

**STATE NEWS.**

The preliminary examination of Newt Morgan for the killing of J. W. McDonald took place in Gibbonsville on Friday and Saturday, and he was held to wait the action of the grand jury. He was brought to this city on Sunday and consigned to the county jail.—*Salmon City Recorder.*

Dan Reber came down from Dixie Monday and went to Boise Tuesday, taking with him about 30 ounces of retorted gold, the result of a clean-up at the Gold King. Mr. Reber recently purchased a Frue vanner and other machinery at Rocky Bar and is now having it placed in position at his mill. Mr. Erickson, of the Bar, is superintending the work.—*Mt. Home Republican.*

Hon. James M. Shoup came down to Salmon City from his home on the Pansimari last Tuesday and returned Wednesday. He came down over the new State Wagon Road, and when asked about its condition said it was a good road. That the high water had damaged it in a few places, but all told, the damaged portions would not exceed a mile in length. These the contractors are intending to fix, and wherever the water got above the grade the line of the road had been changed so it would all be above high water. He also informed us the road would be completed in three or four days so it could be traveled by wagon to Pansimari.—*Salmon City Republic.*

Last Saturday forenoon, as the incoming stage was striking into the foothills this side of Snake river, two masked men suddenly appeared in the road and ordered a "halt." Stage driver John Luxton, who was on the box, promptly handed out the mail sack and his watch, and receiving an order to drive on he lost no time in complying with the request. The only passenger aboard was Mrs. McFayden and son, who were not molested. The robbers dragged the mail sacks a short distance from the road, and ripped them open with knives. Luckily there was no registered mail, and although they tore open a large number of letters it is thought they secured nothing of value. It was evidently their intention to catch the DeLamar Commercial Co's. shipment of specie which is shipped in from Boise to cash the pay-day checks on the 10th. Luxton drove on until he met the outgoing stage, with J. W. Mills, as driver. Mills gave Luxton his "treasure-box" and kept on. When near the Reynolds creek summit he discovered some men skulking in rocks, near the road, and he "whirled" his team and struck back to the Reynolds postoffice, where he left his registered mail. Leaving Reynolds again he made the trip to Nampa without incident. It was clearly the intention of the robbers to take in both stages, but Mills' flank movement spoiled their scheme. Sheriff Ballard, with deputies A. B. Crocheron, Evan Williams, Pat Criffield and Jasper Spencer, left Silver City that afternoon for the scene of the robbery. They soon discovered the trail of the robbers—three in number—who were afoot, and followed until dark. Starting out again next morning they traced to a point on Snake river, where the old Henderson ferry, where they captured the outfit without trouble. The robbers were each provided with a big revolver and lots of cartridges. The prisoners were taken to Water's ferry Sunday afternoon, and were brought into Silver on the stage last Monday, by the same driver they had held up two days before. They gave their names as Smith, Watkins and Jim Sheldon.—*Silver City Avalanche.*

The *Wallace Press* is a new venture in journalism at Wallace. It is a neat and newsy sheet. The proprietors are Adam Albach and Pat Connors. We wish the boys plenty of success.

Senator Shoup has succeeded in having the mail route between Salmon City and Challis retained after an order had been issued by the Department for its abandonment. It will be increased to twice a week.

The body of an unknown man, aged about 36, was found floating in Snake river at this point this afternoon. An inquest was held, but it was impossible to identify the deceased. There was no evidence of violence and a verdict of accidental drowning was rendered. From all appearances the body had been in water about 10 days.—*Boise Statesman.*

Queen Victoria might die, the Czar of Russia might be assassinated, Governor Waite might ride up to his bridle reins, etc., Governor McConnell might raise the head-gate of irrigation scheme again and Col. Sharp might by proclamation declare the State wagon road open for travel for seventeen days this summer and there would be no mails to bring us news.—*Blackfoot News.*

What a sham and mockery was the observance of the Fourth of July in the Cœur d'Alenes, in view of the events which were uppermost in nearly every one's mind. While that grand declaration of human rights was being read and the eloquent young orator was recounting the heroic deeds of patriotism and valor which gave us a free country, even then American citizens were being driven from their homes and deprived of that inalienable right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Let us have no more celebrations, let us not dwell upon our boasted liberties until the spirit of '76 is revised and every American citizen in the Cœur d'Alenes is protected in his rights, guaranteed by the constitution.—*Wallace Miner.*

Again has the on-sweep of time, the mighty tidal waves of infinity, whirled us abreast with the fact that those patriots who yearn for office expect us to bury animosities, smell noses and kiss and all-hands-around for the good of the party. However hard you may have got it in the neck, politically or otherwise; however much you may have been injured financially or traduced, you are expected by those gentry to forget the past and get in and whoop'er up for the sake of harmony and make the chances more favorable for their nomination and election. We must harmonize the factions. We must have peace, or the immortal principles of Jefferson and Co. will not show up three colors to the pan.

The Idaho Democrat has been healing sores, clasping hands across the bloody chasm, forgiving and forgetting in every campaign for years and years. In fact that sort of thing has been its chief occupation and religion, while the other fellows got away with the sugar. But this year of our Lord 'ninety-four, The Idaho Democrat is not doing any kissing, not toting around an olive branch of peace. Instead, while remembering its friends and waving aloft the Democratic banner as it ever has and ever will, it now shies its castor into the ring in the pink of condition for a fight to the finish. It will neither ask nor give quarters, and about the first work it does will be scouring the sidewalk with A. A. Fraser and all others who, while secretly doing all they can to injure its business have the insufferable gall to approach and ask it to forget two years ago and stand in for the good of the party. The Democrat will make it so hot for you that all of the electric fans between Boise and hell couldn't cool your throbbing brows.—*Boise Democrat.*

Phil Shenon has leased his flour mill to E. E. Spencer of Corinne, Utah, for a period of five years. The machinery for a full roller process will be put in at once in time for the fall crop.—*Salmon City Recorder.*

Negotiations are reported to have been concluded that will insure the reworking of old placers in Warren's camp that were heavy producers in the past. Private advices from there indicate that Ex-Governor Willey has at last made a sale of a large tract extending up Meadow creek from near the mouth of Steamboat to the Hamlet of Warrens. In all, about 130 acres of placers are included in this deal. Ex-Governor Willey is the owner of a large share of the ground and the rest was bonded by him last summer.

The deeds have since been in escrow in a bank in Boise where they were placed in August last, when it was anticipated the deal would be consummated so as to permit of operations beginning near the close of the last season. No particulars have yet been given as to the terms of the sale, but the price is supposed to have been about the same as that agreed upon last season—\$26,000.

Of individual holdings in the tract, the largest are probably those of George Riebold, embracing forty-seven acres and including, among other claims, the old Bill George, that paid handsomely. From this the richest part of gravel in the district was obtained—about \$32 worth of gold. Daily clean-ups of \$545 were made on this claim on a short run after the regular season was ended, the gravel being thayed out by fires.

When Mr. Willey first went to Warrens in 1864, he bought an interest in the old Empire claim, in the bed of the creek, and from which he and his partner took out \$80,000 in a few years. They then sold it for \$2,000, thinking the claim worked out, but the purchasers recovered \$100,000 in gold from the same ground in seven years. Interesting stories are told of other claims involved in the new purchase.—*Leviston Teller.*

The rains of this spring have unearthed upon the ranch of Neilson Hatch, ten miles above here, a curiosity which was brought to this place yesterday and is now on exhibition. It is a mammoth petrified skull closely resembling in shape that of a cow or buffalo and differing only in size. The horn shell is missing, but the peth or inside, though broken at the points, measures two feet in length and are eighteen inches in circumference where they join the skull. The frontal or facial bone measures fifteen inches in breadth across the forehead at base of horns. The lower part of this enormous head from eye down is broken off, but a sufficient amount remains to give the general shape and suggests something of the stupendous size of the head and distance between the eyes. Its antiquity is proven by the perfect state of petrification as it weighs as much as though it had been carved from solid rock. If the proportion of horn proper to the stub or peth is the same distance from tip to tip of horns it must have been seven or eight feet, for the measurement from point to point of the broken stubs is over four feet. The skeleton of this animal could undoubtedly be procured, as no attempt has been made to excavate at this spot where this skull was found, the soil having been washed away from it by water flowing down a small gulch. The wisest inhabitants of American Falls are unable to name the animal which once carried this immense head. All are agreed, however, that no cow or buffalo ever grew to such proportions. Now let some wiseacre step forward and identify the remains.—*Malad Enterprise.*



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