CALGARY SUNDAY STANDARD

MME. DE THEBES IS DEAD

She Forstold Calamities and Disaster

-Was Much Sought by Kings

and Nobility

Announcement has just come from

France that Anna Victorine Savigny,

or better known as Mme. de Thebes,

One night, many years ago Alexan-

dre Dumas, fils, the brilliant writer, en-

Mme. de Thebes seemed peculiarly

gifted, and the clever pen of Dumas,

She "Retired" in 1915

It was the custom of the secress to

utter, near the close of each calendar

year, a list of dire calamaties, misfor-

tunes and catastrophes that would be-

fall the world in the next twelve

months. Year after year the prophecy of Mme. de Thebes was looked for-ward to with reverential awe by the

superstitious. Not even at the close

failure of her predictions for that

of 1915, when, discouraged by the

the Parisian Sorceress, is dead.

read by a young woman.



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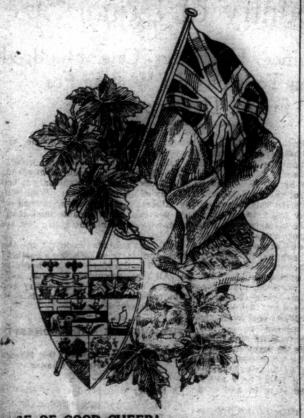
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All correspondence and editorial communication



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A NEW GRAFT

Many Calgarians have been favored (?) with one of these interesting offers. What the graft is The Stand-ard is not yet informed, but it will be to the best interest of everyone to let this scheme alone. Getting some-thing for nothing will sting someone and that someone is likely to be you. Dear Madam:

To introduce and advertise our ready-to-wear goods in the least time we will give to any one copying this with our request herein stated, our Model Petticoat which retails at \$4.50. Give length and color.

Make out five copies of this and send to five friends then mail names and addresses to The National Mall Order Brokerage Exchange, 520 Globe Building, Minneapolis, U. S. A., and you will receive a sllk petticoat without further delay. All skirts guaranteed. Letters must be sent out the day after receiving this." A FRIEND.

the correspondence was purely advertising matter. During the period of the war there are many matters which we do not hesitate to publish free of charge, and in publishing them we feel that we are doing a bit to belp along a good cause. Every line that is set in a news paper costs money. Why a newspaper should publish advertising matter for nothing is beyond us. We fail to find the grocers giving away their goods. We fail to find the merchants who are giving away their goods. We have heard of sneak thieves who enter their stores and get away with goods in the middle of the night. Is it that the governments and the sundry and various persons who plaster us with literature are making a vain attempt to steal space in our papers? We think not. It is apparently from sheer ignorance, and the sooner all persons concerned are taught that a newspaper is not a charitable institution the better.

DON'T TAX THE CHURCHES

It may be that there will be an agitation among the aldermen this year to impose a tax on the churches. The Standard wishes to be put on record as being strongly opposed to this plan. From what we have seen of the effects in Vancouver of taxing the churches, we are led to believe that the system would be a source of downright harm to Calgary. While our churches are not perfect, The Standard is convinced that they are honetly trying to improve themselves so that they will sat-isfy the community's needs. But if the churches are to be further handicapped, so that their influence will be diminished, Calgary will certainly suffer.

The aim of the city, as a municipality, should be to help the churches increase their efficiency, and in the present cramped financial state of the majority of these nstitutions, a tax would be the reverse of help. It would mean bankruptcy to some of them.

If a church uses its property for commercial purposes, by all means let it be taxed, just as business houses are taxed, but this is the only condition that should be so considered as a sufficient cause for church taxation. From the time of Wycliffe, the church has been op presed, and it ill becomes a civilized community to as sume responsibility for imposing church burdens in this the twentieth century.

DO YOU SKATE?

The winters used to be colder than they are now The weather man says no, but ask any old timer and he'il tell you that twenty years ago the Bow and Elbow were frozen over from bank to bank almost continuously ficht early fall to late spring. In these days boys and girls, and the old folks too

tesk advantage of the opportunity and skated to their beart's content. Everybody went skating in those days, big and in-

tle, and all sizes in between. Everybody had skates then. It was a funny looking Christmas tree that didn't have on it at least one pair of rocker skates, and maybe a pair of Dutch runners, too, with the toes curled away up around; and a pair of red yarn mittens and a muffler

A feller who couldn't cut the figger 8 on the ice in those day needn't come 'round. And there were a few that could actually write their names in the ice with their skates.

But the old days have gone and with it many good times. Instead of the river we now have many rinks in various parts of the city, but sad to relate they are not pattonized as they should. Skating is one of the best sports known and likewise one of the healthiest. No opportunities should be lost to take advantage of this health-breeder as it will mean much to you in days to come

CALGARY'S NEW CITY COUNCIL

The new Calgary city council took possession on fuesday, and the various committees were appointed for the year.

In his opening address the mayor made reference to the work of the past council and incidently referred to the future work of the incoming council. He stated that he hoped that the members w 6 Ino

The Law of Life

"Oh, thou art hard!" cried Youth, beseeching Life. "Why dost thou force on me the yoke of pain, And bow my shoulders, proud and strong today, Beneath the weight of age, when I would fain With leaf-crowned head and laughing mouth live on, And praise thee with my songs; with happy eyes Gaze on the vistas where my dancing feet Will take me? But you make me grate min.

But Life, with eyes inscrutable and calm, But Life, with eyes inscrutable and caim, And quiet lips, deigned not the least reply. Youth, whom she loved, embittered, ceased his plaint, And hurried gast the seried years to die. The lone, gaunt woman smote her milkless breasts And clenched her hands.. Her moan resounded far. And clenched her hands.. Her moan resounded far. "Youth, whom I love, I may not nurse!" she cried. "I may not show him where the right paths are. I may not guide his steps, nor ease his care, Nor raise him if he falls, although I yearn To be his aid. I, his own mother, may not even speak. For only through my silence will he learn !" -Hallett Abend

TOPICS OF THE DAY

JANUARY 7, 1917

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Opinions at \$8 Apiece British army medical service. From the beginning of the war Sir Alfred Mme. de Thebes formed her opinions by reading palms. Her price for has impressed upon his subordinates a reading was \$8 in the morning, when the necessity of the saving of the her powers were supposed to be the limbs of wounded soldiers when it is most acute. In the afternoon, she at all possible, in order that the pa-gave readings for half price. Great tients may remain useful members of men were among her clients, and fre- the community and not become public queafly they became her voluntary charges.

press agents because the events she Amputations are now avoided orotold came true. thousands of cases where two years The secress was a woman of beauty, ago they would have been considered forctold came true. always well gowned and well groomed. absolutely necessary. Marvels also She wore the most fashionable gowns; have been accomplished in the new and as a general thing, received only nerve surgery, which has been /de the most fashionable clients. Now and veloped as a result of the vast malti-then, however, she served in a public tude of case in which the nerves have capacity She had been called upon been severed. even by the police of Paris to aid in the solution of murder mysteries.

Aller Antonio Aller States States Thankful It Didn't All Happen TICKETS An American, writing of the seen ess's retirement in 1915, said: "Mme. de Thebes is to be remembered, not

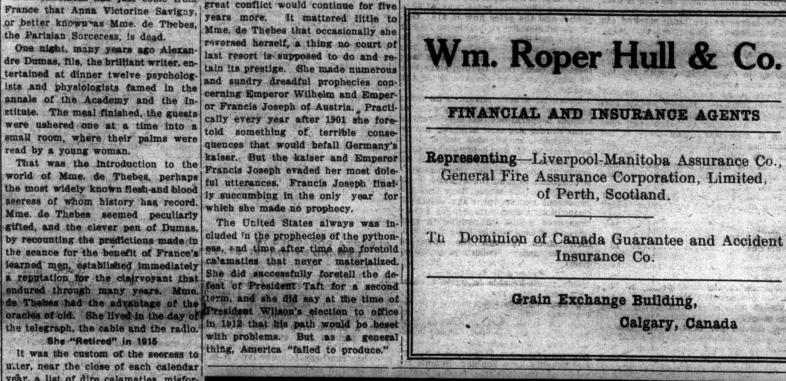
the freedes is to be remembered, not only because of the terrible events she truly foretold, but because of the feel-ing of thankfulness that everything she foretold did not come true." But nevertheless Mme. de Thebes died with a reputation.

WAR ON SURGERY

Operations by which important and even vital parts of the human body, shattered or completely shot away, have been rebuilt or replaced are now among the commonplace events of the military hospitals of Europe. In the hospitals in Englands th

many will lose his crown." True, Mme. de Thebes did predict science of surgery has reached heights war in 1914. But she later said the ly to the efficient direction of Sir Al-

We gladly turn to b It rests the brain. war would end in 1915, and followed fred Keogh, director-general of the this with the blithe opinion that the great conflict would continue for five





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Fifteen Lives Were Lost in

Chicago Football claimed ves during the 1916 season loced with Thanksgiving Day

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November 19; int

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Wilbur Gettys, Ansley, rears old; killed October 2 broken in high school game. Harold B. Watson, Meadvi 12 years old; died November ternally injured in high scho Cyril Pritchard, Elgin, III.; old; died November 23; para high school game; died follow eration to relieve brain blood Elmer L. Carlquist, Chica years old; died November tetanus which developed from veloped from ceived in amateur game. Wallace Rowland, Weirton 15 years old; died November internal injuries received

school game. Boggs Campbell, Pittsburg years old; died December 1 furies sustained when tackle Francis B. Morairty, De years; died from internal in In most every case the v not suffer any length of the dying almost instantly and few days after the accident. the players suffered broke but a majority died from in further.

EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD CO.OPERATE

Are we as a community pulling together. Organization is the great community need of the day. Without organization any business or city will not progress.

It is a sad condition of affairs when you find a city where the men do not co-operate. The only benefits worth having are the benefits we can share with our neighbors. Individual benefits count for little. It is the co-operation when all pull together that really means progress and prosperity.

Good roads, factories, better schools can only be secured where all pull together.

The board of trade is today striving to increase it's membership in order that it may be a community builder.

Every man in this community should co-operate with the board of trade and become a me

It is a worthy undertaking that they are engaged in and they deserve the fullest approval of the citizens generally.

Show your goodfellowship for the city and join now.

MAKES FORTUNE FROM QUARTER SECTION That a homesteader, who started with a stake of \$10. supplemented later by a loan from his father of \$600. cleared \$14,000 from his 160 acres the last years, is the text of an article in The Calgary News-Telegram, and it is not a pipe dream. The Standard has been privileged to see actual proof of the statements. From our own experience we would unhesitatingly say that the experience of this homesteader was not isolated. There are hundreds of other farmers, who have started with a shoe string and who are independently wealthy through the good crops and the high prices of the last two years.

The provincial government should make an effort to collect the experiences of some of these successful farmers and embody them in a booklet for distribution among the city folk and among those who are inoculated with the back-to-the-land germ, but who lack the necessary courage to make the plunge. No better advertising for Alberta could be prepared. It will be advertising that, will be one hundred per cent. efficient, for it will be backed by indisputable proof from thousands of sources. This is Alberta news that should be blazoned

throughout that part of the world from which Alberta desires immigrants.

FREE SPACE

"Will you kindly give space to the following?" "Kindly publish the enclosed." "We enclose herewith an article which we will be glad if you will publish." "The enclosed will probably be of interest to your readers." During the past month we received twenty-three requests from various sources requesting as above. The strange part of the letters is that in all but two cases indulge in any petty personalities during the coming year, and that all the members would work for the best interests of the city of which he had no doubt.

Alderman Ruttle, the father of the council, also supplemented the mayor's remark with a clever address on "Let us work shoulder to shoulder for the best interests of the city."

The committeemen for the several committees were appointed for the year. Those chosen as chairmen and amitteemen are: Mayor Costello, chairman of the finance committee. Alderman · Adams, chairman of the legislative com-

mittee Ald. Ruttle, chairman of the legislative committee. Ald. Skinner, chairman of the assessment committee. Ald. McNeill, chairman of the railways, new indus-

tries and power development committee. Ald Aldshead and Tallon were elected as the council's two members of the legislative committee.

Ald. Arnold and Adshead were elected as the council's two members of the assessment committee. Ald. McTaggart and Tull were elected as the coun

cil' two members of the reception committee. Ald Skinner and Marshall were elected as the council's two members of the railway and power committee.

Ald. Tallon, Tull, Skinner and McNeill were chosen as the council's representatives on the exhibition board. Alec Ross, Ald. Adshead and A. G. Plunkett were chosen as the city's representatives on the public library board.

S. G. Freeze was re-elected as the city's representative on the board of health. Ald. McTaggart and Commisioner Samis were chosen

as the city's representatives on the Victoria Order of Nurses board.

Ald. Tull was chosen as the city's representative on the Vacant Lots Garden club.



It's a waste of time to try and dodge a hypocrite. He knows more dodges in a minute than you can earn in a ifetime. . . .

When you hear a woman or man boasting of their ancestors it is a safe wager that they will have no occasion to boast of theirs. State States and States

In the United States the Pastors of the churches in various cities are bowing to the popular demand and sanctioning the opening of the movies on Sunday evening. Sooner or later Calgary will have to come to it.

forecasting the tragedies of 1916, did During the coming year we intend to follow the system we have adopted during the past twelve months. The materials we have used have been the best that money can buy. The workmanship and her reputation suffer to such an extent that she was discredited as a prophettime we have given our patients have in no way been stinted. The prices we have given in most cases just cut in two the prices other dentists have asked for the same work. It has often occurred to us that our prices are far too low, but even at this we made a fair margin of profits, and until the times we live

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HOUSEHOLDER

The peculiarity of Mme. de Thebes's prophecies lay in their very awfulness. Never did the woman, known some times as the "Pythoness of Paris," predict the bright and cheerful happenings that would befall the individual or the world at large. "God does not inform me of the fortunate events." she would say. "And what is the use? Happiness does not have to be avoided.".

Had Mme. de Thebes lived in America, a disrespectful element would have dubbed her the world's champion calamity howler. But Mme. de Thebes voiced her prophecies from her palatial apartments in Avenue Wagram in Paris, and America heard her words only through the medium of cable dispatches. Distance lent authority, or at least, encouraged respect. The glamor of a salon literally filled with images of elephants and plaster casts of human hands entered into the psychology of her predictions as they affected the French. Mme. de Thebes predicted the fol

wing dire events: The death of the Marquis de Mores in the African desert; the sudden death of President Faure of France: the assassination of King Humbert of Italy; the earthquake and fire of San

Francisco; revolutions in Morocco; an uprising in Spain; the Boer Was; the Boyal Bank Chambers, Eighth Ave and Centre Street. Phone M2311. 11-1yr great charity bazaar fire in Paris; the death by drowning of the beautiful actress, Mile. Lantelme; earthquake FRANCOIS DE ROUBSY DE BALES disturbances along the Atlantic coast

Barrister, Solicitor, French correspon-ince, 209-211 Grain Exchange Building Jalgary. Phone M2077. in 1906, fulfilled in part by an earthquake in Jamaice These are a few of the prophecies of TAMES O. CAMPBELL, B.L., BARRISETE Mme. de Thebes that were fulfilled

algary. Phone M2977. without qustion. Others were fulfilled in part only. For example, in 1911 she predicted that "Nations' will be up heaved; a great European war is to be fought; the high cost of living is

to go higher; Paris probably will top ple into ruins; babies won't have f J. PETRIE, BARBIETHE, COLICITOR and Notary. 2 Mills Block. 322a Sighth Ave. West. Phone MASTE.

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