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LAUNCH IDAHO ON SATURDAY

Daughter of Governor Gooding Will Christen the Battleship.

OFF FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 4.—Governor and Mrs. Gooding and their daughter left last night for Philadelphia, where they will participate in the launching of the battleship Idaho on Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 4.—At noon, December 9, the battleship Idaho, of 13,000 tons burden and sister ship to the Mississippi, of the same tonnage, will slide off the ways at the Cramp ship-building yards in Philadelphia, and thus be the twenty-fourth first-class battleship launched by the government since the advent of the new American navy. It will be a momentous day, because Idaho will probably be represented in the east as never before. Governor Gooding and his staff and family, including Louise Gooding, the governor's 15 year old daughter, who will christen the ship, and a delegation of favorite sons of the state will be there, among them Senators Heyburn and Dubois and Congressman French. The day will be marked with several patriotic speeches and, as is customary, Senator Dubois as the senior senator from Idaho, will be the principal speaker. He will be followed by Senator Heyburn and Congressman French, who will make short addresses. Governor Gooding may also make a few remarks.

A buffet lunch by the Cramp Ship-building Company in honor of the occasion will follow and the party will then make a tour of inspection of the yards, and in the evening a banquet will be given, with Senators and Mrs. Heyburn as hosts, when more speeches and toasts will be in order. True western hospitality will mark the occasion in every way and the occasion will be a memorable one. The battleship Idaho is of a type that on first appearance closely resembles the ill-fated Maine. However, the ship is a much larger one, has finer lines, and looks every bit an ocean greyhound. Unlike the Maine, there is nothing about the ship to suggest a fighting tub. Her lines are graceful and indicative of great speed. When completed her cost will approximate \$6,225,000. Her hull and machinery alone will cost \$3,000,000.

When the big battleship Idaho goes into commission, which will not be for some time to come, because under the contract she was to be completed at the outside on May 25, 1907, she will have a complement of 34 officers and 691 men. The steaming radius of the Idaho class of battleships will be larger than that of any other American battleship afloat. It is estimated she will have a steaming radius of 10 knots, 5775 nautical miles. These figures will be appreciated when it is stated that the steaming radius of the famed battleship Oregon is only 5300 miles. The Idaho is 382 feet long, 77 feet wide and has a mean draft of 24 feet, 8 inches. She is expected to develop a speed of 17 knots and will have a bunker capacity of 1750 tons. The indicated horsepower of the battleship's propelling machinery and its auxiliaries on trial will be 10,000. The ship will be lighted by electricity throughout and electricity will be used for the coal and cart-ridge lifts and to automatically close the watertight compartments. In fact, electricity will supplant steam wherever practical. The ship also will have a complete telephone system and all of the conveniences consistent with the construction of a fighting craft. Particular attention will be paid to the construction of the crew's quarters. They will be placed as far away from the boilers and engine rooms as is possible. Immense ventilators and electric fans will be installed everywhere to keep down the heat in the boiler rooms and other parts of the ship, thus making the life of the men below decks a happier lot in summer.

The batteries of the Idaho will consist of a main battery of four 12-inch breech-loading rifles; eight 8-inch breech-loading rifles mounted in turrets. The principal broadside batteries will consist of eight 7-inch breech-loading rifles, while the secondary batteries will consist of twelve 3-inch rapid fire guns, six 3-inch guns, four 1-pounder rapid fire guns, two 3-inch guns, eight 30-calibre rapid firing machine and automatic guns. In addition to the heavy armament the ship will be supplied with two 18-inch submerged torpedo tubes. Her armor will have a uniform thickness of nine inches at the top, bottom and water line. The armor of the batteries will follow from 6 to 12 inches, and from 8 to 12 inches of the barbets.

The Idaho will be furnished with eight water-tube Babcock and Wilcox boilers.

Although it is yet too early to speculate over the complement of the Idaho, an effort will be made to have a western man placed in command of her when the ship goes into commission.

Newspaper Postage Free.

The house of representatives in Havana passed a bill granting free postage to all Cuban newspapers.

CIVIC SOCIETY FOR CLARKSTON

People of Neighboring Town Will Make City Beautiful.

Special to Inter-State News.

Clarkston, Wash., Dec. 5.—Much enthusiasm was manifested for a civic improvement society at a mass meeting of Clarkston citizens Friday evening. During recess, 55 names were secured for members of the proposed society. A meeting will be held shortly, when permanent organization will be perfected.

This movement for a Clarkston civic improvement society originated in the chamber of commerce, and its purpose is to make Clarkston-Vineland beautiful. Dr. Temple presided as chairman, and speeches were made by E. H. Libby and the Rev. Mr. Presson of the Baptist church, while music was rendered by a quartette. Miss Doeg rendered a beautiful solo in her pleasing way.

Brisk Movement in Real Estate.

Much happiness is being expressed among the people over the proposed building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad through the Lolo pass, thence down the Clearwater, reaching Lewiston-Clarkston. Knowing what a great benefit this will be to every one, local real estate men predict a brisk market in their lines. Many new people can be seen daily on the streets of Clarkston. A majority of them are buying property with the intention of permanently locating here.

With ideal climate which equals that of California, and the prospect of one of the best fruit crops Clarkston has ever had, and together with all the railroad building, prospects for the new year have never looked better in the history of Clarkston.

School Boy Fined \$10.

For assaulting the Santos lad, while engaged in a schoolboy initiation, Vern Van Arsdol was fined \$10 and costs, amounting in all to \$60, by Justice Neyland, Saturday. The assault for which Van Arsdol has been fined, was committed on the night of November 12. This seems to have been a schoolboy prank in which several boys were engaged. Santos was on his way home from church when the boys met him and told him they would initiate him into their society. They took him over by the schoolhouse fence and used a board on his back. The other boys connected with the case will have their trial Saturday, December 9.

L. C. Fountain has moved his meat market into the new Fisher brick and now has an up-to-date shop, and is enjoying a good trade.

The Lewiston-Clarkston Co. have put a man to work cleaning the streets and alleys. All the trash that cannot be burned will be hauled away by the company's teams.

Mr. Larson and family, of Ho, Idaho, have moved into one of the Lewiston-Clarkston company's cottages on Second street. Mr. Larson has accepted a position as a turner for the Valley Lumber & Manufacturing company.

Will Support Roosevelt's Policy.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Burton L. French and Mrs. French arrived in Washington Friday morning. Mr. French announced himself in favor of the president's policy on rate legislation, and also that he is a "standpatter" so far as revision of the tariff is concerned.

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