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We hope that when the 1906 national holiday comes around the people of our town will at least be patriotic and public spirited enough to get up a real nice little picnic. Let's do something real nice next year, anyway.

Has anyone yet repeated that old line,

"What is so rare as a day in June?" The fact is, we never yet knew what sort of a day that word "rare" referred to. If it was a nice, warm, bright day, without any rain, they have indeed been rare up here.

Boise will be wrestling with a municipal election next week; in fact the people of Boise are wrestling over it now. The Civic League and the gambling fraternity and "everything wide open" element, always have a warm time of it at the city elections in "The Beautiful."

The manner in which the Banner Mining and Milling Company's proposition is being taken hold of by miners familiar with the property, and home people who have wished for years that it might be brought out, shows the estimation in which it has been held by local people. A big number of small blocks of stock have already been taken, without any solicitation on the part of the organizers of the company.

There are more miners digging in the ground in Owyhee at the present time than has been at any time for several years past. Many an old abandoned hole on War Eagle, Florida, DeLamar, South Mountain and other districts, now has a prospector in it, and the miners are realizing that many a mine and prospect passed up in former days, when they could not be worked as cheaply as they can with present methods, may have a fortune in it.

It will be only a little more than a year until we can sweeten our coffee with Canyon county sugar, produced at either of two factories, one at Nampa, the other at Payette, each costing upwards of a million dollars. Work will begin on the construction of both these factories early in the fall. The farmers will not worry in the least because some Utah money is going into them, and does for them what money from the same source is doing for the "Banana belt" in Fremont county, where two such factories have doubled the price of lands.

That was a good idea sprung by Secretary of State Gibson, of Idaho, when he offered a resolu-

tion at the recent convention of state secretaries, held in Tennessee, that every state pass a law that all corporations formed to do business in a single state only, be required to incorporate under the laws of that state; and that when they propose to do business in two or more states, they be required to organize under a national law. Such laws would place all corporations under conditions where their actions could be better regulated and supervised. There would be no more going to New Jersey to organize trusts, and to states where the least exacting laws existed to organize mining, sugar or oil companies.

Poor Senator Mitchell is now supplying the world with an object lesson, teaching that it is better to walk close in the straight and narrow path while occupying an honorable public position. For more than a score of years he has been in the highest councils of the nation. Now, at the age of seventy, he is going through an ordeal which he would willingly have given his limited fortune to have escaped, and this because he is accused of having used his public position to gain a few paltry dollars, worth infinitely less to him than a scathless reputation. There are others in high position traveling the same road; let them consider where it may lead. But there is a yellow streak in John Hippel Mitchell's makeup, which exhibited itself once before he became prominent, and nearly wrought his ruin. A woman back in Pennsylvania, probably still living, could tell more about it.

It was a little unkind to the morbid crowd gathered to see the meeting of Senators Dubois and Smoot, when Dubois visited Salt Lake as one of the congressional committee and Smoot was one of the committee selected to receive the visitors, that the two senators should not do something dramatic. They should, to gratify the crowd, at least have met with a cold, stony and speechless glare at each other. But instead of that it was, "Hello Fred!" and "How are you Reed!" and the two gentlemen walked down the aisle together with Reed's arm on Fred's shoulder, just as chummy as a couple of kids. The fact is, political differences do not make enemies of gentlemen, and even the women who talk about the purity of homes never intimate that the Mormon senator is not a gentleman, and much as we may deprecate some of the Idaho senator's evolutions, none accuse him of being other than a gentleman.

"The biggest silver-lead mine on earth" is surely in Idaho, but at the present time its location is a mooted question. It has for some time been claimed to be the Bunker Hill and Sullivan. Then comes the Hecla, with a ledge 30 feet wide and an ore shoot 1400 feet long, claiming the distinction. Both of these great mines are in the Coeur d'Alenes. But now Stanley Basin on the head of the Payette, steps in to claim the honor, with a showing which tops them both. And the Short Line railway is preparing to reach the new district with a track from Hailey. Great is Idaho! But her wonders have not yet all been told. Big in area, big in mineral resources; excelling in fruit production and quality; beating every other state in the amount of wheat and

oats grown per acre; having more available water power than any other state, and the greatest irrigation enterprises under a fair start; timber galore and a climate unexcelled, Idaho may well be called the Imperial State, as well as the Gem of the Mountains.

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