

DISTRICT NEWS

LLOYDMINSTER.

Christmas passed off very quietly here, everyone seemed to spend the day quietly at home.

The entertainment given in the Blackfoot school by the scholars under the direction of the teacher, Miss Carlson, was a decided success. The school was filled to overflowing, there not being even standing room, and the program was an excellent one and reflects much credit upon Miss Carlson, who trained the pupils and supplied the such as the Christmas treat for the children and parents.

The town hall has been placed in position and will be used for the main purposes.

The order maintained in town is so good that the police are complaining that they have not had even a drink for a month to deal with.

A double wedding took place at Blackfoot yesterday at the residence of Mr. George Truscott, when his daughter, Jessie, was united in marriage to Mr. E. Plater, a great neighbor and Mr. Plater's sister was married to Mr. Donaldson, of Kitchico. Both parties are well known in this district.

Bradford Yeo is still confined to his room, but is improving.

Burt Stafford, of the telephone force, was taken to the hospital yesterday suffering from some acute stomach trouble.

H. B. Hall is receiving a large amount of grain these days, and is paying the highest prices. Mayor Hall deserves great credit for thus helping the settlers to turn their surplus grain into money and thereby relieving to a very great extent much of the distress felt in this district, owing to the inability of the settlers to find a market for their grain heretofore.

The village municipal elections take place on January 6th, Wednesday night.

H. P. P. it has commenced the election of a foot addition to his store on Broadway.

Miss Lizzie Irwin has returned from Edmonton, where she has been attending college.

Crown Prosecutor Livingston, K.C., Mr. Earl, barrister, and the sheriff, all of South Battleford, are in town today on legal business.

Lloydminster will undoubtedly will bring forward a candidate at the next legislative election and the name of N. C. Lister and Dr. Ames are the men that the party are looking forward to. The nomination of either would mean little if any opposition as both are very popular and able men and well known throughout the whole district.

Police Officer Cavil returned today, bringing his bride with him.

H. Scott, of Scott Bros., is in Chicago on a business trip for the firm.

The social given by the ladies of the Methodist church last night was a big success. Bible and King's hall were well filled and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

The Christmas decorations at the

King Edward hotel were the best ever seen here and the means also most elaborate ever offered. Host Irwin is receiving congratulations on every side.

A night telephone fire alarm service is being arranged with the local exchange and details will be made known to the public when completed.

The Liberal meeting today to select delegates to the Battleford convention was largely attended and was one of the best meetings ever held here by the party. Dr. Ames occupied the chair and E. J. Lister was secretary.

The meeting was addressed by H. G. Lyle, Geo. H. O. Range and Dr. Ames. The delegates are: Dr. Ames, E. J. Lister, Mr. Cameron, J. E. McNamara, Geo. H. O. Range, George Scott, H. C. Lyle. The delegates were pledged by the meeting to support Mr. Champaign, M.P.P.

INDEPENDENCE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Christmas season was fittingly celebrated in Independence this year. For some time previous to the happy anniversary, preparations had been made for the advent of Old Kins Kringle.

On the evening of the school day in the old year, the sized inn, the fine new church was crowded with people from all sections of the community, who had gathered to witness the efforts of the tiny tots as well as the more important work of their elders. The decorations were most artistic and emblematic of the season.

The office of chairman was most acceptably filled by Mr. Frederick Thompson, a son of Dr. F. H. Thompson, of Toronto, Ont., the well-known musician, who also assisted in the vocal part of the programme, his fine tenor voice being heard to great advantage.

Though the programme was of some length, the interest of the large audience was maintained throughout. Among the features of the programme which might be especially noted, were the tableaux, a patriotic display being presented by the picture of the Red Cross Nurse, represented by Miss Keane, who ministered to the wants of the wounded soldier, Herbert Torrington, whilst that stirring war anthem, "The Colnials and the Flag," was sung behind the scenes. The old, yet ever new story of the birth of the Redeemer was beautifully portrayed in the tableau of the Holy Birth, the part of the Virgin being taken by Leona Lorer, who wore the typical Eastern costume, while the Christian carols were sung.

A most important feature was the playing of the "The Captive of Rose," the part being especially well taken, and the audience and concert were excellent, and although none but amateurs were acting, the audience was convulsed with laughter at the antics of the servants, and the clever tricks played on the unsuspecting score, especially the elopement of Rose.

The recitations and choruses of the school children were up to a high standard of excellence, and showed careful preparation. The vocalists of the evening were Mr. Torrington and Miss Keane, who also assisted with a dramatic reading, "Woe 'Till You Buy My Pretty Flowers," the completion of the arch being formed by the girls wearing the national costumes of Germany, United States, Japan and China, each bearing an arch of their national flower.

At the close of the programme the term prizes and certificates were presented, and then the children were made extremely happy by the entrance of old Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to the entire district from the large and beautifully decorated tree. When Santa had finished his task, and departed for other places, the ladies of the church served tea.

At the conclusion the chairman called for three cheers and a slogan for Miss Keane, who was responsible for the finest Christmas tree in the district. The cheers were given in royal style, and the evening was closed by a close by the singing of the national anthem.

The programme was as follows: Chairman's address, Mr. Torrington; recitation, "We Welcome You," Mary Baker; organ solo, "Sappho," Miss J. Keane; chorus, "When We First Came," school; solo, "A Soldier's Song," Mr. Hersey; recitation, "Why Should the Spirit of Moral Be Proud?" Victoria Welch; recitation, "A Tiny Tot," Harry Torrington; dialogue, "An Entirely Different Matter," Eddie Pickering, Harry Smith; solo (with vocal obligato) "Eileen Alannah," Mr. Torrington; dramatic reading, "The Curlew," Miss Keane; reading, "Christmas Eve in Connellville," L. Lorer; chorus, "Highland Lullaby," school; recitation, "Making Mud Pies," Susie Wolfe; tableau, "The Colnials and the Flag," Miss Keane; Red Cross nurse, Herbert Torrington; dialogue, "Mamma's Charming," Leona Lorer (Mamma); Agnes Pickering (Pickington); solo, "Honeyuckle and the Bee," Mr. Torrington; recitation, "A Little Girl's Wishes," Isabelle Willis; recitation, "What's the Use of Growling?" H. Torrington; farce in four acts, "The Capture of Rose," George Spriggs (young man); Mat Graft; Rose Ellickton (his fiancée); Clara Torrington; Squire Ellickton (rich man); Mr. Hersey; James Flynn (George's chum); Charles Hersey, Professor Lilliput (a great player); Mike Lorer; Pompey (negro servant); John Lorer; Pompey (negro servant); Maurice Lorer; Poppy (a little colored girl); Leona Lorer; Tableau, "The Birth of Christ," L. Lorer (Virgin), singing of Christmas carols; solo, "Old Blue," Mr. Hersey; recitation, "Me," Agnes Pickering; chorus, "A Jolly Good Song," soprano, Misses Keane, Torrington; all

los, Misses Lorer, Willis; tenors, Messrs. Torrington, M. Lorer; basses, Messrs. Mat Graft, Mike Lorer; solo, "The Thought of Home," Mr. Torrington; duet, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," Misses Keane, Lorer; dialogue, "Arkansas Traveller," Lorer; Mr. John Lorer; traveller, Mr. Mat Graft; action song, "Jack Frost," Jack; Mr. Torrington; floral arch, "Flower Song," Misses Torrington and Keane; England, Miss Clara Torrington; France, Miss Irene Keane; Germany, Isabelle Willis; United States, Victoria Welch; China, Agnes Pickering; Japan, Leona Lorer; duet, "Queen of the Earth," Misses Torrington and Keane; organ solo, "Highland March," Mrs. Pickering; solo (in costume) "Starlight," Miss Keane; as accompanist, Miss Keane and Mrs. Pickering; distribution of prizes; entrance of Santa Claus (Mr. Lorer); support; God Save the King.

Independence, M.P.P.

RED DEER.

Bulletin News Service.

The hockey game last night was a pleasant surprise to those who braved the cold and attended it. It was generally conceded that the Wigwam would not be strong enough to compete with the other two teams, having lost two good men, but last night game disproved this. The game was fast and hard fought every minute and was much more from the roughness displayed in the former games. The Wigwams started the ball rolling in the first half by scoring twice. The Firemen then tallied one, shortly followed by a goal by Porter for the Wigwam. Shortly before half time the Firemen rushed things and tied the score, 3-3, at half time. The second half was a good one, neither side seeming to have any advantage. By hard work the Firemen managed to score once and held the score for the rest of the game. Both goalkeepers did good work, stopping shot after shot. The teams lined up: Fire Brigade, Halburton, B. Hewson, Beck-ett, Houston, F. Cornett, Handford, C. Hewson; Wigwam, Hamby, Richard, Sayer, Brown, Smith, Wilson, Porter. The double referee system was adopted for the first time in Red Deer. Dan Smith being referee and E. Cold being judge of play.

A meeting of the directors of the Red Deer Memorial hospital was held last night.

C. A. Smith, of Grenville, will host tonight's train for Nova Scotia.

Thos. Milson, of Galtz Valley, was in town yesterday.

Red Deer, Dec. 31.

EDISON.

Bulletin News Service.

Christmas day was a pleasantly spent here.

On Christmas eve the annual Christmas entertainment was held in the Edison school house. There was a Christmas treat for the children with music and dancing by Mr. Craig children. Rev. Mr. Beatt was in the chair and an interesting program of

recitations, songs and instrumental music was presented. After a very pleasant evening, the company broke up shortly after 10 o'clock.

The lumber camps are busy and the saw-mills hard at work. There are three of these, Melville mill to the south, Bickmore's to the west, and Myers' to the north. These camps are giving work to quite a number of the homesteaders.

The coal mine two miles south of Edison post office, the Catholic church, is a rich seam of coal and will be a boon to this district when it is fairly in working order.

Edison, Dec. 28.

VEGREVILLE.

Bulletin News Service.

On Saturday night the Dominion Stock company presented the Two Orphans in the McIntyre hall to a rather slim audience. The play was the best that has appeared here.

The case against G. Colby for stealing \$400 in cash and \$400 in checks from Miller & Co.'s store was adjourned until January 7th, 1908.

The election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor McKenzie will take place on January 15th, 1908, the nomination a week earlier.

Vegreville, Dec. 30.

COOKING LAKE NORTH.

Bulletin News Service.

Owing to the favorable winter, homesteaders and also speculators in the district are busy getting logs for lumber. Fulton's mill having been set up here. Most of the land has been taken up and it is becoming difficult to get many logs suitable for lumber, owing to so much clearing having been done of late years. Where spruce and poplar forests recently held their sway there are now ploughed fields, in many cases nearly surrounded by fences, and many of the quarter sections, the frame houses with, of course, the necessary stables and outbuildings.

During the past year considerable road work has been carried out under the direction of the government inspectors. This is indeed a boon to the settlers and a credit to the government. It is expected the good work will be continued during the coming year, so that the thoroughfare connecting with the Wye road will be completed.

There are two summer resorts now on the north side, and the owners of lots on Brighton Beach say they will shortly proceed to erect buildings for vacation next summer.

Cooking Lake North, Dec. 28.

L'AMON.

Bulletin News Service.

On Christmas all the business places were closed, and many family gatherings celebrated the festival in pleasing reunions. The afternoon and evening was spent by the young people and some of the old in the new skating rink that has just been completed and promises to give much diversion during the coming season.

Some of those from outside who spent Christmas here were Mr. Craig of Edmonton, Mr. Robt. Reid and his family of Good Hope, Miss McCann of

Tofield, and the Misses Duke of Wootok, and Mr. J. McDonald of Edmonton.

A number of those who spent their Christmas elsewhere were Mr. Williams and his family, who went to Vegreville, and Mr. John and his family, who went to Edmonton.

On Christmas Eve a Christmas entertainment was given to a crowded house, and an appreciative audience in the Union church. Though it was a free entertainment, because of the festive season, yet the programme was well gotten up, and the children created their parts well. Mrs. J. E. Howard and Miss E. McDonald, who trained the children, deserve great praise. A loaded Christmas tree was stripped after the programme was ended, and many costly as well as kindly gifts were received.

Mr. R. E. Harrison, druggist, who went east to Peterborough, Ont., several weeks ago, was to be married this week, and will return to Lamont in January, and take up his residence in P. C. Smith's house, east of the church. All extend to him their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for his future welfare, for he is a favorite here.

Miss J. E. MacArthur, who taught Limestone Lake school, until this fall, and then went to Frank, was also to be married this week to a gentleman of that town.

Mrs. McLellan has been re-engaged in the Beaver Creek school district for the coming year. Miss Champion, who taught in the Creekside district, resigned, and has gone east to her home in Prince Edward Island. A. Munro is re-engaged in the Bloomfield school for the coming year.

R. A. Bennett, the agent for the new C.N.R. station at Lamont, has arrived and hopes to get everything in shape to carry on the company's business within a short time.

S. Campbell is going to use his engine this winter to chop feed and saw wood. He has bought F. Stafford's chopping and hauling outfit. The farmers will feel very much pleased as already the price per sack for chopping grain has dropped to six cents.

E. Fisher has again returned to town after completing several more Canadian schoolhouses north of Wootok.

Gradually Lamont is spreading eastward. Mr. Williams, of the Davis elevator is building a two story frame dwelling near the school on King street, and Wm. Alton is doing the work. S. Bloom has also completed the erection of a new blacksmith shop near Star street.

Geo. Shaw has about doubled the capacity of his shop, having added a woodworking department.

Dr. M. Connolly, of Vegreville, is here visiting his brother, Mr. Jos. Alton and family have reached Parry Sound safely, all having enjoyed the trip.

Mrs. Wm. Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Swan, are spending the winter in their old Nebraska home. Mr. and Mrs. Sisk are visiting old friends about Lamont.

Messrs. Mathers, J. Walker and J.

Knight are expecting to go east in a few days to their homesteads south of Lloydminster.

Last Friday night a large number of the friends of Rev. J. B. Howard gathered at his home to leave some of their surplus products at his place to show their appreciation of his ministrations to them since coming to Lamont. A pleasant evening was spent in a social way, and refreshments were served.

R. Dickie has been appointed caretaker of the Young Men's club rink, and the following managers have been appointed: F. S. Millard (chairman), A. Walker, J. A. Joslin, Rev. A. D. McDonald, and A. M. Munro.

Miss C. McNaughton, of Vegreville, has been visiting at Mr. J. Wilson's during the holidays.

Hopes Entertained for Mount Royal.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The C.P.R. officials are still confident that the Mount Royal, which sailed on December 17th from Antwerp for St. John, and has not since been heard of, will reach port safely, though the delay is unexplained and some anxiety naturally felt. She is not a fast boat, but the longest time taken in passage heretofore was 19 days. Passengers, numbering 300 are the usual class of continental immigrants. The Mount Royal is a former Elder Dempster boat and commanded by Captain Purcell, recognized as a careful navigator. It is believed that the Mount Royal has broken her shaft and is waiting to be picked up by a passing steamer and towed to St. John. The question of her coal and food supply lasting has also arisen. The ship is out of her usual course.

Governor-General's Leave.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The Governor-General's New Year leave was attended by about 600 gentlemen. Premier Laurier, R. L. Borden, Sir Louis Davies, Sir Frederick Borden and other distinguished residents of the capital were present.

Explosion Wrecks Building.

Chatsworth, Ont., Jan. 1.—An explosion of gas from a leaking pipe caused great damage at Chatsworth today. The big building containing G. W. Collins' drug store and J. Herbert's tailor shop was moved two feet off its foundation, and completely wrecked. The windows across the street were broken but nobody was hurt.

Smallpox in Winnipeg Society.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Osborne, of Brandon, has been quarantined, suffering from smallpox. She was the guest here of Mrs. Grey, on Broadway, and a reception was held in her honor two days ago. The inspectors are now busy running round after persons who attended the reception.

Count Leo Tolstoy Thrown.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—News has reached here that Tolstoy was thrown by a stumbling horse and sustained a dislocation of the shoulder. In spite of his advanced age, he is making a rapid recovery.

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