

## IDAHO NOTES.

Surveyors of the Midland Pacific have penetrated into Idaho, having been three months on the road from Sioux City, Iowa. They are simply prospecting for a feasible railroad route, and have located one by way of the Black hills, Big Horn mountains, Teton mountains, Lemhi river and Salmon river to Lewiston. From there it will seek an outlet on Puget sound and probably the Columbia also, either by traffic arrangements with other lines or by a line of its own.

An agreement has been effected between the government commission and the Cour d' Alene Indians, by which that portion of the reservation lying north of the lake and Cour d' Alene river and containing 250,500 acres, is to be sold to the government for \$500,000. This is a splendid mineral and timber region, and will soon be filled with prospectors.

With water on her sage brush lands, Idaho will be one of the greatest agricultural states in the union.

The Snake river canals will be the biggest irrigation scheme in the country.

Idaho's new constitution will be a strong recommendation for admission.

Idaho quartz mines are attracting great attention.

Constitutional election November 5.

## ALASKA NOTES.

Word comes of the great sufferings and privations of the miners in the Yukon country. There seems to be little reward in store for the venturesome gold hunter in that portion of Alaska under present conditions of transportation.

The extensive mining interests of Douglas island will be illustrated and described in the West Shore at an early date. Engravings of the mills, scenery, natives, etc., are now being prepared.

Behring sea may be a closed sea, but it seems to have a good many leaks that badly need plugging up.

Secretary Windom seems to be doing things with a *Kush* in Behring sea.

Alaska needs a better territorial government.

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