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GOOD FOR WOOLFORD

The good people of the Woolford district are certainly to be congratulated upon the receipt of such good news as reached them this week. We refer to the assurance received that the railway from Raley Junction to that thriving farm centre, will be made standard gauge and put into operation ready to move the crop this season. What this means to those living on the east side of the river can only be appreciated by people who have bumper crops every year, long distances and poor roads to haul over.

Taylorville and Kimball residents will share in this piece of good news, as this means a great advantage to them also in the grain haul. It will now be in order for the people living near the boundary line to open up negotiations for the further extension of that line to Kimball, since the survey is made and a good portion of the grading already done and with only an ordinary yield, there will be one hundred thousand bushels of grain for export purposes at the last named station. It is our candid belief that with the proper representation to the railway officials the extension may be secured, if not for this season, then to be in readiness for next year's crop.

It is evident now that the A. R. & I. Company recognizes that the St. Mary's River valley is without doubt the most fertile grain belt in Western Canada and they are fortunate in having the road in a condition to handle the traffic.

This is another evidence of the growth of the Cardston district and we are prepared to say truthfully, "the half has not yet been told."

The recent stormy weather through which we have just passed emphasizes one of the greatest present necessities of Cardston. The mud through which one was compelled to wade as soon as he left the sidewalks was the source of a great deal of annoyance; and the cry has gone up from every quarter of town, "Give us more sidewalks."

But the town Council, with the burden of debt they already have to bear, will be unable to meet this demand unless they have the united assistance of all concerned. Will they have it?

As a result of the recent strike of the coal miners a vast amount of damage has been done in this part of the country that should be obviated in the future. Not only has the development of the country been interfered with in a general way but even farmers dependent upon steam plows are unable to put in their crops and a great deal of suffering and inconvenience has been caused.

It should be the concern of the representative of the people in Parliament to see that such conditions do not occur again. Such measures can and should be adopted by which in the future the rights of the respective disputants can be determined by compulsory arbitration, and if it is found that the mine operators are oppressive in their requirements, they can easily be made to yield to the good of the common country, but if on the other hand the miners are found to be unjust in their demands they should be compelled to clear out and leave the employment open for anyone else who may wish to take it up.

They do these things better in Australia. There nothing is allowed to stand in the way of the development of the country, and it should be so in Canada.

THAT MAGRATH MATTER

That was a great scare heading under which the Winnipeg Telegram told of the attempt at kidnaping at Magrath the other day. The article was headed like this—"Calgary man is almost lynched by Mormon Mob," and the sub-heading goes on to exclaim—"Magrath, Alberta, Scene of Riot when 'Gentile' demands wife."

Under the foregoing title the Telegram of May 27th gives its readers a spicy bit of Anti-Mormon romancing that is quite ludicrous. In a Lethbridge special of the day previous, the Telegram informs its readers that:

"A mob of thirty or forty Mormons this afternoon mobbed, threatened to hang and severely handled two 'Gentile' men and a woman, at Magrath, a Mormon settlement about twenty-two miles southeast of here. The matter arose from the marriage a year or more ago of a Mormon girl to a 'Gentile,' as the Mormons call all non-members of their church and the interference of the church, which bars all marriages of its children to Gentiles."

It would seem that the church was a little late in interfering with a marriage that had taken place a year or more ago, but we resume the story:

"Mrs. Barclay about five months ago, returned to her mother's home at Magrath, and intended to return to her own home in the course of a week or two. Once back in Magrath, however, her parents and the church determined to keep her, and in spite of her husband's entreaties she refused to go to him."

"Today Barclay, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Bolderson of this city, and a friend of the Barclays, went down to Magrath to urge his wife once again to come back to him. She refused."

"He finally declared that if she would not come back he would have his child, which he did. If Mrs. Barclay wanted her child she could go with him, he declared. A mob got together and Barclay was shackled by a man who called himself 'sheriff.' He, his sister and Harrison were hauled before a Mormon magistrate, who gave orders that the child was to be returned to its mother, and that the three 'Gentiles' quit the place on the first train."

Such a report as this is unfair. Why is the Mormon church dragged into the matter, at all? What had the church to do with it? The Mormons are not alone in advising their members not to become 'unequally yoked together with unbelievers,' and the present instance illustrates the wisdom of their counsels.

It is nothing new that a young girl, surrounded by her kindred and friends, becomes infatuated with a stranger, and breaks away from all the ties of her childhood to cast her lot with his. The story is as old as civilization. Nor is it an unheard of thing that she soon discovers her mistake and returns to her childhood home. But it is unusual when the husband follows his wife back and kidnap her infant child, for his captors to take him before a magistrate. They sometimes resort to more strenuous measures, and if the kidnapper gets off with nothing more than a scold, he considers himself lucky; while public sympathy, as it ought to do, goes to the woman in the case.

But the ridiculous part of the whole affair is the effort of the Lethbridge correspondent to connect the Mormon church with the misdemeanor. If the members of the Mormon church transgress the law, let them be punished; but there is no justice in laying the transgression at the door of the church. The Mormons, as Mormons, had no more to do in this matter than did the Methodists or the Catholics. But aside from all this, neither the girl nor her parents are members of the Mormon Church.

Plenty of Screen Doors and Windows for sale.—Alberta Lumber & Hardware Co., Ltd.

Pennoyer & Oland have secured the contracts to build a handsome addition (three rooms and a porch) 16x36 to Martin Wood's present residence and a residence and warehouse at Spring Coulee for Mr. H. E. Kelley. The warehouse will be of the same dimensions as the Massey-Harris building. Work will commence immediately.

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We purpose carrying a complete line of the most popular sizes in tents and we intend to sell them at the lowest living profit. We now have two kinds of tents in stock and more to follow.

Tents 10 x 12, 3 feet side walls, 10 oz. Standard Duck. Complete with ropes, poles, stakes, etc.

Our Price \$13.75

Tents 10 x 12, 3 feet side walls, 10 oz. extra double filled Duck. Complete with Ropes, Poles, Stakes, etc.

Our Price \$16.35

In The T. Eaton Co's. latest catalogue, page 190, you will find their lowest price for 10 x 12—10 oz. Duck tents, including Poles, Pins, etc. is \$19.25 and then you pay the freight from Winnipeg to Cardston.

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All kinds of Musical Instruments and Sheet Music.
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PENNOYER & OLAND

Contractors & Builders

ÆTNA NEWS

Ætna, Alta. June 1, 1909.

Elder H. M. Bohne Jr. has returned from a mission to Denmark and is feeling well in spirit and body. We welcome him home.

Elder Neil S. Richards departed a few days ago for a mission to the Eastern States with same good feeling. At a little social in his behalf an enjoyable time was had and \$73.60 was given to assist him on his journey.

By Tanner is erecting a nice dwelling which will be a credit to our little town.

We note the tidy improvement Bro. Harry Byrne is making on his little home.

The grain is growing now and people feel a little more, encouraged; brighter days have come.

S. S. Conference next Sunday.

A SNAP FOR SALE

The South West 1/4 32, Twp. 3, Rce. 24 W-4th for particulars write W. F. Lever, Box 254, Lethbridge.

Notice

LOST—On the Cochrane Ranch last fall or winter, three head of colts. One bay mare three years old. One black mare two years old, and one black horse two years old. All brand d IK on left shoulder.

J. R. McKinnie
Clareholm.

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European Plan

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Comparative Figures For Fifteen Years

Capital Paid-up		Reserve and Undivided Profits	
May 31st 1891	\$ 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	\$ 7,622,090.
" " 1900	6,573,637.	" " 1900	11,031,182.
" " 1905	16,533,876.	" " 1905	22,767,100.
Feb. 27th 1909	25,692,386.	Nov. 30th 1908	34,062,408.
April 3rd 1909	26,845,000.	Mar. 31st 1909	35,128,244.

Cardston Branch.

G. M. Proud Manager.