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**OUR BIRTHDAY SALUTATION**

Today, of all days, the Star has a right to greet the world with a smile. This is our birthday. Ten years ago the first number of the Star issued from the press. According to the laws of newspaperdom, we are no longer an experiment, but an institution. We feel that we have a right to "point with pride," but we forbear. We bespeak from the public your continued and increasing support, and we promise you in return our true and loyal service.

**PATRIOTISM IN TIME OF PEACE**

Some very forcible and timely remarks were made by Gov. Folk of Missouri, recently, in a speech delivered at Salt Lake City, Utah, before a large and enthusiastic audience. He said in part:

"Until recently patriotism had become a meaningless word, a synonym for war. In eight years this has been changed. We have learned that there is a patriotism of peace as well as a patriotism of war, and that it is just as essential to the welfare of our country. Patriotism was once counted a service to ones country in time of war. We still have men who are willing to die for their country on the battlefield of war, but who are not willing to live for their country in time of peace. We want the patriot now who will live for his country and for his countrymen. True greatness is in service; it is as important for the private citizen to give this service as it is for the man in power and authority."

If all the citizens of our town acted upon this thought there would be no shifting of the responsibility of bearing the burdens of the community, of planning for the common welfare, upon the shoulders of a few. Each citizen would take upon himself the bearing of a patriot. He would be a committee of one to see that everything possible is done for the common good of all, that all wholesome regulations are obeyed and that peace and good order are promoted. Instead of being a knocker he would be a booster. Continuing, Gov. Folk said:

"Let us unite in enforcing the laws and in counteracting any attempt to defy them. Let us not array one class against another, but preserve the rights of all by causing each to respect the rights of the other. Let us not seek as a remedy for existing evils less democracy, but more democracy; not more money, but more manhood; not more cunning, but more conscience."

This little civic sermon marks the course of all progress. It is in line with the right and the truth which will prevail. Obstacles may rise in its path, but they will be brushed aside. As civilization advances each citizen must take it upon himself to act the part of a patriot in time of peace as well as in-time of war

The newspapers are falling over themselves in their eagerness to square themselves with the Mormon people of Southern Alberta. The trouble with many of the newspapers is that they are always looking for a chance to misrepresent and injure these quiet law abiding citizens.—Leth. Herald.

**CANADA AND THE MORMONS**

The now notorious Barclay case is being taken up by the press all over the country. The latest development that will interest our readers is the testimony of Mrs. Barclay at the trial of the case at Calgary. After the failure of her husband to kidnap her child of two months of age at Magrath the other day, and the sensational announcement of the Winnipeg Telegram that the Mormon church was preventing her from going back to her husband, Mrs. Barclay was summoned to Calgary under a writ of habeas corpus issued at the instance of her husband for the possession of the child. On the witness stand Mrs. Barclay "swore that neither her parents nor herself were Mormons," and she, moreover, refused the request of Judge Beck to meet her husband "for a few minutes to see if the trouble could not be patched up, Barclay," so the account runs, "appeared to be very willing to this arrangement, but his wife refused to meet him or have anything to say to him at all."

The Barclay case is an illustration of the harmfulness of listening to slander and acting upon misrepresentation, and the harm is done not simply to an individual, but to a whole community. There will be thousands of the readers of this libel of the Mormon people in the Winnipeg Telegram who will never hear any explanation, and who, in consequence, will carry with them through life the impression that the Mormons are a narrow, bigoted, priest-ridden, exclusive sect, unworthy of fair treatment or decent respect.

The history of the church is full of just such misapprehension, and apparently the end is not yet, in confirmation of which we quote from a recent issue of the Manitoba Free Press:

**AGITATION TO BREAK UP MORMON COLONY.**  
"Victoria, B. C., May 30—Petitions are being prepared for circulation in all the principal population centres of British Columbia and resolutions for adoption in the affiliated Women's councils asking the Dominion government to strictly investigate the conditions anent the Mormon colonies of southern Alberta with a view to the breaking up of these colonies if it be shown, as is suspected, that constant evasion or violation of the laws against polygamy and immorality are practised hundreds of inferior wives being ~~classed as domestic servants.~~ This plan was adopted and exposed when the Mormons first settled themselves near Nanaimo twenty years ago."

The Mormons always welcome investigation of any kind. What they object to is this practice of taking snap judgment based upon misrepresentation.

As to the breaking up of the Mormon colonies in southern Alberta or in British Columbia, we have only this to say; the Mormons are in Canada to stay. They expect justice and fair play from this new, generous commonwealth. They need these fertile stretches of plain in which to expand and as soon as they are understood, they will be welcomed as a valuable acquisition to her citizenship. They are among the most industrious and enterprising colonists in the world. The Mormons need the country and the country needs them and the sooner the press of this broad Dominion gives them fair treatment the better for all concerned.

Mountain View, June 8, 1909.  
Alberta Star:

Preparations for the celebration of the Dominion's birthday are under way. The following committees have been appointed and all citizens are cordially invited to assist in making the celebration of this day all that it should be.

Committee on finance—Jas. S. Parker, V. I. Stewart, E. Parrish, L. P. Nielson.

Program—J. E. Parrish, Mrs. J. W. West, Mrs. M. W. Armstrong, W. F. Tolley, Alfred Watkinson.

Decoration—Jos. Payne, Mrs. Minnie Parrish, Martha Hartley, John S. Smith.

Sports—J. E. Caldwell, W. A. Miller, Ernest Hagell, Levi Webster, Samuel J. Tolley.

Refreshments—Horden S. West, Wm. Payne, J. A. Strata, S. B. Smith, Lillian Burrows, Mary Smith.

The first named in each case to act as chairman.

Breaking land on the Cochrane Ranch appears to be the order of the day, as some fifteen plowing outfits are now at work, several of them being gang plows.

The water in the Kootenai and Belly Rivers are quite high this season compelling most of the travel by way of the bridges.

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"Cash Goods at Cash Prices"

**Egg Carriers**

"Humpty Dumpty" Folding Egg Carriers==  
Hardwood Slats securely fastened at top and bottom  
==Holds 12 dozen eggs when set up, and when empty  
can be folded 1/4 inch thick.

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| 10 " " " " 2 for 25               | Best Steel Clad, 12 Qt. Pails, 70c.   | Enamel Tea Kettles, .90c and \$1                              |
| 12 " " " " .15c                   | Garden Hoes and Rakes ..... 35c   | White Washable Belts, 25, 30, 35                              |
| 8 " Enamelled " " .25c            | Strong Folding Go-Carts with Rubber tire wheels for baby to ride in, ..... Only \$3.50. | Mens Dress Shirts at all prices.                              |
|                                   | Misses fine Chambray Sunbonnets ..... 30c   | Choice of 250 Silk Ties for men at ..... 20c each             |

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**JULY 1ST, 1909**

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Come and see the town  
Come and see the big sports

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5th.—The Massey-Harris Binder has the greatest name of any machine of its class in the entire world. We will prove it or give one for nothing.

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**Comparative Figures For Fifteen Years**

Capital Paid-up			Reserve and Undivided Profits		
May 31st	1895,	\$ 1,200,000.	May 31st	1895,	\$ 346,460.
" "	1900,	2,000,000.	" "	1900,	573,117.
" "	1905,	2,500,000.	" "	1905,	1,289,824.
Feb. 27th	1909,	3,201,400.	Feb. 27th	1909,	2,045,950.
Deposits			Total Assets		
May 31st	1895,	\$ 4,904,128.	May 31st	1895,	\$ 7,802,099.
" "	1900,	6,573,637.	" "	1900,	11,931,189.
" "	1905,	16,533,876.	" "	1905,	22,787,100.
Feb. 27th	1909,	25,693,386.	Nov. 30th	1908,	34,062,408.
April 3rd	1909,	26,845,000.	Mar. 31st	1909,	35,128,244.

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