

The Albertan

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A CHANGE IS NEEDED

Last night there was a small fire in the Allan block. The alarm was given in good time and no very serious damage was done. Had the alarm been delayed a few minutes the entire block would have been destroyed and the Post office and other prominent buildings would have been threatened.

Had these buildings been destroyed the city would have been to blame. The serious part of the fire last night was the fact that many of the hydrants were frozen up. The reason that the hydrants were frozen was because certain employees of the city were neglecting their duty.

Last Thursday the men who were working the thawing machine quit work because they said that it was too cold to work. The thawing machine which cost the city a large sum of money was accordingly lying idle and the city hydrants were freezing up. The reason that the men were not kept at work was because there is no head to affairs at the city hall.

The Albertan protests against this alarming state of affairs, not only because the Albertan was in danger on account of the fire, but because the entire city is in danger on account of this state of affairs. The city should have some kind of a head, some form of commission which manages things and not this haphazard sort of management which neglects things.

THE RIFLE RANGE.

Calgary military men are pleased with the interest that is being shown in military matters in the north. They are pleased that Edmonton is to have a rifle range worthy of the name. But when it is announced that the Edmonton rifle ranges are to become the provincial rifle ranges then the Calgary men stop to reflect.

Rifle matters and military matters in Alberta had their inception in Calgary, and it was not government aided either. The Calgary Rifle club was organized without the assistance of the government and has received no assistance from the department. Out of Calgary Rifle club grew the provincial rifle association.

It was when a few energetic rifle men interested themselves in time and in money that the present provincial rifle ranges were secured. The C. M. R. was started in Calgary, by a few Calgary men, and without any encouragement from abroad. The military men of Calgary have sacrificed much for the good of the militia. It is a matter of some satisfaction to know that the military idea is developing in the north, but Calgary is now and ever will remain the military centre of Alberta.

EDITORIAL NOTES

May our neighbor's coal never grow less. Tonight is the first meeting of the new council. Watch it. Cheer up. It is cold. But what if you had to love in Edmonton. Do not be down hearted. Think of the January thaw and be happy.

Politics in British Columbia seem to be getting up rumors of dissensions in the opposite party. Once more the most interesting bits of Calgary landscape are the coal bin and the thermometer. That the Vatican is really angry with France, one may infer from the news that contributions are being refused.

There is a lot about this Wellman balloon that is being prepared for the North Pole, that seems to be hot air. When Mr. Hunter says that \$1,000 are paid daily over the Calgary bars he is rather underestimating Calgary's ability. If the revival services are not well attended tonight the evangelists need not blame it on the counter attraction of the council meeting.

If the C. P. R. would employ the 40,000 maves they intend to get in packing freight across the prairies, conditions might be improved. The weather reports indicate a thunder storm in Chicago, which is a straining example to Alberta people of the unseasonable weather they are having in the east.

It would be much more comforting if the C. P. R. had no time table and then we would not know how badly off we were by the trains being late. The Annual meeting of the Calgary Liberal Association will be held in the Liberal Club rooms to-night. All Liberals or any other Liberals should be there.

Calgary never had Messrs Hunter and Crowley here in January before and they never had such cold January weather before. The Mikado might have added that the Japanese navy had decided to postpone the visit to San Francisco, not so much because of alarm of the fate of the fleet, as fear that the officers might not survive the hot air speeches that would be showered on them.

There is many a cold step between the kitchen stove and the coal bin. Edmonton people having boasted their building returns, the census returns and the clearing house returns weep that there are no other returns which they can manipulate. It may be that Calgary sinners are not yielding as rapidly as expected because with a hard winter and a low coal bin the horror of excessive heat has been somewhat removed.

A man named Snider of Godechik has been appointed Conservative organizer in Ontario. Snider is the German word for Tailor, and the idea in this appointment is that they have given the Godechik man the goose.

"How the world appears to a blind man" is the subject of a lecture being delivered in Alberta. He has the advantage of us there when it comes to viewing the Calgary City Hall and other choice bits of landscape.

Rev. Mr. Hunter said yesterday that Calgary spent \$1,000 a day over the bars and a few nights before he said that he had not seen a drunken man on the streets, so Mr. Hunter must admit that Calgary carries it well.

After a careful perusal of the editorial upon telephone appearing in the Calgary Herald on Saturday, one would conclude that it is the opinion of the Herald that the municipal system would be a success if it succeeds but a failure if it did not, and more that it should be adopted if it would succeed, and rejected if it would not. This is an advanced step for the Herald to take.

The Albertan is forced to ask for the kind consideration of its readers this morning for a paper which it is confident is not up to the standard. The fire in the adjoining store in the Allan block did no real damage to the premises of the Albertan, but every atom of smoke which burst out and the smoke was legion, first came through this building, making it impossible for the operators to proceed with their work for many hours.

Editor Albertan—I notice in your edition of the 10th inst. that our beautiful bird visitors the Evening Grosbeak are now to be seen feeding in the C. P. R. gardens. A number of these birds have been living in my garden and feasting on the seeds of the maple trees since the beginning of November. The flock has somewhat diminished in number during the last week.

A large flock of about two hundred took up their residence in my garden last year, though they were later in arriving, not being here till the first week in January and many of them remaining till the end of February. They were then, as now, very friendly and allowed one to get quite close to them in order to admire their handsome plumage.

They have a pretty musical "chattering" note. I do not know whether any of our fellow citizens observed them in their gardens last year, but two of our "old timers" who saw them on my trees, had never seen them during their twenty years' residence in the country. I am, sir, Faithfully Yours, OLIVE R. WINTERS.

Plea for the Abatement of Bigotry. Editor Albertan—Adherence to fixed principles and firmness as to the lines of one's belief, do not imply bigotry, but that obnoxious quality creeps into the expression of human affairs when one man refused to accord to another the liberty of thought which he himself enjoys.

The man who is anchored to nothing, whose views—scientific, religious and political—are held in a spirit of agnosticism and doubt, seldom possesses sufficient stability of character to work toward definite ends and thereby become an important factor in civilization.

But when an individual, or worse yet, a group of individuals, abandons the path of moral exaction and legitimate argument in the preparation of ideas, seeking through physical force to alter the opinion of others, the expression of bigotry calls for a rebuke. While the words of the poet, "For mankind are one in spirit," may be and undoubtedly are true as regards the common impulses of our nature, it must also be admitted, and that too in keeping with the highest type of civilization, that as long as men are born and reared under different environments and different natural endowments, the lines of human thought must necessarily differentiate and different opinions will be held as to matters and things regardless as to what a possible majority may think to be right.

As the citizen is the unit in government, character building must be looked to for the fitness of that citizen. With this measurement applied, the belief of a man is of secondary importance. The important thing is to consider what effect that belief has upon him—upon the citizen, whether to make him a bliss or a bane to his country's welfare.

It was not so very long ago that the intolerance of the ages made freedom of thought and freedom of speech punishable by death. We have made some very mighty strides since that day. Still there yet remains a spark of that intolerance even if the general flame has been extinguished. You will still find people ready to ostracize from their social and business relations those who happen to differ with them in matters religious, and although that spirit of oppression is occasionally revealed in the outbreak of a mob, it seldom calls forth the intensity of action that characterized the older times.

That the spirit of bigotry is still rampant cannot be denied—that spirit which is not willing that others should be looked upon with the same degree of intolerance and allowance as they themselves are because perchance they differ in doctrine and percept. While it is to be hoped that the march of civilization will soon bring us to the place where we may regard the opinions of others as usual with our own—that point of development is still a little in the distance. Optimism, the spirit of Western Canada, leads us to believe that even in the oftentimes violent, attacks made upon an opposing sect, the perpetrators feel that they are inspired with a desire to better conditions generally. It is more in keeping with the spirit of toleration to believe this than anything else. It is this that buoy up and nourishes the hope that there will in the near future be a decided change for the better—a death blow to bigotry in all its phases.

The spirit and genius of our government recognizes the religious claims of every man and pledges protection and toleration for that religious belief. It is only where the rights of others are interfered with and the fundamental conditions of society are threatened that the government steps forward and calls a halt. To endeavor to govern the belief and control the abstract opinion of any man or class of men, would be to establish a most dangerous precedent. It would certainly have a beginning but its end is wise enough to tell where it would end or whose faith would next come to the gibbet providing the powers that should be averse to the same.

We have a case in question on the other side of the international boundary line. The United States by the highest tribunal in their republic has undertaken to unseat a duly elected senator because of his religious belief—not his religious practice—but his religious belief. Utah is a sovereign state in that Union and as such elected as her representative in the senate at Washington, Reed Smoot. It is not a question as to whether or not he is a law-breaker himself. It is not a question as to whether or not he has actually committed any act that would debar him from his position as a senator in the United States. Reed Smoot has been there for going on four years during which time his opponents have waged a continuous warfare to get him out. There can be but one outcome to the vote which will be all probably be taken the latter part of this week, and that is that the United States senate will fail to register the required majority to expel him.

The above is a striking case of bigotry. With all Christians—the Mormons included—striving for eternal life—a common goal—recognizing the Master as their head—why should they strive to compel others to adopt their precepts, and enforce their creeds? One of the most prominent of Christian poets has said, "Know this that every soul is free, To choose his life and which he'll be, For this eternal truth is given, That God will force no man to Heaven."

DAVE ELTON, Cardston, Alberta, Jan. 9, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Calgary will apply at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta for amendments to its ordinance and charter for power.

1. To extend the limits of the city so as to include: A. That portion of Sec. 17 north of Bow River. The south half of Sec. 20, The south half of Sec. 21, That portion of section 16 north of Bow River. That portion of section 17 south of Bow River. The north half of Sec. 8, The north half of Sec. 9, The north-west quarter of Sec. 10, That portion of section 10 north of Bow River. The north-east and south-east quarter of Sec. 10, Section 11, That portion of section 12 west of eastern bank of Bow River. That portion of section 13 west of Bow River, and to make an assessment and collection roll for the purposes taken in for the balance of the year.

2. To provide that the Poll tax shall only be collected from those who have resided within the city for at least thirty days and who are between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years and who are not already tenants paying rent.

3. To provide in cases of persons declaring that they are unable to pay the cost of the same that the city may continue water and sewer connections from the property line to the cellar line, and charge such cost against the property, to be payable in three yearly instalments, and to make the necessary financial arrangements for the same.

4. To provide for the making of the voters lists within three months from the completion of the assessment of each year and that a copy be posted up in the city hall and at least four other places to be designated by the Council.

5. To provide for the assessment, rating and taxing of all real estate belonging to the city and levying water rates and charging electric light bills against the same.

6. To provide that in all cases of improvements local or otherwise that where the city is to pay any proportion thereof that a By-law authorizing the same to be previously submitted to the electors.

7. To provide that on a By-law approved by the electors the term of office of Aldermen may be extended to two years.

8. To provide for the legalizing of and validating the By-law 679 respecting the floating debt and the issue of bonds thereunder and also of By-law 670 and the bonds issued thereunder.

9. To provide for the submission of the assessment roll to a committee of the Council of not less than four for examination and report and for the Council equalizing, raising or lowering the assessment or any portion thereof without the formality of a complaint.

10. To provide that in elections for Aldermen no ballot shall be counted unless it discloses a bona fide vote or mark in favor of as many candidates as there are vacancies.

11. To provide that the Returning Officer at election shall appoint Deputy Returning Officer and select Polling Booths.

12. That Council have power to compel the erection of buildings in certain areas to be erected ten feet from the street line.

13. To provide for making supplementary assessment and collector's Roll to include persons coming to the City or starting business after the Assessment Appeal Court has confirmed the original Roll.

Amendment to Charter 14. To amend Charter fixing the date of the first meeting of council to be held on the first legal day of each year. Dated at Calgary this 3rd day of January A. D. 1907. H. E. GILLIS, City Clerk.

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