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THIRD YEAR.

ALEXANDER GOVERNOR OF IDAHO

EXECUTIVE TAKES PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES.

WINS SPEAKERSHIP

Man Chosen on Twenty-third Ballot—John Hart Elected Senate Leader.

Gov. Alexander, of the executive department, today took part in the inauguration of the members of both houses of the legislature at the assembly hall. The governor was brief, the oath of office administered by Chief Justice of the supreme court, and was followed by a short speech by the new governor.

Gov. Alexander had been inaugurated as governor of Idaho at noon today. The inauguration took place in the presence of the members of both houses of the legislature and as many visitors as could be accommodated. The governor was brief, the oath of office administered by Chief Justice of the supreme court, and was followed by a short speech by the new governor.

The report of the caucus given by the House caucus. The House caucus was held at 10 o'clock this morning in the senate chamber. The speaker of the house, Mr. Thomas, presided. The caucus was held in the senate chamber. The speaker of the house, Mr. Thomas, presided. The caucus was held in the senate chamber. The speaker of the house, Mr. Thomas, presided.

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Governor Alexander.

up with the choosing of legislation, and they were considering legislation that will be brought up during the coming session.

The Senate Caucus.

After being in caucus more than three hours, the majority in the senate announced early Sunday morning a portion of its slate. As had been anticipated, Senator Hart of Jefferson was chosen president pro tem and S. D. Taylor of Canyon secretary.

Choose Johnston, Jr.

The southeastern part of the state fared well with jobs as far as action has been taken. Peter G. Johnston, Jr., son of Representative Johnston of Bingham, candidate for speaker of the house, was appointed a page. J. M. Thomas, the other senate page, is a son of Senator Thomas of Bingham.

At the last session Mr. Johnston had a son working as page in each house. Johnston and Thomas were appointed for the session over the vigorous protest of Senator Rockwell of Blaine. Senator Rockwell based his protest not on the ground of sectionalism or the fitness of the candidates, but on the score of nepotism, charging that the appointment of sons of members would establish that principle in the legislature.

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GIVENS READY TO GO TO "BAT"

COUNTY ATTORNEY OF ADA COUNTY—BEGAN THE GRAND JURY PROBE TODAY.

"BOISE—With guns primed for action, County Attorney Givens will Monday begin presenting to the grand jury the evidence which he has gathered providing the jury can be chosen on that day. The process of selecting will begin at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is expected it will occupy most of the day. Out of the 20 who were called, it is understood four of them cannot qualify and it may be necessary to draw some more names before the full panel may be made up. Indictments Expected.

In speaking of the coming investigation, Mr. Givens said: "I am all ready to go to the bat. We have spent a great deal of time and energy in getting our evidence ready. While the primary object of this investigation is to look into the affairs of the state house we will not stop there, but have other matters to bring to the attention of the jury. It may be one week and it may be two before there are any indictments returned, and, again, indictments may be returned almost immediately. Allen and Coleman will be brought in from the penitentiary to testify. The experts up at the state house have not completed their investigations yet."

Jury Subpoenaed.

Those who have been subpoenaed for jury service are: Arthur J. Swain, Fred W. Dally, G. H. J. Smith, James Groves, Art Cunningham, John Ireton, J. T. Busby, Matthew C. Chao, John Buchholz of South Boise, J. J. Jones of Meridian, Alvin Rogan, Samuel Rolcher, John Coul of South Boise, Frank Kojasch, U. W. Hudson of Meridian, H. Taylor of Meridian, H. B. Illingworth, Eugene Looney, J. P. McElroy, Meridian, and Ernest Windle.

AUSTRIAN PRISONERS AT NISH, SERBIA.



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EDGAR WILSON RAINS PREVENT PASSES AWAY ACTIVE WARFARE

FORMER CONGRESSMAN A VIC-LITTLE HEADWAY MADE BY TIM OF PNEUMONIA HAD ANY OF THE BELLIGERENTS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE IN EUROPE.

BOISE—While his wife, from whom he has been separated for more than a year, was being called on the telephone at her home, Edgar Wilson, once the first Idaho congressman, died at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at his apartment in the Oxybee hotel. Aute pneumonia was given as the cause of death.

Mr. Wilson had been ill for several days, having contracted a heavy cold, but his condition was not regarded as serious until his physician called Sunday morning. Mr. Wilson's attorney, Frank Martin, was summoned by the doctor and when it was learned that Mrs. Wilson had not been notified of her husband's condition, Mr. Martin stepped to the telephone to inform her.

Mrs. Wilson reached the telephone as her husband expired. He had been unconscious for some time. Last fall Mrs. Wilson filed suit for divorce and Mr. Wilson returned about two months ago from Salt Lake, where he had spent nearly a year to appear. He had made arrangements to contest the action as it affected the division of the property.

It is said Mr. Wilson executed a will last summer, but its provisions are not known.

Estimate on Estate.

His estate is estimated at around a hundred thousand dollars and is represented principally by bank stock. In addition there is a business building on Idaho street and the family home.

Mr. Wilson was born in Armstrong county, Pa., February 25, 1861. He was educated at the University of Michigan and in 1882 received the degree of doctor of laws from that institution.

He married Miss Laura Da Shell of Chicago in 1890. He came to Idaho in 1884 and was associated with Fremont Wood in the practice of law until he was elected to congress as a Republican in 1892 to succeed Willis Sweet. Later he served another term, having been elected on the Democratic and Silver Republican ticket to serve from 1899 to 1901. In 1901 Mr. Wilson was a candidate for the supreme bench on the Silver Republican ticket.

When Mr. Wood was elected to the judgeship of the Third Judicial district their relations as business associates were severed and since that time Mr. Wilson has not engaged actively in the practice of law. In 1894 he set out the Wilson orchard which he sold about eight years ago to M'Creedy Sykes.

Business Activities.

Mr. Wilson was one of the organizers of the Bank of Commerce, and later he sold his interest in that bank and transferred it to the Boise City National Bank. He helped to organize the predecessor of the Pacific National bank.

He was city attorney of Boise in 1887 and 1888, district attorney in 1888 and 1889 and a member of the constitutional convention in 1889. For a number of years he was president of the Idaho Independent School Alliance and was the first to propose the study of agriculture in the public schools of Boise.

LONDON—The extremely rainy weather, the worst Europe has experienced in years, causing floods in the river valleys of the continent, as well as those of England, has prevented any operations on a large scale. The western battle front and has serious interference with those in the east.

There have been heavy artillery engagements from the sea to the Swiss border and occasional attacks by the infantry of the opposing armies, which, when not repulsed, have added a few yards to the territory in the possession of the attacking force, but have proved costly advances.

French Make Advances.

The French have gained a little ground between Albert and Ypres, just north of the point where the line turns eastward to the east of Rheims and southwest of Verdun, where the attempts to make the German positions at St. Mihiel, on the Meuse, untenable, are proceeding slowly. They have also made some advance in Alsace, but have suffered a repulse to the northwest of St. Menehould.

Germans Gain Little.

In the east, the Germans have captured the important Russian position of Borzhom, but elsewhere they have been unable to make headway against the Russians, who, as defenders of well fortified positions, are aided by the wet weather and muddy roads, which hinder the German movements.

The Austrians claim to have checked the Russian advance near Gorlice, on the south Galician railway, west of Jaslo, but apparently the battle here has not yet been concluded.

Russians Make Opening.

The Russians, on the other hand, have taken the Austrian positions near Uzsok pass which should open another entrance for them through the Carpathians into Hungary, while the Austrian retreat in Bukovina is described by the Russians as a rout.

The Turks have crossed the Russian border in the Caucasus, and according to their own account, have defeated the Russian garrison at Ardahan. They are, however, displaying anxiety for their remaining possessions in Europe and feverishly fortifying the whole coast line. What they fear is not disclosed, for it is considered hardly possible for the allies to land a sufficient force to prove a menace to them. It is possible that they anticipate an invasion from another source.

Indications point to the possibility of the Balkan states, which are now neutral, taking a hand in the war.

Greece Fears Bulgaria.

The Greek minister of finance has declared that Greece is making preparations to maintain the new territoriality which she gained in the Balkan wars from Turkey and Bulgaria but that she has more to fear from Bulgaria than from Turkey.

It is not thought that Rumania can look on calmly while the Russians are advancing toward Transylvania and it is expected that she will join with Bulgaria and try to secure the coveted eastern provinces of Austria-Hungary.

Throughout the British empire and in the English churches in foreign countries, intercession services were

held Sunday for the success of the allies' arms. Many of the sermons embodied exhortations to the young men to join the army. King George attended services in the village church at Sandringham.

DR. SIBSON COMING.

Head of State School System Will Speak at Commercial Club Rooms Friday Night.

During the winter a number of free lectures on topics of public interest will be delivered under the auspices of the Outlook Club, and the first number will be a talk by Dr. E. O. Sisson, commissioner of education of this state, Friday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Sisson has not announced the subject of his lecture, but it is presumed it will be along educational lines, and will be of particular interest to parents and teachers. In fact a general invitation is extended to everyone to be present and it is hoped the doctor will be given a good audience.

There is much interest in the plans of the new educational commission, and the way to learn what they are doing and whether you approve of their work is to hear what they have to say. No doubt Dr. Sisson will touch on their work to date and the program outlined for the future, and he should be given a hearing whether you approve of what they are doing and recommending or not.

Remember it is Friday night and its free.

INNOCENT MAN NEARLY HANGED

GOVERNOR WEST VINDICATED IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

SALEM, Ore.—A lock of his own hair, taken from the clutch of one of his dead victims, who had fought desperately for her life and that of her child, held before his eyes, caused John G. H. Sierks, a 25-year-old inmate of the state insane asylum, to confess Sunday night to the killing of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little boy in their cabin near Scappoose, Ore., on the night of September 4, 1911.

John Arthur Pender, convicted of the crime and, until the recent passage by the people of a bill abolishing capital punishment under sentence to be hanged, will be freed by executive order in a few days. He is in the penitentiary here.

Pender had been sentenced to be hanged October 28 last. He always had maintained his innocence. When it was determined to submit a measure for the abolition of capital punishment to the voters, Governor West reproved him until after election, saying he wanted Pender to have the benefit of the people's verdict. Pender has been in the penitentiary ever since.

George A. Thatcher, a Portland criminologist, brought about the de-mo-nement. He became convinced of Pender's innocence at the time of the trial. Asylum authorities, as well as Mr. Thatcher, declare there is no doubt as to the truth of Sierks' confession.

Setting out, after clearing Pender in his own mind, to find a person capable of having committed such a crime as the Wehrman murder, Mr. Thatcher said he made a canvass of those patients in the asylum who exhibited traits such as were manifested in the case. His investigations gradually led to Sierks, who, he found, had lived in the neighborhood of Mrs. Wehrman's home. Unsuccessful, himself, in obtaining a full confession, he enlisted the aid of Rev. W. G. McLaren, the penitentiary chaplain.

What occurred between the chaplain and Sierks is told as follows by McLaren:

"I told Sierks it was not right for him to keep silent when the freedom of another man was at stake. I explained that he had been the cause of another man's life almost being forfeited. He was cunning; he said he did not do it. I told him it would be better to tell all for it would come before his Maker some day. He began to cry. Then he said they would hang him. He didn't want to go to prison."

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QUOTE ENGLAND'S PRECEDENT

STATE DEPARTMENT SHOWS ENGLAND'S POSITION TO HAVE BEEN SAME AS OURS.

SENT SHARP NOTE TO RUSSIA

Denied at That Time Right of Belligerents to Decide What Constituted Contraband of War.

WASHINGTON—Officials of the Washington government expect the coming week to clear the air of much of the uncertainty prevalent over the seizure of American cargoes and ships by the allies. With the expected answer from Great Britain to the American note of protest of a week ago, the decision of scores of special cases probably will be expected.

President Wilson and his advisers are confident that Great Britain will realize that the position of the United States, as set forth in its note, does not differ from that which Great Britain herself has repeatedly maintained in previous wars in which Great Britain was a neutral.

Cite Russian Case.

Although the American note cited Lord Esher's doctrine that food-stuffs are contraband only when proven to be destined to an enemy's force, state department officials say the volumes of international law and archives of diplomatic correspondence concerning contraband and the rights of neutrals in time of war are filled with cases and principles thoroughly justifying the American contentions. They point out, for example, that a much more drastically phrased series of notes was sent by England to Russia when the latter was at war with Japan in 1904.

Not only did England declare that foodstuffs must be shown to be for the use of an army or navy, but specific protest was entered "against the doctrine that it is for the belligerents to decide whether certain articles or classes of articles are, as a matter of course, to be dealt with as contraband of war, regardless of the well established rights of neutrals."

Serious Threats Made.

In another communication between England and Russia during the same war the former declared that "unless some steps are taken by the Russian government to restrain their naval authorities from the indiscriminate molestation of neutral traders, the amount of compensation for which the Russian government will find itself liable may assume enormous proportions. It is necessary that they should realize that it is rapidly assuming shape in which it will be impossible for the government of this country to rest content with the prospect of obtaining pecuniary compensation for the sufferers. The situation which has arisen has, indeed, become one of the utmost gravity."

The fact that almost the identical arguments authorized in the American note were vigorously proclaimed by Great Britain, not only during the Russo-Japanese war, but during previous conflicts in which the neutral commerce of England was injured through the interference of belligerent fleets, has strengthened the belief among administration officials that concessions in conformity with previous practice will be forthcoming from the British government.

Congregational Reception.

The regular New Years reception given by Dr. Ashley and daughters, of the Congregational church, was held at the parsonage, Friday evening, and was well attended. The rooms were beautiful in their Christmas decorations, with red predominating, and with poinsettias and mistletoe very much in evidence. Clifford Meacham and Clifford Tarvis waited door and a number of the ladies of the congregation assisted in serving. Dainty refreshments consisting of sherbet, cake, coffee and mince were dispensed in the dining room. Dr. Ashley and his charming daughters, fairly radiated with the cordial welcome always extended to visitors at this home. Puntor and party were then drawn closer together and gain a better mutual understanding.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD THIS YEAR IN JONATHAN
Two Days Meeting at the Chapel Will Be Devoted to Discussion of Farm Topics.



Silence and Speech

For centuries the Sphinx has been the world's Symbol of Silence. Through passing generations, in silent eloquence, this mute monument of the desert has guarded its secret. A silent, solemn sentinel in the trackless sands, this stately record of a dead race has become a symbol to all nations.

The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. "The Corporation Different"

Just as the ancient Sphinx is the world's Symbol of Silence, the modern telephone is the world's Symbol of Speech.

This is the first issue of the Signal in the new year, and while it may be permissible for us to announce a few new and good resolutions, we are not going to do so. Under its present management this paper has stood for things which are right, and with out resolving we will continue to do so in the future.

T. C. BOSTIC RESIGNS POSITION AND PURCHASES DRUG STORE

Boys Business and Stock of G. W. Chinn and Will Move Into Room Vacated by Townley Bros.

Change in Japan Current

The cause of our present cold spell said that "Tyrol" yesterday.

When the Outlaw is Being Made and

The doctrine of infant damnation receives a rather unenviable coronation in an address by a learned jurist of Dallas, Texas, during the trial of M. C. A. of that state.

When money talks we all listen.

Often a self made man doesn't live long enough to finish the job.

Change in Secretaries

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Hotel Washington held the last of the week E. L. Vanier resigned his position as secretary-treasurer and was succeeded by J. W. Gallaway.

You Will Meet Us

Sooner or later, but you should meet the prices we are making on groceries every day.

DAUER & SON

Successor to Lowry's Grocery.

HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE

1915 - Get it right. May the new year bring you happiness, a full pocketbook and a wife if you haven't one.

When a woman accuses her husband

of being bad he often goes right out and makes good.

Christabel Panikharth announces

that she will resume her campaign in England as soon as the war is over.

Winter has it uses. It makes the

lazy man hump.

Congress has bungled. It should

have put a war tax on cabbage in order to protect our army smokers.

There are 178 religious denominations

in this country, and each one is "the only true brand."

Do Not Be Deceived

The coal dealers of this town are afraid you will buy coal and jump on them as any un-biased that might drop in your lap.

P. E. ROBERTS

Paramount Pictures EDWARD ABELES "The Making of Bobby Bural" STAR THEATRE WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

AS YOU KNOW

A. W. Hamilton received word from Mrs. Hamilton, who is in Kansas City, that her sister is very ill.

Sam Lund and wife came down from Cambridge and spent New Years day with relatives and friends.

Joe Gallagher left Friday morning for Boise for a few days visit with his family and returned today.

A. H. O'Leary and little step-daughter, Miss Rita Cady, of New Meadows, were in the city Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. T. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith spent New Years with friends at Horseshoe Bend.

Senator A. L. Freshner of Council Bluffs returned Saturday on his way to Boise on business.

W. A. Hemmenway of the Flat shipped a car load of fat cattle to Portland Saturday morning.

Miss Winifred Brown returned Saturday morning after a holiday visit with her parents at Landore.

Joe Gallagher left Saturday morning for a visit with his family in Boise. He will return tomorrow.

Master Kenneth Grisman arrived in the city last week to make his home with his uncle, Carl Lindquist and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Purcell were New Years day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnston, at Edgell, their country home.

Prof Rudner returned Sunday from Salt Lake City where he has been spending the past two weeks visiting his parents.

E. B. Varian left Weiser today noon for Boise. He leaves there tonight for Portland and will be away until the last of the week.

Sanford Welker came down from Cambridge Friday and stopped off here between trains while on his way to San Francisco.

Mr. E. H. Raymond of Boise visited here several days at the home of L. B. Pound and other relatives and returned Saturday to Boise.

Leather Reeves, principal of the Kestler school in Middle Valley, returned Saturday after spending a few days here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marsh returned to their home in Cambridge Saturday after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Caldwell.

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Scene from the "Man of the Hour," Wheaton Theatre, Thursday January 7th

mother, Mrs. Sappia Adams, and returned home Saturday morning.

Herbert Byers, of Council, who is attending school at Moscow, was in the city last week on his return from spending the holidays at home.

Professor Merhofer and Miss Brundage, teachers in the Council school, returned home Saturday after spending the holidays with their home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley and daughter, Neva, of Ontario, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon and attended the Outlook club New Years ball.

Dr. C. J. Whittaker, who spends his summers at Cambridge and his winters at Pendleton, passed through Weiser Saturday on his way to Pendleton.

Pete Roberts has been busy since the first of the week putting up ice from the river. The ice is about nine inches thick and is in the best of condition.

Senator Bowman, recently elected on the Socialist ticket in Adams County, passed through Weiser Friday on his way to Boise for the opening session of the legislature.

E. C. Honne, engineer on the P. & N. passed through this city today on his way home to New Meadows after spending a few days on business in Glens Ferry.

Miss Kate Lynch returned Saturday to Blackfoot where she is teaching school. She has been spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Mary Lynch of Mann creek.

Miss Hazel Wiley who has been visiting friends in Weiser for a few days, went home Saturday and will be in the school room at Glendale, Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Colick, who has been visiting her daughter and son here for some time, went to Ontario for a short visit before going to Salt Lake for an extended visit.

Dr. C. P. Gillipie and wife left Saturday for their home in Council Bluffs some time the doctor has been in the hospital here taking treatment. He said he was wonderfully improved and would be able to resume his duties in a short time.

Miss Ethel Shannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Shannon, left last week for Spokane, where she will enter the Sacred Heart hospital to take training in nursing. Her many friends wish her success.

Chas. Reavis, one of the prominent farmers of Middle Valley, was in the city Sunday. He reports about as much snow up here as we have here and so far an open winter although colder than usual.

Practically all of the business houses in the city were closed from 12 o'clock to the balance of the day Friday celebrating New Years. Some few closed all day but the majority did not discontinue business until noon.

In an interview today with Mrs. Bage she said it was the present intention to have the building now occupied enlarged in the rear if it could be arranged. If not, then they would be compelled to seek larger quarters as the installation of new machinery would absolutely compel the occupation of more room. In the summer it is the intention of the new firm to pay special attention to the manufacture of ice cream and ice as it is in this line that Mr. Johnson has the most experience.

Mr. Rasmusson who bought in here about two months ago and took over the business of Earl Johnston will remain in the middle of the month after which time he leaves for the northern part of the state where he will continue along the same line of work he has been doing here.

In a new firm expected to engage in business in every branch and in the spring they will make other additions. They will also be given out at this time.

If you have a want, large or small or any article to sell, trade, rent, buy or barrow, a few lines in the Signal Classified Column will save the time and trouble of a personal visit.

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK Good Resolution for 1915. Firmly resolve that you can and will add more dollars to your Bank Account during the coming year.

MAN BOUND FOR MEDFORD IS TALKED INTO STOPPING HERE

Wm. Dake of Boulder, Colorado, Charley and his wife, after a conversation with John Fagerstedt.

MEET MARKET IN NEW HOME

Work was completed the last of the week on the moving of the Weiser Meat Market and they are now occupying their new quarters in the building until recently occupied by the Weiser Trading Company.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCES

The Maui orchestra consisting of six pieces gave a dance new years eve at the K. P. Hall which was well attended, most of those present being the young crowd. The music was excellent.

OUTLOOK CLUB LADIES ATTENTION

The club will hold one of its most important meetings, Wednesday afternoon at the usual place. All members are not only requested but earnestly urged to be present as business of the utmost importance will be considered.

Called for Teacher's Resignation

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Weiser was held, Saturday night, at which the resignation of W. H. Breenham, principal of the west side school, was requested.

WEISER CREAMERY PURCHASED BY MRS. RUGG OF HOLDRIDGE, NEB.

Purchase Was Made January 1 and Immediate Possession Given - Will Be Managed by O. G. Johnson.

Thursday of this week a deal was consummated whereby the ownership of the Weiser Creamery passed from the hands of E. C. Rasmusson to Mrs. Leitha Rugg, late of Holdridge, Nebraska, and possession was given Friday, January 1st.

The prompt action of the Board of Education in this instance is to be commended, and the Signal hopes the city will direct its attention to the educational atmosphere and establishing a higher standard of honor and morals in our city schools is but a forerunner of what is to follow in the future. The guidance of the youth of

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LOST - My one dog, black and white, Wenton theatre and my residence. Finder return to my office and receive liberal reward. Dr. S. B. Dudley. 37-11-AD

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

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Big Reduction

ON Horse Blankets, Plush Robes, Auto Robes. R. W. JOHNSON, HARNESS SHOP

Wheaton Theatre. Thursday, Jan. 7 Robert Warwick in "THE MAN OF THE HOUR" William A. Brady feature in five parts at the Wheaton Theatre Thursday