

Local and General.

Thousands of toys at Burtons.
Don't forget the Grand Ball in the Assembly Hall to-night.

Leonard Johnson of Magrath was in town on Tuesday.

A beautiful line of Men's Ties just received at Allen's.

The Christmas trade is very brisk this year.

Money to loan, plenty of it, on well improved farms. See A. M. Heppler, Great West Life Agent.

Burtons Variety Store is now jammed and crammed with Christmas presents of all kinds.

Mr. James Fisher, Raymond, came in on Tuesday. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stott.

If your farm is well improved the Great West Life will loan you money on it. A. M. Heppler, Agent.

The Leavitt Dramatic Co. presented at Leavitt, on Wednesday evening, the drama entitled, "Ruined by Drink."

Mr. Wm. Pilling of the Pilling Realty Co., returned from a business trip to Lethbridge on Monday.

Mr. Lerose, of the firm of Lerose & Bell, horse buyers, Edmonton, is in town this week purchasing horses.

The Home Dramatic Co. will present "Enoch Arden" in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday evening.

The bustle and hurry in the stores this week is a strong indication that Christmas is drawing nigh.

Tom Longboat won out against Dorando in the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday.

The B. S. Young Dramatic Co., Raymond, expect to present in Cardston early in January the beautiful Military Drama entitled "Arizona."

Our stock of candies and Christmas confectionery too numerous to mention, also large assortment of fresh nuts, figs, dates etc. We beg the public to come and inspect.—Phipps.

A scientist says that monkeys fill their decayed teeth with blue clay. Either monkeys are more clever than we imagined or else that scientist is a liar. Take your choice!

The Temperance and Moral Reform League are stirring themselves these days; the campaign for local option being rigorously conducted. Petitions are to be presented at the January session of the Alberta assembly.

STRAYED:—On my place, one small rezer-back, black and white sow, and two small Tamworth boars. Owner can obtain same by paying for this ad. and other charges.—Arthur Perrey, St. Mary's Ranch.

Regina is somewhat pleased because an English visitor in writing home described it as a city of thirty thousand inhabitants. But that is all right; as he is taking a tour around the world it probably will be before he gets home.

For Christmas and New Year Holidays the Canadian Pacific Railway announces a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas, December 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, for New Year, December 28, 29, 30 and 31 and January 1, final return limit on all tickets January 5, 1909.

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper will be observed in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning 11 a. m. (Dec. 20th.) Members of all Evangelical Churches, are cordially invited. "This do in remembrance of me." The Sacrament of Baptism will also be administered. Christmas Service at Spring Coulee at 3 p. m.

Editing a newspaper, says the Deseronto Tribune, is a nice thing. If we publish jokes we are rattle-brained. If we don't we are fossils. If we publish original matter, they say we do not give them enough selections. If we give them selections, we are too lazy to write. If we don't go to church we are heathens. If we do go we are hypocrites. If we remain at the office we ought to be out looking for news. If we go out, then we are not attending to business. If we wear old clothes, they laugh at us. If we wear good clothes, they say we have a pull. Now what are we to do? Just as likely as not some one will say that we put this in for an exchange. So we did.

T. H. Moffatt left for Pembroke on Wednesday.

O. E. Bates was in Lethbridge on Tuesday.

Read the new ad. of Mr. J. T. Noble's in this issue.

Any quantity of dolls from 5c. up at Burtons.

Five and ten year terms given on loans with the Great West Life Co.

Mrs. Wm. and Mrs. Walter Shepherd came in on Saturday's train from England.

Be sure and see the beautiful line of silks and chinaware on view at Tai Sang & Co.

Lots of Christmas trees and trimmings to go on them at Burtons.

Messrs Geo. Coleman, C. A. Passey, Sterling Shelton and C. Shelton, were up from Magrath this week.

Salt Lake City Utah has been chosen as the next meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On and after January 1st, the Woolf Hotel will dispense with the serving of meals and will conduct a first class rooming house.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson and children left on Monday for Madrad, Idaho, where they intend to make their future home. Her elder son Robert also accompanied them.

Miss Ethel Alfred and Mr. Leo Hardy (Stirling) left on Wednesday for Salt Lake City, where they will enter into the bonds of matrimony.

On Christmas Day the Post Office will be open from 10 to 11 in the forenoon and for one hour in the afternoon after the mail is distributed.

Raymond, Dec. 15.—Three men from Cardston are busy taking the large barn of Mr. John Jochet's to pieces, in order to remove it to Cardston.

William Yennay, the A. R. & I Co. station agent at Raymond has been arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences.

Raymond, Dec. 12.—Robert White who has been seriously ill at Cardston with pneumonia has come to Raymond and is staying at home. He is recovering and will be able to return to Cardston in a few weeks.

Mr. D. Oland, was down from Mt. View the first of the week. Mr. Oland is working on the new meeting house and says that when it is completed Mt. View will have one of the finest buildings in the south.

Music lovers still remember with pleasure the musical feast given by the Dixie Jubilee Singers under the auspices of the Alberta Stake M. I. A. We are promised now a still better combination of musical and dramatic entertainment in the Polmatier Sisters, at the Assembly Hall Saturday night.

That the west continues to settle is best evidenced by the homestead entries. All records were broken the past two months when over 23,000 homestead entries were made. The knowledge of Canada's good land continues to spread and rapid settlement and national development are assured in this Dominion.

There are three hundred and fifty bank branches between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains. No wonder the banks have been looking for bright young men for their service. Promotions in Canadian banks would have been very slow if it had not been for these growing towns.

In Saskatchewan they are feeling well, twice as well as they did last year. Everything is better. Take the grain yield alone. This was about 90,000,000 bushels this year as against 54,000,000 bushels last year, while the quality is far superior.

George L. Knapp, an American authority, says Canada will soon be raising a thousand million bushels of wheat a year, and will then be the greatest wheat exporting country in the world. With eminent United States citizens giving such opinions it is not to be wondered at that well up to four hundred thousand people from the south of the line are now raising wheat in the Prairie Provinces, and that more are coming.

\$5.00 REWARD.
Lost from J. W. Woolf's ranch, one black horse, weigh 1200, branded S R on left hip, 9 years old. Right front foot white. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of same to Geo. Hudson.

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J. W. Van Pelt

Mr. J. W. Brown, School Inspector was in town on Tuesday.

Christmas, Friday, Dec. 25th. All stores will be closed.

Who could wish for finer weather.

Chinese Lilies on 4's at Tai Sang & Co.

Lehi Jensen, Magrath, was in town on Monday.

Beautiful silk shawls, silk centres and silk sideboard scarfs at Burtons.

Fresh Baltimore oysters, every oyster selected, always on hand at Phipps.

Miss Ruth Skouson, Raymond, is visiting in town, the guest of Mrs. F. Lamb.

Geo. Baxter, Earl Harker and Ross Harker, Magrath spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

Jap oranges, Jap oranges, 5 dozen in box, only one dollar, at Phipps.

Don't fail to see the latest and best assorted stock of picture frames. Special Christmas offers at A. T. Henson's Photo Parlors.

Messrs. W. H. and L. N. Stott leave today for Utah, where they will spend a month in visiting friends and relatives.

Stingless bees have been discovered in Central America. If it is necessary for us to have bees in our bonnets we choose this variety.

The Piano that will be used by the Polmatier Sisters Saturday night is a new Gauray, furnished the M. I. A. through kindness of Mr. Robert, general agent for this district.

In purchasing your Christmas presents, call at Tai Sang & Co. They are offering beautiful Chinese silks and chinaware at remarkably low prices. To purchasers of goods, a beautiful Chinese Lily will be given free.

Special Christmas services will be held in the Assembly Hall next Sunday evening, under the auspices of the M. I. A. A splendid program has been prepared and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Why do we smile in the West? There are several reasons, and here is one of them: More wheat has been grown, more wheat has been moved, and more money has been received for it than in any previous fall up to the same date.

The latest official government estimate places the total wheat crop of the United States for this year practically on a level with the average for the past five years. The winter wheat crop is estimated at 425 millions against an average for five years of 413 millions; the 1908 spring wheat crop is put at 234 millions against an average of 244 millions. The quality in both cases is rather lower than in 1907.

ASSEMBLY HALL
Tuesday Evening
December 22nd

Enoch Arden

A new Dramatisation of Tennyson's beautiful poem

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
Enoch Arden, Mr. Mose Johnston
Philip Ray, S. M. Woolf
Dr. Grammett, Hugh Brown
Ben, the Boatswain,
—Athos M. Johnston,
Old Barnacle, Samuel Anderson,
Gregory Smith, Jake Larkins,
Peter Lane, Jas. Anderson,
Walter Arden, Miss Eunice May,
Annie Lee, Miss Agnes May,
Mariam Lane, Miss Eva Harker,
Esther Arden, Maggie Lee,
Villagers, Sailors, etc.

This "world renowned" and extremely effective Drama will be under the financial management of the Alberta Stake M. I. A. with Prof. M. Johnston as stage director.

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Doors open 7.30; performance 8.30. R. member the date.



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Extra special for Christmas at the Bijou, Matinee from 5 p. m. until 6.30. Christmas night from 8.30 to 10. Matinee prices 10 and 15c. Christmas night 15, 25, and 35c.

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