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# Early life

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Heitfeld was a candidate for Governor of Idaho in 1904 but was defeated by Republican Frank R. Gooding. The following year Heitfeld became mayor of Lewiston, serving until 1909.

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