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WILL CONSIDER A MUNICIPAL SYSTEM

Ald. Mitchell Will Bring Question of Telephones Before City Council on Monday Night.

BELIEVES THE INITIAL COST WILL NOT BE LARGE
Would be Maintained From the Beginning by the Citizens of Calgary.

At the meeting of the council on Monday night, Ald. Mitchell will ask that a committee be appointed to enquire into the cost of installing an independent telephone system into Calgary and to report to the council on the wisdom of the same.

Ald. Mitchell brought the matter before the council last year, but through some enquiries were made no action was taken. Ald. Mitchell is of the opinion that an up-to-date system could be installed for a moderate amount and that the history of the electric light plant would be repeated as far as maintenance

YOUNG ARE THE HOPE

Vast Majority Turn to God at Early Age Says Evangelist

TEST MADE IN SERVICE LAST NIGHT

Two Thirds of Congregation Converted Between Ages of 10 and 20 Years

The Methodist church was crowded last night when Messrs. Crossley and Hunter continued their series of revival meetings. Rev. Mr. McWilliams, the new minister at Grace Church, was on the platform and he was heartily greeted by the evangelists.

Mr. Hunter said "All good people come from Ontario." Mr. McWilliams looked like a priest but there was no sin in that. He (Mr. Hunter) looked like a priest himself.

Some persons would not speak to him here in Calgary. They would not have the opportunity of speaking to him in Heaven.

Superintendent Niblock had been kind enough to allow the members of the C.P.R., who were under his control, to attend a special meeting, which was held yesterday afternoon.

"Pray for railroad men," said Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter's address was more than usually interesting. The speaker was the surgeon, Crossley was the physician. Hunter had to remove a piece of meat from the back of his neck. Mr. Hunter or Mr. Crossley to disappoint an audience.

"I pity the rich," said Mr. Hunter. "For the rich are poor and the poor are rich. Rich men could not see Jesus. Jesus was passing by. Hail Him. Make preparation for the Lord's coming. When Earl Grey came to Calgary did you make preparations?"

Christ had no use for cardrooms. Christ had no use for dance rooms. "The devil says to buy a suit, arms around women. Here I am using the knife. If a man put his arm around your wife in the parlor what would happen? You would shoot him. Then what is the difference?"

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TRYING TO SAVE LIFE

Advocate for the Condemned Man Gilbert, Appeals to Court

ASKS FOR A NEW TRIAL FOR CLIENT

At the sitting of the Court en Banc which was held yesterday the first case which came up was the appeal in connection with the condemned murderer, Gilbert, of Regina.

Mr. Martin, who appeared for the condemned man, contended that the evidence of the man Henderson was not admissible. The direction of the judge to the jury that they had to believe the evidence which had been produced before the judge at Regina was not correct. He contended that the evidence of Henderson which Gilbert did not hear was not admissible. The evidence of Henderson was not obtained in the course of the examination-in-chief of the accused. The counsel referred to the state of mind of the deceased.

Why is the state of mind of the deceased material? Mr. Martin, "Because if I can show the state of mind of the deceased I can arrive at the state of mind of the accused. What I am trying to prove is that the murder was committed by the accused by accident and not by intent."

Mr. Justice Harvey, if the murdered man had been living, the statement which Gilbert had made, but I cannot see the connection between the state of mind of the accused and the state of mind of the deceased.

Quotations innumerable followed and cases of all sorts were quoted and it was late before Mr. Martin finished his speech. The court for the crown did not reply and the court proceeded to the next case. It is probable that the case will be argued on the fact that the date of the execution of Gilbert is fixed for the 18th.

The case of the King v. Mulligan occupied the attention of the court for a very short time. Peter Mulligan was found guilty of a criminal assault on the person of six persons at the last assizes which were held at Red Deer. Mr. Justice Scott, who tried the case, allowed an appeal on a point that was not sufficient evidence to justify the verdict.

The court quashed the conviction and Peter Mulligan, who has been in the barracks since he was discharged immediately. Mulligan did not appear at the court but he was released from the barracks within a few moments of the decision of the court.

NO TRACE OF VESSEL

The Ponce is Still Abroad and no Word From Her.

SHE IS NOW EIGHT DAYS OVERDUE

New York, Jan. 9.—For the first time since anxiety became acute over the steamer Ponce, which sailed from Ponce, Port Rico, Dec. 20th, and should have reached this port six days later, the offices of the owners, the New York & Port Rico Steamship Co., were closed tonight.

At a late hour, General Manager Franklin Mooney left for home. Up to that time, no tidings upon which the company placed credence had been received.

The vessel, which carried a crew of fifty-two, and seven passengers is still missing. Innumerable rumors have been investigated. One of the latest reports was that southern wireless coast stations received a wireless communication from the Ponce Jan. 1st.

The Ponce is not equipped with the wireless apparatus, though it was suggested that a message concerning the Ponce might have been sent by some other craft having wireless equipment and the message was misread.

The officials of the line not only refuse to abandon hope, but reiterated tonight that they confidently expect that the Ponce will be heard from within the next twenty-four hours. There is no reason, Mr. Mooney said, to believe that the vessel has foundered, while there are many ways of accounting for the delay. The assurance of the company rests upon the fact that the steamer Maracas, of the Trinidad Shipping & Trading Co. is three days ahead of the Ponce, and Mr. Mooney believes that she is towing the disabled Ponce to port.

CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF FUEL

Unions of Municipalities Ask the Railway Commission to Investigate Freight Charges.

ASK PROVINCE TO CONSIDER SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION

The union endorsed the principle of allowing a municipality to defer for five years payment of principle on debentures for constructing rate works, etc.

On the coal question the convention passed a resolution that the railway commission should immediately investigate the transporting charges for coal and the car shortage. That the government of Alberta should immediately investigate the whole system of the production of coal and the supply of the same, and that the federal government should not in the future allocate coal land to private persons or corporations within the province of Alberta.

The convention affirmed a number of last year's resolutions regarding having local telephone systems controlled by the municipality and the long distance lines by the government regarding the case of indigents.

Some matters of auditing in small municipalities were discussed and Mayor Gaetz, Red Deer, brought forward a somewhat novel proposal to have the municipality loan poorhouse holders instalment sewerage rate lighting, the repayments to be secured against the property.

A banquet was given the visiting delegates by the town of Red Deer on Wednesday evening.

Austria Attempts to Alarm British

A Bear Movement to Get Capitalists to Keep Out of the Country.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The Lokai Anzeiger about to break out in Serbia to the recently sent a special correspondent to Servia to investigate the recurrence of reports that a revolution is being organized against King that the projected large investments of British capital in the Balkan peninsula telegraphed today that trans-Versal railway and various industrial enterprises in the Balkans Premier Pasic attributes the persistent endeavor to convince the British public that a revolution is

Another Big Concern Here

Mr. Amos W. Scott, who is representing the firm of Kelly & Co., of Vancouver, is registered at the Alberta. Interviewed by the Albertan.

Mr. Scott said that his firm had a site in Vancouver to build a big establishment in Calgary. "I have not been able to fix a site as yet," he said. Mr. Scott, Mr. Amos W. Scott, who is representing the firm of Kelly & Co., of Vancouver, is registered at the Alberta. Interviewed by the Albertan.

LABOR MEN PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSITION

Object to Legislation Prohibiting Aliens From Taking Part in Labor Troubles

Brandon, Man., Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the trades and labor council of this city held Tuesday night, a resolution was unanimously passed to allow an appeal on a point that was not sufficient evidence to justify the verdict.

LYNCHED FOR WIFE MURDER

A Crowd in Iowa Beat Down Jail Doors and Killed Offender

Waterloo, Jan. 9.—A crowd of more than a thousand men tonight battered through the walls of the county jail at Charles City, Ia., with railroad iron, threw hinges from the doors, and took James Cullen and lynched him for wife murder.

WORK FOR LEGISLATURE

Lieutenant Tells of Task Before the Alberta Members

Lethbridge, Jan. 9.—Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, lieutenant governor of Alberta, speaking of the coming session of the Alberta legislature which convenes on Jan. 24, said: "You know I know nothing about politics; I may say, however, that the coming legislative session, the second since the erection of Alberta into a province, will be quite a heavy one and that the time of the members will be engrossed mainly with re-stamping and amending old Territorial statutes and re-enacting them in an improved form under the new constitution."

"Of the strictly new pieces of legislation, one of the most important will undoubtedly be the proposed provincial railway act, under which the province will exercise its power of granting charters for railways and of regulating them. The Territories possessed no powers with respect to railways."

"It is extremely unlikely that the commission appointed to enquire into the question of a beef combine will have any report for this year's session, as the British Columbia government has not appointed its representative. The representatives of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have, however, met informally, though the taking of evidence has not yet begun."

His honor said a spirit of harmony and co-operation characterized the members and parties in the legislature in dealing with the measures, which gained added importance from being enacted when the institutions are yet in a plastic condition.

ALL ARE MAD ABOUT COBALT

Toronto People had no Thought of Investing Money Any Place Else

Toronto, Jan. 9.—The 19th annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce exchange was held this afternoon in the board room at the exchange building, when the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year was made and the address of the retiring president, Capt. Pitt, was read.

For the present year, William J. Bettington, manager of the Imperial Elevator Co., will direct the affairs of the exchange, being elected president by unanimous vote.

John Fleming was elected vice-president, and Charles N. Bell secretary of the exchange.

In the address of Mr. Pitt he claimed the exchange is not a trading body, but its facilities are of a direct benefit to producers. The crying need in the west is increased transportation.

Rifle Range at Edmonton

Edmonton, Jan. 9.—Col. Evans concluded the purchase of 180 acres known as Dowler's flats for a rifle range, at a cost of \$25,000. Twelve targets will be erected and a new barracks will occupy the site.

This Man Has No Excuse At All

Senator Perley Makes a Lamentable Tale of His Recent Slanders.

I think the Telegram said Mr. Hill was a land inspector, so much worse if he was a grain man. It was all right for you that Mr. Hill should publish the superiority of Alberta oats, over Manitoba and Saskatchewan; but when I defend Saskatchewan in the matter, then it is all wrong. I may say that I did not wish to reflect on Alberta, I wanted to draw it mild.

I was told by a man who had to do it that a few years ago, the Board of Trade at Edmonton sent to Dr. Saunders, nearly 300 samples of oats to test their growing qualities, and none of them averaged over fifty per cent. of fertility, and half of them not 20, and as a result the seed for that year was bought in Ontario and Manitoba. Treating on so delicate a subject Mr. Hill should have been mum. I have nothing to apologise for. I was mild. In future let your government officials and other objects as much as they wish on their own private province, but do not make comparisons.

Yours truly,
N. PERLEY

P.S. I have asked the driver if he remembers the conversation, and what Craig said. He says he does very well, and what I said to him. When I write for publication I deal in facts.

ITALIAN MURDERER HAS BROKEN DOWN

Abandoned Hope of Reprieve in Great Anguish

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—Salvatore Macri, the Italian, who was sentenced to death for murder on Tuesday in his cell sick and in great anguish of mind. All hope has left him and he is gradually sinking. Sheriff Inkster has six applications for the position of hangman.

THE FAMINE STORIES ARE APPALLING

Latest News From the Hungry Millions in China

Victoria, Jan. 9.—Advice regarding the appalling famine in China received by steamer Shinano Maru today show that the famine area covers 40,000 square miles with a population of 100 millions, of whom four millions are in want, mostly starving. There were from 20 to 30 large walled cities within the area and thousands of refugees are hurrying into these cities from the countryside. It is estimated that 800,000 starving refugees have reached nine walled cities just outside the famine area seeking relief. It is estimated that \$20,000 a day for many months will be required to supply the famine stricken.

Municipal Ownership By Edmonton Mayor

Interesting and Instructive Paper Read at Red Deer by W. A. Griesbach.

The following is one of the papers read yesterday afternoon at Red Deer. It is on Municipal Ownership and was read by Mayor Griesbach of Edmonton.

Municipal ownership under conditions prevailing in this country is such a new thing that it is a matter of difficulty in the limited time at my disposal to secure any authorities on the question. I am therefore obliged to give you the result of my observations in the city which I represent here today, and of the condition prevailing elsewhere and my conclusions therefrom.

Question of Efficiency

The first question to be considered is: What utilities should the municipality own? My answer to that is, that all undertakings which may be described as natural monopolies should be owned and operated by municipalities. The telephone is a natural monopoly because its value to the user consists in communication with the greatest possible number of people and because it is a necessity. The same may be said of street railways, gas, water, sewerage and as new conditions arise there will be others. The first general argument in support of this contention is this: A private corporation operates one of these undertakings for a profit. It must pay working expenses, it must pay interest on the money invested, and finally it must pay a profit to the promoters. There may be watered stock, and dividends must also be paid on that. Contrasting this with municipal ownership, three advantages are apparent. There is no watered stock, no dividends, and less interest to pay as a municipality is generally borrowing money cheaper than a private corporation, and in view of the fact

TEN THOUSAND TONS EVERY WORKING DAY

Important Meeting of Mine Owners in Calgary Today

Lethbridge, Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the directors of the Diamond Coal Co. in Calgary tomorrow night, estimates and reports will be presented calling for the expenditure of nearly \$300,000 in the development of the company's property at Diamond City, six miles from Lethbridge. The contemplated development will be completed in about 18 months and will include the installation of a plant sufficient to raise 10,000 tons of coal per day and a spur to the projected C.P.R. branch in that vicinity.

MR. MCKENZIE HAS NOT GIVEN UP

Will Bring Abduction Case Before Magistrates in Edmonton

Mr. Mackenzie of Penhold, is in the city today. He says that the charge laid against Walter Shuh for abducting his daughter is not over. He believes that the magistrate would grant a dismissal of the case when before him at Red Deer exceeded his duties as the charge was an indictable one. He has decided to have the case taken before magistrates in Edmonton.

DR. KAN YAN IN POLICE CELLS

He is Accused of Getting Money Under False Pretences

The Chinese doctor, of the name of Kan Yan, who has given a very large amount of assistance to the police in various ways, more especially in connection with the case of Mr. Ling, the case of the seven Chinese gamblers who were acquitted was arrested last night upon a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. Doctor Kan Yan is a resident of last night by Constable Ross.

The charge against Kan Yan is that he did on the third of Oct. last obtain from F. Mark, the sum of thirty dollars, by false pretences.

Dr. Kan Yan will appear before the magistrate this morning.

Evangelistic Campaign in North America

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Plans for a world wide evangelistic campaign are being discussed at the 13th conference of foreign mission boards of the United States and Canada, which began here today. Ministers and laymen of many Protestant denominations are present.

Nominations for Riding of Cariboo

Vancouver, Jan. 9.—Messrs. L. F. J. Champion and Chas. Wilson, C. C. have been nominated by the Conservatives in Cariboo.

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