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#### The Polmatier Sisters

The Polmatier Sisters appeared at the Assembly Hall, Saturday, Dec. 11th.

This is no doubt the most famous lady organization on the continent. Their programmes are full of original novelties, humor and wit, and they never fail to please the most critical. The appearance of these handsome young ladies is in itself a refreshing treat, and their beautiful costumes, scenic and electric equipment helps to beautify a programme that is well nigh perfect. Everything new and up-to-date is the general verdict of all who heard them on Saturday evening. They need very little introduction to the people of Cardston as they have made many friends here. The sisters are artists of exceptional merit and the parts they take in the programme are as follows:

Miss Lou Seba Polmatier, Directress—Violin, Mandolin, Alto and Character Reader.  
Miss Helene E.—Solo Cornet, Mandolin and Soprano.  
Miss E. Phyllis—Solo Trombone Soprano and Cello.  
Miss E. Pauline—Piano, Clarinet and Guitar.  
Miss Ina K.—Drums and Traps—Bells and Xylophone—Mandolin—Flute and Piano.

And they not only play the instruments and sing the parts mentioned but solo on most of them, and their programmes are so varied and of such a wide range that they hold their audience spell bound the entire evening.

The performance was by far the best that has visited the town this season, and a large audience was in attendance.

Estimating that one of its policy holders dies from tuberculosis every thirty-two minutes, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company seeks power from the United States courts to establish a sanitarium for the benefit of those whose lives it has insured. The longer every policy holder lives the better it is for all the other policy holders of the company.

#### Spring Coulee Items

Spring Coulee, Dec. 16, 1909. Mr. Chas. Kelly and wife leave next on a six week's visit to their old home at St. Paul, Neb.

Mr. John Thompson was called to Pasadena, California this week due to the illness of his father who is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

W. O. Lee's son was in town Tuesday with a traveler from Cardston.

Mrs. A. E. Kelly returned from Raymond on last Saturday's train.

Spring Coulee young folks amused themselves at a dance in the school house last Monday night until a late hour. This pleasant event was encouraged by Mr. Matson.

A flowing well of good clear water has been struck about 3 miles south of town by Mr. McColly after drilling to a depth of 118 ft.

S. M. Dudley left on Tuesday for Calgary on a business trip.

Mr. Marsden living south of town shipped 12 head of fat veal to P. Burns & Co. Lethbridge, last Monday.

Mr. Miller has his livery barn in shape to accommodate the traveling public and always has turnouts to let.

Mrs. S. M. Dudley has a fine new boy at her home.

Mrs. Olson has been entertaining friends from Raymond this week.

Miss Crayton leaves for High River next Thursday. Her successor will probably arrive on Saturday's train.

Chicken dinner at the Coulee Hotel today.

According to the Winnipeg Commercial there never was a season when almost everything worked together so favorably as this fall. The largest crop the country ever yielded has been harvested, the market value of every bushel of grain is high, the railways are not hampered in hauling it to the market, and to put the finishing touches upon such a splendid situation the weather has been almost summer-like all autumn.

#### English Grand Opera Singers and Symphony Orchestra

The Walker Lyceum Bureau who are responsible for the numbers on the Star Entertainment Course have engaged for the English Grand Opera Singers and Symphony Orchestra Chas. W. Picquet and Jaunita Rush. Mr. Picquet is a tenor of reputation and long experience. Although a young man he has been connected with church choirs in the leading American cities, has studied abroad and sang the leading tenor roles with the Herald Square Opera Company and others of note. Miss Rush is a beautiful young woman, with a finished musical education. She likewise received her early training in choir work and completed her studies under the great foreign masters. She was for two seasons the prima donna soprano with the Aborn Opera Company in Washington, D. C. where she sang all of the leading roles. Both of these artists would be a credit to any organization and Cardston theatre goers are fortunate in being able to hear them.

They will appear at the Assembly Hall, Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24th. Tickets on sale at the Layne-Henson Co.

#### Alberta Provincial Spring Show

The next Alberta Provincial Spring Horse Show, Fat Stock Show and purebred Cattle Show and Sale will be held at Calgary April 5th to 8th.

Entries for the Cattle Show and Sale close the last day of January. The entries for the Fat Stock Show and Horse Show close on the 15th of March. The prize lists are now being prepared and can be had on application to the secretary.

In addition to the Auction Sale to be held by the Cattle Breeders Association at Calgary, a second sale will be held at Lacombe on the 1st of June.

Many new features are to be added to these events to make them more interesting than ever.

#### A FINE CALENDAR

We have received a copy of "The Gospel Text Calendar" for 1910, published by H. S. Hallman of Berlin, Ont. It contains thirteen large sheets, beautifully printed in colors, suspended from a silk cord. Each sheet except the cover contains a design of a Bible with a Bible text for each day in the month, and at the lower end of the sheet a calendar for the month in large figures. The publisher desires an active agent in each county or city to sell the calendar. price 25 cts. each; sample copy and prices to agents 15 cts. Send for a copy to,

H. S. Hallman, Berlin, Ont.

#### Western Canada

Manitoba	47,188,298 acres
Saskatchewan	160,416,000 "
Alberta	162,265,600 "
Homestead Entries:	
1907	29,436
1908	49,154
Railway Mileage:	
1900	3,630 miles
1908	9,365 "
Western Wheat Crop:	
1904	54,390,678
1905	90,250,000
1908	106,853,252
1909	130,000,000

#### Drunken Red Men Kill Woman

Kimball, Dec. 11.—This week a very serious skirmish, which resulted fatally, occurred at the upper gate of the International Boundary Line, near Kimball. Some Indians, feeling the effect of too much liquor, began shooting, with the result that one bullet was lodged in the body of the gate-keeper's wife, Mrs. Lazy Boy. The woman was killed. The Indians escaped and the police have been unable to find them yet.

#### A Western Minister

A welcome visitor at the Guelph Winter fair is Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta. Going west only a few years ago, with an excellent reputation as a public speaker, he has enhanced his reputation and has shown qualities of mind and energy of character which have raised him to the position he now occupies. Aside altogether from party considerations, Ontario generally rejoices to find its sons who go West rising to influence in the new communities. Mr. Marshall is bound to become one of the chief figures in Alberta and it is manifest that under his direction the department of Agriculture for the new province will be ably and energetically managed.—Toronto News.

#### The Poultry Industry

The province of Alberta should be exporting poultry at the present time. It is an ideal poultry country. The climate here is excellent, the market is at the doors, the price of production is probably less than in any other country. Notwithstanding this and the fact that the price of poultry in this province is very high, we not only do not export, but on the contrary we import about 80 per cent. of the supply and most of our eggs.

We do not seem to understand the value of the Alberta hen. She has not yet reached her power. In other provinces and in the states across the line she has been described as the mortgage lifter. But here she is almost as scarce as her own teeth. However the time will come when the Alberta hen will be heard from.—Calgary Albertan.

#### Card of Thanks

To the many friends who gave us assistance and consolation during the illness and last sad rites over our little babe, we wish to extend our sincere thanks. May such as aided us be rewarded, and their grief assuaged under similar circumstances.

Signed  
Mr. and Mrs. George Murray.

#### Local Option

Regina, Dec. 14.—Local option was voted on in several municipalities in Saskatchewan yesterday. In the rural municipality of Indian Head it was carried by 132 to 58. In Milstone it carried by 11 majority. In Wolsley the local option by-law resulted in a majority of 9 against. In Yellow Grass carried by one majority. Moosomin, carried by 5 majority.

One hundred tons of human hair are exported from Hong Kong annually. Take another look at your puffs, girls. They may have come from a laundry.