

# Letter From Former Resident

REV. J. W. KINGSTON WRITES AN  
INTERESTING LETTER FROM  
WESTERN HOME

Just before leaving here to take up his home in Idaho, the editor of this paper asked Rev. Kingston to write a letter for the readers after he got located. The following letter was received this week and will prove of interest to all who knew him and his family:

Dietrich, Idaho,  
November 6, 1912.

Editor Gazette:—

Dear Sir:—I promised to write you a letter concerning ourselves and country, and as all the threshing is now done and crops gathered, I give this as the fulfillment of the promise.

Myself, and daughters, Helen and Mary, are teaching school in our little town. We have an enrollment of seven in the high school and forty-five in the grades.

F. A. Young, formerly connected with the Statesman County bank in Courtenay is located here and teaches school at Averell, a place four miles out. We are all well pleased with our work and the progress of our surroundings.

The crops proved to be much better than we anticipated. Wheat went from 25 to 43 bushels per acre on new ground; oats from 40 to 65 bushels and barley from 30 to 52 bushels. On old ground these made much better showing, wheat going as high as 70 bushels per acre, oats 95, barley 65 and potatoes from 125 to 300.

Hay on 20 acres of my land the first year made me four tons to the acre.

Improved land has doubled in price, while the unimproved remains about the same.

I have had erected in town a small house and we live there. The farm is being managed by hired help.

I have two congregations of fifty each, to which I preach every Sunday, and all seems to be moving well.

The fall here has been a delightful one, experiencing up to this time no cold weather. The climate has proven a good thing for us all. Living is no higher here than in Courtenay, apples being only 60 cents per bushel. Prunes can be obtained here for one cent per pound and garden truck can be had for the gathering. We do not forget the good things of Courtenay and the many appreciative friends, but we love the new here and are seeking to lift up and be lifted.

I trust you are all happy and well, also contented with the "landslide" of November 5th.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Kingston.