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SPRING RIDGE IS DISCUSSED

COMMITTEES MEET ON HIGH SCHOOL SITE

City Will Be Asked to Donate the Six Acres Which It Purchased There

(From Monday's Daily.) All negotiations looking to the purchase of a site for the new High school are off, pending the decision of the public respecting the suggestion that has been made regarding Spring Ridge.

On Saturday afternoon a committee representing the property owners in that section of the city conferred with a committee of the school board. The whole question was discussed in a most amicable spirit and it was hoped that the best arrangement in the interests of the city would be arrived at. Dr. Lewis Hall is handling the case for the people of Spring Ridge. He favors the city donating the six acres of land which it owns there for the purpose of a site. This question will be laid before the city council at the meeting this evening.

Another matter of importance to come before the city council this evening is that of the amendments to the liquor license by-law. The contentious clauses are those dealing with the closing of saloons at 11 p. m. instead of midnight, and the application of the same law to restaurants which serve drink. On these two questions the council is divided and it seems likely that the wording of the by-law will have to be modified considerably.

City Engineer Smith is expected to submit a report dealing with the policy of effecting permanent repairs to the trunk roads of the city and the class of pavement which ought to be employed. As far as the paving of the main trunk roads is concerned the council favors asphalt.

Mayor Morley will present a resolution setting out that an agreement should be reached between the city council and the B. C. Agricultural Association relative to the tenancy of the fair grounds. The resolution is the outcome of a recent meeting of the B. C. Agricultural Association.

H. M. Burwell, C. E., is expected to submit his report to the council on the Sooke Lake scheme for bringing water into the city in about ten days' time. He has already entered upon his investigations. He will report particularly upon the amount of power that can be developed by diverting Leech river so as to give it an inlet into the lake.

HEARST CLAIMS DAMAGES FOR ALLEGED LIBEL

Actions Follow Speech by Mayor of New York in Which He Attacked Publisher

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, May 2.—William R. Hearst has begun a libel suit against the New York Times because this newspaper reported the speech of Mayor Gaynor at the dinner on Thursday night in which the mayor declared that "Two state prison felonies, namely, a forgery and a falsification of a public document, were committed in the eagerness of this publisher and editor (Hearst) to wrong the mayor of the city of New York."

Hearst alleges that by reason of the publication he has suffered \$100,000 damages and asks to be recompensed in that sum.

Summons and complaint in the suit were served on the Times by a clerk in the office of Clarence J. Shearn, Hearst's attorney. Shearn said that Hearst was also suing the Brooklyn Eagle and the Associated Press. Damages in the case of the Eagle are put at \$100,000; in the case of the Associated Press at \$50,000.

HYDE'S ATTORNEYS ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Counsel for Doctor, Accused of Murder, Prepare for Addresses to Jury

ADAMS COMING TO SEE RESERVOIR

EXPERT WHO ADVISED CITY IS EXPECTED

In Any Event Improbable That Repairs Will Be Attempted Until End of Summer

(From Monday's Daily.) Arthur L. Adams, the hydraulic engineer of San Francisco, who has advised the city respecting its water works improvements for the last five years, will come to Victoria almost immediately and inspect the Smith's Hill reservoir. This action on his part follows on it having been reported to him that the big basin is holding water. Seen this morning, City Engineer Smith reported that there was 12 1/2 feet of water in the reservoir and that there was no perceptible leakage—the seepage being, in fact, about ten thousand gallons.

It will be recalled that Mr. Adams in previous reports expressed the conviction that with the lapse of time the reservoir would hold water; that it would naturally draw together and that the earthy matter in the water would add to the filling-in process. That this theory is being fulfilled is being contended by the friends of Mr. Adams.

Asked this morning if, in view of the recent developments, he would favor proceeding with the repairs to the reservoir immediately, Mr. Smith answered in the negative. He pointed out that in the first instance he had favored leaving the work of repair over until the fall, when weather conditions would be more favorable. Now that it had been demonstrated that the reservoir would serve the purpose for a considerable period it would, in his opinion, be better to leave the question of repairs open for some time. Mr. Smith will report this view to the council at this evening's meeting.

PEARY PREDICTS SCOTT'S SUCCESS

THAT HE WILL REACH SOUTH POLE

Arctic Explorer to Receive Royal Geographical Society's Gold Medal

(Times Leased Wire.) London, May 2.—Commander Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, who arrived here today, expressed the opinion that Capt. Scott, the British explorer, will be sure to reach the south pole, barring accident. Peary said that the chances of Scott's success because the Antarctic ice fields do not break up as they do in the Arctic.

Peary reiterated his announcement that he had retired from the field of exploration and said that he believed he had earned a rest.

Commander Peary is accompanied by his wife and Capt. Bartlett. They will spend six weeks in Europe. The party was loudly cheered by waiting crowds and surrounded by a swarm of newspaper men.

The explorer will have a busy time while in London. He will be the guest at luncheon tomorrow of the Royal Society Club in St. James' street, where the Earl of Halsbury will preside over a distinguished gathering of travellers and scientists assembled in the American hall. Wednesday evening, May 4th, the commander will lecture before the Royal Geographical Society at the Royal Albert hall and receive the society's gold medal. The Prince of Wales expects to be in the audience. On Saturday the commander will be the guest at dinner of the Savage Club.

After this programme Commander Peary will begin a short continental tour, lecturing at several important cities.

BREWERY BURNED.

Winnipeg, May 2.—Blackwood Bros' brewery and warehouse on Colony street, was almost completely destroyed by fire which broke out at six o'clock this morning. The building is just outside the range of high pressure system, so that the firemen were hampered in their work. A large quantity of beer and soft drinks was destroyed. The loss, \$100,000 is covered by insurance.

TWO LOSE LIVES WHEN CANOE CAPSIZES

THE CITY'S PRODIGAL

MAYOR MORLEY—"That boy has been a worry and a wastrel since his birth—and now, he's tight."



PEARY PREDICTS SCOTT'S SUCCESS

PROTEST AGAINST PRIZE FIGHT

AGITATION SPREADING IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco Newspaper Says the Granting of Permit is Disgrace to Any City

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., May 2.—While the body of Tommy McCarthy, the boy fighter killed in the prize ring last Friday night in the sixteenth round of his contest with Owen Moran, of England, awaited burial today, popular protest throughout California against the Jeffries-Johnson fight planned for July 4th, gained strength and volume.

Pulpit and press are joining in the protest against the big fight and the Sunday ball afforded scores of ministers opportunity to denounce the heavy-weight fight and to urge their hearers to use every power at hand to prevent it.

The keynote of the outburst against the big fight, following McCarthy's death, is struck by the members of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, who have appointed a committee to arrange for a mass meeting of protest against the fight.

The churchmen adopted a resolution declaring that among other objections to the holding of the Jeffries-Johnson fight is that it would bring to the community hundreds of the most undesirable of both races from all parts of the United States, "who would constitute a menace to the peace and safety of our country."

Copies of the resolution were sent to W. H. Donahue, district attorney of Alameda county; Sheriff Frank Barnett, Attorney General Webb and Gov. Gillette.

The San Francisco Chronicle, under the title, "Murder in the Ring," today, says editorially: "The loss of another life in a prize fight will probably not interfere with granting more permits for these exhibitions of brutality, or lessen the attendance at the ringside. In fact history shows that the greater the certainty that one or the other of the combatants will be murdered, the greater the crowd which assembles to behold the bloody work."

"The pretence that we attend these shows to witness displays of manly vigor and endurance, is shallow. We go there to gratify our own brutal instincts without danger to ourselves."

"The official permits for these boxing exhibitions are a disgrace to any city. There ought to be an end of them and there would be if a decent public opinion would assert itself."

DECISIVE BATTLE APPEARS IMMINENT

Nicaraguan Government Troops and Revolutionists Await the Signal to Strike

(Times Leased Wire.) Bluefields, Nic., May 2.—(By wireless to Colon)—Fighting on land and water is expected to begin here almost hourly. The forces of President Madriz, encamped within fifty miles of Bluefields, are awaiting the arrival of a steamer from New Orleans, bringing arms and supplies.

Provisional President Estrada, head of the revolutionists, has sent three small vessels, heavily armed, to meet the steamer that Madriz is expecting, and attempt to capture it.

Although couriers reported that Madriz will not attack Bluefields until the arms arrive, the city is in fear that the attack may begin at once. Madriz, it is declared, has probably allowed the impression to be given out that he will not fight, in order to throw the city off its guard.

Sending provisional soldiers to try to capture the Madriz supplies has been the chief aim of the revolutionists, and it is feared Madriz will take advantage of the fact.

WESTON REACHES END OF LONG TRAMP

Pedestrian Greeted by Large Crowds When He Arrives at New York

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, May 2.—Edward Payson Weston reached 125th street and Broadway, Harlem, at 10.30 o'clock this morning, half an hour ahead of his schedule. He was accompanied by a half troop of mounted policemen to the Ansonia hotel for luncheon. He reached the hotel at noon. There he drank a quart of milk and ate some raw eggs.

He declared he felt in such good condition that he could walk back to the Pacific Coast if necessary without stopping for a rest.

He was greeted by huge crowds all along Broadway and the march down the thoroughfare was a continued ovation.

There was such a crowd around the hotel that it was necessary to call police reserves while he was eating his lunch.

Weston is planning a series of lectures that will begin in the near future.

EXTRADITION REFUSED.

Edmonton, May 2.—James Chapman, a negro, who confessed to the murder of a white man, was refused extradition to the United States by the district court judge Saturday in the proceedings for extradition on the ground of insufficient evidence. Fox will make another attempt to extradite the negro.

Mr. Matthews, wife of the murdered white man, who has been living in the city for some time, was also successful in her fight against extradition and was set free Saturday.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTING SISTER.

Melville, Sask., May 2.—The three and half-year-old daughter of James Wreens was accidentally shot and instantly killed here by her eight-year-old brother. The children had been left alone, and it was thought the little boy decided to remove the gun from its position in the corner, and seized it by the muzzle. The hammer caught on the chair, discharging the contents into the child's breast.

TWO DROWNED, THREE MISSING

LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FLOOD IN ONTARIO

Rainy River is Rising Rapidly and Settlers Threatened to Blow Up Dam

(Special to the Times.) Warroad, Minn., May 2.—The authorities are guarding the big dam at Kenora, Ont., which settlers in the Lake of the Woods district have threatened to blow out. About two hundred settlers on the lake shores and along Rainy river have deserted their clearings.

Two men have been drowned, one a settler at the mouth of the Rainy river and the other a pilot of a wood boat. The settlers, aroused by these fatalities and continued damages, have alleged that the dam prevented the river its natural relief, and its removal is the only remedy of the condition. The authorities have armed themselves.

Water Rising Rapidly. Spooner, Minn., May 2.—The rapidly rising of waters of Rainy river are endangering vast territories near the stream. The waters are pouring into the Lake of the Woods, of which the river is an outlet.

Homesteaders all about the shores of that body of water are suffering heavy damages. A quarter section of the finest land in the northwest, located at the mouth of the Rainy river, on the south shore of the Lake of the Woods, and which is normally dry all the year round, is now the scene of a raging mill race of swift tempestuous waters. A cabin has disappeared and the whereabouts of the owner, a fisherman and farmer, is not known here. The water over the spot is four feet deep.

Perilous stages of water are reported from Warroad, at the head of the Lake of the Woods.

DEVELOPMENT IN ALBERTA CRISIS

MR. JUSTICE SIFTON MAY LEAD LIBERALS

It is Believed Selection Will Prove Acceptable to "Insurgents" in That House

(Special to the Times.) Edmonton, May 2.—Following a caucus, which the "insurgents" in the legislature held in Red Deer on Friday, Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea is in conference to-day at Calgary with Chief Justice Sifton, who it is believed has been agreed upon by all "insurgents" as the new leader of the Liberal party in the province. Judge Sifton has just returned from a trip to Ottawa, where he had been in conference with the Alberta members.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Spokane, Wash., May 2.—Caught between the elevator cage and third floor of the Coeur d'Alene hotel building, Charles Eckstrum, a carpenter, recently from Denver, was crushed beyond recognition and died a few minutes later in the city emergency hospital here this morning.

Eckstrum was working with his head thrust through the elevator shaft door, and, unaware of his presence there, the elevator operator lowered the car upon him. He was unable to stop in time to save the carpenter's life. Though Eckstrum survived as the car struck him.

Deceased is survived by a wife in Denver and two sons who accompanied him to Spokane.

ELEVATOR BURNED.

Indian Head, Sask., May 2.—The Dominion elevator, containing 12,000 bushels of wheat, was burned to the ground. The total loss is \$15,000.

ALBANIANS RETREAT BEFORE TURKISH TROOPS

Over Six Hundred Men Were Killed in Fighting in Kachamk Pass

ELECTIONS IN MANITOBA JULY

PROVINCIAL LIBERALS PREPARING FOR CONTEST

Confident of Success Under Norris—Recent Revelations Cause Roblin Uneasiness

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, May 2.—The Manitoba elections will be held in July. All indications point to this and Liberals are girding on their armor. Premier Roblin is becoming more nervous each day over the revelations in connection with the Eli sand charges in which he is accused of using his influence to secure a government guarantee to a railway running north of this city, and in which he is personally interested. Liberals have proof of this and made Roblin remain outside of the province all last season; but while buried in the legislature when endeavoring to secure an investigation commission, they published proofs in the local papers. Roblin returned to the city three weeks ago, just after prorogation, in excellent health, and has been attending at his office each day, but is anxious to have another election immediately, and called Hon. Robert Rogers last week to come home. Rogers cut short his auto tour in Europe and sailed for home on Saturday.

Orders were issued on Saturday to revise the lists of the province, and by the time the legal period is over it will be July.

Morris, Liberal leader, who is not well, has postponed his tour of the province and will spend a month in Vancouver and Victoria recuperating. Liberals are confident of winning the election under Norris' leadership, combined with "sand" charges against the Roblin government. They will go to the country on better terms for Manitoba in connection with the extension of the boundaries.

CALGARY'S GROWTH.

Calgary, May 2.—Statistics show that April was the best month in the history of Calgary. Bank clearings, customs returns, post office receipts and all financial returns show a tremendous increase over any previous April or any previous month. The building returns show applications for building valued at \$500,000, the largest single month in the history of Calgary. Customs revenue was \$115,000, more than double that of last April, and bank clearings reached nearly \$14,000,000, which is also double that of last year.

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF GRAND TRUNK DEAD

G. B. Reeves Passes Away at His Home in California at Age of 71 Years

(Special to the Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., May 2.—G. B. Reeves, former vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk, died at his home at Lamirada last night. He was 71 years old.

Montreal, May 2.—Mr. Reeves was for many years traffic manager of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway, now the Grand Trunk Western, with headquarters at Chicago. In 1896 he was removed to Montreal and appointed general traffic manager of the whole Grand Trunk railway system, retiring from that position some four or five years later to his orange orchard at Lamirada, Cal., where he died last night. When C. M. Hays resigned as general manager of the Grand Trunk to become president of the Southern Pacific railway, Mr. Reeves was induced by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk, to return as second vice-president and manager. This position Mr. Reeves held for about a year when, upon Mr. Hays' returning to the Grand Trunk, he again retired to his California home. Mr. Reeves was an Englishman by birth and was recognized as an authority in railway freight traffic affairs in Canada and the United States.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE HALLEY'S COMET?

Only Early Risers Will Be Able to View Celestial Wanderer This Week

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., May 2.—Amateur astronomers who want to get up before Halley's comet any day this week will have to rise early.

The comet will be visible along the Pacific coast from its rising time, until the sun rises. Here is the comet's rising time during the week: Tuesday—2:45 a. m. Wednesday—3:45 a. m. Thursday—2:45 a. m. Friday—2:48 a. m. Saturday—2:47 a. m. Sunday—2:47 a. m.

LONG ISLAND SHAKEN.

New York, May 2.—Long Island was shaken by an earthquake late yesterday, according to reports to-day from Hempstead, Mineola and Garden City.

Although no damage was done, the shock was severe enough to rattle crockery at windows. The tremor lasted several seconds.