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IDAHO NOTES.

The biggest mineral strike of the season
in the Cour d'Alenes was made within
one mile of Mullen, Idaho, by John W.
Smith, a deaf and dumb prospector. He
found a five foot vein of eighteen inches
of solid galena at a depth of fifteen feet be-
low the grass roots. A quarter interest in
the property has been bonded for \$10,000.

Post Falls, a young town in Northern
Idaho, was only established last spring,
but it has already located or assured a
saw mill, a flour mill, a woolen mill, a
sash and door factory, a wagon and car-
riage factory and a match factory. A
water works system is being put in and an
electric light plant erected. A street car
line is announced to be built soon. The
town bids fair to become an important
manufacturing center.

The discovery of a wonderful ice cave is
reported from Taney. Its location is nearly
three miles due east of that place and
about twenty-five miles from Moscow.
The cave or mine is at an elevation of
about 2,000 feet above the sea. The ice is
covered with moss and boulders but a
strong freezing current of air issuing from
it indicates the existence of a large cave
in the hillside. By some it is supposed
that this is a relic of the glacial period.

The election on the fifth instant to de-
termine the sentiment of the people of the
territory regarding statehood and the new
constitution resulted in favor of the con-
stitution and admission by a large major-
ity. The election was entirely on its own
merits, it being free from the question of
filling the offices, and as a result the issue
was clear and it carried. The delegate in
congress will have strong support in urg-
ing the admission of Idaho to the union
at the coming session of congress.

The North Fork Hydraulic Mining Com-
pany last spring obtained title to 200 acres
of placer ground on the north fork of Clear
river, in Shoshone county, and all summer
improvements were actively prosecuted.
To get water a flume nearly five miles long
was constructed, which carries 500 inches
with a fall of 280 feet. Comfortable build-
ings have been erected and everything
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