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Correspondence

Mt. View, Alta., Nov. 28th 1908,
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News has reached us of a fatal accident which happened to Mr. Alfred Wilson while he was engaged in unloading hay at the Pincher railway station. Becoming frightened at the train, the horses became unmanageable and a runaway ensued, which resulted in the death of Mr. Wilson. At the coroner's inquest it was decided that the Railway Co. was responsible through backing the train into Mr. Wilson's wagon thereby causing a runaway. Mr. Wilson leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

Wm. Payne and hay baling crew were in from Pincher for two or three days.

Mrs. Verga Jordan is visiting her mother, Mrs. Caldwell for a few days.

A missionary farewell party was given Monday evening in honor of Hyrum Gold and Henry Walburger who leave on Friday next for a mission to the Northern States. A purse of \$86.25 was given the boys to assist them on their way.

Mr. Mercer of P. Burns & Co. was in last week and bought several cars of beef to be delivered to Pincher Creek.

Notice

There will be a Public Meeting of the rate-payers of Cardston, to be held in Assembly Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday evening, 5th December to discuss Municipal affairs.

MARK SPENCER
Mayor

FARMERS MEET WITH PREMIER

Proposal to Take Over Internal Elevator System

Mr. Thos. H. Woolford, Pres. of the A. F. A. returned on Saturday from attending the conference of premiers, which was held at Regina, Sask. on Thursday.

Among those present were the representatives of the Alberta Farmer's Association, the Manitoba Grain Grower's Association, and the Saskatchewan Grain Grower's Association, together with the premiers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The purpose of the conference was very important. The farmers want the three western provinces to purchase the internal elevator system and to operate these for the benefit of the whole community. The effect of the demands would really be to create a gigantic monopoly out of the grain trade of the country, and that monopoly would be in the hands of the Government. The premiers met last spring and talked the matter over with representatives of the grain growers, but no definite action was taken.

The farmers presented their case to the premiers during the afternoon and at the evening sitting the premiers did the talking.

The premiers at the close of the conference promised consideration of the proposals made, but no definite decision, one way or the other could be given, as they wanted to consult their colleagues before committing the governments of the three provinces.

CROP ESTIMATE

Based Upon Partial Returns From the Results of Threshing Operations

At the request of numerous parties for an estimate of the out-turn of this year's crop an estimate has been made upon a report of the crop correspondents after threshing operations had been under way, and upon a partial report of the threshers.

SPRING WHEAT: It would appear that the acreage devoted to spring wheat was not quite so large as the estimate made in June, nor is the yield proving quite as high as was anticipated in early July. It is estimated there was 154,487 acres of spring wheat and that the yield will be 2,844,600 bushels, or an average of 18.41 bushels per acre.

WINTER WHEAT: The present estimate shows that the acreage of winter wheat harvested is nearly 10,000 acres over the July estimate, that is, 104,330 acres giving a yield of 2,397,588 bushels or an average yield of 22.98 bushels per acre, but the general average for the Province is greatly reduced by other districts not showing such high averages. Individual yields of winter wheat show that where the land was properly cultivated probably the highest yields ever obtained in the Province were obtained this year. Numerous instances show that over 60 bushels per acre have been obtained.

This only shows what can be done by proper methods of cultivation and brings out in striking contrast the low yields where poor methods of cultivation prevail.

OATS: The estimated acreage is 400,702 with a yield of 12,058,600 bushels, or an average yield of 30.09 bushels per acre. The yield in a number of districts was materially reduced through continued rain and later unfavorable weather, so that in some portions of the Province the yield of oats is not nearly up to the average. Other districts again report one of the best crops of oats grown in many years.

BARLEY: The estimated acreage is 73,086 with a total yield of 1,442,065 bushels of 19.73 bushels per acre, while the average for the Province for the ten years has been in the neighborhood of 27 bushels per acre. It will thus be seen that this year has been a decided one for barley.

FLAX: The season has proved an unfavorable one for flax the estimate being 8,046 acres of flax with a total yield of 62,933 bushels or an average of 7.82 per acre. This is the lowest estimate ever made for flax in the Province.

The yield of grain in 1908 despite the most excellent prospects in the early summer, has not given anything like as favorable an outlook as was fondly hoped in view of the unfortunate loss of crop of the previous season. The exception to this general statement is that of winter wheat which this year has given the best crop on record.

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday Evening, December 1st.

Present—Mayor Spencer, Councillors Brown, Burton, Cahoon, Coombs, Duce and Woolf.

Opening prayer by Councillor Brown. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Amelia Jarvis & Co. re advancing of money to municipal corporations. Filed.

From Health Officer recommending that a limit be placed on the number of pigs any one person or company may keep within town limits. Referred to Health and Relief Committee.

M. A. Coombs on behalf of Sabbath School applied for rebate of \$10 paid for license for Dramatic entertainment for benefit of Sabbath School, moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Burton that refund be granted. Carried.

From Messrs Birkett Bros. re laying and furnishing pipe etc. filed.

Woolf Hotel applied for Pool license granted to end of year.

A petition was received from Ed. J. Wood and others re extension of waterworks 3 blocks west, property owners to furnish money etc. Referred to special committee comprising the Mayor, Solicitor, Secretary Treasurer, Chairman Works & Property and Finance Committee.

A number of accounts were approved and ordered paid.

The Chairman of Fire License and Police Committee was requested to call on the Secretary of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and arrange a meeting for them to select their own chief.

Moved by Councillor Woolf and seconded by Councillor Coombs that we adjourn till Dec. 29th. Carried.

"THE JAIL BIRD"

Presented by the Magrath Dramatic Company

One of the best shows which the people of Cardston have had the opportunity of attending was the "Jail Bird" which was presented by the Magrath Elocution Class under the direction of Prof. Mose Johnston in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday evening.

The play was witnessed by a record breaking house and the audience showed their appreciation by great applause.

It would be useless to make special mention of any of any of

the players as the different roles were exceedingly well interpreted and reflected much credit upon the actors and the manager.

The cast was as follows—Anthony Rasmussen as Mathew Morgan. A. B. Critchfield as Bill Donovan, Mose Johnson as Darby Jones; Eli Critchfield as Mr. Denham; A. M. Johnson as Solomon Isaacs; Orson Bridge as Joe Ratts; W. Woolley as Boozey Katts; Am. Mercer as Bob Williams; Erma Karen as Jennie Foster, and Mrs. L. S. Taylor as Mrs. Babbleton.

Coming

"Along the Kennebec," a New England comedy drama, now in its third successful season, will be produced at the Opera House, Cardston, Thursday Dec. 10th.

The play is moulded along the same idea as "The Old Homestead," "Shere Acres" and "York State Folks," and deals entirely with country life. Plays of this nature are deservedly popular, inasmuch as they are clean and wholesome and leave a good taste in the mouth. They usually illustrate some good moral principle without descending to the oftentimes morbid sensationalism of the melodrama or the soul-harrowing incidents of the problem play. "Along the Kennebec" is said to have met with great favor wherever produced, and much interest will be taken in the presentation of the play in this city. All special scenery is carried for the production. Tickets now on sale at Drug Store.

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE AT LETHBRIDGE

D. H. Elton Elected Secretary
Treasurer

A conjoint meeting of the members of the Christian Churches was held in the Wesley Church last Sunday evening under the direction of the Rev. W. G. Fortune, Field Secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League. A Branch of the League was established at that point and an organization effected. The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. W. Neelands, Secretary Treasurer, David H. Elton, Executive Committee, Dr. Galbraith, C. A. Magrath, M. P., J. D. Higinbotham, C. McClenaghan, William Virtue, Eather Van Tigbem, and Joseph Tuff. It was the intention to have representatives of the various Christian Churches in the organization.

When the Rev. Mr. Fortune was going down the list he said, "Let me see, what denomination is Mr. Elton?" Before the last named could arise in his own vindication, the Rev. Mr. Harrison of the Methodist Church was on his feet and said, "Mr. Elton is a Mormon and has been through a campaign for Local Option in our adjoining district and knows all the ropes in this election business." "Just the right man," said Rev. Mr. Fortune. The work is well under way and some developments are expected for the Civic Elections.

Custom Regulations

Imports of live stock from the states of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey are prohibited also flesh, fodder or manure.

No live stock is permitted to leave Canada for export to Europe except through the ports of Halifax, N. S. or St. Johns N. B.

Wedding Bells

On Friday Nov. 27th. at the Presbyterian Manse, by Rev. A. W. R. Whiteman, B. A., Arly E only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Caldwell, to Albert E. Thompson of Mountain View.

A re-organization of the Sabbath School took place at Mt. View on Sunday last. The new superintendency is as follows:—Seymour Smith, Supt. Alfred Watson, 1st. Asst. Byron Jordan 2nd. Asst.

Govt. Reading Room