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PRESENT ISSUE A

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sensiation is passed at the present session is sure to meet with, a whole lot of criticism. As matters stand now with rate legislation, forced upon congress against the will of maby influential leaders, a compromise till will in all probability be the outcome.

It will be noticed by those who have alsen the trouble to follow the case sarefully, that the president has not committed himself to a measure but to a principle. He has not set the seal of his approval on any particular bill, but he has in his speeches laid down the proad proposition that the railways are he highways of this country, that they are not and cannot be considered as rivate property. They are too essential to the wellbeing of the people for he federal government not to have been under strict control.

This is the view that the railways have steadily combatted. To once contend the point would ultimately lay hem open to real control. And this is he thing they will avoid at any price. Now if the president succeeds in the resent struggle in establishing this me point and that point is upheld by he supreme court, to which it unloubtedly will be carried, he will have

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put in the wedge for real federal supervision.

It is a matter of comparatively small moment whether rate legislation at this session is of a sort that will cure existing evils. Probably it will not be. But if it establishes the point that the government has the right of control over the railways as something vital to the well being of the nation, then it will have done all that can be reasonably expected of it. Extreme measures cannot be taken at a leap without causing alarm. But with the principle of governmental control once established, it will be but a step toward working that principle out into effective legislation.

Leaves City in 15 Minutes.

William Mormon, colored, who has been held in the county jail on the charge of grand larceny was taken before Justice Coburn this afternoon, where he plead guilty of petit larceny and was fined \$100 or given permission to leave town in 15 minutes.

Miss Maggie Lawler and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, who have been the guests of Miss Alexander for the past week, left this afternoon for their home at Kamiah.

Miss Minnie Stonebreaker, a student of the Lewiston high school, left for her home at Stites today to spend the holidays.

Attorney Reese Hattabaugh returned to Grangeville on the afternoon train, having completed the taking of testimony in the Turmay-Holland case.

# SHORT LINE

Statesman Springs New Railroad Rumor.

Rumor.

That the Oregon Short Line will extend its Mackay branch to the Salmon river and down that stream and the Snake to Lewiston is the latest railroad rumor sprung by the Boise Statesman. There is no more inviting field for railway building than is afforded in the counties of Custer and Lemhi, says the Statesman. They are rich in many resources, but especially in those mire products which make heavy tonnage for railway lines. It is very freely predicted by competent authorities familiar with the mineral resources of that section that, if a railway be constructed through there, the silver-lead districts of the two counties will eclipse the Coeur d'Alenes. There are a large number of ledges of great size carrying ores high grade in both silver and lead. Some of these properties have been extensively developed and have tens of thousands of ore blocked out. It has been impracticable to mine those ores because they will not bear transportation to the railway, while smelting on the ground has been extenditions under which the business has been conducted has rendered it discouraging, though some of the properties so worked have proved very profitable.

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profitable.

But all the known properties in half a dozen districts would be worked vigorously if shipping facilities were at hand and the districts would attract the attention of mining men from all sections. This is especially true in view of the high price of lead and the increasing price of silver.

Will Develop Ses Foam Mines.

It is said of the Sea Foam district that it has a showing far beyond anything found on or near the surface in the Coeur d'Alenes, and where development has been done the results are

thing found on or near the surface in the Coeur d'Alenes, and where development has been done the results are such as to warrant the statement that the ore shoots maintain their size and value as they go down. In that district men have kept up their assessment since 1881. There is probably no other district in the country where such a thing has been witnessed excepting in cases in which the property was in the producing section and the work was kept up by men having an opportunity to find employment in near-by mines a portion of the time. There has been no production at Sea Foam for many years and not much at any time, but claim owners have gone in regularly year after year and performed their work because they know they will have fortunes if the country ever be opened by a railway.

The recent heavy investment over in the Glimore district in Lemhi by J. D. Wood and Frank J. Hagenbarth shows what hard-headed mining men think of the lead belt that traverses the two counties. They are 80 miles from a railway, but they propose to develop their property and be prepared to operate it when a market for their ores shall be secured. Probably they will be able to ship much, just as the Glimore is tishould be worked to return them satisfactory returns.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

A. W. Conway and John Green of Culdesac were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Misses Orah Howard and Della Shaff returned Wednesday from the state university at Moscow to be at home during the holidays.

Will B. McFarland, son of Attorney R. E. McFarland, no wa student at Gonzaga College, Spokane, returned yesterday fro the Christmas holidays.

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Word was received today from Salinas, California, that Ralph Chapman
was very low. He is in a sanitarium
in southern California, being treated
for tuberculosis.

Mrs. John P. Vollmer, Miss Vollmer
and Miss Norma Vollmer are entertaining this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock
in honor of their guest, Miss Dosch of
Portland.

Articles of incorporation of the R. C.
Peach company, limited, were filed at
the county auditor's offices Wednesday. The capital is \$80.000, all of
which is subscribed as follows:, R. C.
Beach \$40.000, Joseph Kincald \$15.000. Beach \$40,000, Joseph Kincaid \$15,000. Frank Morris \$5,000. The new company takes charge of the Bee Hive store

takes charge of the Bee Hive store January 1.

The Grand Ronde Coal Co. is a new Lewiston incorporation, with the following incorporators: J. M. Edwarda, George W. Crocker, James P. Langan, Edwin D. Thomas, C. H. Lingenfelter, Clifford Riggs, John P. Vollmer. The capital stock is \$2,000,000 with the same rumber of shares. The development of the coal fields on the Grand Ronde is the object of the incorporation.

George Stonebreaker will leave the city in the morning for a brief business trip to the Yakima country.

About fifty Normal students left on the afternoon trains today for their homes in the upper country to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Smith, wife of the Northern Pacific agent of Kooskia, spent Thursday in the city shopping.

Robert B. Anderson, foreman of the Morrison Livestock Co., of Kooskia, came down to spend Christmas with his family. Mr. Anderson will remove his family to the stock farm after the holidays.

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#### ARE IN FAVOR OF EXCLUSION

Idaho Delegation Wants No Immigra tion Cheap Labor.

Special to Inter-State News.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A determined effort will be made at this session of congress to modify the laws relating to Chinese exclusion. A great many eastern people, whose sympathy has been aroused for the oriental nations on account of the plucky stand made by Japan in the struggle with Russia, are determined to try to force through congress laws permitting Chinese and Japanese to enteer the United States under no restrictions whatever, except those relating to immigrants from European nations. In fact, it is intended to place China and Japan in this respect on the same plane as England. France, Germany, Norway and Sweden. A majority of the senators and representatives from the northwest with the committee of the law, and so expressed himself in his measure. In except the committee on immigration, will do everything possible in the committee and in the house to defeat the proposed measure. In a statement last week, he gave as his reason for his position on this question his belief that the Chinese are as a race opposed to our ideals and life; that they would be a disturbing factor cspecially in the west; that their wages in this country would be so mall that they would practically drive the American laborer out of the market; and that they would always tend to destroy the ideals of American living.

Important Committee Places.

Burton L. French has been promoted to the committee on immigration and public lands. These committees are two of the most important to Idaho that Mr. French could possibly have secured, and Idaho is indeed fortunate in having her congressman on these important places. As a member of the committee on public lands, he will be better able to look out for the interests of the state in connection with all land matters that may come up. A great many members were after these places, and it was a great surprise to some of the burder land, her will construction of the state capitol. When Idaho as admitted she only received 32,000 acres of land for state capitol purpose,

Repeal Timber and Stone Act.

Without a doubt the timber and stone act will be repealed at this session of congress. A determined effort was made last year to repeal this law, and a bill to that effect passed the senate but it was defeated in the house. The land frauds in Oregon and other western states seems to have convinced the members of both houses of congress that if the timber and stone act is repealed, the land frauds will be put an end to. The timber and stone act is believed by many to be a good law and not the cause of frauds, and this was urged against a repeal of the measure last year, but the recent startling discovery of frauds in several of the states has knocked the bottom out of this argument, and it is only a question of a short time until the law will be repealed.

"MICHAEL STROGROFF" TONIGHT

edid Production by Benson-Layn Co at the Temple Theatre.

The clever work of the Benson-Layne company at the Temple theatre met with warm appreciation last night in the rendition of the Russian production, Michael Strogroff.

Although the play is replete with tragedy to readers of life in the land of the care. Alf Layne and Hel Barber, as two representatives of greet English and American newspapers sinklous to secure the latest news from developments along the Russian frontier, introduce an abundance of wholesome comedy into the evening's play, and prove themselves strong favorites before audience.

Lewiston is decidedly fortunate in securing the presence of such an able stock company for the winter months, and the large attendance each evening is a splendid testimony of appreciation, The commany will give a matinee Saturday afternoon when presents for the little ones will be distributed.

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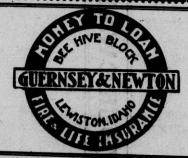
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