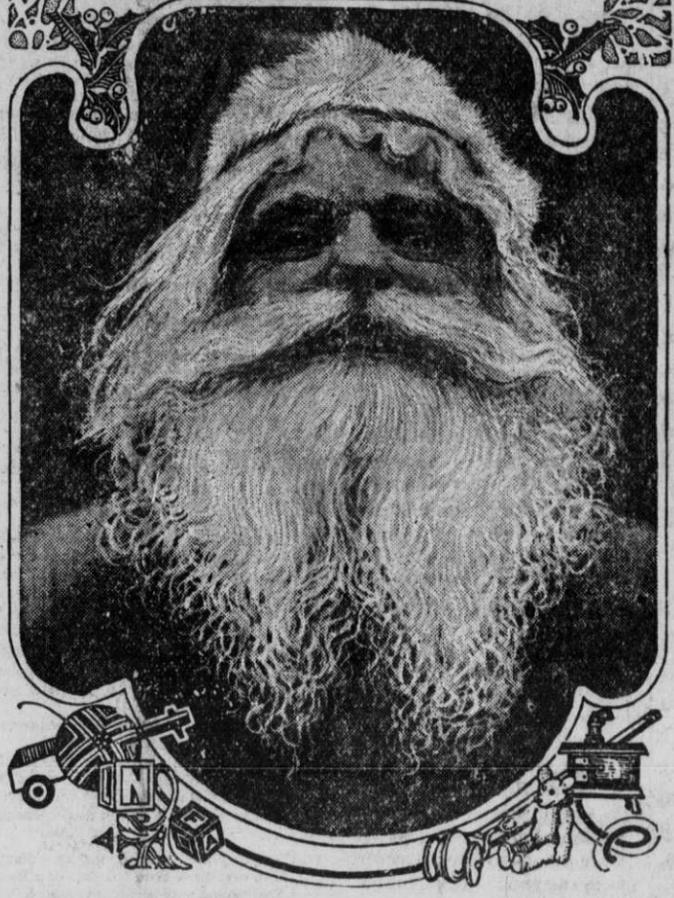
A. F. Lutter reports seeing a flock of geese flying north.

A. R. Peterson suffered a broken wrist when cranking his Ford.

High wind blew out a plate glass store window recently.

Chas. Hummel shipped in 20 head of steers from the Okanogan country

## "MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!"



### MY CHRISTMAS TREE.

On Christmas morn-ing when I wake and sleep-dust from my eyes I shake, I see a sight that makes me start and causes thumpings in my heart. A Christmas tree—oh, pretty sight—with candies, bells and balls alight. With horns and dolls and sugar plums, and skates and trains and beating drums. And, oh, it is a wonder tree, with heaps of things for me to see. Rare gifts hang upon the side, which tinkled fairies cannot hide. A soldier doll, a doll house, too, and strings of gold come to my view, and as I look I seem to hear sweet Christmas music, soft and clear. A merry Christmas, it seems to say, A merry, happy, holy day!

### THE CHRIST CHILD

Across the snow the home lights glow  
From the myriad hearths alight,  
And through the street with noiseless feet  
The Christ-child walks tonight.

At silent gates, outside He waits,  
To find a fitting spot.  
Be thine the shame, if through thy blame  
The Christ-child enters not.

Where joyous notes from children's throats  
The old glad song begin,  
Where love impels and kindness dwells,  
The Christ-child enters in.

Where hate has room, pride sits in gloom,  
And wrong invokes unrest,  
Though green the walls and bright the halls,  
He cannot be a guest.

But where the thought that angels brought  
To earth's enraptured ears  
Good will to men and peace, again  
The Christ-child, listening, hears.

He turns His feet with welcome sweet,  
Enters, and there abides.  
Angels know best how such are blest  
Through all the Christmastides.

to be wintered on the Montague place.

Sandpoint won the high school basketball game here last Friday night.

Harold Brashear broke his collar bone while practicing basket ball.

Hauser lake was frozen over Tuesday of last week for the first time this season.

### HARRISON

Hunters report game scarce this season.

The George Ramsey house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Moening, was burned; loss \$2000 partly covered by insurance. No one was at home at the time of the fire.

The Export sawmill closed down last week for the winter. A better market for lumber is expected next spring.

The coming of six inches of snow caused the Black Lake loggers to rejoice.

### SPIRIT LAKE

Girard F. Hagenbuch, who died in Spokane recently, was a former general manager of the Panhandle

Lumber company at Spirit Lake.

Twenty-six more men have been laid off in the Milwaukee machine shop, but it is expected the places will be filled again after the end of the year.

As a result of blood poisoning, William Essensá, age 70, had to have one leg amputated below the knee.

### COEUR D'ALENE

State Inspector A. H. Wilson stopped sale of 14 sacks of Manchurian walnuts shipped from Seattle. They were found to be rancid.

The county commissioners have adjourned until January 3.

Chief of Police Evans stated that three men out of employment stopped at the city jail Wednesday night of last week.

H. H. Barton and party returned from a trying hunting experience in the deep snow of the Priest lake country, with one deer shot by Roscoe Largent.

Robert E. McFarland, well known attorney in Idaho for many years, died of pneumonia Tuesday morning at his home. He was 63 years of age, and had practiced law since 1880.

## HIT AT HIGH TAXES

### County Commissioners of Idaho Adopt Resolutions.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 17.—After resolutions condemning the "general extravagance of the governmental departments of the state, counties and municipalities, especially in that part of the state government pertaining to the department of highways" and recommending the curtailment of all governmental expenses; choosing Sandpoint as the 1921 meeting place and disposing of other business, the convention of the county commissioners of Idaho ended its three day session last Thursday.

The resolutions adopted included the following:

"Be it resolved by the county commissioners of the state of Idaho in convention assembled, that we condemn the general extravagance of the governmental departments of the state, county and municipalities, especially in that part of our state government pertaining to the department of highways, and recommend a strict curtailment of expenses in all departments of government.

"And whereas we find the increased taxes have been a great burden on the taxpayers of the state, we are opposed to any general increase in valuation of real estate and farm lands.

"We favor the creation by legislative enactment of a nonpartisan tax commission to the end that a uniform system of assessing and equalizing the property of the state may be established, so that the burden of taxation would be justly distributed over the different classes of property.

"Whereas this organization has appointed a legislative committee to receive and recommend the passage of laws favored by this organization and as this committee is to be reimbursed to the extent of their expenses, we favor a contribution from each county of a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$25, based on the valuation of various counties, to defray such expense."

Twelve of the 75 commissioners declared their co operation with the highway department had proved costly and had not resulted in the construction of roads. Virtually all the money which the counties had been forced to put up had been expended in excessive engineering costs and overhead, they declared. Among the speakers who attacked the highway commission were French of Blaine county, Harvey of Bannock, Marklson of Payette, Meek of Franklin and Cantwell of Valley. Many others said that their experience in co-operation with the state highway department had proven detrimental to road construction and costly to the county.

The commissioners voted unanimously to maintain a legislative committee of five in Boise during the session.

Officers elected for the ensuing two years were: President, James A. Welch of Boundary; vice-president, W. F. Bracken of Twin Falls; secretary, A. E. Pomeroy, of Gem; treasurer, H. B. Illingworth of Ada.