

## NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

## KEEP HILLS.

Bulletin News Service.  
Several new buildings are being erected, new-comers putting up their first house on the hillside and old-timers putting up additional buildings. Many teams have been busy hauling the necessary lumber.

This season is almost a record one for the amount of breaking being done, new-comers and old-timers vying with each other in brushing and breaking.

## MANLY.

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Some idea of the causes of temporary breakdowns in the telephone system may be gained from an inspection of the road in the Manly township. The windstorm of Thursday last has brought scores of trees down and amongst the wires and poles, over a dozen being counted on Friday in one spot. A peculiarity of the situation was the strangely twisted condition of the wires and trees, the wire being carried back nearly a hundred feet from where it was broken, mostly in a westerly direction, and tangled up in several places in a manner which pointed conclusively to the operation of wind-force in the nature of a cyclone.

Haying and the prospects of a good grass crop are the topics of conversation among Manly homesteaders just now.

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Manly, July 17.—The annual picnic and sports at Pine Ridge and Thursday, the 22nd, is an event of great importance to the homesteaders at Manly. Parties are being made up and ways and means discussed and hopes and fears are all dependent upon the weather.

The Stony Plain to Wabamun road is setting down to a very quiet daily existence, much less traffic being in evidence than a few months ago.

On Thursday a grading outfit passed on its way to Stony Plain, and on Friday the traction engine belonging to the saw-mill outfit of Mr. Steffler, of Pine Ridge, also passed east on its way from Wood's homestead to its own location, Pine Ridge. Mr. Nelson, the engineer, and Mr. Steffler were in charge.

Mr. Nelson has been on a visit of some length to Edmonton returning on Saturday, the 10th inst., with Mrs. Nelson and family.

Last Saturday's rain storm caught several travellers in very inconvenient parts of their journey west along the government road, coming as it did in the evening of a very hot day. Other rains have fallen this week, but on Tuesday night and again on Thursday the storm circled around Manly and fortunately left it severely alone, although considerable damage was done to potatoes in one neighboring section.

All residents of Manly, particularly the parents of scholars, are extremely gratified by the re-opening of the Manly schoolhouse and the settling of the new school mistress, who has already won golden opinions from children and parents. The average attendance has been 25.

The schoolhouse is to be "banked up" for the winter and made comfortable, instead of closing it, as was done last year, and if the scholars continue to increase at the present rate, the setting accommodation will have to be considered.

Mr. A. C. Johnson, of Edmonton, visited his sister, Mrs. Chas. Wagner, at Manly this week, and Miss Brien Johnson is at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. Daykin on the N.E. quarter of 25.

A great deal of breaking of land has followed the winter's clearing, and Mr. Byden, who invested in a power and up-to-date, steam-pulling machine and grubbing outfit, has found it a very useful article to have around, and it has already been in great demand among neighboring settlers.

## CLYDE.

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Clyde, July 19.—Mr. Hughton held a Methodist service at the Duganmoun school-house on June 18. There was a good attendance.

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A magnificent field of timothy and fine shows of ripening grain, is Mr. Walter Weidrick's pride these days. He reports a great business in the implement trade all of which points to the rapidly growing industry and prosperity of our country.

Mr. Dan Francis is again with us, making improvements on his homestead and arranging for his father and sisters to spend the harvest here.

The hunt of business heard at the stopping house these days is high praise to Mr. McGregor and family and speaks well for the days to come.

Mr. Nels Hanson was taken sick in Calgary and has returned.

Mr. George McLachlan is in town on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. Fred Reid, of Timerton, Ont., is spending a holiday with Mr. MacGregor, and incidentally seeking a homestead.

A severe electric storm visited here last night. No damage is reported.

The Clyde baseball team again put it over the Jeffery boys. We had a fine afternoon's sport. Score 21-7. Constable Tallant of Morinville, in our midst now for a few days.

Clyde, July 10.—A painful accident happened to little Jimmy Taylor this week. While leading the horse to the barn at Mr. W. J. Taylor's farm his wrist was crushed against the doorpost. Thanks to the skilled attention of Mr. Weston, the bone is well set and he is progressing favorably.

Messrs. George Mills and Percy Andrews arrived here last Thursday

from a trip to Grand Prairie. They report fine country and very forward crops but are content to stay at Little Grand Prairie, as this was once called.

A number of settlers are passing through here to the source of the Tawataw river, township 62. A few miles of road opened north would give them and us a splendid winter trail to the Landing. We are hoping Mr. McKenney will prevail with the Government to open some of our country.

Just a reminder that our picnic is to be held on July 21, opposite Weidrick's store.

A large number went to Jeffrey for the return ball game; result 17 to 10 in favor of Clyde.

Mr. Nels Hanson leaves this week for Seattle, having received a lucrative six-month's appointment as Mr. Eric Anderson figures on putting in eleven acres of fall wheat and has got rid of the stump.

Geo. Clyde returned last Friday full of the Edmonton fair, he speaks highly of the stock show.

Geo. McLachlan and Chas. Nelson, councillors, made a great step in paving the way for voting a full day's pay for statute labor for men and teams.

Mr. Fred Benson has completed his breaking contract on Mr. John Knott's place.

We are glad to report Mr. Dan Knott's recovery from an attack of typhoid. Mrs. Knott nursed him through his sickness and is bringing him home to the prairie to convalesce.

**STUPID BLUNDER PERMITS MURDER**  
Shot Down His Finance In Presence of Soldiers Who Had Arrested Him for Threatening Her.

Leavenworth, Kansas, July 20.—Private Charles O'Neil, military prison guard, shot down Miss Minnie Sharber, his sweetheart, in the presence of several army officers and their wives in Grant avenue, Fort Leavenworth, today. O'Neil was jealous of the girl and called at the home of Captain Charles Murphy, where she was employed as a maid, shortly after this morning.

He tried to quarrel with her. O'Neil then came to Leavenworth and bought a double action revolver and called on the girl a second time at Captain Murphy's home. He displayed the revolver and told her he intended to kill her both with it. The girl ran upstairs to Mrs. Murphy's room, locked herself in, while Mrs. Murphy telephoned for help. O'Neil ran away before Lieutenant Russell Hand, the officer of the day, arrived with a detail of soldiers. O'Neil was afterwards captured on the west end of the parade and taken to the front door of Captain Murphy's home, while the girl was asked to step to the front porch to identify the prisoner. O'Neil then escaped by dodging behind a door. O'Neil was rushed to the guard house and at one o'clock was taken out with a squad of petty prisoners to the barracks.

He was finally discovered sneaking along the edge of Morrill Lake by one of the troopers. He jumped into the water, making a pretence of drowning himself, but the trooper covered him with his rifle and forced him to come ashore and marched him to the guard house.

**CHICAGO POLICE.**  
Involved in Revelations of Gambling Syndicate.

Chicago, July 20.—With the arrest of Li King, a Chinaman, said to be an agent for a syndicate which furnishes protection for gambling houses, by a detective from the office of the state attorney, disclosures involving almost the entire police department and men in high standing in the city's affairs are promised.

A number of Chinamen were complained to State Attorney John W. Ryan that they have been robbed in gambling houses along Clark street within a stone's throw of the Harrison street police station.

Evidence that the Chinaman in the employ of a syndicate which furnished protection for the gambling houses, was leaving tribute, was furnished Mr. Ryan by a number of Chinamen. An investigation was begun and as a result Assistant States Attorney C. Smith and Detective Louie arrested King after an exciting fight with 50 Chinamen, in which Louie had to draw his revolver. King was taken to the Harrison street police station and when searched more than \$200 was found on him. During the scuffle he is said to have attempted to destroy a printed list of the gambling houses and the amounts of money he was to collect from each.

**Zion City Invaded.**  
Chicago, July 19.—Zion City, a town of one religion, is receiving the first touch of denationalism. Under the administration of the Methodist and the Baptists have gained a foothold within the territory that was closed to every faith but one during the lifetime of John Alexander Dowie. Both the Methodists and the Baptists had religious meetings yesterday in the Zion City hotel, formerly known as Elgin House.

**British Emigration Lessened.**  
London, July 17.—British emigrants to Canada for 1908 numbered 81,221, as against 151,216 for the previous year, and to the United States 56,869, against 170,264. Emigration from England last year was the smallest in 31 years.

## CHICAGO MURDERER MAKES CONFESSION

Reveals Something of History of So-Called "Black Hand" Gang—Is No Really Organized Body.

Chicago, Ill., July 19.—By the confession by a murderer the police went after the first time actual first hand details on the case in which the "Black Hand" hounds its victim and kills them. Tony Baffa, a prisoner in the county jail, made the confession and he implicated five other men in the killing of Giuseppe Fellippelli, who was shot on the night of April 19 last. One of the men he named is in jail, having been arrested with Baffa at the time of the crime. Three others were arrested today and another is being sought by detectives.

The confession was made in some of its revelations. It confirms the belief of the police officials all over the world that the "Black Hand" is not a large and concrete organization, but that the depredations of Italian extortionists are committed by small and isolated bands of the lowest social type, who prey upon their industrious countrymen. Baffa, who is only 19 years of age, says Fellippelli was carrying a letter when he was set upon after his ignoring a demand for \$2,000 and that the gang was composed of five men, one of whom, a revolver and several stilettes. The victim was cut down before the eyes of his mother, who was carrying a baby, and five other children. Nor was Fellippelli, who was a grocer on Greenwood avenue, the only victim of the gang. Baffa tells of many other persons who fell before the stilettes of himself and his companions. Because they refused to be blackmailed. For a strange reason, which probably has its root in the etiquette of extortion, Baffa says that the gang was organized, and one of their reasons for hating Fellippelli was that he called them "Black Hands."

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## THE CROPS.

Calgary, July 20.—The C.P.R. crop report for the week follows:  
Aldridge—Good, all crops looking well, oats and wheat shot out, weather warm with local showers; no damage.

Crossed—Good, favorable, grain about 15 inches.

Carstairs—Weather in last week could not be better, no rain, but very hot sun; barley and oats heading out, no damage.

Didsbury—Warm with showers; oats heads and looking fine.

Bowden—Warm with showers; oats, barley and spring wheat heading out; no damage.

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## WOMEN FOUGHT FOR THEIR HOMES

Workmen Allege They Had to Buy Positions in the Pressed Steel Car Plants.

Pittsburg, July 15.—Scandal has developed in connection with the strike, and an investigation of an international aspect is now being urged by friends of the foreign workmen, who claim that they have been beaten out of all their earnings and their labor for years by under-officials at this great plant. Close investigations of conditions that have turned the 15,000 workmen into so many beasts' heads to light the fact that workmen have been compelled on application to pay to some one from \$10 to \$50 for a job at the McKee's Rock plant and that they were not discharged at the end of a few weeks to make way for some fresh fellows with the entrance fee.

Nor was any discharged person barred from re-applying for work at the plant, according to the charge. It is alleged that the men who had the money to pay for a job got this money is the question that the workmen ask and is to be investigated. It is alleged that when the plant was running full time and overtime the graft from the workmen wanting jobs amounted to as high as \$1,000 a month.

The pool system which has so enraged the workmen is admitted today as but a ploy to make the workmen pay the wages of each foreman. Until 1907 the company paid the wages of the foremen, but since that time the 25 to 40 cents per hour for foremen has been taken out of the pool formed out of the workmen's wages. The workmen also aver that they have been compelled to deal at the company's store, practically inside the grounds, that if they dealt elsewhere they were discharged at once. The store is owned and operated by the Pressed Steel Car Company, evidently through its subsidiary, for there is a law in Pennsylvania against company stores.

There is fear tonight that the demonstration will be far more dangerous tomorrow and there have been hints that dynamite may be used by the strikers.

Sheriff Gumbert tried to find some persons who might be in authority to try arbitration, but the great mass was headless. Late tonight he conferred with Governor Stuart and more a few troops will be hurried to the scene.

In the midst of the trouble there was a tragedy. Several companies of the state constabulary were ordered to the scene where the company houses are located to assist the striking element. Their homes are more wooden hovels, but the women rallied around them and they were desperately kept from this crowd shelter over their heads.

A thousand of the women armed themselves with lighted torches, and went out to meet the troops, threatened that if a single person was ejected nothing but heaps of ashes would mark where once stood their humble homes in the morning came. There were no evictions.

**DISMISSED EMPLOYEES.**  
More Than Half the Staff at Power House Discharged.

(Tuesday's Daily).  
As the result of the assuming of the complete supervision of the power plant operation and construction by City Commissioner McNaughton, there have been extensive changes at that branch of the city work department.

It is understood that more than half of the permanent employees at the power-house have been dismissed by the commissioner in accordance with the action which he intimated at the council meeting about a week ago that he would take.

The men who have been dismissed have been replaced by others chosen by Mr. McNaughton and known to him in sympathy with the effort to improve conditions.

The city council have expressed themselves as being satisfied with the efforts made by the commissioner to remedy the existing conditions.

Investigation Not Yet Begun.  
Little has yet been done by the investigating committee appointed by the council over a week ago. Alderman Manson has been entrusted with the task of getting experts to look into the work, but none have yet been secured.

**Business Drows.**  
Montreal, Que., July 19.—Montreal power directors met today and put the stock on a seven per cent basis. They declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent payable August 1, to shareholders of record July 31. An extra 1 per cent on the stock will take \$170,000 and the full yearly dividend will now be \$1,100,000. This is a record for the city's power earnings totalled in the year 1904.

**Grand Forks Has Street Railway.**  
Grand Forks, July 17.—After a year of work on the part of the Grand Forks Commercial club, which is backing the street railway project in this city, a service has been established. The first line of the new company went into operation yesterday and runs from the heart of the business district of the city to state fair grounds. The line will be extended during this summer and next season to connect all portions of the city.

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