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Full range of Empress Shoes

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Quality first, Price next

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REPAIRING DONE IN A NEAT AND WORKMANSHIP MANNER

School Appointments

Mr. Osbourne Wight will teach at Taylorville, Mr. Phillip Sheffield at Kimball, Miss Rose Archibald at Leavitt, Miss Vera Olsen and George Parker at Mt. View and Miss Mary Smith at Leavitt.

Mr. DeVoe Woolf has resigned his position on the Cardston school staff and leaves on Monday for Lethbridge where he will enter the High School as a student. His place here is being filled by a teacher from Ontario.

School Standing and Promotions

Dec. 24th '08.

Promoted from Pt. 1 to Pt. 2 Lucile Woolf, Josie Leavitt, Helen Leavitt, Genevieve Crockett, C. Alta Holland, C. Verda Layton, LeMaughn Cahoon, C. Ross Kearl, C. Rhoda Pitcher, C.

Promoted from Pt. 2 to Standard II. Ida Layton, Edith Quinton, Gladys Law, Clara Rollins, C. Florence Stott, Mary Bateman, Bernice Hadfield, C. Vila Gedleman, C. Cyril Layne, C. Fred Brown, Elmer Marsden, Ross May, Walter Brown, Solon Low, Leland Bates, Russell Brown, C.

Promoted from Standard II to Standard III. Motley Rinoldi, Ora Williams, Henry Folsom, Ethel Brown, James Blackmore, C. Eugene Wight, Richard Law, Ervan Lamb, Roy Archibald, Lula Wilson, Ross Matkin, Vernon Leavitt, Ella Rollins, Ernest

Frances Murray, C. Glen Leavitt, Noble Crockett, Minnie Thorpe, Cecil Wynder, Evelyn Bradbury.

Promoted from Standard III to Standard IV. Susie Pitcher, Karl Harris, Stanley Kearl, C. Everen Brown, C. Ormas Bates, C. Jesse Hudson, C. Lyle Hollaud, C. Merlin Cahoon, C. Glen Lyman, C. Lillian Bates, C. Amy Quinton, C. Fern Wood, C. June Holmes, C. Lilly Phipps, C. Brigham Low, C. Leo Nielson, C. Edith Hurd, C. Elizabeth Blackmore, C. Nellie Quinton, C. Sylvia Nielson, C.

Promoted from Standard IV to Standard V. Ivey May, C. Irene Harker, Marion Harris, May Hall, Walter Murray, C. Luella Brown, Schyler Human, Pearl Gifford, C. Mary Marsden, Leland Jeppson, C. Ferd Rinaldi, Verona Brown, Homer Crockett.

Students who are to take up Senior St. V work. Royden, Lola Jeppson, C. Vernon Woolf, Vernon Thorpe, Ellsworth Bevaus, Lafayette Hyde, Myra Nielson, Samuel Harker, Heber Matkin, David Peterson, Mable Stoddard, Enalida McCune, Andrew Woolf, Lizzie Combs, Glen Wood, Lawrence Folsom, Gwen Bigelow, Edward Hovey, C. Gerald Brown, Andrew Archibald, Luella Steed, Leone Low, Winnie Harker, Edna France, Earl Parker, C. Archie Sheffield.

Note, C—passed conditionally on account of being weak in some subjects.

Announcement

Beginning the first of the year the Bijou will be open every evening from 8 o'clock, shows will commence promptly at 8.30 except Friday nights. Friday nights the show will commence at 7.45 to 8.45 and dancing from 9.30 to 12.

New Year's Prices, 1st three rows, 25c; general admission 15c; children 10c.

The Bijou wishes you all a prosperous and happy New Year.

Railway Situation Brought To Mr. Magrath's Attention

Thos. H. Woolford Addresses An Open Letter To
the New Member

Cardston Alta., Dec. 21, 1908
C. A. Magrath, M. P.
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:

I notice in the Lethbridge Herald of some time ago, it was also copied in the Cardston Alberta Star, an open letter to the Electors of the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge Riding, in which you deal with railway development and transportation facilities. This takes to mean that railways and public roads are inadequate to our present needs, say nothing of the future. This I fully agree.

I trust that you will not consider this out of place if I draw your attention to a few facts concerning this railway development in this particular part of Southern Alberta, viz, from Raley to Kimball, what is known as the Kimball branch of the A. R. & I. I may say that I think you are in possession of the facts and the reasons why this railway development and extension along the Kimball branch of the A. R. & I. was not carried out. If you are in possession of this information or can get it, you would confer a favor on the public along this particular line to take them into your confidence and let them know the reason for the present situation.

It may say that I express the views of nearly every person along this proposed line, and will say that there is not a more fertile spot of land in the Province of Alberta, or any other Province for that matter, and that the farmers were led to believe (by promises and the construction of about eight miles of road, or to the middle of my field, and quite a large per cent. of grading being done between here and Kimball) that if we would break up our farms and raise grain, the Railway would be completed to take it out. The question is "Did we raise the grain?" Yes, as can be proven by a drive from Raley Junction to Kimball. Did the railway live up to its agreement with the Government and the people? No, as can be proven by taking a walk for eight miles between two streaks of rust with noxious weeds growing between the ties and cypresses sitting on the ties in the summer time singing, "Trains will be running here in Wheat By and By."

Now, Mr. Magrath, I shall not deal with the Carleton railway as a preface to the branch under consideration. The bonus from the Government to the A. R. & I. from Stirling to Cardston was \$2500.00 per mile for narrow gauge, and this was I understand, in 1900. Some three years later two delegates, I think they were J. W. Woolf and W. C. Simmons went from Cardston to Ottawa to assist Mr. Galt

in getting the bonus increase to \$3200 per mile for the St. Mary's railroad, on the condition that the Railroad be extended from Spring Coulee into Cardston. The government was also asked to give a special grant for construction of bridges on the St. Mary's. At that time Mr. Galt, said that they were going to build from Raley to Kimball and the government agreed to bonus this branch at the same rate viz., \$3200.00 per mile. The A. R. & I. were to put down culverts, ties, etc., suitable for standard gauge but were to be allowed to run their narrow gauge railway on the St. Mary's until such time as they could widen the gauge. They fulfilled their undertaking so far as the culverts, road-bed, etc., were concerned, but they did not widen the rails, neither did they complete the construction of the Kimball branch.

Now the question is why they did not and why do they not complete the above mentioned branch. To my mind there is only one reason why they did not complete this branch. It is this in short; they made this resolve, "We will get their trade in coal and we will get the hauling of their wheat because there is no competitive road." Railways owe their existence to the fact that they should be made to give value for value received.

There is another phase to this A. R. & I. road, that is the exorbitant rates charged on the road for both passengers and freight, which we would be pleased if you would look into and see if there cannot be some relief.

I understand that the C. P. R. has purchased a controlling interest in the A. R. & I. and if this is the case I think it is time they took it over as one of their legitimate children, treat it as such, and give the same rates and considerations as they do over other branches of their great system.

New Mr. Magrath, I shall be pleased if you can give a little time to discuss this matter through the press. It concerns the public and I can assure you that I am writing this by and with the consent, and in the interest of the farmers along the said Kimball branch and I will say in conclusion that this part cannot and will not develop until this or some other road is constructed. The part on the South East of St. Mary's is being depopulated, farms that were once broken up and raising good crops are going back to grass.

Trusting that you will give this matter your most earnest consideration, and at an early date as possible.

Yours truly,
Thos. H. Woolford

Cattle Looking Fine

Mr. Jos. Peters, foreman of the Elbridge Ranching Co. in an interview on Monday stated that the cattle were in splendid condition and were wintering fine. The only complaints to be feared was the lack of snow and the frozen condition of the watering places. Mr. Peters had the pleasure on Saturday of inspecting the Percheron horses on view at the Pilling Farm, Kimball. He was very enthusiastic over these animals, declaring they were the possessors of the finest legs he had ever seen on horses.

Record Lump of Coal

Frank Dec. 28.—What was probably the record lump of coal ever mined in Alberta was broken in the mine being opened on the South by the Carbon Hill Coal Company one day last week, according to a report received by Alex. Goyette from Foreman Foster yesterday. He states that Wm. Crown and Wm. Irome, two miners in the company, broke out a solid lump of coal measuring 48 cubic feet, which would weigh about 3,500 pounds, or about a ton and three-quarters. Mr. Foster stated that owing to lack of facilities for handling it was impossible to get the lump out of the entry intact.

Our School System

is making great strides forward. Since September, 1908, the schools have about doubled, increasing in number from 566 to 1045, while the enrollment has increased by 14,000 or more in the same time. The new Normal school at Calgary, where 140 teachers are in training, is said to be the finest institution of its kind in Canada while the profession of teaching is likely to receive special aid from the new university. Six new city schools have been built in 1908, at a cost of \$80,000 each, and six new schools in Alberta towns cost each \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Indians Dying Off

In this year's report on Indian affairs, it is shown that in Canada there were 49 more deaths than births. A peculiar distribution of the decrease is also shown—the two heaviest losses are shown in Ontario, with 59, and British Columbia, 177. Alberta shows a decrease of 25 and Prince Edward Island 11. All the other provinces show an increase.

The fact that one of the oldest provinces and two of the newest should show the greatest falling off will disturb ordinary calculation. It has been held that civilization with its demoralizing tendencies was responsible for much of the native mortality, but how can Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta be reconciled?

One hundred Indians left Canada during the year, making a total decrease of 104, and leaving the Indian population on March 31 last at 110,205.

Consumption is still the most deadly disease. Reports are given of ten hospitals being established which are more favorable looked upon by the Indians than segregation which is entailed by hospital treatment.

Grand Leap Year Ball

Promises to be the Social Event
of the Season

To-night, in the Assembly Hall a Leap Year Ball will be given and from the present appearances it will be the dance of the season. Programmes have been printed and will be furnished at the door. A few of the rules for the evening are as follows:

Each lady must call for a gentleman. Tickets purchased at the door Ladies 50 cts. Extra, gents 25 cts. A splendid time is anticipated and a large crowd is expected to be present. The proceeds of the Ball will go to help swell the Tabernacle fund.