

STATE AND IDAHO NEWS

Latest Items of Interest From Utah and Gem State

OIL SHALES TO BE EXPLOITED AT STATEHOUSE

English, Belgium and French Capital Look Over Ground

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—Oil shales of the Uintah basin, totaling 40,000 acres, have attracted English, French and Belgian capital, according to an announcement made last night by R. S. Collett, formerly of Roosevelt. A representative of an English syndicate, two from a Belgian company and one from a French syndicate, operating jointly, are in Salt Lake and have returned but recently from a visit to the Uintah basin with Mr. Collett. The foreign interests are already committed to the venture, as nearly as could be learned last night, having taken the step upon the advice of New York experts on geology, who were some time ago sent into the territory to investigate and make report. The upshot of the proposition is that things are looking up for the Uintah country. It is pointed out that the interesting foreign capital to so great an extent in oil shale lands of the valley cannot but insure the prospect for early building of a railroad into the Uintah, for such interests cannot well put money into the oil shale industry of the great empire in the eastern part of the state and go away and leave it until such time as transportation would be established in the natural course of events. In any event, it is understood that not only will definite development work of the oil shale prospect be begun with the opening of spring, but that drilling by the foreign concerns that are taking over the lands in which Mr. Collett has been for so many years interested.

LAND BOARD AUDIT REPORT TO GOVERNOR

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—E. E. Malnor and M. L. Coaniff, special auditors of the state land board, in their report to Governor Eganberger declare that the great volume of investment business transacted by the state board of land commissioners should be a matter of concern to the citizens of the state. The report gives figures as to the volume of land fund money now out on investment and shows that the actual investments total \$5,779,419.96, though the land fund ledger total is \$5,807,096.59. The difference of \$27,676.63 is the amount of adjustments that the auditors find should be made in the ledger accounts. The school land fund is now invested to the total of \$4,109,564.82, according to the auditors. The interest on these investments goes to the support of the schools of the state. The average rate is not given in the report, but will be about 5% per cent, so that the annual revenue to the schools of Utah from this source is now about \$225,000, or rather less than \$22 per capita for the 130,000 school children in the state, as located by the school census. In addition to this amount, of course, the schools benefit by rentals on state school lands, on the minimum rental or royalty on the mineral contents of state school lands, the proceeds of which annually go to the school maintenance fund. In addition to the \$1,100,000 noted above, held in trust by the state, and administered by the land board for the benefit of the schools, the land board handles other trust funds by investment, as follows:

Agricultural college	\$266,772.00
School for Deaf and Blind	138,044.52
Insane asylum	158,550.00
Institute for the blind	118,290.00
Miners' hospital	73,390.00
Normal school	146,713.00
Public buildings	200.00
Reform school	121,519.25
Reservoir	101,254.80
School of mines	139,042.50
University	342,190.00
Miners' hospital interest	34,050.00
Reservoir interest	28,428.00

The only woman lecturer in Italian universities is Teresa Labriola, who lectures on law in the University of Rome.

BUDGET WEEK AT STATEHOUSE

Governor-elect Prepares to Start Trimming Estimated Revenues

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—Budget week opens today at the state capitol. For the next six days Governor-elect Charles R. Mabey will go over the budget figures and trim them to come within the estimated revenues for the next biennium. The estimates already have been submitted to Mr. Mabey and this week nearly all his time will be devoted to cutting down those that may be thought excessive. It is understood that close to \$1,000,000 in estimates may have to be "lopped off" the figures submitted by the state auditor in order to bring them close to what is estimated the revenues will total for the two-year period. The governor-elect has been going over some of the estimates in his leisure, but the complete budget will be submitted to him this week. The real program for Mr. Mabey this week, however, will consist of interviews with legislators-elect and the discussion of proposed bills that will pass the senate and house together. A number of conferences already have been arranged, it is understood, and at these conferences will be discussed such proposed measures as will tend toward economy in the conduct of the state government. These include bills that have been prepared by a committee appointed by the governor-elect and which it is understood, provide for consolidation of the work of some of the state departments; the abolition of some boards or commissions where their work can be consolidated and economy in the legislature; and the consolidation of the work of some of the state departments; the abolition of some boards or commissions where their work can be consolidated and economy in the legislature; and the consolidation of the work of some of the state departments.

TRAIN AND AUTO CRASH; THREE ESCAPE DEATH

POCATELLO, Ida., Dec. 27.—When an automobile crashed into fast mail train No. 6, at the crossing near the gas plant last night, three young men narrowly escaped death. James Black was badly hurt, with wounds about the head, dislocated shoulders and broken ribs, and was picked up unconscious by Jack Blake, who was driving behind the men. Raymond Fields and Billy Knowles, who owned and drove the car, escaped with minor injuries. The men claim that they could not see the train on account of extra freight cars on the side tracks. They hit the engine cab and the car was dragged along the track for fifty feet. The men were thrown forty feet clear of the track.

MRS. GRACE ELLISON OF KAYSVILLE DIES

Kaysville, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Grace Stewart Ellison, widow of John Ellison, died at her home here Wednesday morning after a week's illness. She was born in Belfast, Ireland, seventy-six years ago. For the past thirty-five years she has lived at Kaysville. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the Kaysville tabernacle.

POCATELLO GAS WORKER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

POCATELLO, Ida., Dec. 26.—John Armstrong, an employe of the Pocatello Gas company, came very near being asphyxiated while working in the plant this afternoon. He was taken to the hospital in a serious condition, but after treatment was able to go home this evening.

UTAH FORESTS MAY BE TAPPED

With Forests of South Nearing Depletion This State May Furnish Timber

The country is turning its eyes westward for its lumber supply as the pine forests of the south are fast nearing depletion, according to district forest advisers. Within a comparatively short time, it is predicted, the pine forests of the Klappan and the Uintah National forests will be attacked to help supply the market. The Klappan forest, it is pointed out, is of exceptional value particularly to this section. When the Klappan region is tapped by a railroad, commercialization of the timber will be attempted. Lack of transportation facilities makes this timber inaccessible at present. Considerable lumber is being shipped east at the present time from the Payette and Boise national forests in Idaho. The lumber is prepared at two sawmills of the Boise-Payette Lumber company.

Both mills are near Boise, one being at Emmett and the other at Barber, Idaho. While the principal timber tracts of the west are in Oregon, Washington and California, there are valuable areas in other western states, and the government is aware of the need of protection of forest resources, is making every endeavor to conserve the timber lands from fires and from insecticide cutting. The New England states were the first principal source of timber, according to information issued by the United States department of agriculture, then the lake states and lastly the south. The first two sections have been depleted almost of their wealth toward the western states to supply the bulk of the nation's needs. It is estimated that 6,000,000,000 cubic feet of timber is growing annually in the United States, while consumption exceeds 20,000,000,000 cubic feet. The nation is cutting more of every variety of wood every year than is growing, and many of the trees which are so small for the sawmills are being used for the manufacture of wood pulp. Statistics have been prepared to show that this small stuff is being used three and one-half times faster than it can grow. Since 1909 the United States has ceased to be self-supporting in wood pulp for paper-making. Two-thirds of the news-print is imported from Canada.

McKay Mentioned to Head State Senate

Thomas E. McKay of Ogden, is being mentioned as a candidate for president of the senate, according to Salt Lake dispatches received here this morning. Other candidates are said to be Harrison Jenkins of Salt Lake and William H. Smart of Roosevelt. For the house, a Democrat in the legislature has been mentioned E. R. Callister of Salt Lake county, Wilford Day of Iron county and William Seegmiller of Kane county.

ANNUAL DOG AND BOY RACE RUN AT ASHTON

ASHTON, Idaho, Dec. 25.—Ashton's annual Christmas day dog-and-boy races were run Friday before an immense crowd. The contests were held on Main street, starting in front of the "Smoke" building, running west to the Herald office, east to C. W. & M. corner and back to place of starting. Twelve boys and dogs were entered in the races, the boys all being under 12 years. Only one dog was allowed to each side. Prizes were donated by merchants of Ashton. Five races were run, the winner being eliminated from competing in following races. Wendell Webb, driving a bird dog named "Freckle", was winner of the first prize, a set of dog harness donated by Manning Brothers. Other winners are as follows: Second, Bert Kirkham, a pair of skis; third, Claud Hour, fourth, William Hunt, carpenter's level, fifth, Olcott Zarn, watch, sixth, Lloyd Schofield, gloves, seventh, George Newby, skates, eighth, Floyd Simmermacher, box candy, ninth, Robert Eurch. Lloyd Scofield drove a three-month-old pup and won sixth prize. The races were run in about a foot of snow and were very exciting.

STATE TO PAY FARMERS WHO WILL FEED QUAIL

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—Farmers who distribute feed to quail, reported to be starving in Davis county, will be reimbursed by the state, according to an announcement by R. H. Siddoway, state fish and game commissioner. Mr. Siddoway has expressed anxiety that snow is now so deep that the natural feed for the quail will be beyond the reach of the birds. Mr. Siddoway stated that he felt that farmers owed the quail something for their work in destroying insect pests. He said, however, that in cases of extreme emergency the state had paid farmers for feeding quail and will do so again.

KAYSVILLE WOMAN DIES ON CHRISTMAS

Kaysville, Dec. 27.—The funeral of Mrs. Nancy J. Kennitt, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Sheffield on Christmas day, was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Kaysville tabernacle. Mrs. Kennitt was born in Cartersville, Ga., in 1884 and came to Utah more than thirty-two years ago, locating at Kaysville. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Sheffield, Jr., of Kaysville and Mrs. John Owen of Downey, Idaho, and by two brothers, Thomas Lockridge of Atlanta, Ga., and Lewis Lockridge of Fort Worth, Texas. Twenty-three grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren survive her.

TEACHERS GOING TO CONVENTION

Three Days' Sessions to Open in Salt Lake Tuesday Night

Teachers in Ogden and Weber county schools including public, religious and private institutions, will attend the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Utah Educational association which opens tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Salt Lake tabernacle. Secretary J. Challon Smith, who this morning opened an office on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Utah, reported that the indications were for the largest attendance in the history of the organization.

REDUCED RATES. Reduced rates (one and one-third fare) have been granted by all the steam railroads operating within the state, the salaries of teachers generally have been raised all over the state, the condition of public health is good and the interest in educational advancement is greater in the commonwealth of Utah than ever before. For these reasons the committees in charge are confident that the convention will be a record-breaker, both as attendance and in the development of ideas that will be of lasting benefit.

"Education for Citizenship" is the slogan of the convention this year and most of the addresses to be given by the Utah and guest educators will be devoted to some phase of this subject. The guests of the association during this convention will be Dr. L. D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota, Dr. E. O. Sisson, president of the University of Montana, and Nepti L. Morris of Salt Lake. Each of these men will deliver one or more addresses. At the first general session, opening Tuesday night, the community singing will be under the direction of P. Melvin Peterson, supervisor of music in the Salt Lake schools. Professor J. J. McClellan will preside at the console of the tabernacle organ. The Salt Lake Opera quintet, comprising Mrs. Mary Atkinson, soprano; Miss Edna Dreyer, contralto; Fred Graham, tenor and director; P. Melvin Peterson, baritone and Miss Becky Almond, pianist, will sing three numbers. Quartet from "The Festival Garden" (Lehman), selection from "Faust" (Gounod) and quartet from "Martha" (Flotow). The invocation will be given by the Right Rev. A. W. Moulton, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Utah. Dr. Coffman will deliver an address on "The Old and New Points of View in Education."

TO ELECT OFFICERS. One of the vital matters of business of the convention is the selection of officers for the ensuing year. These include a president, vice president and two trustees, following Dr. Coffman's address, nominations of officers (without speeches) will be in order, this to be followed by the naming of committees on nominations for delegates to the National Educational Association convention. Community singing will conclude the session.

The second session will begin at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The community singing will be directed by Mark Robinson. Professor McClellan and Willard Weibe, violinist, will add to the attractiveness of the music program, furnishing three choice selections. These include an excerpt from "Mignon" by A. Thomas, "An Old Melody," arranged by Professor McClellan, and a Wenzelski "Scherzo Tarantelle" by Professor Weibe. Dr. A. W. Merrill of Ogden, president of the Utah Educational association, will deliver an address on "Fundamentals in Education and Citizenship," while Dr. Sisson will discuss "Education for Politics."

"The Moral Basis of Education" will form the theme of an address by Dr. Coffman and the session will adjourn at 12:19 o'clock to hear an organ recital by Professor McClellan, who will play the following program: "The Star-Spangled Banner," Toccata and Fugue in D minor. J. S. Bach. Hymns of the Nuns. Loef. Wely. Sous le Bois. Goodard. An Old Melody, arranged by the organist. Kamenel Ostow (Tone Poem). (Arranged by J. J. McClellan). Excerpts from the music dramas of Richard Wagner (adapted and arranged by McClellan).

Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to departmental meetings. The agriculture section will hold its session in the Joseph F. Smith Memorial building, room 23, beginning at 2 o'clock. Professor C. D. Steiner of the University of Utah is president of this section, while Sam Morgan is secretary.

Prize Chickens Taken From Exhibitor's Coop

It started out to be a merry Christmas for V. L. Pingree, 950 Twenty-seventh street, but before night fall some unknown had entered Mr. Pingree's chicken coop and not only robbed Mr. Pingree of 20 chickens, but took all of the joy out of the day for him. Mr. Pingree said his loss included four male birds and sixteen females, all White Leghorns, which he had just placed in a special coop to groom them for the coming poultry show in Salt Lake. Between 1 p. m. and 5 p. m. Christmas day someone drove up to the house in an automobile and stole the chickens, according to Mr. Pingree, who said that marks in the snow furnished evidence of the manner in which the raid was made. "I will give \$25 to anyone furnishing information regarding identity of the persons who took my birds," Mr. Pingree said.

Ogden Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons

Special meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 8 p. m., for work in M. M. degree. Please be present. JNO. A. MOFFAT, E. H. P. 8615

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