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BOISE CITY.

The Pretty Capital of the Terriritory of Idaho.

Its Surroundings- Agricultural Prospects of the Terri-

tory, Etc.

Correspondence of the Globe-Democrat.

Botse Cirv, Idaho, July 18, 1881.

-Boise City is the seat of government of this territory, and has a popula-tion of 2,000. It is located on the north bank of the river of same name at an altitude of nearly 3,000 feet. The nearest railway station is Kelton, Utah, on the Central Pacific railway, which is 250 miles distant, Daily stages afford communication with the operations are being carried on are outside world and Kelton. An effort sandwiched between these fertile valis being made also to have daily com- leys, and so offer a convenient home munication established between this market for produce of all kind. city and Blackfoot, on the Utah and And this is a sort of region which Northern railway, which is 225 miles distant, but so far very few through passengers go or come by that route. And one of the old towns of this coast. passengers go or come by that route. and one of the old towns of this coast. It proves a convenience, however, to Here we find the answer to our inpersons en route from this point to quiry. "Why such substantial structhe camps on Wood river, and may tures out in this searsely settled territory?" Boise will enjoy a further become a popular line in another year, because it passes through Bellevue, prosperity in the coming year. It is the entrepot to that promising region. confidently expected that trains will be carrying passengers to this town over the Oregon branch of the Union Stages run from Boise to nearly or quite all the mining camps and settlements of Idaho and eastern Ore-

Boise is the commercial, as well as the political, hub of Idaho, and is a well-built, well-kept young city. Its actual work is in progress, and dirt trade extends throughout western Ida- is flying. The Central Pacific railroad ho and eastern Oregon, and with the growth of Idaho promises to keep abreast and hold its position. It is region, but people here are not much winter headquarters for hundreds of excited over over the matter, and stock owners and, miners, prospectors really are indifferent as to whether and trappers, who spend the remain-either line comes. They have resided and trappers, who spend the remain-ing seasons in the valleys and moun-tains. The city has been the home of white men for many years, and has been beautified by art and nature com-been beautified by art and nature combined until it stands as the prettiest of all the inter-mountain cities. The dwellings and business houses are substantial and tasty, and the grounds and shrubbery are simply charming. I can hardly express the delight I experienced after my long ride from Kelton across dusty lava deserts in a coach, when the fruit and shade trees and fresh, garden-like surroundings of Boise city came into sight. I imagine the traveler

ON THE AFRICAN DESERT

is no more pleased when he espies the date orchard of an oasis in that dreary, sunburnt clime than was the writer at the time above named. There are residences here which have cost as much as \$15,000, and business edifices

much as \$15,000, and business edifices proportionately expensive. The place is especially healthful, the citizens ex-ceptionally social, and the business men are unusually hopeful and pros-perous. A more beautiful location for a city could hardly have been selected. The town site overlooks the most produ-tive valley in the territory, which stretches away westward for fifty miles; has a parenty saidle of her own, twe valley in the territory, which stretches away westward for fifty miles; has a point as yet no horse. The president's tant, and the Boise mountains very much closer – three miles away—form a fitting background to the picture, Many nackes, farms and orchards are made and the source of his own. These Many rackes, farms and orchards are accommodation about read-the favore secretary. Sometimes a handsome horse of his own. These

is no more than \$3, and an American for the night. We saluted the be-horse worth \$100 costs but \$5. As nignant statue of old General Scott, yet there are no such large herds as in which overlooked our employment, Montana, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska | and drove on homeward. or Wyoming, and the ranges are con-The lawn party above referred to

p. If was very pleasant in those picturesque good grounds. There were lawn tennis sequently not so fully taken up. If this faber-pusher ever gots a 'good grounds. There were lawn tennin start" he will hie himself to Idaho and archery for sports, and refresh without delay and locate a cattle or ments were served outdoors. When sheep ranch. the darkness of the perfumed summer

The profits of both farming and night began to envelop the guests stock growing are rendered more cer-tain and satisfactory because of the rapid development of the quartz mines in various parts of the territory. There was a time when Idaho poured nearly \$5,000,000 into the coffers of commerce in a single year from her placer diggings. These have for the most part been worked out, and now the attention of the mining population Colonel Corbin came out to pay reis directed to the ledges of the moun-

spects. tains, which are the sources of the golden sands of the river-beds and GEN. PEMBERTON'S CLASS. bars. The camps where extensive MATES. Record of the Seven Who Entered the Confederate Service-

ew York Times, Of the seven cadets who were graduated from West Point with Gen. John C. Pemberton of Philadelphia, in the class of '37, and who, like him, joined the army of the Confederacy, but two ever rome to distinguished rank in the service of the rebellious states. Braxton Bragg of North Carolina, when the war began, was made brigadier general by the Confederate government and placed in command at Pensacola. In February, Pacific by July, 1882, at farthest. The preliminary survey has been made, and I believe the line has been 1862, he was made major general; and upon the death of Gen. Johnston at the battle of Shiloh he was raised to located to Baker city. At all events the full rank of general, succeeding Gen. Beauregard in the command of the department of the Mississippi after has run a survey northward from Winnemucca to the Wood River the evacuation of Corinth. He was decisively defeated by Gen. Grant at Chattanooga, November 23-25, 1863, and was then relieved from his command and called to Richmond, where he acted for a time as military adviser of Jefferson Davis. He led a small force from North Carolina to operate against Sherman during his invasion of Georgia in 1864, but did no effective work to retard the ad-vance to the sea. At the conclusion

of the war he devoted his attention to

THE WHITE HOUSE CHIL-DREN. engineering, serving as chief en-gineer of several southern railroads.

Recreations of the Garfield Family Before the Relapse. adence of the Philadelphia Press.

He died at Galveston, Tex., Septem-ber 27, 1876. The other classmate of Pemberton, who distinguished him-self in the rebel cause, was Gen. Jubal The splendid weather, so unusual for Washington at midsummer, and making it a place delightful to tarry in instead of a fetid furnace to run Cedar Mountain and Fredericksaway from, is favorable to riding par-tics, of which the observed of all ob-the division which held the lines at thes, of which the observed of all ob-servers are those that emerge from the White House grounds every fine evening about 6 o'clock or half-past. July, 1864, he crossed the Potomac The president's two manly sons are both fine riders, and each has a spir-but was obliged to retreat. In the lat-



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main and invite the stock raiser and told that one orchard in this valley produced 40,000 bushels of apples, and pears last year, and will do nearly as well the present season. One of the large farms in sight from the United States assay office here yields 20,000 bushels of grain per annum, and another, of 600 acres reports a yield 16,000 bushels. While I am on this subject I may modious. His carriage horses, bought of 16,000 bushels.

say that the records show that all the recently from Congressman Updegraff, grains and vegetables of the Atlantic of Ohio, are magnificent bays. Albert,

CONGENIAL SOIL:

also that Idaho apples, pears, plums, peaches, grapes, nectarines, apricots, and many smaller truits, compare favorably with those produced in the well older regions. Wheat yields an average of thirty-five bushels per acre, which and the visitor is told of yields in some instances of 55, 65, and even 116 'bushels per acre.' Be that as it may, the surveyor-general's report says, "25 to 40 bushels of wheat and barley, and 50 to 80 bushels of oats per scre is a fair average yield." Produce brings such high prices here that if the yield is half what is claimed farmers ought to get rich. I notice, too, that the older farms are in good order, and that their owners seem contented, a fact which adds a testimonial to the correctness of the statement of the worthy surveyor-general. The arable portion of the territory is put down at 12,000,000 acres, and is confined chiefly to the valleys. Farms extend along the Boise river tor sixty miles, or a belt from two to five miles in width. In the Payette valley the arable sections have a total length of seventy-five miles. Snake river contains one compact body of agricultural land forty miles long and ten miles wide. Besides these three principal valleys there ars a dozen others, all of which are or might be the homes of farmers.

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STOCK RAISING

the birthday of Miss Wilson, daughter is extensively engaged in in this porof the latter by a former marriage. tion of Idaho. In a local paper I read There were about fifty in attendance, that 200,000 head of sheep are now embracing General Sturgis, superinbeing, driven from California to this tendent of the Home, and all his asterritory. It does seem as if this sistant officers, and also the officers country was made for the express de-light of stock. I confess to a partial-This fort is six miles distant. It was ity for Idaho, but trust it will not bias my judgment, and I deliberately and unqualifiedly say that no portion of the Rocky Mountains seems to me so well adapted to ranch life and rowing the denied to ranch life and rowing the source of the signal service. General one may occasionally witness on a total service of the signal service of the signal service of the one may occasionally witness on a total service of the signal service of the signal service of the one may occasionally witness on a total service of the signal service of the signal service of the one may occasionally witness on a total service of the signal service of the service well adapted to ranch life and rearing of stock. The moderate elevation, grounds of the Soldiers' Home is the the dry atmosphere-summer and signal practice between officers of that winter-the nutritious grasses which corps and those at Fort Meyer. cure as they grow, the infrequency of The alphabetic system of torches snow, or other storms, the warm breeze is an interesting cypher to good in so short a time in cases of indiges from the Pacific Ocean, and—but study. Through the courtesy of the signal officers I had some amateur and horses require but little prepared practice in it during a belated drive. from the Pacific Ocean, and—but what need be added? Cattle, sheep and horses require but little prepared feed and no shelter on any of these broad pasture fields covering about wave the signal torches in the dark-

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a fitting background to the picture, Many ranches, farms and orchards are gentlemen make up a spirited group William H. T. Walker, of Georgia gentlemen make up a spirited group William H. T. Walker, of Georgia, in sight, and thcusands of acres re- in their frequent after-dinner sallies. another classmate of Pemberton's, Mrs. Garfield drives out almost daily espoused the confederate cause, was farmer to appropriate them. I am with one or another lady friend. Mrs. killed in a sortie from Atlanta against Sheldon accompanied her husband Sherman's troops July 22, 1864. The Sheldon accompanied her husonial Sherman's troops July 22, 1864. The remaining classmates of the defender remaining classmates of the defender of Vicksburg who joined him in the confederate army were: Wm. W. Mackall, of Maryland, Arthur M. the first few weeks of the administra- Rutledge, of Tennessee, who died at tion, and assisted Mrs. Garfield in re- Sawanee, Tenn., in 1876; Arthur Elceiving. The presidential carriage is zey, of Maryland, who died in Baltimore, February 21, 1871, and Robert H. Chilton, of Virginia, who died in Columbus, Ga., February 18, 1879. Mackall and Early are the only two states north of the cotton line here find the historic colored driver, who has held his position since the days of graduating class of 1837. Grant, sits on the box in livery. He is fond of enumerating the fine horses A Remarkable Pony. President Grant had in his stables. The Orkney Herald. A well authenticated and extraordi-He use I then to drive' four-in-hand. Since the Garfield boys and Don Rocknary case of the sagacity of the Shetland pony has just come under resumed their studies our notice. A year or two ago Mr. Wm. Sinclair, pupil teacher, Holm, imported one of these little animals at Colonel Rockwell's residence, some distance from the central portion of the city, from Shetland on which to ride to the president's carriage is sent every and from school, his residence being day for Dr. Hawkes, and brings him at a considerable distance from the home at 1 o'clock when the day's lesschool buildings. Up to that time the animal had been unshod, but sons are over. The boys are now through with their classical review and on Monday will take up the some time afterward Mr. Sinclair had it shod by Mr. Pratt, the parish algebra, through exuations of the first blacksmith. The other day Mr. degree, and the first two books of geometry. This prepares them for entering as freshmen at Williams in pony, without halter or anything

September. A certificate of proficiency upon it, walking up to where he was from Dr. Hawkes will be accepted by working. Thinking the animal had he college authorities in lieu of the strayed from home, he drove it off. accustomed examination for admission. throwing stones after the beast The boys are fine dancers, as well as to make it run homeward. This had the desired effect for versed in out-door athletics. They short time; but Mr. Pratt had are not pre-eminently bookish boys: only got fairly at work once more in they have not been forced in that dithe smithy when the pony's head again made its appearance at the door. rection, but are bright and capable nevertheless. All the elder children On proceeding a second time outside have the fine, physical development of their father. Mrs. Garfield is small to drive the pony away, Mr. Pratt, with a blacksmith's instinct, took a TO ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS. and slight. There was a lawn party at the Soldiers' Home Thursday evening look at the powy's feet, when he obat 6, given by General Mason, the new assistant superintendent of the Home, and Mrs. Mason, in honor of

animal would do. For a moment it looked at the blacksmith as if asking whether he was done, then pawed once or twice to see if the newly shod foot was comfortable, and then gave a pleased neigh, erected his head, and started home at a brisk trot. The owner was also exceedingly surprised to find the animal at home completely shod the same evening, and it was only on calling at the smithy some days afterward that he learned the full extent of his pony's sagacity.

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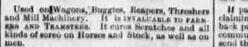
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