

The Meridian

VOLUME 3.

MERIDIAN, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1912.

To Provide School Room.

A mass meeting of citizens was held in the old school building in Meridian, Wednesday evening, which was well attended. The gathering was called at the suggestion of the school boards of District No. 33 and the rural high school, and they explained that a condition and not a theory confronts the Meridian schools, and that is to provide room next fall for the already crowded rooms. If anything is done in the way of building, it is explained, it must be started this spring to be of any benefit for the coming school year.

W. W. Groves presided at the meeting and A. W. Garrett was the secretary. Chairman H. F. Neal and Wm. Moreland, of the high school board, and John Waggoner of the Meridian district, explained the needs of the schools.

It was brought out in the talk that of the four districts remaining in the rural high school district, two were petitioning to get out, following the lead of four other districts that have seceded. On account of the high valuation this year, especially of farm property, the high school tax has been an additional burden, and naturally the residents outside grasp at the suggested way of reducing their taxes by doing away with what some consider a luxury more than a necessity.

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Pomona Grange Organized.

A well attended meeting of the seven granges of Ada county was held in Meridian Tuesday, and an organization was perfected to do away with the old Boise Valley Pomona and in its stead to have a grange representing only the societies in Ada county, or closely adjacent. It was explained that questions come up in Ada county of concern only to the people here and the same with Canyon county, so that it was decided to only take in the county.

The seven granges represented were: Meridian, High Line, Union, Syringa, Ustick, Kuna and Franklin. Officers for the Pomona were selected as follows: Master, E. G. F. Smith, Kuna. Overseer, T. H. McDermott, Union. Lecturer, J. G. Petrie, Franklin. Secretary, Mrs. T. A. Allen, Meridian. Steward, D. G. Strait, High Line. Ass't Steward, V. Jacob, Syringa. Chaplain, Miss Josie Mullen, H. Line. Treasurer, J. R. Shinn, Syringa. Gate Keeper, A. R. Stalker, Meridian. Ceres, Mrs. C. L. Garrett, Hillsdale. Pomona, Miss Oral Sebern, Union. Flora, Mrs. H. Glenn, Ustick. Lady Asst: Steward, Mrs. Clara Yost, Meridian.

After the organization a program was given as follows:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Harriet Basor, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Philip L. Smuts, Executor of the estate of Harriet Basor deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor at Meridian, County of Ada, State of Idaho, this being the place fixed for the transaction of the business of said estate.

Dated February 6th, 1912.

PHILIP L. SMUTS, Executor.
H. E. WALLACE, Atty.
Caldwell, Idaho.

There is a fine article by Prof. Ball in this issue on "The Care of the Orchard." Read it. Another installment will be published next week.

Blue Valley Items.

Mr. Leighton has sold his 25-acre farm to James Waggoner.

Miss Mildred French is spending the week end with her aunt Mrs. Pfost.

The children of Mrs. Marion Pfost who have been suffering with the mumps are slowly recovering.

Bert Coleman has moved into his new home near the Victory school house.

Charles Coleman of Duckee, Oregon, is spending a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

New goods and picture frames at the Bargain Store. Circulating library at the Bargain Store.

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It is time to think about spring work. Good tools are a necessity. Come in and we will show you our Keen Kutter line.

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Secretary Waggoner, of District 33, also favored the grade school building idea, as he said there was doubt of the outside districts giving any help in building a rural high school. While the meeting resulted in nothing but a good natured discussion of the schools and the best means of relieving the situation, it apparently pushed one idea to the front, and that was that district No. 33 must meet the situation and solve the problem alone, without much help from the outside.

It is probable that a campaign will be started for the calling of an election this spring to build a grade school, similar in size to the new building now used.

The first number of the Intermountain Farmer, the new agricultural journal, published at Boise, was issued Saturday. While it is not as large and pretentious as some of the eastern journals, it is filled with good ideas and suggestions that are written by home folks and for the benefit of our people. The Meridian Times believes in keeping Idaho capital at home and any institution or project that helps to do this should be encouraged.

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Public Sale of Furniture.

As I am going east I will sell at public auction at Meridian, on Tuesday, February 13th, at one o'clock, my furniture which is all high grade and nearly new. Golden Oak dining room set, two Golden Oak bed room suits, mattresses, springs, chamber set, cupboard, settee. McKinley rocker, Morris chair, large leather rockers, center stand, tabourette, carpets, rugs, cooking utensils, dishes, fine line of bric-a-brac, etc., also six hole range nearly new, gasoline stove, 1 davenport bed, refrigerator, lamps and canned fruit. I. J. Miller, owner, C. C. Tobias, Auctioneer.

Oregon Short Line Trains.

O. S. L. trains pass Meridian for Boise at 4:25 a. m. 11:28 a. m. and 6:10 p. m., 6:55 p. m. and 10:15 p. m. (from Salt Lake.)

O. S. L. trains pass Meridian for Nampa at 3:03 a. m., to connect with No. 17 and 18 east and west bound on main line; 7:22 a. m. pony for Huntington; 7:50 a. m. to Salt Lake; 4:25 p. m. pony for Huntington; 5:25 p. m. to connect with No. 5 and 6 east and west bound.

The Meridian Times job department is now getting out the most attractive sale bill ever seen in these parts. It is in two colors, on heavy manila paper.

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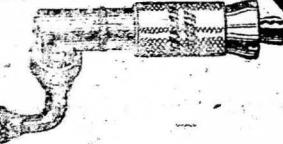
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John Shank, a son-in-law of Mr. Long, and who has been residing on a farm with his family near Meridian, was taken violently insane this week, and yesterday was taken to the asylum at Blackfoot. Shanks is a Philippine veteran, and his service there is said to have affected his health.

Seed Wheat: We have about 30,000 pounds of first-class Blue Stem seed wheat for sale at a popular price. This wheat went 26 bushels per acre on new sage brush land. It is clean from smut or weed seed. One mile east and 4 miles south of Meridian. Kiedell Brothers.

A. U. Baldwin has returned after two months visiting with friends in Macon, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa. He says the ground is covered with snow back there, to a depth of 40 inches. They pay \$25 a ton for Idaho alfalfa hay and think it is a fine feed. Crops back there were very poor last year.

M. Niehter has planned a monthly market day sale to be held at his barn, on Idaho and Third Streets, Meridian, and the first one will be held Tuesday, March 5th. Horses, cows, and implements and household goods will be sold. Phone Ind 210 for information if you wish to put anything in the sale.

No Connection With Boise.

There is no connection to-day over the Independent phone with Boise and probably will not be for some time unless the Bell company can be legally compelled to connect up again. The Independ-

Vote for the Schools.

The Times has heard no good reason for not supporting the proposed bond issue for building a new school building. One point was not made clear in last week's article, and that was that the new building is not an addition but an annex to the present building. There are many good reasons why the new building should be built alongside the present structure as one principal, one janitor, and one heating plant can be used, while to separate the grade schools would be to duplicate this expense.

In another column is a statement from the school board explaining the absolute necessity for more room. The quarters used in the old school building cannot be counted as so much room, as the question of its being safe is constantly agitated, and the school board should not be compelled to keep classes there against their better judgment. The present grade school building has eight rooms and there are nearly 400 scholars to be accommodated. An annex or enlargement of this building would solve the problem for room, and the board has figured that \$30,000 will be ample to build another building as large or larger in size, with extra rooms for classes and principal's office, and an up-to-date heating plant.

The school board is composed of some of our leading citizens and tax-payers, and the proceeds of the bond issue will be carefully administered and expended. Vote for the schools.

It looks like the assessment of property this year will be done in better shape than last year. Assessor Ellsworth has appointed three good men as deputies in this part of the county. J. Matt Anderson will list all land and property west of the Meridian line to Canyon county and from the township line north of Kuna, north to the Boise river. W. H. Johns will take the two tier sections east of Anderson's territory, and will extend north and south the same. C. I. Johnson will take the 4-tier of sections east of Johns, and W. A. Ross will take the balance east to Boise city. The Kuna territory will be in charge of Sherman Fairchild, of Mora.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada.

Alice Elam, Plaintiff,

vs. Alias Summons.

Uiah Elam, Defendant.

State of Idaho, sends Greeting to the above named Defendant.

You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada, and to answer the complaint filed therein (a copy of which is hereto attached) within Twenty days (exclusive of the day of service), after the service on you of this summons; if served within this District; or if served out of this District, within Forty days.

The said action is brought to recover a judgement of the above court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and for such other and further relief as may be meet and proper in the premises as will further appear from the complaint herein, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof.

And you are hereby notified, that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required, the said plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred twelve.

Stephen Utter,
Clerk.

[Seal]. By B. Clyde Englehorn,
Deputy.

CHARLES E. WINSTEAD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Residing at Boise, Idaho.

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"It's Up To You."

The school board is compelled to have more room to accommodate the school next year. The present building is too small. Next year some pupils must be kept out of school for part of the day at least, unless more room is provided.

What are YOU going to do about it?

On account of sickness in the family George Han will go to the coast, so will have a clean-up sale of horses, 7 first class dairy cows, a lot of hogs, 23 registered Lincoln sheep, implements harness 16 stands of bees, chickens, household furniture, etc. Sale will be on Wednesday, February 28th, at the farm $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Upper Fairview school, $\frac{5}{8}$ miles northwest of Meridian. Terms, 7 months. C. C. Tobias, auctioneer, and E. C. Pfaffle, Clerk. Big free lunch at noon.

M. C. Starr and family will go to Oregon and therefore will have a sale of personal property in Meridian Saturday, March, 2d. Four horses, harness, wagons, and a cow will be sold.

For Sale—1000 well seasoned balm posts, 8 cents each. Also

PUBLIC NOTICE

Of School Bond Election in
Idaho Independent School Dist.

33, in Ada County, Idaho.

Public notice is hereby given according to law and the requisite action of the board of school trustees of Idaho Independent School No. 33 in Ada County, Idaho, a special school bond election school district will be held at the School Gymnasium, in Meridian, said school district on Wednesday the 23rd day February, A. D. between the hours of one P. M., and five o'clock P. M., at which election there will be submitted qualified voters of the State of Idaho who are resident freeholders or holders of the district the following question for their vote and direction therat:

QUESTION SUBMITTED

Shall the board of trustees of Idaho Independent School District No. 33, in Ada County, Idaho, be authorized to issue the negotiable bonds of the district in the amount of \$30,000 bearing interest at 5 per centum per annum bonds to bear date the 28th day of February A. D. 1912, payable years after date and redeemable for the purpose of providing a schoolhouse and fixtures, at within and for said district?

The said qualified voters, aforesaid, shall vote upon question by secret ballot shall be written or printed in the language above submitted, and said ballot shall contain the words, "Yes," or the words, "Bond." The qualified voters desiring in favor of said bond issue shall vote by ballot containing the words, "Bonds Yes;" and the qualified voters desiring to vote against said issue shall vote by ballot containing the words, "Bonds No."

The polls for the reception of ballots cast upon said question on said day and date and at the aforesaid, be opened at the hour of one o'clock P. M., and will remain until the hour of five o'clock the same day, when they closed.

H. F. NEAL, Chairman of School Trustees.

W. W. GROVES, W. A. PALMER, JACKSON, J. M. FLACK, Member of School Trustees.

[School District Seal]

ATTEST:

J. L. WAGGONER, Clerk.

Dated this 12th day of

A. D. 1912.

Little Girl's Party.

February 18th, being Vera Hill's 8th birthday, a crowd of friends gathered at her home on Main Street and surprised her. Friends were as follows: Ruth Finch, Berdice Harms, Darice Nellie Whitlock, Lucile Bair Barz, Pauline Tollett, Carol Beryl Hedges, Violet McClure Shook, Dorothy Tollett, Charlotte Edna Wilson, Edna S. Cooper, Burl Palmer, Alta M. Hunt, Marion Hashbarger, G. Barger, Carroll Deck, Claude Gardiner, Robert Hui Busby, Donald and Vera Hunting peanuts and play were enjoyed. Refreshments were served and all departed for leaving-beautiful tokens bel-

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Dirt to Fly in 30 Days.

While no authorized statement is given out, at least as to the time of building, it is generally understood that the Boise Valley railroad company will in the course of thirty days have men and teams at work in building the new line of electric road from the section corner south of town (known as the Fenton corner) west to Nampa. The directors of the company have agreed on the route and with the adjustment of some minor right-of-way difficulties, the matter will be formally made public.

The new road will make a straight line from Onwiler through Meridian to the Fenton corner. At this corner there has been objection made by the owner as to the amount of land needed in rounding the curve, but the management state that the original survey stakes were merely preliminary, and that the later survey will take but a small tract, not over a quarter of an acre.

The value of the road to all these people will in the future be many times the worth of the small amount of land set aside for the right of way, as it will provide car service convenient to their places, and will enhance the value many dollars an acre the moment the road is completed.

As to the value to the town of Meridian, it means that this will not only be an important center on the main line of road, but that it will naturally be a junction point from which ultimately more roads will diverge, and one of the first proposed is one tapping the Kuna section.

In Meridian the company will build a good depot, one that will be a credit to the town. There will be passenger and freight rooms, and it is said that there will be shed room so that passengers will board the cars without leaving cover. This building will be located on Meridian street, in the vicinity of the water works tower. Meridian street will be graded up in good shape, and the road for the full width will be covered with gravel. A fill will be necessary commencing at the street near Anderson's furniture store and extending across to the railroad right of way. This fill will not injure the adjoining properties as it will not be over four

Boise Connection Resumed.

The Bell company evidently changed their mind on the proposition of cutting off the free service to Boise over the Independent line. Tuesday Manager Jones ordered the line to be connected up again, and the service is now regular. How long this will be continued is not stated, but it is hoped that a permanent arrangement can be made.

The threat of going into court may have had a bearing on the action of the company in resuming service. The Capital News correspondent on Monday had the following comment:

"Is the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company guilty of operating in Idaho in restraint of trade, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law? This question is to be taken into the federal court, it is said, by the Meridian Independent Telephone company. There is bitter warfare on between the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company

and the Meridian Independent Telephone company, because the former company cut from its switchboard in Boise the long distance wire over which the patrons of the Meridian Independent Telephone company had telephonic communication with Boise.

The Meridian Independent Telephone company for a certain consideration, in contract form, had the benefit and free use of the telephone connection with Boise for a term of years, which is said to run for more than four years more.

This contract was entered into with the Boise Independent Telephone Company, which last year it is remembered was merged with the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company into the present Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company. In this merger it was sought to include the Meridian Independent Telephone company, but this was not accomplished. Overtures have since been made for the purchase of the Meridian Independent company which steadfastly has refused to sell.

Now that the independent long distance wire between Meridian and Boise has been cut, which was done several days ago, the Meridian Independent Telephone company will bring legal action

conditions to sell or give up the management of the local telephone system. There are various reasons why, the principle among which is that the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company could give us no assurance of the permanency of any reasonable price for the use of their telephone in Meridian. Another reason is we have our local system organized with something more than 300 phones, which are paying running expenses and paying off old debts of the company. These debts were accumulated under the old company's plant here.

"We think the cutting of our system off the Boise long distance exchange is clearly in restraint of trade, in view of the fact that we have a contract that runs four years longer. Mr. Jennings of Salt Lake and Manager Jones in Boise of the Mountain States company told us the Mountain States company bought the Boise Independent Telephone plant, but did not buy their contracts.

"We cannot understand why they should ignore our contract, but we are going to know the reason why by taking this matter into the courts."

"For certain considerations which are in contract form, we have had the benefit and free use of the telephone connection with Boise for a term of years, which run for more than four years more."

Bryan Was Here!

Many were in Boise Wednesday to see the peerless leader W. J. Bryan. He made three addresses during the day, and the crowds were enormous. Bryan has lost none of his old-time eloquence and power. He is the biggest man in the United States to-day, and as someone has said, "too great a man and not enough of a politician to ever be elected president." Bryan left Boise at 4 o'clock and when passing Meridian, the train was stopped long enough for him to shake hands with several who were at the depot. S. M. Burns, one of our leading democrats, shook Bryan by the hand and asked him to stay longer the next time he came this way. "I will do so," said Mr. Bryan. With a friendly smile and a wave of his hand to the crowd, he went back into the car, as the train moved out.

School Bonds Defeated.

There were 197 votes cast at the school bond election Wednesday.

There were 117 votes for the bonds and 77 against, and thus lacked 14 votes to have the necessary two-thirds majority. There should have been an unanimous vote for the proposition, but as many were misinformed as to what the district trustees wanted, they voted against it with the idea that it was only a plan to increase taxes. It is admitted by the board that not sufficient time was given to educate the people to the need and importance of increasing the school capacity at this time. One of the best arguments in support of the plan was this: The outside districts in the rural high school are not satisfied with the accommodations in Meridian, and it was necessary to do something to encourage them to stay in and pull together for an up-to-date high school.

Meridian does not want to lose the rural school, as it is not only a help in making the school what it should be, but adds about \$1500 of state money to our credit each year. This would pay the interest on the bonds, and in reality the taxes would not be increased a cent if we had voted the \$30,000 bond issue if we thereby retained the rural high school.

The proposition voted on Wednesday was as follows:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Meridian Independent School District No. 33, in Ada County, Idaho, be authorized to issue the negotiable coupon bonds of the district in the amount of \$30,000.00 bearing interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum; said bonds to bear date the 28th day of February A. D. 1912, payable 20 years after date and redeemable 10 years after date, for the purpose of providing a schoolhouse and furniture, apparatus and fixtures, at Meridian, within and for said district?

To Self Stock.

The Burns Mining and Milling Co. has been duly incorporated, and shares of stock have been put on the market for sale. The officers of the company reside in Meridian. The property consists of seven mining claims in the northwestern part of Custer county.

Oregon Short Line Trains.

O. S. L. trains meet M. P. R. I.

"thing of beauty and a joy forever."

There is one thing that should be considered, and that is the considerable amount of business it will add to the town. The way the streets were a month ago, the farmer coming into town was in no mood after pulling through a big mud hole on Broadway or Idaho streets, to do much trading. With the block paved, he will imagine he is in Boise and open his pocketbook accordingly.

There are many other reasons why it would be a fine thing for Meridian, and the village board, ever alive to the best interests of the town, have taken the matter up in earnest. At a meeting held this week it was decided to establish an improvement or paving district, and take steps to carry the project along. It is planned to pave the square already mentioned and also Idaho street for one block up to Meridian street.

The organization of an improvement district is mentioned in a legal publication found in another column of this paper.

Meridian's Present Problem.

A mass meeting of the voters of Independent School-District No. 33, of Meridian, was held in the old school building last Monday evening.

Mr. Groves was chosen as chairman.

The question of bonding for the erection of a new school building was discussed.

The need of more school room, more ground, heating apparatus, sanitary ventilation and toilet service was presented.

When built, the present building, which originally cost \$13,500 and upon which nearly \$5,000 more has since been expended, was thought to be larger than necessary.

At present, however, it has insufficient room for the grades, besides which the four rooms of the old building and a rented room for manual training, are now occupied by the high school.

Mr. Fuller reported that there is a present enrollment of 80 pupils in the primary department alone; and the school board reported that it had been necessary to add one new teacher to the grades, each year in the past, and the prospect is that the grades will require two new teachers for the coming year.

It was also reported that the present toilet service is a menace

streets or portions thereof, as shall hereinafter be named, and giving notice by publication for two consecutive weeks in the Meridian Times of the intention of the chairman and members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Meridian, about fixing the time and place of hearing protests and also, the probable cost which will be assessed against the property abutting on such street or streets.

Be it ordained by the chairman and board of trustees of the Village of Meridian, Idaho.

SECTION 1. That notice of the intention of the board of trustees of the Village of Meridian is hereby given to all property owners interested, that at the next regular meeting of said board of trustees an ordinance will be passed which will lay out and define "Local Improvement District No. 1."

SEC. 2. Local Improvement District No. 1 shall begin at the west side of Meridian street and running east on Idaho street to the east side of Second street; thence south on Second street to the south side of Broadway; thence west on Broadway to the west side of First street; thence north on First street to Idaho street.

SEC. 3. The clerk of the village board of trustees is hereby instructed to make and prepare a plot which shall show the number and location of each and every lot, part of a lot or parcel of ground on both sides and abutting upon the several streets mentioned in section two of this ordinance, and he shall give an estimate of the probable cost which shall be assessed against said lot or lots per foot, embraced within the said proposed Local Improvement District No. 1, and shall keep the said plat on file in his office for the inspection of all owners of said property so affected.

SEC. 4. The board of trustees of the Village of Meridian will hold a special meeting at the town hall in said village on Monday, April 15th, 1912, at 8 o'clock, p.m. for the purpose of hearing and considering any and all protests which may be at that time made against paving the said parts of streets mentioned in Section two of this ordinance, and all persons interested are invited to be present at said special meeting for the purpose of making known to the said board of trustees any reason why such improvement and paving of such streets shall not be made.

SEC. 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved this second day of April, 1912.

J. M. ANDERSON,
Chairman Board of Trustees.
Attest:

W. H. PEER,
[SEAL] Village Clerk.

Home Builders Want Good Material

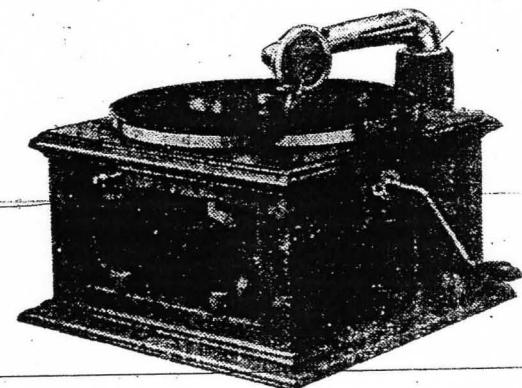
in fact most of them absolutely insist on getting the best that their money will buy, and in that particular we heartily agree with them, because that is just the way we buy all our lumber. It must be strictly up to grade.

There are some manufacturers, however, who interpret grades more liberally than others, and you can bet your last dollar that we know who they are. Because of this inside knowledge we're not afraid to put our lumber up against any in the country—grade for grade and price considered. If we're not on the inside we want to know it, because we're going to keep on believing we are until shown differently. Come in and look this lumber over and let us tell you first hand just what your house, barn or shed will cost you.

"There's No Place Like Home."

FENTON LUMBER CO. Meridian, Idaho.

Given Away Free!



Beautiful \$25.00 Hornless Symphony
Talking Machines to Customers
of this Store.

Ask for Particulars.

GARRETT MERCANTILE CO.

"THE QUALITY STORE."

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MERIDIAN, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1912

Paving of Central Block.

There is a crying need for the central block in Meridian to be paved on four sides, which would largely settle the question of disposing of the deep mud. People who come to Meridian during the winter months view with disgust the great banks of mud that fill the street from end to end, and it is a well-known fact that the condition is worse intown than on the country roads, where there is not so much travel. One reason is that during the summer the streets are being repaired with loose dirt, and this is cut up and not allowed to pack before winter, when the heavy rains start in. The village board for some time have been considering the matter of paving, with a material similar to that used on the Boise streets, the four sides of the central square in Meridian. The expense would be borne by the adjacent property owners, the village paying for the square at street corners. It is said that the expense will be about \$3.00 per front foot, and this would be borne by the lot owners. Several have already expressed themselves at favorable to paving, as they no doubt realize the increased value to their property, and that while there will be a considerable expense in the first cost, it will be a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

There is one thing that should be considered, and that is the considerable amount of business it will add to the town. The way the streets were a month ago, the farmer coming into town was in no mood after pulling through a big mud hole on Broadway or Idaho streets, to do much trading. With the block paved, he will imagine he is in Boise and open his pocketbook accordingly.

There are many other reasons why it would be a fine thing for Meridian, and the village board, ever alive to the best interests of the town, have taken the matter up in earnest. At a meeting held this week it was decided to establish an improvement or paving district, and take steps to carry the project along. It is planned to pave the square already mentioned and also Idaho street for one block up to Meridian street.

to health and is liable to be condemned.

Over three hundred children are compelled to crowd into these unsanitary buildings; this is conducive to neither health nor morality.

It was unanimously recommended that an effort be made to secure the block of ground north of the present school building, fronting upon Meridian street, also that the plans and estimates and estimated cost of a building containing eight rooms on the first and second floor, with full sized basement for heating plant, manual training and domestic science rooms, and full sized room under the roof for gymnasium and assembly room be secured, four rooms of the new building to be occupied, at present, by the rural high school.

In the present year 24 pupils will be graduated from the eighth grade of the Meridian school alone. Besides there will be graduates from surrounding country schools.

Boise high school is already over crowded.

Where shall these pupils go?

INTERESTED SPECTATOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 44.

By Sims.

An Ordinance providing for paving and improving certain streets or portions thereof, as shall hereinafter be named, and giving notice by publication for two consecutive weeks in the Meridian Times of the intention of the chairman and members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Meridian, and fixing the time and place of hearing protests, and also, the probable cost which will be assessed against the property abutting on such street or streets.

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Easter Program.

To be given by the Sunday School at the Christian Church on Sunday evening, April 7, 1912, beginning at 8 o'clock:

Song—Congregation:

Invocation.

Song—Gospel Bells, Chir.

Solo—Hope Crushed to Earth
Mrs. Barz.

Welcome—Ardath Caldwell.

Exercise—Victory. Busy Bees.

Reading—The Missionary Ddl.
Lena Hedges.

Recitation—The Bulb and the Seed, Edna Wilcox.

Song—Ring Easter Bells. Primary.

Duet. Jennie and Emily McKinney.

Exercise—Looking Out. Little Jewels.

Reading—The Widow of Nain
Verne Caldwell.

Solo Pantomime—Glad Helpers

Reading—The Reason Why
Robert Dutton.

Solo—He Loves Me. Lillian Pigg.

Exercise. Easter Day. Busy Bees.

Solo Easter Bells. Beryl Hedges.

Reading. Hello. Endora Barz with Lilly Drill. Sunbeam, assisted by Cassie Palmer.

Solo. Miss Paine.

Song. Speed the Light. Choir.

Annual School Meeting and Election

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1912, the annual school meeting in and for School District No. 42, of Ada County, State of Idaho, will be held at the school house in said district.

At 1:30 p.m. of said day, at said school house, a meeting will be held to select a judge and a clerk of election, and to determine whether or not the question of a special tax shall be voted upon at the election; to fix the rate of special tax which must not be more than five mills on each dollar of taxable property in the district; to decide upon the length of school term to be voted upon, and transact such other business pertaining to school interests as may come before the meeting. The polls will open at 1 p.m. o'clock of said day. One trust will be elected for three years in place of Mr. E. F. Crawford, whose term will expire on above date.

G. W. MITCHELL,
Chairman of School District
No. 42, Ada County.

Oregon Short Line Trains

O. S. L. trains pass Meridian from Boise at 4:25 a.m. 11:28 a.m., at 6:10 p.m., 6:55 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. (from Salt Lake.)

O. S. L. trains pass Meridian from Nampa at 3:03 a.m. to connect with No. 17 and 18 east and west bound on main line; 7:22 a.m. pony for Huntington; 7:50 a.m. to Salt Lake; 4:25 p.m. pony for Huntington; 5:25 p.m. to connect with No. 5 and 6 east and west bound.

Solo. Miss Paine.

Song. Speed the Light. Choir.

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The Titanic Disaster.

It is now certain that more than 1300 perished in the disaster at sea, caused by the sinking of the steamship "Titanic." No tragedy in many years has caused the widespread interest of the public as this, probably the greatest marine disaster in the history of the world. The steamship "Carpathia" with 710 survivors, mostly women and children, arrives in New York today, when the world will learn for the first time the full details of the accident.

Rev. W. J. Luscombe, of Meridian, has taken several trips across the Atlantic and is familiar with the place where the "Titanic" sank. He says it is out from Cape Race, off the coast of New Foundland, where there are dangerous eddies and currents, and where ships are supposed to feel their way slowly on account of icebergs that are numerous in the waters, especially at this season of the year. He thinks the ship was attempting to make a speed record, and took the one chance in a thousand that it would strike something.

Another School Election.

Another election is called for Tuesday, April 30th, to vote on \$35,000 bonds for a new school house and additional grounds, in Meridian. There should be no opposition to this, as every objection made by those who voted "no" before has been met, and it is believed that there will be no reason for opposition. The proposed new building will be some fifty feet or more from the other building, and will be large and commodious. Land will be bought

north of the present building as a site, and the claim cannot be made that it is a mere addition to the older structure. It will be of solid construction, not veneered, as is the present building, and a first-class heating apparatus will be provided that will supply both

Meridian Banks Consolidate.

The Meridian Exchange Bank and the Bank of Meridian have consolidated with a paid-up capital of \$40,000 and nearly \$10,000 additional as a surplus fund, making a total capital of almost \$50,000. This move was brought about by the desire on the part of those interested to hold Meridian in the lead in the Boise valley as a business center and give the community larger and more extended banking facilities.

The bank will retain the name of the Exchange Bank until it is possible to obtain a national bank charter, which has been applied for. The directors of the bank will be J. J. Jones, President; H. B. Carpenter, Vice-President; E. C. Pfaffle, Cashier; J. W. Harrell; S. M. Burns; G. E. Parkin, J. A. Fenton.

Arthur Frazier and T. Stephens will both remain as assistant cashiers. Mr. Harrell, the cashier of the Bank of Meridian, will give much-needed time to his business and ranch interests, which has been his desire for some time past.

The consolidation of these two banks was accomplished on the most friendly terms and the new and larger institution will have the united support of all the patrons of the two banks, and marks the starting point of a greater Meridian. The banking room formerly used by the Exchange Bank will be remodeled to some extent and the new fixtures of the Bank of Meridian will be taken over and installed, and it will be strictly up-to-date.

Two Districts Go Out.

Before the county commissioners yesterday Cloverdale (District No. 39) asked to withdraw from the Meridian rural high school district, and the same request was made by patrons of district No. 11 (Sonia). Both were granted. This leaves but one district, Least

PUBLIC NOTICE

Of School Bond Election in Meridian Independent School District No. 33, in Ada County, Idaho.

Public notice is hereby given according to law and the requisite action of the board of school trustees of Meridian Independent School District No. 33 in Ada County, Idaho, that a special school bond election of said school district will be held at Old School House in Meridian, in said school district on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1912, between the hours of one o'clock P. M., and five o'clock P. M., at which election there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Idaho who are resident freeholders or householders of the district the following question for their vote and determination thereof:

QUESTION SUBMITTED

Shall the Board of Trustees of Meridian Independent School District No. 33, in Ada County, Idaho, be authorized to issue the negotiable coupon bonds of the district in the amount of \$30,000 bearing interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum; said bonds to bear date the first day of June, A. D. 1912, payable twenty years after date and redeemable 10 years after date, for the purpose of purchasing ground and constructing and providing with necessary furniture, apparatus and fixtures, a new schoolhouse at Meridian, within and for said district?

The said qualified voters, voting as aforesaid, shall vote upon said question by secret ballot whereon shall be written or printed the question above submitted, and said ballot shall contain the words, "Bonds Yes," or the words, "Bonds No." The qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of said bond issue shall vote by ballot containing the words "Bonds Yes;" and the qualified voters desiring to vote against said bond issue shall vote by ballot containing the words "Bonds No."

The polls for the reception of the ballots cast upon said question will, on said day and date and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of one o'clock P. M. and will remain open until the hour of five o'clock P. M., of the same day, when they shall be closed.

H. F. NEAL, Chairman Board of School Trustees.

[School District Seal]

ATTEST:

J. L. WAGGONER, Clerk.

Dated this 15th day of April, A. D. 1912.

At a recent meeting of the county commissioners, Hillsdale precinct was created, to take parts of Meridian, Maple Grove, Kuna and Ten Mile. The south halfs of Sections 19 and 20, and north halfs of 29 and 30, Twps. 3 N. R. 1 E., will be taken from Meridian

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MERIDIAN, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1912

A Matter of Regret.

The result of the \$35,000 bond election Tuesday was a deep disappointment to many who had hoped that new quarters would be provided for the school children this fall. The vote was 212, and of this number 140 were in favor and 72 against the proposition. It thus lacked two votes to have the necessary two-thirds to carry. Twice a majority of the citizens have asked that bonds be voted, and the former election was lost by 12 votes, and this by a smaller number.

The school board express a deep disappointment and state that there will be a serious handicap in taking care of the scholars that will ask to attend school this fall. The directors of District 33 state that they cannot accommodate high school pupils in either of the school buildings as all the room will be required for the grades. It seems to be up to the rural high school district to hunt quarters for themselves. This can only be done by renting vacant rooms around town.

The Times believes those who voted against the bonds Tuesday made a serious mistake, as it means that no new quarters will be provided for a year at least. As far as higher taxes is concerned, this action can only result in a direct tax being levied to meet the temporary needs, and this tax will be higher than the amount of the interest on the bond issue.

Besides, the sentiment as expressed by those who twice voted down the plan to provide additional quarters, is discouraging to those who are endeavoring to provide a high school in the Meridian district that will attract and keep our students at home. The action of Tuesday is practically saying to all those over the eighth grade that they must seek other schools—in Boise or elsewhere—if they wish to pursue the studies found in an up-to-date town school, and that notwithstanding that the district has an assessed value of \$1,500,000 we are too poor and tax-oppressed to provide quarters for those who wish to advance beyond the eighth grade.

Electric Railway Work.

This week the railroad graders are working full time on the new Boise Valley line between Meridian and Nampa. Contractor Goss has use for more men and teams. That the culverts are to be of a substantial nature is evidenced from the fact that a car of cement was received for the road at Meridian Tuesday.

The grading crew are doing a lot of work at the cut and fill on the A. R. Stalker place, three miles west of Meridian.

A substantial fence is being put all along the line, and is appreciated by the adjoining ranch-owners, as no stock will be able to get out on the right-of-way.

Geo. Marellus is one who appreciates the value of the new road to his property, and estimates that he and his brother will be benefitted to an amount exceeding \$10,000.

Report of the Condition of the

MERIDIAN EXCHANGE BANK

at Meridian, State of Idaho, at the close of business April 18th, 1912:

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts.....	\$105,000.55
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	915.67
U. S. Municipal and other Bonds, Warrants and Loans made for acct. Saving Deposit	none
Bonds, warrants and other securities.....	none
Premiums on bonds,	none
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	16,700.71
Other real estate owned.....	5,761.63
Due from banks.....	42,228.34
Checks and other cash items	1,004.50
Exchanges for Clearing House	none
Cash on hand (lawful money of the United States).....	10,246.92

TOTAL..... \$181,957.32

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in.....	\$40,000.00
Surplus fund.....	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	4,111.19
Due to Banks (deposits).....	none
Dividends unpaid.....	none
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	111,385.00
Demand certificates of deposit	1,357.61
Time certificates of deposits	19,551.51
Savings Deposits.....	none
Certified checks.....	none
Cashier's checks outstanding	551.92
Notes and bills rediscounted	none
Bills payable.....	none
Liabilities other than those above stated.....	none

TOTAL..... \$181,957.32

STATE OF IDAHO { ss

COUNTY OF ADA } ss

I, E. C. Pfaffle, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Report of the Condition of the

KUNA SAVINGS BANK

at Kuna, in the State of Idaho, at the close of business, April 18 1912:

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$ 26,817.14
Overdrafts; secured and unsecured.....	1,711.67
Bonds, warrants and other Securities.....	123
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	1,200
Due from banks.....	6,257.61
Checks and other Cash items	95
Cash on hand (lawful money of the United States).....	1,601.37

Total..... \$ 37,771.14

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in.....	\$15,000
Surplus Fund.....	300
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	877.52
Individual deposits subject to check.....	18,963.26
Demand certificates of deposit	8.30
Time certificates of deposits	2,618.06
Liabilities other than those above stated.....	4

Total..... \$ 37,771.14

State of Idaho { ss

County of Ada } ss

I, L. A. Martin cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

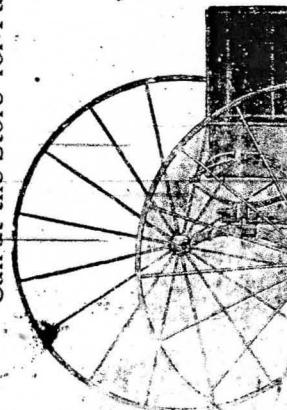
L. A. MARTIN, Cashier.
Correct. Attest: F. H. TEEDE
J. A. MARTIN
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1912.

A. H. CHRISTINSON,
Justice of the Peace.

Call and see Dr. Easter about your teeth. All work guaranteed, and family.

A Fine Henney Buggy and 60 other Presents Given Away
Call at the Store for Particulars.



Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heart thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the illness, death and burial of our mother, Mrs. Julia A. Grier.

Call and see Dr. Easter about your teeth. All work guaranteed, and family.

"OUR HAT IS IN THE RING"

STUDEBAKER BROS. CO.

Have honored me with the privilege of handing out their vehicles to any one in the vicinity of Meridian who may want anything in their line; and it is an honor and a pleasure to make the soul of man happy as it may be made with something as satisfactory and dependable as their product is.

The name STUDEBAKER has stood for fifty-nine years for everything that was par excellence in the manufacture of vehicles, and is not permitted on anything that they will not fully guarantee and stand back of.

If you have any thought of or any wish to own anything in their line, come in and let's "smoke the pipe of peace" and talk it over. We have in stock over thirty styles and can surely please you.

**Small Payments and Easy Terms
if desired**

Please bear in mind our banner, always unfurled, is

"SATISFACTION EVERY TIME."

I want to trade for a good driving horse.

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MERIDIAN, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1912

A vote for the new school house is a vote for progress!

Vote for the Bonds.

Another effort will be made next Monday to carry the \$35,000 bond issue to build a new school house in Meridian. Twice the majority of the people have said they favored the bonds and the will of the majority should rule. There is no reason on earth to oppose the bonds as the interest will make the taxes no higher than if temporary quarters are provided. There are 425 children in the district and room in the school houses for 375, which means 50 scholars will not be properly housed this winter. This is existing in the old school house, which many consider unsafe. Without the old school house at least 100 scholars are unprovided for.

The cheap, veneered brick building known as the "new school house" would not be considered a credit to many of the country districts of Ada county. An idea of the elegant accommodations of this building is understood when it is known that 400 children are compelled to use two small, unsanitary closets, with no better fixtures than are found in the rear of the average hotel. Some day the sanitary officers will come down from Boise and the toilets will be condemned.

One mill and a third will pay the interest (figuring the district at a valuation of \$1,270,000) on the proposed bond issue. The extra tax will amount to about \$2.40 per acre on the average farm. What better investment can we make than to provide good schools? Let us not send word outside that Meridian votes to defeat a worthy enterprise.

Vote for the Bonds!

For Representative.

Boise Capital News:

J. F. Baird, editor of the Meridian Times and one of the live, active men of the county, today filed his nomination papers as candidate for Republican nomination as member of the house of representatives of the state legislature of Idaho. Mr. Baird has been a resident of Ada county for a number of years and is enrolled among the progressives of the county.

Next Tuesday the republicans

Vote for the Schools!

Taft Ahead.

At this writing (Tuesday afternoon) it looks as though Taft would get the nomination at Chicago. The liveliest convention in history is now in progress. Idaho's delegates are solid for Roosevelt, but the Roosevelt delegates from Washington, who were honestly elected, were unseated in favor of Taft men. If Taft wins the victory as a result of such methods, it will be hard to elect him this fall.

County Remains Wet.

The local option election Wednesday resulted in a victory for the "wets." The total vote was 10,806, the drys getting 4,476 and the wets 6,603, or a majority of 1,827, for the county.

Meridian precinct gave even a better dry vote than two years ago. 384 votes being cast, 306 dry and 77 wet. The Kuna vote was 111 dry and 62 wet, and White Cross 112 dry and 63 wet.

All the Boise precincts and several country precincts gave wet majorities, the vote in Boise being very heavy.



For Attorney General.

Charles M. Van Duyn, the present assistant attorney general, is a candidate for attorney general at the Republican primaries, to be held July 30th. He was formerly

Notice of Special Meeting
of the stockholders of the Cumora Consolidated Mining Company, Ltd.: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Cumora Consolidated Mining Company, Ltd. is hereby called for, and will be held at the office of said corporation, in the Sonna building, City of Boise, County of Ada, State of Idaho, on Monday, the 24th day of June 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M. on that day, for the purpose of ratifying the action of the board of Directors of said corporation in contracting to sell the property of the corporation, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated June 7th, 1912.

A. E. Carlson, President.
5-2t J. H. Lynch, Secretary.

Excursions to Pocatello.

June 24-25 and 26 via Oregon Short Line from Idaho and Oregon points for Idaho State Sunday School Convention Limit June 28th. See agents for rates and further particulars.

Spring Pigs for Sale, \$3.00 each, at Nourse's Ranch, 3 miles north of Meridian.

Frank A. Nourse, Boise.



The Good Morning Alarm

A great little alarm clock that rings on time, runs on time, stays on time. It's compact, neat, sizeable—easy to set and easy to wind.

Its dial is clear, open, pleasing-to-read; its call snappy, cheerful, pleasing to hear.

It's guaranteed to get you up in time and to do it without a miss.

Regular Price \$1.00. Special price next week, beginning this Saturday, 75c.

Vickers-Sims Hardware Co.

BUY FLOUR NOW!

We bought flour before the raise—we now offer you the benefit

Wigwam Flour, \$1.35 per sack
Fancy "T" Flour 1.25 per sack
Cache Valley's Best Flour 1.45 per sack

Bring us your butter—we can use lots of it. We offer 25c a pound.

Remember we own two large stores--when you go to Boise, make yourself at home at our store, at 820 Idaho street.

GARRETT MERCANTILE CO.

THE QUALITY STORE.

Two Stores: 821 Idaho St., Boise, and Meridian.

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MERIDIAN, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27,

MERIDIAN'S PROGRESS

for the Year Just Closed.

The year 1912 has been good to the Meridian community in many respects. We have been blessed with bountiful crops on the farms and ranches and the health of the community has been uniformly better than for any year in the history of the settlement.

Our three physicians, Dr. H. F. Neal, Dr. C. L. Dutton, and Dr. P. L. Payne all report a remarkable absence of typhoid diseases, and in town this is credited to the improved water system, as a fine deep city well has taken the place of the shallow unsanitary private wells throughout the town. Before the new water works was completed, especially during the fall and winter of three years ago, there were numerous cases of typhoid fever, with several deaths, while this fall the doctors report that there is not a single case in the corporate limits.

GOOD PURE WATER.

The city water system, which has cost about \$35,000, has been extended and the mains now cover the entire village, with 135 patrons. The patronage has been beyond expectations, says Mayor J. M. Anderson, and the receipts do not only pay running expenses and interest on the bond issue, but a good sum is turned back into the treasury this year. Credit for much gratuitous labor in getting the water works system to its present satisfactory state is due to the Mayor and Councilmen E. E. Stine, Charles Pickett, Ed Hartman, and W. A. Palmer. They have also had charge of equipping the town with new cement cross walks, and forty have been put in. These with several others make a sum total of street improvements nearly equal to all previous years put together.

The roads in town and country have been especially good this fall, and part of this is no doubt due to the grading done by Street Commissioner Downey, for the town, and County Commissioner Crawford for the country.

THREE FINE SCHOOLS.

Meridian is especially proud of

Bank was an important move during the year, and gives the town an extra strong banking institution. The last report is as follows: Loans and discounts, \$128,497; U. S. bonds, \$40,000; other resources making total of \$237,943. Capital stock, \$40,000; deposits \$149,000; other liabilities \$48,855.

The merchants have enjoyed a good year in business, in all respects an improvement over last. Collections have been better and the increase in population has added many new customers.

BIG FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

The Oregon Short Line agent, M. F. Williams, reports a big business for the year. Ending Sept. 1, 50 cars of wheat, 55 cars of oats, 223 cars of hay, 302 cars of fruit and 46 miscellaneous, had been sent out during the 12 months from the Meridian station. Receipts were 84 cars of lumber, 138 cars of coal, 20 cars of cement, 80 cars miscellaneous. Total, 676 cars forwarded, 322 received. Total number pounds freight forwarded and received, 42,600,213. Total amount in dollars and cents, \$152,659.67.

One of the most important shipments was 130 cars of green prunes, to be sold as plums on the Chicago and eastern markets. There were 20,000 pounds of green fruit to the car, each car held a thousand crates, and each crate contained 4 baskets weighing 51 pounds each. The packing of these prunes gave employment to a number of people during the otherwise dull month of September.

During the year the Short Line has placed stock yards at Meridian, and accommodated in several car-loads of sheep, cattle, or hogs.

BETTER COWS COMING.

The Hendershot Live Stock Co. have shipped in 400 head of first-class dairy stock during the year, most of which has been sold to the farmers of this vicinity. The dairy industry has taken on a decided impetus, and it seems the general trend is to get away from the one crop idea, (of fruit) and

clover seed was raised this year over any previous year.

NEW MERIDIAN BUILDINGS.

Building operations in Meridian this year exceed any previous year, when railroad and public improvements are considered. Work on a \$10,000 business structure on Idaho street, to be built by Pfaffle & Harrell, has commenced. Elmer Sharp completed a substantial store building early in the year, and other improvements are planned. Numerous residences have been erected in Meridian and the adjoining country, and the lumber yards are busy.

ELECTRIC LINE IMPROVEMENTS.

The greatest improvement of the year has been to the credit of the Idaho Traction company. They have invested not less than a quarter of a million dollars in this vicinity, including the building of a new electric line from Meridian west to Nampa, thus placing our town on the main line of the Boise-Caldwell-Nampa-Meridian loop. When the road was built years ago, Meridian was missed by a mile and a half, although the citizens gave their money for a right of way at that time supposing they would be on the main line, or at least have main line service. But the stub to Onwiler has always been a nuisance, both to the traveling public and the company. The new Idaho Traction company with sufficient financial backing to carry out their projects, and with an enterprising president, Mr. H. F. Dicke, some time ago decided to remedy the defect and place Meridian, which is one of the principal towns on the loop, on the main line. The Meridian-Nampa cut-off was the result, and Dec. 15th regular cars were started on the new line, with an hourly schedule, instead of the old bi-hourly.

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will also make it easier for the farmers living along the lines to get to Meridian, and when it is so fare to Meridian and sever times as much to go to another town, for ordinary purchases the farmer will go where he can g the easiest. Another item is the increased business that will open up along the line west of Meridian, and which has not been de veloped to any extent. There will be an improvement in the Mont along this new line and many new homes will be established.

BETTER TAX RATE.

There is still considerable com plaint on the part of farmers in this vicinity of the high tax rate, and some of the farmers who have made their payments state that the amount is equal to last year. In Meridian, however, village property is not paying quite as high a rate as last year, a prominent citizen stating that his taxes are just one-third less than in 1911. The contention of the farmer is that the taxes are too high consider ing the low price realized from grain, and this held good last year as well as the present season. There is more of an equality in assessment this year and the glaring errors of two years ago where one farm was valued high and the adjoining one low, has been remedied, to a great extent. There is still a feeling, however, that according to the value of the product of the ranches (as compared with other property) the rancher is getting the worst of the deal, and is bearing the burden.

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As this "burden" promises to remain for the indefinite future, may result in the cutting of the big farms into smaller tracts, and instead of raising so much grain and alfalfa, the farmers will give more attention to cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, and selling the products of the dairy.

CONCLUSION.

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has cost about \$35,000, has been extended and the mains now cover the entire village, with 135 patrons. The patronage has been beyond expectations, says Mayor J. M. Anderson, and the receipts do not only pay running expenses and interest on the bond issue, but a good sum is turned back into the treasury this year. Credit for much gratuitous labor in getting the water works system to its present satisfactory state is due to the Mayor and Councilmen E. D. Sims, Charles Pickett, Ed Hartman, and W. A. Palmer. They have also had charge of equipping the town with new cement cross walks, and forty have been put in. These with several make a sum total of street improvements nearly equal to all previous years put together.

The roads in town and country have been especially good this fall, and part of this is no doubt due to the grading done by Street Commissioner Downey, for the town, and County Commissioner Crawford for the country.

THREE FINE SCHOOLS

Meridian is especially proud of the schools, and three school buildings will be equipped to take care of the many children in this neighborhood, the third being the fine new high school building, located in a commanding position, and which can be viewed by all those coming into town from the north, east or west. It is being built by District No. 33, but will be used not only for the grades but Rural High school No. 1 will find accommodations there.

The new building will be ready for occupancy this spring, and is designed by Architects, Tourtelotte & Hummel, of Boise. About \$30,000 is being put in the building, and the elegant block of ground was secured at an additional cost of \$2,500. The basement story will have manual training and domestic science rooms, the second floor four class rooms each 32X23, and the top floor three class rooms, a study room and superintendent's office.

PAYING CHURCH DEBT.

The two churches, Methodist and Christian, have had a good year's growth. Rev. W. L. Luscombe, pastor of the M. E. church, reports that the regular expenses of the church have not only been met, but that \$1,200 has been subscribed during the year in a movement to pay off the church debt.

A consolidation of the two banks, the Meridian Exchange and the Bank of Meridian, and change of title to First National

cars forwarded, 322 received. Total number pounds freight forwarded and received, 42,000,213. Total amount in dollars and cents, \$152,659.67.

One of the most important shipments was 130 cars of green prunes, to be sold as plums on the Chicago and eastern markets. There were 20,000 pounds of green fruit to the car, each car held a thousand crates, and each crate contained 4 baskets weighing 5½ pounds each. The packing of these prunes gave employment to

hundreds of people during the otherwise dull month of September.

During the year the Short Line has placed stock yards at Meridian, accommodations for several car-loads of sheep, cattle, or hogs.

BETTER COWS COMING.

The Hendershot Live Stock Co. have shipped in 400 head of first-class dairy stock during the year, most of which has been sold to the farmers of this vicinity. The dairy industry has taken on a decided impetus, and it seems the general trend is to get away from the one crop idea, (of fruit) and engage in mixed and intensive farming. This is a most hopeful sign for the ultimate success of the farmers in this vicinity, for the reason that it means an income at various seasons of the year. The hog and dairy industry already brings thousands of dollars weekly to the farmers here, and there is no limit to the possible expansion of the business.

MIXED FARMING BEST.

The trend towards mixed farming, which has been so much in evidence recently, is due to several causes. The price of prunes this year, although sufficient to pay expenses, caused many an orchardist to pause and consider whether he had better pin his faith entirely on the orchard, and later the apple crop caused some more hard thinking. The result will not affect the apple and prune industry, as this natural home for raising bumper crops of fruit will be utilized to its fullest extent, but the farmer will not neglect the other farm crops.

FIRST ALFALFA MEAL.

The other day Meridian shipped the first car of alfalfa meal, ever to go from this community. The returns were satisfactory and it promises to be a valuable industry. John Cato, a local thresher of grain, purchased an alfalfa mill and this goes with his portable thresher outfit. An attachment also hulls the alfalfa for seed. Double the amount of alfalfa and

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BETTER TRADE FOR MERIDIAN.

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The accomplishment of still greater things is looked forward to for 1913. Welcome the new year!

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank of Meridian, will be held at 2 o'clock p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 1913, at their Banking Room, Meridian, Idaho, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, and for such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

E. C. PRESTON, Cashier
Dated December 10, 1912.

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