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Correspondence

Cardston Feb. 12, 1909.

To the Editor,
Alberta Star,

Dear Sir:

Permit me the use of your columns to propound a few questions. The questions suggested seem to be the source of much ill feeling in our town. We have certain prescribed laws which we call Municipal By-Laws. Sometimes they are in season and sometimes out of season. So it appears. They are applied to some only. At least such seems to be the feeling that exists. No town or city can do business without rules and regulations. But such regulations must be general. And unless they are generally applied discord must exist. And in viewing the situation it rather appears to be somewhat one-sided.

The Fire law seems to be a stumbling block rather than a benefit. Because it bobs up in spots hence is not general. Now why? Some few months ago we had an exhibition of this one sided way of doing things. The individual who had a desire to improve was not allowed to do so until a certain amount of red tape proceedings had been gone through. The act was supposed to be unlawful hence he was prohibited from proceeding. The claim at that time was—If you do so and so you will be held accountable. He refrained from doing anything further until such times that the Law makers could so twist the law as to make it impossible to sue the individual. And his opinion it is a good law that can be bent a little. The law was bent, and the individual was allowed to proceed. And he did not do so without full permission from those in authority (the Town Officials.) And by that act of theirs the law was broken. If such a law existed. How it was laid to one side I do not know. But it was done. And in making inquiry about what can be done and what cannot be done I was told they have no right to do any such thing. But it was done then they became the breakers of the law. If the protector of law breaks the law, then he or they should be punished according to law. But it seems a privilege that some are born to inherit. To twist law and order to suit their whims. But such cannot always continue. It is strange that men will sometimes vent their hatred upon another (it cannot be styled anything else) and call it the execution of Law. The History of man proves that law very often becomes simply the power to do whether the just or unjust, and we seem to enjoy the sufferings of others. This must be gratifying. But the mind is warped that can enjoy such. It reminds me of the men who lived in that notable city Sodom, who would take in the stranger and while he slept, rob him of all his goods. And if he complained he was taken before the judge and sentenced for abusing a respectable citizen of their city. The sentence was generally to scourge him until outside of the city wall. But this too had an end like all wrong acts. Some men are converted to the idea that two wrongs will make one right provided they come out on top. Hence the question that is asked daily on our streets (answer ye who know) a wrong one ago is a truth now, a truth now will be a wrong a year hence. Such is the progression of our town. It cannot be so. Wisdom and prudence are qualities that cannot be laid to one side in this age of the world. Freedom and reason make us men, take these away what are we then,

Mere animals. And as such we kick and bite rather than reason. Because we seem to enjoy the inconvenience of another. And will not leave one stone unturned to accomplish the object in view. This too will have an end—this world has passed through too many trials to go backward. And he who would act in opposition to this rule some day will find himself under that great wheel of progression which will extinguish his light of ambition. The future will always reveal the past. History repeats itself. Cardston is no exception to this great law.

Peace and good order must be the watch word, without it we cannot accomplish the desired end. Our Laws must be so framed that all alike must obey. If the ordinance must have a gate on each side, be liberal, and allow all men the privilege of learning to drive. And if he who can drive so well can go through without knocking down the gate post well and good. And if some other fellow collides with it and is killed charge the killing to his lack of knowing better. But this would be poor Law. All Laws should be made that all men may read. They must be plain and to the point. Our language is the most explicit. In fact it is the one of today. And the only one by which man can express a thought to suit the conditions. And it needs no motions.

The citizens of Cardston can understand a law providing it can be found somewhere written. In conclusion allow me to suggest, do as you would like to be done by. Do to others as you would have others do to you. And God will be supreme.

A Looker On.

ANOTHER VALUABLE HORSE FOR CARDSTON DISTRICT

Mr. Arthur Perry has bought from the Beaver Dam Stock Farm Cardston, the young Clyde Stallion, Baron Cromer [8560] (13981) this horse is a direct son of the world's famous horse Baron Pride [3067] (1922) and his mother was the good show and breeding mare, Bet of Berkshire [4437] (13970) who is owned by Andrew Mitchell, Kirkcudbright, Scotland. Baron Cromer is a full brother to the great show and breeding horse, Baron Gem, the best horse that ever came to Canada. He was a good show horse as he stood first at Regina, Brandon and Winnipeg several times, and at the Dominion Fair at Winnipeg 1907 he stood first in his class, first as a breeding horse with three of his get, and Grand Champion over all Breeds. He was the sire of such horses as Baron Craggie who was Grand Champion at New Westminster B. C. in 1908, and Eves Gem the champion female at the Dominion Fair 1907 at Winnipeg and in Calgary in 1908. Also Barons Sunbeam who was Champion female at Regina and Winnipeg last year as well as a great many other show horses too numerous to mention. Barons Gem sold for \$15,000 but died a short time after, if he had lived he would have been as famous in Canada as his father is in Scotland today.

Baron Cromer is a good thick horse and a fair size of his age, and should he prove to be as good a breeder as his brother he will be a boon to his owner as well as the district he serves. Any one having a chance to use this horse should not miss the opportunity.

Jim says if you want a good horse, come right along; although he has sold Baron Cromer he has others just as good.

Vadnais Not Able To Speak

Palydon Vadnais is registered at the Coal Dale. The report of his brother is a melancholy one. Vadnais is better, and is slowly progressing toward recovery, but it is feared that he will not be able to converse again, as part of the jaw is entirely gone and his tongue in a very bad shape. Of course this cannot be stated definitely, as the time is short since the affair.—Leth. Herald

"MONTE CRISTO"

If you would see a play that will be preserved in your memory through life, do not miss that stirring story of human love, misery and intrigue as played in "Monte Cristo" by Frederick Clarke and company at the Opera House Cardston on Fri. Feb. 26. It is one of the greatest dramas ever written by that master of human emotion, Alexandre Dumas. The personnel of the company is strong and Mr. Frederick Clarke, the leading man, is an artist of rare ability. The scenery carried is elaborate and accurately reflects that condition in the French Empire during the period in which the people were undergoing their struggle for freedom. This masterpiece is put on with all the scenic effects of modern stagecraft and is worth the attention of every lover of excellent drama.

Short Course

In Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture has arranged for a two wheels' Short Course in Agriculture at Lacombe from the 1st to the 15th of March. The Course is intended for farmers and farmers' sons. Grain judging will be the principle feature. Some of the best stock in the Province will be on exhibition and will be used for demonstration purposes.

A rate of \$5.00 per week has been secured for board and lodging in Lacombe, and it is expected that a single fare rate will be secured from the railway companies. A competent corps of lecturers will be present, and a splendid programme will be carried out.

All those interested are invited to attend.

H. A. Craig,
Superintendent of Fairs and Institutions.

A NORTHERN WHEAT CROP

People who have not given the matter much attention imagine that the farming that has been done in the Mackenzie River Valley is of a purely experimental nature. Fort Vermillion is seven hundred miles north of Edmonton, and a settler who came out last autumn told a newspaper man that he left shortly after threshing began, but that about 18,000 bushels of grain had been threshed. That this was only a part of the crop is also shown by the fact that for some years the Hudson's Bay Company has had a mill at Fort Vermillion which would be useless were the crop not of considerable size. There is a market, too, in the north, and the Hudson's Bay Company was paying \$1.25 per bushel for the best quality of the wheat. Even while people are arguing about the possibilities of the Peace River actual production is in progress.

The prize poem in a Chicago contest for a woman's suffrage anthem by a man.

Temperance Notes

Note: Through courtesy of the Alberta Star this column has been obtained by the Alberta Stake Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. for the publishing of original and selected articles in the interest of temperance and moral reform. Contributions for this column are solicited and should be mailed to Stake Sec. of the Y. M. or Y. L. M. I. A. Cardston.

(The following resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting of the general board of the Y. M. M. I. A., held last night.)

Resolved, That we, the General Board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, declare ourselves to be unqualifiedly in favor of State Wide Prohibition, and that we each of us pledge ourselves to use our influence to secure the passage of a prohibition law.

And further, resolved that we request all Mutual Improvement Associations to use all the proper influences at their command for the accomplishment of this end.

There are some seventeen local branches of the Y. M. M. I. A. in Alberta and a resolution similar to the above favoring Provincial wide Prohibition, will be presented to the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. at their Sunday evening meeting during the Coming Quarterly Stake Conference in Cardston.

In view of the stand taken by the Alberta Moral and Reform League also the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. against the liquor traffic, we take this opportunity of inviting all Candidates for the provincial legislature in the Cardston district to declare themselves on the liquor question as to whether they favor prohibition local option or the open saloon, and why?

Saloons. Have you not run spare? With local option partially enforced we are losing a few boys each year. If we had open saloons we would see them go by the dozen. Why not have Provincial prohibition and save all our boys from drunkenness and its train of crimes.

Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, the grand old man of England, declared that strong drink had harmed the Anglo-Saxon races more than all wars, famine and pestilence combined. That's why we call it the white man's curse.

Big Men From the West

The members from Occidental Canada have attracted much attention this season, somewhat on account of the part they have taken in the delegates, somewhat because they are good fellows generally, not a little—to be paradoxical—because they are big. It is perhaps, natural that a country, "in the making" should prefer tall men. The Maritime Provinces have a tendency to send to Parliament a type of member, sedate, elderly; as it were, seasoned timber. The West chooses young men and big ones.

To demonstrate it is easy. Haggart of Winnipeg, and "Billy" Staples of Macdonald, aside, the Westerners are all husky chaps, and the pick of them for height are these:

- Magrath, Medicine Hat, 6 feet 4 inches.
- Campbell, Dauphin, 6 feet 4 inches.
- Martin, Regina, 6 feet, 3 inches.
- Champagne, Battleford, 6 feet 2 inches.
- Bradbury, Selkirk, 6 feet 1 1/2 inches.
- Sifton, Brandon, 6 feet, 1 inch.
- Knowles, Moose Jaw, 6 feet 1/2 inch.
- McCarthy, Calgary, 6 feet.
- White, Victoria (Alta.), 6 feet.

—Toronto Star,