

DISTRICT NEWS

EDMONTON.

Edmonton News Service. A large seam of coal has been struck here, and this district which, until this strike was made, was considered to be without this great natural advantage, is now in equally as fortunate a position as any other settlement in Alberta. The coal seam was struck while digging a well for the priest's house which adjoins the new Roman Catholic church. The coal was discovered 12 feet below the surface. A depth of 12 feet has now been reached and there is as yet no indication of having reached the oblique side of the seam. The settlers are gratified by this announcement that a semi-weekly mail is to be inaugurated Dec. 1st. The mail will be transferred from Morinville instead of from Athabasca Landing trail as formerly. This change is also advantageous, in that it will save the passengers taking the mail stage to Morinville, and vice versa. There is a train of 12 passenger coaches between 4,000 and 5,000 bushels of grain. The Government road work has been stopped for the winter. The local work, however, is being continued under the direction of Albert W. Tracey. New roads are being opened and swamps are being drained. W. M. Tracey was a visitor to Edmonton this week. The friends of Wm. Tracey wear a broad smile. Over a year ago Mr. Tracey sold a team of horses to a certain settler, who failed to meet the payments on the horses, and Mr. Tracey has then signs of a year's work, but Mr. Tracey's bank account is no larger as a result of the sale of the team. Edmonton, Nov. 29.

RED DEER.

Edmonton News Service. H. H. Drake left last night for British Columbia with a shipment of hogs. A. E. Pacey of Calgary has been in town for the past few days. J. W. Robinson, of the Great West Lumber Co., returned from Edmonton last night. One lone drunk was up before Justice of the Peace Wallace yesterday and another to-day. A petition was circulated around town yesterday by W. G. W. Fortune to protest against granting a license to a wholesale liquor store. The Wigwam organized a hockey team last night for the coming season and the following officers were elected: President H. B. Hill; vice-president, C. L. W. M. Wilson; manager, E. R. O. P. S. McCutcheon. There was an skating party at the Blindman on Monday night. The Red Deer River is all frozen over except one narrow channel. Capt. Cottonham entertained at Budget last night. J. F. Geetz is ill with a bad attack of influenza. G. H. Bawentz has called in his threatening outfit and returned to town. M. J. Manning, manager of the Merchant's Bank of Canada spent Sunday in town. A. A. Jackson left yesterday for Edmonton and intermediate points on behalf of the Alberta Jewelry Mfg. Co. S. M. Cross of Calgary, who has been in town for the past few days left for home on last evening's train. W. G. Sawyer is again able to be around. The Red Deer Amateur Dramatic Society contemplate putting on another play in the near future. C. E. Curran of Great Falls, Montana, has been in town for the past few days. W. G. Sawyer is again able to be around. The Red Deer Amateur Dramatic Society contemplate putting on another play in the near future. C. E. Curran of Great Falls, Montana, has been in town for the past few days. W. G. Sawyer is again able to be around.

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VERMILION CONVENTION. The Liberals of the federal election district will hold a convention tomorrow in Vegreville to nominate a candidate to contest the district at the next federal election. In the evening a grand banquet will be tendered the visiting delegates to the convention. Special rats will be given by the C.N.R. to those attending the banquet on the certificate should procure the standard certificate. Over 100 delegates and visitors are in attendance, the round trip

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