NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

LLOYDMINSTER.

Bulletin News Service.

The result of the municipal election was as follows: Dr. J. Y. Hill, mayor; N. C. Lyster, J. Cumming, J. Proctor, H. Miller, councillors. N. C. Lyster received all the votes cast except three.

John Spackman, of Battleford, was a visitor in town this week.

H. E. Hopkins and family have left on a trip to Ontario.

J. F. McNamara spent two days in Edmonton this week.

J. C. Biggs, of Edmonton, was in town this week.

Dr. Amos is expected back from Onion Lake today.

The Christmas tree and entertainment given by the Presbyterian Sunday school tonight was a grand success.

Miss L. Carlton leaves on Sunday for her home in Ontario. The trustees of the village school are sorry to lose Miss Carlton.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church have made arrangements to bring that peerless entertainment, "Jimmie Fax," here early in February for two nights.

Mr and Mrs. Hugh Miller will spend the holidays with old friends in Ontario.

A. W. Robinson has returned to Saskatoon.

The new store at Blackfoot siding is now open for business.

Alf. Causley has returned to Blackfoot from Edmonton.

The new Greenwood school will be opened after the new year.

Percy Raymond is building a new residence on Sixth street.

W. J. Bingham has purchased the residence of H. E. Hopkins on Fifth street.

A. Huston has severed his connection with the Alberta hotel.

The S. L. H. will hold their smoker on New Year's night instead of Dec. 26 as at first announced.

Lloydminster, Dec. 19.

WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The Sunday school of Emmanuel church gave their Christmas entertainment in Rubbra's hall, Friday evening.

Mrs. N. G. Stovel and Mrs. Hoover, of Lewisville, left Saturday evening to spend Christmas with friends in Iowa.

Miss Bently and Miss Welles, of Daysland, returned to their homes after spending a few days in the city.

R. C. Ward, of Edmonton, was a city visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Johnson Thirsk, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ethel, left Thursday to visit friends in Ontario.

C. E. Vaughn has accepted a position at the electric light station.

Miss Kate Burgar, of Edmonton, is spending the holidays in the city.

Mrs. Wm. Robertson, of Millet, was a city visitor Monday.

An informal dance was given by the younger set in Giffing's hall Thursday evening, for Miss Bently and Miss Welles, of Daysland. About fifty young people were present.

Mrs. Riddell, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilford Forbes, has returned to her home in Portland, Me.

Geo. Steddick, manager of the hotel at Stone, was in the city on Friday on his way home from Edmonton.

H. G. H. Neville, C.E., of Red Deer, was in the city Friday in connection with the taking of the balance of the street levels.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. MacNamara spent Thursday in Edmonton.

A representative of the post office department was in the city on Wednesday, looking over prospective sites for a post office. It is reported he has arranged the purchase of sixty-seven feet from N. W. Gould, where Gourlie's hardware store now stands. This is a corner lot and one of the finest sites for the purpose in the city.

John Angus returned to his home at the coast last week after a visit with his brother, Robert Angus.

J. N. Niblock, of the C. P. R., was here on Friday and conferred with the council for 1909 in regard to the proposition of joining with the city in running a pipe line to Pigeon Lake. The matter was looked upon in a very favorable light and if completed would mean an inexhaustible supply of pure water with a gravity pressure sufficient for all purposes. Steps will be taken at once to have surveys made and estimates of the cost prepared.

Master Reginald and Gordon Wilkins, who have been attending a private school in Edmonton, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents.

Arthur O'Brien is home spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. O'Brien.

Wm. Dore is leaving shortly for a visit in the east and during his absence his business will be looked after by Jack Curtis, a former blacksmith of this place

At the last meeting of the city council, a bylaw was passed compelling all owners of property to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If this is not done within twenty-four hours after a storm the work will be done by the city and the cost charged against the property affected.

At six o'clock this evening the fire brigade was called out to a chimney blaze at the residence of Thos. Tousson. The chemical was on the spot in a short time, but its services were not required.

Great interest is being taken in the auction sales conducted by A. C. Gourlie.

Wetaskiwin, Dec. 21.

LAVOY.

Bulletin News Service.

H. Lubker, who has been employed by H. Morton during the summer, left for his home in the eastern states last week.

N. N. Bentley is visiting in Edmonton.

L. Stonehocker and D. Bingham were in Vegreville on business this week.

Mr. Rode moved his chopping mill to Mr. Henrie's near Gilpin this week.

Mr. McIntyre, general agent of the Massey Harris Co., was at Lavoy on the 14th.

Mr. W. Flack went as far as Dumistiree with his mother, who is going to their home in the states for a month or two to visit her parents.

A. George was married to Miss Tompkins on the 16th at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Eaton.

Born at Vegreville on the 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Bingham, a son.

R. McNutt left on the 17th for Edmonton with seventy-five dressed turkeys to sell.

The High Low school held a basket social and Christmas tree a few nights ago. Miss Vogel, the teacher, is to be congratulated upon its success.

Mrs. Hughes, of Cartwright, Man., is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Henderson. She arrived on the 4th and intends to stay the winter.

Rev. R. E. Harkness, the Baptist minister who held meetings at Mr. Verity's from Nov. 30th to Dec. 4th with the assasstance of Rev. W. Gazley, of B. C., intends holding meetings in Lavoy all next week except Wednesday and Saturday nights.

N. N. Bentley and J. C. Bentley are visiting in Edmonton.

Jas. Suddaby has arrived from B. C. and will spend the winter here.

Lavoy, Dec. 19th.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

Mrs. J. Carlyle Moore has gone to Montreal, where she will spend some time visiting friends.

Mrs. O. J. Rutter has been undergoing treatment for her eyes in Calgary.

A. F. Turnbull, of Calgary, is visiting his brother-in-law, C. E. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Payne left last Thursday evening for a month's visit to relatives and friends in Ontario.

Miss Snell, of Eckville, is spending a few days in town with her brother, Harold J. Snell.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held Tuesday evening, the 22nd.

C. L. Wilson, of the Imperial Bank staff, left for Ingersoll Friday last.

Miss Ramsay, Miss Young and Miss Johnson left for the east last week.

The Sunday school entertainment of the Methodist Church will be held next Wednesday evening. There will be two Christmas trees, the giving tree and the receiving tree. The receiving tree will be for the benefit of the Pekan Galician Mission and the children are expected to place toys, books, etc., on this tree themselves.

J. H. Wright left on Monday evening for a trip through British Columbia to study the markets and spy out the land in the west.

Fifteen ratepayers, among them the liverymen and the draymen, were summoned by Chief Rothnie for depositing manure in the old creek bed in the south end of the town. Mr. Wallace let them off with a caution. A permit from the Health Board must first be obtained for such action. Subsequently an informal meeting of the offenders was held, and three of their number were delegated to press upon the Council and the Board of Health the location of some place as a nuisance ground. The difficulties the town was under in trying to obtain a convenient nuisance ground were detailed by the mayor at the town meeting.

John Northey and Byron Northey left last Tuesday for California. W. Phillips went with them and will continue his trip to his old home in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Rutter, manager of the Alberta Hotel, and his staff has been for some days settled in his new office and dining-room quarters in the brick block, and the public have been quick to respond to the brighter and better accommodation. Leonard Mansell, the eastern chef, is now in charge of the dining department, and the new addition just built gives him greatly increased facilities in the way of spacious general dining-room and private dining-room, waiters' room, kitchen, pantries, cold storage, etc.

Fire broke out Thursday afternoon at the engine room of the Brackman-Ker elevator. The asbestos at the foot of the exhaust pipe had become worn, allowing the pipe to drop. The fire got in between the wall sheeting, but the Latimer & Bottrill chemical kept the fire down until the brigade's chemical arrived. The damage was very slight, amounting to $35 or $50.

Arthur Cuthbert has purchased Mr. North's interest in the Red Deer Skating Rink.

Miss Dow, who was severely burned in the fire which occurred n her millinery store last Thursday week, is recovering slowly.

Born—At the Vernon Jubilee Hospital on Saturday, December 5th, to Mrs. R. E. Berry, a daughter. At Red Deer, December 4th, to Mrs. Elliott Hume, a daughter. At Red Deer, on December 17th, to Mrs. H. H. Gaetz, a daughter.

Red Deer, December 21.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

Visitors to Edmonton on Saturday from here were Mrs. McClelland, Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh, Miss Staples, Sergt.-Major Emery, Mrs. Wm. Cameron, C. W. Browning.

W. P. Langworthy arrived in the Fort on Friday from Entwhistle.

T. W. White, of St. Albert, spent last Sunday in the Fort.

Mrs. G. O. Baetz and daughter spent Saturday at the Capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker of Spokane left on Saturday afternoon for their home after attending the golden wedding of his father and mother on Friday.

A. D. Ferguson, formerly of the Reporter staff, has gone to Athabasca Landing, where he will assist in publishing the Athabasca News.

Paul, son of T. Labelle, met with a serious accident on Thursday morning, breaking his leg, between the ankle and knee. The accident was caused by the running away of a team of horses, the boy being thrown out and the wagon passing over his leg. He was also otherwise badly bruised.

A hockey game has been arranged to be played on the rink here on Christmas Day between Vegreville team and the Fort.

The Fort Saskatchewan Hockey team have joined the Alberta Amateur Hockey association and have arranged the following dates: Dec. 25, Vegreville at Fort; Jan. 1, Fort at Vegreville; Jan. 6, Fort at Edmonton; Jan. 12, Edmonton at Fort; Jan. 29, Fort at Strathcona; Jan. 26 Strathcona at Fort Saskatchewan. Work is going ahead rapidly on the new curling rink on Government street and it promises to be a fine looking building. Karran Bros. are the contractors. A board of directors has been appointed and a committee to solicit shares in the company. It is expected the first game will be played on the new rink on New Year's Day.

Fort Saskatchewan, Dec. 19.

LAMONT.

Bulletin News Service.

The Young People's Guild held a very interesting literary last Friday evening. The program included a paper on, "The life and character of Tennyson," and a description of his poetry. The program was as follows: Remarks on Life of Tennyson, Rev. A. D. McDonald; Solo, Crossing the Bar, Dr. Archer; Recitation, "The Lotus Eaters," Miss Edith Bennett; Recitation, "Search for the Holy Grail," R. E. Harrison; Recitation, "The Revenge," Miss Sussie Alton; Quartette, "Sweet and Low,"; Recitation, "Lord of Burleigh," Miss M. Hull; Recitation, "Northern Farmer," Mr. Munro; Solo, "Low, my lute," Mrs. Pendleton. Recitation, "Lady of Shalott, Miss Jean Harrison; Reading, "To the Queen," Rev. A. D. McDonald; Recitation, "Break, break, break," Mrs. Howard.

Mr. John Alton has been engaged to teach the Beaver Creek school during the coming year.

Considerable work has been done on the skating rink and there is now good skating.

Miss Bessie Bennett left here on Friday to visit friends in Edmonton.

Some of the residents here intend to go to Ontario for their Christmas holidays. Among the number are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tory, Mrs. John Johnston and Miss Ada Johnston, Mrs. J. Hull.

Miss Mary McDonald is expected home at the manse next Friday. Miss Jean McDonald, nurse in the Public Hospital, is also returning for Christmas.

A meeting of the Girls' Club took place last Tuesday evening.

A Russian farmer residing some distance from here had his skull hurt by a falling tree, Dr. Archer accompanied him to Vegreville Hospital taday.

Lamont, December 17.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The local branch of the Merchants Bank closed on Monday 14th owing to insufficiency of business. The manager, A. S. Maxwell, may be transferred to Edmonton.

The municipal elections were held here on Monday with the following results: Mayor, Dr. P. Aylen, elected by acclamation; Councillors, D. Simmons (re-elected), H. Staples (re-elected), W. L. Wilkins, Achille Dubuc, W. A. D. Lees, J. W. Shera. For School trustees: W. Corbett, A. T. Chambers, A. M. Sutherland and S. A. Dixon, all elected by acclamation.

The bazaar held here on Monday and Tuesday of this week in Simmons' Hall in aid of the Catholic church was well attended and successful financially. Miss Maggie Batter and Miss Mary Morgan were each presented with a gold watch as a reward for the good work done by them in ticket-selling and general work for the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McLean and children left on Wednesday afternoon's local for Lethbridge.

Mrs. Frank Fetherstonhaugh left on Wednesday night for Ontario where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. Brown, of Calgary, is spending a few days in the Fort, visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. Walton.

Mr. Wallace Graham, advance agent for the James Fax Concert Co., and the Eckhardt family of Swiss Bellringers, was in the Fort on Wednesday and was successful in booking a date in February for the Fax Co. to appear.

Fort Saskatchewan, December 17.

VERMILION.

Rev. A. R. Aldridge, and sons Hardy and Athol, visited at Vegreville this week.

C. E. Henry, of Wainwright, was a visitor in town on Thursday.

W. J. Rutherford returned from a business trip to Edmonton on Thursday.

Rev. Wm. Simons returned on Tuesday from a business visit to Vegreville.

O. M. Biggar, barrister of Edmonton, was a visitor in town on Friday.

Nurse Lamb left for Fort Saskatchewan on Wednesday, where she will spend her Christmas holidays.

Mrs. H. G. Hunter, of Waterous, Sask., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Winters.

Miss A. Swanston spent Wednesday in Mannville.

H. P. Fieldhouse of Wainwright was in town on Thursday.

The opening of the Allandale school house sec. 16-52-5, was celebrated by a grand ball on Friday night.

Harry Bowtell, homestead inspector, paid a business visit to Islay on Saturday.

C. E. Henry of Wainwright was a visitor in town on Thursday.

Wm. Steele left on Saturday for a couple of months visit with friends in Ontario.

Joe Hing, Chinaman, has opened up a restaurant in the block formerly occupied by J. D. Nickle.

L. Minters and Joe Denoncourt of Wainwright visited town on Thursday.

J. H. Trimble of Islay was a visitor in town on Friday.

H. H. Robertson, barrister of Edmonton was in town on Thursday in connection with the district court sittings.

J. C. Biggs of Edmonton was in town on Friday.

Rod. McRae and wife left on Friday for a visit at their old home at Vankleek Hill, Ont.

Fred Bowtell of Wainwright renewed old acquaintances around town on Friday.

The district court for December was held in the town hall on Thursday, His Honor Judge Taylor presiding. The following actions were tried:

Thompson vs. McCleister. The action was for promissory notes given by the defendant in favor of Thompson. Judgment was reserved. H. H. Robertson of Edmonton, solicitor for the plaintiff and C. L. Freeman for the defendant.

M. Guinness vs. McCord. This action was for negligence in caring for cattle, and a counterclaim by the defendant for keeping and caring for cattle and for goods sold. Judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the action, and in favor of the defendant for the counterclaim. Norman Murray, solicitor for the plaintiff, and C. L. Freeman for the defendant.

The municipal elections on Monday resulted in some very close contests. For mayor Dr. G. H. W. Ryan was victorious over H. N. Stephens by 44-39. For councillors A. Roseborough, W. E. Craig and G. E. Hayward were elected by the following number of votes: A. Roseborough 58, W. E. Craig 53, G. E. Hayward 41 and J. Graham 33. On Tuesday night they were serenaded by the band.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE.

Bulletin News Service.

At the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the district the Liberals of Lesser Slave Lake and surrounding settlements met on November 20th and organized a Liberal Association. This is the first political organization to be formed north of the Athabasca River and the enthusiasm displayed augurs well for the future of the Liberal Party in the north. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity and fully one hundred people were turned away being unable to get even standing room.

Dr. Boulanger, as convener, called the meeting to order and in a fluent speech explained the object of the meeting and pointed out the necessity of the Liberals organizing. He outlined the aims of a Liberal association and the benefits the district would derive from such an organization.

The next speaker, Mr. Daniel Ferguson spoke in Cree and amply justified his reputation as one of the most eloquent speakers of Northern Alberta. He said that the time had arrived when the people should organize and be in a position to discuss the public questions of the day in a businesslike manner and take an active interest in the welfare of their country.

Nominations were then called for and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Hon. Frank Oliver; Hon. 1st vice-president, W. F. Bredin, M.L.A.; Hon. 2nd vice-president, Senator P. Roy; president, Dr. J. J. Boulanger; 1st vice-president, Daniel Ferguson; 2nd vice-president, Louis Jobin; secretary, W. J. Doherty; treasurer, Dan S. Hayden. Executive: Verner Maurice, Sam. Cunningham, Alfred Beaudry, Ed. Green, O. D. Hill, George Morin, Martin Ouilette, Jos. Tomkins, Louis Bourassa, L. Levasseur and James Bell.

The association is to be congratulated on having such a representative and capable list of officers. Dr. Boulanger is an earnest, energetic worker.

W. F. Bredin, M.L.A., the local member, was then called upon to address the meeting. He said he was very glad to note that the young men were taking such an interest in political matters. He pointed out the high principles the Liberal party always maintained in their undertakings and trusted that the new association would endeavour to sustain the high standard set by the party leaders.

Those present who desired to join the association were requested to sign the Membership book, and during the meeting 137 signed their names. With such an excellent start there is no doubt the membership will be increased to over 200 in a very short time.

Before closing a resolution was passed expressing confidence in the Liberal policies, both Federal and Provincial and the meeting then closed by giving three cheers for the Liberal party, Sir Wilfred Laurier and Hon. Frank Oliver.

RANFURLY.

Bulletin News Service.

The literary and debating society met Wednesday evening with a very large attendance which was no doubt due to the interesting subject of debate. This was the first time in the history of the society that the ladies had taken part in a debate and judging from the appreciative audience and the way in which they handled the subject it will not be the last. The subject of the debate was "Resolved that a dirty, good natured mate is preferable to a clean, cranky one." Mr. A. C. Wittman, Mrs. Lambert and Miss Stuart in the affirmative, and Mr. C. Johnson, Mrs. Wittimann and Mrs. Smith the negative. The judges were Miss Steele, Mrs. Pittman and Mr. Gibony.

The programme for the evening consisted of the following: Instrumental by Miss Watson, Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Reading by Mrs. Wittimann, song by Mr. R. Clark, solo by Mr. Wm. Wood and reading of the Ranfurly Echo.

Next Thursday evening there will be a concert held in the School house with a supper for the children who have prepared a splendid program for the occasion.

Seventeen of the villagers have left this month for the east and other points to spend the holidays at home.

Already twenty-three cars of grain have been shipped from here and with three buyers in the field it is expected that this year will exceed any previous year and as the prices paid are higher than other places along the line and the quality of grain also, this district has reason to be proud of its showing.

W. J. Reid was in town for a few days last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shilleto.

J. S. Wood intends building a large warehouse in connection with his store.

At the Farmer's Association Meeting last week Messrs. Austin and Johnson were elected delegates to the conference of Alberta branch of the association, to be held in Edmonton in January.

Ranfurly, December 17, 1908.

ENTWHISTLE.

Bulletin News Service.

On Sunday evening divine service was held in the Liberal Club Hall and the new organ was used for the first time. Over 60 persons attended. Rev. Mr. Wright, the minister gave a very earnest address. Mrs. Bodmer presided at the organ. A meeting was announced for December 31st at 8 p.m. when the Rev. Dr. Riddell, of Alberta College will be present.

The first removal took place here, the store of the Elsie Brick Co. being conveyed to King street, adjoining Hood's store. The removal was undertaken by W. McDiarmid and McLeod.

It is reported that a contract of 50 miles of the Canadian Northern Railway work was placed recently. The line will be near the townsite, or join the G.T.P. at the bridge, it is understood.

The work of the bridge of the G.T.P. over the Pembina River is progressing at a good rate, overtime work being the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Entwistle are going into Edmonton for Christmas.

Incoming freighters are using the right-of-way for most of the journey.

Entwistle, December 14.

ALIX.

Bulletin News Service.

Alix, Dec. 17—The union school Christmas tree and entertainment will be held on Wednesday the 23rd and a big crowd is looked for. There will be some special drills for the children.

A seed fair will be held in Alix next month and it is expected there will be some fine exhibits. Some good prizes will be offered.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid intend having a Scotch concert here on Jan 27th.

The Church of England choir have been practising a good deal lately in preparation for the Christmas service.

The Content Literary Society, organized this winter, has held three most successful and enjoyable metings.

Great Bend, over the river, is getting up a big Christmas tree and entertainment for Christmas Eve.

Mr. Mackie, of Mackie & Burris, Stettler passed through Alix on his way to Ontario today.

The new mail car, Lacombe-Stettler is certainly well patronized by Alix.

Business i quite brisk in Alix just now.

Mr. Percy Yarwood returns home from Edmonton College on the 19th for the Christmas holidays.

HURRY.

Bulletin News Service.

Hurry, Dec. 17.—Mr. Orin Daley left here on Monday for the Lake of the Woods to join his brother Lemuel.

Mr. Alfred Hall has returned to Michigan for good.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haight of Harland are here spending a few days.

Rev. Wm. Haight is announced to preach east of Harland at C. M. Haight's house next Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Harris made a business trip to Vegreville this week.

Mrs. Archie Elmas received word from the Sisters of Charity, that her husband was ill with typhoid fever at the hospital in Daysland, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt went to Daysland Saturday to see her sister.

H. F. Allen, who was 88 years old last August, is in fairly good health and spending his second winter in Alberta. He can read the ordinary newspaper print without glasses.

Mr. J. B. Peterson has secured the contract for building the Nester school house, about six miles east of here.

Mr. George Jones has gone to Edmonton for employment.

Mr. George Woods is spending this winter on his homestead.

Rev. King and wife have returned to Edmonton.

Mr. M. S. Haight has contracted to build the wall for the Nester school house.

HOLDEN.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. S. Mumford's new boarding house is complete and Mr. Mumford is ready to accommodate the travelling public.

Mr. F. L. Farley inspector for National Trust Co., of Camrose was in town on Friday and appointed R. Allan agent at this point. Mr. Farley is quite taken up with Holden's prospects and thinks Holden will make the best town on the G.T.P. east of Edmonton in Alberta.

Rev. Mr. Davidson, Methodist minister, has rented Mr. Peterson's residence and will in future reside at Holden.

Messrs. Ralph King and Thos. Appleby went to Strathcona on Saturday on a trip.

The Holden Literary and Debating society is making for itself quite a reputation. The debate on Thursday night was on "The Yellow Peril" and was indeed a very interesting one. We expect to hold a series of debates with Tofield after Christmas.

The steel is only fifty miles east of Holden now, and in two week's time we expect to see the track-laying gang here. It will be a treat to see the G.T.P. trains. We have been waiting for them for some time. Upon the advent of the steel "watch Holden grow."

ALIX.

A meeting was called by the Alix Literary Society on Tuesday, for the purpose of appointing officers and making plans for the season. Mr. Yarwood was elected president, Mr. Kern secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Pancrucker vice-president, Miss Hall and Mr. Howe executive committee. It was decided to have the first literary meeting on Friday, Jan. 8, 1909. It is not yet known where future meetings are to take place. The present one was held in the church. There is quite a large membership and the society is looking forward to "feasts of reason." There was some talk of Bobby Burns, but that is for another day.

Tees had a Scotch concert last week and several Alix people who hail from that "countree" went over to sample the Haggis, to sing Scotch songs and to dance Scotch reels. Mr. Alexander Mather was great in his sword dance, and danced the Highland fling to perfection. The skirl of the pipes was also heard, Mr. Donald being accountable. There is to be Haggis and Scotch songs and things at Alix on Dec. 23rd, when the Christmas tree is to be, and it is expected that Tees will come over and "brithers be" on that occasion.

Lots of grain is being shipped from the elevator.

The gentleman who bought Mr. Wright's place is Capt. Ampthill of Calgary. Mr. Wright sold out and went home to England.

We are having splendid weather, chinook winds and clear skies.

Alix is a busy place just now, business good, the new restaurant flourishing and the Imperial Hotel to open next week.

PURSUED BY DYNAMITE.

Resident of Prince Rupert Meets Death Finally From Blast.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 21—Do what he would, McKinley Willis, resident of Knoxville, could not escape dynamite explosions, and after dodging them for a year, even selling out his business and moving away from the scene of greatest danger, he was last week claimed by death as the result of blasting work being carried on six miles south of here.

Willis died in the hospital here on Sunday from the effects of being struck with a rock from a blast on the work of Contractor Baikus.

Willis, who was sixty years of age, came to Prince Rupert from Port Essington early last spring. He was a baker by trade, and opened a shop at Knoxville, the mineral claim suburb. His building had not long been erected when it was wrecked by blasting operations, and Willis had an exceedingly narrow escape for his life. Undaunted by this first accident, Willis rebuilt his premises, but he always took to the sheltering hills at blasting time. Nemesis in the shape of dynamite cartridges, pursued the man, however, and he seldom left shelter but what he had a narrow escape. This flirting with death so preyed on the old man's mind that he finally sold out his bakeshop and moved six miles south so as to be out of danger.

The railway grade chased Willis to his new quarters and the man had not long been established there before his leg was broken in a blasting accident, and he had just recovered from the effects of that accident when he was struck by the rock which caused his death. Willis leaves a wife and several children.

THE PANAMA GRAFT.

New York World Editor Starts Out to Learn.

Newport News, Dec. 22.—Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers, arrived off Old Point Comfort today on Mr. Pulitzer's yacht Liberty. It is stated that he is on his way to Panama to investigate into the conditions prevailing in the canal zone, and probably to secure evidence in connection with the purchase of the canal property by the government. According to information obtained, the yacht will make the trip by easy stages. The publisher desires to reach Panama about the time set for the arrival there of President-elect Taft. Mr. Pulitzer's trip is of especial interest on account of the attitude of President Roosevelt in demanding that congress have Mr. Pulitzer and other publishers prosecuted for criminal libel for publishing articles attacking the administration in connection with the canal purchase

NO CHANCE OF RACE.

Lipton's Designer Lays Aside Plans For Cup Challenger.

Glasgow, Dec. 29.—As there is no prospect for an American cup race in 1909, the time limit for entering a challenge having been passed, Wm. Fife, Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht designer, has laid aside the plans for a cup challenger which had been well nigh completed. Sir Thomas and Mr. Fife are both desirous of another race for the American cup, but the restrictions of the New York Yacht Club make the chance of a challenge well nigh impossible.

ENGINE CRASHED INTO STREET CAR

Collision Between Train and Steam Engine in Chicago Results in the Death of One Man and Injury of Four Other Persons.

Chicago, Dec. 21—One man was killed and four other persons, including two women, were injured when a Chicago terminal transfer railroad engine crashed into a Chicago Southern Traction company's electric car at Blue Island this evening. A misunderstanding of signals is attributed as the cause of the wreck. The engine, pulling a number of passenger coaches bound for Harvey, struck the rear end of the street car, throwing it from the rails and breaking all the windows. The accident occurred at One Hundred and Thirty-Eighth street.

Wm. Schlinder, 23 years of age, Ashland avenue, and 144th street, crushed under the street car, was the man killed.

The car had reached the crossing and stopped when they saw a white light from the engine. The crew of the street car believing that the train had been backed by the crossing decided to go ahead. At the same time, the engineer of the passenger train opened the throttle and the passenger train moved toward the crossing. The motorman of the car realizing that the engineer of the passenger train intended to cross the street, turned on all speed. The engine, however, struck the rear of the car with terrific force, spinning the car in a semi-circle and throwing it a dozen feet from the rails.

150,000 PAID IN DUTY.

On Paintings and Bricabrac Smuggled in From England.

Chicago, Dec. 21—Upon paying into court $82,411 in addition to the $70,409.18 she has already paid the government, Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne today obtained possession of the oil paintings, tapestries and bric-a-brac, which the government seized last July when Mrs. Chadbourne smuggled the goods from England.

"This is the end of the Chadbourne-Gardner case," said District Attorney Sims. "More than $150,000 has been paid and I am of the opinion that the ends of justice have been satisfied and will so report to the attorney-general. There will be no criminal prosecution."

No attempt to fight the case was made by Mrs. Chadbourne, who confessed judgment through her representative.

SHINGLES!

Just arrived a large consignment of best Cedar Shingles. Now is the time to buy, when the price is low. Call and get what you require at once and save money.

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John R. Boyle Made Su plimentary Banquet of Constituency—Eve ed by Over 150 Pe of Public Works Pre

On Friday evening las from all parts of the S stituency gathered at N house, where they tende mentary banquet of a po to J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., About 150 were present ably the largest gatherin at a function of this kin in the province of Alberta in the school house were three long tables were end table for the guest the speakers of the evenin quet was a splendid spe tering was done by C. W of Edmonton, in his usu style. The speeches were and a spirit of hearty goo prevailed. One of the features of the evening w ence of a number of ladies qu et. Great credit is committee in charge of the success of the evening.

Letters of regret were Premier Rutherford, H Cross, attorney general, T. Finlay, minister of who were unable to be p Webber acted as chairman master of the evening style. The toast to the K sponded to by singing anthem. "Our Guest" w by Mr. Mason, of Strath and Andrew Raffin, of and was responded to by W. H. White, member federal constituency of sponded to the toast to th Commons. The toasts to government and the legis replied to by Hon. W. R minister of public works, plied to the toast to the interests, and Rev. Mr. Namao, responded to the ladies. "Old Times" replied to by Mr. H. Bell old residents of the Nam J. H. Thamer, of the Gre Edmonton, replied to th "the press."

Three Gambling Dens

Montreal, Dec. 20.—T bling houses were raided a arrested, while gambling nalia valued at nearly $ sisting of roulette wheels, stud poker tables, cards a checks were seized at one morning. The raids were personal direction of Chief and the houses visited we street, Catherines street a seity street. One of the h joins the French Presbyteri Each man arrested had to bonds for his appearance Monday morning. This is raid made in the city for y