

Strathcona News

CHRISTMAS MARRIAGE.

The marriage took place on Christmas day at the home of Mr. R. LaPoint, Strathcona, of Mr. Daniel Stary Nibet, late of the Southern Rillodeste constabulary, and Miss Mary Ann Vance, late of the General Hospital staff, Montreal. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Johnston, M.A., B.D.

HOCKEY TEAM CHANGES.

The Strathcona hockey team will have their regular practice tomorrow night. There will be a rearrangement in the position of the defense, McCrae, who formerly played at point, and Raitt, who was at cover point, exchanging places. This is expected will greatly strengthen the defense for the game on New Year's day in Edmonton.

TRAINS DELAYED.

The afternoon train from Calgary, due at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, did not arrive till almost three o'clock this morning and the night express pulled into Strathcona about two hours later. The delay this time was caused by the derailment of five cars of a freight train near Bowden yesterday forenoon. There were no injuries, but as a result traffic was tied up all day. The cause of the accident was a broken rail.

AT THE POLICE COURT.

At the police court this morning before Magistrates Ritchie and Tippen, judgment was given in the case of Steve Murdoch, charged by Officer Harris with obstructing him in the discharge of his duty as officer at night. The evidence went to show that on Christmas eve, while Officer Harris was arresting a prisoner, Murdoch interfered with the intention of taking home the man under arrest. A nominal fine of \$5 was imposed with costs making a total of \$15.25.

IN THE HOTELS.

Strathcona hotel—P. B. Wallace, Toronto; C. A. Scott, Vancouver; A. Ansh, Maple Creek; Mr. Lee, Afton; Orill, and W. S. McManon, Calgary; J. Radis, Leduc; S. W. Arbuckle, G. Bookless, Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fraser, Miss O. Fraser, Parry Sound; W. Galagher, T. Spencer, W. Edmonds, Calgary.

Dominion hotel—H. Lawton, Strathcona; J. W. Parson, Clover Bar; J. Thompson, Strathcona; A. Stevens, G. Miller, M. Ritz, G. Hiebert, G. Sauer, Olds; F. Frank Corbett, J. M. Brown, Afton; W. J. Chambers, Calgary.

EDMONTON VS. STRATHCONA.

On invitation of the members of the Strathcona Curling club two rinks from Edmonton played two rinks of Strathcona club on their Christmas morning, resulting in favor of Edmonton as follows:

Strathcona. Edmonton.
T. Henderson E. H. Simpson
E. T. Baines W. B. Ibbotson
A. J. McLean W. H. Ketchum
G. F. Downes A. C. Fraser

—Skip, 07 —Skip, 16
A. Garbe T. Didsbury
V. McIntyre G. Congdon
W. H. McMahon T. M. Turnbull
W. H. Sheppard E. J. Kinnaird

—Skip, 11 —Skip, 13
Total, 193 —Total, 229

After the games the visitors were entertained at the Strathcona hotel as the guests of the club.

LOCALS.

Repairs are being made to the Parish block, recently injured by fire.

Installation of officers in the Masquipp lodge takes place this evening.

Higgins & Higgins, saddlers and harness makers, have removed from Strathcona to Edmonton.

The annual Sunday school concert of the Methodist church will be held on the evening of New Year's day in the church.

Mr. J. L. Porte reports a large number of inquiries from across the border for land in this section of the country. Already a number of farms have been rented to Americans for a year.

A special meeting of the town council will be held tomorrow evening. The retiring council will on this occasion conclude the business of the year in preparation for their successors who will hold their first meeting on Jan. 1.

ing for organization on Monday, Jan. 7th, the day on which they take office.

NEW MACHINERY FOR GRAVEL PLANE.

(Wednesday Daily) J. J. Huff, president of the Huff Grading Co., leaves tomorrow for Montreal, Toledo and Chicago to purchase new machinery for the gravel plant which will next summer supply the gravel necessary for the large undertakings by the city. Mr. Huff stated this afternoon that he had recently closed a deal for two acres more of ground down near the bridge, being the old Carver & Kelly Brewery site and an acre of the Mc Dougall estate for which he paid a handsome figure and which he intends to work with a steam dredge next summer. His present trip east is to purchase the dredge and have it shipped to Edmonton in time to go to work early in the spring. He also intends to purchase another rock crusher, a couple of centrifugal pumps for wash.

MISSISSIPPI RACE TROUBLES.

Bulletin Special. Scooba, Miss., Dec. 28.—Late yesterday indecent reports reach here that four negroes had been killed by a posse and killed five miles east of here. It was also reported that the negroes in and around the town were in a state of unrest and trouble was feared. A telegram was sent to Governor Vardaman at Jackson, asking that troops be forwarded from Meridian. The governor ordered a company of militia and the soldiers arrived here today. Speeches were made by the governor and the soldiers, however, that no trouble existed in Scooba. The reported killing of four negroes yesterday was a direct outgrowth of the recent trouble at Wash, Miss., where a desperate fight occurred on a Mobile & Ohio railway train. One of the negroes was killed outright and the conductor received severe injuries. Great excitement prevailed at Wash when it was reported that the negroes had threatened to exterminate the white people and burn the town. Governor Vardaman promptly sent the militia to the scene but after remaining there for three days, they returned to Meridian to report that the danger of further trouble had apparently passed away.

ENTOMBED FIFTEEN DAYS.

Bakersfield, Calif., Dec. 28.—Lloyd B. Hicks, released last night from an entombment of fifteen days in a cavern in a tunnel, today appeared well and happy after his gruesome experience, spending much of the time in receiving congratulations of friends and neighbors, to whom he related how he had the feelings he underwent within the dark, close quarters of his tomb. Hicks, who was the dead body of five men, was found by a party of five men working like beavers day and night for more than two weeks to dig through many feet of earth and rock. So strong was Hicks at the finish that he helped to scrape away the last barrier of earth and gravel with slight assistance from death, to life.

Hicks was not emaciated. He was so strong that the stimulants that had been prepared for him were not needed. His beard was thick and stubby, but not as much as might have been expected. His face and hands were dirty, but his clothing was fairly clean and in good condition.

While working on a tunnel that was being built by the Edison Power Co., near Bakersfield, the vertical shaft of a deep cut fell in on Hicks and five fellow workmen. It was at first thought that all had perished under the hundreds of tons of rocks and earth.

Three days later a tapping on the iron rail of the little tramway running through the drift gave the first indication that a man was still alive beneath the debris.

A twenty foot pipe, two inches in diameter, was immediately forced through the debris. It reached the spot where Hicks was entombed. A heavy dirt bar had become wedged in the debris in such a way as to keep the immense weight from crushing him.

Hicks pulled the wooden plug from the pipe and called to the men above him. His voice sounded like the voice of one from the grave.

Through the pipe, the men working on top learned from Hicks that he had survived. He had talked with his companions, but that they had become silent and he believed they were dead.

By the use of the pipe Hicks kept in communication with a big force of rescuers, at once organized. Milk was poured down the pipe. This was the only sustenance it was possible to give the man for nearly two weeks.

During the first two days Hicks said he existed on a plug of tobacco he had with him at the time of the cave-in.

It was thought at first that his rescue would be only a matter of a few days, but as the work progressed it was seen that the task was a much more difficult one than anticipated.

In a narrow space under the car there was just room for Hicks to lie down. This position did not allow of the slightest freedom of movement, and for days the man was lying on his back, unable to move his head, and for days the car over his head and bring down upon himself an avalanche of dirt that would mean his death.

Through the pipe he directed the work of rescue, guiding the course of the tunnel, the miners started to dig, and he was able to direct the work of the miners, which was a very delicate task.

CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM. London, Dec. 28.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra, with the Princesses of Wales, passed Christmas at Sandringham. From an enormous menu occupying the entire length of the ball room, the king and other members of the royal family

personally distributed gifts to each member of the household. Tenants and employees of the royal family received remembrances, and coal being distributed to widows and poor laborers. The King's Christmas dinner included a bear's head, the gift of Emperor William, caviar andurgeon from Emperor Nicholas, and roasted pascov and young swans from Hampton court to add to the traditional turkey and turkey. The King has also sent a number of specially fattened young swans to many members of the European royal families.

General signs of prosperity are more plentiful this Christmas than for many years. Stores have been packed for weeks and have enjoyed an unprecedented flood of business. Crowds of poverty-stricken, unemployed, so painfully "cheerless" in London streets years ago are absent this year, indicating that all branches of trade are participating in improved conditions.

FORGER CAUGHT.

Bulletin Special. Kenora, Ont., Dec. 28.—John West was placed on trial here today for forgery. The charge is that he issued a check for \$400 against the T. Eaton Co., securing some \$10 in goods and the balance in cash. He was caught here and elected for a speedy trial.

STURGEON NOTES.

Correspondence. Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—A Christmas tree social was held in Sunday school on Friday, 21st. The school was crowded almost to suffocation. The program was a good one, being well planned and their parts by Miss Stave and others. A collection of over \$38 was taken for a school organ.

RANFURLEY.

Correspondence. Ranfurley, Dec. 28.—Mr. Courtman is getting water in abundance in this village. He has finished boring in the hotel property, getting water at thirty-six feet. It is now boring for J. S. Wood, a young man who has a well on the property, getting water at thirty-six feet. It is now boring for J. S. Wood, a young man who has a well on the property, getting water at thirty-six feet.

After a short literary program the judges gave their decision, with an in-favor of the affirmative.

The next meeting will be held on December 28th. Subject for debate: "Resolved: That single life is preferable to married life."

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LACOMBE.

Lacombe, Dec. 28.—A very sad accident, causing the death of James Brazier, took place at what is known as the Thorne mine on Tuesday last week. Brazier was digging coal when a great quantity of earth fell on him and fell on him, bringing him to his knees and causing internal injuries to which he succumbed during the night.

Deceased was well and favorably known, having kept the score at basketball. He leaves two little children who were being living with their grandparents.

A CHURCH SEXTON'S STORY.

How Eliza Restored Him After Long Absence. Mr. G. Wilson, Sexton of the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, and living at 53, Wickson Avenue, has recently told a press representative how he had been restored to his position after a long absence.

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town complain that they are greatly bothered this winter with early snow coming to their premises in clearing condition. Owing to the great depth of snow and masses of straw these horses get very little to eat except as they reach farmers' stacks. These are horses which have never been taken in by their owners. Some are valuable animals which deserve better treatment at the hands of their owners. Farmers do not like to take them in because there is no legal allowance for feeding them and many men take advantage of this peculiar legal provision to get their stock wintered free of charge. Common decency and a desire to deal humanely with the dumb brutes compels the farmers to feed these animals and to be bothered with them at a great deal without hope of compensation.

Seasons such as this make it apparent that there should be a check pound in rural communities where stray animals could be taken and kept for an expense until winter. This district is no longer a ranching country and there is no excuse for cattle and horses being taken in at large in the winter since fences have cut off the pasture commons to such a large extent. The owners of the few winters in Northern Alberta when horses need comfortable shelter but they need it badly now and horses men and farmers who have not gathered in their stock since summer should get them in if they cannot afford any value or would not be charged with cruelty to

After the Police

Calgary Alberta; At the Presbyterian church yesterday before the sermon Rev. Mr. Clark made a statement to the congregation.

H. said: "It is well known to all of us that one of the most serious and most loved members of our church season in the past few weeks, has passed through a terrible ordeal. To a pure and innocent man no experience could be more distressing and horrible. It is quite unnecessary now to dwell on the details of this particular incident as it has ended, as it was certain to end in a country where justice is administered impartially and judiciously. In the meantime, the vindication of an innocent man, but this is not the end. The whole affair has brought out the light in a most unfortunate state of things in our city. This is a most unfortunate situation for us all, a situation that cannot continue in any civilized British community. Every citizen who is worthy the name must have the greatest satisfaction of knowing that virtue is protected and that vice is made so difficult, so unprofitable, and so unattractive. The common comment is that it is just the other way.

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