LINE-UP GROWS AT BLACKFOOT

Blackfoot Ida. Aug. 31—The line-up at the land office here to anticipate the opening of the withheld lands of the Fort Hall reservation is gradually increasing, and every train brings new recruits. No serious conflicts have yet taken place, the crowds as a rule being very orderly, but trouble is expected when the Pocatello applicants who were caught napping by the early arrivals here, commence to arrive, as several tracts close to Pocatello will be stubbornly contested for.

Murder at Hillsboro.

Hillsboro Aug. 39—As a result of an altercation between Bert Oakman, a farmer, and Frank Bennett of this place, Oakman stabbed Bennett in the neck with a knife, severing the jugular vein. Bennett died in 20 minutes. Oakman has disappeared. Oakman is said to have recently come from the east and to have no relatives [illegible] this city

A Remarkable Feat.

Divers performed a remarkable feat recently at the Draper mine in California. An accident happened to the big pump, which is in a sump containing 113 feet of water. The divers descended in absolute darkness, and made certain repairs by sense of touch and feeling that were necessary to to start the pump and it has been running since perfectly. The cost did not exceed $175 whereas a new pump would have cost at least five times the expense incurted for the divers. It was a very unusual procedure but a very successful one.

SPANISH VILLAGES FIGHT OVER SEWERS

Madrid, Aug. 31—A pitched battle has been raging since Sunday last between the rival villages of Osyla and Fuentes, near Sargossa, over the sewers the ownership of which both claim. Seven hundred men are engaged in the fighting and 28 are already dead and 79 injured. The police are powerless and troops have been dispatched to restore order.

Feed Short

This morning there is a decided shortage in the grain supply for Sumpter live stock. Deliverymen have been buying overly cautious and the commission men have been more horses employed in these hills for the last two months of a year ago according to the best authorities. This morning there is very little feed at any point in this vicinity and last night Agent Gardinier stated that the supplies ordered by different people in these parts had not reached Baker City and it will thus be at least a day more before any can be brought in here.—Morning Reporter.

BALLIET IN MORE TROUBLE

San Francisco, Aug. 31—Letson Balliet has been sued for an accounting by the White Swan Mines Company, Limited, the complaint being verified by C. H. Stuller as secretary. It is stated that Balliet who was treasurer and general manager of the company until last March received $283,-013 for stock sold and that he claims that he expended for the corporation's benefit all of this sum. It is alleged that disbursements amounting to $183 937 which are entered on the books were made without authority and not for the company's benefit.

Attending Fair

St. Louis, Aug. 21—Seven million persons have thus far seen the World's Fair. The attendance by week is:

Opening day April 30	187,703
Week ending May 7	137,808
Week ending May 14	183,399
Week ending May 21	257 647
Week ending May 28	299,990
Week ending June 4	378,146
Week ending June 11	499.228
Week ending June 18	475.187
Week ending June 25	540,485
Week ending July 2	540,142
Week ending July 9	592,303
Week ending July 16	500,359
Week ending July 23	512,150
Week ending July 30	551,842
Week ending August 6	601,411
Week ending August 13	666,607
Total	6,925,497

MISSIONHRIES FLEE TOESCAPE

Shaughai, Aug.30 —Twenty American missionaries including women and children have been forced to leave Tamingful, Penchili province, owing to an intended massacre by the Boxers The local telegraph company refused to dispatch a message to Minister Conger at Perkin and an English friend sent the message. The viceroy of Pechili province then sent orders for their protection and the missionaries came out safetly.

$1,689,750

Is the amount annually expected by the 2250 families visited each issue of the daily and weekly Observer.

The above figures are obtained by consulting bulliton No 53 issued by the U S government July 1904 by the Bureau of Labor page 705. which shows the average expenditure per family for all purposes to be 751,46

Thus we have the total of 2250 families $1,689,750

There is nothing so startling about this statement, the same condition exists all over the Western States and there is not a single reader of this statement but knows that the people of La Grande and Grande Ronde valley eat as often as much, and dress as well, and enjoy the comforts of life as any other section in the North west and really all honestly believe that are better off than the average community.

The above statement is the result of painstaking research on the part of the government and cannot be disputed.

The point that called forth the research of the above facts was to demonstrate, that any medium that regularly circulates among an army of purchases whose annual costof living is in excess of $1.500,000, is a desirable medium for advertisers

There is no other medium except the daily and weekly Observer, that can offer a similar service in this city or county.

Mr Advertiser; Here is food for thought The possibilities of careful contnuous advertisers in these papers are worthy of your deepest consideration.

Be Careful

The Observer has been informed that promoters of the Trading Stamp advertising scheme are headed this way and we would suggest that our business men thoroughly investigate the matter prior to signing contracts. Elsewhere is publisher in this issue what many of the Spokane merchants think of the proposition. La Grande has been free of fake advertising for quite awhile and it is a well known fact that the best business men once in a while get caught. A word to the wise is often all that is neccessary. The plan is somewhat similar to the piano proposition that disturbed business circles in this city a few years ago.

Complaint has reached this office regarding the Proebstel bridge. From the information given here the bridge has never been fully repared from the effects of the high water last winter and now the end nearest town is settling and is about fourteen inches lower than the rest of the structure. This bridge is one of the important ones in the county and should receive the attention of the county court At the present rate of settling it will be only a short time before the bridge will be utterly impassable. The proper authorities should look into this matter and make the needed repairs before it is to late.

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