WUNDERFUL GAIN MADE BY BOISE

Grows to Be City of Wealth and Culture in Twenty Years.

HER MERCHANTS ARE BUSY

New Buildings Are Going Up and Millions of Dollars Are Being Expended in Municipal Improvements and Progress.

J. B. Huntington, of Portland, who has ust returned from Boise gives an enthusiastic account of the growth and progress of that city. Talking to an Oregonian reporter yesterday, he said: To one who knew Boise in the earty

days and has not been here for 20 years a visit to the capital city, the county seat of Ada County, is a revelation. To total strangers the city is surprisingly beautiful. In ante-railway days Boise was the commercial, social and political center of a vast region of the great in-land Empire. Here were the headquarters of the great stage lines traversing the country from Kelton, Utah, and Win-nemucca, Nev., to Walls Walla, Umatilla and The Dalles. Here also was the famous Overland Hotel where nearly all through passingers 'laid over' for the This was the Mecca for all commercial travelers who were always glad to reach Bolse after the tedious journey of days, through dust and heat or mud and cold. Bolse became widely known as a haif-way resting place' for wear travelers. In Summer the green foliage of the forest of ornamental trees offered its acceptable shade, and the rchards their luscious fruit. In Winter there was always diversion enough for people of all tistes. Here would be athered for the Winter a large number f miners, stockmen, freighters and cowboys, and the town was always lively in Winter. In those days all the immense stocks of goods carried by the merchants were transported from Kelton, Winnemucca or Umatilis by pack trains or wagons, and merchandise was in turn hauled or packed from here to the neighboring mining camps and stock ranges. This freighting business alone, was one of the chief factors of Boise's prosperity in those days, for freighters with 'prairie schooners' must needs patronize the merchant, the blacksmith, the sadiler, the farmer and the grower of horses and mules. In those days not only was Boise a beautiful town but a prosperous one—a desirable place of residence. It was also a citified town. The people then, were self-respecting, public spirited, well dressed, hospitable people and in this regard, one notices little change unless greater thrift, energy and pride

From Vierch to City.

The writer first saw Boise in 1819, a liage of perhaps 900 people. Now it is a Substantial, growing, wealthy, up-to-date city of 16,000 people, with broad, clean streets, over five miles of which are paved with asphalt and virified brick and flanked with 60 miles of the very best of cement sidewalks. There are about seven miles of electric street-car lines upon which there is an excellent service. Inter-urban lines have been surveyed, and parties are now in the East promoting the sale of stock for their construction. The Federal building, just completed, is

sandstone taken from the Boise quarries. quality, and its inner wails are mostly of marble, as are also its stairways. All adds greatly to the appearance of that

part of the town.

A new Capitol is to be erected this year, \$350,000 having been appropriated at the last session of the Legislature for that purpose. It is to be on the site of the old one, which is a very central location.

New Military Post.

The old military post is to be replaced with one to be a regimental headquarters, and a full regiment of cavalry is to be stationed here. A half-million dollars has already been appropriated by Congress for expenditure, and it is thought nearly \$1,000,000 will be required to complete the mprovements already planned.

The Barber Lumber Company is now

constructing a dam in the Boise River five miles above town, where will be ex-pended this season \$1,000,000 in a sawmill plant, with every sort of woodworking machinery and every auxiliary and ac-companiment of a first-class factory of its

large brick manufecturing establishment is in operation here, the product of which manid to be of the very best quality. The brick are of a light vellowish hue and when laid resemble closely the Milwaukee brick.

Many aubstantial buildings are under

construction. On the corner of Main and

The Oddfellows are building a very large and expensive building. The Boisg City National Bank is to add one story to its aiready three-story stone building and is also erecting a handsome building addoluting its property to be four stories. A Catholic Cathedral to cost \$1,000,000 is to be commenced this season.

There are also here two well-continued.

There are also here two well-equipped hospitals; one Catholic and one Episcopallan, and a number of private sant-

Wonderful Artesian Wells.

About two miles above the city are the wonderful artesian wells, three in number, from 400 to 455 feet deep, flowing 1,000,000 gallons of water per day, of a temperature of 170 degrees, furnishing the baths and pool of the renowned Natatorium, situated near the wells, and which has become a favorite resort of the pools of the city, and to visit Roles without ple of the city, and to visit Bolse without a plunge or bath in the "Nat" is to miss one of the chief attractions. It is claimed the water has great curative properties and many persons proclaim its virtues. The Natatorium stands in spacious, wellheept grounds at the head of Main street. It is a building about 220 feet in length and about 120 feet wide. The swimming pool is about 120 feet long by 60 feet in width. Bathrooms with tub, dressing-rooms and steam baths are on either side and at one end of the pool. Waiting-rooms, dancing parlors and a cafe are provided. The prices are reasonable and exhibits department was advised yester-



and for a town of Boise's size at that time it was considered far ahead of the times. It seals comfortably 1000 people; its stage is \$7x90 feet, and it is one of the prettiest theaters in the West. There are a number of good hotels here

the Idanha being the largest and the most modern. The building is of brick and stone and six stories high. It is well managed and said to be one of the most comfortable hotels in the West.

Many Substantial Banks.

There are five banks in Boise, all substantial, thriving institutions. Each has a capital stock of \$199,000, and each has a considerable surplus fund, besides the undivided profits. The aggregate deposits are about \$5,000,000.

There are \$12,600,000 worth of property in Bolse, and it is said that it is one of the wealthiest cities in the United States,

The public schools are excellent, and the buildings are conveniently located in dif-ferent parts of the city. They are sub-stantial and comfortable. All the public buildings reflect credit upon the city. The Capitol, the City Hall, the Courthouse, the United States Assay Office, the Fire Headquarters, Peultentiary, Soldiers' Home and the Carnegle Library are all well-built, expensive buildings.

The commercial business of the city is rapidly increasing. While the territory tributary to this place is not so great in area as it at one time was, the developse of the most modern buildings to the | ment of the resources of the country near West. It is four stories high. Its outer er at hand has greatly increased the vol-walls are of yellow pressed brick and ume of business. Many mines near the city have been developed, many thousands of acres of land have been brought under neghaustible quantity of the very finest Irrigation systems which were before the veriest desert, and now are groaning un-der the grea- wealth of their productiveof the finishings are of the very best and ness, and which have been turned from of most modern pattern. The building wilderness to great expanses of smiling stands in a conspicuous place on Eighth farms, where dwell in comfortable homes street, in the very center of the city, and an industrious, happy people—the kind of people who insure the permanent growth and stability of a city.

Merchants Are Busy.

and to witness the evidences of its rapid growth, he would have wondered where the consumers are, notwithstanding the fact that large quantities of this merchandlee is sold to merchants of interior towns and mining camps.

Much of the remarkable beauty and at-

tractiveness of this city lies in the substantial, stately homes, spacious, well-kept lawns, profusion of shade and orchard trees, and the general air of order and cleanliness noticeable everywhere, While there are but few millionaires here, there are a number of citizens who

are beyond the one-half million post, and many \$100,000 people. But the people are not wealthy seem to believe in having their own homes and comfortable ones, and hence Boise may be said to a beautiful city of beautiful homes, peopled by a thrifty, prosperous, hospitable, happy people. It is a city whose location, climate, permanence, tributary resources and en-terprising people commend it to any per-Eighth streets, where until recently stood the old Overland Hotel, is being erected a substantial steel and atone commercial building, to be four stories in height and to cost about \$300,000. The Oddfellows are building a very large.

The Oddfellows are building a very large the Northwest, and when a great transcontinental railway shall pass its doors Boise will spring into greater prominence and soon record her 40,000 population.

> FATHER FINDS LOST SON. Missing Boy Located in Portland After Many Years.

> Alfred Shepard and wife reached Port land yesterday from their home in Battle Creek, Mich., in a search for their son, Fred D. Shepard. He had been lost to them for 20 years, and they had thought him dead until be communicated with

> them recently, giving them his address in

this city.

The old folks had never been in Portland before, and did not know where 2001/2 Alder street is. They called upon Chief of Police Hunt for an officer to accompany them to the number given, and the Chief assigned Detective Day to the case. The father and mother found the son where he had written them he was living, and there was a rounion of the relatives.

Australia Sending an Exhibit.

provided. The prices are reasonable and the place being well managed patronage is large. It cost the corporation owning it over \$130,000. The water from these wells supplies heat in many of the public build-ings and homes of the city. It is also used in the homes for domestic purposes.

On Jefferson and Eighth streets stands the Columbia Thester, built in 1892 by leasand to the Marquis of Landewne by Reseach H. Choate American the Columbia Theater, built in 1892 by Lanadowne by Apseph H. Choate, Ameri-Hos. James A. Pinney, at a cost of 25,000, can Ambassador at London.

FIERCE FLAMES

Woman and Little Daughter Are Rescued From Burning Building.

CONFLAGRATION AT NOON

Fire in Beach's Paint Store, First and Alder Streets, Causes Damage of \$10,000-Origin of Flames Not Known.

Damage to the extent of approximately \$19,000 was wrought by fire of unknown origin in the paint store of F. E. Beach, First and Alder streets, at noon yester-

While the flames crackled and smoke curled skyward, Ed Rabior and James Mullen, members of Truck No. 1, res-cued Mrs. W. F. Grunow and her little daughter, Florence Deane, from the third story of the building amid cheers from the spectators. Other tenants in rooms the same by such merchants being de-above were roused by Detective Resing livered to customers upon the purchase of and Policeman Price, and escaped unburt. goods and merchandise, and then ex-Roy White, a lad who was but recently The merchants here receive 20 carloads of freight per day, and had it not been the good fortune of the writer, through the courtesy of ex-Mayor Hon. James A. Pinney, to enjoy a drive about the city He considers himself very fortunate. By some he was blamed for the fire, as it was said be carried a lighted lantern and was seen to throw it into the street as such license a the firemen arrived. He denies this, and of 12 months.

above. Several canaries were taken from pany. Mr. Hutchinsin, however, fatled rooms, and one bird died from suffoca- to take out a city license and was ar-

Firemen Delayed.

After the fire was discovered, a short delay occurred because an employe who was sent to turn in an alarm went to the wrong box, and called the firemen to Third and Washington streets. Several streams were soon playing on the flames. Men from the fireboat laid in, and did good work. In an hour the fire was out. "Our principal foss lies in suspension of business," said F. E. Beach, proprietor of the paint store in which the fire started. "I do not believe the loss to the paint which the fire started." our stock will exceed \$6000, and it is all insured. We do not know how the fire started. It originated in the rear of the establishment and was very hot, and the smoke made it far worse. We will ship from our East Side warehouse tomorrow, and will repair this place immediately."

Adolph Dekum's hardware store, next door north of the paint establishment, was damaged by water and smoke to the extent of about \$2000, and damage to the rooms and fixtures above the stores will bring the total loss from the fire up to Policemen and firemen worked hard,

and the dense throngs of people who gathered made matters worse. It became necessary to stretch ropes and to call for reserve policemen to keep the surg-ing crowd back. Traffic on First street was stopped during the fire.

STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION Executive Committee of Open River Association Makes Good Moves.

When the executive committee of the Open-River Association adjourned yesterday afternoon, a long step had been taken toward the object for which this organization stands, namely, an open Columbia

River.

The great obstacle in the uninterrupted commerce of the river is the falls at Ce-lilo, but with the construction of the portage railway this difficulty is removed pending the full relief to be furnished by the Government canal. With the portage road assured and actually under comple-tion, the next matter of importance was and is yet the establishment of boats on the upper river to aid commerce. Many projects have been suggested, and even the Idaho and up-country people have

come forward with suggestions to fill the alleged, it occurred in a room off the necessity of boat accommodations, but after a full consideration it was decided by the executive committee not to wait or depend upon outside assistance. With this view, pians were laid yesterday for the organization of a company whose sole business it will be to provide freight carriers, not only on the Upper Columbia, but on the Snake River as well. The formation of this company will be com-pleted at as early a date as possible, and bscription lists to the stock will be sent ut for the purpose of enlisting ald in he enterprise

The Open-River Association has as its one great object the opening up of the Inland Empire through a cheaper transportation scheme than exists at present, and it is felt that with the open river and cheaper access to the seaports, the tonnage of this section would be so great and constantly increasing as to justify anyone in building up the enterprise pro-

ORDINANCE DECLARED VOID

Decision of Judge Bellinger Nullines a City Law.

The decision rendered yesterday by Judge Bellinger in the matter of the petition of Ernest Hutchinson for a writ of habeas corpus has the full effect of declaring void section II of the city ordinance entitled, "An ordinance licensing. taxing and regulating certain business, callings and employments in the City of Portland and regulating the manner Suing licenses. This particular section of the ordinance follows:

any person to sell, offer or attempt to sell goods or merchandise by selling trad-ing stamps, checks, tickets or other ing stamps, checks, tickets or other things of whatsoever name to merchants, changed by such customers with the pern selling such trading stamps, checks, tickets or things of whatever name for his goods and merchandise, without first paying into the city treasury the sum of \$200, and, upon receipt showing such pay-ment, procuring a license issued by the Auditor of Portland authorizing the same. Such license shall be issued for the period The petitioner in this case, Ernest

In it.

The fire, while it was very hot and the smoke dense, was not so destructive as was at first thought. The basement was not injured, and no damage except by water and smoke resulted to the floors water and smoke resulted to the floors and later redeemed by the stamp company. Mr. Hutchinsin, however, failed played from suffices. Hutchinson, is a member of the Nationa rested by the city officials for violation of the license ordinance. Upon his ar-rest Hutchinson made application for a writ of habeas corpus in the United States Court, and in presenting his case offered evidence that the business con ducted by him was simply one of adver-tisement for his company and the merchants using the stamps, and was simply a medium of co-operation and exchange of value. Upon the testimony introduced and the decisions of other courts Judge Bellinger rendered the opinion that the ordinance in this respect was in violation of the rights secured by the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, since the work of the stamp company was practically one of advertising, and was in character similar to newspaper or journal advertising. Judge Bellinger found that the prisoner, Ernest Hutchinson, was illegally held in mprisonment and he was ordered dis

> City Offenders Before Judge Hogue

Court yesterday morning to represent District Attorney Manning's office when the case of contempt or court, preferred against W. T. Vaughn by Judge Hogue, was called. This, in spite of the fact that just before it was to be heard. Judge Hogue had Clerk Fred Glaon telephone to the District Attorney's office requesting that a deputy be sent over to as in the prosecution of the charge. Manning refuses to have anything to do with the case

Attorneys Oglesby Young and Thomas G. Green, appearing for the defendant, Vaughn, presented their argument sup-porting a motion for a change of venue, and submitted an affidavit of their client, charging the court with prejudice

After hearing arguments of the defend ant's counsel favoring their motion for a change of venue to a justice court, Judge Hogue took the matter under ad-visement, and at a later date is to serve otice upon the attorneys as to his decis-

The point is as to whether the alleged act of contempt, if committed at all, was done in the presence of the court. As

main court, and Vaughu's counsel con-tends it was not in Judge Hogue's pres-This, together with their conten tion that the court is prejudiced against Vaugha in the matter, constitutes the grounds for a motion for change of venue. "The affidavit of Mr. Vaughn contains allegations of fact," said Attorney Green, and, besides, we wish it known we believe our client has a right to all privileges. We contend the court is preju-

"It so happens that the court knows he is not prejudiced," answered Judge Hogue.

For a time yesterday it looked as though Sheriff Word would have troubles though Sheriff Word would have troubles galore because of the arrests he made Tuesday afterhood, of two men charged, with handbook poolselling. When the cases were called before Municipal Judge Hogue, Attorney Dan R. Murphy, appearing for J. Easterbrook and J. E. Smith, defeudants, declared his intention of filling criminal proceedings. Smith, defendants, declared his intention of filing crimical proceedings against the Sheriff for taking a Western Linion telegram from one of the men. Later, upon learning that the dispatch was not opened by Word, the maiter was dropped. Attorney Murphy inslated upon an immediate trial but as Speriff Word wished a continuance of 10 days because of an opinion, the Sugreppe Court is to hand pinion the Supreme Court is to hand

down in the poolroom cases, April 29 was set as the date for hearing. Sheriff Word stated his belief that when the Supreme Court hands down its findings in the poolroom cases, portions of it will be applicable to this latest affair relative to poolselling. In this he was supported by Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald and Judge Hogue, and the

case was therefore continued.

Attorney Murphy, however, proposes to put up a hard fight. He intends to resort to every legal point necessary to win against the Sheriff.

When the case comes up for hearing we don't expect to admit anything," said Attorney Murphy, "Let the Sheriff Attorney Murphy. "Let the Sheriff prove if he can that the men under arrest were conducting a handbook pool-selling concern. Then, if he is able to so show, we will next set up the contention that even so, we have not violated any

The section under which the Sheriff brings this action is 1930 of the code, and relates to the outraging of public decency

and injury to the public morals.
"Now, I have talked to prominent law-yers, among them District Attorney Manning and ex-Governor Lord, and all agree that handbook poolselling does not come under this section of the code, and that it is not a violation of law. The Sheriff must show that public decency has been outraged, and that actual injury to the public morals has been done. How can he show this in a simple case of hand-

book poolselling?"
On the other hand, Sheriff Word is confident that he can win in the case. He believes handbook poolselling to be a very insidious evil, and contends that it does outrage public decency and injure

the public morals.

Both defendants in the action were held nder bonds of \$200 each, which they furnished.

Bakers May Ask for Rehearing. NEW YORK, April 19.-A call has been issued by the executive committee of the Journeymen Bakers' and Confectioners' International Union for a meeting in Chicago next Saturday to act on the decis ion of the United States Supreme Court declaring the bakers' ten-hour law uncon-stitutional. The board will take up the estion of asking the Supreme Court for a rehearing in the case.

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WOMAN FACES MURDER CHARGE

Blanche Thompkins Arraigned for Causing Death of Nora Stone.

SHE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Woman Who Threw Burning Lamp at Victim Reported to Be Wife of Millionaire's Son and Daughter of Judge.

Blanche Thompkins who caused the death of Nora Stone by throwing a lamp at her on March 25, was arraigned before Judge Frazer yesterday on a charge of murder in the second degree. She pleaded not guilty, through her attorney, John F. Watts, and her trial was set for May 5. The witnesses who were examined in the case by District Attorney Manning include Detective L. G. Carpenter and a number of men and women who live in the house where the crime was commit

Blanche Thompkins, the accused, was at one time an inmate of the insane asyat one time an inmate of the losane asy-lum at Salem. She denies having thrown a lamp at Nora Stone, but says she pushed her, causing her to fall against the lamp, which exploded and set fire to Nora Stone's slotting.

Nora Stone's clothing.
A story is told that Mrs. Thompkins is a niece of the Chief Justice of the Su-preme Court of California, and that her husband, Walter Henry Thompkins, the son of a Pittsburg millionaire. both these statements lack confirmation As told by Mrs. Thompkins, who is a native of California, 25 years old, she met Thompkins, who came here from Penn sylvania about a year ago on pleasure bent, and they were married. Soon afterward he went to China on a business trip and returned here on receipt of a cable gram telling him of the trouble. Mrs. Thompkins is a woman of good education, and while she was once in the insane asylum, she does not show any

\$10,000 DAMAGES FOR OBERG

signs of mental derangement at the pres-

Victim of Elks' Train Wreck Wins Suit Against Northern Pacific.

Charles Oberg, who was injured in the railway wreck of the Eiks' special, in August, 1903, and who brought suit against the Northern Pacific Company for \$20,000 damages, was allowed \$19,000 by Judge Bellinger yesterday. This decision was rendered upon the report of six disinterested physicians, five out of the six giv-ing the opinion that Oberg was suffering from traumatic neurasthenia, or hysteria

as a result of the accident.

Judge Bellinger also granted yesterday a new trial in the case of Lillecthal Bros, vs. J. R. Cartwright. This was a hop contract suit, the decision of the former trial being in favor of the defendant.

Decision in Smith Case.

A decision on the motion entered by the defendants for a new trial in the of Henry Smith vs. J. G. and I. N. Day was rendered by Judge Bellinger yester day, and was partially in- favor of the

his case, brought to recover damages for injuries received by Smith occasioned by blasting at the Cascade Locks, has been on the court dockets several times. and at its last hearing before Judge Bellinger resulted in a verdict for the plain tiff of \$10,000. Upon the motion for a rehearing Judge Bellinger found that the damages allowed were excessive considering the present condition of the plaintiff, and rendered the opinion that if the of damages allowed over \$3000 the mo- allays all pain, cures wind solid and diarrhosa.

GOLD STAL Special DIV

tion for a new trial would be denied, but lowed.

Admitted to Probate.

The will of Joseph John Johnston Cleland who died at Spokane on March 12 was admitted to probate yesterday by Judge Webster. The property is valued at \$5000, and is bequeathed to Henry Cooke Cieland, Gavin Shaw Cieland, brother of the testator, and Sarah Elisabeth Clemes, a sister, all of whom reside

Toronto, Canada. The will of Martha A. Lent, deceased, was admitted to probate in the County Court resterday. The property is valued at \$2,000, and is distributed among the children, George P. Lent, Oscar E. Lent. F. L. Lent, Emma L. McGrew, Lizzie Wood, Rose Giddings, Ella Whitiock and Oliver W. Lent.

Answers Divorce Charge.

Elsle Palmer, whose husband, George & Palmer, has sued her for a divorce, has forwarded an answer from Woodstock, Canada, denying his charges of cruel treatment or that she drove him from their home in 1888. She admits that she declined to follow him to Oregon, and gives as a reason that he drank and was abusive, and she was afraid to leave her family, friends and children in Canada and come here to live.

Charges Habitual Drunkenness.

Emma Smith has sued Henry Smith for a divorce because of habitual drunkenness and cruel treatment. She alleges that whenever he has money he drinks until it he all gone. She says he struck her with a chair and threatened to kill her. They were, married in Portland 15 years ago and have no children.

Demurrer to Complaint.

Edward Flouten, whose wife, Kate Flouten, recently sued him for a di-vorce, yesterday filed a demurrer to the complaint on the ground that it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

CAUGHT IN A WAREHOUSE

S. W. Back Again in the Hands of the Police.

weeks ago S. W. Back was dragged from under a barn at Twenty-fourth and Thurman streets by Police-man Circle, and declared that he had gone in to starve himself to death. At an early hour yesterday morning he was caught in a warehouse in North Port-iand by Patrolmen Courtney and Jones, and locked up on a charge of burglary. "I was looking for samething to eat,"

was Back's explanation, when questioned by the policemen at headquarters. Back is a Finn, and claims he cannot speak or understand much English. Of this the arresting officers are not so posi-

I think Back is a good deal wiser than he pretends to be," said Patrolman Jones.
"It's a peculiar thing that he is always found either in or under some other person's property.

Judge Hogue hardly knews what to do with Back. He studied over the case a while, and finally decided to continue it until this morning, and in the meantime communicate with the head officers of the Finnish Ald Society. They are to be in court today and will be asked if they can do anything for Back.

Burn to Death in Effort to Escape.

NEW ORLEANS, April 19 .- In an at-

tempt to escape, three prisoners today set on fire the parish juli at Pontcha Toula, La. 48 miles from New Orleans, two of them being cremated and a third fatally burned. The dead: Henry Taylor and James Reilly, Fatally burned: Lucien

George Detay.

Questions Rousseau's Sanity. NEW YORK, April 19.-Recorder Goff, mission to determine the mental condition of Gessier Rousseau, convicted

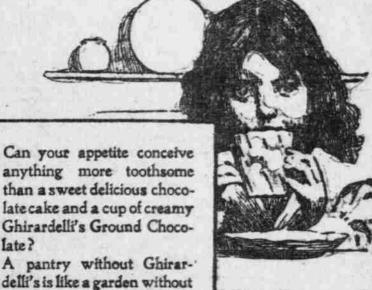
sending an explosive contrivance to the steamship Umbria in 1903.

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