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THE NEED OF A MARKET.

The outstanding feature of the attempt of the Consumers' league on Saturday was the demonstration that the people of Calgary want a city market, that they haven't got one, and that they should and could have one if the city went the right way about it.

The attendance of purchasers at this test market was very large. The accommodation was not good. The supply of produce was not adequate. Many preferred to divide their truck farms into subdivisions and sell their land for fairly cheap real estate. Besides, there was no market when they brought produce to Calgary.

Guaranteed a good market in Calgary, the market gardener or truck farmer will start soon enough. We can grow vegetables of all kinds, and even small fruits, in large quantities, poultry, eggs, and dairy products, and almost everything that finds a place on a market. But it is not done, and it will not be started without some considerable encouragement on the part of the citizens.

This is a fruitful country. Everything the farmer can raise he can bring in to Calgary and sell at a high price except grain, and, strange to say, grain is about all that he does grow.

The citizens have shown the council how badly they want a market. The council should take some steps to provide one. They should appoint a superintendent, but they should be unusually careful in the man they select. Upon the choice they make depends the immediate future of such a market.

This war business seems to become a habit in some countries and the Balkans are still nibbling at it, and in Mexico it has become a steady occupation. In other countries preparations for war are even more costly.

Prince Edward Islanders have prohibited all automobiles on that island, evidently believing that the gasoline will somewhat discourage the fox crop. The Islanders are suspicious.

In the market on Saturday there were buyers in large numbers, the sellers are still nibbling at it, and in Mexico it has become a steady occupation.

The Albertan does not name the paper in question, because the same thing is being said in every riding carried by government members in every part of the province.

For a government to give the constituents of any riding special favors because it elects a supporter of that government is a gross form of bribery. The constituents who ask for special favors for that reason are asking for bribes. Unfortunately, every government, the Alberta government is no exception, does give special consideration to friends and special favors to constituents sending supporters to parliament.

To say that this constituency should get more favors from the government because it supported a certain candidate, and that the neighboring riding should get less because it elected a candidate of a different party, is a vicious argument. Unfortunately it is one that is frequently used, and not without results. The public works are made by public money, and the public money belongs as much to ridings which elect opponents as those which send government supporters.

The Alberta government has always been very fair in this respect. The leader of the opposition and his predecessor in that office have always expressed themselves as quite satisfied that the government acted fairly with the different ridings, and have not complained of discrimination. But that is an exception. The government, in order to do that, must have considerable difficulty in stalling off the demands of applicants who have come to recognize that that is the proper standard in Canadian public affairs.

The whole patronage system is very bad. It is one of the serious questions in Canada. It is the foundation of the political morality or immorality in the Dominion. The many who have the courage to strike at the very root of the trouble and lop off the entire patronage system and conduct government as a wise man conducts business, will deserve well of the electors. It must come in time.

The premier of Hungary has challenged his opponent to a duel with real swords, and there will be a meeting, and no person hurt, and no interruption to business. We humbly recommend this plan to President Frank Gray of the Western Canada baseball club.

A correspondent who says that he can work off some high-class rhyming stuff himself, writes the Albertan with a challenge to the poets of the British empire for a poetry, the winner to be crowned with the laurel and become official poet laureate. We pass the suggestion on to the places where laureates are appointed. Alberta ought have a dozen entries in an event like that.

A DOUBLE OUTRAGE.

The commissioners, according to report, have decided to withhold the increases in salaries voted to the more poorly paid officials of the city, to secure enough money to make a grant to a charitable institution in this city. Instead of the increases starting on January 1, they will start on April 1 or July 1. Only officials getting less than \$90 per month will be affected. The increase in the salaries of the commissioners and the mayor took effect on January 1.

This means nothing more or less than that the underpaid officials are forced to pay for the citizens in general who benefit by the philanthropy. That is unfair. It is brutally unfair.

And that is not the worst of it either. For some reason the commissioners are taking an extra three months from the employes of the electric light department. No explanation has been made of this rather remarkable decision. The department gives a very neat profit to the city every month. The clerks are underpaid. Of the twenty-one in the department, two receive \$65 a month, thirteen receive \$70 a month, and three receive \$75. That is practically less than a living wage for men who desire to maintain full citizenship and keep a family in this city.

Yet the city forces these underpaid employes to pay \$30 to the Convalescent Home, which the citizens should pay. That is a double outrage.

As the Albertan has suggested repeatedly, the city should make a change in its service department. At present Calgary underpays its officials and has no proper system of increase or promotion. The employes should not be forced to pay the debts of the whole city, or give their hard-earned money to make up for the mistakes of others.

Because at the city market on Saturday the marketer could not always get strawberries for five cents a box in a pound of sugar thrown in to flavor the bargain, some people are inclined to believe that the market is not quite what they expected it to be.

Some people like to wander about among the hills on Sunday afternoon, and others who can afford it are content to motor in the country, and there are some others who take part in Sunday school work, and there are others who delight in none of these things, and to whom the Sunday afternoon is not the enjoyment that it should be. We have no boating or amusement of that kind which makes the day so pleasant in other places. What to do on Sunday is a question that deserves some consideration.

An Edmonton alderman has discovered that money voted for the street railway extension has been used for the prison farm and municipal golf course. Edmonton need not be lonesome in this strange method of financing. But never, never again, in Calgary.

The carpenters in Toronto have threatened to go into politics and show the minister of public works just how things should be done. And with a contingent of carpenters on the floor of the house, cabinet making should not be so difficult.

It seems that when President Frank Gray of the Western Canada league rebuked the Saskatchewan Quakers that the turning of the other cheek was the last thing that either Cairns or Hurley thought of. That may be all right for the other Quakers, but baseball is baseball.

When the western farmer has no wheat to sell, the price of wheat is higher in Winnipeg than it is in Minneapolis. When the western farmer is selling his wheat the price in Minneapolis is higher than in Winnipeg.

It would be more to the advantage of the western farmer if he had access to the Minneapolis market when he had wheat to sell, even if the difference was only two cents a bushel, than if he was shut out from the Minneapolis market, even if the price of wheat in Winnipeg exceeded that of Minneapolis by a dollar a bushel, when he had no wheat to sell.

The crop in the United States in 1912 was unusually good, surpassing any crop in recent history. The narrow market advocates rejoiced in this fact and said that a comparison of the price of grain in Minneapolis and Winnipeg would be of interest. In the early fall, before the grain of the Canadian farmers was ripe, the price in Minneapolis was lower than it was in Winnipeg. But when the farmer had harvested his grain and put it upon the market, the price in Minneapolis had increased again, and was considerably higher than in Winnipeg.

After the farmers had marketed their grain, the price in Winnipeg took the lead again. During the months of October, November, December and January the farmers of Western Canada marketed 77,756 cars of grain. With the exception of five days in October, when the Winnipeg price was a portion of a cent higher than the Minneapolis price, the Minneapolis price exceeded the Winnipeg price, sometimes by as much as 61-8 cents per bushel.

This year was the most favorable for the narrow market theorists. Still, even then the farmers of the West marketed at least 75,000,000 bushels when the price was on an average at least three cents a bushel higher in Minneapolis than in Winnipeg.

One week from today the Calgary fair will open in all its glory, only somewhat more so. The Calgary fair is something that we can very well enthrone about because it is a credit to the city and the province, and to all of Western Canada.

Calgary citizens regret that any promotion for Mr. A. Price, C. P. R. general superintendent of this division, will mean his departure from this city. He is a very excellent citizen, who stands for the best there is in Calgary citizenship.

The defence in the Pelkey trial has not yet brought any evidence to show that possibly the tragic blow was given or the injury received in some previous incarnation. Sir Max Aitken declares that Alberta borrows too much. With Sir Max paying 16 cents a bushel for oats in his elevator, he surely cannot expect that we can live in this country without borrowing.

W. J. Bryan, secretary of state in the United States, and several other things, has decided to carry his lunch to future and not take any chances with the hushers in the United States capital, principally because it saves time to eat out of a pack, and it also saves the stomach when the home folks prepare the luncheon.

The freight rates in Western Canada may not be so very much higher than Jim Hill squeezes out of the farmers across the way on some things, though that is a matter of argument, but it is beyond dispute that compared with the rates in Eastern Canada, freight rates in Western Canada are abnormally high and must be cut down.

If a business man should chop down the wages of employes in order to raise money to give to a charitable purpose, the proprietor would be held up to the scorn of honest people as a candidate for the position of the "meanest man in seven counties." But that is precisely what the city has done with the underpaid employees at the city hall. It is mean.

The Poet Philosopher

WHO GETS HURT?
Come, let us eat the peanut trust, which fills all people with disgust. A few ungodly plutocrats, all decked with gems and stoupe hats, control the country's peanut trade, and hire more legal lights to break such laws as we may make. And when the little race is run, and hire more legal lights to break such laws as we may make. And when the little race is run, and hire more legal lights to break such laws as we may make.

Vest Pocket Essays

THE JUNE GARDEN
Almost all amateurs have gardens in June but not all are so vociferous about them as they were in May. The June garden is quite easy to detect, even though the detective may not know a garden from an asphalt pavement.

The garden is just like a new administration. All patriots begin new administrations with bright, clean boys and weed out the old, and opposite political affiliations with sweeping vigor. The nation is never so safe as when it is so young.

The Old and New

Very Bad
A letter that Rev. W. M. L. Evans, pastor of St. Luke's, North Lincolnshire, wrote to the editor, called an amusing contribution to the discussion then going on concerning the alleged decay of handwriting. Mr. Evans says: "The name of Dean Stanley will occur to many of us as that of a celebrated theologian of the pre-reformation period. When Mrs. Kingsley died, being very ill, her husband received a letter from her, written in her own hand. He opened it carefully and slowly, and then said: 'Here is a letter from Mrs. Kingsley. I am very sympathetic and affectionate, but there are only two words that I can make anything out of. The first is 'dear', and the second is 'dear'.'"

Sidewalk Sketches

THE LAWN MOWER
The lawn mower is a wonderful implement which, when pursued with feverish energy by a tall, bow-legged, prospective owner, without collar, necktie or suspenders, makes a beautiful landscape decoration. It is used to reduce the growth of grass on the front lawn and make it so that a man can play croquet on it without having to cut it.

New Cheney Silks

These unsportable Silks come in exclusive designs of perfect weave and are a household word with the well dressed American and Canadian lady. One piece only, comes in an exquisite poppy design particularly appropriate for kimonos. It is a deep, rich cardinal shade, with the new poppy shades interwoven in bewitching effects. The prettiest silk we have seen in many a day; 27 inches wide. \$1.00 Per yard.

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These are new arrivals of special good to the summer girl and come in lawn, mull and voiles of a nice sheer quality and handsomely embroidered in many new and very pretty designs. Three to three and a half yards of 42 inches wide. Price, length \$3.50 to \$7.25

COMING WEEK, DAY BY DAY

Monday.
New Rochelle, N. Y., receives French visitors who have come over to help celebrate its 25th birthday.
Tuesday.
Trustees of an eastern railroad receive Ex-President Taft at Cincinnati to hear his opinion of the systems' legal troubles.
Wednesday.
Senate confirms the nomination of Wm. J. Harris, of Georgia, as census director.
Thursday.
National Association of Master Shipbuilders meets at Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Friday.
Illinois mayors meet at Rockford to discuss reforms.
Saturday.
Mrs. Wilson and the Misses Wilson arrive in England. Her summer home at Cornish, N. H.

What's in a Name?

The old caretaker of an Episcopal church, as he sat on a tombstone in the churchyard, dismissed as trivial the question of his proper title. "The good old creed keeps the same for all," he said, "though they may have changed the words they use. Look at me; here I used to be the janitor. Then I had a person who called me the sexton. Dr. Thrilly gave me the name of vicar. And the young man we've got now says 'Em the sacristan'."

She Did What She Could

A physician told a story of a philanthropic doctor in a mining town who gave a new thermometer to each family with the urgent advice to keep their houses at a proper temperature. "When he was making his rounds one day he saw his thermometer hanging in the room. He asked the woman if she would mind if he remembered his instructions." "Indeed, sir, I do," was the response, "I hang the thing right up there, and I watch the mercury before she gets out of bed."

Her Trump Card

A clergyman has given this account of infant reformation. "My little daughter was a bit overborne by the weather, for other events, and consequently was put to bed early. She had not been under the covers more than five minutes before she called out: 'Mama, I want to see papa.' 'Go to sleep, dear,' answered her mother. 'Papa can't see you now.' 'In a few minutes' she called once more. 'Mama, I've got to see papa.' 'I can't disturb papa now. He is very busy. Go to sleep.' 'Then there was a silence for nearly forty minutes. Then these words floated down the stairs: 'Mama, I am very sick woman, and I must see my pastor at once.' 'Then I went up.'

Success depends largely upon Good Health

In your race for success don't lose sight of the fact that only through good health can you attain success. The tension you must necessarily place upon your nerves, and the sacrifice of proper exercise you have to make at times must be balanced in some way.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

As the balancing power—a vitalizing power. It acts on the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition, thus purifying the blood and giving strength to the nervous system, indirectly aiding the liver to perform its very important work. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has been successful for a generation as a tonic and body builder. Sold by medicine dealers in liquid or tablet form—trial box of "Tablets" mailed on receipt of 50 cent stamps.

If in failing health write Dr. R. V. Pierce's faculty at Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, New York.

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Advertisement for Cement Specialists featuring text: 'Cement Specialists. We can assure you of the very best satisfaction if it is anything in Cement Work, no matter what the conditions. Foundations, sidewalks, steps. T. OLSON. 503 Fourth St. E. Estimates given. All work guaranteed.'

Advertisement for Rose Tea featuring text: 'Rose Tea. is but for high and finely. There Red Rose worth the best sale, worth the 50c. larger.'

Advertisement for Theatre featuring text: 'Theatre. This WEEK Hazel Thurston in LITTLE GIRL ARE YOU? Daily at 3 p. m. 6c. Adults 25c. Evenings 8-30, 5c, 5c. 10c. Evenings, 9-30, and 35c.'

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