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The papers of Idaho and Washington have published many complimentary notices of the woman's edition of the Argus, all of which are fully appreciated by the ladies and the Argus.

## FRUITLAND ITEMS

Carl Oscar Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johnson, died Monday morning at 3 o'clock after an illness of six weeks of pneumonia. Funeral services were held in the Swedish Lutheran church at Payette Tuesday afternoon. Many beautiful flowers were given, among them being some from the W. O. W., grange and the Parent Teachers Circle, of Washoe. The pall bearers were Delos Bullis, Joe Dibbie and James Frazier, all childhood friends of the deceased.

A. P. Scritchfield and Mr. Tree were in Fruitland Friday transacting business.

Little Harry Wilcox is reported quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Ben Patheal left Wednesday for her home at St. Maries. She has been visiting with relatives here for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis returned from Boise the latter part of last week.

Born—To Mr and Mrs. Jack Johnson, Monday, January 7th, a girl.

Messrs. Sargent, Kaesner, Davids and Scritchfield went to Boise last Friday returning Saturday evening.

The Mother's meeting held Friday afternoon at the school house was well attended and an interesting time passed.

Mrs. Quarterman, nee Miss Edna Tuttle, is visiting with relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Barbara Hightman left Thursday for Boise where she will take a course as nurse in St. Luke's hospital.

A jolly crowd planned a complete surprise on Miss Merle Hollenbeck last Friday night, it being her birthday. The evening was spent in playing games and Mrs. Hollenbeck served light refreshments.

Last Friday while Harry Hukas was hunting he accidentally shot himself in the arm while mounting his horse. It was necessary to amputate the arm at the shoulder and he is now in a critical condition as blood poison has set in.

The "Its" Sunday school class met Saturday afternoon with Miss Lola Carpenter, one of the members.

The "Rangers" Sunday school class met at the Methodist church class room Thursday evening and organized a Boy's club out of Rev. Deal's class, formerly known as "Devil Chasers" and expect to meet each Friday night for Bible study and a social time.

The High school Freshman class took advantage of the few inches of snow Friday night and went for a sleigh ride. They report a fine trip.

At the Christian Endeavor business meeting Friday officers were elected for the coming year.

"Big Tim" Committed to Sanitarium  
New York.—By court order it was learned that Congressman-elect Timothy D. Sullivan, who has long been a prominent figure in New York legislative affairs, is to be formally committed to a private sanitarium in Yonkers. He is suffering from a fatal malady. It is feared it will not be long before the disease completes its course.

Says 40 Deaths Caused By Drinking  
Albany, N. Y.—The engineer had been drinking the night before and had slept less than three hours, hence the wreck on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad at Corning, N. Y., last Independence day, in which 40 persons lost their lives and 75 others were injured. The state public service commission so declared after a careful investigation.

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Financier Says Control of Money in Bad Hands Might Cause Trouble.

Washington.—That the present concentration of money and credit "has gone far enough," that "in bad hands" it would have a bad effect upon the nation, that the safety of the situation lies in the personnel of the men in control and that present conditions are "not entirely comfortable for the country" were a few of the statements by George F. Baker, master of finance, as the climax of an examination before the house money trust committee. Mr. Baker reviewed in detail the operations of himself, his bank, the First National Bank of New York and J. P. Morgan & Co., in the issuance of bonds.

"In Wall street," said Baker, "Morgan is recognized as the great general of the financial army." He admitted that he and James Stillman were Morgan's chief lieutenants, saying: "Morgan could be the dominant financial power of the world if he were younger." Concluding his testimony, Baker admitted that the wealth of the nation had been greatly concentrated during recent years.

Democrats Will Hold up Appointments  
Democratic senators held a caucus and decided to stand pat in their opposition to confirmation of Taft appointees.

The republicans having refused to cooperate with a democratic committee to consider the nominations with a view to determining what should be and what should not be confirmed, they determined to hold up everything but army and navy promotions and the diplomatic appointments.

Postmasters and other civil appointments intended to be filled with republicans within a few weeks of the end of the republican administration will be protested against by the democrats, even if it takes a filibuster to enforce their protests.

Republican senators profess to believe there will be wholesale confirmation before the session is much older, but it now seems that everything depends upon the progressives. If they are present in full numbers and vote solidly with the democrats, they can defeat the Taft appointments.

Morgan May Tell of Ocean Combine  
An investigation of the International Mercantile Marine, the \$120,000,000 American corporation controlling numerous foreign and American steamship companies, with J. P. Morgan as the chief witness, is contemplated by the house committee on merchant marine in connection with its hearing of the so-called shipping trust. Mr. Morgan is believed to have organized this great company and to control its stock.

Chairman Alexander, of the committee, announced that Mr. Morgan probably would be subpoenaed immediately upon his return from Europe. P. A. S. Franklin, vice-president of the White Star line, one of the important companies connected with the International Mercantile Marine, already has been subpoenaed and probably will be examined in the near future.

Reduce Number of Customs Employes  
The plan of customs reorganization, comprising a revolutionary change in the boundaries of customs districts, is so close to completion that within a month Secretary MacVeagh, of the treasury department, expects to submit the scheme to President Taft for approval. It becomes effective July 1.

The plan contemplates the reduction of the number of existing 150 customs districts to 50. With a few exceptions each state will constitute one customs district. Senators and representatives are bombarding the department with protests against contemplated action in their states or districts. Senator Borah has introduced a bill giving settlers on government reclamation projects 30 years in which to make payment for water rights, and exempting them from payment of interest on the \$20,000,000 loan authorized a year ago.

Representative Hayes of California, has introduced a bill to amend the alien contract law. The amendment allows the entry of musicians, actors, lecturers, ministers and persons belonging to any organized learned profession. Nearly 2,000,000 parcel post packages were sent through the postoffices of the 50 leading cities of the country in the first week of the operation of the new service, according to reports received by Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

Mortality records have been broken during the present congress. Since the sixty-second congress began Vice-president Sherman, six senators and 16 representatives have died. One representative-elect, Joel Cook, of Pennsylvania, died before congress convened.

### Brief News of the week

Ottuma, Iowa, has adopted the commission form of government by a vote of 1351 to 1275.

Utah's four electoral votes for vice-president will be cast for Governor Hadley, of Missouri. This was the agreement reached by the electors.

Human ashes were mailed by parcel post at the St. Louis postoffice for Edwardsville, Ill., where they will be buried in the grave that was dug for Frederick Naumann.

The question of increased insurance rates imposed by the Royal Arcanum, fought so bitterly by a few of its members, will be taken to the supreme court of the United States.

The lowest temperature of the late cold snap in California was recorded at Huasna (San Luis Obispo county), in the Santa Lucia range, where the thermometer registered eight degrees below zero.

During the course of the inquiry being made into the Putamayo Rubber scandal in London, it has been admitted that 20,000 natives have been murdered during the last 12 years by officials of one company.

Proposed increases of about 10 per cent in the freight rates on news print paper from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, to destinations in the United States, were suspended by the Interstate Commerce commission from January 11 to July 11.

Clashes between pickets and the police continue to mark the progress of the garment makers' strike in New York. Leaders of the waist and dress-makers' unions declared that the members of those organizations had voted to go on strike.

While the allies and powers are bickering over the cession of Adrianople, the people of that city are starving and the town is at its last gasp. Military authorities have seized all food in the place and are making only one distribution, comprising a half ration, daily.

A commercial panic with many failures is threatened by the czar's ukase expelling the remaining Jews from the city of Kieff by the end of the Russian year. These Jews number 164 merchants with their families, do a business of \$25,000,000 a year and have current liabilities of \$12,500,000.

### People in the News

President Taft has renominated Charles P. Neill to be commissioner of labor.

Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, arrived at New York for an extended visit to this country.

Captain Hjalmar Johansen, who had achieved much success in polar research, committed suicide at Christiania, Norway.

Anton Johannsen of San Francisco a labor leader, appeared in the United States district court at Los Angeles to be tried on a charge of aiding in a conspiracy to transport dynamite.

Guy Eddie, good government leader and suspended city prosecutor of Los Angeles, was found not guilty of having contributed to the delinquency of Mrs. Alice Phelps, a minor.

The entire estate of the late White-law Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, is left unconditionally to his widow. The value of the estate is estimated from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, of California, was elected by the Interstate Commerce commission to serve as its chairman for the year beginning January 13. He succeeded Commissioner Charles A. Prouty.

Bail bonds in the sum of \$240,000 for the release of Olaf A. Tveitmo and Eugene Clancy, the convicted dynamite conspirators sentenced to six years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., were filed at San Francisco before the United States commissioner.

### MARY M. BARTELME



Miss Mary M. Bartelme, who has been sworn in as Chicago's first woman judge.

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OF  
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From One-half to Two-thirds Less than Value

**Clearance Sale**  
OF  
**Ladies and Children's Coats**  
\$1.95 to \$19.75

## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

### Important Occurrences of the Past Week From Cities in Our State.

**State Senate Holds Business Session**  
—Important Bills are Introduced

Boise.—The first real business session of the state senate was marked by the introduction of several important bills relating to the creation of new counties. Bills were introduced to create a new county from portions of Oneida, Blaine and Bingham counties, to be called Power; to create the new counties of Gooding and Minidoka, from portions of Lincoln county and to appropriate general legislative expenses. Speaker French announced the appointment of the standing committees in the house.

Senator Hedrick introduced a bank depositor's guarantee bill in the upper house, the object of the measure being to protect depositors from bank looters.

The celebrated anti-gambling bill sponsored by Senator Fields, of Latah county, was made of record and strikes directly at the Alan race track of Northern Idaho.

House joint resolution No. 1, introduced by Ferguson, proposes the submission to the voters at the next general election the question whether a constitutional convention shall be called. It is in line with the suggestions made in the message of Governor Halmes.

The house "blue sky" law, calculated to protect investors in Idaho securities or those of other companies doing business in Idaho, was introduced by Clark of Latah. It was referred to the committee on corporations.

**Public Utility Bill Introduced**  
A public utilities commission bill was one of the measures introduced in the house by Ferguson of Pocastello. A feature of it is that the commission it proposes to create would have no jurisdiction over railroads, but could regulate almost any other form of public utility.

The commission would consist of three members to be appointed or elected for six-year terms, each to receive a salary of \$2400 per year. The commission would be allowed a secretary at a salary of \$1800.

All proceedings would be conducted in the name of the state of Idaho against the corporation affected. The commission would be required to make an annual report to the governor in December.

The bill is but one of several public utilities commission bills that will probably be introduced. Ryan of Washington is understood to be preparing one of them.

Ex-Governor Gooding has confirmed the report of his withdrawal from the race for the short term senatorship in a written communication addressed to the legislature. He assigned as the reason for his action the fact that a question had been raised as to his eligibility to serve as senator at this time based upon the ground that he has not been naturalized for the required period of nine years. He stated that, while he himself entertained no doubt as to his eligibility for the short term in the senate, in view of the fact that the question had been raised he deemed it his duty to retire from the race.

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## FUTURE DEPENDS ON BUSINESS MEN

Equal Opportunity is Burden of Speech Made by President-elect Wilson.

Chicago.—"Big business," its right to growth and its duties to the country, were discussed by President-elect Wilson in a speech before the Commercial club of Chicago.

Among Governor Wilson's audience were bank presidents, railroad presidents and heads of great business enterprises.

"I don't care how big a business grows, provided it grows big in contact with keen competition," he said.

"The future business of the United States does not depend upon the government, but upon the business men of the United States."

Wilson said four things must be done either by the business men voluntarily or under the "whip of law."

These four things were:  
"Natural resources must be conserved and also used for the common good.

"Raw materials must be put at the disposal of every person in the United States on equal terms.

"Banking credit must be put on terms of equality to all.

"Business must be free of every form or of every kind of monopoly."

As Governor Wilson made his first declaration he was loudly applauded. No applause greeted his fourth declaration.

"You do not applaud that. I am sorry you feel that way. For that will make it hard to do what will have to be done. If you feel that way, it will have to be done by duress, which is always unsatisfactory."

Elaborating those four points, Governor Wilson said:  
"The rank and file in the United States do not believe everybody is on equal terms. You have got to clear yourselves before that great general jury. That is your job, not mine.

"I have reason to believe that there are inner circles and outer circles of credit and that a man cannot get into the game unless he knows the people who are running the game. The bankers must see to it that this belief on the part of the people is abolished. If credit were open to all on terms of equality, the impression would never get about."

Washington Fruit Crop \$10,791,018  
Tacoma.—According to the report of F. A. Huxley, state commissioner of horticulture, issued here, the 1912 fruit crop of Washington reached a total value of \$10,791,018. The year was marked by an increase of 36,971 in fruit acreage, there being 275,557 acres now under cultivation, worth \$165,334,200. The apple crop of 8,489,300 boxes was valued at \$6,366,975, and berries at \$2,050,000.

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