

## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

### Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

**Fire at Meridian Caused Big Loss.**  
Meridian.—The store of E. F. Hunt was visited by a disastrous fire. Practically all of the \$10,000 stock of dry goods, shoes and groceries was a loss, the greater part of the damage being done by smoke and water. Two insurance policies, one of \$4000 and one of \$2000, were carried on the stock, but it is believed now that they will cover a small part of the loss. The building was insured for \$1500, while the damage done has been estimated at less than \$500. It is owned by Jack O'Brian, formerly of Meridian, but now in Ireland.

### SECOND RENO LOOMS UP

**Idaho Destined to Become Divorce State is Belief.**

Boise.—Idaho is destined to take Nevada's place in divorce fame and Boise is likely to become a second Reno as a result of the twelfth legislature failing to enact a law increasing the period of residence of the applicants for divorce from six months to one year, where action is brought on account of cause that arises outside of this state. The house acted favorably upon a bill to increase the residence, but the measure was successfully strangled in the senate committee.

There is known to have been an alarming increase in the applications for divorce in this state, particularly in Boise in recent years. Idaho is on the direct route of travel to the northwest and since Nevada has abandoned its divorce reputation, the latter will be thrust upon this state, it is expected.

### Settlers Want Patents.

Nampa.—Some 500 homesteaders in this immediate vicinity are interested in the action that will be taken by the secretary of the interior in regard to patents on the Boise project. According to word received here Secretary Fisher has not completed the necessary arrangements as promised and the matter still remains unsettled.

### WIRELESS TO GUARD TIMBER

**Portable Outfits to Be Carried by Rangers in the Forests.**

Boise.—Science may effect a tremendous saving to the fire protective associations, the state of Idaho and the lumbermen generally, if a proposition introduced at the annual meeting of the timber protective associations just closed, is carried out. The associations received a proposition to install portable wireless outfits among the guards and rangers of the forests embraced within their jurisdiction. These outfits could be carried by the guards and from any point within a radius of 15 or 20 miles of the ranger's cabin, reports could be telegraphed to the central station. At present, one of the heaviest expenses of the preventive associations, is the installation and maintenance of telephone lines. Since the wireless reduces this expense and also makes it possible to telegraph from any point where the ranger might consider it necessary, without troubling to hunt up a telephone, the big advantage is obvious.

**Coeur d'Alene Men Consider New State**  
Coeur d'Alene.—There is much interest here in the proposed formation of a new state from the northern counties of Idaho. The matter was discussed at a recent luncheon of the commercial club, and business and professional men here are considering the undertaking.

### NEWS NOTES OF IDAHO

The date for the Kootenai county teachers' institute has been set for the latter part of September.

Boat service has been resumed on the lake and boats are now making regular trips to and from Coeur d'Alene and St. Maries.

Joe Blackburn, a negro tramp who was severely burned while sleeping on a pile of ties at Pocatello, died at the general hospital as the result of injuries.

Mamie Fonda, charged with shooting Gus Nestoras with intent to commit murder, was acquitted in the district court at Sand Point. Nestoras, who was shot in the abdomen, is still in the city hospital and was unable to appear as a witness.

William Webb, deputy sheriff of Idaho county, arrived at Grangeville having in custody George Wayne, of McCall, an isolated settlement in the Thunder mountain country. Wayne is accused of the murder of William Caldwell, a trapper and placer miner of that district, who was killed in his cabin, which was afterward burned to destroy the evidence of the crime.

## MUD THROWN AT LONDON WOMEN

### Mob of 10,000 Attacks Militant Suffragists

London.—The suffragettes who again attempted to hold a Sunday afternoon meeting in Hyde Park were mobbed by a crowd of 10,000 persons. They were pelted with clods, oranges and other missiles, and when the police were escorting them from the scene the rioters tore off the hats and cloaks of the women, and even struck some of them in the face.

The trouble began when "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond mounted a wagon and started to speak to the great assemblage, which was largely made up of youths who had armed themselves with ammunition of various descriptions or with trumpets, mouth organs and bells.

For half an hour the crowds shouted, sang and pelted the suffragette commander-in-chief, whose clothes soon were a mass of mud. At last Mrs. Drummond's speech, of which not a word was audible, came to an end and a younger woman took her place. She fared no better, and the police, realizing the danger the women were in, called upon the chairman to close the meeting.

### Boston Waistworkers Win Strike

Boston.—The strike of 6000 shirt-waist, waist and dressmakers, who make up one of the three principal divisions of the garment workers in this city, was settled by an agreement on which the strikers received most of their claims.

## \$250,000 BURGLARY IN NEW YORK

New York.—An East Side burglary perpetrated by clever cracksmen some time Sunday netted the thieves the largest haul obtained in New York city in many years. Martin Simons & Sons, pawnbrokers in Hester street, were the victims and the property stolen includes \$200,000 worth of jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones, and \$50,000 worth of negotiable securities.

The thieves gained access to the pawnbroker's richly stored vaults by means of a tunnel from an abutting building on a neighboring street. They made a clean getaway with their valuable loot.

The police found that the tunnel had been begun in the cellar of a house in Eldridge street, adjoining Simons' place. It was driven through the wall of the Eldridge street house and into a wood bin in the cellar of the Simons store. There, leading up into the pawnbroker's shop, is a flight of stairs which are wired for burglar alarm. The thieves avoided them and sawed away the overhead flooring at a spot directly in front of the treasure vault.

The vault, which stands 12 feet high and is built into the wall, was entered by chopping away the masonry.

### Agent for Police is Found Guilty

New York.—The first conviction in the district attorney's crusade against grafters in the police department was obtained when John J. Hartigan, a patrolman, was found guilty of perjury.

Hartigan acted as agent for high police officials to bribe witnesses against them to leave the state.

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