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## CONTACT IS DESCRIBED BY AHERN

Well Known Twin Falls Engineer Tells of Resources and Development of Famous Mining Town to South and Gives Some Early History; Mentions Honorarous Prospects.

A **SUBLIME** statement of development and resources of Contact with its surroundings was made by W. E. Ahern, as contained in the December 1 number of "Engineering and Industrial News," which is a monthly magazine on the subjects of which it treats. The article, which is well written, follows:

"Assessments of mineral resources:

"The Interurban, Idaho, in Wells, Nev., has stimulated mine development in the Contact copper district situated on the border line between Idaho and Nev. The claims already staked cover a rectangular area approximately 12 miles long and 10 miles wide, protection by twenty-five miles east and west. Schrader gives the formation as Paleozoic and the rocks as brecciated and lamprophyric.

"The writer, with his principal com-

panionship, devised his name from the contact of the granite with the limestone, and the name stuck, although he is not responsible for it. Construction, location, and replacement de-

termine values; McAdoo and Schrader have contributed to an un-

derstanding of the geology of the re-

"The earliest claimant of record is J. C. Johnson, who located a claim in 1888, the total number of claims at the end of 1923, represented by about 2,000, represented

"The first shipment of ore was made by Johnson. Value of his 1888 claim is \$100,000. In 1895, the Johnson claim was taken over by the Johnson & Schrader company, which is now the largest landholder in the Saddleback area.

"The writer, who has been working at the development work there for 10 years, has seen

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"Johnson's claim is still the largest, and the value of the claims at the end of 1923 is \$100,000.

"There is a railroad and the consequent high transportation costs has been a serious problem.

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Turn over the page, for a year is done  
And nineteen finished, and twenty-three  
Is a book that's finished, a year that's spun,  
A book that's spun, a year that's spun.  
Here's a brand new page, and a brand new pen  
With which to scribble some brand new lines,  
We can't write last year over again,  
So what'll we write in '24?

Shall we carry over the last year's dope  
Of greed, hypocrisy, hate and doubt?

Or shall we substitute love, hope  
And leave those uglier passions out?

Here's a brand new page and a brand new chance,

For a brand new life, a brand new cause,

What'll we write on this clean, fresh page?

What'll we write in '24?

The blots and errors of '23,  
The blurs and scratches are absent here.

For this is a brand, new page we see,

A brand new page and a brand new year.

What ever is written is fine to write,

Shall we leave on the days of yore?

It's impossible to leave pages that whitewash.

What'll we write in '24?

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## FIRST BUY HOME THEN AUTOMOBILE ADVISES BABSON

Burns' Resignation Accepted by Moore

BORIS, Idaho, Jan. 1.—Governor C. Moore has announced his acceptance of the resignation of Major H. E. Burns, state auditor, effective immediately.

Burns will be succeeded by George

W. Thompson, state controller.

The resignation was accepted by

Moore, in a formal ceremony at the

state capitol yesterday.

Moore accepted the resignation

because of failing health, it was

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Moore, 60, has been in poor health

for several years and has been

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## TWIN FALLS COUNTY HAS PROSPERED

With bank deposits about \$150,000 greater than last year, loans and discounts about \$150,000 less and increased money than one-third of what it was a year ago, the banks of this city show a wonderfully healthy condition; and when we remember the individual debts for November as given out through the chamber of commerce were far in excess of any month during the year, and approximately \$200,000 greater than in November, 1923, and that the five months beginning July 1 and ending November 1, showed a large increase over the same five months in 1922, we begin to realize what it means to Twin Falls business. It is predicted that the city banking institutions will be in a position for the people here without borrowing from the outside during 1924.

This condition rests primarily on the large crops. That there would be all the production on the Twin Falls tract of cotton, including all the territory between Mountain and Castleford, was predicted in the late summer by Deputy Assessor Claude Brown, from statistics available in his office, the table of which was reproduced in the Times. This was based on the hypothesis that the bean crop would be saved and that prices would remain stable, giving rise to one-half the beans and all the great beet crop of 50,000 tons, with most of the other crops was saved, and the live stock in excellent shape, so there is little cause for discounting the estimate. The tract, or two million dollars, may be, than a year ago, today, as has been calculated, is beyond question. And the balance, more than half, is now safe in its pockets.

Taxes are paid more promptly on real and personal property than in many years. Final figures on real property are not available and will not be for some time, as the treasury has not completed checking up on receipts mailed in—but when the books closed for local tax payment on the evening of December 22, it was reported that the receipts were well in excess of those of last year. The same is true of assessments on the several irrigation projects.

Mainly are practically never available in the beginning of the year, but the Times on December 24, contained an interview with Agent D. S. Sullivan, in which he said that the business of the Oregon Short Line was much greater for 1923 in Twin Falls than at that time that the total business for 1922, while a vast amount of produce is still to be shipped.

This condition is reflected on mercantile business. Those who read interviews with half a dozen representative merchants of this city Saturday in the Times, realize this very well. Business better than in any year since 1919, during boom times, and merchant and business was larger than it was then.

Certainly business in a sound basis, here than it was in 1919, with its war values, its wild speculation and its ultimate waste. Liquidation has taken place, and the values are now solid.

The prospects are in keeping with the better conditions. The road to the south will be constructed. The Times told to a day when ground would be broken, no other, and it happened as predicted. Of course, in one way or another, there was delay, in starting and storm impeded progress. But the road will be built and it will be built, notwithstanding the fact that this is a presidential year and that there will be all sorts of difficulties predictions in regard to what may happen if voters should exercise their own choice and elect whoever they please in president of the United States.

The prospect of the road to build was made, unequivocally, by men who knew that there would be a presidential election in 1924, and there was no string tied to the pledge. And the road is the great immediate need of the country, as excessive freight rates are high. With a great trunk line to the coast, and the road will be a trans-line, there will be just cause to tide water and railroad service. Thus the last of the trail will feed the stock of Nevada and the products of the farm supply the multitudes in San Francisco and Oakland and other California cities, and in speak of Canada and its growing population.

No man or overlook the American Falls dam project, which will employ many next year and open the way for the increase of the irrigated area, as to include large numbers of immigrants with money to come hither.

Then we have Marbridge, where lumber strikes have been made this year and where there will be twice as much lumber employed in 1924 as in 1923, and this without reference to the date of the completion of the railroad. The Times has but recently called attention to the magnitude of the tourist auto travel through Twin Falls and with the completion of the hard surface road to connect with the hard surface road in Cassia county, for which provision is already made, the overland traffic will vastly increase and bring the resources and beauty to the attention of an ever-growing volume of transcontinental traffic.

In wishing its readers a Happy New Year, the Times takes pleasure in saying that it is glad to be able to say that it has through its operation enjoyed a share of the increasing prosperity during 1923 and that it hopes during the year 1924 that its cooperation to continue its prosperity and to help make the world and therewith around it, richer and better than on this day.

## Chronology of the Year 1923

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Editorial Writer

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