

An Unwritten Chapter in the "Egg Escapade"

Lethbridge, June 7th, 1909.
Editor, Magrath Pioneer,
Magrath, Alberta.

Dear Sir,—

I have watched with a keen interest, as I know you and your readers have, the various reports that have been circulated in the public press regarding the "Egg Escapade" which took place in your town some two weeks ago. To those who are seized with the facts in the case and know the circumstances under which it was all brought about, these reports are somewhat amusing. Take for instance the Montreal Star. In its issue of May 27th this startling headline appears, "THREE GENTILES ROUGHLY HANDLED BY MORMON MOB. POLY-GAMISTS ACT IN VERY HIGH HANDED MANNER AT MAGRATH." Word comes to me from the great Capitol of the United States in which I am asked to give the true statement of fact regarding a press dispatch which appeared in the Washington Star to the effect that the Mormons had beaten up and drove out all the Gentiles in Magrath, Alberta. I need not recall the Calgary papers—The Albertan, News and Herald—with their hasty editorial jingo, etc. These reports have gone far and wide—over land and sea—mountain and valley, and as is strikingly characteristic of fiction and falsehood they have gained much by travel. While the effect of such reports, momentarily, is to prejudice the public mind against the Mormons, I cannot help but believe that ultimately it will result in much good.

These reports are all the outgrowth of a report that was sent to the Winnipeg Telegram from this City and hereby hangs the tale which brings me to a phase of the incident which I have been pleased to call, "An unwritten chapter."

On the afternoon of the 27th ult. I received a message from the Winnipeg Telegram, as follows: "We have lurid story wired from Lethbridge last night. This is your authority to examine copy at C. P. R. Office. Relates to Mormon Mob. Wire me parts." Before I had taken my breath and started the body in motion, I received another message from the same source which read: "Re Mormon story. Copy you examine is not correct wire me facts and something about man who signed it. You can rely upon Telegram to give you square deal." These telegrams were both signed by the News Editor of the Telegram—a personal friend—and were marked "Rush." In response to the first message I called at the C. P. R. and asked to be permitted to look over the copy referred to. I was told that I could not see it without the permission of the sender. I discovered who was the sender and sought that gentleman's permission to have a look at the message he had sent the night previous. He refused to allow me to do so. By this time it was getting late and, not knowing the facts in the case, and being entirely at sea as to what had gone forth, I called up Mr. Rich at Magrath and held a long conversation with him. (I was more anxious to talk to him than I am to see the Telephone bill.) Just as soon as I could I sent the Telegram the following message: "Trouble at Magrath between people not members of Mormon Church. Parents not Mormons. Husband plotted to take away babe. Mother gives alarm and indignant citizens interfere. Rough play caused by fighting attitude of offending persons. Complete story by letter." (Sgd) Dave Elton.

Remember that at this time I did not know what had been sent to the Telegram. Following the wire I sent a story by letter, which I am sending you under separate cover as it appeared in the Winnipeg Telegram. In order to offset as much as possible the erroneous report of the night previous, The Telegram printed this letter in two of its issues, viz. Saturday the 29th and Monday the 31st. The issue which I am sending you is, as you will see, Monday the 31st.

Since then I have received a number of letters from the Winnipeg Telegram. In all their letters they have shown a spirit of fairness and a desire to undo to the best of their ability the harm that may have been done by the publishing of the report. I pointed out to the Telegram in one of my letters that the most contemptible part of the affair was the sensational and conspicuous contradiction with which the words, "Mormons" and "Gentiles" were used. The Telegram is resenting very vigorously the attitude of the C.P.R. in refusing to allow me to see the copy of the message which had been sent out from this City. It is more than likely there will be further developments along this line. I have no desire to be sensational and therefore I am not disclosing the name of the individual who signed the telegram in question. I feel disposed to say this much however that what he did do was not done with any desire to injure the Mormon people but was rather an act of carelessness and a lack of prudence and wisdom. This is my candid belief. No good could be gained by publishing his name and it would only be playing with the same sensational tools for me to do so. I am writing this solely for the purpose of showing the real position taken by the Telegram and the anxiety of its publishers when they found that a wrong had been done the Mormon people to try and make amends. It is not possible at this time on account of a lack of space to enter into a complete review of all the correspondence which has passed between us.

I trust you will re-publish the Telegram's article with this letter and while there are one or two things in my letter which are not correct (for instance the statement that Harrison was whipped by Mrs. Baxter, which I am led to believe is not true) let it appear just as it did in the Telegram.

I am taking the liberty of sending the Alberta Star and the Winnipeg Telegram a copy of his letter simultaneously with yours. I am sure the Winnipeg Telegram will do all in its power to chase down and contradict the offshoots of its error of the 27th. The Mormon people have suffered too much at the hands of Mobs to ever indulge in that kind of thing and the very announcement was sufficient to enlighten the elect of the falsehood of the same.

Yours truly,
D. H. Elton,
Secretary Alberta Press Association.

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Pinecher Creek, Friday, July 2nd, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Lethbridge, Tuesday, July 6th, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The lands will be offered in quarter-sections subject to a certain upset price in each case, and will be sold without regard to persons who may be in illegal occupation of the same, but such persons, as well as those who have been given notice of the termination of their leases in view of these sales, will be allowed a period of thirty days after the sale, or after the termination of the lease, as the case may be, within which to remove any improvements they may have on the land.

When any parcel offered is crossed by a Railway or by a public highway the sale of such parcel shall be subject to the reservation of whatever land may be required for the purposes of the Railway or of the public highway.

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Cheques will not be taken in payment unless marked accepted by the Bank on which they are drawn.

Lists of the lands to be sold may be had on Application to Mr. W. M. INGRAM, Inspector of School Lands, Winnipeg; the Agent of Dominion Lands, Lethbridge; or "The Secretary," Department of Interior, Ottawa.

By order,
P. G. KEYES,
Secretary,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 27th May, 1909.

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An Indian Parade will also be held in which some 350 Indians all decorated in war paint and feathers will participate—100 of the braves will be mounted on horseback.

The platform attractions in front of the Grand Stand will be altogether unique and far in advance of anything ever seen before in Edmonton. The Cowboy Quartette will put on the same act as they had the honor of presenting before H. M. The King in London, Eng. last year; the famous Gladstone children will give their wonderful singing, dancing and acrobatic act, Messrs Short and Edwards Willdiscourse sweet music and clean comedy and the Similette Trio (late of Ringling Bros. Circus) will present their great Comedy Bar Act. In addition there will be an animal act, particulars of which we shall publish later, 4 ball-on-encensions and parachute jumps; Scotch dances, sword dances, highland fling, etc. by the Scottish Bagpipes, and plenty of good music by three or more excellent bands.

The racing programme will be very strong and there is to be a steeple chase with a bush and water jump throw in! There will also be a high jump for horses, etc.

There will be a parade by the Firemen of Western Canada who will hold their annual Convention during the Fair and the Knights of Pythias will also have a parade in full regalia.

Strathcona Day will be a big day. The Citizens of the University City are very enthusiastic about the Exhibition and are giving it much valued support. The Exhibition will be opened by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea.

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