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A PARTY WITHOUT A POLICY.

During the last two weeks the leaders of the opposition have been addressing the electors and criticizing the administration of the government. They have raised no issue. They have declared no policy.

The opposition has offered no suggestions. We have three opposition candidates in Calgary. If Mr. Tweedie brought in any resolutions, motions, bills or legislation of any other kind in parliament it was never reported.

Rev. Mr. Hillocks has less of a platform than the others. He is the teller of risky stories and the circulator of slanderous untruths about his opponents. But that is not constructive politics.

Are the people of Alberta prepared to place in office men who have not even the ability to construct an issue in a provincial election?

THE PRICE OF OATS.

Another member of the Elevator Trust has arrived in Alberta and has taken issue at once with the Sifton government, which is not surprising. He questions the figures published by The Albertan.

The Albertan received on its exchange table last night, three interesting papers. They were The Camrose Canadian, owned by George P. Smith, Liberal candidate and late member for the riding; The Ponoka Herald, owned by George Gordon, Conservative candidate for Ponoka; and The Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Camrose Markets: The grain market in Camrose will hold for the balance of this week as follows: No. 1 Northern wheat, 68; No. 2 Northern wheat, 65; No. 3 Northern wheat, 62; No. 4 Northern wheat, 57; No. 5 Northern wheat, 52; No. 6 Northern wheat, 48; No. 7 Northern wheat, 45; No. 8 Northern wheat, 42; No. 9 Northern wheat, 38; No. 10 Northern wheat, 35; No. 11 Northern wheat, 32; No. 12 Northern wheat, 28; No. 13 Northern wheat, 25; No. 14 Northern wheat, 22; No. 15 Northern wheat, 18; No. 16 Northern wheat, 15; No. 17 Northern wheat, 12; No. 18 Northern wheat, 8; No. 19 Northern wheat, 5; No. 20 Northern wheat, 2.

Ponoka Markets: Wheat, No. 1 Northern, per bushel, 68; No. 2 Northern, 65; No. 3 Northern, 62; No. 4 Northern, 57; No. 5 Northern, 52; No. 6 Northern, 48; No. 7 Northern, 45; No. 8 Northern, 42; No. 9 Northern, 38; No. 10 Northern, 35; No. 11 Northern, 32; No. 12 Northern, 28; No. 13 Northern, 25; No. 14 Northern, 22; No. 15 Northern, 18; No. 16 Northern, 15; No. 17 Northern, 12; No. 18 Northern, 8; No. 19 Northern, 5; No. 20 Northern, 2.

The Vulcan paper quotes lower prices than that. It quotes oats at 15 to 20; barley 28 to 30; wheat, 49 to 67.

Another gentleman in The Herald discounts the

Editorial Notes

When Britain abolishes its hereditary house of lords and uses proportional representation to select a strong second chamber, it will be the most democratic country in the world.

The Conservatives of Alberta are beginning to learn now that they make a tactical blunder in bringing R. B. Bennett into this campaign, just as the Conservatives of Saskatchewan did when they brought in Rogers and Egan.

When Britain abolishes its hereditary house of lords and introduces a real second chamber, elected upon modern lines, it will be time to discuss a reformation of the Canadian senate in real seriousness.

statements made by J. Bunbury, who was offered 18 cents in Hanna and shipped east at a profit of eight cents, because The Albertan said that he was offered this price at an elevator, and there is no elevator in that town. The information is correct. That is what he was offered by the Elevator Trust dealer, though it may be that he was not at an elevator but at a warehouse or some such place. The facts are substantially correct. The criticism is a quibble.

There need be no confusion about the price of grain. The farmer knows how much he is getting for his produce.

He also knows that R. B. Bennett and other members of the Elevator Trust are here in force to defeat the government that is making competition to this trust possible.

BROAD-MINDED STATESMANSHIP.

Dr. Blow is quibbling. To the statement that he and his political associates sat by and heard Leader Borden promise the natural resources to the province when elected, and made no protest at all. Dr. Blow insists that he was not at the meeting, but was in England when it all occurred, and an evening newspaper supporter says: "Another canard nailed."

Dr. Blow is quibbling. It is true he was not at the particular 1911 meeting. He had been at other meetings when Mr. Borden said the same thing, and applauded just as heartily. He heard Mr. Bennett say the same thing. We are under the impression that he said the same thing himself. He was strong for handing over the lands to the province until Mr. Borden was elected to office, and then he found that there was a Liberal in office in Edmonton, and therefore it should not be done.

If Dr. Blow, T. M. Tweedie and Leader Michener had written one joint letter, informing Premier Borden that in this country people expected him to keep his word when he made it, and that they were much disappointed in him for breaking a sacred promise, the provinces would have had their natural resources at the present time.

But Dr. Blow, who is now talking about a non-partisan campaign, declares that it is the right thing to hand over the natural resources to the provinces only when Liberals are not in office in the province.

There is a big, unprejudiced, broad-minded statesman for you! What a worthy representative for a big, progressive, important city like Calgary!

UNNECESSARY ALARM.

One of the most interesting features of the present campaign is the solicitude of the opposition for the legislation passed by the province during the recent session.

For instance, the opposition members made no objection to the farm elevator bill. The different farmers' associations throughout the province favored the legislation. Harold Riley got copies of the act and sent them throughout his constituency: "With the compliments of Harold Riley; I think that this is a good bill. I am supporting it."

Yet such old-time tillers of the soil as R. B. Bennett, The Calgary Herald and The Calgary Eye-Opener, after looking over the legislation, find that it is very bad indeed, and that it will really ruin the farmer.

It is the same with the elevator bill. The opposition offered no objection to it. The only criticism that John Kemmis, the Conservative candidate in Pincher Creek, had to the bill was that it was the work of the farmers and not of the government.

But such tried old farmers as R. B. Bennett and The Calgary Herald find that it is not good enough for them at all. They are suspicious that the government does not intend to build the elevators. Think of the alarm of R. B. Bennett in a matter of that kind!

The Albertan quotes the bill. Here is the interesting clause: "The lieutenant-governor-in-council is hereby authorized from time to time and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon with the company to loan to the company for the purpose of aiding in the acquisition, erection, extension or remodeling of any elevator or elevators a sum not to exceed eighty-five per cent. of the estimated cost of the said elevator or elevators or of such extension or remodeling."

If that does not authorize the government to use money to loan to elevators, and as much as is necessary, we should like to know what would the reason that the amount was not more definitely mentioned was that the elevator people could not say definitely whether they wanted two elevators or one hundred. But as long as the government can come along with the money, the farmers will be satisfied. In the meantime there is \$300,000 of unappropriated money in the estimates.

The Canadian senate has always been a useless body, but if it rises up and rebukes a government that desires to stifle free speech, and introduce rule by brute force, it will not have lived in vain.

Rev. S. Hoon Hillocks has been speaking in Cowley, where the story which made him famous will be about like a new one to people so far from the place where he gave it to the world on the first occasion.

Dr. Blow promised early in the campaign that he would not introduce the university question into politics. He is not keeping his promise. He sits quietly by while his editorial supporters trounce up and down the platform dragging it in. He takes advantage of it himself and he does not on any occasion place the position of the government before his hearers in any kind of a fair way. That is not playing the game fairly. Dr. Blow is prepared to sacrifice the future of the university to turn a point upon his opponents in an unfair way.

In Vermilion the Rogertzes have introduced a third candidate to come into the field, to confuse the issue and perhaps make it harder for Premier Sifton. The gentleman's name is Kaskiwiat, a name which should appeal to the temperance plank in the so-called platform of the opposition.

To the statement of Landry, Conservative candidate for St. Albert, that Premier Borden would hand over the natural resources to Alberta if the Conservatives were successful in this election, Lucien Boudreau replied that if M. Landry would get a telegram from Premier Borden to that effect that he would retire from the contest. M. Landry did not come through.

Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Mason

THE WASHING MACHINE. The washing machine is a ball-bearing substitute for the laundry which has almost entirely displaced the time-consuming tub and the galloping back ache. It also prevents the temper from souring on wash day, and enables hungry husbands to get down to something besides the cold baked bean.

The parcels post is a recent invention which is designed to put a whole-souled crimp in the net cast by the express companies. It is also designed to make the mail carrier look like an itinerant time peddler with a crooked side line.

The parcels post will carry anything up to eleven pounds which is not liable to break open and spill the product of a treatment upon the mail carrier's uniform. Fresh eggs can be carried quite a distance by this method without losing anything but the flavor they left home with. After the eggs are packed in the mail carrier's trunk, they will be turned over to the addressee in the form of an omelette.

Fresh vegetables can be sent from Maine to California by parcels post, but they will age considerably on the route. It is also permissible to ship the wild-eyed queen bee, providing her stinger is extracted and placed in the box in such a position that the railway mail clerk will not sit down upon it. The humble bee cannot be shipped by parcels post unless it is deposited in a fireproof vault.

It is expected that before long the parcels post will be extended to include all kinds of produce. It will be an interesting and profitable delivery service to the rural mail carrier. The humble bee cannot be shipped by parcels post unless it is deposited in a fireproof vault.

The parcels post would have come long ago if it had not been for those high-priced senators and congressmen and their friends who are determined to keep us from drifting into another one of these times when the retired by death and the Australian ballot, we now have a reform which promises to jolt the high cost of living in several of its vital parts.

JOY COMETH. Dull care may now forsake her perch, that she has occupied so long; and melody may wear the crown of grief, for human beings dance and sing, and the music of the spheres use the harbingers of spring—the baseball season's drawing near!

The old man's restlessness in his chair, the snoring of the cat, and the cat he throws his book; and graven reads the sporting page, and gives anon a feeble cheer; Joy cometh soon to youth and age—the baseball season's drawing near!

The youthful population dreams with glee through-out the neighborhood, and boys are dreaming rainbow dreams of beating Christy or Joe Wood. Now every club becomes a bat, and every bat bewails a sphere. Spring comes—we know where we are at—the baseball season's drawing near!

The Poet Philosopher

By Walt Mason

THIS OLD WORLD. "This world is but a dismal place, a desert and dreary." So Croaker says, with long-drawn face, and Croaker makes no wrong. I've wandered around this good old sphere for twenty years, and I've found that things are pleasant here, and there is joy aplenty. Although Erer Croaker leads me on, talking like some soured prophet, he will not leave this gay old globe until we push him off it. I've noticed that the people who roam this world wherein we're dwelling and sigh to join the shining host, they are anxious to get away from here, called away, put up a roar, and naught their grief can tell; they had to leave this punk old shore that they've abused so often. I like to think that when we die to die beneath a cloudless sky, in happiness unending. However glorious the land for which I hope we're headed, we shouldn't knock this mundane strand who are now home-pearled, and keep that harp a-humming, but while we're around this world I have no kick a-coming.

French Kid Gloves Priced Saturday 75

Here's news of the greatest glove value we've announced in months. A sale of gloves women can look to for supplying their whole season's stock, for we know that at such a price women will buy two and more pairs. We cannot promise better values at any time, for these are gloves which, if bought in the ordinary way, would sell for much more.

A well finished, good fitting glove soft quality French Kid Glove, in good colors of tan, black and grey, and in a full range of sizes. On sale between 9 and 5 o'clock only. Saturday 75c

Men Will Take Off Their Old Hats to one of These New Ones \$2.00

They come in soft felts of splendid quality, in grays, fawns, browns, greens and blacks and in all the newest shapes in smooth or rough finish; also in black stiff felts in the most desirable shapes. All well known American and English makes; all sizes. Regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00. Today \$2.00

Boy Scout Officials Confer Toronto, April 11.—The conference of the officials of the boy scout movement was held this afternoon. This meeting marked the commencement of the third year of the official work in this province. Reports at the conference showed that good progress had been made. The following figures, showing the census of the members enrolled in the 148 districts covered: Commissioners 17; scout masters 235; assistant scout masters 286; scouts 7,389. Total 8,045.

Military May Be Organized Minneapolis, Minn., April 11.—Captain E. B. Owen, of Ottawa, was in the city yesterday, stopping on his way home after an extended trip of four months to all the military posts of western Canada. Captain Owen will here and will stop at several garrisons on his way to Ottawa. He hinted at a complete reorganization of the garrisons and stations throughout Canada and it is with this object in view that he has taken the trip. Captain Owen will leave tonight for Chicago.

Special "Horse Show" Values In Charming New COATS and SUITS. WE ANNOUNCE four exceptionally good values in fashionable Coat and Suit models that are worthy of early inspection. Though they have been especially selected with a view to giving out-of-town visitors an opportunity to share in the splendid values extended from this store, still we have made ample preparations to attend to local needs satisfactorily.

A Notable Sale of New York French Hats. WOMEN will welcome this as a bit of the best news in today's paper. And it is! Were it not for the fact that space in this department is so limited for the proper display of these models we couldn't think of selling them at such radical reductions.

Week-End GROCERY NEWS. IMPORTANT to every housewife concerning groceries is the assurance of full weight, purity, cleanliness in packing and handling, good quality and economy. Nothing that has not proved its merits, its purity and quality is permitted to enter this store.

The Candy Treat. Delicious candy of wholesome quality is enjoyed by both old and young at all times, but particularly during the week-end. There are five favorite confections specially priced for today: "Saturday Treat" Chocolates—Special, lb. 40c; Kellier's Marzipan Mixture—Regular 50c, Special 30c; Caramels—Regular 40c, Special 25c; Kellier's Assorted Chocolates—Special, lb. 50c.

A Morning Sale of Night Dresses to Open Your Eyes. It won't take more than two hours to completely clear away these pretty night gowns. Not at the price. And women who know anything at all about values will be down on the hour to get their share. There's not a great quantity on sale at this price, which emphasizes the importance of early shopping.

Another Waist Value Calls You Saturday. The kind of values which are characteristic of this store and in particular this popular Waist Section is demonstrated most forcibly in this bargain event today. This is a value-opening of more than usual importance, because it involves waists of the very latest creation and the price consideration is most remarkable, to say the least. Listen!

French Kid Gloves Priced Saturday 75. Here's news of the greatest glove value we've announced in months. A sale of gloves women can look to for supplying their whole season's stock, for we know that at such a price women will buy two and more pairs.

A Bargain Sensation in Japanese Mats. WHEN news of this sale spreads around among housekeepers we'll have our hands full supplying the demand, for we've never been in a position before to offer value anything like this. And don't run away with the idea that these are the ordinary coarse Japanese mats you find in most sales.

Men Will Take Off Their Old Hats to one of These New Ones. They come in soft felts of splendid quality, in grays, fawns, browns, greens and blacks and in all the newest shapes in smooth or rough finish; also in black stiff felts in the most desirable shapes. All well known American and English makes; all sizes. Regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00. Today \$2.00

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