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THE VACANCY SHOULD BE FILLED.

We presume that President Wilson is ready to fill the vacancy at the Boise land office as soon as the warring factions of the Democratic party of Idaho can agree upon a man.

The leaders of the Democratic party in this state know the conditions on thousands of homesteads. They are both eloquent in their praise; deep in their sympathy; and forceful in their expression.

THE SYSTEM PREVAILS ELSEWHERE.

The Tribune was of the opinion that the "blank diploma" idea originated and was exclusively practised in Caldwell. It seems that we are in error.

"Of the fourteen members of this year's graduating class from the Emmett schools, eleven passed and three failed. The three that failed were given blank diplomas."

"Who is to blame for this state of affairs The index is not prepared to say. The fact that ten of the graduates passed creditably would indicate that the blame should not be laid upon the instructors."

The fact that Emmett public schools issue "blank diplomas" is not direct nor conclusive evidence that the Caldwell public schools do the same thing.

The Tribune knows that there are splendid men and women in the public schools. We have never intimated that such was not the case.

He who says that there has been progress in the process of educating children knows not of what he is talking. There has been change—experimentation—but no real progress.

The test of progress in educating is the graduate. Business men the country over deplore the incapacity of bright men and women graduates of the public schools.

real education commences. A boy spends from eight to twelve years in school and as a net result can read indifferently, spell poorly, write illegibly and figure incorrectly.

The trouble with our school system is that it attempts to ape the academies and colleges. It wants to teach Latin, French and the higher mathematics and has not time for fundamentals.

THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK.

The council has caused to be published in the official newspaper of the city, the Caldwell News, the annual report of Clerk Dunlap for which the taxpayers of the city should be very grateful.

According to the published report the total receipts of the year were \$155,486.06. Of this amount \$51,349.13 went to paying the running expense of the city.

Table listing city expenditures: Cemetery \$1,671.70, Park 889.50, Sprinkling 3,611.81, Water Works 8,274.88, City Hall Maintenance 1,366.44, City Engineer 1,002.22, Library 715.26, Police 2,202.08, Fire Department 2,500.79, City Clerk 1,990.70, City Printing 502.94, City Attorney 579.15, Roads 9,769.08, Street Lighting 905.05

If the people of Caldwell want to reduce the cost of city government they must prepare to do with less of something or other.

LAFOLLETTE MAKES A SPEECH.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette recently made a speech and when the Senator makes a speech he makes a speech. This particular speech dealt with the influences that were brought to bear on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This speech will never be read by anyone. It was not even listened to in the senate. It is simply a useless waste of public money.

Apparently oil has no good effect on the troubled waters of Colorado.—Duluth Herald.

HOW IT HITS THE AMERICAN FARMERS

Free-Trade Means Increases in Imports and Big Decrease in Export.

(Washington Post.) In an official statement, the Department of Commerce frankly admits that there has been a large increase in food imports under the Underwood-Simmons Tariff law.

In March, 1914, when the new low Tariff was in full operation, the imports in foodstuffs were valued at more than \$24,000,000, as against only \$17,500,000 in March, 1913.

The significance of these figures will not be lost upon the farmers of the United States. No class of men is so mindful of its own interest as the agricultural population for political purposes in their granges, and yet they make little noise before the elections.

The Republican party learned its lesson when the Canadian reciprocity agreement was passed by Congress. There seemed to be little cohesion in the protests that came from the agricultural regions at the time the bill was under consideration.

Appeals to prejudice or passion make little impression upon the phlegmatic farmer. He is a close student of economics so far as his own pocket book is concerned.

Furthermore, the American farmer is now told that in addition to his loss in the domestic market he lost \$6,700,000 in the foreign trade, as shown by the drop in exports.

AND THE BRASS BAND PLAYED

The Salt Lakers, with their wizard wailing like a lost soul, arrived in Parma on almost schedule time shortly after high noon yesterday.

The excursion was not the only event, however, at that hour, as there was a wedding in town. But the wedding being a private affair, the great majority of Parma's populace were interested in the public function—the arrival of the excursion train and the band.

Thus was Parma cheated out of an open air concert which many looked forward to for a fortnight. In charity, though, for the Parma "higher-ups," there may have been one extenuating reason for their action.

One Parma boy was heard to say: "I thought we were going to hear a band play. I'll bet the Parma band can beat all that we heard."

PROGRESSIVE PROCESSES IN POWER.

The Lewiston Tribune recently published an editorial under the heading "Progressive Processes in Their Full Flower" which dealt with the deplorable condition of affairs in Colorado.

The most deplorable and discouraging aspect of it is that Colorado has taken first rank as a reform state. It has suffragism, initiative, recallism, and every other sort of ism yet devised for the purpose of purifying government and letting the people rule.

something not worth having unless it comes in the right way, and yet no one can win nowadays, as a rule, unless he stoops to those very tricks.

Recorder Don't Like Stevens. The Caldwell Tribune suggested, before it happened, that unless Judge Stevens could be appointed supreme judge or something, he was likely to come out for governor.

PROVERBS AND PHRASES.

Glory is the shadow of virtue.—Motto of the Irish Baron Longford.

A wise traveler never despises his own country.—Goldoni.

Is there no tyrant but the crowned one?—Chenier.

Truth has not such an urgent air.—Boileau.

STORIES OF THE DAY.

Appropriate Text. It was the custom in a minister's family to have each member repeat a verse from the Bible at the beginning of every meal.

Thou hast prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.—Ex.

No. Hurry. While the reporter was telephoning his story from Sing Sing recently a convict hammering on the floor made it hard for the reporter to hear.

Only Seven. They tell a story about a Fifth Avenue food king who, blustering into the house at four o'clock in the morning, growled:

A Crabpecked Husband. The little, mild, bald-headed man had settled down in the train to read, and, feeling drowsy after a trying day at business, fell asleep.

The Truth About Caesar. For those whose ideas on Julius Caesar and Rome are a little hazy, and who find Shakespeare's little sketch on the same subject too involved for a definite conception of what really happened to Julius, we respectfully submit the following clear, concise summary from the examination paper of a western schoolboy:

Caesar was a very nice man and ruled nicely till toward the last of his reign and the people were against him. The ides of March warned him

against them, they had told his wife about that he would be killed if he was at the senate at the special time, she became very worried and told him he shouldn't go to work in the senate this morning but she had not been in her right mind for a while so Caesar paid no attention to her.

How the Times Change. A magazine complains that there are no little girls anymore. And you may have observed that middle-aged women are scarcer than they used to be.

Against Advertising. "Why don't you advertise?" asked the editor of the home paper. "Don't you believe in advertising?" "I'm agin advertising," replied the proprietor of the Hayville Racket store.

Very Near It. Jones—He thinks he's the whole thing, doesn't he? Smith—Well, I'd hardly go as far as that! but he certainly considers himself a quorum.—Smith Set.

Of Course Not. Mother—"Mabel, did you kiss that young man last night while you were saying good-by to him?" Daughter—"No, mamma, dear, I always say 'au revoir' to him."—Boston Globe.

Like a Perfect Lady. Mrs. Smith was engaging a new servant and sat facing the latest applicant. "I hope," said she, "that you had no angry words with your last mistress before leaving?"

Oh, dear, no, mum; none whatever, while she was having her bath I just locked the door of the bath room, took all her things and went away as quietly as possible.—Youth's Companion.

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We refer those who have not banked with US to those who have. Make OUR bank YOUR bank We pay 5 per cent interest on savings The Western National Bank UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY