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IDAHO FARMING FACES NEW ERA BARBER THINKS

Smaller Farms and More Condensed Products Urged by Immigration Commissioner in report

Idaho is by no means at the end of her development, O. H. Barber, state commissioner of immigration, points out in his bi-ennial report, just off the press. While progress has been halted, the report points out, Idaho is undergoing a change in the trend of development that will densen and more valuable products.

Excerpts from Mr. Barber's summary follow:

"There has not been a time in Idaho in many years when well improved, highly productive farms could be purchased for so little nor on such liberal terms as now. Nor has there been a time when they provided a safer or more profitable investment for idle capital.

"Long months of trying conditions both here and elsewhere, have disheartened many. Values of land and most other forms of property have greatly declined. Producers have been the heaviest losers, but few have entirely escaped the blighting effects of a world wide upheaval. Decreased incomes and falling property values, contrasted with those prevailing during a considerable period of inflation, have caused quite general dissatisfaction and unrest. Not all is gloom and despair, however. While other classes of farm operators have been sorely pressed, the dairyman has not been much disturbed. Crops and live stock have shown an average decline of about 50 per cent. Dairy products have declined only about 25 per cent and the decline has been largely offset by lowered costs of production. Dairy-men have a steady income. Their bank account is active. They are paying their way and adding to their wealth. They are able to purchase lands we have for sale and have the experience we most need. A rapid return to prosperity depends much upon our ability to impress them with our dairying opportunities.

Development Changed

"While progress has been halted, Idaho is not at the end of her development. We may have to await better financial conditions before new large projects will be undertaken but we are now undergoing a change in the trend of development which will cut up our large farms and stimulate the production of condensed and more valuable products. Increased transportation costs and demoralized world markets both outgrowths of the war, have brought this change about. If we would prosper, transportation costs must be reduced and we must get more for the products we turn off. A rapid growth of our dairying, seed, poultry and other industries which send condensed products to market is bringing partial relief. Eventually these industries will go far toward permanently solving our freight problem, which is one of our greatest handicaps. The regular freight charge from Idaho to the central west on the hay required to produce a carload of butter approximates \$6,400 while the freight on a car of butter is only about \$450. If we can market our hay in a form to save this freight charge it alone means to a large number of our farmers the difference between success and failure and to our business institutions greater prosperity. The freight to Chicago on alfalfa or clover seeds grown on an acre is from \$5 to \$8, compared to about \$100 for potatoes yielding 150 sacks per acre. These facts point the way to the placing of our agriculture on a sounder basis, a partial solution of our freight problem and car shortage and a return of general prosperity.

Progress in Dairying

"One of the most potential acts of development that has taken place in Idaho for years was the bringing here last August of recognized dairying experts, representatives of dairy breed associations and writers for dairy journals. It has given Idaho a new and higher rating as a prom-

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Crime Wave Hits Caldwell at Last

Well Known Business Man Victim of Bold Theft Sunday.

The crime wave has hit Caldwell Sunday evening, Christmas eve, C. J. Westcott, sporting a new pair of shoes that Santa had thoughtfully delivered a day in advance of the holiday, found one of them to conflict with Mr. Westcott's mature ideas of comfort. At the Commercial club he removed the shoe, used it for a pillow for protection from thieves and enjoyed a comfortable evening's nap.

When he awakened the shoe had disappeared. Information as to the theft was broadcasted immediately by Mr. Westcott. Instant co-operation from other idlers at the Commercial club was pledged and a diligent search of the entire premises was made with many prominent local business men enthusiastically assisting the outraged victim.

Rigid investigation failed to bring the shoe to light, however, and Mr. Westcott was compelled to hire a taxi to get home and readorn his feet to suit the outside weather conditions.

Federation Has Great Meeting.

Dr. Solomon Addresses Burbank Women on Beauty.

Members of the Canyon County Burbank Federation recently held a successful meeting at Lone Star schoolhouse with the Midway and Lone Star Parent-Teacher associations as hostesses.

Immediately after the convening of the business session at 11 o'clock a committee consisting of Mesdames Hamaker of Nampa, Bishop of Middleton, and High of Lone Star was appointed to work on the revision of the constitution. Mrs. Pierson gave a report on the executive board meeting.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served, after which the program scheduled for the occasion was given. It proved a most interesting and instructive program.

Dr. Solomon of the College of Idaho gave an inspiring talk on "The Beauty of Happiness." He said in part:

"The beauty of happiness comes from the spirit. Happiness always beautifies, so, if happiness makes things beautiful, then there must be beauty in happiness.

"Love God truly in everything you do. It is your God-given right to choose the happiness you want. You may choose the joys that come from God and you may not."

In speaking of age and care, he said, "a face unlined with care is a blank, unwritten page."

After his splendid talk, Mr. Nussbaum, supervisor of music in the Nampa Public Schools, led the federation members in community singing, later favoring the gathering with two vocal solos, rendered in his usual pleasing manner.

An orchestra of Lone Star and a ladies' quartet of Midway gave several numbers which were highly appreciated. Miss Knowlton, county superintendent and Mrs. Hamaker of Nampa, each gave splendid talks on state-wide school tax and legislative matters, which were very instructive as the federation is much interested in the topics they discussed.

GETS MONEY COLLECTION

E. Vining received last week from Germany a complete collection of stamps and German paper money from the 50 mark denomination down. They were collected by a youngster who wants them converted into American money thru the agency of some collector who might be interested in such an array of foreign money and stamps. From the standpoint of exchange values, the collection has only a nominal value. But to a collector it might be a prized possession.

Schools throughout the county will close for the holidays on December 28, to reopen Jan. 2, 1923.

CENTRAL COVE FARMERS TALK WATER ISSUES

Want "New Blood" In- fused Into Association Board of Directors; Elect Jorgenson.

(Special)

CENTRAL COVE—A meeting was held at the Community hall Thursday evening in Central Cove to select a candidate for director for the coming year on the water users' association board. J. W. Jorgenson was the unanimous choice.

There was also a discussion on changing some of the by-laws of the association in which every one present took a lively part. While Central Cove has always been and from the returns of the late district election, showed very plainly they still are a strong association community, they feel there should not only be some changes made in the by-laws, but there should also be a good strong infusion of new blood on the board of directors.

The main points under discussion were the length of time the man chosen for director should be imposed on. After very little discussion it was decided that two consecutive years was the extreme limit any man could reasonably be expected to stand it, and the by-laws should be changed to that effect.

Another change they thought should be made was in Sec. 1; Article 4. Under the present by-laws the "board has the power to adopt, repeal, or amend any or all by-laws without the consent of the shareholders." All present were decidedly of the opinion that while this clause may never be abused, there was no use in placing such a temptation in the way of any man—or set of men and thought that clause should be taken out. And then of course the "voting by proxy" was brought up, and while several plans for getting away from the objectionable points of the present system were presented the one by Mr. Kauffman received the most consideration. However no definite action was taken on it.

Another point we were very unanimous on was now that the district squabble was settled, we should all make a real effort to get together—Not however, like a bunch of cats and dogs—but each side give in some and all work in real harmony for the good of the project. These are just our own ideas and if any one has others we would like to hear them and then when we go to the annual meeting we will be in shape to do something—and let's all go!

BUSINESS MAN DIES

Charles Spinner, who was well known in Caldwell business circles as the representative of a Boise wholesale concern, died suddenly at his home Tuesday morning from pneumonia, according to advices received here early in the day by local Elks of which lodge Mr. Spinner was an active member.

Punchettes Author Broadcasts Sermons

Rev. M. A. Matthews Builds Radio Plant at Seattle Church.

The Rev. M. A. Matthews, D. D., L. L. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Seattle, and author of "Punchettes," a popular feature of The Tribune, has erected a powerful broadcasting station at his church in Seattle. His regular weekly sermons will be broadcasted, it is announced, and the program should be clearly heard throughout this territory.

The meter length upon which the sermons are to be broadcasted has not been announced, pending, probably, official sanction for the sending station. The hours at which the sermons should be heard at 11 a. m. 3:00 p. m., and 7:30 p. m., (Pacific time) each Sunday.

P. T. A. STARTS DRIVE FOR TAX ON STATE PLAN

Legislative Committee Requests Help of Can- yon County Represent- atives for Bill.

"The present system of taxation for school purposes in Idaho has proven inadequate and inequitable," declare resolutions drafted by the legislative committee of the Washington Parent-Teachers' association and which have been sent to all members of the Canyon county legislative body.

The resolutions point out: "Whereas, The present system of taxation for school purposes in Idaho has proven inadequate and inequitable for the financing of the schools of Idaho, and

Whereas, The experiences of the surrounding states have proven that a state wide tax for schools is the proper remedy for our present situation,

"Be It Resolved, That we, parents and teachers of the Washington school Caldwell, Idaho, favor a statewide tax for the support of schools in Idaho.

"We hereby request our representatives from Canyon county in the coming session of the legislature to give their support to such a measure and that copies of this resolution be mailed to said representatives and to the other parent-teacher associations of the state."

This communication has also been sent to Senators William E. Borah and Frank Gooding advocating the passage of the Sterling-Towner bill which seeks to create a federal department of education, with a cabinet officer.

"Our Parent-Teachers' association of the Washington school, Caldwell, Idaho, passed the following resolution:

"We, parents and teachers of this association, hereby petition Honorable William E. Borah and Honorable Frank Gooding, our senators in congress, to give their support to the Sterling-Towner bill now in committee in congress. We believe in this measure as the very best that is now offered in the way of a national educational program."

Canyon County And Her Schools.

Twenty-three schools contribute \$123.31 to the children's home at Boise during the last month.

Eighteen schools have reported a membership of 1102 in the Junior Red Cross. Pupils have earned their membership in various ways, such as service to the school, community, contributions to some charitable purpose and the national children's fund of the Junior Red Cross.

The eighth grade state examination will be given January 17, 18 and 19. There will be a meeting of school trustees in Caldwell in the district court room December 30, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The Canyon school had the highest average of attendance for the month of November the per cent being 99.8. Those whose per cent of attendance was 98 or above were: North Mountain View, the smallest school in the county, located in the Black Canyon section, Miss Mabel Dildine, teacher. The lower room of Marble Front, taught by Miss Edna Griffin; the lower room of Greenhurst, Mrs. Emma Anderson teacher; Miss Apphia Robinson's room at Lone Tree and three rooms at Middleton, those taught by Miss Virginia Hall, Miss Hazel Harlan and Mrs. Marguerite Foote.

Health conditions have been generally good with very few cases of contagious disease.

Many programs and entertainments were given and in some schools money was raised for special purposes, such as purchasing equipment, providing hot lunches, records, etc. Upper Roswell school raised \$14.15 by its entertainment; Scism made \$28.00; \$60.60.

The P. T. A. of the Bennett school presented the primary room with a beautiful flag.

Post Office Gives Real Xmas. Service

Big Volume of Holiday Business Handled Expediently.

Never in recent years have Caldwell citizens received their Christmas mail so promptly and so expeditiously as they did this year. J. B. Gowen, postmaster, serving his first holiday season in charge of the local office, marshalled his forces and kept a continuous array of hollyhday cards and packages flying to all parts of the city to their final destination. Another precedent was broken when the office was kept open almost continuously for delivery of packages for those who called, despite the fact that Sunday and Christmas day both are holidays and the office force is ordinarily maintained at a minimum.

Mr. Gowen himself worked at the office at all hours of the day and night during the holiday rush to handle the tremendous amount of mail which passed through the office. Deliveries were made by city carriers on Sunday and Christmas day. Co-operation of all employees at the office permitted this departure from the usual routine, the government making no provision for additional pay for men who work overtime at the postoffice.

High Quintet Out For Winning Team

Basketball Squad Works Hard During Vacation.

High school basketball players have been using the Christmas vacation period to put in some hard licks to make up for lost time lost by virtue of a late start. Practice has been held every afternoon under the direction of Coach R. M. Berry. Aden Hyde, who coached the quintet last year, has been helping smooth out the rough spots.

Prospects which had the beginning of the season looked good have taken a slump. The problem of developing a good defense is the chief worry of Coach Berry. "Bo" Wasmer has been working at guard with Pete Kimm, Marshall, who had been counted upon for the floor guard position, is down in his subjects and has not been reporting recently. Royce, another veteran of last year's squad, is working at the post office during the holiday rush and has not been out for two weeks. Al Jensen has taken his place at center and promises to develop into a competent pivot man. Captain Elmer Jensen and E. Lowell at forwards complete a scoring machine that should be able to take care of the offensive phases of the game this season.

With but a week until the first game of the season will be played, the high school squad is working overtime to get into condition. Mountain Home will be the first conference game for the locals, here January 6.

Fire Department Called by Smoke

Back Draft in Bank Building Found as Cause.

Back drafts in the chimney of the Western National bank building that caused smoke in a number of the rooms of the building called out the fire department Wednesday about noon. For an hour before the department was called, a fruitless search for a blaze that did not exist was carried on.

In speaking of the incident Thursday, Fire Chief H. C. Gillette said: "The fire department is maintained by Caldwell taxpayers and should be used. We are glad to answer calls just like this one. And we certainly prefer to get on the job too early rather than too late. Use the department. Don't wait until a fire is beyond control but call when you first get the idea that something is wrong."

WRITER LAUDS CALDWELL FOR MODERN TOWN

Salt Lake Editor Never Sees a Policeman Nor Need for One on Visit Here.

Hail to Caldwell, the diminutive, but metropolitan city!

Edward Jay Glade, editor of the Sugar House Times, a Salt Lake daily, following his recent visit here, wrote an appreciation of Caldwell. Seeing yourself as others see you, goes something like this:

Three days living in the business section of one of Idaho's liveliest, little towns, being actively engaged throughout the city and never once seeing a policeman or any need for one is the experience this week of the Times editor. This all happened in the city of Caldwell, way up in the Gem state.

Please dismiss the notion that Caldwell hasn't the metropolitan touch. It has, although only about 5,000 people are counted to its credit. There are ten intersecting paved business streets—not just one, but ten. And they all seem to be equally developed. Right there is certainly a story our fine citizens of Logan and Provo can well afford to listen to. Certainly such a type of community construction looks more and costs less than where the whole town is built on one elongated highway.

Caldwell has stockyards as big as Salt Lake's. It is the location of the College of Idaho, and the state Odd Fellows' home. Mammoth grain elevators loom up from the tracks of the Oregon Short Line which serves the city. Interurban electrica perambulate around about Boise, Nampa and other adjacent towns.

A water system that is supplied by artesian provides ample pressure for health and safety. The number of autos parked and moving on the streets of the business district during the early evening make one think of the intersectional criss-crossing going on at our own Second South and Main. Three good sized banks, of one of which Mr. J. E. Cosgriff of the Continental National Bank is president, help the farmers with their financial affairs.

But now, Clarence, brace yourself for a surprise. With all this hustle and bustle there isn't a single theater open on Sunday. But the ten churches of the city do a good business.

This story is being written in room 204 of the Saratoga hotel at Caldwell. I have just returned from the Y. M. C. A. Older Boys conference which convened in the Methodist church. Easily a thousand young men and their girl friends thronged to the place, and thrilled through a great program. Homer Hoisington, a former Salt Lake boy, was one of the speakers. But during hours for service the atmosphere of this whole thriving place was impressively devotional.

Caldwell reads Portland dailies each afternoon. The traffic on east and west bound trains is enormous. The restaurants would do credit to a metropolis for cuisine accomplishments.

They say Idaho has been hard hit during the last three years, but if Caldwell is a sample town of 5,000 Gem state people, they certainly must be some constructive community builders when they get over the effects of being hit.

When these old Gem Staters whose biggest town has only 50,000 people, against our 150,000 read 1,000 more Literary Digests and drive more automobiles than do our own royal highnesses, I go off and get mad.

The only thing I have against the town is that it permits a real estate dealer whose office is vis-a-vis from my president's suite to hang up a sign that has on it the legend, "I am from Kansas; where are you from?"

Imagine how a little sign like that would go down around that United States native son province known as Lone Alngalhais, or its diminutive sister, the state of California.