NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

RANFURLY.

Bulletin News Service.

A dance was held here on Monday evening for the Misses Parent who have been spending the holidays with friends here.

The grain buyers are greatly handicapped on account of the severe cold and bad roads, but will have to make up for lost time later, as there is a lot of grain in this part yet.

Miss Duplessis arrived on Monday night to join her husband and they will reside on their homestead east of town.

Earl Garrison returned on Monday from an extended trip through the states, and reports having had a splendid trip. He was on the train that was wrecked on the C.P.R., but escaped unhurt.

The severe weather has been the cause of the Debating Society having to postpone their meeting last Wednesday, but they should be all the more interesting after a short rest.

Monday was nomination day for councillor, and P. S. Austin and A. C. Wittmans were nominated for the office and there should be a large vote cast, next Monday as improvements are fast becoming a necessity in this district.

The marriage of Mr. James McMath of Duddingston Farm, and Miss Lily Douglas Clark, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, took place at Brierfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clark's home, on Birch Lake, on Wednesday evening December 30th. Rev. G. R. Lang, minister of the Presbyterian church, Vegreville, performed the ceremony, and the young couple were attended by Mr. R. H. Clark, and Miss J. Briggs as groomsman and bridesmaid, respectively. The bride's family and Mr. McMath were among the first to settle in this district six years ago, and the numerous friends they have since made wish the newly-wedded pair every joy and happiness in the future.

Ranfurley, Jan. 7.

ALIX.

Bulletin News Service.

The snowstorm of Saturday night and Sunday resulted in a fall of six inches.

H. H. Hall, station agent, is ill.

Miss Morden, teacher, returned from Lacombe yesterday and school re-opened Monday with a good attendance.

Alix Liberal Association held their annual meeting for election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. T. Pinnell was re-elected as president, and W. A. Pittet as secretary. An executive committee consisting of five members was appointed.

P. Yarwood has returned to Edmonton to resume his studies at Alberta college.

Alix, Jan. 7.

RIVIERE QUI BARRE.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Drayton entertained a few of their friends on New Year's day, being the anniversary of their silver wedding. Ot one o'clock the proceedings commenced with a short address by Jas. Kelly, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Drayton, and then followed many congratulations. After dinner ,the afternoon was spent in music and recitations. The host and hostess received many valuable presents as follows: Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, tray; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ryan, pickle dish; Mr. and Mrs. McRae, fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, fruit spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, teapot; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ryan, pickle dish; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Porier, carving set; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swan, sugar bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Crowder, sugar spoon and salt and pepper shaker; Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Parrott one dozen dessert spoons; Mrs. Bennett, napkin ring. Mr. Drayton is an old timer of this country, having come here in 1893. The couple celebrated their fifteenth anniversary at, Edmonton and their twentieth at a family re-union in Iowa and now their twenty-fifth at Fairview farm, near Riviere Qui Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Swan and daughter Isabel, of Lamont, are visiting at Mr. Drayton's.

Riviere Qui Barre, Jan. 7th.

MANNVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

A meeting of the ratepayers of the village, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the council, was held in the offices of the Mannville Telegram, on Monday, January 4. There were a large number of gentlemen nominated, but towards the conclusion of the meeting, all the nominees withdrew with the exception of the following, who were elected by acclamation: Dr. R. F. Bruce, Cecil Frank and Malcolm McCallum. Speeches were given by the newly elected councillors, who promised to fulfil their duties in the best interests of the ratepayers. The retiring councilors are A. W. Ebbett, D. B. McLean, and D. Robertson, with the secretary-treasurer, S. V. Lea. The late council is to be congratulated upon the work done, and for the satisfactory financial report the secretary-treasurer was able to give at the meeting.

A meeting of the Mannville Literary and Debating Society was held in the Mannville schools on Tuesday night, January 5th. Owing to the cold weather the attendance was not very large.

Mannville, Jan. 7.

CHIPMAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The Chipman orchestra has been very much in demand during the festive season, giving assistance at three concerts held recently in this district.

Many friends in Chipman heartily congratulate the latest bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Lappenbush, who will have the best wishes of the Chipman people.

John Marshall, of Onoway, has been spending his Christmas and New Year's holidays at Chipman. He was section foreman here three years ago, and this visit is the first since that time. He left for his home again yesterday.

The Myrtle Hotel was the scene of great festivity Christmas Day. By the kindly invitation of Walter Clarke quite a large company assembled for dinner. The best hotel in any city in the west could not have laid a more sumptuous spread.

Business has been good as a general thing all through the holiday season.

Rev. T. E. Whitmore had a visitor from Edmonton last Saturday in the person of Miss Edith Greene.

Miss C. Love has accepted the position of teacher at the Creekford school.

An announcement a short time ago in the papers caused a small-sized commotion in this district. The correspondent unintentionally joined two items together, namely, the Scotch concert and the ball. By way of correction it must be stated that the concert and the ball had nothing to do with each other, the Y.M.C. being responsible for the concert and some local gentlemen the ball.

Chipman, January 7th.

MORINVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

Louis Boissonneault, Telesphore Meunier and Tancrede Gibeault, were elected by acclamation as councillors for 1909 for the village of Morinville, on Tuesday, Jan. 5.—The mayor will be elected by the council at their first meeting next week.

Morinville, Jan. 7.

KITSCOTY.

Bulletin News Service.

The victory of the Kitsocty team in the first game of the season, and the first in the eastern Alberta league schedule, over Lloydminster on New Year's day, was a distinct feather in the cap of the locals. The Kitscoty defence is strong and the forwards kept Vic Gay, the Lloydminster goal, busy and dizzy all the time. Harmer, at point, and Milt Brown at cover made a strong pair, while Miller and Gilmore on the forwards, are speedy customers, and Lowry and Dale were in the game all the time.

The result was 7—2, the score being 4—0 at half time.

The Kitscoty hockey club is holding a fancy dress carnival here on Friday evening.

Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hulett on Monday night when their three month's old child died. The funeral took place at Lloydminster this afternoon.

Kitscoty, Jan. 7.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

J. Kerr left for Wainwright on Thursday ,where he has secured a job on the G.T.P.

Walter Gibson, of the Western Canada Trading Co., spent several days in Edmonton this week.

Robt. Elliott returned from Edmonton on Tuesday.

A .E. Parks, Vermilion, well known contractor, left for Smith's Falls, Ont., on Thursday.

Harry Bowtell paid a business trip to Edmonton on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. McClinton visited her friend, Mrs. J. P. Holden at Vegreville, this week.

Wm. Pilkie paid a visit to the Capital on Monday.

Howard Baker returned to Alberta College, Edmonton, on Thursday.

Misses Grace and Anna May Bryden, of Mannvillo, visited Miss E. Hayward this week.

Jack Winters left for a visit with friends at Dimdalk on Saturday.

Jas. Eckhart, returned from a trip to Wainwright on Monday.

Miss H. Wiggins, of the public school staff, returned from Mattawa, Ont., where she spent the holidays with her parents.

A. Bowtell, telegraph operator at Onion Lake, is renewing old acquaintances around town.

W. C. Craig left for Montreal on Saturday.

H. V. Fieldhouse of Wainwright spent several days in town this week.

Low McLuhan of Wainwright spent Friday in town.

Miss L. P. Farrell returned from Edmonton on Saturday, where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Miss Kathleen Gradon of Edmonton is visiting Mrs. W. F. H. Thompson.

Watchnight services was held in the Church of Christ on Thursday night.

A very successful New Year's ball was held at the Vermilion Hotel by the proprietor, E. Connors, on Thursday night, Dancing which commenced at 9 o'clock was kept up until the small hours of the morning ,except for an intermission at midnight, when a very dainty lunch was served. At this time Miss McLay gave a very graceful exhibition of dancing which included the Irish Washerwoman, Sailor's Hornpipe, and Sword Dance. The guests also enjoyed the clog dances of A. Fox. The successful evening's entertainment was concluded by the guests joining in a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss McLay for the able manner in which she added to the program and to Mr. Connors for his generous hospitality.

Wm. Goodbody of Edmonton spent New Year's visiting friends in town.

Howard Farrel of hockey fame, who has been working near Islay during the summer returned to town on Friday.

Jas. Mayfield of Wainwright spent New Year's at I. Witherby's.

Owing to disagreement by the clubs of the Eastern Alberta Hockey league the old schedule has been abandond and the following one substituted.

Jan. 1—Kitscoty at Loydminster.
Jan. 12—Vermilion at Lloydminster.
Jan. 18—Lloydminster at Vermilion.
Jan. 22—Vermilion at Kitscoty.
Jan. 29— Kitscoty at Vermilion.
Feb. 5—Lloydminster at Kitscoty.

W. B. Cameron editor of the Signal, left for several weeks' visit to Toronto, Montreal and New York.

Wm. Rae arrived in town on Monday from Neepawa, Man. He intends to spend the winter on his homestead north of the town.

R. McClinton left for a visit to his old home at Singhampton, Ont., on Saturday.

A very successful concert under the auspices of the Vermilion Citizens' Board was held in the assembly hall of the Alexander school on New Year's night. Mayor G. H. W. Ryan presiding. The audience thoroughly enjoyed every item on the program several being forced to respond to encores. The program was as follows: Selection, The Band; song, Mr. Fishborne; cornet solo, J. A. Collins; song, Mrs. Bright; piccolo solo, H. H. Collins; recitation, Miss Bertha Witherbe; selection, The Band; song, Wm. Morgan; quartette, Messrs. Brimacombe, Radditz, Youngboat and Glenville; reading, M. A. Brimacombe; song, Mrs. Bright; selection, The Band.

At the close of the concert a vote of thanks was passed to the English Church who kindly postponed a concert that they had arranged for on the same date. A large number enjoyed the dance that followed the concert, the music being supplied by the band.

Duncan Cameron of Barrie, Ont., arrived in town on Monday to assist A. R. Aldridge.

There will be a regular fire brigade meeting in the fire hall on Monday, Jan. 11.

Vermilion, Jan. 7.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

On Thursday, noon, December 31st, 1908, at the home of Mr. G. Doze, Beaver Hills, the marriage took place of Rev. Henry Gill Steers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steers, of London, Eng., to Isabella Pattison Roxborough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roxborough, of Aronton, Ont. Rev. Alexander Forbes, M.A., of Fort Saskatchewan, performed the ceremony. The bride was handsomely dressed in cream cashmere with silk trimmings and was given away by her brother. Mr. and Mrs. John Hare, of Beaver Hills, acted as bridesmaid and groomsman, the ceremony taking place in the drawing room under an arch of evergreens and loops of white ribbon, after which luncheon was served and Mr. and Mrs. Steers drove to the Fort and took the afternoon local to Edmonton, where they will spend a few days before going to their new home at Earl Grey, Saskatchewan ,where Mr. Steers is pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Messrs. G. O. Baetz, J. White and R. G. Berry were passengers from here on Monday's delayed express.

Baptismal and communion services were observed in the Presbyterian church here on Sabbath last.

Rev. A. Forbes addressed the Society of Christian Endeavor of First Presbyterian church, Edmonton, on Monday evening last, his subject being taken from his recent trip to the old country.

Rev. T. W. Hamilton, of Agricola, was a guest at the manse on Monday and was accompanied by Mr. Hayword, of New Brunswick, who is to assist Mr. Hamilton in his work this winter at Cooking Lake and Homewood charge.

A union meeting was held in the town hall here on Wednesday evening in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible society and was addressed by Rev. C. D. Campbell, travelling secretary of the Alberta branch of this society. In spite of the fact that the mercury stood at 50 below, quite a nice little audience, from the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches greeted the speaker and after listening to Mr. Campbell's splendid address it was voted unanimously to organize a Bible society auxiliary in Fort Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Stacey and Mr. Walton the society's constitution was accepted and the following officers appointed: President, Mr. John Paul; first vice-president, Mr. R. Walton; second vice-president, Dr. Turner; secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. J. Libbey; executive committee, Mrs. A. Forbes, Mrs. W. J. Howard, Mrs. H. H. Willkinson, Mrs. G. O. Baetz. Collectors of Bible funds will be appointed at the first meeting of this auxiliary, which will probably be some time this month.

This (Thursday) morning the thermometer registered 50 below at eight o'clock, which is the coldest we have enjoyed yet ;during the day, however, the mercury rose 12 points and stood at 38 below at 2 o'clock p.m. Every day this week so far the express from the east has been half a day late; other trains are running about schedule time.

Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 7.

ARDROSSAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Nomination for councillors for the townships was held last Monday in township 53, range 22. Councillor Hamilton Lackey was unanimously re-elected to fill the position this year. Councillor Lackey is to be congratulated on this expression of the continued esteem and honor of his fellow electors. Mr. Lackey has done good work for the good of the ratepayers and the general upbuilding of the township during his term of office and his work is his best backing. In township 53 range 21 Wm. Murphy and Clyde Storms were nominated. Mr. Murphy is the past councillor. There is likely to be a close poll.

W. J. Garbe was the winner of the set of carving tools that Wm. S. Beggs gave away on Jan. 1st to the customer leaving the largest amount of cash in his store up to that date.

Word has been received of the death of Jas. Montgomery, of Cobden, Ont., brother of Mrs. Thos. Vance, of this place. Mrs. Vance arrived the day before he died.

Mrs. Geo. A. Clapp is confined to her bed with a serious attack of erysipelas. Dr. Harry Smith of Edmonton is in attendance.

Ardrossan, Jan. 9.

TOFIELD.

Bulletin News Service.

The mercury continues to remain low, registering from 22 to 42 degrees below zero.

The new skating rink has been opened, and is being well patronized by both gentlemen and ladies this winter. A good deal of enthusiasm is shown in connection with hockey and a match has been arranged between the Riley and home teams.

The Episcopal Sunday school gave its annual treat to the children on New Year's night, which was a great success.

Mr. F. Facey is recovering from a short illness.

Mr. Lot has moved from Logan to Tofield.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Whillans entertained the members of the Presbyterian choir at their home last week, when a pleasant evening was spent.

It is expected that a creamery will be started here in the near future.

Miss Ethel Noland is visiting in Wetaskiwin.

Miss Maggie Gillespie is spending a few days with friends at Hurry.

The Tofield Minstrels intend giving a concert soon.

Tofield, Jan. 7.

MANOLA.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Roberta McFee, postmistress at Manola, has been appointed registrar of statistics.

Christmas services were held on Sunday, December 27, in the spacious house of Mr. and Mrs. Thorp, Rev. Mr. Taylor and Rev. Mr. Power officiating. A solo was sung by Mrs. J. H. Pierce.

A number of the friends and neighbors took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thorp and enjoyed a very delightful entertainment in the evening.

On December 22 Mr. Hoff and Mrs. Morgan, of this place, were united in marriage, Rev. Mr. Harding, of Independence, officiating, this being the first marriage in this township and Mr. Hoff being one of the first homesteaders. The friends of the contracting parties wish them a long life together.

Rev. Mr. Ridell held services here Tuesday evening, December 29. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Driver.

A number of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Cable were invited to their home to take New Year's dinner.

Manola, January 8.

STETTLER.

Bulletin News Service.

The Mayor and council took their seats last Monday night and resolved to do things up in proper shape during the ensuing year.

Captain and Mrs. Sieward have gone to California in search of health. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tice start for the same state on a pleasure trip by Saturday's train.

The cold snap of the past few days has stopped the farmers discing.

The Stettler Liberal Association met in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening last at an adjourned meeting and elected Mr. Harding president, G. L. Brown vice-president and A. M. Grigg secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance and the utmost harmony and enthusiasm prevailed, and after listening to several good speeches it was unanimously decided that the Conservatives should not carry the Stettler precinct by 34 majority at the next election. The meeting adjourned at a late hour.

The hockey match between Stettler and Lacombe took place on January 7th at Stettler, and the result was: Lacombe 6, Stettler 1.

The wrestling match between Gravely, of Lacombe, and Archer, of Stettler, was an easy one for the telephone man, he taking two straight falls out of his opponent.

A. A. McGillavary is spending the week-end in Edmonton.

The elevator men say that there has been shipped this season about a half a million bushels of grain and that it is not half gone yet. Not bad for a locality that did not raise any grain to speak of three years ago, but had it shipped in.

Stettler, January 8.

TEES.

Bulletin News Service.

A meeting for the nomination of councilmen for the Local Improvement District. B. F. Allison and P. Walter were the only nominees and so occupy their old places in the council.

W. W. E. Marlins has commenced a singing school in the Tees Day school. Practices are held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Alfred Dare and Henry Sayers started a few days ago to Buck Lake for fish. They expect to return about Saturday.

Miss Archibald, who has been visiting at Lacombe during the Christmas holiday has returned and resumed her duties at the Sargeant school house.

A basket social will be held in Tees about the end of the month.

Ray Lawson returned from Calgary on Wednesday, where he underwent an operation on his eyes.

Ray Reynolds left on Tuesday for Vancouver on a business trip.

Miss Alma Herick returned home to her parents in British Columbia last Tuesday.

Tees, Jan. 9.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The first meeting of the new town council was held on Thursday evening, January 4th, with Mayor P. Ayrton and four councillors present. Committees were formed for the different departments of work as follows:

Finance, W. L. Wilkin, chairman; J. W. Shera, W. A. Dubuc. Works and property, D. Simmons, chairman; W. L. Wilkin, H. Staples. Fire, water and Light, H. Staples, chairman; W. L. Wilkin, A. Dubuc. License and police, W. A. D. Lees, chairman; D. Simmons, J. W. Shera. Health and relief, J. W. Shera, chairman; D. Simmons, W. A. D. Lees. Railways and immigration, W. A. Dubuc, chairman; W. A. D. Lees, H. Staples.

Dr. G. Turner was appointed medical health officer for the year 1909. T. J. Stacey was re-appointed secretary-treasurer in connect ion with various other offices. The usual business was put through and the meeting adjourned.

Following is the standing of pupils in the Fort Saskatchewan school on term examination:

Standard 4—Class 2, over 60 per cent, R. Karran; class 3, over 50 per cent, K. Aylen, C. Dewar, B. Aylen, D. Meagher, A. Moret, A. Libbey, J. McCullough, W. McCartney; class 4, less than 50 per cent, B. White, O. White.

Standard 5—Class 1, over 75 per cent, H. Jackson, C. Haward, Ruth Staples; class 3, between 67 and 50 per cent, L. Carscadden, Mary Peacock, Alma Atkinson, Verna Lees, Roy Walton, Muriel Montgomery, Nellie Graham; Agnes Buchanan.

Standard 6—Over 50 per cent, Tom Paul; absent from examination, E. Atkinson, Earl Dewar, F. Galloway, I. Galloway.

A fancy dress carnival will be held on the Shamrock skating rink next Thursday evening.

A. E. Voss, of the Electric Light Co., has moved his family into the Fort from Vermilion and taken up residence in Mr. Wm. Cameron's house on Timms street.

The safe which had been used in the Merchants bank was taken to Edmonton this week to be installed in the east end branch of the bank at the capital.

Mrs. Wall, of Edmonton, was renewing acquaintances here this week and was the guest of Mrs. Warren.

Fort Saskatchewan, Jan. 9.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin ews Service.

Orrin Towner left for Waroad, Minnesota. He will return in the spring.

William Collison, of Meighen, left for his old home in Lucan, Ont. Mr. Collison has not been home since he came west in 1900. He was called east by the illness of his mother.

Pat St. Peters left for Vancouver last week.

Mr. Butchart, the principal of the High School, and Miss Hall, teacher in the public school arrived on Saturday and were in their places on Monday.

Serious inroads into the ranks of bachelordom in Vegreville have been made. F. M. Hocking, manager of the Merchants bank, went to Mount Forest, Ont., and was there married to Miss M. Filshie of that place. Eugene Clark married Miss G. Purdy, of Millet. Harry McFarlane journeyed down south to Dakota and married Miss F. Foster. Silas A. Webb was married to Miss Mabel Campbell.

Dr. and Mrs. Doran of Saskatoon and S. Doran of Brandon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morton for a few days.

There is to be another carnival soon. T. Leask intends to make this one a still better success than the last one.

H. W. Blakeley, electrician of the Vegreville Electric Light Co., has severed his connection with the company.

Rev. A. W. Gayley will conduct services in the Church of Christ next Sunday.

A meeting in the interests of the Alberta Auxiliary of the Canadian Bible Society which is auxilary to the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on Friday in the little Rutherian school opposite the Presbyterian church. The Rev. C. D. Campbell, District Secretary of the Auxiliary was present and gave an informal talk on some of the aims, ideals and achievements of the Society, and some incentives to effort on its behalf. The object of his visit was to organize if possible a Branch Society of the Auxiliary. The attendance was so small owing to the very severe weather that it was thought by those present that organization should not be effected until a larger and more thoroughly representative meeting could be secured. On the occasion of his next visit, which may be within the next few months Mr. Campbell expects to hace a stereopticon with him to illustrate his lecture. The patron of the Alberta Auxiliary is His Honour, Lieut.-Gov. Bulyea, and the officers are all western men.

ers are all western men. The president is Mr. J. E. Irvine, of Calgary.

Vegreville, Jan. 10.

LACOMBE.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. Roy Clarke Murphy held her post-nuptial reception at the residence of the Misses Smith on Friday from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The W.C.T.U. held their regular monthly meeting at Mrs. F. P. Switzer's on Friday afternoon. A concert and medal contest will be given in the near future, for the best boy and girl reciter, between 12 and 14 years, living in Lacombe.

It has been cold here during the week.

The Central Alberta Hockey League teams, Lacombe and Red Deer will meet at Lacombe rink on Tuesday night Jan. 12. A good game is anticipated. Both are strong teams. The Lacombe team is keeping up their record. They have already tied the Olds' team and defeated Stettler team 7 to 1.

The Blind Man River Electric Power and Light Company has made a proposal to the Lacombe council to buy them out. The council will investigate the proposition and if they think it all right will submit a bylaw to the people.

The Lacombe hospital is treating several patients at present. Mrs. Trotter has proved herself a competent and reliable nurse.

Councilman McDermid has gone east on a visit.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Williams ,of Bentley, died today, Jan. 9th.

W. F. Puffer, M.P.P., is buying hogs in large quantities paying 5 1-2 cents per pound.

Lacombe, Jan. 9.

LLOYDMINSTER.

Bulletin News Service.

The annual ratepayers' meeting was held Friday night in the office of the secretary, E. J. Ashton, and was well attended. The report of the secretary-treasurer was read and the village affairs were shown to be in a very satisfactory shape, there being a net surplus of $1,500. A vote of thanks was tendered by the ratepayers to the retiring council with a strong request that they remain in office for 1909. R. W. Miller, John Lawrie and J. T. Farley all replied feelingly, thanking the citizens for their confidence and loyal support in all the affairs of the village. No other nominations were offered hence the council will remain the same as that of 1908, R. W. Miller, John Laurie, J. T. Farley.

The new town council held its first meeting on Tuesday night and judging from the manner in which the business of the evening was cleared off the slate. The council of 1909 will be a good one. The members present were: Mayor Hull; Councillors, Lyster, Canning, Whithead, Proctor and H. C. Leslie.

The open installation meeting of the C.O.F. held in Masonic hall last night was a fine success. A large attendance gathered to witness the installation after which a splendid program and refreshments were enjoyed. Caterer W. H. Hilliard deserves credit for the manner in which he handled the refreshment end. In fact the whole affair went without a single hitch.

The municipal nominations for L.Y.D. 25-A-4 was held on Monday resulting as follows: In township 50-1-4, Geo. H. Orr Range, re-elected by acclamation. 50-2-4, Alex. Gordon By acclamation. 49-1-24, John Abel and Chairman Wm. Mackenzie are in the field and a keen contest may be expected.

Rising Sun is to have a brass band.

W. A. D. Lees, K.C., of Fort Saskatchewan, has opened a law office in the Northern Crown Bank. Mr. Lees will receive a warm welcome to Lloydminster where he is already well known. There is a good field here for a barrister of Mr. Lee's standing.

Lloydminster, Jan. 9.

STRATHCONA NEWS

LOCALS.

The third annual Provincial School Trustees' Association will meet in convention in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Strathcona, on January 27th and 28th. A good program is being prepared which will meet the requirements of both city and rural trustees.

Temperance and Moral Reform will be the prevailing topic in the Strathcona churches on Sunday. Rev. W. F. W. Fortune will preach in the Baptist Church in the morning and in the Methodist Church in the evening. In the Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. D. McDonald, Lamont, will preach both morning and evening.

Miss Rogers of Lloydminster, who has been visiting Mrs. Flemming for the past few days, will enter the Collegiate Institute.

The annual meeting of the Edmonton district Royal Scarlet Orange Lodge will be held next Thursday evening, January 14th, in the Orange Hall, Strathcona. All members of the order are asked to be present.

The marriage took place in Woodstock, Ontario, this week of J. H. McLean, manager of the Merchants' Bank at Leduc, and son of City Engineer A. J. McLean, Strathcona, to Miss Louise Nesbitt, of that city. After a trip to Quebec, Mr. and Mrs. McLean will take up their residence in Leduc.

WETASKIWIN WINS.

Thursday afternoon two Strathcona rinks, skipped by J. F. Weir and J. M. Douglas, went down to Wetaskiwin to play the first round to decide which rink shall represent this district in the bonspiel competition at Calgary. In the contest, Stevenson, of Wetaskiwin, defeated Douglas by a score of 15 to 9 and Forbes, of the same place, defeated Weir by a score of 11 to 10. The Wetaskiwin winners will play two rinks of Edmonton curlers before January 15th, to decide which city shall send representing rinks to contest for the district trophy at the Calgary bonspeil.

SITUATION IN STRATHCONA.

The Monetary Times correspondent from Strathcona writes in reference to the local conditions as follows: The present outlook for this city is good in every respect. The holders of real estate are holding firm as to prices, while we heard on all sides from parties who intend to build in the spring. Early next year we hope to see the completion of the Canadian Pacific railway line from Killam to Strathcona, thereby giving direct communication with Winnipeg and the east. The present outlook for the Canadian Northern building a line from Bruderheim to Strathcona, and thence in a south-westerly direction to the large coal deposits at the head waters of the Macleod and Brazeau rivers, is an assured fact. Altogether, the outlook for the year 1909 is most favorable.

TWO TRAINS ALL WINTER.

During the past two winters the C.P.R. have taken off one of the trains between Strathcona and Calgary in the months of January, February, March and April. This year, however, the business is so large that the company have decided to continue the double service through the winter months. This information will be received with much pleasure both by Edmonton and Strathcona people, who have been much hindcapped by the inadequacy of the winter service during the past two years. Next spring it is said that the C.P.R. will complete the laying of their 80-pound rails to Strathcona, and then a five and a half hour service will be inaugurated between the two cities, instead of the seven and a half hour service, as at present. There is also the possibility that three trains daily, instead of the two at present, may be run next summer between Calgary and Strathcona.

ANNUAL LIBERAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Association of Strathcona and the Young Liberal Club, which has been merged into the larger association, was held last night in the Baalim Block. Despite the very cold weather, there was a good attendance of members. The chair was occupied by the president of the senior association, John J. McKenzie, and Dr. J. C. Wainwright was secretary. It was decided that all out-of-town members of both associations in good standing during the past year be made honorary members. It was also decided that the association should do all in its power to assist in the organization of rural associations in the different parts of the Strathcona provincial constituency. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Honorary presidents, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Dr. Rutherford, Dr. McIntyre, M.P.

President, J. J. McKenzie (re-elected).

First vice-president, Dr. J. M. Hotson.

Second vice-president, A. T. Mode.

Secretary-treasurer, A. G. Baalim.

Executive committee, J. M. Douglas, R. Ritchie, Dr. Fuller, J. F. Pollard, A. Loughlin, John May, W. G. Congdon, J. G. Tipton, E. S. Atkins, W. H. Stephens, N. D. Mills, J. W. Blain, J. C. Wainwright, D. H. McKinnon, J. Gainer, James Dunn, Harry Lynn, A. K. Buckham.

STRATHCONA CURLING.

The season's curling is now in full swing at the Strathcona Curling Rink and the main contest of the winter, the play-down series for the magnificent Lord Strathcona cup is about half finished. In this contest the eighteen rinks compete, each rink playing every other rink one game. This makes 153 games in all to be played, and they are being run off at the rate of four games a night. The series will be finished about the end of the month. The eighteen rinks on the ice this winter are made up as follows:

J. B. Miller (skip), P. Gallagher, P. Morkin, Buckham.

W. Congdon (skip), J. J. Duggan, J. C. Crawford, Sampson.

J. M. Kinnear (skip), S. Kelly, Jeffery, Ried.

Ed. O'Donnell (skip), Barnett, Ed. Crowe, L. Nettleton.

O. Torgerson (skip), T. J. Walsh, A. Loughran, F. Pollard.

R. McDonald (skip), Dr. Fuller, Dr. May, H. A. Calder.

J. S. McWithey (skip), T. P. Malone, W. Kent, W. McKernan.

Rev. J. C. Bowen (skip), W. Ritchie, D. Currie, D. S. McRae.

J. M. Douglas (skip), E. T. Baines, P. Gallagher, M. Arthur.

W. H. Sheppard (skip), S. H. Somersoll, V. McIlroy, S. Hill.

G. F. Downes (skip), C. Rutherford, Davidson, Professor Edwards.

J. F. Weir (skip), A. Davies, G. F. McNally, Eric McLean.

A. J. McLean (skip), Arthur Baalim, Smee, Leach.

R. B. Douglas (skip), H. G. Clarke, Don McKenzie, Harold Ritchie.

A. McLean (skip), E. McKenzie, S. Q. O'Brien, A. T. Mode.

G. Thompson (skip), J. Ross, J. R. McKenzie, A. Brick.

G. M. Marriott (skip), A. T. Spohn, G. W. Robertson, Nimmons.

W. H. McMahon, F. Sache, T. McCombs, D. Alton.

There are also several spare men who may be called upon to fill up vacancies in the absence of regular players.

SEED FAIR PRIZE LIST.

The fourth annual seed fair of the Strathcona branch of the Alberta Farmers' Association will be held in Strathcona on Thursday and Friday, January 28th and 29th. The prize list for the fair is as follows:

	Prizes 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Class 1—Spring wheat, hard variety	$8	$6	$4	$3
Class 2—Winter wheat hard variety	$8	$6	$4	$3
Class 3—Banner oats	$10	$8	$6	$5
Class 4—Any other variety long oats	$6	$4	$2	
Class 5—Short oats, any variety	$6	$5	$4	$3
Class 6—Barley—two-rowed	$8	$6	$4	$2
Class 7—Barley, six-rowed	$8	$6	$4	$2
Class 8 — Barley, beardless	$5	$4	$3	
Class 10—Flax	$6	$5	$4	
Class 11—Potatoes any red variety	$4	$3	$2	
Class 12—Potatoes any white variety	$4	$3	$2	
Class 13—One dozen new-laid eggs, brown	$3	$2	$1	
Class 14—One dozen new-laid eggs, white	$3	$2	$1	
Class 15 — Timothy seed	$4	$2	$1	
Class 16—Collection of field or garden roots	$6	$4	$2	
Class 17—Best collection garden roots	$6	$4	$2	
Class 18—Best collection garden seeds grown by exhibitor in Alberta, 1908	$6	$4	$2	

Explosion on Panama Works.

Panama, Jan. 10—A blast of dynamite, which had failed to explode, went off spontaneously at 9 a.m. at Pedro Miguel, killing two negro workmen and wounding seven, four negroes and three Spaniards. Powderman Little is badly hurt, his skull being fractured, but the surgeons expect to save his life and those of the other injured.

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NIGHT RIDERS WI SENTENCED TO

Six Found Guilty of Murde Degree of Captain Ra Others Guilty in Secor and Will Get Twenty Y

Union City, Tenn., Jan. in the first degree, with circumstances, and murder on ddegree, was the doub brought in at 8.45 o'cloc against the eight night r on the night of October 19 and shot to death Captain Rankin. Against six of th ants, Garrett Johnson, Fre Arthur Glore, Sam Applew Burton and Roy Benson, finding was directed. But M Bob Hoffman received th degree verdict, with a rec tion that their sentences be 20 years in the penitent though the jury recommende found guilty of first degre to the mercy of the court, Ja tonight declared that he w consider the provision of t circumstances, but would se six men to death. Motions trials were entered on beh the defendants, and a heari application was set for ne day.

The last day of the fam was made most dramatic by ness of Juror Rossen, whic ened to abruptly terminate Today Rossen was so sick court had to be held in an a the sick juror lying in bed heard the closing argument Pierce for the defence and th of Judge Jones, which di effect that if the jury found defendants were present on when Captain Rankin was they were all guilty of murd first degree, no matter wh not they handled the rope a shot. The only other verd the court held would stand of not guilty on the streng alibis admitted.

No Demonstration Follows

The jury took the case at this afternoon, but was d from deliberating on it on of the illness of Rossen. however, a verdict was reache the jurors announced they ha on a verdict, the soldiers w been constantly on guard s trial started, formed a cordon the court house with drawn g jury filed into the court room nounced their finding, which ceived in a stolidly indifferen ner by the defendants. There demonstration from the crowd room. Attorney Pierce decl night, "We will tear the ve pieces in the Supreme court

A NEW MAJOR PLANE

Discovered in Solar System Neptune.

London, Jan. 7.—News of istence of a new major plan ated beyond Neptune, announ the authority of photograph dence by Professor Pickering, vard Observatory, has been by the Solar Physics Observ South Kensington. The major planets, Uranus and N were discovered in 1781 and 1 pectively. Neptune has been to regarded as the outermos planet of the solar system, diameter about four times the earth. British astronomers h been unprepared for the disco a great planet even beyond N For many years past various mena have been observed whic not be explained by known fa many workers have been mak culations for determining the ing factor, which was surmise a planet of considerable size Neptune. Professor George F.R.S., at various times ca that the movement of a certai of comets which visited the s tem in 1843, 1880 and 1882 w fluenced by some body abo hundred times more distant f sun then the earth is, and wit equal to one thousand of ou It is hoped that within a fe the results obtained by P Pickering can be compared w positions calculated by P Forbes. The new planet is s be at present in the constella Gemini, which curiously enc the same constellation in whic Herschel discovered the plane us.

PARIS WANTS EMBEZZL

But He is in London, Eng., a not be Extradited.

Paris, Jan. 8—A warrant c embezzlement has been issued city for the arrest of "Count Hamon, formerly known in and Europe as Cheiro the who went to London Wednes lowing the allegation of two A women that he had defrauded out of valuable stocks. It is out, however, that if Hamon is ish subject (he is said to be a man) he cannot be brought h London as Great Britain does tradite her citizens.

Khedive Receives U. S. Fleet

Cairo, Jan. 7—Rear Admir P. Potter, commander of the division of the United States fleet, and a number of other of this division, paid an offic to Cairo today and were rece the Khedive of Egypt and S Gorst, British diplomatic ag Cairo