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LAND BOARD DECLINES TO MAKE THE TRANSFER

Accedes to the Request of the Twin Falls Entrymen and Orders the Appointment of an Engineering Board Within Thirty Days to Make a Searching Inspection of the Canal System—Will Then Take Action on the Report of the Engineers.

The state land board has rejected a proposal of the Twin Falls Land Water Co. to transfer the canal system to the settlers at the present time. Its action was decided upon at a meeting of the board held yesterday morning at which all sides of the question were presented. Within 30 days a board of engineers, consisting of one member selected by the Land Water company, one by the settlers and a third by the state land board to act as the state engineer, will be selected. These engineers will make a thorough inspection of the entire system and the land board will be governed by their report. Should they pronounce the canal system complete and ready for transfer, the board will then take the necessary steps to effect the works in the hands of the settlers.

At yesterday's meeting the board listened to arguments by S. H. Hays, counsel for the Twin Falls Land & Water Co., and N. M. Ruck, attorney for the Idaho Irrigation & Land Co., respecting the application of both companies for the segregation of lands on the north side of the Snake river opposite the Twin Falls tract. The engineers of both companies and several of the officials were present. The applications were taken under advisement.

The Twin Falls Land & Water Co. asks for a segregation of approximately 150,000 acres to be watered from the Milner dam by means of reservoirs constructed on the north side. The Idaho Irrigation & Land Co. has applied to have included in its segregation a tract of about 60,000 acres within the segregation asked for by the Twin Falls company. Both companies profess their readiness to relinquish the land as quickly as works can be constructed.

LAKE RIVER IS GROWING CRANKY

ICES AND LOWERS WITH GREAT RAPIDITY.

Changes in Flow Interfere with Mining Operations in Vicinity of Clear Lake—Nelson Christwell's Plant Still Idle.

Clear Lake, Dec. 18.—J. W. Evans is busy building a stone barn which will be quite an improvement to the crowd of young folks from the valley who attend the dance given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin on Saturday evening.

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PROFIT IN FEEDING STOCK

Don C. Bryan Believes the Experiment is Worth Trying.

Don C. Bryan has returned from Seattle, where he sold 350 fat sheep at top prices. He shipped two carloads from Twin Falls early in the month but the train to which the cars were attached was wrecked in the Pendleton yard and a number of the sheep were killed and injured. Mr. Bryan said he had no trouble whatever in making a satisfactory and prompt settlement with the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. Had it not been for the shrinkage incidental to the delay the sheep would have brought better prices.

The sheep sold by Mr. Bryan were fattened on his ranch near Twin Falls. They were fed straight alfalfa and oats and were in splendid condition for the market. Mr. Bryan believes that cattle, sheep and hogs can be profitably fattened by the Twin Falls farmers. Last autumn he plowed his land and sowed his oats in March. The crop was harvested in July and the stubble was then irrigated. The volunteer crop came up so strong that Mr. Bryan was tempted to cut it. The grain headed out nicely and the kernels filled plump and solid. Sheep and hogs were turned into the fields and they took on fat amazingly. His experience leads Mr. Bryan to believe that the fattening of stock is bound to be profitable on the Twin Falls tract.

CANTATA ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Will Be Presented by Children at the Auditorium.

The pupils of the Christian church Sunday school, assisted by talent from all the other churches, will present the Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus Doing," at the Bickel school auditorium on Christmas eve. Greenlanders, Laplanders, Chinamen, Indians, Japanese and all manner of children will disport themselves for their own amusement and the edification of their elders. "Santa Claus Doing" is one of the cleverest Christmas cantatas ever written. It contains a wealth of

aptly, catchy music and many comic situations. Among the solos are the "Plover Song," "Mary the Wolf" and "Jack Frost," all songs. Vera Cole, Ethel Davis, Keith Jones and the talented Smith girls are all down for solos and in all there will be 50 voices. White Cornish will preside at the piano and the cantata will be directed by Mrs. C. E. Evans. No admission fee will be charged and the public is cordially invited to attend. The children have been rehearsing for some time and are prepared to give a good account of themselves.

MISS KIERSTED IS PROMOTED

Will Be Assistant to Miss Chamberlain in Boise.

Miss Grace Kiersted of Twin Falls has been selected by Miss Belle Chamberlain, state superintendent of public instruction, as her assistant. This will be done in the spring. She is a graduate of the Normal college in New York City, where she taught school. Having a literary bent, she entered the field first as a private secretary and later as the editor of a magazine on new thought lines. Catching the western fever, Miss Kiersted came to Idaho about three years ago. She taught shorthand in Halley and Bellevue and also conducted private classes. In the Twin Falls school she has been highly successful as a tutor of stenography and typewriting and has also coached a number of private pupils. During this time she has held the position of stenographer and bookkeeper in the state land board office in this city, where her work has received high commendation.

Miss Kiersted has a host of well wishers in Twin Falls whose hope is that she will win her way in Boise as she has here.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST CROPS OF GRAIN

Judges Conclude Work Begun Early in Autumn—Walter Dorgan of Twin Falls Wins on Oats, Frank Weinheimer of Murtaugh on Wheat and Corn, F. Lee Johnson of Murtaugh on Sugar Beets and Forage, John R. Newton of Twin Falls on Onions and John Ericson on Alfalfa.

Many a farmer is sorry now that he did not compete for the special prizes offered by the Twin Falls Land & Water Co. for the best crops of grain and vegetables. While there were quite a few entries, the competition did not demonstrate what was done or what could be done on the tract by any means. Not that the recipients of the prizes did not earn them fairly. On the contrary, they deserved double the amount they received. The results show that and, furthermore, the competitors deserve extra commendation for the public spirit they displayed. They are deserving of the highest praise for taking the trouble to show to the world what the Twin Falls tract was capable of growing.

Walter D. Dorgan took the \$15 prize for oats. His measured acre yielded 106 bushels and the grain averaged 35 per cent in quality. Larger yields of oats have been reported but not vouched for by the growers. A man who can raise 106 bushels of 35 per cent oats to the acre is a credit to the tract.

Frank Weinheimer of Murtaugh grew 119 bushels of oats on a measured acre but the judges scored 80 per cent quality, which placed him second. Mr. Weinheimer was more fortunate with his Bluestem wheat, of which he grew 844 bushels to the acre. For this he received the \$25 prize. Mr. Weinheimer's success with the Bluestem is particularly gratifying as it demonstrates the adaptability of this splendid variety of grain to the Twin Falls tract.

Griffith Sommers of Filer entered an eight-acre field of Little Club which averaged 60.3 bushels to the acre, a very creditable showing for new land. F. Lee Johnson of Murtaugh, the winner of the first prize for sugar beets, obtained a yield of 89.9 tons to the acre on virgin land. Accurate tests made in different sugar factories showed that Mr. Johnson's beets contained 19.7 per cent sugar, a most remarkable showing. The results obtained by Mr. Johnson and F. Lee Johnson conclusively show that the Twin Falls tract is particularly adapted to sugar beets. W. S. Starr of Kimberly was a close second and several other competitors showed beets that averaged far above factory requirements. One field averaged 22 tons to the acre. Mr. Johnson also took the prize for forage, other than grass, with a splendid showing of sorghum and alfalfa. One field of alfalfa averaged nine tons of dry matter per acre and forage other than grass were reported and found to be correct but the fields in which they were obtained were not entered in the competition.

John R. Newton of Twin Falls captured the prize for onions with a yield of 17,958 pounds to the acre. The onions were of superb quality and were exceptionally well formed and thoroughly matured. The first prize for alfalfa went to the only competitor, John Ericson of Twin Falls, whose field averaged nine tons to the acre. Frank Weinheimer of Murtaugh was awarded the first prize for corn. One cornfield which the judges examined but which was not entered in competition averaged 50 bushels to the acre. Price winners are requested to present their entries to George F. Sprague at the News office.

PLANS IN PREPARATION FOR COUNTY DIVISION

Question Discussed at Meeting Held in Commercial Club Rooms Last Evening—Committee Increased to Fifteen, Representing All Sections of the Tract—Finance Committee of Five to Be Selected—Twin Falls the Unanimous Choice for County Seat.

At a special meeting of the Twin Falls Commercial club held in the club rooms last evening, to which all citizens were invited, the question of county division was informally discussed and the draft of a bill providing for the division of the county and the location of the county seat in Twin Falls was submitted.

It was decided to continue the county division committee, which consists of S. T. Hamilton, W. P. Guthrie, M. J. Sweetley, F. D. Chamberlain, C. D. Thome and F. E. Chamberlain of Twin Falls, H. T. West and James McMillan of Kimberly, John F. Hansen of Rock Creek and E. H. Rettig of Filer. To this committee will be added two members from Buhl. Inasmuch as the committee consists entirely of Republicans it was appropriately suggested that three Democrats be added. Dr. W. F. Pike, president of the Commercial club, who presided over

the meeting, and W. A. Babcock of Twin Falls were named and a third selection will be made by Mr. Pike. It was also decided to appoint a finance committee of five, of which three shall be from Twin Falls, one from the east end and the other from the west end of the tract.

Several short addresses were made. James McMillan, president of the Kimberly Commercial club, said that the people of Kimberly would work in harmony with Twin Falls in securing the location of the county seat here. There was no jealousy whatever, said Mr. McMillan. The citizens of Kimberly would be glad to see the county divided and would support Twin Falls for the county seat.

Public sentiment appears to be unanimous in favor of Twin Falls for the county seat and there appears to be no opposition to division from any section of the county.

Several suggestions were offered in regard to the naming of the new county, one being that the newspapers should invite selections of names.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PUZZLE SOLVED

RAILWAY COMPANY PLACATES THE FARMERS.

People of Filer Will Soon Be Riding in Coaches—Amicable Agreement Between the Entrymen and the Railway Company is Reached.

FILER, Dec. 18.—J. B. Evans, tax agent for the Oregon Short Line, spent some time in Filer last week adjusting the difficulties which had arisen regarding the right of way. Several of those through whose lands the railway will pass purchased the property from the original owners and knew nothing of any provisions for the right of way, the releases not having been recorded. Some of them were disposed to be arbitrary but in each instance an amicable agreement was reached and the right of way question is now practically settled. With this awkward problem of the way it is expected that construction work will be hastened.

Miss Marie Sommers returned on Saturday from Twin Falls, where she has been employed for some time. G. A. Drake has disposed of his land

east of Filer to E. J. Jump of Nebraska, who is preparing to make his home here.

Mr. Pierce will, it is understood, take charge of the Filer hotel. J. W. White, editor of the Buhl Pioneer, was a Filer visitor last week. A. Osburn will spend the winter in Yakima, returning in the spring to make Filer his home.

J. Durfee is putting up a building on his place.

The Monmouth church, which is under construction, will add much to the appearance of the town.

Mr. Sandmeyer is building a handsome residence on his farm, the lumber for which is being hauled from the Nibley-Channel company's yard here. Mr. Payne is doing the work.

DEPOT IS LOCATED AT FILER

Will Be Built on the Property of H. B. Lorain.

The townsite of Filer is to be surveyed. This was made necessary by the approaching advent of the railroad. From reliable sources it is learned that the depot will be located on the property of H. B. Lorain. While the location may affect property values more or less it will not in any way militate against the town, which is bound to be prosperous. Had it not been for internal dissension Filer would have been much larger today than it is and now that the townsite question appears to have settled the town will doubtless take a spur.

We shall build up our future success on the Merits of Honesty.

Crowds of Holiday Shoppers—Xmas Gifts for All

The Right Thing at the Right Time, at the Right Price.

That's the Motto here. Matchless Bargains in All Parts of the Store.

OSBORNE & FERNEY

For the Ladies.

Silk Petticoats	\$12, \$10, \$7.00
Silk Blouses	\$5.00, \$3.75, \$3.00
Silk Shawls	\$5.00, \$3.50
All Wool Shawls	\$2.75, \$1.50, 85c, 75c
Furs, a good Xmas present.	\$15 down to \$2.25
Dresses and Misses' Sweeties	by the yard \$1.50
Children's Cravensett Rain Coats, 20 per cent discount	
Men's Cravensett Rain Coats, 20 per cent discount	

A NICE ASSORTMENT OF DRESSED DOLLS AT REASONABLE PRICES.

CHRISTMAS TREES, HOLLY, CANDY AND NUTS.

Dry Goods, Millinery, Gents' Furnishings, Shoes

OSBORNE & FERNEY

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No misrepresentation. We advertise what we have in stock.

Groceries.

We have Everything you will need for Christmas dinner.

Oranges	50c and 60c per dozen
Lemons	40c per dozen
Bananas	50c per dozen
Sweet Potatoes	6c per lb.
Cider	50c per gallon
Sauerkraut	40c per gallon
Apples	\$1.75 per box

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The Coal Famine

Makes our warm clothing all the more necessary this cold weather.

Our stock is so large selection will be easy.

Our prices are higher than those of the Mail Order Houses, but our goods are first quality and we've paid the freight.

Fur Coats, black or grey, \$15 and \$18.

Sheep lined Coats, \$5.50 and \$7.00.

Corduroy and Leather Coats, reversible, \$7.50.

Canvas Coats, blanket lined, \$3.50.

Warm Overcoats, \$6.00 to \$25.

Corduroy or All-Wool Suits, \$10 to \$25.

Warm Underwear, \$1 to \$5 Suit.

Warm Caps, Gloves, Sox, Wrists, Ear Muffs, Mullers and Leggings.

ELDRIDGE'S

"Everything for Man and Boy"

PRESIDENT ADVOCATES REVISION OF LAND LAWS

In a Strong Message to Congress He Counsels the Amendment or Repeal of the Desert Land Act, the Repeal of the Stone and Timber Act and the Commutation Clause of the Homestead Act—Urges Federal Control of Coal and Open Range Lands.

Following is the message of President Roosevelt sent to congress on Monday urging revision of the public land laws:

"To the senate and house of representatives: The developments of the past year emphasize with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to recast the public land laws and adapt them to the actual situation. The timber and stone act has demonstrated conclusively that its effect is to turn over the public timberlands to great corporations. It has done enormous harm. It is no longer needed and it should be repealed.

Desert Act a Fraud.

"The desert land act results so frequently in fraud and comparatively seldom in making homes on the land that it demands radical revision. That provision which permits assignment before patent should be repealed and the entryman should be required to live on the land for several years at home on the land before patent issues. Otherwise the desert land law will continue to assist speculators and other large holders of the public domain by indefensible means.

Repeal Commutation Clause.

"The commutation clause of the homestead act serves, in a majority of cases, to defeat the purpose of the homestead act, to enable the settler to acquire settlement and create homes. In theory the commutation clause should assist the honest settler, and therefore in some cases it does so. Far more often it supplies the means by which speculators and loan and mortgage companies secure possession of the land. Actual non-construction of homes on the land for three years should be required before commutation, unless it should appear wiser to repeal the commutation clause altogether.

"These matters are more fully discussed in the report of the public land commission, to which I again call your attention.

Present Laws Unsatisfactory.

"I am gravely concerned at the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the public land laws and at the prevalence of fraud under their present provisions. For much of this fraud the present laws are themselves responsible. There is but one way by which the fraudulent acquisition of these lands can be definitely stopped and that is to repeal the laws which permit the interior to allow no patent to be issued to public lands under any law until by an examination on the ground actual cultivation is shown that the law has been found to exist. For this purpose an increase of special agents in the land office is urgently required, and, unless strict bona fide settlers will be put to grave inconvenience, or else the fraud will, in large part, go on.

Protection of Coal Lands.

"Further, the secretary of the interior should be authorized to employ mining experts to examine the validity of all mineral land claims, and to undertake the supervision and control of the use of the mineral fuels still belonging to the United States. The present coal law limiting the individual entry to 160 acres put a premium on fraud by making it impossible to develop certain coal fields and yet comply with the law. It is a scandal to maintain lands which sound well, but which make fraud the key-note of development, while the great natural resources must remain closed. The law should give individuals and corporations under proper government regulation and control (the details of which I shall not at present discuss), the right to work bodies of coal land large enough for profitable development. My own belief is that there should be provision for leasing coal, oil and gas rights under proper restrictions. If the additional force of special agents and mining experts I recommend is provided and well used the result will be to stop land frauds, but prevent delays in mineral claims, and to conserve the indispensable fuel resources of the nation.

As to Rights of Way.

"Many of the existing laws affecting rights of way and privileges on public lands and reservations are illogical and unfair. Some work injustice by granting valuable rights in perpetuity without returning anything. Others tend to protect the grantee in the possession of permanent improvement made at large expense, in fairness to the government, in the holders of rights and privileges on the public lands, and to the people whom the latter serve. I urge the revision and enactment of these laws into a comprehensive act providing that the regulations now in force in many cases may be extended to all, to the end that unregulated or monopolistic control of great natural resources may not be acquired or misused for private ends.

Railroad Timber Lands.

"The boundaries of the national forest reserves are not clearly defined. Certain valuable timber lands not owned by the government, important among them are the land grants of various railroads. For many years negotiations with the land granters have been in progress, looking toward an arrangement by which the forest on railroad lands and national forest reserves may be preserved by the removal of the present crop of timber under rules prescribed by the forest service, and its perpetuation may be assured by the land to the government without cost. The advantage of such an arrangement to the government is the acquisition of those protection is necessary

to the general welfare. The advantage to the railroads is found in the proposal to allow them to consolidate their holdings of timber within forest reserves by exchange, after securing their lands to the government, and thus to cut within a limited time solid bodies of timber instead of alternate sections, although the amount of timber in each case would be the same. It is possible that legislation will be required to authorize this or a similar arrangement with the railroads and other owners. If so, I recommend that it be enacted.

Value of Timber.

"The money value of the national forests now reserved for the use and benefit of the people exceeds considerably the sum of one thousand millions of dollars. The value of the timber approaches seven hundred million dollars, and together with the water power, the water lands, the irrigation and power, and the subsidiary values, reaches an amount equal to that of the national property now under the immediate control of the government. But this vast domain is withheld from serving the nation as freely and fully as it might by the lack of capital to develop it. The great expenses are not adequately met by the annual appropriation and the proceeds of the forests. Under the care of the forest service the land is being developed more than half a million dollars a year; the estimate of an appropriation for the present year is less than for last year, and it is the general expectation that by 1910 the forest service will be entirely self-supporting.

Improvements Needed.

"In the meantime there is the most urgent need for trails, fences, cabins for the rangers, bridges, telephone lines, and the other items of equipment without which the reserves cannot be handled to advantage, cannot be paid properly, and cannot contribute as they should to the general welfare. Expenditures for such permanent improvements are properly chargeable to capital account. The lack of reasonable working equipment is one of the chief causes of the forests and greatly limits their production. This want cannot be supplied from the appropriation for running expenses. The need is urgent. Accordingly I recommend that the secretary of the treasury be authorized to advance to the forest service, upon the security of the standing timber, an amount, say \$5,000,000, sufficient to provide a reasonable working capital for the national forests, to bear interest and to be repaid by annual installments in the following years.

National Parks.

"The national parks of the west are forested and their life without exception within or adjacent to national forest reserves. Two years ago the latter were transferred to the control of the secretary of agriculture, with the most satisfactory results. The same reasons which led to this transfer make advisable a similar transfer of the national parks, now in charge of the secretary of the interior, and I recommend legislation to that end.

Indian Lands.

"Within or adjoining national forests is considerable areas of Indian lands of more value under forest than for any purpose. It would aid greatly in putting these lands to their best use if the power to create national forests by proclamation was extended to cover them. The Indians should be paid the full value of any land thus taken for such purposes, from the proceeds of the lands themselves, but such lands should revert to the Indians if it is excluded from national forest use before full payment has been made.

Grazing in Reserves.

"The control of grazing in the national forests is a serious problem. The condition of the range is improving rapidly, water is being developed, much feed formerly wasted is now saved and used, range controversies are settled, opposition to the grazing fee is practically at an end, and the stockmen are earnestly supporting the forest service and co-operating with it effectively for the improvement of the range.

"The situation on the open government range is strikingly different. Its carrying capacity has probably been reduced one-half by overgrazing and is still falling. Range controversies in many places are active and bitter, and life and property are often in danger. The interests of both the livestock industry and the government are needlessly impaired. The present situation is indefensible from any point of view and it should be ended. I recommend that a bill be enacted which will provide for government control of the public range through the department of agriculture, which alone is equipped for that work. Such a bill should insure to each locality rules for grazing specially adapted to its needs, and should authorize the collection of a reasonable grazing fee. Above all, the rights of the settler and homesteaders should be absolutely guaranteed.

"Much of the public land can only be used to advantage for grazing when fenced. Much of the fencing has been done for that reason and also to prevent other stock owners from seizing the land to which they have an equal right to use. Reasonable fencing which promotes the use of the range and yet interferes neither with settlement nor with other rights, would be thoroughly desirable. If it were legal, yet the law forbids, and the law must and will be enforced. I will see to it that the illegal fences are removed unless congress at the present session takes steps to legalize

proper fencing by government control of the range.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"The White House, December 17, 1906."

Congress Will Act.

A special dispatch to the Boston Statesman from Washington says: "The president's public land message sent to congress will probably result in the early enactment of a law authorizing the leasing of public lands for the timber and stone act, and will almost assuredly result in the repeal of the timber and stone act and a radical modification of the desert land and homestead commutation acts.

"Already steps are under way to pass a law vesting permanent title to public coal lands in the government, but permitting the development of coal deposits under the leasing system, which is probable such land laws will be passed this session."

EDITOR TAKES TO THE WOODS

Mixed Males and Jersey Cows With Bad Results.

Those who have not been in the newspaper business do not have a due appreciation of the typographical troubles that a newspaper has. Many of them are of such a nature that only experienced in the business can readily understand them, but those who are not posted upon the "inner circle" of the trade can hardly be expected to comprehend. All newspaper-men are compelled to take blame which could easily be explained if "people only knew, but which become a hopeless task when people do not know, so no effort is made at explanation.

Now there is a Lander, Wyo. paper which has a publisher who would prefer to take to the woods than to try to explain a simple little error that occurred a few days ago in his paper. On the same day he received a want for two matrimony inclined young women of Massachusetts and an estray notice from a local rancher. Imagine his terrible dilemma when the notice came out this way: "Wanted—Husband by two eastern young ladies, both 22 years of age. One dark brown Jersey, hornless, branded C on left rib, holter calf at side, other light Jersey, branded C on left jaw; had ear marks. Reward for return. Address Lander No. — Union street, Lynn, Mass. Send photograph."—Capital News.

OREGON SHORT LINE.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

For the holiday season a special rate of two cents per mile in each direction will be granted to all points within a radius of 300 miles. Tickets on sale December 20, 21, 24, 25, 31, January 1. Return limit, January 7. D. E. SULLIVAN, Agent, Twin Falls.

D. E. BURLEY, G. E. and T. A., Salt Lake City.

MEASURING HAY IN THE STACK

Various Methods of Ascertaining the Quantity.

The following methods of measuring hay in the stack are taken from a Colorado exchange: "The rules for measuring hay in the stack vary according to the length of time the hay has been stacked, the kind and quality of the hay (and also according to the character of the stack). The following are the rules which have been stacked for 30 days. It is usual to compute an eight-foot cube, or 512 cubic feet, as a ton. When the hay has been stacked five or six months usually a 7-foot cube, or 422 cubic feet, is calculated for a ton. In old stacks, which have stood for a year or more, a 7-foot cube, or 342 cubic feet, is allowed for a ton.

"There are different methods of measuring stacks, depending upon the shape of the stack and also upon its size. For a long stack or rick, the area is measured in to throw a line over the stack, measuring the distance over from the bottom on one side to the bottom on the other; add to this the average width of the stack, divide this sum by four—this gives the area of the square—and multiply the quotient by itself and this product by the length of the stack. This will give the number of cubic feet in the stack, which may be divided by 512, 422 or 343, in order to find the number of tons.

"For small, low ricks, the rule is to multiply the width from the over, divide by two, multiply by the length and multiply the product by the length, dividing the result by the number of cubic feet in a ton. There is no established rule for measuring round stacks, but this one will approximate the contents of a stack of the ordinary conical form: Find the circumference at the top of the stack, divide by 100 and multiply by eight, then multiply the result by the height of the base plus one-third of the slant height of the top. The hay in a round stack is necessarily less compact than in a rectangular stack, hence a greater number of feet should be allowed for a ton, with well settled hay probably 512 cubic feet. The rules given also be progressed by stack measurements, because the fodder is apt to vary very greatly in weight, according to the moisture which it contains."

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Golden Opportunities.

For five and ten acre tracts, close in, on best of terms, see Brunk & Evans. We have a few desirable lots in Terrace park on the same reasonable terms. BRUNK & EVANS, Twin Falls.

Twin Falls Investment Co.

LIMITED

Sole Agents for Water Rights for all Carey Act Lands under the

GREAT TWIN FALLS CANAL SYSTEM

45,000 Acres of
Carey Act Land

Still open for original entry under this Canal System

Land, 50 cents per acre. Perpetual water rights, \$25 per acre, ten annual payments.

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FAMILIAR CALL**Nathan G. Franklin's Retriever, Re-
claimed by His Old Trainer After
Defying Capture for Ten Days in
the Laves Near Pocatello.

A remarkable case of canine idiosyncrasy is reported from Pocatello. Nathan G. Franklin, of the firm of Franklin & Hayes, the well known brewers of the Gato City, recently purchased a thoroughbred Irish water spaniel from Byron T. Livingston, of Boise. The dog was thoroughly broken and would at Mr. Livingston's command retrieve anything from a butterfly to a blacksmith's anvil. He was what the hunters call a "snatch" and Mr. Franklin was awed with pride when the sagacious retriever was brought to his home. He bought an ornate collar for the dog and invited his friends to come and inspect the animal. Not wishing to discommodate the valuable canine, Mr. Franklin fastened the collar loosely on the dog's neck. At least that is the theory.

One bright morning about a fortnight ago the blue blooded pup heard the call of the wild and slipping the collar over his head, he bounded over the fence and burned the brush in a mad race for the laves. Bob Hayes claims that Franklin tried to sing to the dog and that he sang him into a slough. Franklin asserts that Hayes called the dog "Freddie" and drove him mad. The "call of the wild" theory was advanced by Ben Bean, who the Tribune, who was called in to do a heavy thinking stunt on the case.

Ben Bean, an acknowledged expert on dogology, searched the yard for leaves from Mrs. Elsie Cleve Parsons' book on trial marriage and finding none he concluded that the dog had merely been frightened by the luxuriance of his quarters. Will Van Horn said a dog that would run away from Pocatello didn't have much sense anyway and was not worth following. Leon McNeill declared that Mr. Franklin should have placed an alarm clock in the kennel as, coming from Boise, the dog was accustomed to ticks and was lonesome without them. Billy Trapp said the dog should recognize his master's voice and he advised Franklin to go out to the laves and make a noise like a dog bawled. However, the dog took to the laves and "all the king's horses and all the king's men" were unable to capture him. On the approach of man the retriever would scamper madly over the rocks and disappear. Mr. Franklin was disconsolate. He offered fabulous rewards for the return of his dog but the spaniel eluded capture.

At the expiration of a week the dog was as wild as ever and it was feared that he would starve to death. Some body suggested that Mr. Livingston be notified and deliver "By" from Boise on the next train.

"You'll never get him in the world," Mr. Livingston was told.

"You just bet I will if I can make him hear me," responded "By."

Out to the laves jilted Livingston on horseback. Several hundred yards away he espied the spaniel among the lupine boulders. The dog was leaping away and leaping along at a rapid gait. A shrill whistle from Livingston brought him up short and at second look at his tail wagging. Once more "By" blew a mighty blast and the dog came to him faster than the Twin Falls-Pocatello "Ping-Pong" train after a coyote on the dog's heels. The dog began to whine and when he came up he fairly leaped into "By's" arms. Talk about joy. The pup showed every canine indication of happiness. He was thin and weak but game to the tip of his rat-like tail.

Livingston took the retriever home, being careful to keep Franklin and Hayes away from the kennel until their tears of joy had ceased to flow for fear that the dog, in his weakened condition, might contract cold through moisture. The pup was perfectly docile and obeyed orders like a Pullman car porter. His collar was tightened and he is being closely watched to see that he does not contract the lava habit again.

Visitors to the office of Franklin & Hayes have noticed such books as "Modern Brackish," "The Amateur Trainer" and "Wild Animals I Have Known" lying on Mr. Franklin's desk.

TO BUILD RAILWAY TO OAKLEY

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The commissioners of Cassia county have granted a charter to W. D. Kenyon, Paul R. Kartze, J. C. Rogers, I. G. Hale and T. B. Lee, all substantial citizens of Burley, to build, operate and maintain a line of railway from the south bank of the Snake river at this point into the city of Oakley, a distance of about 25 miles. Permission was granted to operate the road by steam, electricity or gasoline and to build switches and other equipment necessary for the operation and maintenance of the road.

Starting at the new ferry landing in Burley the road will run direct south, through Overland avenue, for a distance of 20 miles, then turn in a westerly direction near Oakley. The cost of building and equipping the road is estimated at about \$100,000, and the scheme is to be financed by Idaho capital, a large amount of which was pledged some weeks ago.

The possibilities of the proposed new road in the development of this part of the country are many. Not only will it give impetus to the development of the fine marble quarries and the coal mines southwest of Oakley, but it will also be a great factor in handling the big volume of freight between Burley and the towns in the mountain district.

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STATE NEWS.

Joseph Rosenkrantz, a well known freighter of Idaho county, was shot and seriously wounded by one of his companions who mistook him for a deer.

Al Weirich, a saloonkeeper of Wallace, was shot and killed in that city on December 13 by Nollie Lamont, a woman of ill repute, who later attempted to take her own life. She is probably fatally wounded.

Following a drunken debauch, Grace Davis, a desirable woman, was shot and seriously wounded Thomas Bailey in Nampa on Thursday morning last. The woman then sent a bullet through her own brain, dying instantly. Davis has a chance for his life.

Robert Landon, recently elected secretary of state, and under indictment for embezzlement in Washington county, has obtained a change of venue to Canyon county. His trial will be held in Caldwell, December 27.

G. F. Johnson, Oregon Short Line agent at Sugar City, was shot and painfully though not seriously wounded last Saturday night by a drunken loafer whom he was trying to eject from the depot at closing time. Johnson had strength enough left to wire for medical assistance and to this fact he owes his life.

Governor Gooding has appointed James H. Brady of Pocatello, Senator Fryburn, Senator Dobbs, Congressman French, Harry White of Wallace, Henry Heltfeld and John P. Volmer of Lewiston, J. M. Malinos and J. F. Allsabe of Boise and R. F. Butler of Hallett as delegates to the foreign Commerce Extension convention which meets at Washington on January 11.

CURRENT WORLD.

The Portland, Oregon, street railway employees are on strike.

King Oscar of Sweden is critically ill and there is grave doubt regarding his recovery.

The revolution in Poland is reported to have been subdued. Business is at a standstill and conditions are pitiful.

President Roosevelt has sent an important message to congress dealing with conditions on the Panama canal.

James Bryce has been offered the position of British ambassador at Washington. He has not yet signified his acceptance.

It is reported in financial circles that E. H. Harriman has wrested control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway from James J. Hill.

In a communication to congress President Roosevelt calls attention to the report of Secretary-Mottif, recommending that full protection be given the Japanese in San Francisco.

Charles Honroth, Belgian consul in Chicago, is charged with being a member of the Black Legion, to prevent the United States government from noticing the alleged atrocities in the Congo Free State.

Violent demonstrations against the Vatican have occurred in Rome and soldiers have been placed on guard on all streets leading to the palace. Several clashes between the demonstrators and the troops have occurred. The demonstrations are intended as a rebuke to the papacy against which there is a strong sentiment.

Minnesota and the Dakotas are suffering from the worst coal famine on record in the states. So serious did the situation become that the aid of the interstate commerce commission was evoked and the railroads then began to repudiate themselves. It is more than probable that the legislatures of North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana will make the coal famine the subject of investigation.

Joseph Tomie, an Austrian, committed suicide in a most horrible manner at Deliquan, Las Animas county, Colorado, last Friday. Tomie received a letter yesterday from his sweetheart in Austria, in which she stated that she could not think of marrying him owing to his gambling proclivities. He ran to the top of the coke ovens, which were running at a white heat, and jumped in. A cloud of white steam was raised and not the slightest trace of the man could be found.

Failure of several protests from citizens of Ord against the appointment of William Glassman as postmaster, his name will not be sent to the senate for permanent appointment until charges against him are fully investigated and cleared up. An agent of the department will be sent to Ord to make investigation and until the result is reported to the department the matter will be held in abeyance. Glassman was appointed during recess upon recommendation of Representative Howell.

LAND OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

Senator Heyburn is Preparing to Shake the Plum Tree.

Senator Heyburn is preparing to fill a number of land offices in Idaho, where the terms of the incumbents are about to expire. Addison T. Smith of Twin Falls will be recommended to succeed Register Harry J. Syms at Boise; Receiver Edward E. Garrett will be recommended for reappointment; Charles H. Gorby, having served two terms as receiver at Lewiston, will be replaced by Ben O. Barber of Nez Perce. Fred C. Bradley will be recommended to succeed V. C. Hodges at Idaho Falls; John C. Haddock will be recommended to succeed Receiver C. D. Warner at Coeur d'Alene; Register Dunn at Coeur d'Alene, who recently failed election as district judge, will remain in the land office.

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The unclaimed catalogues of the mail order houses which are heaped in every wagon, express office might come in handy during the fuel famine.

It is said that the Short Line is hauling many carloads of ice while the people are clamoring for coal and it has been suggested that unless the coal is forthcoming the people will all be frozen to death and will have no use for the ice, unless they can take it with them.

No sooner did the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad complete its plans for building to the coast than E. H. Harriman secured control of the road. This means that it will be "harmonized" with the Union, Pacific, Short Line and Oregon Railway & Navigation companies, and competition in Idaho will be stifled for another period. Possibly President Roosevelt may succeed in fending this menace to the state. Otherwise Idaho has received a serious blow.

Governor Gooding is redeeming the promise which he made to the Twin Falls settlers that circumsppection would be used in the transfer of the canal system. In an address delivered in this city shortly before election the governor stated that were he in office when the transfer was made he would have the works passed upon by engineers of national repute before they were turned over to the entrants. That the governor would make good his promise none of his friends have doubted. The state land board, of which he is the president, has declined to transfer the system until such time as it has been carefully examined by a board of engineers which will be appointed within 30 days. The settlers asked for the appointment of this board and the governor promptly granted their request. The action of Governor Gooding and his associates on the land board in deferring to the wishes of the Twin Falls settlers is in keeping with the fair and liberal policy which the present administration has followed with respect to this tract. "The settler first" has been the motto of the board and every entrant on the tract may be assured that the land board will see that his rights are protected. The company will be asked to fulfill its contract, nothing more or less, as the governor stated. All now depends upon the report of the board of engineers. No friction is in evidence and no excuse for controversy exists.

President Roosevelt's recommendations to congress with respect to the homestead act, the stone and timber act and the desert land act are of vital importance to the people of the west. The stone and timber act has been the pet measure of the lumber trust. Under its provisions the state of Idaho has been robbed of thousands of acres of the most valuable timber lands within its boundaries. Scratch an advocate of the stone and timber act and you will find a timber grabber. Admitting that in some cases it has proved beneficial, the benefits it has conferred are infinitesimal when compared to the plunder wrought under its protection. The commutation clause in the homestead act has encouraged traffic in homesteads and has enabled speculators to obtain valuable homesteads through the medium of representatives whom they "staked." The west wants better, not speculators. The desert land act is also more or less farcical in its operation. Most desert claims in this section of Idaho are still "desert" claims in the broadest sense of the term. The reclamation of the land was perfunctory and in the majority of cases the claimants are still unproductive. There was a time when a man might file on a desert claim, dig a little ditch, pump a little water into it and obtain a patent. Nobody paid any attention to him because the land was considered worthless. Nowadays it is different. The desert act has answered its purpose and belongs in the junk pile. Government control of the open range is also a sound recommendation. It would protect stockmen and settlers alike. There are other passages in

the president's message, which appears elsewhere in this issue, which are worthy of careful perusal.

Not long ago the Kimberly farmers, with that progressive spirit which has characterized all their actions since they settled on the Twin Falls tract, decided to build a grain storage warehouse. They got together and quickly subscribed a sum sufficient to construct a substantial building of ample proportions upon a site which was pronounced satisfactory by the Oregon Short Line. It was definitely understood that the railroad company should construct a commercial track to the warehouse and every farmer who contributed to the cost of the building or stored grain therein so understood the conditions. At their own expense the farmers built the grade in conformity with the stakes set by the railway engineers. Now the Short Line wants the farmers to pay \$600 for laying the steel 300 feet to the warehouse, else the track will not be built. The farmers are confronted with the alternative of putting up the \$600 or hauling their grain half a block from the warehouse to the siding for shipment. The additional cost which this adding would involve means much to the farmers, who consider that the Short Line has not kept faith with them. Possibly there has been some misunderstanding in regard to the matter but the farmers have acted in perfectly good faith according to their conception of the facts and they consider that the railroad company should live up to its promises. On its part the Short Line can scarcely afford to juggle with the Kimberly farmers who are engaged in the laudable work of building up the country and furnishing tonnage for the railroad. Meanwhile efforts are being made to reach an agreement satisfactory to both sides and one which will not be expensive to the farmers.

SENATE CONFIRMS GREENHOW

New Postmaster for Twin Falls Awaits Commission.

The senate has confirmed the appointment of William H. Greenhow as postmaster at Twin Falls and his commission is daily expected. Mr. Greenhow is one of the best known men in this section of Idaho. He came to the Wood River country in 1880 and engaged in the mercantile business at Ketchum, the firm being Greenhow & Rumsey. Those who have followed Mr. Greenhow's fortunes state that there he paid one-half of what is due him for goods furnished to those who failed he would be a wealthy man. A minor has he staked and many a poor family has he kept from want. Mr. Greenhow has had charge of the Twin Falls Land & Water company's commissary since it was first opened and has conducted it admirably. He is a thorough business man and has also had experience in postal affairs, having at one time been postmaster at Ketchum. Mr. Greenhow is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a loyal Republican and a splendid gentleman.

BAMNOCK INDIAN RUNS AMUCK

Commits Double Murder Near American Falls.

Luther Boardman, a Bamnock Indian, shot and instantly killed Carl Ramsey and Mrs. Charles Ignatius, two of his tribe, on Bamnock creek, a few miles above American Falls, on Tuesday, December 10. Boardman was pursued and captured by Marshal Evans at Malad on Friday. He is now in jail at Pocatello awaiting trial. In his fight Boardman shot three horses from the Fall Creek Sheep Co. He was under the influence of liquor when he committed the crime.

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Mrs. Amy Scott Worthman visited the Twin Falls school last week and thoroughly inspected the work being accomplished. At the school assembly she addressed the whole school, saying:

"My Friends—As I look into your bright faces today it makes me feel that I owe you an apology for not having paid you an official visit before. However, I have kept in close touch with your work and I knew you were doing good, practical work. This is the most wholesome school—in the state. I tell you this with all sincerity and I am qualified to say so as I have been engaged in school work as a superintendent for the past six years, two years in county and four years as state superintendent of Idaho. I know Mr. Thomas and the kind of work he always does. I have known of his school work for a number of years, and I felt you were in good hands."

"Since Mr. Potter took charge of your schools I have had nothing from you but good reports, and I am honestly saying this is in my judgment the best school in the state."

"You boys and girls who live in the country cannot appreciate the advantages you enjoy. Today in the lunch room I asked several little boys what time they got up and they told me 6 and 6 o'clock, and that they had ridden four to six miles to school after doing their work at home. You have a great advantage over the city boys for developing your bodies."

"This school holds an important place in the educational system of the state. You have here accomplished the centralization of country schools, a thing we have all been striving for, and you will be looked upon as a model by the other schools of the state."

"In some of our schools we have only the head educated, but here you are doing real school work, educating the hand and the heart as well as the head. I leave you with the best wishes for your growth and development, which I feel are now assured."

SCHOOL NOTES.

Enrollment for December is 502.

The honor roll for December will be published next week.

Sallie McCawley, who was hurt one evening last week by one of the school wagons, has fully recovered and is again attending school.

The school librarian has received six volumes of Louise M. Alcott's works from Mrs. Tage as a Christmas gift, which is greatly appreciated by the book lovers of the school.

Superintendent McPherson delivered an able address to the pupils last Thursday at 1 p. m. He thoroughly discussed the importance of study. He will illustrate his next lecture by stereopticon views.

On Friday afternoon of this week there will be an entertainment in the school auditorium, given by the election class of the High school, under the direction of Miss Ella Robinson. Parents and friends of the school are cordially invited.

On the Friday afternoon train the following teachers will leave for their respective homes to spend the Xmas vacation: Professor Parke, Miss Durphy, Miss De Bow, Miss Meyers, Miss Harris, Miss Kinney. The others will remain on their farms near town and cut sagebrush.

Much anxiety is felt by pupils over the report that school may close after Christmas owing to the coal famine. Several of the country patrons offer to haul sagebrush free in order to keep the school going and their children receive the benefits of a full school year.

The literary societies propose having a debate on the following subject: "Resolved, that Uncle Sam had better apply for the position of president and general manager of the railroads of this country, in order that everyone may get a square deal and coal famine be no more."

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