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THE MOTE IN THE BEAM

Captious criticism is a two-edged sword which cuts both ways. This ancient aphorism is recalled for the benefit of an afternoon contemporary that took occasion yesterday to abuse, in its news columns, The Morning Albertan for alleged inaccuracies in reports furnished this newspaper by other parties. With the exception of some minor points in a news report furnished The Albertan by wire, this newspaper is still inclined to believe that the persons who gave it information for another article that worries our afternoon neighbor, were correct in their assumptions. The Albertan, however, does not desire to enter into an unmodified controversy concerning the veracity of Calgary citizens. Likewise, it is not the policy of The Albertan to pick faults in its afternoon neighbor. These remarks are more in sorrow than in anger, for a discerning reader of the same issue of our neighbor pointed out to The Albertan yesterday that while the bright young men who write in our afternoon friend's columns were seeking frenziedly to pick the mustard seed inaccuracies out of The Albertan's eye, they completely overlooked a large beam in the optic of their own editorial writer.

It was a pity to weaken such a masterly attack on the inadequacies of our health department, as our editorial friend, did, by permising his remarks on the hasty statement that there are, in local hospitals, thirty-five cases of typhoid originating in Calgary. As the news columns of our neighbor agree with The Albertan that there are much closer to one hundred, than thirty-five, local cases in the hospitals, it was evident that our editorial friend's slip was incurred in the hasty penning of the article for the press.

The Albertan has dwelt on the incident sufficiently to point out the danger of chucking stones about among glass houses. Inasmuch as this newspaper is pleased to have the support, if somewhat tardy, of our neighbor in the protection of the public interest, it has no desire to prolong the discussion, and will drop the subject right here unless further provoked.

WILFULLY DISCREDITS ITSELF

That the Calgary city administration is discrediting itself in wilfully refusing to put into effect the recommendations of the committee which was appointed to make an investigation of civic affairs there can be no doubt.

The investigation was held as a result of a feeling that had become very general about the city that there was much in connection with the management of the business of the city which was not good and when that feeling developed into an outcry it was decided to hold an investigation.

What was the purpose of holding that investigation if it was not to ascertain whether or not there was justification for the widespread belief that there were matters that needed remedying? And what was the purpose of ascertaining whether there was anything amiss if it was not the intention to apply the remedy in the event it should be shown by the investigation that there was occasion for it?

The investigation was held by members of the city council and a unanimous report was submitted. Every member of that committee concurred in the charge that there was a great deal in connection with the administration of the affairs of Calgary which needed remedying.

Among other things it was unanimously held by the investigating committee that the medical health officer of the city had been grossly lax—not to use a stronger term—in his conduct of the affairs of the health department of the city. The committee without a dissenting voice recommended the dismissal of the medical health officer. That recommendation was made a month ago, yet no move has been made to give effect to the advice of the committee.

The recommendation of the investigating committee with reference to the medical officer was based, in the main, upon the revelations made before the committee with reference to the conduct of the isolation hospital, but it was felt by the members of the committee that an official capable of permitting conditions to obtain such as were shown to exist with regard to the isolation hospital, was not a safe man to have direction of the matter of caring for the health of the city.

During the month that has elapsed since the investigation committee made its recommendation for the dismissal of the health officer, another condition has grown up in the city, touching the welfare of every resident. It is a matter coming under the direct supervision of the medical health officer, and it is a matter offering a vastly greater menace to the wellbeing of Calgary than did the conditions that existed in relation to the isolation hospital.

A week ago, The Albertan, reminded by the typhoid situation in Ottawa, and realizing that the water used in Calgary had been very bad for a long time, was apprehensive that possibly there might be danger of such an epidemic in Calgary, and to ascertain whether or not there was reason for entertaining such fears, a representative of the paper was sent to Dr. Estey. That official stated unequivocally that there was no danger and that all the cases in the city had come from the outside.

Monday, however, word reached The Albertan that there was a large number of cases of typhoid in Calgary and an investigation was instituted. The result was published in yesterday morning's issue. It showed that there are one hundred known cases in the city, that is to say that there are one hundred cases at two hospitals alone. The investigation further clearly showed that a very small number of the cases came from outside of Calgary. If there are one hundred cases in two hospitals and less than a quarter of that number came from outside the city, while more than three-quarters of the number originated in the city, it is probably reasonable to suppose there are a great many more cases in the city, as we do not think it is reasonable to suppose that every case had been taken to a hospital, particularly since one hospital reports that it is only taking such cases as simply cannot be refused. We think it is probably safe to assume that if the exact facts could be ascertained, it would be found that the number of cases in the city is nearer two hundred than one hundred cases.

The medical health officer told The Albertan when questioned Monday, that he knew of but eight cases of typhoid in the city, yet he draws a comfortable salary from the city for the express purpose of protecting the health of Calgary; if one part of that obligation is not to keep in touch with conditions as relate to the general health of the city and to enforce measures for preventing the spread of serious diseases, The Albertan is not able to clearly read its title.

The Albertan thinks the situation does not fall far short of the appalling, considering the fact that the city maintains a health department with a medical health officer to do that which may be done to protect it against the ravages of such diseases as typhoid fever.

It is, we think, a singular commentary upon the fitness of men to conduct the affairs of a city who can allow themselves to be responsible for such a condition. Had the recommendation of the investigation committee been acted upon and given effect, it is possible and indeed quite probable that much of the gravity of the present situation would have been avoided. No doubt there would have been some cases of typhoid, but with an active official in charge we think it quite probable steps would have been taken to ascertain whether there was danger of a typhoid epidemic, and if that had been done there can be no doubt measures for the prevention of its serious spread could have been adopted.

If nothing else had been done than to enforce the law requiring physicians to report typhoid, that would no doubt have acquainted the health department with the fact that a danger was present and it is unreasonable to suppose but that steps to ascertain the cause and prevent a spread would have been taken.

Especially do we think the situation is grave in view of the fact that we are inviting a great concourse of people to assemble in Calgary within a few days. If urgent and effective measures are not adopted to stamp out the disease it cannot but be expected that it will seriously affect the greatest public undertaking ever attempted in Calgary.

And when you get back to the meat of the matter, there is probably little doubt that the great share of the responsibility rests upon those who have prevented the enforcement of the recommendations of the investigation committee.

It would seem that these men are deliberately bringing discredit upon themselves.

UNCLE WALT
THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THERE is a man in our town who thinks he's wondrous wise; though he has lots of junk to sell, he does not advertise. He often says: "The people must know I'm in the game; and if they want my doodads, they'll come and buy the same. To advertise my jimcracks won't bring me trade or scads, for folks who take the papers refuse to read the ads. They read the sporting pages, they read the household dope, they read what Lillian Russell says of her beauty soap, they read the wedding stories of joyous girls and lads, they read the 'Hints to Hoboes,' but do not read the ads." The large and clammy spiders build cobwebs in his store, and no one will disturb them by entering the door. The clerk are growing whiskers all filled with fungus blue, and comb them with their pilgrim, insomnia-accursed, goes here, in peace and quiet fingers—they've nothing else to do. Sometimes a sad-eyed to sleep a little verst. Anon a man who wishes to drop from public view, drops in to see that merchant and stays a week or two. But no one takes a bundle to buy things at that store, where broods the drowsy merchant, and all the clerklings snore.

—WALT MASON.

SIDEWALK SKETCHES
By HOWARD L. RANN

THE sewing machine is a mild-looking household utensil which is used to keep woman in a content- from becoming a ed frame of mind and prevent he mere butterfly of fashion

After a high-spirited wife has played on the pedals of a sewing machine for ten hours, she will not be inclined to count the pulsing accents of the cuckoo clock as her husband ascends the stairs in his stocking feet and a state of trepidation.

The sewing machine was invented in 1845 by the late Elias Howe, a Massachusetts Yankee who had grown tired of holding his suspenders in place with tenpenny nails. His first machine was a crude affair, having a very short wheelbase, and doing most of its stitching on the hop, step and jump principle, which caused its output to look like the hem-stitching in a gunny sack. It took Mr. Howe several years to perfect a machine which could be used without introducing leg cramps into the family circle.

If Mr. Howe could come back to earth now, he would not recognize his child. The modern sewing machine will do everything except sweep under the beds and keep ants out of the refrigerator. Some women make clothes on it which fit just as well as if they had been ordered from a housewrecking concern.

The latest style machines are run by electric motor, with self-starter and automatic cut off. A woman can feed a bolt of blue denim into one of these machines and it will emerge at the other end in serried ranks of form-fitting overalls, while she is peeling the potatoes or swaying in rhythmic cadence with the family wash.

The sewing machine runs neck and neck with the carpet sweeper as a pleasing and appropriate birthday present, as it reminds a wife that woman's work is never done, if she lives to be 90,000 years old.

OLD COWMAN DISCUSSES STAMPEDE

"TH' ole days uh forty year ago is comin' back fer uh week at least," remarked the Old Cowman quietly happy. Thet's gonna be uh big week when yuh kin git back anywheres frum th' effeety present tuh 1865. It's comin' durin' th' Stampede week en its gonna be great fer reminiscincin'." He leaned against a pole and allowed scorn to curl his whiskers as he watched the circus parade crawl past with bands blaring and spotted horses prancing. "Looka thet here toy cowman," he sneered bitterly, when a young fellow wearing all the paraphernalia of the woolly west including a heavy six-shooter rode past. "I reckon he's posin' ez a gunmah; en he couldn't draw thet there cannon uh his'n quick enough tuh snap uh mired steer." Contempt literally radiated from the Old Cattleman as he glared in insulted dislike at the show person.

"When yuh come tuh think on it there ain't much diffrunce in men, take 'em all around," he resumed philosophically as the last strains of the steam calliope ceased spitting our ear-drums. "In th' ole days when we wuz livin' on buffalo humps en drinkin' spud whiskey en other likker made from tobacker juice, rain water and 'lasses it was best tuh advertise yerself ez uh bad man in order tuh git erlong purty smooth. In these days it's bet tuh advertise yerself ez uh good man. But down underneath all thishyer advertisin' I kinda got uh hunch thet th' only diffrunce in the' men is thet they advertise diffrunt. I'll betcha lots uh these here good men uh today would steal yer money jest ez quick ez them bad men ud run off uh steer. It's jest uh diffrunt system; onct it paid tuh advertise yerself ez bad, now it pays tuh advertise ez good. Both wuz with th' same end in view.'

"But were there any real gunmen here in the old times?" I asked.

"Gun fighters?" asked he, "Sure. Lots uh gun fighters. But they wuz only human bein's en they talked lots uh whut they could do with a six-gun. Some uh them fellers would make yuh believe they could draw while a rattlesnake was strikin', en could shoot its head off afore it struck. They was good advertisers. En sometimes when they wuz called on tuh prove it they jest simply showed up ez dam, bloody mistakes, ez th' Englishman said when a ole farmer shot a lot uh holes in one uh them bad gunmen at th' forks uh th' Ole Man river in '77. But them fellers who wuz allus talkin' uh what they could do with a short gun was the' men what us'lly got along purty fair becuz people didn't want tuh hev' no trouble with 'em. Offun when they did allow fer tuh hev trouble the gunmen ud git lots th' worse uv it. Lots us 'em got tehir repertashions frum drawin' afore they insulted a man en then commencin' shoot' et onct. They're like sum uh these 'good' people uv today." The Old Cattleman snorted with contempt and chewed thoughtfully upon a fat cigar which I passed over.

"I mind onct," he resumed, "seein' uh gun-fighter git a awful su'pprise. I wuz up in th' Kootenal country gittin' some hosses tuh run over th' White Man Pass into th' prairies, en' we was dickein' with th' Kootenal Injuns. They are purty good Indians good riders en hunters, en purty good scrappers too. There was a feller name uh Jack Bell drifted in there with a pair uh ponies, en wearin' leather shaps. He wuz all bad, big knife, two guns, black mustash en everythin' complete. He gits shootin' off his mouth at th' store en fin'lly a big, fine built buck walks up tuh him. Th' buck's lean like uh rassler, en walks like he's on springs.

"Yu bad man?" he asks Jack Bell, sneerin' like, awful low voiced. Jack he turns en looks at him then bellers.

"'Yes ye pit-faced, bad-smellin' son uh Bull Ile, en I jest eat up greasy Injuns fer fun.' He grits his teeth en grabs fer a gun."

"Who was Bill Ile?" I asked curiously.

"I dunno who he wuz," admitted the Old Cattleman, "but thet's what He called him, 'son uh Bill Ile.'"

I muttered to myself "Belial," and nodded understandingly.

'Well," continued the Old Cowman, "Th' Injun sez'

"'Yu fight?'

"'I loves it,' yelps Jack."

"'Come then,' sez th' Kootenal, pullin' uh knife. Jack draws his gun en they rush outside, th' Kootenal treadin' on th' balls uh his feet uh man sparrin'. Bell throws down his gun tuh git uh bead en thet buck jest natcherally kicks thet six-gun out'n his hands. Then th' Injun throws away his knife en goes at Bell like uh white man. It seem he wuz uh mission-taught red man an' has assimilated a lot uh th' ways uh lumber jacks, havin' worked a couple uh winters with 'em. He jest walked all over Bell en changed his generrul makeup so's nobody would know him a-tall, a-tall. Then he kept Bell's gun en went away grinnin' while Jack groans a lot en decides never tuh pack no gun where people kin see it eny more.

"Yessir," concluded the narrator, "Th' handiest man with ennythin' isn't th' feller who's allus tellin' yuh about it. Thet's why lots uh handy men is alive today en most uh the 'bad' men ain't nowhere around. I'm kinda lookin' fer th' same thing tuh happen tuh some uh these champeen ropers en riders at this here Stampede nex' month."

A Few Weeks Change

"You remember the Greens?"

"Well; how are they getting on?"

"They're divorced."

"You don't say."

"Yep. Remember the little milliner on Main street?"

"You bet."

"She's Mrs. Green now."

"Remember Smithers — the hotel clerk?"

"Distinctly."

"He married Mrs. Green last week."

"Well, well; what a difference a few weeks make."

Everett Man P.-I. Manager

Seattle, Aug. 6.—Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, Wash., has purchased an interest in The Post-Intelligencer Publishing Company, and has become vice-president of the company and general manager of the paper. Ex-United States Senator John L. Wilson, majority owner of the paper, is about to depart on a journey around the world. Scott C. Bone will continue editor of The Post-Intelligencer and its policy will not be changed.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
INCORPORATED 1670

Today We Close at One
Another Busy Half Day at The Bay

IT is widely recognized among Calgary women, that Wednesday morning at the Bay offers exceptional chances to save on their purchases. On that day there must be crowded a whole day's business into 4 1-2 hours. In order to accomplish the desired results each department puts its best value foot forward in offering the most attractive values. This morning will find a host of unprecedented values in much wanted merchandise. As to qualities, the same high standard characteristic of this store, is evident in everything. Spend this morning with us. It will be found most profitable.

A Windfall of Pretty Waists To Flutter Out at Tiny Prices

A general round up of Ladies' Lingerie Waists and pretty wash blouses which we have gathered from our regular lines, and just because they have been slightly soiled through handling we have marked them at quick clearance prices, Today 9 o'clock.

White Wash and Lingerie Waists, in a variety of the season's most attractive styles; all sizes represented in the lot, but not all sizes in each particular style. Regular 95c to $1.25. Today ....75¢

Another little lot, 75 all told, of neat sailor waists, in fine quality white linen, beautifully made and guaranteed perfect fitting; small pocket, 3-4 set-in sleeves, collar, cuffs and pocket of mercerized drill, in navy, cadet blue navy and white and black and white stripe. Regular $1.25. Today ....75¢

Two dozen only, White Linen Sailor Waists, collar, cuffs and box plaits down front, trimmed blue and white and black and white check or plain blue chambray. Included in this lot is a small quantity of neat navy and white spot percale sailor blouses, tie and collar trimmed with pipings of white. Regular $1.00, $1.15 and $1.25. Today .....75¢

Novelty Curtain Muslins Will Fly Over The Yard Measures

It's a clearance of note, for these represent some of the most favored curtain muslins of the particular house-keepers, besides, they have been selected as a special attraction for a busy morning's selling and would be counted as splendid value at double the price. Make the most of this offering by an early visit. Sale commences when the doors open.

100 yards, no more, or dainty white Novelty Curtain Muslins, hemstitched, with lace edge and insertion, 37 inches wide; suitable for bedrooms. Regular 40c yard. Today ....30¢

Pretty White Novelty Muslins for curtains hemstitchd with lace edge and insertion, 100 yards, 27 inches wide and usually sold at 30c a yard. Today .....20¢

100 Novelty Curtain Muslins with white insertion and hemstitched edge; width 27 inches. Regular value 35c yard. Today ....25¢

100 yards White Novelty Muslins, 27 inchs wide, white insertion and hemstitched edge, 27 inches wide, regular price 20c a yard. Today ..... 14¢

Wash Skirts---Entire Stock Reduced

You can count this nothing less than a stroke of good luck to secure one or two of these smartly tailored white wash skirts at Today's reductions. And to think you have the choice from our entire stock—some 130 all told. We have seen less handsome styles selling at half the price.

They include fine imported repp, Indianhead and heavy linen in a variety of the season's most accepted styles; beautifully made, in a complete range of sizes and skirts that are easily laundered.

Regular $1.50 to $2.75. Today, 9 o'clock $1.25
Regular $2.25 to $2.75. Today, 9 o'clock $1.95
Regular $3.00 to $4.50. Today, 9 o'clock $2.75

Any remaining after 10 o'clock today will be sold at above reductions the remainder of the week.

An Important Remnant Sale
OF ODDS & ENDS

Half Price — Half Price

Some of the greatest bargains of the whole year are announced after stocktaking. Women who are awake to their own interests know this. And here is just such a sale. Many short ends have been rummaged out after a busy season's selling from the staple section. Here you will find a big collection of Cotton, Prints, Muslins, Linens, Sateens and Cotton Foulards, varying in lengths from a yard upwards—remnants from our most popular selling lines. No need to tell women the list of things to be made up from these and as to how long they will last after the doors open won't be hard to guess. Better get around early. This morning—EXACTLY HALF PRICE

Hose Supporters

A Saving of 15c a Pair

To avoid disappointment this remarkable offering simply means early shopping. We don't expect to see a single pair left after 10 o'clock, and the quantity is not small. Six dozen Ladies' and Children's Elastic Double Web Hose Supporters, with patent spring don't tear fasteners, white only. Regular 25c. This a. m. .....10¢

PUFFECT LOCK PINS

For securing puffs, curls and waves, also for waving and curling the hair. Special, 6 pins for .....5¢

Duchess Satin Ribbon

Needless to say that at all times, season in and season out, that women look to the Bay for best values in ribbon, no matter what their need, and always get quality. So this morning's offering is doubly important from every viewpoint in the matter of your ribbon purchase.

560 yards of beautiful quality Duchesse Satin Ribbon, 5 1-2 inches wide, in white, cream, pink, sky, mauve, vieux rose, green, tan, brown, navy, royal, etc. Regular 25c yard. This a. m. .....20¢

Silk and Tinsel Girdles

85c to $2.00, Today 50c

When you can save from 35c to $1.50 on thse beautiful silk woven girdles, with silk tassels and of finest qualities, we won't have to dwell on the importance of early morning shopping. This extra special offering is a rare one and were it not for the fact of swelling sales for the short day's business you could not expect such a generous saving. Fifty are altogether in brown, dark blue, silver, sky, gold, pink and so on. Regular 85c to $2.00. This a. m. .....50¢

A Quartette of Saving News From The Men's and Boys' Section

It is easiest to choose where choice is greatest, and there are very few men about town who don't know the advantages of buying their needs from this store. And because we buy in such enormous quantities we can at all times save them considerably on any purchase, and they are assured of finest wearing qualities to the bargain. Mothers have found this out too in buying their needs for their sturdy growing boys. These for this morning. Shop early.

MEN'S WORKING SHIRTS

Black and white and blue and white stripe galatea Working Shirts, built for solid comfort and hard wear, made large and roomy with button-down collar, pocket. This is the famous Argyle shirt of British make; good value at the regular price $1.25. This a. m. $1.00

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

These are "Zimmerknit" Balbriggan, of extra quality. They need no introduction to the men folk as to quality and price. Regular $1.00 suit. This a. m. ..75¢

CHILDREN'S AND BOYS' SWEATERS

Pure wool Jersey Sweaters, with button shoulder and collar in blue, brown, green, red, etc. Just right for the little fellow in weight and quality for the present season; splendid goods of English make; sizes 22 to 32. Prices .....75¢ to $1.50

BOYS' HEAVY STOCKINGS

Heavy Ribb Cotton Stockings, fast dye, will not turn green or rusty and give splendid wear; sizes 6 to 7; pair .....20¢
Sizes 7 1-2 to 10; pair .....25¢

Men's Excelda Handkerchiefs, in a large range of patterns, 3 for .....25¢

Prices Chipped in Enamelware

Here's important saving news to housekeepers. Tin and Enamelware has been greatly reduced for this morning's selling.

Daisy Tea Kettles, regular 25c for .....15¢
Galvanized Wash Tubs, regular $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, for 75¢, 85¢, 95¢
Watering Cans regular 50c, 60c, 70c, for .....35¢, 45¢, 55¢
Galvanized Pails, regular 35c, 40c, 50c, for .....25¢
Galvanized Wash Boilers, regular $1.50, for $1.25
Tin Wash Boiler, copper bottom, regular $2.00, for $1.50
Towel Rollers, regular 25c, for .....15¢
No. 9 Stove Pots, regular 95c, for .....75¢

Bring Down Your Living Cost---Buy Your Groceries at The Bay

That our very heavy buying direct does make for substantial price advantages in your favor we've proven to the satisfaction of many families, time and again.

Moreover, our qualities are usually vastly better, for we will not be content with anything but the best.

H. B. Co. Hungarian Patent Flour and Baking Powder specially for this morning. Two well known and favored brands by women who pride themselves on their skill as good bread and pastry bakers. Hungarian Patent Flour, 98 lb. sack $3.15
49 lb. sack $1.60
24 lb. sack ..... 85¢

H. B. Co. Baking Powder, 12 oz. tin .....10¢
1 pound tin .....15¢
3 pound tin .....40¢
5 pound tin .....65¢

AT THE PROVISION COUNTER

Choice Hams, 10 to 12 lbs. at 19¢
Choice Bacon, side or half at 21¢
Lunch Tongue, 1 lb. tin .....35¢

Grocery Phone 6131

HUDSON'S BAY COS. 14 LBS. ROLLER MILLS. PATENT HUNGARIAN CALGARY.

Deep Price Cuts in Cutlery

The celebrated Rogers 1847, known by particular housekeepers all over the continent for it's splendid wearing qualities and neat designs. This morning buy at these special prices.

Tea Spoons, dozen $2.50
Dessert Spoons, dozen ..$4.25
Table Spoons, dozen $4.75
Dessert Forks, dozen ...$4.25
Medium Forks, dozen ...$4.75
Dessert Knives, dozen ...$3.75
Medium Knives, dozen ..$4.00