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A Happy New Year to All.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE ASSINIBOIA

Written Specially for the Times by J. W. Bengough

On the evening of Dec. 24, J. W. Bengough and J. D. A. Tripp gave a joint concert in the opera house here. On account of delayed trains they were unable to leave for their next engagement until the evening of Christmas Day. Mr. Bengough so thoroughly enjoyed the dinner served by mine host Marshall that he wrote the following verses and presented them to the editor of the Times. Incidentally, the menus referred to were printed by the Times job presses.

The faithful statement of English Jim,
Of the piece of luck that occurred to him
On a visit he made to Malinsin Hat
On Christmas Eve, and how he sat
At the sweetest table and tastiest meal
That a bang-up cook did ever reveal
To hungry guests—as Jim told the tale
When he had got back over the trail:
"Well, you see the boss 'e sent me on a message to the 'At.
To meet the trim & gaily west, but you can knock me flat.
If that 'ere bloomin' bunch o' cars showed up the 'ole d'y long,

Somethink down Mooslaw w'y they sold us, 'ad gone wrong.
And that is 'ow it 'appened that I stayed there o'ker night.
And war on 'and on Christmas 'y to see that special sight.
I mean the dinin' table at the Assiniboa shack.
W'y the very mem'ry of it sets my lips a-smack.
Marshall, 'e runs the ranch. "know 'e says, "as I'm a sinner,
I'm goin' to serve the up-to-datest, first class Christmas dinner
That ever 'as been dreamed about in all the bloomin' west."
You bet, I'll make 'em all sit up when I 'ave done my best."
So, 'long about the hour of four on Christmas afternoon,
We 'eard a quiet 'int give out—a pleasant sorter tune.
Of "Dinner's on" and then the doors was opened right out wide,
And all of us was awoked polite to please to walk inside.
And blow me if I didn' pretty nearly come a cropper.
When I saw them decorations hone up so slick an' proper.
Wiv festoons made of 'olly and ornamental paper,
That 'ung all 'round the place,
Y'know—a reg'lar Chris'mas caper

And tissue paper Chris'mas bells, that seemed to ring good cheer,
A 'angin' nat'ral as life from each big chandelier,
But s'y, the tible, that was it—the tible was a beaut;
Wiv every sort of dynty, from tippy cake to fruit
You talk of 'andsome picters! your 'ould fairly gasp
W'y, mites, they couldn't beat it, no, not at Wint'or Cavew's
As 'w'en we all 'ad took our seats they 'anded us a card
With Menu printed on it—got up without regard.
A dandy bit of printin', finished in gold and red,
And 'eres a few stray hitem to show you wot it said—
Oysters, Creme de turtle soup, an' Royal consommé,
Bould salmon, white fish, olives, and sauce de celery,
Fricassee de pigeon, stewed chicken, sauce de creme,
Bonoles' turkey, oyster patties—each dish a perfect dream,
Broiled chicken, sweetbread, fillet of beef, roast duck with appu sauce,
Roast turkey and roast goos, y'know, but I am at a loss
To mention overthink there was—salads of every kind,
And vegetables, every sort; and if you 'ad a mind
For pastry, there was lemon sponge an' mince an' apple pie,

Plum puddings, jellies, without end, nuts, cheese and raisins, s'—
You've only got to think of hevery thing you'd like to eat,
And then you 'ave some notion of that dinner all complete,
And so I said to Marshall, w'en I up from the tible,
That is I tried to s'y it as well as I was tible,
That dinner beat the record an' 'olds the bloomin' belt,
And I said it good an' 'early, for that is 'ow I felt."

Bye-Election.

McKay Elected by Good Majority.

A large number of ratepayers turned out to vote in the bye-election to select a successor to ex-Ald. H. Stowart. The candidates were Thos. McKay and P. O. Sissons. Mr. McKay polled almost a solid north side vote and won out by a majority of fifty one. The results were:
Subdivision 1 Subdivision 2
McKay 102 51
Sissons 59 83
The result was a surprise to Mr. Sisson's followers but the north side wanted another representative and it got one.

UNION BANK BUILDING.

It is rumored that the Union bank has bought the lot and building formerly occupied by Green Bros. steam laundry, and will proceed to erect a \$50,000 building on it during 1907. The situation is excellent and if the purchase has been made a handsome brick building will undoubtedly go up on it.
No confirmation can be obtained as no one is permitted to verify or contradict the report.

The New Boat.

Work to be Commenced Immediately.

Capt. Ross returned on Saturday from a trip to Vancouver where he was looking after the lumber for the construction of the new boat which is to run for 400 miles on the south Saskatchewan.
The lumber is to be shipped on Jan. 10th from British Columbia, and the machinery from Chicago on the 15th. The lumber would have been here before had the mills, where it was being prepared, not burned down. The machinery is ready now for shipment.
Work on the scows is to be commenced immediately so as to be ready for the lumber. Construction

is to go on just below the bridge. Special boat builders have been secured and one from Prince Albert, who has had experience in constructing the Hudson Bay boats is already on the ground.

The Surrounding Country.

The dance at the TT ranch was a brilliant success. Music and ladies were there galore. It was pronounced to be the best ever and the TT ranch has had a number of dances.
Rather a serious accident occurred in an odd manner to R. O. Warwick, of Elkwater, last week. While he was on his way from his ranch to spend Christmas at the ranch of George Haycock he overtook a porcupine on the trail. Mr. Warwick undertook to get rid of it by kicking it, and by some unfortunate chance slipped and fell on it with both knees. Some of the quills ran into the flesh and some in his knees were not so easily extracted and Mr. Warwick is carrying two swollen and stiff legs and may have to call in a physician. He is around however, after spending a week in bed under the care of James Hassard and his sister at the home of the former.
Bowling town lots are selling quite fast. Mr. Woolson disposed of eleven last week. A lumber yard has been opened up in readiness for the settlers are coming in a few weeks.
W. Woolson of Bowell held a party and dance on Christmas Day and everyone had a good time.

Business Changes.

Two Well-Known Local Men Buy Out a Store.—Another Change in Sight.

An important change in business circles in town is the purchase of the grocery, boots and shoes, and dry goods, section of the W. B. Marshall Company's store by W. C. Harris, formerly proprietor of the Finest, and Joseph Leonard, who has been manager of these departments of the store up to the present. The business is to be taken over on Friday or Saturday, the deal having been closed this morning. Extensive alterations will be made in the store, which is one of the best in town. This half is to be divided from the other half, and a cellar and part of the large warehouses at the back will be included. Both men are well and favorably known locally, and are sure to get their share of the business. The style of the new firm will be Leonard & Harris.
Another business change is under way, and will, perhaps, be closed to-morrow, but nothing can be said definitely until as yet.

Meteorological Report.

Week ending 30th Dec. 1906.	25.0
Dec. 24	25.0
" 25	24.0
" 26	22.0
" 27	23.0
" 28	21.0
" 29	20.0
" 30	20.0
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