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Christmas Trees and Entertainments.

A Christmas entertainment was held in the Baptist church on Friday last. Violin and vocal solos, duets, choruses and recitations by the Sunday school scholars made up the program, and very enjoyable evening was spent. No charge was made for admission but a good collection was taken up.

A successful Christmas entertainment was given in the body of the Central Methodist Church on Xmas Day. The church was thronged throughout the evening and the novel and well conceived program carried out by the Sunday school was highly appreciated.

One of the best features was "Grandma's Family," a tabernacle given by the members of Mr. Bristah's class, and the young ladies drill was also very highly appreciated.

Santa Claus distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree and on leaving the building each child received a bag of candy.

The sum of \$44 was realized which is considered highly satisfactory.

The following was the program for the evening:
Chorus, the school motion song, infant's class, recitation, Miss Gordon and Kenneth's class, recitation, Leslie, recitation, Miss Cooper's class, recitation, Miss Fowler's class, recitation, Miss Moore's class, recitation, Mr. Bristah's class.

On New Year's Day a united children's service will be held in the Baptist church at 10 o'clock. The service will be given by the children of the Baptist church, to be followed over for the use of the hospital.

On Friday evening last a Christmas entertainment was given in the basement of St. John's Presbyterian church. The Hon. W. T. Finlay was in the chair. In an appropriate address Mr. Finlay spoke of the time past when he had been able to take an active part in such work as was required in the organization of these gatherings. He knew the work and weary details, but when the joy which came to those who gave up their time and energy to such a cause.

The principal features of the entertainment were the choruses by three infant classes, two senior classes and by six little girls in Mr. Walker's class, and a couple of instrumentalists, Mrs. Bryant, who presided over the junior choruses and Miss White, who was responsible for the success of the senior choruses, are deserving of special praise for their work in this connection. An item which excited the admiration of the audience was the song by Beth Allen, a little tot, six years of age.

The present hung on the Christmas tree were distributed by Santa Claus, assisted by Messrs. Harry Bell and Gordon Doolittle. Recitations and songs were other features of the program.

The concert room was crowded to the doors, and the entertainment was in every way a success. The sum of \$85 was raised.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day the men of St. Barnabas' Club held an Old Country whist drive and a very pleasant evening was spent. The prize winners were W. Smith and W. E. Evans.

In the evening the annual Christmas dinner of the club took place, thirty sitting down at the tables.

This was followed by a programme of an enjoyable character and later by supper. The year was the result of an address and a valuable fountain pen from the club, as a mark of the esteem in which Mr. Nicolls is held.

Monday day was devoted to the children of the Sunday School. The hall was crowded and one of the best in the city was enjoyed. The Christmas entertainment of the kind ever held in the city was there, laden with good things from the venerable Santa and the children were the performers of the evening. For the splendid manner in which they played their parts great credit is due to the superintendent, Mr. Rowe, and Mrs. Rowe, who had the training of the young people in hand.

At the close the children presented Mr. Nicolls with a Christmas gift. The church and school were prettily decorated for the festive season. There was a very good attendance at the services in the church.

The Christmas tree at the East End Presbyterian church was the first of the series. Parades began arriving early in the afternoon. The tree was soon loaded to the breaking point with bags of parcels on the platform. Before the hour the church was packed to the door. A dispatch from the North Pole announced that Santa Claus would arrive before the evening was past. For an hour the children entertained their parents and friends right royally. The program was presented every few minutes repeating Santa's program. When he had left Edmonton and Calgary the excitement became intense. From the white and bell sounded and children began to shout. Outrigger hands were soon filled and the little folks went home supremely happy.

Gymnasium and Library

At last the city is to have an institution it has long been in need of. The young men of the Methodist church have been working quietly on a scheme for some weeks, as outlined in the Times a couple of months ago. The project consists of a building to be used for "youth" men, where any young man in the city, irrespective of denominations, could spend his evenings to the improvement of mind and body. It has been proposed so strongly on the right thinking citizens that the Methodist church board met last Thursday night and agreed to grant the request of the young men to rebuild and give over for a young men's club, the building directly opposite The Times office and behind the church.

The plans show that everything is to be put into first class shape. A brick wall of the height of the present building is to be erected on the front of the property, 10 feet in front of the present wall, and continued four feet into what has been the lane. To this the old building will be extended. The wall will extend across the entire front, 40 feet, and will be built so that it can be extended three stories when the time comes.

The position adjoining the lane will be devoted to gymnasium and will be 24 x 50 feet. Behind it will be the shower bath with hot and cold water.

The smaller building towards the church will be 12 x 30 feet and will be a library and reading room. Already quite a number of books have been collected, the order of which will be re-covered.

Work is already commenced on the front wall, and will be rushed to completion as rapidly as the weather permits. Much of the furnishings for

the gymnasium have been ordered, including parallel bars, horizontal bars, pommel horse, and other things will be ordered as needed.

A subscription list has been started and is meeting with gratifying success. A membership fee of \$5 will likely be charged. An instructor is to be engaged and a number of men, including one for business men, another for boys, etc.

The work of the young men and the church officials will meet with the heartiest approval of the entire city. That the club will be far elevated there is not the least doubt.

MAGRATH WILL RUN

(Special to The Times)

OTTAWA, December 30.—Have decided to run—

C. A. MAGRATH.

Later with the growth of the city the building will be enlarged, and the library and gymnasium extended.

Big Election

Ranchers Ob. to Special Tax.

That the ranchers were thoroughly dissatisfied with the commission section and the special tax, that meant 21 cents an acre, has long been known and now the time has come when a formal protest is being made. The protest is being made in the form of a petition, which has been circulated locally, a list of about fifty names, mostly ranchers. In addition, a list of Manitoba men, who are interested in ranches have signed. The petition covers four pages of typewritten matter, and is addressed to Premier Rutherford. It sets forth the injustice of the tax and suggests, as an improvement, a tax according to the number of stock. The proposal is to tax cattle 10 cents a head, horses 15 cents and sheep 2 cents. Farmers' stock is to be exempt to the number of 20. For the expense of the survey it is suggested that an overseer be appointed whose duty it will be, when notified by the majority of the residents of the district, to go and assess the stock owners according to their stock. Should payment not be made, distress for default could be made at the rate of \$12 a mile for plowing and \$3 a mile for digging.

The claim of the ranchers is that they should not be taxed to pay a rate on leased property, when those who let their lands run loose on public property are not taxed at all. Again many of the leases cover only the grass. The tendency is to encourage loose ranging and many ranchers say that if the tax is enforced they will give up their leases.

A rancher with a township would have to pay \$75 a year.

It is almost certain that the law will be repealed as it is said that the Cabinet already sees the injustice of it.

COUNCIL COULD NOT SIT

A special meeting of the council was called for last night. At eight o'clock there were present the mayor, Ald. Baker, the clerk and The Times reporter. Later the solicitor and Ald. Hunt appeared, but after half an hour's wait in the mayor's office there were only two aldermen present, so a quorum could not be formed.

December Brides

MURTON-NORTON

Murton-Norton.—On Wed. the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Gros Ventre, by Rev. G. W. Morrow, Mr. George Murton, rancher to Ruby Norton, daughter of Mr. Harry Norton, postmaster.

EASON-WOOLLEY

Eason-Woolley.—At the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Dan Williams, by Rev. A. O. Farrell, on Monday December 23 at 10 o'clock.

Fire at Roller Rink

Brigade Called out in Early Hours

A fire broke out yesterday morning at the Roller Rink at 4:15 a.m. alarm was given over the telephone and the fire boys were soon on the spot. While it raged the fire was certainly a big blaze, but there was little wind and half an hour's smart work by the brigade and the flames were under control.

Local Man Injured

Calgary Herald.—A man was injured last night at the roller rink. The man was named as Mr. [Name] and was injured by falling from the rink.

number of others, faced death for a few minutes, the affair ending in a plunge down a thirty-foot embankment.

The accident occurred late in the afternoon while the party was returning from the Santa Anita race track. That the members of it escaped instant death is almost miraculous. On the road from Arcadia is a place where, until last winter, was a bridge crossing a creek. The bridge burned and "Lucky" Baldwin, who controls things in the city of Arcadia, refused to repair it. The county officials also refused to make repairs and the gap in the road has stood for months a menace to all passing vehicles. Until this occasion there was a heavy barrier across the roadway, but some vandals had removed this, leaving the road unprotected.

Jacksonson and his friends were speeding along in a big touring car when their sudden shot into the abyss and dropped thirty feet into the creek-bed. Behind them came Charles Bailey in another machine and before he could stop his automobile of 1907 he was over the brink of the chasm and landed almost directly on top of the other machine.

A third car was stalled only when its front wheels had dropped over the edge of the bank.

Jacksonson and Bailey were very seriously injured. Jacksonson's leg was so crushed that he will be unable to walk for some time. The other passengers of the accident were all more or less injured, but all will recover. They were removed to a hospital in Pasadena.

Messrs. Jacksonson and Robinson are well known throughout the west as breeders of pure bred shires on their ranch at Pincher Creek.

Mr. Jacksonson now resides on his ranch south of Medicine Hat.

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON

At a meeting called by the Mayor at 2 o'clock this afternoon it was decided to grant the Aemelia Jarvis Co. a renewal of the option on the city's bonds for three weeks.

NEW PHONES

During 1907 120 new phones were added to the system in this city. Following are the numbers of those installed since the last directory was published:

249—Allen, Mrs. Chas.	Residence
248—Arbuckle, S. W.	Residence
247—Cooper, Mrs. John	Residence
246—Hickey's Place	Restaurant
244—Hosson, John	Residence
243—Jackson, D. V.	Residence
240—Murray & Walcott	Office
246—Lutz, N.	Residence
242—Medicine Hat Quick Job Print Co.	Residence

MARKET SITE CLEARED

There is at least something doing on the market site. During the past few days teams have been engaged in hauling the sewer pipes hence to the north side of the track east of the railway bridge, much to the satisfaction of the hay merchants.

Metereological Report

Metereological report for week ending Dec. 30, 1907.

	Dec. 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
High	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
Low	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0

Awaiting your Order

there is here the finest lot of groceries it is possible to assemble. Those who are particular about what they eat should be

Delighted With Such Groceries.

And it is to particular people we cater. We include you among that class and confidently invite your inspection of our display. You'll find our prices just as attractive as the groceries, which is saying a whole lot.

H. MORROW, THIRD AVE.

BELTS

Ladies' Fancy Silk and Leather Belts, from 50c to \$1.25 each

GLOVES

Ladies' Plain Cream Ringwood Gloves, also Fancy Colors, 35c per pair. Children's Wool Gloves and Mitts from 20c.

Collars and Ties

Ladies' Fancy Stock and Turnover Ties. All the latest designs—35, 50, 75c., \$1.

SILKS

Jap. and China Silks, 28 in. wide, Fine quality, per yard 50c.

XMAS. HOLIDAY GOODS.

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE
Perfumes in fancy cases, Canadian, English and French manufacture. Perfume Atomizers, Purse, Hand-bags, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Traveling Companions, Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Gent's Military Sets, Cloth Brushes, Hat Brushes, Shaving Brushes, Razors, Razor Stroops, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Stationery, Chocolates, Fountain Pens, Pipes, Cigars, Tobacco Pouches, Cigar Cases, Cigarette Cases, etc., etc.

Cawker's Pharmacy

South Railway St., Medicine Hat.

A Paper's "Tooth"

Is the trade name which is used to indicate the slight roughness of surface which to some extent retards the sliding of the pen upon the page. On paper that is too smooth the pen runs away, and the writing surface is not satisfactory.

Eaton's Highland Linen

Has just the right amount of "tooth." The pen glides easily but not too rapidly. Many styles of handwriting appear to best advantage on this paper. Price 15 cents a quire.

Pingle's Drug & Book Store