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RESERVE YOUR JUDGEMENT

The telegraphic news of the daily papers to hand indicate "something doing" at Edmonton. Judging from the editorial comments, there seems to be some good grounds for the agitation which has partially disrupted the provincial government, although such a reputable paper as the Lethbridge Daily Herald has so far refrained from expressing an opinion. The opposition's press is mean enough to charge the Herald with ulterior motives in its silence, but as to the correctness of their deductions we are not prepared to say and we prefer to await further developments before expressing our views on the greater issues, which enter into this difference of opinion.

There is no question though, that there is considerable selfishness at the bottom of all, the north versus south, ever since the location of the Capital which stirred the first session of the First Provincial Legislature.

After that came the location of various public institutions. Strathcona, just across the river from the capital, got the University, Calgary the South and Edmonton the North Alberta Land Titles Office. Ponoka has the asylum, while Medicine Hat got the Minister of Agriculture, and Calgary the Minister of Public Works and the Normal School.

So it went, until an Agricultural College and more rail roads were considered Alberta's next absolute necessities. Herein comes the real fight. The distribution of favors seemed to be pretty evenly divided, but as soon as Edmonton, because of its geographical location, got three transcontinental railways, then in addition to this was the first district to receive the much flouted government aid in support of Alberta and Great Waterways Railway and later it has been discovered, or rather it seems that way, that the question has been definitely decided to unite the proposed Agricultural College with the University which means its location at Strathcona, also the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Finlay and the appointment of Duncan Marshall of Olds to that Portfolio roused the ire of the South until "patience ceased to be a virtue." Such able men as J. W. Woolf of Cardston, to whom was promised this important position, and the unanimous opinion of the entire south that the best agricultural interests of the whole Province are south from Red Deer, with the very best of that half of the country lying nearer the United States boundary line, there seems to be good grounds for asking a change in the shuffle.

Until the present Legislature gets through with the fight it will be our advice to the readers of the Star to keep in close touch with events, study the particular issues which are stirring the public and reserve judgement until a little later.

WHY NOT?

Now that the thirty year debentures with which our new cement sidewalks were built during the last summer have been declared invalid, why cannot all those patriotic citizens who signed the petitions in the first instance get together and sign new petitions, and have the debentures issued for twenty years under the law? The action would relieve the Town Council greatly and insure the progress of the Town along the line of advancement so well begun. We cannot afford to take a backward step in the matter, nor to stop the improvement of the Town in the way of permanent growth, so that this seems to be about the only way open to us. The only difference this action would make would be to add slightly to the yearly payment that would be required of those in front of whose property the local improvement runs, and this difficulty would be offset by the shortening of the period over which the indebtedness is to run. We suggest that this would be the patriotic way of settling the difficulty. Who will take the first step?

A NATION IN SUSPENSE

From New York comes the word that a wireless message has been received from the Kentucky a steamer of the Alaska-Pacific Company, that she is fast sinking, with her Captain and seventy five men on board. Many vessels are hurrying to the rescue, and the question that is agitating the hearts of thousands is as whether they will any of them be in time to save the doomed vessel and her crew.

News of the Kentucky's desperate plight, struggling heavy seas, forty miles southwest of Cape Hatteras, was received in a dispatch from the United Wireless Telegraph Company's station at Cape Hatteras, a few days ago, and no word has since been heard from the scene of action.

The first distress call from the Kentucky was received by the Mallory Line steamer, Almo, which immediately proceeded to the rescue, heading for latitude 32 18. longitude 76.43, where the Kentucky reported her position. The message was the new international distress "S. O. S." signal, of the most urgent call that can be sent for aid to a disabled craft, and many vessels have made it known that they have received the message and are hurrying with all speed to the point of danger.

One is reminded upon reading of such an occurrence of the memorable first message of Morse, the inventor, over the first telegraph line erected not more than a generation ago: "What hath God wrought." At the same rate of progress, the next generation will see the world in as close communication as are now the citizens of a town where all are connected on the telephone. The United Wireless Telegraph Company certainly has the world for its field.

Home Missionaries

February 27, 1910
BEAZER
A. G. Scotter D. H. Caldwell
LEAVITT
H. D. Folsom Walter Pitcher
CARDSTON
J. A. Johnson John Nelson
KIMBALL
B. F. Lowry August Nielson
MOUNTAIN VIEW
Archie Nelson Bert Quinton
GLENWOOD
Hardia West Wm. T. Illey
WOOLFORD
H. M. Bohne Lorenzo Hanson
AETNA
Jabez Brandham Edw. Blazer
CALDWELL
C. F. Broadbent John E. Redford
TAYLORVILLE
H. M. Maughn A. W. Jensen

Joseph Card, who has been absent some two years on a mission in England, returned on Tuesday.

BURTON'S VARIETY STORE

"Cash Goods at Cash Prices"

NEW ARRIVALS

A big range of Ladies White Muslin Aprons from 20c up.

A large assortment of Childrens Pinafores from 15c up.

A choice lot of Childrens Dresses, 25, 40, 45, 65, 75 and 85c.

Womens Overall Print Aprons, 35 and 40c

Ladies Muslin Corset Covers, 25, 30, and 35c.

Best imported Checked Ginghams at 10 and 11c per yard in 5 and 10 yard lengths

To Arrive Next Week

American Carpet Warp, in all colors

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.

Window Blinds

A big range of Spring Roller Window Blinds, in plain Lace and Fringe at our usual low prices

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 busiest 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.

We Wish

to thank the public for their generous patronage during our recent sale and wish to give our friends the opportunity of taking advantage of our cheap sale during stock taking.

Immediately

After Stock Taking

we will fill our shelves with a large and complete line of SPRING GOODS The best quality that can be had.

—THE—

Cardston Mercantile Co.

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