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## NOTICE

Mr. Smith, of the Thorsternberg bakery, has changed the name of the bakery to Smith's Baking company, which will do business hereafter under that name. We will be giving away some very nice presents in the near future with our Blue Ribbon wrappers. Save these wrappers and get a beautiful present.

Insist on Blue Ribbon bread when you order from your grocer. He sells it. A.D.

## B. H. ALLRED FOR SPEAKER.

Representative B. H. Allred of Bingham county has announced his candidacy for speaker of the next house of representatives, according to a telegram received in Boise from L. M. Capps, of Blackfoot, a member of the Democratic state central committee. Mr. Capps was the Democratic candidate for state treasure two years ago and is well known among the Democratic leaders.

"By request of many leading Democrats over the state, Harvey Allred, representative-elect from Bingham county, has announced his candidacy for speaker of the house of the legislature," telegraphed Mr. Capps. "Allred is thoroughly qualified; has legislative experience; is a fluent speaker and a student of law. He has a strong following now."

### Say Allred Strong Possibility.

Democratic leaders were speculating during the day over what effect the Allred announcement will have. Some of them pointed out that if he is the only candidate of the southeast, he may give the northern Idaho candidate a close race because the north had the last speaker, who hailed from the same county as Adjutant General Moody, in A. H. Conner, and the southeast believes that it is entitled to the speakership this time. The southwest had the speaker during the session four years ago, in C. S. French of Canyon county. Representative-elect Allred is a business man of Blackfoot. He has the necessary legislative experience to qualify him for the speakership, having served two terms in the Wyoming legislature.

Members-elect to the legislature are inclined to make no pledges, it is said, on the speakership, until they arrive in Boise, where a general conference of the Democrats will be held.—Capital News.

The dove of peace is fluttering again.

Have we any empty jails in this country? In with the food price boosters!

The most difficult thing in dealing with Mexico is to determine which one to deal with.

That Christmas turkey will taste fine for those who have the price of the turkey.

Peace? You bet! Whoop'er up and push'er along!

The question before the country is: "Will Pershing get Villa, or will Villa get Pershing?"

Many a joke contains more truth than poetry, and some not a darned bit of either.

Every time we get a bad taste in the mouth it makes us think of that man Carranza.

All brides are beautiful and all grooms are handsome no matter what their mugs may resemble the day after.

## CONVENTION WEEK—POCATELLO

January 8-13—Five big conventions. See Oregon Short Line agents for excursion rates.

## SIDEWALKS AND FOUNDATIONS

For cement sidewalks and foundations see B. F. Badger who has had 53 years experience in concrete and brick work. He guarantees satisfaction as to work and its cost. 53 Spruce Street. tlf.

Henry Ford should perk up. There is yet another Christmas coming.

No peace yet, boys. Whoop'er up.

If the District of Columbia goes dry won't there be an awful scramble to get home again!

Long life and much happiness to you and we'll do our best to keep you company.

We make a specialty of printing Sanitary Butter wrappers.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

### State of Idaho

Boise, October 1, 1916

To the Honorable M. Alexander, Governor of the state of Idaho.

My dear Sir: As required by law, I have the honor to herewith submit my report showing the financial transactions of the treasury department for the biennial period ending September 30, 1916.

In submitting this report, it is with considerable pride I call your attention specially to our system of doing business, which is along the lines of a large banking institution, balancing daily, so that the exact condition of any fund, or of the office as a whole, can be given each night.

We keep no monies on hand, depositing every dollar each day and pay all warrants by check. We make itemized reports, in duplicate, to the state auditor at the close of each day's business, showing receipts, disbursements and balance on hand. After the report is checked, the auditor certifies to its correctness and returns the duplicate copy to the treasurer. This, together with other changes made in the system of handling the work of the office, looking to the safe-guarding of the funds, makes it impossible for wrong-doing without it being detected within a very few hours.

The earnings of the office for this period in interest on daily balances and fees of the office are \$123,487.07, as compared with \$81,761.38 for the preceding two years, or an increase of \$41,725.69, and we have had many thousands of dollars less to derive earnings from and on which to make this showing. This office shows a saving of \$31,555.01, during this same time, over and above that shown for the preceding biennial period.

The treasurer has always been custodian of the Capitol buildings and grounds and has charge of the buying of supplies, making repairs and supervising of the help employed in the care of the buildings and grounds. As such officer, there is shown a saving of \$20,270.04, as compared with the preceding biennial period and, too, without in the least reducing the efficiency of the service rendered.

### Recapitulation.

Earnings of office .....	\$123,487.07
Savings of office .....	31,555.01
Savings as custodian .....	20,270.04

Total earnings and savings \$175,312.12

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOHN W. EAGLESON,  
 State Treasurer.

## REPORT FILED BY LAND DEPT.

The state land department did a real land office business in 1916, judging from figures contained in the biennial report. The total cash receipts amounted to \$1,569,521.97. Land and timber brought in \$713,264.03; bonds and loans, \$179,245.41; interest, \$257,707.43; rentals, \$257,238.08; Carey act lands, \$18,986.59 and fees, \$7,158.67.

The number of acres under lease or effected by lease in the state runs up to the grand total of 1,318,510.63, and the amount of revenue derived from these leases amount to \$247,254.01. Idaho also deeded 19,836.50 acres and the principal involved in these deeded lands amount to \$318,836.81. The interest was \$102,057.32.

### \*State Land Grants.

The status of Idaho's congressional land grants Dec. 1, 1916, is as follows:

Insane asylum—Acreage granted, 50,000; selected, 49,994.84; cleared, 49,994.84.

Public buildings—Acreage granted, 52,000; selected, 31,988.80; cleared, 31,988.80.

100,000; selected, 99,980.26; cleared, 99,580.29.

Charitable institutions—Acreage granted, 150,000; selected, 149,996.58; cleared, 149,917.59.

Scientific school—Acreage granted, 100,000; selected, 100,289.19; cleared, 99,472.19.

Agricultural college—Acreage granted, 90,000; selected, 96,742.59; cleared, 89,949.82.

Penitentiary—Acreage granted, 50,000; selected, 50,462.72; cleared, 49,041.74.

University—(state)—Acreage granted, 50,000; selected, 49,988.34; cleared, 49,988.34.

University—(territory)—Acreage granted, 46,080; selected, 46,077.23; cleared, 46,037.23.

## LOOKING A YEAR AHEAD.

What will the year 1917 mean to this town, to this community, to this people?

What will be your personal attitude toward the making of a better town, a more prosperous community, a more open hearted people?

The efforts of the individual citizen may accomplish something. The co-operation of a collective people will produce notable results.

It may be true that this world is full of good fellows, but there are times when one is forced to the belief that it is a whole of a world.

## BORAH AND BRADY DIFFER ON PROHIBITION

Washington, Dec. 25.—The attitude of the Idaho senators on the prohibition question was disclosed on the vote in the senate last week on the Sheppard bill for a "dry" Washington.

Senator Brady voted for the Smoot substitute which would have applied the Idaho law to the district prohibiting the personal use as well as the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. Senator Borah voted against the Smoot substitute. Most of the ardent friends of the Sheppard bill for a dry Washington voted against the Smoot substitute believing that if it were adopted the plan might fail either by the refusal of the house to agree to it or a veto by the president so that Senator Borah's vote against the Idaho law was not necessarily a vote against the principle. Senator Brady said: "I voted for it because it is only a question of a short time when we will come to absolute prohibition and why put the matter off."

On the proposal to substitute the Underwood referendum for the Sheppard bill which would have permitted the people of the District of Columbia to vote on whether they desired a "dry" capital, both senators from Idaho opposed the proposed substitute voting with the prohibitionists. On the qualification for electors at the referendum in case one was ordered both Idaho senators voted to permit the women to vote but they divided on the strong test prescribed in the Williams amendment which was constructed as a plan to disfranchise the illiterate negroes. Senator Borah voted against the Williams amendment which was supported by most of the southern senators but was defeated. Senator Brady voted for it.

## PORTLAND STOCK REPORT.

### Cattle.

December 26.—With a very light offering of cattle here today prices as expected advanced from 25 to 50 cents on all grades. Best steers sold readily at \$8 with ordinary kinds down to \$7, common grades sold down to \$5. It was one of the liveliest sessions here for a long time, sellers having about their own way, several buyers being on each load. Good cows sold at \$6.50 with no top stuff here although they are being quoted at \$7. Bulls were in good demand at 25 per cent higher prices and good bolognas sold from \$4 to \$4.75. There were but a few head of feeders here best feeding steers bringing \$6.25.

### Hogs.

A very light hog run was offered the trade today and a much higher market was the rule. Prices were fully 10 to 15 cents higher than last week's close. Top sold at \$9.85 while the bulk of good packing hogs brought \$9.65 to \$9.70; pigs sold mostly at \$8.25.

### Sheep.

There were only a few head here. Valley sheep have been making up all receipts, prices a fully 50 cents higher than a week ago. Valley lambs are bringing \$10 for the best yearlings at \$8.50 and ewes \$7.25.

## WILSON'S PLURALITY VOTE 568,822 OVER CHAS. E. HUGHES

New York—Complete officials returns on the presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,116,296 votes and Mr. Hughes 8,547,474, a plurality of 568,822 for Mr. Wilson. In 1912 Wilson, Democrat, received 6,297,099; Taft, Republican, 3,846,399; Roosevelt, Progressive, 4,124,959.

The vote for Mr. Benson, Socialist candidate for president, was 750,000, with eight missing states estimated, against 901,873 for Debs, Socialist, in 1912; for Mr. Hanly, Prohibitionist candidate, the vote was 225,101, against 207,925 for Chafin, Prohibitionist, in 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,871, as against 15,045,594 in 1912. This is an increase of 3,593,277, accounted for by the increase in population and the woman vote in the new suffrage states.

The high cost of living continues both high and costly.

Doing it yourself has one distinct advantage. It prevents the uncertainty of speculating on whether the other fellow will do it correctly or not.

One day we are told that dresses will be three inches shorter next season, and the next day we hear they are to be ankle length. Oh, this exasperating uncertainty!

All aboard for 1917.

Bring on your New Year's turkey. Our Christmas "ham and" were good.

And now Villi—oh, shut up!

Here's wishing you an abundance of prosperity during the coming year. Now let us have a little of yours.

The government is talking of prosecuting the print paper trust. "Talking" we said.

# HORSES WANTED

5 to 9 Years Old, Broke and Sound

14 Hands 3 inches, to 16 Hands High

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One Week Only

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Cream Separator, guaranteed, \$30.

Piano, \$110.

Two saddles, \$9 and \$11 each.

Blacksmith forge, anvil, vise and other tools.

Coyote and other traps.

## CLEGG'S Main St. Blackfoot.

The fellow who does it today instead of tomorrow has to ponder over the mistakes of yesterday.

If the price of print paper continues upward we will soon be tempted to circulate \$50 bills instead.

Now that everybody is talking of national defense, let's have something besides talk.

Let's all buck up and make this "some town" before another Christmas rolls along. No, we don't mean only the other fellow. We mean you, individually, and all of the rest of the individuals individually and the whole bunch of you collectively. Will you buck?

Mr. Wilson wants the United States to assume control of wireless telegraphy. Better than that, we'd like to see the old boy control the price of cats.

Here's for a happy New Year, with hope that it will not be limited to one.

Christmas, and still in the trenches. Oh, you Henry.

## Assessment Notice.

Blackfoot, Idaho, December 21, 1916.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the directors of the Riverside ditch company held December 8, 1916, assessment number 70 of \$1.00 per share was levied on the capital stock of the company which is now due and payable to the undersigned, and unless paid by January 12, 1917, will be delinquent and will be advertised for sale.

1-11-17 J. G. BOND, Secretary.

All our life we have been telling other people not to worry, and now we wish some of you would pay up so we can quit.

# 25 Bulls 25

HEREFORD AND SHORT HORN  
 Coming Two-year-old.  
 All Registered.  
 At My Place Near Blackfoot.  
 Come and See Them.

E. M. Kennedy



Universal military service is simply universal defense of the universal home. And why, pray, should the few be expected to do the work of the many? Make it universal.

## TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

Our new Sunday and week-end excursions solve them. Many autoists, too, are finding out that our rates are cheaper than using their own cars. Ask about them. Agent O. S. L. E. R.

## Many in Blackfoot Try Simple Mixture

Many Blackfoot people are surprised at the QUICK action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. This simple remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour stomach or gas. A few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment, helps chronic stomach trouble. THE INSTANT, easy action of Adler-ika is astonishing. Edw. Thoreson, druggist.

## Classified Advertising

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FOR SALE—Some good Poland China boars. Sired by the big 800-pound boar that was at the fair. E. M. Kennedy. 12-21

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