

# BIG LOST RIVER DAM IS NOW SAFE

### Defects in Construction Have Been Remedied at State Expense.

## MACKAY IS NOT IN DANGER

### Idaho Bank Examiner Announces That Institution Headed by Barney O'Neil, Which Failed, Has an Excess of \$184,000.

BOISE, Idaho, June 17.—One of the delights in the campaign of last fall was the official conduct of the Brady State Land Board. In the construction of the dam in the canyon above Mackay, for the storage of water to use in the irrigation of the Big Lost River Carey act project.

When the Legislature met, Senator Macbeth, of Custer County, the town of Mackay being its metropolis, introduced a bill providing for an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of an adequate spillway in this dam, because of its faulty construction. This measure received sturdy opposition through a charge that the Mackay citizens were unduly exercised over the dam; that the valves then provided would pass all the water that would ever accumulate and that such expense would be useless as no water would ever pass over the new spillway, if constructed.

The opposition, however, only ridiculed the idea for political purposes. When the real test was made, they authorized the appropriation and the State Engineer supervised the new construction.

Last Monday 2000 cubic feet of water per second, or quite double the total carrying capacity of the valves, was passing through the newly-constructed spillway provided as a result of widespread charges, culminating in proof of inefficient plans of construction.

### Disaster is Averted.

Disastrous results have probably been averted by this precaution in added construction, for should the Mackay dam give way, as the expert engineers have predicted it would if allowed to fill with water above the 50-foot level, there would certainly be loss of property and probably of life in Mackay, situated at the mouth of the canyon, three miles below.

Such changes in the dam as are necessary to make certain the completion of the watering of the land of the project to the maximum are being studied and after the recession of the waters work on this will begin with vigor, in a manner to protect not only life and property, but the interests of these lands as well. The incident has furnished a concrete illustration of the speed made by the people in replacing officers negligent of duty by those who are inclined to minister the affairs of state with zeal and probity.

### Telephones May Merge.

There is a smart undercurrent of apprehension as to the result of the proposed merger of the independent and the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Companies in Idaho. For this purpose, Waldemar Van Cott, a Salt Lake attorney, is in Boise, with Clarence McCook, holder of the escrow papers, together with a detail of expert accountants, going over the situation that a legal organization of these two public service properties may be merged into one and occupy the telephone field alone and exclusively. Attorneys in Boise are especially anxious to see what form of transfer will be made by Attorney Van Cott, which will not be open to legal attack.

Politically, this consolidation will furnish fuel for the flame which the advocates of a public utility commission aspire to fan into a flame at the next general election in 1912. Among the chief advocates of such legislation is State Senator Porter, of Coeur d'Alene City, who represented Kootenai County in the 11th session.

Caldwell and Nampa, the two principal towns in Canyon County, five miles apart, and always noted for sharp rivalry on all public questions, are being brought together through commercial agencies. Each town has a rivalry with Boise by rival interurban lines. The movement, calculated to unite them in friendly relations, is a proposed interurban line of road to Boise, uniting them with Boise by an electric line. The Commercial Clubs of the respective cities met last Wednesday evening for this purpose at a large schoolhouse called Midway, located half way between Nampa and Caldwell.

Based on the fact that Idaho made a \$600 appropriation while Utah appropriated but \$2000 last winter to aid the geological survey in carrying on its cooperative work in surveys in the Great Basin district, State Engineer Robinson, of this state, applied to the director of the Geological Survey at Washington for the removal of the headquarters from Salt Lake to Boise.

Last week the director denied this request and so notified Senator Sutherland, of Utah, hence the base of operations for this investigating work will remain for the present in Utah's capital. In his refusal to make the change, the director admitted the force of the presentation by Idaho's engineer that Boise was nearer the center of gravity of the work, concluding his refusal in this statement:

"Salt Lake has a decided advantage as a railroad center and the survey office there is well established and convenient, not only for the administration of the stream-gauging work, but also the rights of way and other investigative work on the public lands."

Bank Has Sufficient Funds.

Two items of news in commercial circles come from Wallace this week, affecting men well known in political circles at the state capital. One is the statement of the Idaho Bank Examiner that:

"Insofar as I have been able to examine into the assets of the State Bank of Commerce, it is my opinion that they are more than sufficient to pay all the outstanding obligations."

was for 15 years a merchant in Kendrick, a farming town in Latah County, during all of which time he was a prominent figure at each state convention of his party.

While always refusing political office himself, he was such a factor as to wield wide influence among as many people who made up the personnel of these conventions as any other man in the Democratic party of Idaho. Three years ago he moved to North Yakima and engaged in the hardware business and this Wallace reorganization again fastens him to Idaho, where he has plenty of friends.

Many Cities Are Cleaned.

Idaho towns from one end to the other are receiving visits from the officers of the state pure food department, which are of more than passing interest to the people. Coeur d'Alene City, Pocatello, Glenn Ferry and Halley were treated recently to "clean-up" orders from the inspector and his two deputies and in 98 per cent of the cases of arrest, the accused have entered pleas of guilty. Atoned to the offended law by the payment of fines ranging from \$5 to \$25.

For the most part, these late arrests have been of proprietors of eating-



HERMISTON GIRL ATTAINS HIGHEST GRADE IN UMATILLA QUIZ. Miss Helen Skinner. HERMISTON, Or., June 17.—(Special).—Hermiston feels proud of her schools and her pupils since the examinations this year. At the April school examinations in this county only 30 per cent of the eighth grade pupils passed, but in this number was Miss Helen Skinner, who had the highest grades of any student in Umatilla County.

At the June examinations, just held, Hermiston, in addition to graduating every pupil who took the examination, again took the honors for the county, when Miss Helen Skinner received a grade of 95 2-3 per cent.

houses. Hotels and restaurants have been closed right and left in all these towns and the kitchen help given adequate time to clean out their stoves before again opening their doors to feed a hungry public.

Attention has not been given alone to hotels and chop-houses. All eating-houses have been put on the gridiron. Sheriffs, because of the unsanitary conditions of county jails, and, in one instance, a chief of police, because of the maintenance of a bad-smelling back yard, have been called to time. This line of work is entirely worth while and if it is a good omen, that enough is being done in this direction to insure a more healthy order of things through state supervision.

CULTIST REVISES DEFENSE. Girls Ready to Appear Against "Absolute Life" Exponent.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Counsel for Evert Arthur See, founder of the "Absolute Life" cult, now on trial, charged with abduction, today began a hurried effort to revise their plans for the defense of their client.

Both Mildred Bridges and Mona Rees, the two girls taken in the police raid of See's home, and who were named by See as two of the chief disciples of his cult, spent this morning with his attorneys preparing for the examination they will undergo on the witness stand next week.

Following the opening address of Assistant State's Attorney Burnham, in which the plans for the prosecution were exposed, counsel for the defense were granted a postponement until Monday in which to arrange their defense.

# Startling Price Reductions

## In Our Juvenile Department

This sale, like EVERY sale inaugurated by this store, is GENUINE. Prices quoted are the prices at which these goods have been regularly sold. The reductions are real—unlike the EXAGGERATED "VALUES" quoted by many department stores. Unlike them also in the goods not having been purchased SPECIALLY for SALES. This is a rare opportunity that will appeal to all economical mothers.

## Sale Starts Monday Morning at 8:00 o'Clock

In the Ben Selling Store as Well as in All the Moyer Stores

### Boys' and Girls' Wear—This Season's Goods at Real Reductions

#### Boys' Wash Suits, Sailor and Russian Styles (Sizes 1 1/2 to 10 Years.)

Every Boy's Suit in the house is marked down. Our stock was clean at the opening of the season, and all we now have is fresh, new, clean stock—absolutely different from the sale goods of other stores.

- Boys' \$1.50 Wash Suits, now... **98c**
- Boys' \$2.00 Wash Suits, now... **\$1.35**
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- Boys' \$3.00 Wash Suits, now... **\$1.95**
- Boys' \$3.50 Wash Suits, now... **\$2.35**
- Boys' \$4.00 Wash Suits, now... **\$2.65**
- Boys' \$5.00 Wash Suits, now... **\$3.25**
- Boys' \$6.00 Wash Suits, now... **\$3.95**

On the Third Floor.

#### Boys' Waists

- Every Boys' Waist in the House Marked Down.
- 50c Waists, down to... **39c**
- 75c Waists, down to... **58c**
- \$1.00 Waists, down to... **73c**
- \$1.50 Waists, down to... **\$1.15**
- \$2.00 Waists, down to... **\$1.35**

On the Second Floor.

#### Boys' Knickerbocker Suits

Every Boy's Knickerbocker Suit in the House Marked Down.

- Boys' \$ 5.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **3.95**
- Boys' \$ 6.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **4.50**
- Boys' \$ 7.50 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **5.35**
- Boys' \$ 8.50 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **6.35**
- Boys' \$10.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **7.50**
- Boys' \$12.50 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **9.85**
- Boys' \$15.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **11.25**
- Boys' \$18.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **13.50**
- Boys' \$20.00 Knickerbocker Suits \$ **15.00**

On the Second Floor.

#### Boys' Underwear

Every Piece of Boy's Underwear in the House Marked Down.

- Boys' Porous Knit Underwear... **19c**
- Boys' 50c Underwear... **39c**
- Boys' 75c Underwear... **58c**
- Boys' \$1.00 Underwear... **73c**
- Boys' \$1.50 Underwear... **\$1.15**

On the Second Floor.

#### EXTRA SPECIAL

100 Boys' Knicker Suits, sizes 11 to 16, regular \$5.00 Suits, SPECIAL at... **\$2.50**

#### BOYS' STOCKINGS

- Boys' 25c Hose... **19c**
- Boys' 50c Hose... **39c**

On the Second Floor.

#### Girls' Tub Dresses

(Every Girl's Tub Dress in the House Marked Down.)

- Ages 4 to 14.
- \$1.50 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **75c**
- \$2.00 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **98c**
- \$2.50 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **\$1.35**
- \$3.00 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **\$1.65**
- \$3.50 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **\$1.95**
- \$4.00 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **\$2.25**
- \$5.00 Girls' Tub Dresses, now **\$2.75**

On the Third Floor.

#### Girls' Stockings

- Girls' 25c Stockings, now... **19c**
- Girls' 50c Stockings, now... **39c**

On the Third Floor.

#### Misses' Suits

We place on sale as a special attraction, 30 Misses' Suits, sizes, 14 to 16, at... **HALF PRICE**

- \$25 Misses' Suits, now... **\$12.50**
- \$30 Misses' Suits, now... **\$15.00**
- \$35 Misses' Suits, now... **\$17.50**

On the Third Floor.

# BEN SELLING

## LEADING CLOTHIER

Morrison at Fourth

### DIAZ IS REPROACHFUL

#### EX-PRESIDENT FINDS REPUBLICANS ARE UNGRATEFUL.

People Soon Forget Merits of Administration, Says Statement Issued in Spain.

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requiring energy, but afterward the nation ripened and was more able to direct itself constitutionally. General Diaz' later policies were interpreted by his adversaries as a sign of weakness.

General Diaz said at Vigo that when he left Mexico, the treasury reserve totaled about \$100,000, which he believed would now be squandered by the revolutionists. In conclusion, General Diaz insisted that the United States Government was in no way responsible for his resignation.

### CHEMIST STOPS RUNAWAY

#### Ammonia Compound Checks Animal; Antidote Quickly Given.

YONKERS, N. Y., June 17.—Professor Charles Edgar Beake, of Syracuse University, turned his knowledge of chemistry to practical account in an unusual fashion here last night. He was walking on Jerome boulevard when he saw a runaway horse approaching. Two screaming children were in peril in the cart which the

horse dragged along. The professor happened to have in his pocket a package of an ammonia compound with which he had been experimenting. He threw a handful in the horse's eyes as it came opposite him and the blinded animal stopped as if shot.

Then, while a bystander held the horse, he stepped to a hydrant and prepared a solution of another chemical. With this he washed the ammonia from the horse's eyes in time to save its sight.

low-workmen did not know he was there.

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## STOPS Toothache

Instantly, cavity or no cavity. Prevents decay. Saves dentists bills. Dent's Toothache Gum. All Druggists 15c