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WHERE WILL IT ALL END?

In THE STAR last week we referred to a rumpus which had arisen in our Alberta Legislature. It was then, and is still our opinion that sectionalism enters materially into the controversy. One of the leading Calgary papers makes an analysis of the situation and places the various members for or against the government as it has canvassed them. The line up shows the Southern members almost to a man against the North, but "The Albertan", which by the way is called Mr. Cushing's paper, disclaims this as being the true condition. It further declares that the reasons prompting his actions and that of his supporters, are purely patriotic and that the question of North against South never entered his mind, but wholly to safeguard the interests of the people in the whole Province.

If this be true, then there seems to be a whole lot of unnecessary scampering in the government forces, in order to get insurgents like Roberts of High River and Riley of Gleichen to desert the opposition through the promise of favors, if it is not to break in to the ranks of the south. The member from Lethbridge is looked upon as a "bump upon a log" or as one aptly put it "between the devil and the deep sea", because he don't know which way to go. "He is now a minister without portfolio, and should the present opposition win out and find him supporting the deal with the A. & G. W. Railway, he loses; should he join the insurgents and the other side wins he is in a bad fix." The real fight centres upon what is termed a "bad bargain," made by the government in Council, with a company which is to construct a railway from Edmonton north-east for a distance supposed to be 350 miles.

For this purpose the government obligates the Province for \$7,400,000 or guarantees the bonds and interest at 5 per cent for the company, which makes \$20,000 a mile for 350 miles and \$400,000 for a terminal at Edmonton.

It develops that the road will not be 350 miles long, and what is worse, that from estimates obtained, which seem to be entirely reliable, that it will not cost anywhere near the price which the people of the Province will have to pay for the road as fast as completed. The specifications for the construction of the road read like it was to be a "Turkey Trail", or a little narrow gauge instead of a standard railway which should carry a traffic worthy of the Provincial guarantee, and since this matter came under Mr. Cushing's department and he could not conscientiously stand it, he did what he thought was best for the whole Province; that was to re-

sign and fight the deal as a private member, which he could not do as a member of the Cabinet. Mr. Boyle, the member from Sturgeon is a northern man and is leading the fight at present, seconded by J. W. Woolf, our own member.

The situation in the Legislature is changed but little since last week. The delay seems to give Mr. Cushing an advantage, although the "Albertan" denounced it in no uncertain terms, and then Mr. Cushing wisely withheld his explanations to the house, until such a time as ALL the papers regarding the A. & G. W. Railway were to be laid on the table, although Mr Rutherford had placed him in a rather embarrassing position by the statement read in the House that he, Mr. Cushing, had been a party to the agreement between the Province and the Railway. The reply of the ex-minister is that he will explain as soon as all the papers and records in the matters are forthcoming, some of which he states are not yet produced and this is making for him stronger friends and more of them.

This action of Mr. Cushing and his friends has forced better arrangements than those in the original agreements, and while the concessions obtained are considerable, they seem to be unsatisfactory, since the latest news to hand shows that Mr. Boyle seconded by Mr. Woolf presents a strong resolution favoring the cancellation of the contract with the A. & G. W. Company and favors government construction and control. There promises to be a lively time before these strong controversial questions are settled and we will try to keep our readers posted as the situations develop. It is still our advice to reserve judgement until the government and all parties concerned can explain.

The Alberta Stake M. I. A. Dramatic Club, who are rehearsing "Alabama" formed a party Thursday night to see the Aetna Dramatic Co. in "Conrad"

Temperature

The temperature in Cardston this week was as follows:

	Max.	Min.
Feb. 20	-6	-20
Feb. 21	-16	-37
Feb. 22	-0	-32
Feb. 23	5	-10

Relief Society Anniversary

The 68th Anniversary of the organization of the Relief Society will be celebrated March 17th at the Assembly Hall. The program will commence at 2 p. m. sharp. Supper will be served at 5 p. m. Dancing at 8 p. m. All married people are cordially invited. Tickets for evening dance 50c.
(Sgd.)
Mrs Sarah Daines, Pres.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cardston will apply to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta at the present session thereof for an Act ratifying and confirming certain local improvement money by-laws passed by the Town of Cardston, being by-laws numbered 166, 167, 168, 169, and 170.
W. Laurie, Solicitor for the Applicant.

Notice

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till the fifth day of March 1910, until 4 o'clock of said day. For the erection of a business block to be erected on main street Cardston. Plans and specifications can be seen at the place of business of the undersigned. Each Tender must be accompanied with a certified check for 5% of the amount of Tender.
F. W. Atkins.

BURTON'S VARIETY STORE

"Cash Goods at Cash Prices"

NEW ARRIVALS

Flannelette Blankets

10 quarter size \$1.10 11 quarter size 1.30 12 quarter, largest size made 1.65

Salt Lake Mountaineer Overalls

Salt Lake Mountaineer Overalls, full stock of sizes in Men's and Boy's. Remember that we sell Men's sizes at \$1.00 pair, and boy's at a lower price.

Fancy Laces

Thousands of yards of Valenciennes and Fancy Laces and Insertions at 5c yard

To Arrive Next Week

150 of the recent successful Novels, New York price \$1.25 and 1.50

OUR PRICE 75c.

Burton's Variety Store

WRESTLING MATCH

O. K. RINK

Tuesday, March 1st.

Robert Saxon

MINNEAPOLIS

-and-

J. F. Ellison

CARDSTON

Saxon agrees to throw Ellison twice in one hour

\$1,000.00 Purse

Good Preliminaries

Main bout to commence at 9:30 p.m.

The best and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They do the work whenever you require their aid. These tablets change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, gloominess into joyousness. Their action is so gentle one doesn't realize they have taken a purgative. Sold by all dealers.

Our Shelves

Are being loaded with an entirely new and up-to-date stock including Dress Goods, Ginghams, Prints and Ladies Wear, Shoes, Gent's Furnishings, Hats, Etc. Etc. Etc.

Spring Suits

Our samples of Spring Suits from "The House of Hobberline" are better and nicer than ever at prices to suit. Workmanship and fit guaranteed

Our motto is to please.

Give us a call. No trouble to show goods.

Our Grocery Department

will please you, both in quality, quantity and price

Cardston Mercantile Co.

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