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To the close observer nothing reflects the development of this great northwest as the press through its news columns. We have before us the Evening News, of Boise, in which its Nampa correspondent mentions the fact that J. H. France is there distributing a carload of cantaloupe seed. Think of it, a carload of cantaloupe seed! Several years ago our attention was called to the fact that a carload of onion seed had arrived in Portland, but here, on what was called the waste lands of Idaho, through the very section that the early pioneers suffered so much in passing through, for want of grass for their stock and the long distances between water, a carload of cantaloupe seed is now being distributed among the farmers for spring planting. You, who are good in mathematics, have an opportunity to speculate how many carloads of cantaloupes will be produced from this carload of seed. Our readers should not overlook the fact that irrigation and population made this desert bloom. Irrigation first, then the population followed.

Seemingly, this has been a freak winter in many portions of the United States. Those places which usually expect long stretches of cold weather, have enjoyed more than their proportion of warm days, and the places that usually can depend upon sunshine, have been seeking extra plumbbers. Here in Grande Ronde, we also have had little sloppy, slushy and muddy weather. There have been few days this winter but what good loads could have been hauled across the valley. The roads were frozen, or dry. We have little time yet, and it is to be hoped that we will have some, if not, with our limited snow so far in the mountains, we will experience an unusually dry year. We will wait until March and April have come and gone, however, before we commence thinking about a drought. There is ample time yet to have the mountains piled several feet high with snow.

STATEMENT ATTACKED BY HOUSE BILL

Salem, Feb. 1.—According to an announcement made this morning by Speaker McArthur, the house cannot possibly conclude its business so as to adjourn February 19. It was the plan of President Bowerman of the senate to adjourn on that day. McArthur says he cannot see how the house can conclude its work before February 29, but because things are running so smoothly in the senate that body desired to adjourn earlier.
Blow at Statement One.
The house this morning by a vote of 23 to 22 adopted a favorable report on the Brooke-Benn bill, providing any candidate making statement No. 1 to be guilty of a misdemeanor. Fifteen members did not vote, being absent. A joint resolution, providing that the question of increasing the salary of members of the legislature from \$3 to \$6 per day, be submitted to the peo-

ple, was adopted.
Labor Interests Fighting.
Prepared to make a hard fight, agents representing the new Employers' association, arrived here to wage battle against the proposed eight-hour law by Campbell, the Ketchum measure, removing the \$1500 limit on liability of employers when employees are killed or injured, and the bill doing away with contributory negligence as a defense in case of accident. Employers attribute the action to labor agitators.
Mahoney Seized With Cramps.
Seized with a severe cramp in the lower part of the spine column during a session of the house, Representative Mahoney of Morrow and Umatilla counties, and a banker of Hesperia, was today carried to the cloak room by Senators Cole and Smith of Pendleton, both of whom are physicians. They say the attack, while not serious, may be an indication of typhoid fever. Mahoney returned to his desk later.

Town Without Coal.
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 1.—
News from Aberdeen, on the Grand Trunk & Pacific road says that the town is without coal due to the terrific storm.
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