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For several months after the organization of Idaho Territory, March 4, 1863, Idaho lacked Federal officials. Although President Lincoln appointed a slate of officers the second week in March, Governor W. H. Wallace did not arrive in the Territory until July. He and Territorial Secretary W. B. Daniels were the first of officers to arrive in the Territory. United States Marshal Dolphus S. Payne arrived shortly thereafter. The rest of the officials straggled in over the next few months, seemingly not in any hurry. Chief Justice Sidney Edgerton arrived at East Bannock (now Montana) in September, although he never did get to the Territorial capital. By December he was back east fighting for Idaho division. Although Associate Justice Alexander C. Smith did not arrive until November or December, he had the shortest distance to travel, coming from the Oregon coast. An Illinois appointee, Samuel C. Parks, arrived in Idaho and took office as Associate Justice at about the same time as Smith.

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