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Organization of Baseball Association

Meeting Well Attended—Capable Officers Elected—Plans For Season Discussed

A large and enthusiastic meeting of baseball fans was held on Saturday evening at the Layne-Henson Music Store. That Cardston has many lovers of this sport was evidenced by the large attendance present and by the go-ahead spirit which manifested the meeting.

It was shortly after 8 p. m. when Mr. D. Spencer took the chair. Mr. F. Burton was appointed Secretary for the evening.

The Chairman in his opening remarks stated the object of the gathering and appealed to the audience that in electing the officers they would choose the best men possible.

This brought a motion before the meeting to the effect that all elections to positions should be made temporary, so that in case after the season commences more capable men turned up, they could be elected, and so strengthen the team. Unanimously carried.

The officers were elected as follows:
Manager—A. J. Stoddard.
Playing Manager—C. Ferguson.
Captain—D. Richardson.
Sec. Treas.—F. Burton.
Finance Committee—A. J. Stoddard, V. Spencer, D. Peterson.

The secretary was notified to write to the different towns to arrange for a meeting of delegates to be held as soon as possible. Raymond was selected as the most suitable place to meet at because of its central location. Arrangements will be made to have a league formed of the towns along the A. R. & I.

Last year the league was handicapped by the withdrawing of Stirling, but this year if all goes well, we will have a better league, and twice the number of games will be arranged for.

Different means of raising funds was taken up and discussed at considerable length. It was decided to have membership tickets printed and placed in the hands of the officers who will distribute them at \$1.00 each.

As soon as word is received from the other towns as to the date of the convention, a meeting will be called and a delegate will be appointed to represent the Cardston Baseball Association. This convention will consist of delegates from the different towns, who will arrange the schedule of games, the name of the league, the colors of the teams, the selecting of the

official umpires, and the making of the rules in general.

The finance committee was notified to make a canvass of the business men of the town to ascertain their views upon the subject and that Cardston has loyal and progressive business men will be shown in our next week's issue, when we will publish a list of the donors together with the sums subscribed.

The meeting was brought to a close by a short and practical talk by Mr. A. J. Stoddard, on the subject of "Baseball Spirit" and loyalty to the town. After passing a vote of thanks to the chairman it was moved that the meeting adjourn, and thus ended one of the most enthusiastic gatherings ever held in Cardston.

Increase In Membership

What promises to become a good musical organization and of which the people of Cardston may feel proud, is the Cardston Military Band which has just recently increased its membership, by the addition of several young ladies of the town. If the new members love music as well as their instructor, Mr. S. S. Newton, and spend plenty of time practicing on their instruments, there is no question but the success of the organization is assured.

It may be some time before the noise they make on their instruments is turned into music, but once this is obtained our citizens should give the band every encouragement, for an organization of this kind will be quite an advertisement for this town.

Ellison Makes Short Work of Matsuda

Jap Tossed to Mat in Easy Fashion

John Ellison is still the champion middle weight wrestler of Southern Alberta. Before a crowd of 150 spectators in the Military Band hall on Friday evening last, he twice pinned the shoulders of Matsuda—the Jap, to the canvassed floor. The first fall in 20 minutes, the second fall in 21 minutes.

At no time was the Jap anything more than a defensive contender, and was never a serious factor. All through the contest he fought a losing fight and simply tried to stave off the inevitable for a few minutes longer. He had courage but lacked the weight, and courage was not sufficient against the irresistible onslaught of Ellison. The Japs weigh 145 pounds and the Cardston lad's 165 pounds.

The preliminary match between Wallace Herd Cardston and H. Widard, Aetna proved an interesting bout. They were evenly matched and during the 20 minutes of wrestling neither of the contestants secured a fall.

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Charley's Aunt

"Lethbridge Herald April 12"

The Jeanne Russell company at the Lyceum will present tonight for the first time in Lethbridge that world famous and ever popular comedy, "Charley's Aunt."

If "Charley's Aunt," had not the world wide reputation which it already enjoys, it would need little beyond the announcement that it was written by that distinguished play-wright, Brandon-Thomas, to give it prominence. Such a play produced by a clever and popular company as the Jeanne Russell Co. have made themselves should appeal to all lovers of what is known as the artistic in drama.

The popular manager of the Jeanne Russell Co. makes the astounding announcement that his company will be augmented tonight by six clever artists from the leading stock theatres of the U. S. and that new and special scenery will be shown from the front curtain to the fire walls of the cosy Lyceum.

Mr. Brandon has done much to give the theatrical public of Lethbridge, high class drama and refined vaudeville at popular prices and has met with unanimous approval. However, he promises in "Charley's Aunt" to eclipse all former efforts and even to excel anything yet seen on a Lethbridge stage.

New and interesting vaudeville features will be an attraction at to-night's performance.

Reports from the press and public of Lethbridge and a telegram from the manager of the Lyceum Theatre to Mr. Wilcox recommend the Jeanne Russell Co. as the most successful and best dramatic organization that ever played in Lethbridge. The company has been greatly strengthened since their former appearance in Cardston by six exceptionally clever artists and we hear only the highest praise for their plays and players. The management promise "Charley's Aunt" and "The Parish Priest" to be second to none ever presented on the Cardston stage.

SUDDEN DEATH OF PROMINENT FARMER

W. L. Thompson of Spring Coulee Died Last Week After Brief Illness

The province has suffered a loss in the death of W. L. Thompson of Spring Coulee, one of the most extensive farmers in all Alberta, who passed away at twelve o'clock Friday night at his home in Spring Coulee. The death was unexpected being caused by pneumonia.

Mr. Thompson was about fifty years of age and leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, all young, to mourn his loss. The deceased was the largest and one of the most successful farmers in Southern Alberta. He was widely known and universally respected.

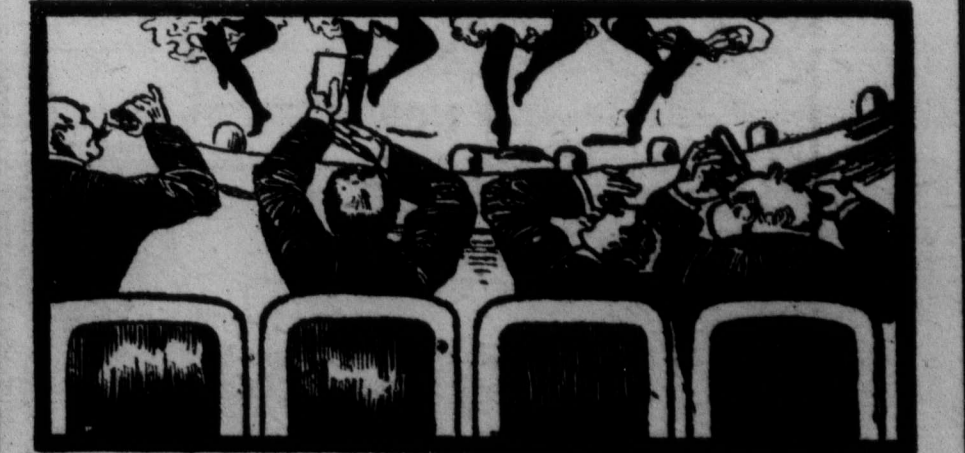
At the time of his death he owned about twenty-two thousand acres of land, having recently purchased three thousand five hundred acres from Messrs. Crismon. This year he had in five thousand acres of winter wheat and was expecting to put in as much with spring grain. Last year he threshed one hundred and forty thousand bushels of grain and expected to thresh twice as much this year. He and his brother, E. E. Thompson, of High River, introduced Turkey Red winter wheat into Alberta from which has developed the famous Alberta Red. To handle his grain Mr. Thompson had his own elevator at Spring Coulee.

Mr. Thompson is reported to be worth at least a quarter of a million. He carried \$60,000 life insurance, \$50,000 of which was placed only a few months ago in one policy. In religion he was a Protestant.

About three years ago he took out his naturalization papers, becoming a citizen of Canada. He and his family spent the winter in California and had returned only a few weeks when the fatal illness came upon him.

The funeral took place on Monday evening in Lethbridge the service being conducted by Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church.

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