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THE DROUTH

It Will Pinch, but There is no Wisdom in Running.

Some scores of men have come to Mountain Home and vicinity in the past few months, with the intention of making permanent locations here. The greater part of these people are from North Dakota, and all from the prairie states. Most of them have already located on lands. Some of them have brought their families, and others expected to do so in the spring.

Now the failure of the snow crop—Idaho's most important crop—and the consequent prospect of an insufficient water supply, has filled the minds of some of them with gloom and discouragement and perplexity. The unfavorable outlook for this season is not to be denied. No good can come to any legitimate interest from pretending that we have now any reasonable prospect of water enough to raise a full crop here this season.

But the discouraging conclusions drawn from these phenomenal conditions by some of these people, and the despairing view of the status of their enterprises, are not justified by the real facts. They arise chiefly from a lack of understanding of the actual conditions in Idaho, and a failure to compare these conditions with those prevailing in the countries which they have left. They happened to meet an extreme condition at the time they changed locations; and they are in danger of being influenced by an extreme view of the difficulties before them, forgetting those from which they fled.

From recent observations of A. Loveridge, Solon McCoy, T. G. Boardman, Marion Daniels and others, which could be reinforced by the recollections of W. J. Turner, Geo. P. Hall, A. W. Lockman, A. M. Hall, G. W. Fletcher, W. A. Reynolds, Commodore Jackson and a host of others, we are reminded that there has never been, since the settlement of the country, but one season when there was such a scarcity of water as there is likely to be this year. That, we believe, was 1889. With the improved facilities for storage, it is extremely unlikely that the new settlers who hold steady through this year will live to see another such dearth.

Drouths are of frequent occurrence, and sometimes very severe, in the prairie states. One great difference between a drouth here and one there is this: There the farmer has no forewarning of the drouth until he has squandered his seed and the labor of plowing and cultivation, and his crops have nearly reached the time of maturity; and then a great share of that outlay goes for nought. Here if a drouth does occur, it occurs in the winter, and the farmer knows, the same as in normal seasons, the basis upon which he can make his crop calculations.

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let, and "bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know"—only too well, and which far exceed those which confront us here just now.

A slight improvement in general conditions has already occurred since the above was put in type. Some snow has fallen in the mountains and the valleys have been visited by beneficial showers.

While the outlook, as previously stated, is not very encouraging at the present time, still, it is within the scope of possibility that no one will be seriously injured, after all.

WEAVER-PAYNE

Wedding of Popular Young Couple During Coming Week.

Announcement is made of the marriage—on Wednesday, March 29, 1905—of Lawrence J. Weaver and Miss Mabel Lucella Payne. Rev. C. E. Mason will perform the ceremony at the Congregational church, after which a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Payne.

Miss Payne has been a popular member of Mountain Home society and musical circles for several years, including, among her other accomplishments, that of newspaper writer. In this capacity she has been of valuable assistance to her father in the publication of the Herald. At the last annual session of the Idaho Press Association at Boise, Miss Payne read a paper on "The Evolution of Woman in Journalism," which was well received. The groom is interested in the gold dredging operations at Grandview, on the Snake river. He is a nephew of Gen. Weaver.

Saturday evening the Misses Mellen and Tanner entertained, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mellen, the function being in honor of the bride and groom, and this afternoon the Entre Nous Club will hold a reception in honor of Miss Payne, at the residence of Mrs. A. Rosenheim.

Tanner Resigns.

Village Marshal Tanner tendered his resignation early last week, and was succeeded by Chas. Turner. Mr. Tanner has decided to wield the shears which separate the sheep from their winter overcoats.

It will bring rich, red blood, firm flesh and muscle. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. Taken this month, keeps you well all summer. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets Roscoe W. Smith. *

Little Shedden Pryde of Rock Springs, Wyo., nephew of Mrs. C. E. Mason, died of spinal meningitis the 15th. Mrs. Pryde visited in Mountain Home last summer and many will remember the little fellow of three years of age. The baby daughter in the same family is dangerously sick.

FRESH COWS

Milk can be obtained from, and will be delivered in evening by,
26-29 MRS. PHELPS WHITNEY.

Friday afternoon the Junior Endeavor Society gave a Dime social at the W. D. Reynolds residence.

Dr. W. F. Smith visited the Ferry last week.

TUMOR ON BRAIN

Ray Bailey Succumbs to a Number of Complications.

Raymond Edwin Bailey, son of Mrs. Peter Anson, died at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 15, 1905. The boy was born at Crookston, Minn., August 14, 1894, where his father, Charles Bailey, died 9 years ago. The latter's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bailey, live here, Mr. Bailey having supervised the construction of the great Long Tom irrigation reservoir.

About 4 years ago Ray was knocked down by a wheelman, sustaining injuries which resulted in curvature of the spine. Other complications followed, and about 10 days ago he was stricken with brain fever. The physicians worked untiringly to save the little fellow's life, but the odds were too great to be overcome. Indications of improvement appeared at times, only to be followed by reactionary spells.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he appeared to be better, but at 11 p. m. he suffered a sinking spell from which the doctors revived him, and at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning he passed away while the physician was being summoned from an adjoining room.

Ray was a bright boy, and was very popular with his schoolmates. He was in Miss Barrett's room—the 4th grade—which was dismissed for the day of the funeral, last Thursday. Services were held at the Anson residence at 2 p. m., Rev. C. R. Waite officiating. Pallbearers were selected from the lad's classmates. They were Henry Horning, Elmer Person, Elmer Turner, Marvin Turner, Lorey Lahtinen, Fred Jackson.

On account of the peculiar nature of this case the physicians were anxious to make a post mortem examination. This was done, disclosing an immense tumor on the brain. In addition to this the heart was seriously affected.

MINSTRELS

Mahara Bros. Have Unexcelled Aggregation.

One of the newest departures in the school of modern minstrelsy is the engagement by Mahara Bros. of three musical stars who, as yet, have not been seen nor heard, except in concert work, in which field they have reputations as musicians.

Music is but a part of the Mahara Bros. entertainment this year. Many other and novel features are offered, among the better known being Gordon C. Collins, well remembered as a knock-about comedian and dancer; Walter Maxwell, trick bicyclist, and John English, hoop-controller, both of whom defy all the laws of gravity; Leroy Bland, ballad singer; Pettie & Mathews, topical songsters; and many others.

They will be at the opera house tonight—Tuesday, March 21.

There are 35 people, big lady chorus, band of 16, orchestra of 8. Street parade at noon. Prices 50, 75, \$1.

Water Question.

Saturday afternoon a number of prominent men met at the office of E. M. Wolfe, Esq., to discuss the feasibility of artesian water in this section. In addition to Mr Wolfe,

those interested were Levi Mellon, Ben Quarry, Ben Ross, J. A. Purtil, Chas. Turner, C. Nicholson, Chas. Porter, Casper Hein, and a number of others whose names were not learned. Reports of the U. S. Experimental Officer were read, and after a short discussion the meeting was adjourned until Friday at 8 p. m.

If taken this month, keeps you well all summer. It makes the little ones eat, sleep and grow. A spring tonic for the whole family. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Roscoe W. Smith. *

GUARDIAN'S SALE

Business Affairs of Chris. Baltzer to be Closed Up.

E. M. Wolfe, Esq., went to Silver City Monday, accompanied by John Mitchell of Bruneau, for the purpose of securing an order from the Probate Court authorizing the sale of the property of Chris. Baltzer, who is now in a sanitarium in Bavaria.

Mr. Mitchell is the guardian of the person and estate of Baltzer, who, last July or August, was returned to his home in the old country on account of his mental condition. The estate consists of considerable ranch property, and a store, hall, etc., at Bruneau. Baltzer's cousin, a man named Christianson, lives at Bruneau; his mother and sister are in Bavaria.

Mr. Wolfe, who is Guardian Mitchell's attorney, will return Thursday. It is expected that the sale of property will be held in two or three weeks.

TEACHERS ELECTED

The School Trustees met last Wednesday and appointed teachers for the coming year as follows:

Superintendent, Prof. E. G. Bailey of Clear Lake, Iowa.

Grammar Grade, Miss Cora Walker.

Fifth and Sixth Grades, Miss Berdine Leonard.

Fourth Grade, Miss Minnie Tanner.

Third Grade, Miss Gertrude Mellen.

Second Grade, Miss Dona Harris.

Assistant Superintendent and Primary teacher were not selected, the matter going over to a future meeting.

Little Camas Phone.

Charlie Abbott (he of the genial smile) returned Sunday from Little Camas, where the telephone squad finished work Saturday. Service can now be had with that section without necessitating the roundabout Boise connection. The central station is in J. W. Bailey's store.

Royal Neighbors.

The next State Encampment of the Royal Neighbors will be held in Mountain Home on Tuesday, April 11, 1905.

MILLINERY OPENING

Mrs. Mary Hendricks announces her Millinery opening on Monday, March 27.

PASTURE

A few head of stock will be taken to pasture for the summer by
26-29 F. E. WHITNEY.

Wm. Reader left for Weiser on last night's train, having completed the Rosenheim foundation.

STATE BOARDS

Work Important to Idaho Planned for the Future.

W. C. Howie, Esq., of Mountain Home, is again president of the State Dairy, Pure food and Oil Commission for the next two years. The other members of the commission are A. F. Hitt, secretary; Hon. W. H. Gibson (Secretary of State), Prof. A. McPherson and Prof. H. T. French. Prof. McPherson is also Horticultural Inspector, Bee Inspector, and Sealer of Weights and Measures. The Commission recently met in Boise for reorganization, after which a joint meeting was held with the State Board of Horticultural Inspection.

The Pure Food Commission is to hold a meeting on April 11, when a State Chemist will be appointed and the location of a laboratory decided upon. A number of other important matters will also come up at that time.

Dr. George E. Noble of Boise has been appointed State Veterinarian. Recently Dr. Noble, Col. G. S. Hickox (agent in charge of the Bureau of Animal Industry in the Western States) and Dr. A. D. Melvin (Assistant Chief of the Bureau in Washington, D. C.) held a conference with Gov. Gooding. A plan for future work was outlined, which promises much for the stock industry of Idaho.

Dr. Noble and Col. Hickox have opened offices in the Merino block in Boise. The latter will divide his time between Boise and Salt Lake. A clerk will be in attendance in the Boise office at all times.

The new veterinary law meets the approval of the officials, and a vigorous war is to be waged especially against sheep scab and contagious diseases among horses and cattle.

Village Election.

The Village Board held a special meeting Saturday forenoon, and appointed the following officers to serve in connection with the coming Village election:

Registrar, Mrs. Carrie Olsen.

Judges: D. W. Fitzwater, Mrs. Millie E. Longfellow, and Mrs. Albert Parker.

Distributing clerk, Mrs. Mary Harris.

Checking clerk, Mrs. Carrie Olsen.

The election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, and the polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. According to a new law, the officers elected at this election will serve for a term of two years, and elections in all towns and villages hereafter will be biennial.

If you cannot eat, sleep or work, feel mean, cross and ugly, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea this month. A tonic for the sick. There is no remedy equal to it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Roscoe W. Smith. *

J. E. Crutchfield is building an addition to his residence.

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