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No. 24

HAVE NO KNOCKERS IN THE "GEM STATE"

What the "Booster Governor" Told the Denver Post Representative Regarding Our State.

The Denver Post, of Sunday, September 24th, in its Idaho edition, of that date, contains the following interesting letter from Gov. James H. Brady, cooperating editor. Gov. Brady is without a peer in Idaho as a booster. He says:

"The mention of Idaho need to cause the name in some mysterious way with the lonely military outpost, Idaho, a new frontier has been discovered. The state's advantages in the West and finally settled here was a source of pride to the more civilized world."

"I readily see the reading given by the advance of the white man. He has built the state better, he has pulled the little frontier, he has removed the streams, he has made the most of enormous miles, he has now the very name Idaho, the 'Gem of the Mountains,' producer of 40 per cent of the lead output of the United States, also in precious minerals, the display of which has just won the grand prize at the Seattle exposition: 'THE \$5,000,000,000' of standing timber, equal to more than the entire timber resources of the great states of Michigan and Washington combined; the 12,000,000 acres of dry farm and irrigated lands; its millions of sheep and cattle; its factories, mills and sawmills, and thousands of schools, churches, professional men and offices, railroads, electric lines and progressive health people centers with its alluring compelling spirit of the 'land of promise and of fulfillment.'"

"I say to the eyes of the capitalist, the farmer and the home-seeker open the West and see one of the Western states complete more of the Idaho than does Idaho. Idaho stands first in the quantity and quality of land brought under civilization, and the cost of irrigation works, and the cost of reclamation service, but under the 'Cave Act' and private capital in Southern Idaho, in the Twin Falls country, under one project alone, where five years ago nothing but a bare brush and rock rabbit were to be seen, cultivated fields, cattle, orchards, comfortable farm houses and rapidly growing cities, flanked by electric lines and steam railroads, now stretch farther than the eye can see."

"Last year, 1908, the total value of the agricultural products of the state including butter, eggs and fowls was over \$75,000,000. The assessed valuation of the state for the year 1908 was \$1,100,000,000 in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000,000. The mineral products of the state for 1908 was something around \$25,000,000. There are 1,500 different manufacturing plants in Idaho."

"Idaho has a state university with over 500 students; two normal schools, one academy, one industrial training school, and one industrial school, and one agricultural school for the deaf, dumb and blind, all maintained at the expense of the state, and numerous private and church schools."

"The common school system of Idaho is a lasting monument to the intelligence of our people. In 1908 the total valuation of our school property was over \$4,000,000, and the total expenditures for the education of our children in the common school for the year 1908 was nearly \$2,500,000."

"The school of the state, numbering nearly seven hundred, have a valuation of property over \$2,000,000. Idaho has electric lines, including electric lines, total nearly two thousand miles, with an assessed valuation of nearly \$20,000,000. Idaho is justly proud of the phenomenal development of its great natural resources. It is proud of its beautiful homes, its waving fields of grain, the towering mountains, and the grandeur of its forests; its mines, its orchards, its schools, its wonderful healthful climate, its factories, live stock, busy towns and cities and its progressive people."

"Idaho presents the greatest opportunity for the investment of honest capital; for the home-seeker and the skilled mechanic. No state has done so much toward the advancement of the interests of the people in giving them free education and making their environment one to which any parent would be glad to bring their children."

"The people of our state believe that Idaho has accomplished more since its admission to the union than almost any other state. In all the history of the United States no other state has made a record of such rapid and thorough progress in those things which have been for the interest of the material, moral and intellectual welfare of its people."

"I want to extend to each and every citizen of the United States an invitation to come and visit our state for themselves that I have not now room to tell the wonderful facts of our progress and development. We will bid you a hearty welcome. We want you to come because we know that you can help us in the great work that we are doing."

"There are no knockers on the door of our home; just latch string and they always hang on the outside. Don't knock, just pull the latch string and come in."

"The samples of Washington County products. B. G. McKintyre, vice-overlooker, an opportunity to secure for display at his local estate office, the best specimens of agricultural products of the county. His exhibit would carry off the prize at any fair or exposition. The exhibit also demonstrates that as an agricultural section Washington county has no superior in the United States. Among the specimens he has secured lately is that of a number of large potatoes produced on the ranch of John Moulton, south of the Weiser river. All are of enormous size, but two stand out prominently among the big ones. One weighs six and one-quarter pounds, the next largest four and one-half pounds. They are samples of Yellow Dent crop raised by

John Lelston on his ranch adjacent to the city on the north. They yielded 80 bushels per acre, and this is considered a corn specialty. Another fine specimen is a sack of onions containing 150 onions that weigh 100 pounds. Mr. McKintyre has also in his display many fine specimens of grains and grasses that are produced in Washington county, that cannot be excelled by any section in the country."

"Wets" Have a Meeting.

The meeting advertised by the "wets" at Wheaton Theatre Tuesday evening, might more properly be called a "dry" meeting, because of the small crowd present and the lack of enthusiasm manifested by the audience."

The first speaker was Mr. B. A. Van Stickle, manager of the "wet" campaign. Mr. Van Stickle mentioned Mr. A. P. Brown, one of the leaders of the "dry" movement. He also attempted to show that towns that are "dry" are not as progressive as towns that are "wet," that business conditions generally are not as good. Mr. Van Stickle's speech was listened to with attention; which was in direct contrast with that of Mr. West, who followed him."

Mr. West made the same argument that he did on the evening of Tuesday, the second. He claimed that the "regulated" saloons was the poison for all the evils of intemperance. Mr. West's talk had not proceeded very far when the crowd began to leave the hall, giving evidence that they were tired of such argument. The "wets" are not feeling very jubilant over the reception of their first meeting by the people of Weiser."

The City Schools.

The total enrollment for the current year up to last Friday is 601 distributed as follows:

High school 123, Miss Murphy 38; Miss Moran 44; Mr. Standifff 35; Miss Doolay 47, Miss Pierce 44, Mrs. Lockwood 16, Miss Records 47, Miss Williams 36, Miss Laymaster 46, Miss Haining 50, Miss Saylor 33, Miss Davis 34, Miss Heron 33.

Quite a number have entered this week. It is evident that we are about to our limit with our present force of teachers. Fortunately there are still two or three unused rooms in case we should be compelled to provide for more children.

The average per cent of attendance for last month was 96.20. The teachers reporting the highest percentages are: Miss Williams, 99.30; Miss Davis, 98.38; Miss Haining, 98.31; Miss Moran, 97.80; Miss Murphy, 97.78; Miss Records, 97.48; Miss Laymaster, 97.20; Mr. Standifff, 97.04; Mr. Crockett, 96.34, Miss Doolay, 96.18.

The total tardiness for the month was 73 cases. The best reports were: Miss Pierce 1; Miss Marvin, Miss Laymaster, Miss Saylor, 2 each; Mr. Standifff, Miss Moran, 3 each; Miss Haining, Miss Records, 4 each. The teachers are trying hard to get to school on time. It is a pity that a slight holiday which the people of this room have been offered in attendance had punctuality for 40 half days. The plan is extensively used in other cities and has proved to eliminate much of the tardiness cases. So far the plan is working nicely here. Children who are never absent are much more certain to like school and make good progress. It is almost impossible for a child to maintain interest if he fails to meet with his class every day."

Basket Social.

Friday evening at I. O. O. F. hall, the blue school students gave a basket social. Fifty baskets were sold, the amount realized aggregating \$101.85. After the sale of the

baskets, the crowd adjourned to the banquet room where they partook of the good things in the kitchen. Coffee was served by the young men. Every one present had a good time. During the evening the following program was rendered: Piano solo, Florence Malone; violin solo, Grace Condit; reading, Prof. Hould; piano solo, Irene Gould; piano solo, Grace Maxwell.

League to Publish Booklet.

The League of Southern Idaho Commercial Clubs is gathering data from the various Commercial Clubs of the state for an edition of 5000 handsome booklets which it expects to have out December 15th. The booklet will consist of a dozen or more pages devoted to a general description of the resources and opportunities to be found in Southern Idaho and each club in the league will have the privilege of using two full pages for local write-up and data.

This will be the most artistic and beautiful booklet ever issued by the league and will compare favorably with anything ever published in the northwest. The cover will be run in three colors; on the front will be an apple tree branch loaded with big red apples and on the back two sheaves of oats and one of bearded wheat and the wheat in yellow, both on green background. In the center of the book, covering the two middle pages will be a map of southern Idaho which will show the cities in the league very prominently. The league is now receiving about thirty inquiries daily and a full list of this is sent to the Weiser Commercial Club every day. Each of these books contains two full pages of reading matter about Weiser and its foundation is properly followed up by our own club it should result in bringing in a great many settlers into the country."

Federal of Mrs. Wm. Stacey.

The funeral services for Mrs. Wm. Stacey, who departed this life last Friday morning and of whom a brief obituary appeared in last Saturday's issue of the Signal, were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Brief addresses were made by the pastor of the church and by Rev. W. D. Dool of Nampa, formerly pastor in charge of the M. E. church of this city. The music was given by the mixed quartette of the church. The large number present and the many floral tributes bore beautiful witness to the high esteem and love regarded in which the deceased was held. It was well spoken of as a beautiful service, beautiful because of the sweet memories the departed left behind, her noble Christian character, her helpful services, and beautiful because of the comforting words and assurance which a Christian life gives those that cry out, "What of the departed here? What of the sweet sympathy of the people of Weiser?"

Ladies Local Option League.

A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the ladies of the league was held at Wheaton Theatre Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Local Option League. The meeting was organized by the election of Mrs. E. A. Paddock, as temporary chairman and Mrs. W. A. Fullerton, temporary secretary. Addresses were made by Mrs. C. E. Bradwell, of Payette; Mrs. Lattie, of Payette; and Miss Jane Bloom, of Idaho Industrial Institute. The addresses were along the line of temperance, and the ladies were listened to with marked attention. The speakers were conversant with the subject and brought out many good points in favor of local option. At the conclusion of the speaking,

REGISTER!

All those citizens who registered for the last General Election can vote at the election Wednesday.

If you have moved from one precinct to another, you must transfer from your last precinct to the precinct where you now live. This must be done before tonight. If you have not registered, and have lived in the County 30 days, and in the State six months you are entitled to vote if you register.

MAKE YOUR BALLOT LOOK LIKE THIS

Shall the sale or disposal of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be prohibited in this county?	Yes X	No
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AN ELECTRIC ROAD FOR SEVEN DEVILS

Surveyors Locating Line from Ballard's Landing to Landore—Smelter to be Built.

A permanent organization was formed, to be known as the Ladies Weiser County Local Option League. The following were elected as officers: President, Mrs. E. M. Hoigh; vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Richards; secretary, Mrs. J. R. Numbers; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Fullerton.

Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hoigh, committees were appointed to canvass the city in the interest of local option. The city was divided, and ladies appointed in each district whose duty it is to visit each and every house and ascertain, if possible, how each person in the house will vote on the question. The ladies of the city are thoroughly aroused and their work will accomplish much good for the cause of local option. The officers of the league are among the most prominent workers for the cause of the city and the effects of their good work will be seen next Tuesday.

MORE NAMES.

In addition to the names appearing on another page the following gentlemen and tax payers want to be lined up for a dry vote.

Weiser, Idaho, Nov. 11, 1909. We, the undersigned taxpayers and business men, believe it will be for the best interests of this county to vote for a business abstention of vote, to vote dry on Nov. 17, 22 names already signed up: All of Weiser.

Wooden Jeffers, ex-County Treasurer; J. E. Uley, Farmer; W. H. Adams, Farmer; W. E. Adams, Sheppman H. W. Hark, Sheppman A. T. Haysland, Sheppman A. E. Hill, Farmer; L. C. Weldon, Farmer; H. W. Batick, Sheppman; J. M. Snyder, Farmer; I. M. Olson, Farmer; M. S. Dickerson, Farmer; A. L. Wiloy, Supt. P. & I. N. Ry; August Anderson, Sheppman; Fred Bronkman, Farmer; P. F. Hattinger, Farmer; D. A. White, Farmer; John Bechtel, Captain; C. S. Anagnoste, Farmer; J. M. Hubbard, Farmer; Willoughby, Athans, Ex Sheriff; A. Gordon, Sr., Brickmaker.

James Hart returned Tuesday last from Oregon where he has been attending the "winding" of the line who was married at that place last winter in the country. "Winding" is a humor that a smelter is to be constructed there, prove true, and the string named "people" are back of it. They will be twenty times as big as the first investors in copper property in the country. "Winding" is a humor that a smelter is to be constructed there, prove true, and the string named "people" are back of it. They will be twenty times as big as the first investors in copper property in the country. "Winding" is a humor that a smelter is to be constructed there, prove true, and the string named "people" are back of it. They will be twenty times as big as the first investors in copper property in the country.

The work of the contest is increasing steadily, but owing to the rush of work for the election the space could not be spared for publishing the list of names in this issue.

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WEISER NEWS
 The Weiser school district has elected a new board of trustees. The trustees are: J. W. Smith, president; J. H. Jones, vice president; and J. K. Brown, secretary.

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