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## JOURNAL MAN ATTENDS IDAHO STATE FAIR AND DRAWS COMPARISONS

### LIKES THE IDAHO PUSH AND VIM AND IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER HOTELS AND PUB- LIC UTILITIES--BOISE THOUGH OFF THE MAIN RAILROAD LINE FOR- GETS IT AND GOES AHEAD.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 18.—I spent two days here over the state fair, and only wish some of our slow-going, self-satisfied people of the Willamette valley could have been with me. It is a revelation to see the life and push manifested by the people of Southern Idaho. The fair was a great success, and while not half the fair we hold at Salem, the attendance was even greater. On Friday there were at a low estimate 20,000 people on the grounds. The racing was fine, and there was continual vaudeville, acrobats and comics in front of the grand stand. In addition there was a football game going on in the midst of the race track, and the afternoon close with a five miles automobile race. Two Fords and two Buicks entered, and the five miles were run in 6:26, an eighteen horsepower Buick, model ten, stripped, winning the contest.

#### Some Fruit Shown.

There was a remarkable fruit display of about two carloads, mostly apples. Considering that a frost killed nearly the whole crop the display was a marvel. The Council valley country did most of the prize winning. I stepped into a retail store and bought a Wolff River Bell Flower apple from Oregon for ten cents. The grocer said that three years ago the first law was enacted requiring fruit trees to be cared for and up to that time apples retailed at 25 to 35 cents a bushel. Caring for the trees made more perfect fruit and sent the price up to a dollar a box. There were practically no apples grown this year in Idaho except in a few favored places. The Oregon apples bring \$2.00 to \$2.50 a box and California apples still more. The apples from Northern Idaho have bright colors like the fruit grown in the foothills of Oregon.

#### Boise Off Main Line.

The capital of Idaho is off the main line of the Oregon Short Line. The branch of twenty miles long is congested with business. Boise is the main station between Pocatello and La Grande, and about twenty trains a day over the stub are required to handle the business. Pullmans are run direct from Boise to Salt Lake and Portland, and the business is either profitable to the Harriman system nor to the town, and some day Boise will have to be taken in on the main line or get a main line of its own. A large jobbing trade is being built up, and interurbans are going in all directions, while the live men of the town are a unit to force a connection eastward with the Chicago and Northwestern or with several east-bound lines at Butte, Montana.

#### Has a Fine Hotel.

The Idan-ha hotel is now the best Boise has, but a \$250,000 hotel, to be called the Schubert, is going up and near completion. It will be a mammoth concern and occupies the block. The Idan-ha has a feature that I have never seen before. You can order any one of ten different combinations for breakfast from 25 to 50 cents. These combinations include breakfast food, coffee, eggs, fruit and meat and cakes, and the same order at some of the hotels that have not as good a service as the Idan-ha all over the northwest cost two or three times as much. The regular dinner in the middle of the day or evening at fifty cents is as good as a la carte meal at some places costing \$1.50. Rooms are high on account of the unusual demand, orders being generally away ahead of the supply, and men stand in line to get them. Rooms are from \$2 to \$6 per day. I paid \$2.50 a day for one bed in a double room with both.

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#### Met Senator Borah.

At a luncheon given by the Commercial club I met United States Senator Borah of Idaho, and he is a typical westerner, with a flashing eye and a clear brain. He is not afraid to tackle the sophistries of eastern conservatism, and is easily in the class of progressive men with Beveridge, Dolliver and Cummins of Iowa. He was interested in the district-built railroad law, enacted by the Idaho legislature, and will help get congressional action to include forest reserve lands and other government lands within the scope of the bill.

#### The Boise Booster.

For a young man Reilly Atkinson has made himself a name as a pushing, aggressive, intelligent, tireless worker for the development of the whole state. He has an old head on broad young shoulders. Coming from Detroit, Mich., five years ago to Denver he landed here on both feet three years ago, and the town has been on the "go" ever since. He is by far the busiest man in town, and is at the head of the Southern Idaho League of Commercial clubs. He has settled down by marrying a charming Boise girl, a daughter of Senator Hawley. He has the confidence of every business man in the town and is always a little ahead of the procession. Going through the beautiful Falk department store, he said: "You go to New York to get the styles, but you come to Boise to be ahead of the New York fashions." Beautiful Boise is the bride of his heart—next to Mrs. Reilly.

#### Live Industrial Agent.

Joe Priest, who spent nearly all his life in the newspaper business at Salt Lake and other western cities, has for the past year been industrial agent on the Boise stub line, located at this city. He boosts immigration, works up new industrial schemes, like orchardizing, irrigation, and live-wiring generally in the interest of the estate. He has been remarkably successful in making southern Idaho shine with enterprises and keeping this section of the state in the limelight of publicity. His training in the newspaper business gives him a firm grasp on the new gospel of transportation systems that are up-to-date in the search for dividends along the lines of least resistance and largest possible income for his employes—"The People be Please" policies that have taken the place of the discarded Vanderbiltian phrase.

#### Beautiful Decorations.

The streets and public buildings of Boise were beautifully decorated during the state fair. The city furnished the flags and the stringers of electric lights at every intersection. The business part of the city is in the center, and the people come from every direction at night or in the daytime to transact business, so the streets are always packed. The flags furnished by the city were about 12 by 24, and perfectly hung. The effect was grand. At night the fire department made runs with colored fires blazing from the tops of the engines and hose wagons, and it was a race for life. This was for the entertainment of the crowds from all the towns far and near that came to see the fair. The fireworks displays every evening during the fair week were such as you see only at Fourth of July celebrations in big cities.

#### Met the Big 'Uns.

I put on a Prince Albert, lavender trousers and gloves and made a formal call on Governor Brady "Clay-pipe Brady" as he is lovingly called by the rural population. He is the soul of activity and energy, and the way he grabs a live wire or gaffs a new idea lying around loose is a delight to the heart of any human being still belonging to this world. I also met in their chambers Chief Justice Ailshie and Justices Sullivan and Stewart, men in the prime of manhood who have seen long service at the bar and on the trial benches of their state, and thoroughly imbued with the spirit of progress necessary to keep within hailing distance of the swift goddess that presides over the destinies of any commonwealth in this strenuous age. It is a great pleasure to meet men of such cordial democratic manners, who treat a man they never saw before in

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