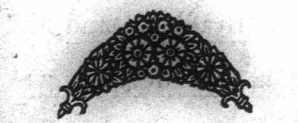


A Merry Christmas To You All



NOBLE

Suggests the purchase of some serviceable Christmas gift for your husband or sweetheart, something that will keep in remembrance your thoughtfulness. You will find at Noble's Men's Furnishing Store some

Men's Silk Smoking Jackets

In blues and brown, silk lined and quilted, sizes 36 to 44. Nobles Prices, \$5 to \$7.50

Only those who use them know the comfort of good

Bath Robe

when taking your morning dip. We have four only—Knipp System Bath Robes—worth \$4, Noble's price, \$3.25.

"My wife gave me a dozen of these last Christmas Season" said one pleased customer showing us a FINE HAND-KECHIEF and it was a fine one—BEST LINEN worth the price paid for it. We have some BEAUTIFUL SILK HAND-KECHIEFS in plain white, with initials on, and a large assortment with fancy borders. They are going at 65c. In LINEN, we have them done up in nice fancy boxes, one dozen in each up to 45c, each, or 125c PER CENT LESS per dozen.

What better than a nice

Suit Case or Hand Bag

as a Yuletide Gift? Noble has a Good Stock at reasonable prices.

We have three

Ladies' Short Fur Coats,

electric seal, sable collars, cuffs, satin lining, regular price up to \$55.75. Noble's prices to clear them out, \$29.95, \$39.95.

Don't Miss Them.

Nor the few lines of Ladies' Ruffs, Ties, Stoles, etc., selling less than cost.

Neckwear.

A beautiful assortment at from 45c. to 75c.



A. S. NOBLE

Hawthorne's Old Stand
Toronto Street.

Local & General

Mrs. J. W. Furpin will not receive this month.

Harry Wodehouse will be leaving shortly for Winnipeg.

Calgary is making a big bid for the Dominion Fair in 1907.

Don't forget the Citizen's Band Concert tonight. Fill the house.

Mrs. M. Wright will not receive the fourth Thursday in this month.

Mr. C. R. Mitchell was in Calgary on Saturday on professional business.

There will be a "hop" after the band concert in the Opera House to-night.

C. W. Stearns and R. Irwin came up from Maple Creek on Thursday night.

Mrs. E. H. Turner and family left last week to join Mr. Turner at Soar, Man.

Mince pies made daily from choice home-made mince meat, at McKinnon's.

A very successful bazaar was held in the Presbyterian school room last Friday.

Gros Venture Notes, by Wandering Willie, arrived (too late for insertion) this week.

Read C. E. Brougham's ad. on the upper left hand corner of leader page, and get your coupon's ready.

Corbett & Fleming were unfortunate enough to lose a valuable horse last week from inflammation.

Miss Oliver arrived from Winnipeg last week to reside here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver.

Mr. Haultain claims ten seats, and states five are still in doubt. All the districts will not be in until Dec. 27.

C. S. Pingle and A. E. Whiffen attended the meeting of Alberta branch of R. C. C. C. held at Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burke arrived home on Monday, after spending a month with friends at Medicine Hat—Wapella Post.

Saskatoon claims that as the Scott government was defeated by the solid north, the capital should be at that point.

E. J. Brown has sold his property on the Macleod trail to R. E. Lawrence. F. S. Pingle, real estate agent, made the sale.

A large assortment of fancy hand-made cream and chocolate cakes just opened at McKinnon's. We can suit any fancy.

Mr. G. B. Murphy, of Carberry, arrived in town yesterday, on business connected with his large ranching interests here.

Fresh cut holly with berries, mistletoe and cut flowers for Christmas. Henry's Nurseries, 3010 Westminster Road, Vancouver, B. C.

New Stock—Our new stock of gold brooches and rings, gold lockets and chains, are the best shown in Medicine Hat, at Wright's Jewelry Store.

The general delivery window of the postoffice will be open on Christmas Day, from 9 to 10 o'clock. All outgoing mail will be closed on Sunday.

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Our Clearing Sale

is still on, and will continue for some weeks. Prices have been reduced lower than ever, as we are determined to reduce our stock. Among the bargains offered are the following lines:—

Pleeced Lined Underwear, worth \$2, for \$1 per suit.

Fine Wool Underwear, worth \$3, for \$2 per suit.

Union-made Overalls, good quality, worth \$2.50, for \$2.

Boys Suits and Knickerbockers at very low prices.

Geo. A. Slater's Invictus Shoes, worth \$5, for \$4.50.

Men's Heavy Rubbers, worth \$1, for 75c.

3-Buckle Overshoes, worth \$3 for \$2.50.

Heavy Boots for Men, worth \$3, for \$2.50.

Winter Caps at 25c, 50c, and 75c. New lines and great value.

TERMS CASH.

Carbery & Collier

The Corner Store.

Mr. J. H. Kellar, M.A., of Sherbrooke, Quebec, accompanied by Mrs. Kellar and son, is stopping a few days in town the guest of Mrs. A. F. Hanning. Mr. Kellar, who has been laboring for the past two years in Cuba, in the interests of the Sun Life Insurance, is on his way to Shanghai, China, where he will represent the same company. He expects to be in China for about five years.

The Assiniboia Music Co. are getting in a complete stock of Gerhard Heintz man pianos of every style. The Gerhard Heintzman is one of Canada's, or America's, best pianos, and the new ones coming in are of the very latest, both in design and construction. The new fall board with continuous hinge, is a new feature that pleases everyone.

During the week the Assiniboia Music Co.'s store will remain open until 12 K., and in the evenings there will be a sort of impromptu programme of piano music, phonograph and gramophone music. A good piano player has been engaged for the week, and there is plenty of Xmas music and the finest stock of phonograph and gramophone records the town has ever seen.

A meeting of the executive of the Stock Growers Association was held in the secretary's office, and was presided over by Mr. W. H. Haultain, first vice president (W. Haultain) in the chair. Members present Messrs. Day, Drinnan, Margeson, H. H. Foster,

WEIGHTY QUESTIONS

require weighty answers. The little girl says, Where shall I buy father's Xmas present? Her father wonders what he shall get the boys, the boys on their part wonder what they shall give each other. It's a weighty question still it's an easy question to answer. Go to TURPIN BROS., they have the choicest selection of suitable Xmas gifts for men in the town. We know this sounds like a blow, still we stand behind it. If you want to see the neck ties that made

50 CENTS FAMOUS

We have them. They make grand little Xmas Gifts.

We wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

TURPIN BROS.

Where you get the Big Dollar's Worth.

Mr. Sid Hooper, of Milk River, came in on Sunday and reports a good deal of snow along the Milk river, but none in the Cypress Hills. It is generally the other way about.

On Sunday, at the Methodist Church, the Rev. J. A. Day, D.D., Western missionary in Macedonia, delivered two of the most interesting addresses ever given in Medicine Hat.

Mr. C. H. Evans left on Monday the 11th inst. for a trip to England. He is a native of old London and goes to see his only sister, whom he has not seen for many years. Bon voyage Mr. Evans.

The large ice house of the C. P. R. is being moved to a new position further down the yard, to make room for the new approaches to the new depot in course of erection.

W. T. Mallard, ex-mayor of Regina, and now inspector of Dominion public works, spent Friday here and was shown over the town by F. S. Pingle and W. J. Brotherton. Mr. Mallard was much impressed with our gas, and is fully convinced that the town has a great future before it.

Mr. Jas. Turpin, Jr., arrived in town last Wednesday. He is entering the firm of Turpin Bros. and is an expert on the question of clothes for men, having been identified with the Lowndes Co., Ltd., of Toronto, ever since they opened their doors for business six years ago. The Lowndes Co. are makers of the celebrated 20th Century Brand Tailored Clothes for Men.

At the council meeting last night the most important item was a claim sent by Mr. D. G. White, on behalf of his client, Miss Ellen Wilson, claiming \$750 damages in connection with the recent explosion. The items are: For wearing apparel destroyed, \$200; doctor and hospital fees, \$32; damages for shock to nervous system, \$500. The full report is held over.

The Board of Trade Council met on Wednesday, President Cousins in the chair. On motion of F. L. Crawford, seconded by D. G. White, and supported by R. J. Harlow, a letter to the tariff commission, drawing attention to Medicine Hat as a manufacturing center, etc., was adopted and ordered to be sent to the commission and leading newspapers east and west.

BIRTHS.
At Medicine Hat, Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Purmal, a son.
At Medicine Hat, Dec. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Stewart, a daughter.
At Medicine Hat, on the 5th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin, a daughter.

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTIONS

Splendid Fight by the Hon. F. G. W. Haultain.

Provincial Rights Forces Make a Splendid Showing.

News of the elections were eagerly looked for in Medicine Hat last Wednesday night, and for once the Liberals and Conservatives here acted in unison. That is to say, they hired Cousin's Hall and engaged a telegraph service jointly. Both parties were well represented, and the utmost good humor prevailed. The results received during the evening placed the Scott and Haultain parties so even that neither side had much chance to do any "rowing," but as the Conservatives had been told to expect that the Provincial Rights party would be snowed under, the results gave them a chance to "rub it in" a little, and it was done and accepted good naturedly by the other side.

When the messages ceased for the night the parties stood almost equal, with of course many polls to be heard from. A message from Regina on Thursday morning said that at the time of writing there were many complications, such as 238 protested votes in Moose Jaw, 107 in Prince Albert city and 161 in Regina, which may affect the result.

The remarkable feature of the result is the tremendous majority given Mr. Fred. Haultain, the able Provincial rights leader. He has defeated Moffatt in South Qu'Appelle by over 400 majority. This is the "quick man," whom the Free Press picked to defeat Mr. Haultain, and that organ of coercion boasted on Wednesday that they expected to be beaten by an invalid. It is clear that while the methods by which the machine secured the doubtful seats in Alberta, such as by throwing out whole polls favorable to the Conservatives in High River, the Ottawa forces may dominate the first legislature in Saskatchewan. It is certain that Mr. Haultain will go into the initial session of the assembly with sufficient backing to make him a most dangerous foe. With his provincial rights forces he will unquestionably be able to take charge of Walter Scott's weak machine after slight sparring.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.
Up to the hour of going to press the result as far as known is as follows:
Provincial Rights 10
Conservative 10
Deaf and dumb 10

There was a warm contest in Maple Creek, but Wylie won out.
Hon. W. T. Finlay and L. B. Cochran went down to help Dixon, and O. W. Kealy was there on the other side.

A meeting of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 25, A. O. U. W., was held on Friday, the 15th, at which the following officers were elected:
M. W. (re-elected)—David Milne.
Foreman—T. Littleford.
Vice-foreman—R. D. Legh.
Guide—R. McBae.
Financier—H. C. Cooper.
Recorder—N. Charlton.
Receiver (re-elected)—T. Hutchinson.
Inside Watchman—W. E. Porter.
Outside Watchman—W. Houghton.
Representative—T. Hutchinson.
Altercation—D. Milne.
Trustee (3 years)—W. N. Adsit.

JOSEPHSBURG.
Church of England services in this mission, Sunday, 24th December—fourth Sunday in Advent: Mr. C. Musgrove's house, Eagle Butte, 11 a.m.; Mr. Cleveland's house, Little Plume, 3.30 p.m. Christmas Day, St. Alban's Church, Gros Ventre, 11 a.m.; St. Anne's Church, Josephsburg, 3.30 p.m.

Gazette Notices.
The Alberta Gazette for November contains the following appointments:
To be Inspector of Schools—John W. Brown, of Medicine Hat.
To be Licence Commissioner—W. J. Brotherton, Medicine Hat.

Spirit of Municipal Ownership in Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—On counting up this morning it was learned that both the city bills were carried, one to raise \$150,000 as a gift to the hospitals and one authorizing the expenditure of \$500,000 in building and equipping a municipal gas plant; the vote was 2,088 to 688.

Cure For Sore Nipples.
As soon as the child is done nursing apply Chamberlain's salve. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by all druggists.

Situation Wanted.
Situation wanted as nurse, and to take charge of home during sickness. Apply Shepherd, Ontario House.

Give SILVER for CHRISTMAS
and you add one more to the complete household. Very few housekeepers have enough table ware.

THE "1835 R. Wallace" SILVER PLATE presents an almost limitless choice of pieces and patterns, exemplifying the highest degree of workmanship and style.

Call and see it to-day.
W. J. Brotherton
Official Watch Inspector for C.P.R.
Issues of Marriage Licences.
Medicine Hat, Alta.

Big Xmas Bargains this week.

Store open at night.

BINNINGS,

Are You Cautious?

If you knew how bad for health constipation is you would be more careful. Irregular bowels cause appendicitis, jaundice, anaemia and a thousand other diseases too. Sooner or later it will bring you to a sick bed. The use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills changes all this quickly. They are made to cure constipation in one night and always do so. By taking Dr. Hamilton's Pills you are sure of a keen appetite, splendid color, jovial spirits and sound restful sleep. Gentle in action; good for men, women or children. 25c. per box, or five for \$1.00. At all dealers in medicine.

Land Wanted

Wanted to Buy
30 to 50 acres of Land.
Near Medicine Hat, suitable for a MARKET GARDEN.
Apply A.C.A. Times Office.

RICH STRIKE OF GOLD.

Blum the principal owner of the Laurentian mine, located 23 miles south of Wabegoon, states that the recent uncovering of gold there on Dec. 5 was probably the richest strike in the world, running up to three hundred thousand already laid bare. Immense quantities of the glittering mass will turn out \$50,000 to the ton.

SULTAN PAYS.

The settlement of the dispute is largely due to the fact that the power concentrated all decisions of the financial commission must be confirmed by an imperial grade before being put into effect. Some formalities yet remain to be settled but this recognition of the sultan's sovereign rights virtually terminates the dispute.

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Fancy Crockery and Glassware.

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For our Christmas Trade the most complete assortment of Fancy China and Cut Glass Ware we have ever shown. This assortment comprises Wedgewood Ware, Limoge, Coal-part, Royal Doulton, Carlton, Crescent, and numerous other lines of the best English china

Cut Glass Tumblers

A very fine assortment \$4.50 to \$6 per dozen.

Stewart and Tweed.

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MEDICINE HAT,

DECIDED BY L

There Can Be No Fire in the House if the Flame is Not Kept Burning. A novel and interesting case decided by the United court of appeals at which the court laid down while spontaneous combustion come so rapid as to produce combustion cannot be said until it has actually developed glow or flame. The opinion case of the Western Woolen Company of Topeka, Kan., Northern of London, on a the federal court in Kansas decision was in favor of the company.

The Northern issued two insurance for \$5,500 on a wool stored in the warehouse woolen company in Topeka, Kan. was submerged by the floods in May, 1903, and the thoroughly wet. After merged for eight days the wool, as animal fiber, for the purpose of drying became heated and pitched was used in handling it. This was smoke and odor, no fire was seen and no glow. The held that the evidence did not show that the wool was damaged within the meaning of the used in the policy of insurance. This ruling was upheld by the court of appeals. Judge Carland's decision, held that "fire" caused by combustion, but does not always cause fire. tion of fire can be found that include the idea of visible flame, and this is also the popular given to the word. The contracts, and in their intent the words employed must their ordinary popular sense. The wool, as animal fiber, heated, but the internal of heat never at any time rapid as to produce a flame, and hence, within the meaning of the word "fire," as used in the insurance, there was no fire. There was no fire.

The Mexican Bride. The bridegroom in Mexico made a very costly business to buy the trousseau. fortunate if he can satisfy gance sanctioned by the prompted by ardent passion men from the country are often seen in