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BOND COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE

Bondholder of Canyon Canal Suggests Plan of Settling Financial Difficulties.

With a view of stopping all litigation over the Canyon canal bond issue and placing the irrigation district upon a sound financial footing, John R. Morrow, president of the Continental Trust company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and owner of one of the largest blocks of bonds of the district, spent several days in town this week and after making a thorough investigation of the canal and the conditions of the land owners under the canal, submitted his personal plan of compromise to the board of directors of the district and a number of the large land owners.

In presenting the plan, Mr. Morrow made it plain that he was speaking only for himself; that he had not consulted his associate bondholders and did not know whether the plan would be acceptable to them.

The plan he proposes is, in brief, this: Each bondholder and each warrant holder to agree to a straight 20 per cent shave on all bonds and warrants; to issue refunding bonds to run for 20 years, with interest and sinking fund payments deferred for several years, and to endeavor to raise sufficient funds from the bondholders to enlarge the canal to a capacity to carry an adequate supply of water for every acre of land in the district, and to issue bonds in payment of outstanding warrants. "In this way," he said, "all the indebtedness of the district would be cleaned up and as it could start out anew on a cash basis."

The proposed 20 per cent discount on the bonds would equal the so-called "commission bonds," about which there has been so much controversy and which are now in litigation. Mr. Morrow seemed very anxious to settle the difficulties of the district in the interest not only of himself, but also for the benefit of the land owners. He expressed surprise at the splendid physical condition of the canal system, and the fertility and improvement of the lands in the district. He left for the East Tuesday and will present his plan to the bondholders' committee, of which he is a member. This committee represents \$700,000 of the bonds, and is composed of John Morrow, Dr. Gaebler, John Paul Thompson and Mr. Seymour.

It is sincerely hoped that the conference may result in a solution of the problems that confront both the bondholders and the land owners, as well as the holders of warrants, in such an equitable manner as will make it possible for the land owners to meet their obligations and give to the bonds an unquestioned stability. From the present outlook, if the other bondholders hold the same views as Mr. Morrow, a satisfactory settlement is possible.

BOISE AND GEM AGREE

Adjustment of Finances Between Two Counties Effected.

E. K. Hayes returned yesterday from Idaho City, where he had been to settle the account of Gem with Boise county. He reports that the differences that existed were settled by arbitration. Boise county will receive approximately \$15,000 from Gem in settlement.

When the settlement came to be made there was an item of \$3800 for timber cruising and bridges, which Boise county claimed to be due as Gem's share of the cost. E. K. Hayes did not consider the claim a just one. J. A. Lippincott, who represented Boise county, and Mr. Hayes asked for a third arbitrator, as provided by law, and W. L. Cuddy of Boise City was selected. Mr. Cuddy decided in favor of Boise county and the matter was closed Tuesday.

Bridge for Deadwood

Forest Supervisor Mains yesterday awarded a contract to James Burke & Co. of Kansas City for a steel bridge across Deadwood Creek on the government road up the South Fork. This will open the road to Lowman. The bridge will have a 65 foot span with concrete piers. L. J. Phelan has the concrete work under way.

Pitchfork in Thresher

While threshing grain on the Bob Howard place on the bench last week,

NEW METHODIST PASTOR



Charles A. Quinn

the pitch fork used by one of the men came off the handle and went through the machine, doing considerable damage to the machinery.

COUNTY FUNDS ON INTEREST

Banks Will Pay Three Per Cent on Deposits.

All banks having deposits of Gem county funds will pay 3 per cent interest on same. The board of county commissioners at their meeting Saturday passed the following resolution:

"It is hereby ordered that all banks in Gem county which shall have applied to become and have been made depositaries, or which shall hereafter be made depositaries, of county funds under the provisions of article 3, chapter 3, title 11 of the Idaho Political Code shall be required to pay to Gem county for the privilege of holding the same, interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, and that such depositaries shall hold such funds subject also to the regulations imposed by law and the rules adopted by the county treasurer."

The First National bank of Emmett was appointed as a county depository and its bond approved.

First Term of Court.

Gem county's first term of court was held Monday by Judge E. L. Bryan, and only four hours were required to dispose of the 12 civil cases on the docket. There were no criminal cases. Fred Mitchell of Caldwell, an experienced court clerk, was present to teach R. B. Wilson the ropes and see that everything was done according to Hoyle. The cases that came up were as follows:

J. W. Cook vs. W. J. Holme et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

J. N. Dechambeau vs. John C. Jensen. Dismissed.

Francis Dresser vs. M. F. Dean et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

F. J. Edwards vs. Godfrey Sperling et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

First National Bank of Emmett vs. Anna M. Scott. Judgment for plaintiff.

C. F. Harparee et al vs M. C. Moorehead et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

J. C. Oliver vs. McConnell Brothers. Dismissed.

Geo. B. Roger vs. A. M. Schrecongost et al. Demurrer overruled and defendant given 20 days to answer.

Hans Hansen vs. W. A. Carpenter. Dismissed.

R. H. Stanley vs. J. R. Field et al. Demurrer overruled and defendants given 20 days to answer.

Wilson-Smith Realty Co. vs. D. M. John. Continued.

J. A. Armstrong vs. E. E. Hampton. Demurrer overruled and defendant given 10 days to answer.

A recess was taken to November 19.

Failed to Convict.

Silas Boston of Ola, who was arrested Friday charged with bootlegging, was tried in Judge Vadney's court by a jury and acquitted.

Road Business.

Fred Fowler has been appointed road overseer of district 8 to succeed L. Peterson, who had previously been appointed, it being found that he was not a resident of the county.

Special road tax levies have been made as follows: District 10, 2½ mills; district 3, 2½ mills; district 1, 2½ mills; district 2, 2 mills.

BORN

On Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vanderdasson, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hess, a son.

On Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holverson, a daughter.

On Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blaisdell, a daughter.

On Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gibberd, a son.

EARTHQUAKE FRIGHTENED EMMETT

Buildings Shook—Clocks Stopped—Chickens Shook from Roosts—No Damage.

An earthquake shock that lasted at least a minute struck Emmett at 11:55 Saturday night and caused general consternation. Brick buildings trembled, frame buildings swayed, clocks stopped, electric lights suspended by cords swayed to and fro like pendulums of clocks, chickens were shaken from their roosts, and people were roused from their slumbers by the swaying of the beds, the rattling of windows and the creaking of doors and joints. In short, Mother Earth acted as if she had been on a spree and with unsteady gait was trying to make her way upstairs to bed without disturbing the old man and had made the usual blunder at it. But no damage was done, except to the nerves of the timid and of those with guilty consciences.

The direction of the quake was from west to east or vice versa. Clocks whose pendulums swung north and south stopped; those swinging east to west gained momentum and pounded the sides of their cases. Brooms suspended in a rack in McNish's store swung in the same direction a distance of five feet each way, as did also a bundle of whips, and electric lights. Sam Motz was just reaching for the door knob of his back door, upon his return from the dance, when the quake occurred, and he missed the knob a foot as the house swayed to the east, and missed it again as it swung back. He thought some one had "spiked" the city water and it had affected his head.

Arch McKellar, the Squaw creek rancher, was engaged in a social game of solo at the Brunswick. The lights swayed, the pop bottles crashed against each other, cigars got up on their hind legs and walked, the queen of spades winked at him and the jack of clubs made a pass. That was too much for Archie; he rushed for the door, leaving his hinkeys on the table.

Tom Hance was toasting himself before the fire. He had a severe cold and had been taking cough medicine. When everything began to swim before his eyes he thought he had taken too much of the stuff and it had gone to his head.

Bob Knizer, who was asleep, thought the dog had gotten under the bed and was bouncing the bed springs up and down. D. M. Stokesberry's wife thought her husband was trying to bounce her out of bed, and Ora Bever scolded his wife for kicking so hard. The effect upon Allen Gatfield was to make him sick at his stomach, and others were affected the same way. Herb Blackman rushed down town, expecting to see every brick building in ruins. The city water tower swayed, and the iron braces scraped against each other and made an awful noise, something like a symphony orchestra playing the Dance of the Valkyries.

At the Russell hotel the guests were badly frightened and rushed panic stricken from their rooms and down stairs, clad in sundry and divers garments.

So far as the news agencies have been able to learn little damage has resulted from the earthquake, although it was general all over the western country. It was felt from Victorio B. C. to Fresno, Cal.; and as far east as the Rocky mountains. It was the heaviest in Nevada and Utah, but no casualties or material damage is reported from either state. In Utah there was a slip in the Wasatch mountains for 150 miles, and this caused a third shock which many people thought was another earthquake. In Boise the tremor was felt for nearly two minutes while at Ontario it is reported that it cracked the plaster in the Moore Hotel. Practically all southern Idaho and eastern Oregon towns felt the shock. At Baker City a panic was narrowly averted, and at Vale the shock was quite severe.

Another Car of Pears
The Denney & Co. packing house is this week loading the second car of pears. The shipment consists of d'Anjous and is made up of fruit from the Field, Trowbridge, Parker, Hankins, Coulson and Graves orchards.

DEDICATE THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Debt of \$4200 Lifted Amid Great Enthusiasm and Rejoicing at Union Meeting

After a campaign of only a few days, the climax of which was reached Sunday evening, the debt of the Emmett Baptist church, amounting to \$4200 was lifted, and the church was dedicated amid great enthusiasm and rejoicing.

The dedicatory service was one in which all the churches of Emmett joined. Dr. Myron W. Haynes of McMinnville, Ore., preached a most interesting and able sermon. Rev. W. H. Bowler of Boise brought the "Greetings from the Baptists of Idaho," and Rev. S. M. Hunter of the Presbyterian church brought the greetings of the Emmett churches. The pastor and congregation, standing, then joined in the responsive dedicatory service, which concluded with the prayer of dedication by the Baptists, and it was dedication by the pastor. It was an especially happy one for their loyal pastor, Rev. A. C. Lathrop, to whose energy and untiring zeal much credit is due for the great accomplishment. Back of him has been the united support of the entire membership.

Eleven years ago this fall the Baptists dedicated their first church building in this city. It was the frame building now used as the Gem county court house. At that time it was the best church building in town. Perhaps the account of those services, printed in The Index of November 17, 1904, will be interesting at this time:

"Sunday was Baptist day in Emmett, the occasion being the dedication of their church edifice, and the exercises were fully in keeping with the importance of the event to Emmett Baptists. A number of Baptist ministers from other points were present and assisted in the ceremonies. The church was crowded to overflowing. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. L. G. Clark, the dedicatory service was conducted by Rev. Rogers, and the dedicatory prayer given by Rev. W. H. Bowler. R. H. Clopton of Emmett read a short historical sketch of the organization and growth of the church, which was very interesting, and from which we make the following extracts.

"On the 26th day of March, 1893, the present Baptist church was organized with a membership of seven members. The first business meeting was held April 23, of the same year, and three names were added to the list of new members, and the name 'The Baptist Church of Emmett,' adopted. Rev. I. G. Perkins was the first pastor. Then followed in order Rev. I. S. Hicks, Rev. E. H. Head Rev. Perkins again, Rev. Gowen, Rev. T. H. Lydston, Rev. D. McReynolds, Rev. John Heyn, and on May 1, 1904, the present pastor, Rev. E. S. Rogers, was called.

"November 10, 1895, the first record of baptism was recorded, and February 26, 1896 a Sunday school was organized.

"In June, 1896, a subscription was started to build a 'meeting house,' and on August 26 of that year enough money had been raised to purchase a lot. October 4, 1896, the church decided to erect an edifice 26 by 40 feet. 'At just what date work on the church edifice began the records do not show,' Mr. Clopton's sketch says, 'but that the church did commence the erection of the building in which we have met today, within a few weeks thereafter and that there was only \$74.84 in the treasury when the first money was paid for material is a matter of record, and that the building was erected during the summer and fall is a fact that tells a story of heroic endeavor and actual sacrifice that is not often surpassed.'

Alfalfa Grows Big

J. A. Hiatt brought to town Saturday a stool of alfalfa that was seven feet tall. The heads had gone to seed and were as full as the hair on a dog's back—almost. The alfalfa was grown on dry land on Mr. Hiatt's place on the east slope.

Good Prices for Honey

O. S. Farrell of New Plymouth, secretary of the Idaho-Oregon Honey Producing association, was in town Monday en route to Middleton to superintendent the shipment of two

cars of honey. He informed The Index that the association had sold 20 cars of honey to the A. I. Root company of Medina, Iowa, for \$4,850 per car. This comprises the entire output of the association this year. He estimates that New Plymouth will furnish two carloads, or over \$9000 worth.

Clover is Profitable
That growing clover for seed is profitable is proved by the experience of I. O. Hankins this year. He had a 15-acre orchard in clover between the tree rows. He has threshed 125 bushels of clover seed from the crop. The seed is worth 15½ cents a pound, or \$9.30 a bushel, which would amount to \$1150 for the 15 acres. Besides this, Mr. Hankins has the hay for feed.

TO IMPROVE FREEZEOUT

Grade to be Lowered and Roadway Widened

At a meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday evening, plans for extensive improvements of the Freezeout Hill grade were formulated and preliminary steps taken to carry them into execution. The plans provide for reducing the present grade to 9.42 per cent at its steepest point. To do this something like 60,000 yards of dirt will need to be moved. It is expected that no difficulty will be experienced in getting all the work done by farmers and town people. To ascertain how much work can be depended upon, a committee consisting of W. M. Findley, A. P. Peterson, Charles Dresser and Dr. R. E. Rose was appointed. The need for such improvement has been apparent for many years, although Mr. Findley, the road overseer of that district has made very radical betterment of the roadway and the grade. To the farmers of the Slope who market produce and fruit in Boise the advantage will be great.

The following resolutions upon the death of D. A. Hawkins were adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, The death of our co-worker, D. A. Hawkins, has removed from our midst a faithful, conscientious and devoted member—one whose counsel was wise and whose efforts were always for the upbuilding of the community; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we shall miss him from the councils of the Commercial Club; that we deeply mourn his passing, and extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

The finance committee of the fair submitted a report, which showed that the fair had cost between \$700 and \$800. As all the expense bills had not yet been presented, a complete report could not be made and the committee was continued. Those having accounts against the fair association are requested to present them to George McGowan as soon as possible.

The club decided to enter five boxes of Delicious apples in the competition for the world's championship at the Panama exposition. C. L. Gamage and L. M. Downing were appointed as a committee to select and pack the fruit.

Water bags at Reilly's.

McNISH LEASES HIS SAWMILL

Michigan-Idaho Lumber Co. the Lessee—To Install Band Saws

The Michigan-Idaho Lumber Company yesterday concluded negotiations for the lease of the John McNish sawmill, storage ponds, etc., for a term extending from date until December 31, 1916. Mr. McNish reserves the planing mill and motors.

By the terms of the lease the leasing company agrees not to engage in the retail lumber business and not to sell any lumber in Gem county, and Mr. McNish will continue to conduct a retail business. The company has stored in the mill ponds approximately 6 million feet and a possible 2 million feet along the river which the low water stage left high and dry last spring. These logs will be sawed and the output shipped to the company's saw and door mill at Kalamazoo, Mich., or sold at wholesale to lumber yards outside of Gem county. A band saw will be installed at once.

The Michigan-Idaho Lumber Company two years ago bought the old Prestel mill at Payette, and cut several million feet of logs on the South Fork of the Payette river. The log drive was tardy in reaching Emmett and low water compelled the storage of the logs in the McNish pond. In the meantime the Payette mill was destroyed by fire. The company has been reorganized within the last few days, Ed Allen and Ed Stanley of this city buying an interest. Charles A. Dewing of Kalamazoo, Mich., is the president, and Ed Allen, vice president. These three have a controlling interest in the company.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Contract Given to Mike Gilbride to Lay Cement Pipes

The job of laying the big cement pipes which will replace the ditch under the sidewalk on Washington avenue between Second and Third streets was given to Mike Gilbride. His wages will be \$3.50 per day and the work will be done under the supervision of the city engineer. He will also lay pipes across the street at Bird's barn.

The assessment roll of Improvement District No. 1 is now in the hands of the city clerk, and the council will hear any objections to said assessment at 7 o'clock p. m. November 1.

Complaint was made that drivers of automobiles and horses were careless about keeping on the right side of streets and in turning square corners at street intersections. The marshal was instructed to see that the "rules of the road" were observed.

The city waterworks plant pumped 971,000 gallons of water during September.

Grape Exhibit at Boise

The Capital News describes the exhibit of grapes made by the Obermeyer brothers at the Boise fair as "wonderful." There are three varieties—Tokays, Malagas and Concord—and they are beautifully packed.

GEO. DURHAM, President. JOHN McNISH, Vice President.
R. B. SHAW, Cashier. C. B. POLLY, Asst. Cashier.

First National Bank

EMMETT, IDAHO

Capital \$50,000. Surplus \$7,000

General Banking Business Transacted. Correspondence Invited

C. J. BULLARD, President. E. M. REILLY, Vice President.
V. T. CRAIG, Cashier. LAUREN DEAN, Asst. Cashier.

BANK OF EMMETT

EMMETT, IDAHO.

Capital \$40,000 Surplus \$10,000

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