

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

GOV. GOODING BACK FROM EAST.

Tells of the Launching of the Gem of the Navy, the Big Battleship Idaho, at Philadelphia—Chief Executive and Family Sat in George Washington's Pew While Attending Divine Services in Old Christ Church.

Special Correspondence.

BOISE, Dec. 28.—Although the battleship Idaho is built on beautifully graceful lines, she will be known as one of the bull dogs of the navy, and will be one of the greatest fighting machines of which the world knows," said Governor Gooding, on his return this week from the east, where he participated in the launching of the new vessel, which was christened by his daughter, Miss May Louise Gooding, on Dec. 9. Governor Gooding, Mrs. Gooding and Miss Louise returned home on Thursday, after an absence of 15 days. The trip was an extremely pleasant one, and it is certain will result in much of good to the state.

In speaking of the trip, the governor said: "Our party reached Philadelphia the evening of Dec. 7, and were met by representatives of Cramp & Sons, the shipbuilders, who are constructing the Idaho. Throughout our stay in Philadelphia we were the constant recipients of an almost overwhelming kindness at the hands of the members of the firm. We were their guests at the Bellevue-Stratford, and were given the honor of dining every evening at the hotel. We stayed three days in Philadelphia, and were busy days too. On Friday, Dec. 8, after spending the day in sightseeing, in the evening we attended a dinner given by the Cramps, Mayor and Mrs. Weaver of Philadelphia also being guests. After dinner we attended the theater. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the start was made from the hotel to the Cramps, where the launching occurred. Following the launching, which was brought off without a single hitch, a banquet was given in the loft, where I had the honor of proposing the health of Philadelphia's great mayor, Mr. Weaver.

"Immediately after the banquet, on invitation of Mayor Weaver, I was taken down the Delaware river by Mayor Weaver on one of the city's boats to Ellis Island, where the United States navy yard is located. When we reached that point the governor's salute of 17 guns was fired, and myself and party were shown every courtesy being given an opportunity to see everything of interest. The cruiser Kearsarge was visited, and we were shown every part of the ship. Returning to the city, I spent the remainder of the day with Mayor Weaver.

state has two strong men, who are working hard at all times protecting the state's interests. I feel that neither the senator nor the congressman are getting a square deal from the special newspaper representatives that furnish Idaho with Washington news. Everything is highly colored in the interest of Senator Dubois. The people should not be misled by these Washington reports. I found that the mayor, and French were especially strong with the departments, and feel confident that they will be able to do much good for Idaho. With the exception of the president's forest reserve policy, I believe Senator Heyburn is in full accord with the administration on all measures.

FOREST RESERVES.

"The next day I called on the president again, in company with Chief Forester Pinchot, to discuss the connection of the state with the forest reserves. Several months ago it had been agreed between Mr. Pinchot and myself that there should be an exchange for sections 16 and 36 in each township in the forest reserves, for a body of good timber land on one or more of the established reserves. The object of the meeting was to get the president's approval of this agreement. This he gave very readily, assuring me that he would gladly co-operate with Mr. Pinchot in bringing about such an adjustment of the matter. I explained to the president what this would mean to the future of the common school of the state. President Roosevelt expressed himself very strongly on the matter. I now feel that there will be no trouble in the state securing a fine selection of valuable timber lands, which will be worth millions of dollars to the common school funds. Under the law passed by the eighth session of the legislature the state is now able to preserve its forests the same as the general government intends to do. It will mean a great deal for future generations. I hope to see the time come through these great land grants our public institutions and common schools will be in large part sustained.

IDAHO LANDS.

"While in Washington I called on the heads of the different departments, spending some time with Commissioner Richards of the general land office, and I feel that much was done to arrange to purchase the land department in first class condition. We also visited Mount Vernon, saw the tomb of Washington, and many points of historic interest. We left Washington on Saturday night, and spent one day in Chicago, where I met a number of people who are interested in Idaho. Among the number were prominent railroad people. These were in the interest of future railroad building in our state. The eyes of the nation are turned to Idaho, and I feel that the immigration next year will be much larger than ever before. I found some of the results of the splendid showing we had made at Portland and elsewhere in the east. This has made it easier to enlist eastern capital in our great irrigation enterprises.

"Of course everyone has read about the launching of the battleship Idaho. Everything connected with the occasion was carried out to the last fraction. The sight of the boat, which by the way, has a displacement of more than 2,000 tons greater than the Oregon, and is the largest ever seen. As she entered the water, she stern rose, the bow sank with the most graceful bow imaginable. The lines of the hull are a picture of grace, and I believe that she will truly prove herself to be the 'Gem of the Navy.'

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN CITY OF LEWISVILLE.

Special Correspondence.

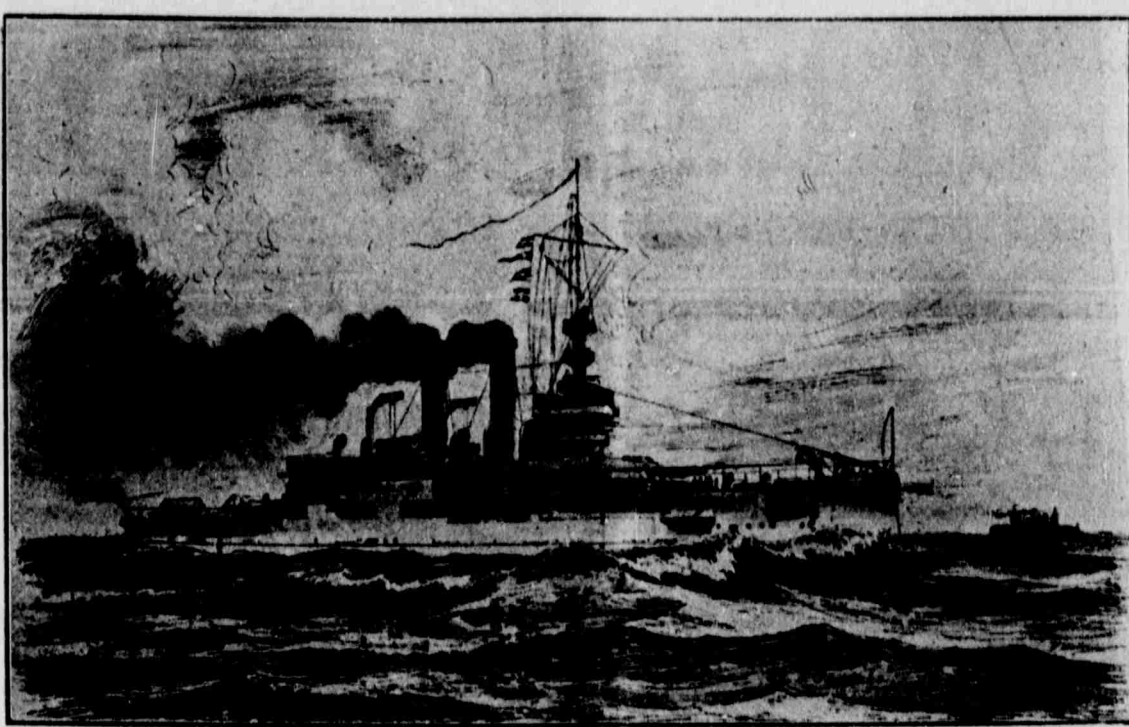
LEWISVILLE, Idaho, Dec. 26.—There has been nothing much stirring in Lewisville lately.

The meetinghouse is undergoing repairs, and the Saints are holding no church or Sunday school.

The Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary have been holding cottage meetings.

The Relief society and Young Ladies gave a double dance last Wednesday evening. It was a welcome home to Elder Alfred Ball, who has just returned from a two years' mission, and a farewell to Elder Joseph Jones, who left Friday for a mission to Great Britain.

The Primary gave an entertainment



THE FORMIDABLE NEW BATTLESHIP IDAHO.

LIVELY TIMES AT MARYSVILLE ON XMAS.

Special Correspondence.

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 27.—In a drunken row last Friday by a couple of strangers one was cut with a pocket knife in the cheek and in two or three places in the side and arm, none of the wounds is considered serious. The two were placed under arrest.

The railroad employes who are stationed near Marysville were released for the Christmas holiday and a goodly number came to town and of course were patrons of the saloons. During the day nine arrests were made for hitting and drunkenness upon the street and disturbing the peace and several more would have been but a hint was sufficient and they left town.

The district school gave a very entertaining program last Friday in the meetinghouse. The house was well filled with parents and visitors who assembled to witness the display of talent of their children. The memorial services by the Sunday school held Saturday the 23rd, were also a treat as was Sunday services by the Saints. Elders N. R. Cunningham and Norton Leavelle were called to lecture on the life of Joseph Smith.

The infant son of Abram B. William and Mamie William died Sunday morning at Marysville, in a convulsion, in a few days. Services were held in the meetinghouse.

The winter thus far has been lovely, there being about six inches of snow and sleighing is fine. A good commodious warehouse is being built on the railroad at the nearest point to this town and the Marysville Elevator and Exchange company is now buying and shipping grain and expect, in a few days, to have the warehouse completed so as to store grain in for the spring market and to fill orders that may come in during the winter.

The new proposed town of Ashton, near Marysville, is causing considerable comment through the country, and it is expected that a real estate boom will result. A number of proposed business enterprises are under contemplation for Marysville in the spring.

NEWS OF WEEK FROM OAKLEY, CASSIA CO.

Special Correspondence.

OAKLEY, CASSIA CO., IDA. Dec. 28.—Christmas passed quietly in this little town. The new opera house owned by Mayor S. P. Worthington was so far completed that a party was given in it during the evening, nearly 400 people being present and an enjoyable time was spent. Oakley may justly feel proud of this splendid addition to her list of good buildings.

Exceptionally interesting services were held in the three Oakley wards last Sunday, commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joseph Smith the Prophet. Sunday afternoon services were held in the stake assembly hall, where appropriate remarks were made by Louis Haight, Ether Durfee, Bishop R. H. Hunter and H. C. Haight, Wm. T. Jack and Wm. T. Harper of the stake presidency, bearing on the birth and labors of Jesus the Lord, who was born 1905

BOY KILLED WITH A SMALL RIFLE AT LUND.

Special Correspondence.

LUND, Idaho, Dec. 28.—A sad accident occurred here on Saturday, December 16, about 9:30 a. m., when Willie the 10-year-old son of Erastus Hepp, while playing with a 22 rifle accidentally shot himself, the bullet entering the breast, passing through the body and was found lodged in his sweater, killing him instantly. The funeral services were held the following Monday in the school house, Bishop F. H. Roddish, presiding. Addresses were made by Elders E. P. Lechtenberg and P. A. Ringlbacher after which quite a large turnout followed the remains to the cemetery. The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Saturday, Dec. 23 was fittingly observed, the Primary and Sunday school officers had arranged a short and appropriate program and it was rendered by the children very successfully after which the children enjoyed themselves dancing until Santa Claus arrived, and he then distributed 100 sacks of candy and nut besides apples for every child in the room. The little folks then all left for home declaring they had enjoyed themselves immensely.

On Sunday ward Sunday school conference was held. First Asst. Keplar Sessions of the stake board was present. Some officers having left the ward for the winter were released and new ones were sustained in their places. A good gathering was present. The afternoon meeting consisted of services commemorating the memory of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Elder K. Sessions illustrated the labors and pure life of the boy Prophet, and administered the large assembly present to follow his teachings. Elder C. Barfuss endorsed the remarks made and spoke in detail on the life of the Prophet.

Monday night Dec. 25, a dance was given in the schoolhouse. A good gathering was present, among them being some visitors from Pocatello. The weather during the holidays was all that could be asked for with enough snow for sleighing. The health of the people is good.

On Dec. 25, Mabel the daughter of Willard and Esther Banks of Storrett, died of typhoid fever and was buried at the Lund cemetery on the 27th.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT SUGAR CITY.

Special Correspondence.

SUGAR CITY, Idaho, Dec. 28.—Up to the present the conditions of the weather at Sugar City have been fine, and to one who has heard the stories of winter weather lasting a great part of the year, it is agreeably disappointing. There has been some snow on the ground for several weeks but the weather now is very clear. Buildings are being rushed along almost as rapidly as during the autumn, which is a fair indication of the mild weather. A part of the Idaho Sugar company's club house is completed and Dr. Martin Blix has moved in to his apartments, and is delighted with the quiet home, as compared with a public hotel. The new church building is now under cover and nearing completion, though somewhat later than was expected.

The Steffen's plant is now working and furnishing employment for quite a number of men.

The Sugar City Sunday school gave an entertainment for the children on Christmas which added greatly to the already happy time they were having.

PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH HONORED AT BRYAN.

Special Correspondence.

BRYAN, Idaho, Dec. 27.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and Christmas day, were fittingly observed here on Dec. 24 and 25. Programs of excellence were the features of each gathering, and a splendid time resulted.

On Christmas night the adults of this place gathered in Moreland hall where a Christmas dance was held. Prior to this in the afternoon the children enjoyed a ball.

Owing to the shortage of crops generally and the failure of beets particularly, many farmers have sought employment in various places.

The members of the Lithopier are visiting the people and collecting the necessary data to conform with the requirements of the 1905 report.

HOLIDAY WEEK IN POCATELLO.

Christmas Day Passed Off Quietly With Appropriate Services In Each of the Churches—Centennial Anniversary of the Birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith Was Held in the Latter-day Saint Chapel in Fitting Manner.

POCATELLO, Dec. 28.—Christmas day passed off quietly with appropriate services in each of the churches. At the Presbyterian church was given one of the prettiest little cantatas that has been presented in Pocatello to date.

High mass, with its mystic rites and ceremonies, was held at St. Joseph's church at midnight of the 24th, many visitors of other denominations being in attendance to witness the ritual.

At the Latter-day Saints church services commemorative of the birth of Christ and also of the centennial anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith, were held Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, each service being well attended and an excellent program rendered. The church also took occasion Christmas morning to accept the contributions of cash and produce that were so freely given, and distributed the same among the less favored ones (from a financial standpoint) in the ward. Altogether the desire for "peace on earth, good will to men," seemed uppermost in the minds of all Pocatellians.

LIVELY CHASE.

A man running like mad down the street, with Officer Will Edgley following close upon his heels, and firing with his revolver into the ground, was the sight witnessed by pedestrians on lower Center street Monday afternoon, but just as the chase began to be real interesting it was brought to an abrupt end by the fugitive running into the arms of Fire Chief Ben Joseph. Now Ben is only 5 feet 4 inches in height, weighs 120 pounds, but Welsh-Welsh as a Welsh "rabbit"—and his Welsh was thoroughly up. "With arms extended wide" he gathered in the 170 pounds of being Zimmerman—for so his name appears on the police records—and when Officer Edgley, panting and well-nigh exhausted, arrived on the scene, they were clasped in an embrace that it appeared naught but death could separate. However, this feeling of felicity melted rapidly away under the mellowing influence of the officer's torrid grammar, and Mr. Zimmerman marched quietly away to La Bastie. Zimmerman and a companion

had imbued too freely in the glass, that causes men to think of friends across the "foam" and had then gone into the waiting room at the depot and after seating themselves directly behind some ladies, had begun using most obscene and filthy language. At this juncture Officer Edgley approached and informed them that they would have to leave or he would be forced to "run them in." With this they arose and went outside, followed by the officer, who tried to reason with them on the error of their ways, when suddenly one of them sprang at the officer, only to be met with a smart rap on the head from the butt end of his gun, the other fellow then took a hand in the game, but after receiving a "Jeffries special delivery" in the mouth, vetoed his previous action and started to run, which brings us to the footrace, with its brilliant finish in the arms of Chief Joseph, as already chronicled. Later Judge White imposed a fine of \$15 on each.

DOUBLE PRESENTATION.

A very pretty scene was enacted in the Troy laundry here, Saturday night, when at "quitting time" all the employees assembled in the office, and Foreman Swanson acting in behalf of the employes, as spokesman, advanced and in a neat little speech, presented the proprietor Mr. Daniger, with a beautifully engraved acid headed umbrella. Mr. Daniger was completely surprised as he had been busy distributing presents among the employes and had not expected anything of the kind. The following day Mrs. Daniger presented him with an 1 1/2 pound girl, and while the mother and little girl are doing well, it will, according to Dr. Castle who is in attendance upon the case, be several days before Joe recovers his wonted equanimity.

Alfred H. Lindquist has engaged the services of an assistant in the person of a 9 1/2 pound boy who appeared at the home Tuesday morning.

William Rampton, the head of the Idaho Furniture company here, is lying critically ill, so serious is his condition that all the members of his family have been summoned to his bedside. A marked increase in Pocatello's population occurred today in the arrival at the home of Mr. Whittlesey, the ear side druggist, of twin boys. It is claimed that they exhibit wonderful musical ability for children so young. One has a baritone voice of wonderful range, the other being a "tenor robusto" with emphasis on the "robusto" having a voice of remarkable penetrating quality. In fact, it is stated he can take high C without any apparent effort.

ENTERTAINMENTS HELD AT NEELEY XMAS.

Special Correspondence.

NEELEY, Oneida Co., Dec. 27.—The first of the holiday entertainments was that by the school; the exercises consisting of readings, recitations, one dialogue and choruses by the pupils and a few special selections. Considering the bad weather, which had interfered much with the school attendance, and therefore with the practicing, the children did very well; one person remarked on the great improvement the children had made in their singing since school began. The receipts were only \$2.00, but with that and the present of three books to the school, at Christmas, by Miss Nelson, a beginning can be made and, surely, when the people learn what a help a school library is, they will be more willing to help at future entertainments; one family was largely represented, and another lady who could not come herself, sent the admission fee.

On account of the school entertainment being held Friday night, the exercises in commemoration of the one hundredth birthday of Joseph Smith were held Sunday afternoon.

Christmas afternoon the children had a dance at the schoolhouse, and Christmas night a dance was held at the same place. Exercises of a literary and musical character, with games, were interspersed with the dancing. People from other places helped swell the crowd. American Falls was among the towns that were represented.

Miss Grace Reed, who is attending school at the H. Y. academy at Logan, is at home for the holidays.

FIRST TRAIN ON NEW YELLOWSTONE BRANCH.

Special Correspondence.

ST ANTHONY, IDA., Dec. 28.—The first passenger train to run over the new Yellowstone Park extension of the O. S. L. railroad left St. Anthony Saturday, the 23rd inst., as a special excursion. A large crowd enjoyed a short outing and inspected the new townsite commenced by the extension of the road. The iron horse now leaves St. Anthony junction every other day for Ashton. Many improvements are being made in the railroad yards.

The new roller and cereal mills will be completed and ready for use for the new year. The electric wiring is being rushed to completion, which when finished will make the finest and best appointed mills in Idaho.

A new steam laundry will be added to the business district within 10 days. The McPherson building on Bridge street is being remodeled and new machinery is being rushed from the factories. Henry M. Tapuchi & Co. are the owners, who will capitalize the business for \$3,000.

Eastern capitalists are here looking over the situation with an intention of erecting a large wholesale and jobbing house in the near future. The central location and business facilities of St. Anthony offer an ideal location for such a venture.

Christmas evening the L. D. S. Amusement committee gave a social in honor of Christmas. Mr. J. R. Jones, leaves on New Year's day for Switzerland on a mission. The affair was well attended and a purse of over \$125 realized from the proceeds.

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