

Market.

The Silver Messenger.

Hotel Leaton

Established May 21, 1881.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF CUSTER COUNTY.

\$3.00 Per Year.

VOL. 24.

CHALLIS, CUSTER COUNTY, IDAHO, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1905.

NO. 49.

The Hotel Leaton, North Side of Main Street, Challis, Idaho, is FIRST-CLASS in every Department. The tables are always supplied with the best in the market. Board and Lodging at reasonable rates. Bell rings at 5:30 P. M. except on Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock. W. H. LEATON, Proprietor.

Local News.

LOCAL AND OTHER NEWS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Emmett Hosford was down from Clayton Friday.

Drs. McAtee and Carson arrived in this city on Saturday morning last.

Wm. Sawyer of East Fork was taken to Clayton Friday in a very critical condition.

Lee Watson returned from Salt Lake last Tuesday morning where he underwent a surgical operation.

Miss Pearl McGowan arrived home Tuesday last from Pocatello, where she has been since last fall receiving musical instructions.

Chase Clark of Mackay and Henry McGowan of Challis, are matched to run a 100-yard foot race at Mackay next Friday for \$100 a side.

Challis is enjoying a long spell of Oregon weather. For the past forty-five days it has rained more or less, except probably for a period of five or six days.

Just another inducement to college students, it is stated that a Kansas farmer's daughter gives three kisses and a hug to her father's hired man who shocks the most wheat in a day.

The railroad commissioners of Kansas have ordered the Union Pacific to reduce its rates on grain. Now we must have a finding from some source declaring the Kansas railroad commissioners an illegal as well as an impudent body.

Miss Ingabo Stockslager and C. C. Thiessen, of Lewiston, Ida., were united in marriage at the home of the brides' parents in Hailey, on Wednesday, June 14, 1905. The bride is the daughter of Chief Justice and Mrs. C. O. Stockslager.

Silver Leaf Rebekah Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F., of Challis, elected officers on the 13th, as follows:

N. G.—Mrs. R. Brasseur. V. G.—Mrs. C. Wilkinson. Sec.—Miss Hazel Paul. Treas.—Mrs. J. L. Ebberts.

Four new candidates were initiated and a banquet was given.

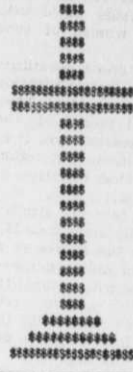
Samuel Huffman has answered the last roll call! The old veteran of the Civil War died at the Soldier's Home in Boise on the morning of June 15th, 1905, and was buried on the 17th. He was a resident of Challis for many years, and is well known in this section. For the past ten years he has lived in Boise. Rest in peace!

L. Greene, Supt. of the Clayton M. & S. Co., arrived in town Friday from Salt Lake, and departed the following day for Stanley Basin, where he went to examine some mining property. He said he did not think that the smelter at Clayton would be started this year. He was accompanied by C. V. Hanson of Mackay.

Arrangements are being perfected for the holding of a joint Teachers' Institute between the counties of Lemhi and Custer, at Challis, during the latter part of next August. The session to continue for three days. The County Supt. of Custer county, Miss Bascom, is endeavoring to have some able instructors here from abroad on this occasion, including Miss Scott, the State Supt. of Public Instruction.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

(Modern Style.)



Mackay will not celebrate the 4th this year.

Salmon is advertising a big 4th of July celebration.

There was a heavy frost in this valley Saturday night.

Elmer Reese and family came over from Goldburg Saturday.

A. D. Morse and Miss Mabel Richards were married at Mackay last Wednesday.

Mrs. Cozy Savage (nee) Womacks, and two children are visiting with friends in Challis. Their home is near Seattle, Wash.

Miss Mattie Mott, daughter of Mrs. F. J. Clyde, of Challis, is spending her summer vacation in this place. Miss Mott has a good position as teacher in the public schools of Butte, Mont.

Messrs. Bond and Clawson, of Boise, who are in the employ of the Government survey, arrived in Challis last week, and viewing the country with the object of locating reservoir sites for irrigating purposes.

Mail sent from Challis on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock does not depart from Mackay until Thursday morning. The distance is about 60 miles. This is what may be termed an excellent mail service.

A tourist from Missouri hit Custer county with hayseed in his whiskers, no buttons on his vest. The patches on his pantaloons resembled Asia's map, and the roughish glimmer in his eye bespoke the ready scrap. The kids all geyed "Missouri," with a flour sack filled with clothes. Old "Missouri" located a home-stand on the desert where a wild-cat wouldn't stay; he worked and planted in the sand but always made it pay; his nickles grew to dollars and his dollars to fives, while the sports that laughed at him were idling out their lives. Five years slipped by and when old "Missouri" saunters down the street nobody guys him now! The boys who wore high collars and hooted him so gay now haul manure for old "Missouri" at 50 cents a day.

The sweetest earthly name, there is no earthly name half so sweet and endearing, as that of mother. How I pity the woman who goes through this life and no one to call her mother. How proud it makes a woman feel to have a young man step up to her in company and call her mother. Young man or young woman, if you have a mother living, love her. One little rose to her while she is living is worth vastly more to her than all the flowers you can pile on her coffin after she is dead. One little kind word is worth more to her than all the money you can expend at her funeral. Your mother may be growing old; if so, love her, be kind to her. She loves you and will do more for you than any other person living, so take her as the best friend you have or will have.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is the annual report of the Trustees of School Dist. No. 4, Custer county, Idaho, to the Co. Supt.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes census children (male/female), enrollment, attendance, school rooms, teachers, and salaries.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes credit to district, received by apportionment, and various expenses for the year.

AN UNPARALLELED VICTORY.

When Japan boldly threw down the gauntlet to Russia, the world wondered at her daring; Russia was the "Colossus of the North;" Japan, the youngest of the nations to be born into our modern civilization, had not yet reached the dignity even of comparison with the mighty Muscovite empire.

that we expected from her was down to defeat, everything lost but the honor of having fought a brave but hopeless campaign.

So the world thought and spoke, as the curtain was being rung up for the opening scene of the naval war. Today, after 18 months of the fiercest and most bloody fighting of modern times, the curtain has been run down upon the final act.

If Japan had won out with the loss of half her fleets, and the battered remnants had limped home in a condition of absolute exhaustion, it would have been a feat equaled but not surpassed in naval history. But that she should have absolutely annihilated, in pitched battles upon the high seas, two successive fleets of the enemy, and have sunk, driven ashore, or otherwise put out of action fourteen battleships, twelve other armored vessels, and a dozen protected cruisers, without any diminution of her own fighting strength, it is a feat for which naval history can find no parallel.

Wherein are we to look for an explanation? Certainly not to any disparity in the materials of war, for the ships, engines, guns and armor plate of the Russian navy were the best the leading shipyards and gun factories of Europe and America could turn out. Nor was the distance of the seat of war from Russia's home ports so serious a handicap as might be supposed; for at no one time did Japan make any serious effort to prevent the sending of re-enforcement and supplies.

Nor can the result be set down to cowardice. The Russian is no coward. He gives place to none in his ability to fight a losing battle to the bitter end. This was abundantly proved in the battle of the Sea of Japan; for the stories of the eye witnesses on both sides agree that the Russians fought with the grim energy of despair.

The explanation of the result is to be found first and last in the Japanese people themselves—in certain excellent traits of their character, many of which are due to a system of ethics that is older than our western civilization. Among these may be mentioned: Intense patriotism; self denial; scrupulous honor in all matters affecting the welfare of the State; a keen sense of duty; strict discipline; unquestioning obedience to authority; absolute unity of purpose; a firm belief in the destiny of their race; patience and endurance; an absence of self consciousness and posing; that may well put our "white" civilization to the blush; a close attention to detail; and lastly, a combination of great prudence and forethought with a marked ability to adapt themselves quickly to the circumstances of the hour.

It was a foregone conclusion that a people such as this, being naturally born to a seafaring life, would reader a splendid account of themselves in the stress of a

naval war. The ships were maintained in a high state of efficiency, and they were perfectly familiar to officers and men; the fleets were accustomed to maneuver in fighting formations; the marksmanship, judging from this last fight, was excellent; and lastly, the whole series of operations was controlled by an admiral who must be admitted to possess the highest qualities of his profession in the highest degree.—Scientific American.

THE WHITE KNOB.

Mining affairs have taken a sudden and unexpected turn at Mackay with the White Knob Copper company, which appears to be final. Recently two men of prominence connected with that company came out from the East and ordered a general close down of the property, and further gave directions to take all the machinery from the mines, tracks, etc., and have been selling other property, ranch, residences, etc. in and about Mackay for about one-tenth their actual cost, to any person who would buy. It is said after a short run of the smelter next month on some ore already taken out, the machinery will be taken out and shipped away. This is a 600-ton plant. And the property that is left will be sold at sheriff's sale on July 7th. The White Knob Copper company have expended in the neighborhood of two or three million dollars at Mackay. Now they have come to the conclusion, after recent reports from mining experts, to abandon the property and stop further development work. The crash come unexpected, although it was almost sure to come sooner or later, if no ore bodies of any value could be found, for no company will continually expend money upon a proposition that does not pay expenses. This settles mining affairs at Mackay as far as the White Knob company are concerned, besides it will give the mining industry of this whole section a black-eye. Lost river is a good farming region, and now looks as though the future prosperity of its people will have to rely upon its fertile lands.

A SOFT SNAP.

"Yes," remarked the country merchant to the editor of an exchange, "I certainly have a snap. The houses send me duns every month and draw on me at sight; but if I send a bill to a farmer he comes in swearing mad and quits trading at my store. While I am hard up for ready money, many of those who owe me are sending cash in advance to mail order houses. If I contribute money to any cause they say I am bidding for trade; if I don't they say I am a hog. Each day I am expected to dig up for everything that comes along, from a raffle ticket to a church fund, by people who say I ought to do this because they do part of their trading here; but my friend Montgomery Ward neither buys raffle tickets nor helps the church fund to get the cash in advance business; and if I were to circulate a subscription paper among the city wholesale houses where we trade I would get the horse laugh proper. If I sell a pair of pants I must treat the family to candy and cigars; if I buy a load of potatoes I must do the same. Customers who are able to pay hang onto their money, while I pay 10 per cent at the bank to get ready cash. I have big business during hard times and poor crops from people who are willing to trade with me provided I can duplicate catalogue houses' prices and wait until after harvest for my money. My scales weigh too heavy when I sell sugar and too light when I buy butter. I am a thief, a liar and a grafter. If I smile I am a soft soapy hypocrite; if I don't I am a grump. Yes, this is certainly a snap." And then he looked over \$10,000 worth of book accounts, and wondered how he could raise \$350 to pay a sight draft due tomorrow.

Vertical advertisements on the left margin including 'NEW House!', 'Merritt', 'Feed Stables', 'SHANAFELT', and 'The Keeley Institute'.