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THE IDAHO CITIZEN

Is a weekly [illegible] book of the doings of Washington county, and is a good advertising medium.

NOTICE.

Came into my enclosure about Nov. 1st, one bay horse branded [illegible] (tlh connected) on left shoulder, weight about 900 pounds. Also one gray yearling colt, no brand. Owners can have same by paying for this advertisement. After Dec. 1 feed bill will be charged.

E. A. VANSICKLIN,
Mineral, Idaho.
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All advertisements and locals handed in will continue to run until ordered out.

THE EXHIBIT AT WEISER.

Pomona, Goddess of Fruits and Flowers,

Would be Delighted at the Display.

The portion of Washington county's Worlds Fair exhibit which has been on display in the concrete building has attracted no little attention and it is safe to say that this display will advertise the wonderful resources of this county better than years of talking or writing. In Weiser it has been visited by hundreds, and at Chicago it will be visited by hundreds of thousands. Hardly a stranger has visited Weiser and departed without being shown this marvelous collection. They were all thunderstruck. All hail to Mr. Hannah for getting up the best display in the state! As one enters he is bewildered; he imagines he has intruded upon the domain of the gods of husbandry and agriculture, where, [illegible] the jars, boxes and [illegible] of magnificent apples he imagines he is in the fabled garden of Hesperides, when he sees the wonderful display of fruits of all kinds, he looks around for the throne of Pomona. The front of the building is taken up mostly with grasses and grains. Of grasses, native and tame, there are twenty-seven varieties including clover, alfalfa and specimens of native rye nine feet high the last being one of the most nutricious hay grasses. There are all varieties of grain in the sheaf, including seven varieties of spring and fall wheat and five varieties of oats, of wonderful development and prolificacy. There are several varieties of tobacco, and broom corn 12 feet high, and on the floor lies Dawson's mammoth 144-pound pumpkin. In the forend and around the room are also stacks of grain in the sheaf and in the sack, piles of mammoth ears of corn, corn on the stalk, beans on the vine and varieties of vegetables and boxes of apples. Of corn there are seventeen varieties.

In the center of the room are two long tables, one is filled the entire length with pans containing clean threshed wheat, oats, barley, polish wheat, alfalfa seed, red clover, timothy seed, around the edge of the table lies more piles of different varieties of corn in the ear.

The other table is the star of the collection and bears a fair sample of our fruit exhibit. The table contains about seventy jars of fruit. Mr. Hannah has over seventy more at his home ready for transportation. The following list, beginning at the head of the table and going down, will give an idea of its variety:

Sorgum
Egg plum
Pie plant
Catawba grape
White Ram cherry
Delaware grape
Extra large seedling plum, finest specimen in the collection.
Concord grape
Nectarine
Crown cling peach
Fine Bellflower apples
Crawford's late peach
Chloe [illegible]
Nectarine
Large jar containing single branch bearing 12 Waggoner apples.
Italian prunes
Siberian apples
Large jar containing single branch ten inches long bearing nine pears weighing 24 pounds
Peach plums
German prunes
Hungarian prunes
Single large cluster of grapes
Genuine maple syrup, made by Hannah.
Siberian apples
Winesap apples
Tinsler German prunes
Pears
Clusters of two kinds grapes
Hartford Prolific grapes
Jefferson plums
Ben Davis apples
Orange quince
Keifer's Hybrid pears
Hungarian prunes
Branch peach plums
Duchess Oldenburg apples
Grimo's golden apples
Spitzenberg apples
Greengage plums
Peaches
Pears
Missouri Mammoth quince
Branch Black Tartarian cherry
Vicker of Wakefield pears
Lemon Queen peach
Ford's Late peach
Branch Ollivette cherries
Blue Pearmain apples
Rhode Island Greening apples
Silver prunes
Crawford's Early peach
German prunes
Famous apples
LeCount peaches
Winesap apples
Two jars grapes
Bartlet pears
Fall Pippin apples, extra fine
Branch Gravestein apples
Branch Autumn Guage plums
Duchess pear

Scattered around the jars are more piles of apples, 4-pound onions, etc. In a large jar are two salmon trout caught in Snake river. There are various other articles not mentioned here. This display is not all of our exhibit as Mr. Hannah has as much more at his farm. We can well be proud of the showing we shall make.

"WONDERFUL."

A Tale that is Going the Rounds of Eastern Papers.

The New Orleans Picayune publishes the following wild story, which is evidence that there are no Ensor Institutes down in that locality.

A despatch from Boisé city, Idaho, says that three travelers, while on their way recently to a point near the upper end of lake Cheylon stopped at a spot called Devil's Slide, and one of them waded into the water to make his morning ablutions.

As he was dipping his feet for the last time, he suddenly uttered a scream and called to his companions that he was being dragged into the lake by some unseen monster that was holding to his leg.

His friends rushed to his assistance and seizing him by the arms succeeded in bringing him ashore and with a frightful-looking creature that still clung to his leg. It appeared to have the legend body of an alligator, with the head and eyes of a serpent. Between its fore and hind legs on either side were large, ribbed, leathery looking wings. The tail was scaled, but not barbed like that in pictures of dragons. With the exception of the under part of the throat, and the tips of the wings, feet and tail, the creature was a beautiful white, and its skin was as soft as velvet.

The two men tried in vain, with knives, sticks and stones to beat it off, but the monster clung fast to its prey. Finally the men built a fire and pulled the neck and abdomen of the creature across it. Soon it began to move and stretch out its leathery wings after the manner of a bat, and then suddenly it flew into the air, still holding the man by the leg.

After rising to a height of 200 feet it took a header downward and plunged into the lake with a splash and sank beneath the waters with its human victim, and neither was seen again.

Amend by Placing Three Ciphers After the [illegible]

Statesman.

A bill has been introduced in the senate to prohibit immigration for a year. If congress has power to stop the influx for a year it must have authority to stop it indefinitely. Therefore it would be better to strike out the one year clause, making provision under which all desirable immigrants could get in who have partially made arrangements to come and close the gates permanently against all general immigration.

We'd Put the Agricultural College at Weiser.

Evening Mail.

A Bingham county literary society is preparing to discuss the question, "What would you do if you were a member of the next legislature?"

If They Take Papers, there Was No Excuse for Them.

Silver Messenger.

It is said that 21 registered voters on Lost River refused to vote because they did not understand the new Australian ballot system.

RAISING WATER FROM SNAKE.

A New System of Wheels that May be Utilized.

For Irrigation as Well as Mining.

Statesman Cor.

During the past year a number of placer mining claims were located on the right bank of Snake river, near Grandview Ferry. The various claims are contiguous and comprise a tract along the river bank about five miles in length. All are of gravel and the entire tract is good mining ground. A joint stock company has been formed by these claim holders on this tract and a series of water wheels of an entirely new construction will be set in the river for the purpose of raising water for the working of the ground. The plan of the wheel is entirely different from the usual form of current wheels, and is the invention of David Dodge, of this place, an old engineer on the Union Pacific. One of them is now completed on the Dodge & Hager claim. It is built somewhat on the plan of the turbine wheel although its size is much greater, being 10 feet in diameter. The scheme is to place two of these wheels on a shaft about 10 feet long, and then set it in the river with the shaft parallel to the current, thus bringing the faces of the two wheels to the current. The current turns the wheels with the shaft. The shaft has a pulley on one end and from this pulley the power is transmitted by a wire cable to a pump.

It is estimated that this wheel will utilize about 90 per cent of the power of the water in the current which strikes it. If it is a success it will be a decided improvement on the ordinary over and undershot wheels which generally utilize but 25 to 60 per cent of the water power.

Hon. A. W. Hager, the well known attorney and mining and irrigation man is now in Chicago to enlist the interest of capital in this mining project. The prospects for success of the new wheel as a feature in placer mining seems excellent, and in such event a solid company will be organized and the stock placed upon the market. The principal parties interested are A. W. Hager, David Dodge, E. C. Curry, P. E. Phelps and Sol Newcomer. The ground is close to the famous China Bar group of placer claims, which were purchased by Joseph McAfee last spring.

Money For The State.

Governor Willey yesterday received word from the interior department that a draft for Idaho's share, five per cent, of the money resulting from the sale of public lands in the state during the last fiscal year would be sent in a few days to the proper officials here.

The amount due is $5,539.57. The matter has been properly adjusted at Washington, D. C., and transmitted for payment to the treasurer.

The net receipts from the sale of the public domain at the various land offices in the state for the fiscal year 1892, amounted to over $110,000.—Statesman.

[illegible] Washington [illegible] and Frank Harris of Weiser, Idaho, were in Ontario during the week.—Ontario News.

W. B. Goodheart, the able assistant to the SIGNAL, was up a couple days last week helping get our machinery and other furniture in shape. We owe Mr. Goodheart our thanks for his assistance.—Ontario News.

Mrs. G. M. Waterhouse and S. L. Beswick came to the city from Weiser Saturday evening and spent Sunday here.—Evening Mail.

R. E. Lockwood, editor of the Weiser SIGNAL, gave us a pleasant call last Sunday. Ed. gets up a splendid paper and deserves success. Every one should subscribe for the SIGNAL.—Ontario News.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Meeting to Decide on Plans to Get that Institution.

A Move Not to Cease Short of Victory.

At a meeting held in Cowins opera house Sunday, Frank Harris was chosen chairman and W. M. Wallace secretary.

Mr. Harris stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of devising ways and means for the advancement of Washington county's claims to the Agricultural college and to discuss the most effective manner of procedure.

B. W. Watlington, V. D. Hannah, Frank Harris, T. C. Galloway, W. M. Mitchell and others discussed the subject pro and con and advanced many valuable suggestions.

A motion was made that the chair appoint an executive committee to take all necessary steps and arouse the people in all parts of the county and take action towards raising necessary funds for pressing our claims, securing a site, etc.

The chair then appointed the following executive committee:

B. W. Watlington,
T. C. Galloway,
Thos. Hanahan,
Thos. Shannon,
V. D. Hannah,
S. A. Swanger,
P. A. Devers,
W. B. Kurtz, of Weiser;
M. Kilborn, of Middle Valley;
E. S. Jewell and W. D. Shaw, of Salubria;
A. Morrison, of Council;
C. R. White, of Meadows;
E. Brannon, of Crane;
H. Lang, of Mineral;
Geo. V. Leighton, of Indian valley.

On motion the chair was added to the committee.

A resolution was adopted that the college be located within six miles of Weiser.

A motion was made and carried that P. A. Devers, T. C. Galloway, Frank Harris, W. M. Wallace and R. E. Lockwood be constituted a committee to draft an article setting forth the reasons for Washington county's claims to the college as [illegible] allowable right.

Motion made and carried that W. B. Kurtz be made chairman and B. W. Watlington secretary and treasurer of the executive committee.

Adjourned.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, the Great Commander has transferred from the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic on earth to that army that has passed to the other side, our comrade Conrad Grabb, a charter member of John A. Logan Post, No. 18, Department of Idaho, G. A. R.

Resolved, That in the death of Conrad Grabb the Post has lost an esteemed member, the Country a worthy and patriotic citizen and the community a noble and beloved neighbor.

Resolved, That we express to the widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their great bereavement.

That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the records of the Post and that a copy be furnished to the Idaho Citizen and to the WEISER SIGNAL with request to publish.

[illegible] REYNOLDS,
[illegible]
Committee on Resolutions.

Don't Apply to Wash. Co.

Evening Mail.

Idaho should establish a kindergarten to teach some of her judges of election how to send in returns. This has been a rotten election all the way through—as usual nothing has been done in a strictly legal and business-like manner. But then, Idaho doesn't mind. She's used to it.

The several hundred passengers on the steamship with a broken shaft were not the first people to get into trouble by going on a Spree.

WHAT THE STATESMAN SAYS

About Washington, the Banner County,

In Its Annual Review of Trade.

Washington and Owyhee counties are near neighbors to Boise City and offer a prospective field for our merchants. Those counties each are larger than the whole state of Rhode Island. And Washington county too with its unlimited resources, is capable of supporting a greater population than the state of Rhode Island. With its numerous valleys whose soil is often 40 feet in depth, and its fertile table lands that produce abundant crops, this county alone will be a granary for a vast foreign trade. Its timber and mines and farms will make Washington one of the richest counties in the state, and Boise City can well look to its interests.

Washington county needs a railroad. Only when the slow going freight wagon is abandoned for the iron horse will Washington county receive its just deserts. Now magnificent distances separate its sheltered valleys, with their 40 and 60 bushels of wheat to the acre, from the outside world. Though the border is but 40 miles from Boise, yet the valley of the Weiser and its tributaries stretch so far away that it is practicable to reach them only with a railroad. But a land that will produce 100 bushels of oats to the acre, and maize 18 feet tall and six full ears of corn on one stalk, as has been done on the ranch of V. D. Hannah, on Mann's creek, will not forever remain unprovided for in the matter of transportation.

All this fertile country is Boise City's natural tributary with a railroad penetrating its now unbroken solitude. The ambitious towns of Weiser, Mineral City, Rathburg, Salubria and others that will spring up in the valleys of Middle, Indian, Council, Crane Creek and Morris Creek, will all [illegible] with railway communication and contribute to the general trade with Boise City.

The world has not yet awakened to the wonders that lie within the limits of Washington county. They have never been told in printer's ink. The tourist along the Short Line has seen only a [illegible] doesn't care [illegible] speeds along seated in his Pullman car. He regards the few miles that he travels in the edge of Washington county as only so much ground that the railroad had to cross in some way. He does not dream that back among the foothills 2500 feet above the sea grow cotton, tobacco, castor beans, figs and other semi-tropical plants. He passes untasted the delicious fruits in orchard and vineyard that made this land the farmer's paradise. The apples, peaches, prunes, pears, apricots and nectarines that rival California's famous products must be set in reality before the visitor before he will believe. Not until they have experienced the balmy chinook can they understand how a country so far north and with such an elevation can have such a temperate climate that makes December seem like May. And this can not be done until a railroad is built into Washington county.

More wonderful still from a financial point of view are the mines of Washington county, whose products must naturally [illegible] in the lower valley. Gold, silver, copper and lead are here found in the greatest abundance, but they must have cheapest transportation before the owners will receive their reward deserved by long years of patient endeavor. The Seven Devils copper region on the northern boundary line, an area covering nearly 400 square miles, and containing ore that is 40 per cent pure copper, in veins 300 feet wide, has possibilities of wealth that makes one hesitate to place in print. The only surprise is that the transcontinental lines and the people who travel on them in their haste to get to the seaboard, have overlooked a country that contains the very wealth they seek.

What is said of Washington is also true of Owyhee. The thriving towns of Silver City and DeLamar, with their inexhaustible field of mineral only lack the railroad to make them great cities. Across the intervening space Boise City this bright December morning sends greeting to Washington and Owyhee, and the wish for the realization of hopes that will make their people rich and happy.

MIDDLE VALLEY MITES.

Dec. 7, 1892.

We have enjoyed pleasant weather in this vicinity for the past week, with an abundant supply of rain, mud and wind. But don't worry, boys, sleighing will come pretty soon and make us glad twice before it is gone.

Mrs. John Reavis is recovering from a slight attack of typhoid fever which has rendered her bedfast for some time past.

Work has commenced on the Middle Valley irrigation ditch which has been the talk among the farmers of this vicinity for some time. Plenty of water is hoped for next season and a reasonable amount of labor will furnish it.

There are several plows running in this vicinity, turning over the stubble of last summer's growth and some sod is being broke up since the late rains have set in.

Messrs. Ed. and Robert Jackson of this vicinity was in Weiser last week. They report everything smooth except the roads, which were rather sticky.

The idea of dehorning cattle has been the latest thing to spring up in this vicinity and Shoe Pegg. A great many of the stock men of both places have been investing in that line. The principle scheme is to economise space and give the weaker animals a fair chance with the stronger ones.

The snow capped mountains on our north and east begin to cause us to pull down our caps and think the icy fingers of winter will make us feel their stinging touches before very long.

Mr. Ross of this vicinity left here a few days ago for Weiser, where he will meet his daughter-in-law from Iowa. We are glad to have Mrs. Ross with us again and hope she will be pleased in the advancement of the country during her absence.

MIDDLE VALLEY, Dec. 14.

Fine weather seems to be the most important feature of the day. Old timers of this vicinity say we are enjoying the finest weather for this season of the year they have ever seen in Idaho.

The Middle Valley irrigation ditch is progressing rapidly under the good management of the superintendent, John Reavis, Sr.

Most of the stock men of this vicinity have commenced feeding. Stock in general looks very well to start in with. Some stock has died of late in this vicinity, mostly from the black leg, and a few cases of black tongue has made its appearance.

Mr. Fletcher and wife, of Middle Valley, have gone to visit their son at Mountain Home, where they will probably stay during the remainder of the winter.

It seems like Uncle Ben failed to get the proper curve on him to get his communication in last week's issue, but think he will probably do better when Grover takes the chair again.

The protracted meeting which has been running in the Shoe Peg neighborhood for the past three weeks will likely continue during the following week. Rev. Wells is conducting the meeting and is [illegible] considerable [illegible] two having been baptised Sunday [illegible] and [illegible] beginning to feel uneasy in regard to the condition of their souls.

There have been several cases of sickness in this vicinity of late, but most of them seem to be on the mend at this writing.

UNCLE BEN.

In some counties the canvass for commissioners was made by districts which resulted in the defeat of men who were elected by the county vote. This resulted in contests and the district count was knocked out in the courts.

Pocatello is discussing the project of an electric street railway.

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