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REFUSE TO MAKE REFUND

Boundary County Cleared Over \$2,000 On the Job of Transcribing County Records

BOUNDARY NEEDS THE MONEY

Commissioners May Ask the Courts To Decide the Question

In accordance with the bill providing for the division of Bonner county and creating Boundary county, Boundary county paid Bonner county at the rate of 8 cents per folio for the transcribing of the county records and the total amounted to over \$2,000 more than the work cost Bonner county. Accordingly the commissioners of Boundary county recently requested Bonner county to return the surplus, the request being made as follows:

"In as much as there is a balance over and above the cost of transcribing the records for Boundary county;

"And in as much as it was not the intent of the bill providing for the creation of Boundary county and the transcribing of the records for the said county that Bonner county should make a profit out of the work of transcribing said records;

"And in as much as it is not permissible that one county enter into a contract or agreement with another county whereby the one may receive money from the other without having rendered service sufficient to justify;

"And in as much as it is not right that the taxpayers of Bonner county should receive the benefit of a sum of money, paid from the funds of Boundary county unless the taxpayers of Boundary county shall have gotten value received therefrom;

"And in as much as Bonner county did file a claim against Boundary county for transcribing records which was in excess of what it actually cost Bonner county to do the work, which claim was allowed by Boundary county in good faith, and under the impression that the last named county was getting value received;

"And in as much as Bonner county did receive from Boundary county the sum of \$2,111.44, more or less, according to the records of the commissioners' proceedings under date of October 13th, 1915, over and above the cost of transcribing records for Boundary county;

"We, therefore, the authorized and acting officials of the said county, ask you in all fairness to the county of Boundary, which we represent in the claim herewith enclosed, to grant the allowance of the above mentioned amount.

Yours respectfully,
"Board of County Commissioners, Boundary County, Idaho."

The action taken thus far by Bonner county is related in the following extract from the Sandpoint Pend d'Oreille Review:

"As an after event in connection with the cost of transcribing the county records for the new county, a communication was presented to the Bonner county commissioners from Boundary county demanding in the name of justice and right that the sum of \$2,111.44, which this county had 'pocketed' as profit off the job, and which had been collected from Boundary county over and above the actual cost of the work, be returned to that county. The Bonner county commissioners promptly turned down the claim. This case of the charge for transcribing is a peculiar one. According to the act of the legislature in creating the new county, it was ordered that the county auditor of Bonner county do the transcribing and the pay for the same should be 8 cents per folio. Naturally at first thought it was believed that the auditor personally should receive his compensation, regardless of what the work might have cost him; but later the McBride majority found that Auditor McCrea was entitled to receive only a 'fair compensation' over and above the expense he had actually been in the work. This, according to McBride, amounted to a sum \$2,111.44 less than the job would amount to at 8 cents per folio. McCrea was therefore deprived of the velvet off the job. Nevertheless a bill for the full 8 cents per folio was presented to Boundary county for the work, and since the law prescribed that that was what should be paid, that county issued a

warrant to this county for the full amount.
"Bonner county, though not supposed to be in business for profit, has therefore realized \$2,111.44 actual gain off the job. It was clearly a defect in the law but from appearances this county will hold the money for a time at least."

TO RAISE WHITE CLOVER SEED

Local Ranchers See Big Money in Seed Raising Business Here

A number of the land owners of this district plan to go into the seed raising business on an extensive scale this coming season. Quite a large area of land will be devoted to the raising of white Dutch clover seed. G. W. Spoerry has prepared nine and a half acres of ground and J. B. Brody will put in a seven acre tract. S. W. Biggar is planning to put 20 acres in red clover which he will raise for seed.

A number of other land owners will probably follow suit and Messrs. Spoerry and Brody have ordered a clover and alfalfa hulling machine with which they hope to thresh several tons of seed this fall. Mr. Spoerry states that there is big money in the raising of clover seed. Such seed is always in great demand and always commands top prices. The northern grown seed is conceded to be the best. He has made a thorough investigation of the market conditions and prices offered and the successes made by growers in all parts of the country and as a result is convinced that a minimum yield will net him \$200 clear to the acre at the rate of 80 cents per pound for the seed.

Mr. Spoerry is also putting in several acres of strawberries. He is planting the Everbearing berry which yields all through the season, is of good size and fine flavor. These plants are quite expensive and cost Mr. Spoerry, in the east, at the rate of \$4 per hundred.

BARKER ASKS RE-ELECTION

Secretary of State George R. Barker was in Sandpoint last Friday and Saturday attending to business matters. While in Sandpoint Mr. Barker made formal announcement of his candidacy for nomination and re-election on the republican ticket as secretary of state.



Geo. R. Barker, Secretary of State

The people of Boundary and Bonner counties will undoubtedly be glad of the chance to again support Mr. Barker. He has not been a mere figurehead in the office he holds but has attended to his duties in a conscientious manner. He has made a record which will and does show for itself and consequently he does not need to stomp the state to "tell the people how the business of his department is run."

The election of men of Mr. Barker's type will hasten the day of efficient administration of the affairs of state and reduced taxation.

EASTER SUNDAY

At the Methodist church next Sunday, April 23, the following program will be rendered: Voluntary, Leah Northrup; music; scripture reading; prayer; class song, Mrs. Yahne's class; class exercise and song, Mrs. Robinson's class; music; anthem, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," choir; solo, Mrs. Robinson; duett, Mrs. Fogelsong and Miss Cave; solo, Mrs. Yahne; chorus, "Crown Him King of Kings."

Civic League Has Great Work To Do

Citizens of Bonners Ferry Are Giving Heartiest Support to New Organization--Means A Bigger, Better Bonners Ferry

The meeting held at the courthouse last Saturday for the purpose of forming the Civic League was well attended and enthusiasm marked every step in the process of organization. All those present expressed themselves as being anxious to take part in the work of improving the conditions and beautifying Bonners Ferry.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harold J. McCoy who explained the object of the gathering and invited the comments and suggestions of the audience. J. R. Viley, who as president of the commercial club had been invited to attend the meeting, was made temporary chairman and for some time a general discussion of ways and means was taken up.

Upon the perfection of the organization, Mrs. A. B. Wilson was elected president, Mrs. J. I. Monks vice president, Mrs. Harold J. McCoy, secretary, and Mrs. D. C. MacDonald, treasurer. Mrs. Wilson appointed an executive committee composed of Mrs. G. W. Bush, Mrs. H. A. Gale and Mrs. W. L. Kinnear.

On Monday night the officers of the Civic League and the executive committee met and discussed further plans for the completion of the organization. It was decided to start a campaign for new members and a membership committee composed of Mesdames H. O. Jackson, T. J. Hollinger, H. Bolleau, J. R. Viley, Edson Cave and W. H. Torrence, was appointed. A publicity committee was also appointed and the following members named: Mrs. Harold McCoy, chairman, Mrs. J. V. Stanley, Mrs. C. W. King, Mrs. O. C. Wilson, and Mrs. Bartlett Sinclair.

The mind of the nation is being excited over the question of preparedness. By many it is thought the country is not prepared to resist a hostile attack by foreign nations.

The Civic League of Bonners Ferry believes that Bonners Ferry is in need of another character of preparedness—preparedness against dis-

ease and sickness from a hostile horde of germs. The preparedness called for in the latter case consists in cleaning the town's streets, alleys and yards and putting the entire community in a state of safe and sound sanitation.

To accomplish results the Civic League urges every householder to make a thorough clean-up around his own home. Debris of every description should be burned or removed to a safe distance from town. Tin cans, decayed vegetation, old boxes and household rubbish, when thrown in heaps about the town produce the most favorable conditions for the spread of ills. Accumulations of those articles are the deadly incubators of microbes which daily hazard the health and lives of the young and old alike. It is the essential purpose of the Civic League to induce the people to employ clean-up week in a crusade against these dangerous conditions. It helps to establish the preparedness advocated by the Civic League to substitute a rose bush for an ash pile, a bed of pansies for a collection of unsightly cans, a hedge of evergreen or lilacs for a rickety fence, a square yard of violets for a mound of old shoes, boxes and broken china. For the town the preparedness against disease is far more pressing than the preparedness for national defense.

The city has arranged to send a dray to every house in town to collect such rubbish as can not be destroyed. By putting this indestructible matter in a boxes or bags and place the same in the street in front of your house will facilitate the drayman in getting rid of those disease-breeding factors. The dray will be at your door Saturday, April 22nd, prepared to take away such material as you may care to have removed.

It is the intention later of the league to devise ways and means of beautifying the town. At the present time, however, the league deems it more important to inaugurate measures of sanitation.

Will Enlarge and Remodel The Commercial Hotel

George R. Gray announced yesterday that he had decided to spend in the neighborhood of \$3,500 in remodeling the Commercial Hotel and adding a third story to the building.

Mr. Gray plans to begin the construction of the third story and the remodeling about the first of June. According to the present plans the third story of the hotel building will provide for 16 additional rooms a number of which will be equipped with private baths. This will give

the Commercial Hotel some 40 rooms.

A new lobby will also be constructed and Mr. Gray is figuring on putting in an electric elevator. The lobby will have dimensions of 25 by 40 feet.

With the completion of the improvements planned the Commercial Hotel will be well able to care for a considerable increase over the present average business and be in a position to offer its patrons the comforts and conveniences found in the hotels of the larger cities.

A NEW PLUMBING FIRM HERE

Open Temporary Office and Shop Opposite Court House

The Lewis Contracting Co., of which J. H. Lewis is general manager, has permanently located in Bonners Ferry and is occupying temporary quarters in the I. O. O. F. building opposite the county court house. Mr. Lewis has been in this city for the past winter as superintendent of the sewer construction work. The work on the sewer will be completed by the first of May and after that date Mr. Lewis plans to devote his entire time to the handling of sewer connections and plumbing of all kinds.

Mr. Lewis is a Spokane man and has been in the general contracting and plumbing business for the past 20 years and has also had a great deal of experience in concrete and paving work. Jack Lydon, an expert plumber of Spokane, will have charge of the plumbing department of the new firm.

While attending to his duties in connection with the construction of the sewer, Mr. Lewis has made many friends in Bonners Ferry and he is confident he will be able to secure his share of the patronage and build up a paying business in the city.

Still More Candidates

The republicans of Commissioner's District No. 2, will have a number of good men from which to select a county commissioner at the next election. W. E. Rath, of Porthill and Al Gudbaur, of Copeland, were among the first to announce their candidacies and this past week W. W. Branom and A. D. Welch have made formal announcement. Both Mr. Branom and Mr. Welch live within a few miles of Bonners Ferry and have a wide acquaintance all over the county.

C. C. Ames, of Porthill, was in town Saturday and told a number of his friends that he intended to enter the race for the commissioner-ship of the county in the Second District. He will make his announcement later.

Tomorrow teams in the employ of the city will visit all parts of the city and haul away the rubbish which has been gathered together and placed in convenient places in the alleys and streets. The teams are being furnished by the city, and the work will be carried on under the supervision of J. W. Reid who is chairman of the health and sanitation committee of the city council.

ELLIOTT HAS STRONG SUPPORT

Supporters All Over State Favoring Boundary County Aspirant.

Senator E. E. Elliott left last Friday morning for Twin Falls to attend the republican state convention which was held yesterday. He stopped off at Sandpoint over Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening addressed the Kootenai-Benewah convention of the Farmers' Union which was held at Rathdrum. He also stopped off at Lewiston and Orofino to meet friends and hold political conferences.

In an interview given out in Spokane Sunday, Senator Elliott said:

"I have practically completed a tour of the ten counties in the northern end of the state and will remain in southern Idaho after the state convention in the interest of my candidacy for congress.

"I feel confident that the northern section of the state will be able to concentrate its vote on some single candidate both for governor and congress. If successful in doing this, the election of northern men to these offices will, in my opinion, be assured."

Relative to the effect of the probable candidacy of ex-Congressman Burton L. French of Moscow, Senator Elliott said: "I still hope that Mr. French will allow me a clear field, but in case he insists on entering the race, it will not change my plans or cause me to retire from the race. I am assured of a very strong support not only in the north, but throughout the entire south, and have been successful in lining up a strong working organization in a large number of counties."

Mr. and Mrs. Myrvin Davis left for Spokane Thursday morning where Mrs. Davis will spend a few days visiting with friends and relatives. Mr. Davis returned this morning. While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Davis attended the concert of the Royal Gwent Chorus.

MAKES FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

H. H. Taylor, of Sandpoint, lieutenant governor of Idaho, made formal announcement last Saturday of his candidacy for nomination on the republican ticket as governor at the September primaries. In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Taylor said: "The platform of the party will be adopted at a state convention. I



Lieut. Gov. H. H. Taylor

want to have something to do with making that platform. When I realize that the united wisdom of the party is greater than that of any one candidate, I would like to urge the doing of some things in which I personally believe.

"I favor long-time loans, low interest rates, and the amortization of loans. County officers should not be made the appraisers for loan purposes. This would lead to favoritism, be used for political purposes and result in poor loans.

"I owe no political debts; am under no obligation except to give my best effort in the administration of the office.

"I have supported every measure for more speedy disposition of our state lands and laws extending the time of payment and reducing the rate of interest. I am not in favor of stopping the purchase of school bonds by the state. The state furnishes practically the only market for the smaller issues of bonds, and in all justice, the schools are entitled to this market. This provision of the law benefits more people than would the loan of those

CLEAR TITLE TO BONNERPORT

Government Only Recently Issues Patent To N. P. for Main Business Section of Town

NO QUESTION OF LEGALITY RAISED

Records in Abstract Office Brings Curious Fact to Light

While it is not generally known, it is a fact that until last Saturday no patent from the government of the United States had ever been issued to the land comprising the townsite of Bonnerport. Titles have been passed, deeds and mortgages given, with as great confidence as though the land was not, as yet, public land. At the above date, however, patent from the government of the United States to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, covering this land was filed in this county. This patent was issued only a short time ago, being dated February 28, 1916.

Old timers will remember that the land now covered by this townsite was an Indian allotment, and that a relinquishment was secured and a location notice filed for the townsite of Bonnerport. No sooner was this done than things began to happen. The Northern Pacific at once claimed priority over the locators, and after a long and expensive series of litigation the matter was finally compromised, and the railway company deeded the land in question to J. F. Cook, Jr., as trustee for the inhabitants. Mr. Cook later deeded the land to the respective holders, and each paid a proportionate share of the cost of same as assessed by the town board. But no patent from the government to the Northern Pacific was issued at that time and for years the matter went unheeded.

However, a few days ago the question was brought up to Myrvin Davis, manager of the Boundary Abstract company, and as all the township plats in the county offices here did not show Lot 11, in section 27, 62, 1 E., which is the official federal description, as now given, of the townsite of Bonnerport, Mr. Davis, on Wednesday last, wired the Surveyor General at Boise, inquiring as to what portion of section 27, 62, 1 E., comprised Lot 11, and received the following reply:

"Myrvin Davis, Bonners Ferry, Idaho—Lot 11, section 27, T. 62, R. 1 E., identical with Bonner Port townsite.

"Utter, Surveyor General."

As the patent recently filed made no reference to the townsite and the plats showed no such lot in the said section, it was at first thought that the description was in error. The telegram of the Surveyor General clears the matter, however, and landholders in the townsite of Bonnerport are no longer in danger of having their land jumped by ambitious homesteaders.

same funds to private individuals.

"The affairs of the state land board should be fully checked and the management systematized.

"The party should stand for the utmost economy in the administration of state and county affairs and the affairs of smaller municipalities. "A uniform system of accounting for both state and counties should be adopted. The game department should be taken out of politics. The tax department should be reestablished.

"Adequate financial support should be given the state militia; it should also be removed from all political influence.

"I believe my experience has qualified me to know the needs of the state and justifies me in aspiring to the office."

Hears Lien Case Wednesday

The case of Olaf Langlie, et al., against R. J. Armstrong was taken up before Judge Dunn in the district court Wednesday evening, the case being presented on a stipulated statement of facts. The attorneys for the plaintiff and defendant will file briefs on the law questions involved. The case involves a number of labor liens filed on saw logs and railroad ties which were logged in the vicinity of Naples. Bottom and Wilson represent the plaintiff and E. W. Wheelan is attorney for the defendant.