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School Appointments

Mr. Osbourne Wight will teach at Taylorville, Mr. Phillip Sheffield at Kimball, Miss Rose Archibald at Leavitt, Miss Vera Olsen and George Parker at Mt. View and Miss Mary Smith at Leavitt.

Mr. DeVoe Woolf has resigned his position on the Cardston school staff and leaves on Monday for Lethbridge where he will enter the High School as a student. His place here is being filled by a teacher from Ontario.

School Standing and Promotions

Dec. 24th '08.

Promoted from Pt. 1 to Pt. 2 Lucile Woolf, Josie Leavitt, Helen Leavitt, Genevieve Crockett, C. Alta Holland, C. Verda Layton, LeMaughn Cahoon, C. Ross Kears, C. Rhoda Pitcher, C.

Promoted from Pt. 2 to Standard II. Ida Layton, Edith Quinton, Gladys Law, Clara Rollins, C. Florence Stott, Mary Bateman, Bernice Hadfield, C. Vila Gedleman, C. Cyril Layne, C. Fred Brown, Elmer Marsden, Ross May, Walter Brown, Solon Low, Leland Bates, Russell Brown, C.

Promoted from Standard II to Standard III. Motley Rinoldi, Ora Williams, Henry Folsom, Ethel Brown, James Blackmore, C. Eugene Wight, Richard Law, Ervan Lamb, Roy Archibald, Lula Wilson, Ross Matkin, Vernon Laidlaw, Ella Rollins, Ernest

Frances Murray, C. Glen Leader, Noble Crockett, Minnie Thorpe, Cecil Wynder, Evelyn Bradbury.

Promoted from Standard III to Standard IV. Susie Pitcher, Karl Harris, Stanley Kears, C. Everen Brown, C. Ormas Bates, C. Jesse Hudson, C. Lyle Hollaud, C. Merlin Cahoon, C. Glen Lyman, C. Lillian Bates, C. Amy Quinton, C. Fern Wood, C. June Holmes, C. Lilly Phipps, C. Brigham Low, C. Leo Nielson, C. Edith Hurd, C. Elizabeth Blackmore, C. Nellie Quinton, C. Sylvia Nielson, C.

Promoted from Standard IV to Standard V. Ivey May, C. Irene Harker, Marion Harris, May Hall, Walter Murray, C. Luella Brown, Schyler Human, Pearl Gifford, C. Mary Marsden, Leland Jeppson, C. Ferd Rinaldi, Verona Brown, Homer Crockett.

Students who are to take up Senior St. V work. Royden, Lola Jeppson, C. Vernon Woolf, Vernon Thorpe, Ellsworth Bevaus, Lafayette Hyde, Myra Nielson, Samuel Harker, Heber Matkin, David Peterson, Mable Stoddard, Eulalia McCune, Andrew Woolf, Lizzie Combs, Glen Wood, Lawrence Folsom, Gwen Bigelow, Edward Hovey, C. Gerald Brown, Andrew Archibald, Luella Steed, Leone Low, Winnie Harker, Edna France, Earl Parker, C. Archie Sheffield.

Note, C—passed conditionally on account of being weak in some subjects.

Announcement

Beginning the first of the year the Bijou will be open every evening from 8 o'clock, shows will commence promptly at 8.30 except Friday nights. Friday nights the show will commence at 7.45 to 8.45 and dancing from 9.30 to 12.

New Year's Prices, 1st three rows, 25c; general admission 15c; children 10c.

The Bijou wishes you all a prosperous and happy New Year.

Railway Situation Brought To Mr. Magrath's Attention

Thos. H. Woolford Addresses An Open Letter To
the New Member

Cardston Alta., Dec. 21, 1908
C. A. Magrath, M. P.
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir: I notice in the Lethbridge Herald of some time ago, it was also copied in the Cardston Alberta Star, an open letter to the Electors of the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge Riding, in which you deal with railway development and transportation facilities. This takes to mean that railways and public roads are inadequate to our present needs, say nothing of the future. This I fully agree.

I trust that you will not consider this out of place if I draw your attention to a few facts concerning this railway development in this particular part of Southern Alberta, viz, from Raley to Kimball, what is known as the Kimball branch of the A. R. & I. I may say that I think you are in possession of the facts and the reasons why this railway development and extension along the Kimball branch of the A. R. & I. was not carried out. If you are in possession of this information or can get it, you would confer a favor on the public along this particular line to take them into your confidence and let them know the reasons for the present situation.

As I may say that I express the views of nearly every person along this proposed line, and will say that there is not a more fertile spot of land in the Province of Alberta, or any other Province for that matter, and that the farmers were led to believe (by promises and the construction of about eight miles of road, or to the middle of my field, and quite a large per cent. of grading being done between here and Kimball) that if we would break up our farms and raise grain, the Railway would be completed to take it out. The question is "Did we raise the grain?" Yes, as can be proven by a drive from Raley Junction to Kimball. Did the railway live up to its agreement with the Government and the people? No, as can be proven by taking a walk for eight miles between two streaks of rust with noxious weeds growing between the ties and cypresses sitting on the ties in the summer time singing, "Trains will be running here in Wheat By and By."

Now, Mr. Magrath, I shall not deal with the Carleton railway as a preface to the branch under consideration. The bonus from the Government to the A. R. & I. from Stirling to Cardston was \$2500.00 per mile for narrow gauge, and this was I understand, in 1900. Some three years later two delegates, I think they were J. W. Woolf and W. U. Simmons went from Cardston to Ottawa to assist Mr. Galt

in getting the bonus increase to \$3200 per mile for the St. Mary's railroad, on the condition that the Railroad be extended from Spring Coulee into Cardston. The government was also asked to give a special grant for construction of bridges on the St. Mary's. At that time Mr. Galt, said that they were going to build from Raley to Kimball and the government agreed to bonus this branch at the same rate viz., \$3200.00 per mile. The A. R. & I. were to put down culverts, ties, etc., suitable for standard gauge but were to be allowed to run their narrow gauge railway on the St. Mary's until such time as they could widen the gauge. They fulfilled their undertaking so far as the culverts, road-bed, etc., were concerned, but they did not widen the rails, neither did they complete the construction of the Kimball branch.

Now the question is why they did not and why do they not complete the above mentioned branch. To my mind there is only one reason why they did not complete this branch. It is this in short; they made this resolve, "We will get their trade in coal and we will get the hauling of their wheat because there is no competitive road." Railways owe their existence to the fact that they should be made to give value for value received.

There is another phase to this A. R. & I. road, that is the exorbitant rates charged on the road for both passengers and freight, which we would be pleased if you would look into and see if there cannot be some relief.

I understand that the C. P. R. has purchased a controlling interest in the A. R. & I. and if this is the case I think it is time they took it over as one of their legitimate children, treat it as such, and give the same rates and considerations as they do over other branches of their great system.

New Mr. Magrath, I shall be pleased if you can give a little time to discuss this matter through the press. It concerns the public and I can assure you that I am writing this by and with the consent, and in the interest of the farmers along the said Kimball branch and I will say in conclusion that this part cannot and will not develop until this or some other road is constructed. The part on the South East of St. Mary's is being depopulated, farms that were once broken up and raising good crops are going back to grass.

Trusting that you will give this matter your most earnest consideration, and at an early date as possible.

Yours truly,
Thos. H. Woolford

Cattle Looking Fine

Mr. Jos. Peters, foreman of the Elbridge Ranching Co. in an interview on Monday stated that the cattle were in splendid condition and were wintering fine. The only complaints to be feared was the lack of snow and the frozen condition of the watering places. Mr. Peters had the pleasure on Saturday of inspecting the Percheron horses on view at the Pilling Farm, Kimball. He was very enthusiastic over these animals, declaring they were the possessors of the finest legs he had ever seen on horses.

Record Lump of Coal

Frank Dec. 28.—What was probably the record lump of coal ever mined in Alberta was broken in the mine being opened on the South by the Carbon Hill Coal Company one day last week, according to a report received by Alex. Goyette from Foreman Foster yesterday. He states that Wm. Crown and Wm. Irome, two miners in the company, broke out a solid lump of coal measuring 48 cubic feet, which would weigh about 3,500 pounds, or about a ton and three-quarters. Mr. Foster stated that owing to lack of facilities for handling it was impossible to get the lump out of the entry intact.

Our School System

is making great strides forward. Since September, 1905, the schools have about doubled, increasing in number from 565 to 1045, while the enrollment has increased by 14,000 or more in the same time. The new Normal school at Calgary, where 140 teachers are in training, is said to be the finest institution of its kind in Canada while the profession of teaching is likely to receive special aid from the new university. Six new city schools have been built in 1908, at a cost of \$80,000 each, and six new schools in Alberta towns cost each \$50,000 to \$50,000.

Indians Dying Off

In this year's report on Indian affairs, it is shown that in Canada there were 49 more deaths than births. A peculiar distribution of the decrease is also shown—the two heaviest losses are shown in Ontario, with 59, and British Columbia, 177. Alberta shows a decrease of 25 and Prince Edward Island 11. All the other provinces show an increase.

The fact that one of the oldest provinces and two of the newest should show the greatest falling off will disturb ordinary calculation. It has been held that civilization with its demoralizing tendencies was responsible for much of the native mortality, but how can Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta be reconciled?

One hundred Indians left Canada during the year, making a total decrease of 104, and leaving the Indian population on March 31 last at 110,205.

Consumption is still the most deadly disease. Reports are given of ten hospitals being established which are more favorable looked upon by the Indians than segregation which is entailed by hospital treatment.

Grand Leap Year Ball

Promises to be the Social Event
of the Season

To-night, in the Assembly Hall a Leap Year Ball will be given and from the present appearances it will be the dance of the season. Programmes have been printed and will be furnished at the door. A few of the rules for the evening are as follows:

Each lady must call for a gentleman. Tickets purchased at the door Ladies 50 cts. Extra, gents 25 cts. A splendid time is anticipated and a large crowd is expected to be present. The proceeds of the Ball will go to help swell the Tabernacle fund.

Govt Reading Room

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Sufferers from Piles, Eczema, St. Vitus' Dance, Nervous Troubles or Falling Sickness should write the **LEWIS CO.**, 110 King Street, Toronto, for a trial bottle of their Pile Cure and Treatment. Enclose 10c for postage and packing.

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"It looks very much like rain today," remarked a milkman, as he handed a housekeeper her supply of milk. "Yes," agreed the latter, as she peered into the jug, "it usually does."

In the causes of infant mortality, cholera morbus figures frequently, and it may be said that complaints of the bowels are great destroyers of child life. If all mothers would avail themselves of so effective a remedy as Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, many a little one could be saved. This Cordial can be given with safety to the smallest child, as there is no injurious substance in it.

"Captain, we are entirely out of ammunition," said an orderly sergeant to his commander on a field day. "What? Entirely out of ammunition?" exclaimed the captain. "Yes, entirely out," was the reply. "Then cease firing," said the captain.

If people would do the things they are going to do to-morrow, what a progressive old world this would be.

The optimist invests in a box of polish and gets busy with the dark side of life.

GREEN BEST COLOR.

Saves the eyes and the Temper, says a "Doctor."

"If the whole of London were painted green it would have a wonderful effect upon the health and spirits of us Londoners," said one of London's leading specialists, to a Daily Mirror representative.

"Eyesight and health are most closely connected, and among town dwellers eyesight is steadily deteriorating.

"The next generation of Londoners will be afflicted with short sight. "If I had my way I would have every house in London painted a fresh foliage green. Then in a little time we should have a brighter happier London than has ever been known.

"Green is one of nature's cures for worry and fatigue. Watch a man how often he will wander to a window from which he can gaze on a tree in leaf. Instinctively his eyes seek the restful green of the foliage.

"A great deal of the good obtained from a visit to the country is from the incessant environment of green fields and green leaves.

"A green room, too, is a splendid thing. I know of a case of a popular actress who could never understand why it was in a certain room in her house she could always rest so much better than in any other one. She mentioned the fact to me one day, and I pointed out to her that the paper and furniture were entirely green.

"Big cities like London are surely deteriorating the eyesight of those who dwell in them. It is the lack of horizon that does the harm.

"To look at a thing in the distance is no strain upon the eyes, but a rest to them; the muscles are simply relaxed. But in London the farthest one can look is, as a rule, but a few yards. The eyes consequently get no rest.

"On the other hand, town dwellers suffer far less from cataract than do country folk. The traffic of our London streets does undoubtedly prevent this terrible affliction.

"In a city street to watch a vehicle 100 yards away and immediately to turn to one a few feet distant, and so on, necessitates a constant change of focus, a thing which is excellent for the eyes, and one which keeps away cataract.

"It is your country shepherd, who sits for hours gazing at one object that seldom or never moves, who goes blind from cataract.

"Yet the lack of rest for the eyes, the dull grey of everything and the brilliant eye-straining glare of the artificial light is playing havoc with our sight, and a green London

THE TORTURES WOMEN SUFFER

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A woman needs a blood building medicine regularly just because she is a woman. From maturity to middle life, the health and happiness of every woman depends upon her blood, its richness and its regularity. If her blood is poor and watery she is weak, languid, pale and nervous. If her blood supply is irregular she suffers from headaches, backaches, sideaches and the other unspeakable distress which only women know. Some women have grown to expect this suffering at regular intervals and to bear it in hopeless silence. But these women would escape much of this misery if they took a box or two of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to help them over each critical period. These Pills actually make new blood. They help a woman just when nature makes the greatest demand upon her blood supply. They have done this for thousands of women throughout Canada, why not for you?

Mrs. Joseph Kinney, Gilbert's Cove, N. S., says: "For ten years I suffered from nervousness and those troubles that make the lives of so many women one of almost constant misery. At times I would be confined to my bed for weeks. I spent sleepless nights and seemed to lose all courage. I tried several doctors, but they failed to give me any relief. The last doctor I consulted told me frankly that he could not undertake my case unless I would undergo an examination. It was then I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. After taking six boxes I was much improved in health, but I continued to take the Pills for a couple of months more when I felt like a new woman, and was enjoying such health as I had not experienced for ten years before. I have had no return of the trouble since, but I have used the Pills once since that time for the after effects of a gripe and the result was all I hoped for. These are plain facts from my own experience and I have always felt that I cannot too strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to the many women who suffer as I did.

You can get these Pills from any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine

A FOE TO MALARIA.

That most animals have some specific function to perform is well known. Now, scientists claim that a species of fish exists in Australian waters which feeds on the larvae of mosquitoes and so reduces the prospects of malaria. It belongs to a family of carnivorous or flesh-eating fish which is frequently found in the temperate and tropic zones, and usually in shallow water. Very small in size, being only about one and a half to two inches in length, it has, in the male, yellow and black stripes, while the eye is of a bright blue. The fins during certain seasons of the year acquire great brilliancy.

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COULDN'T RESIST IT.

"Look here," began the man, as he entered a butcher's shop and displayed two black and blue eyes. "You have fresh beef for sale?" "I have," replied the butcher. "And fresh beef is good for black eyes?" "It is." "Very well. I have the eyes, and you have the beef. Do you think you can sell me a pound of beef without asking how I got ornamented?" "I will do my best, sir."

The butcher then cut off and weighed the meat, and received his money for it without furtherance from the customer. That was for the best, however. A sudden wave of publicity swept over him, and he laid the money down on a table and said: "Here, I'll sell you a pound of beef for the price you paid for the eyes."

CLOCK FEEDS HORSES.

English Merchant Invents Ingenious Contrivance.

A provision merchant in Oldham, England, has invented an ingenious contrivance by which he is able to feed his horses without the personal attendance through the medium of an alarm clock. In a small office adjoining the stable the clock is placed on a shelf. Attached to the winding key is a piece of copper wire, and this is fastened to a small brass roller that runs over a wooden rod. At the end of the rod is a heavy weight. When the clock goes off the wheel is drawn over the rod and releases the weight, which falls to the floor. The corn box is filled over night, and when the weight is released a small door at the bottom of the box flies open and the corn falls into the manger. The horses never fail to rise at the sound of the alarm, knowing that it is to follow and when the drivers turn up the animals are ready to be harnessed.

A CONTEST WORTH ENTERING.

A Life Annuity of FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS is offered by the ORANGE MEAT people to the one sending in the largest number of bottoms of ORANGE MEAT packages before May 31, 1909. This means that the winner will receive One Dollar EVERY WEEK, or FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS every year, as long as he or she lives, or they can exchange it for a CASH PRIZE OF SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. Besides the above there is a second Cash Prize of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, also other Cash Prizes as follows:

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The only condition attached is that you cut out the bottoms of the ORANGE MEAT packages and send them in to ORANGE MEAT, Kingston. The bottom of a Jumbo package counts equal to Three of the smaller size. You should be able to win one of the above prizes if you start immediately and get your friends to help you. Send your name and address to ORANGE MEAT, Kingston, TO-DAY, and state that you are entering the contest. It is surely worth trying for.

SHARED THE HONORS.

Jenkins—"Well, I'm not sure. The bride's father had all the bills to pay, the bridegroom had to buy diamond brooches for the bridesmaids, and the guests had to give handsome presents; upon my word, I think the best man was the clergyman—he was the only one who made anything out of it."

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CURRENT TOPICS.

In commending the work of the British Society of Comparative Legislation, which is indeed worthy of all praise, Lord Rosebery, in a recent address, took occasion to deplore the present faith in legislation as an instrument of reform.

Of the former golden age he says: "We were then living under what I may call the era of emancipation. The object was to strike off restrictions. We were freeing the Jews, we were freeing the municipalities, we were freeing the universities."

Legislation is no more empirical and "sentimental" to-day than it was in any former era. We have not grown less "scientific" in our law-making, and wisdom did not die with "the fathers."

To-day, under industrial and political conditions that are largely the result of the legislation of the era of emancipation, communities, classes and individuals suffer from abuses that cannot be attacked by any weapon of the era of emancipation.

A French scientist who has been making a study of the subject announces that the world is drying up. He finds that our wet spells and our dry spells alternate with consistent regularity.

We are glad to be able to say that the diminution of the rainfall is not such as to cause immediate alarm. It is not expected by the French scientist that our children or our children's children will live to see the world become one vast Sahara.

Taking into consideration all the existing conditions, it appears that people who worry about a possible drying-up of the waters from the surface of the earth should be listed among the borrowers of useless trouble. There are good reasons for going ahead with present irrigation and reclamation projects.

HEALTH

PREVENTION OF MALARIA.

Since it has been proved by the most careful tests that malaria is spread from man to man only through the agency of mosquitoes of a special kind, the prevention of the disease is theoretically easy.

It is a pity that it is not so easy as it sounds. In the tropics, in the Roman Campagna, and in other places where the pernicious form of malaria abounds, the precautions taken are most elaborate; but they may be imitated wherever malaria exists, modified, perhaps, in some of the details so as to make them less burdensome, and consequently more likely to be followed.

All the windows of the house should be screened with wire gauze, especially where there are many children. It is with malaria as with yellow fever, that the disease is generally kept going in a community by the children, who have it in mild, but nevertheless infectious form.

In short, in the war against mosquitoes it must be remembered that stagnant water is the danger point always, as that is what the mosquito needs for breeding purposes.

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SUN BATH FOR NERVES.

"Intimate your cat, madam, and take a sun bath these spring mornings if you want to get rid of your nerves," said a certain well-known specialist to one of his patients recently.

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Indian women have the most placid nerves of any race of people in the world, probably, and doctors are beginning to think it is because they sit in the sun so much.

There's no danger of women vegetating these days, so it's quite safe to advise one to sit in the sun as much as she can.

Place the finger in the centre of a lemon and keep it there until the felon is ready to be lanced.

Old magazines, thoroughly heated in the oven, make a good substitute for a hot water bottle. They hold the heat nearly as long and can be used under the back and other places where a hot water bottle can be used.

Invalid's Dishes.—In preparing fowl for broth remove the skin; it

will have a more delicate flavor. For egg nog use only the stiff beaten whites for a change; it is nourishing and delicious. Flavor with sherry, brandy, vanilla, or nutmeg.

Home Cures.—Wet a cloth, put red pepper over it, and apply where pain is—a sure cure for neuralgia. To cure a cold in head or break up a cold pour spirits of camphor on hands and inhale through mouth and nose.

In ventilating a chamber or sick room, it is often desirable to leave the window open. To prevent drafts and keep room warm with window open, take unbleached muslin, tightly fasten with thumb tacks over the opening.

Salt enters into the composition of a sure cure for a felon. Take common rock salt, dry it thoroughly in the oven, pulverize it, and mix with an equal amount of spirits of turpentine. Keep a rag saturated with this solution to the affected part for twenty-four hours and the felon will disappear.

GETS THE DOCTOR HABIT.

Woman Who Likes to Pour Out Story of Aches and Pains.

One of the tendencies of ill-health is to be morbid. People who are constantly thinking about their ailments, worrying about their troubles, suffering pain, often develop a morbid passion for sympathy. They want to tell everybody of their aches and pains, to describe their symptoms, says a writer. Have you ever known a woman who has acquired the doctor habit, a woman who loves nothing in the world quite so well as an opportunity to tell the doctor of her ailments?

KEEPING-DOWN EXPENSES.

"Mary," he said, as he scowled at her over the breakfast table. "John," she replied, fearlessly. "Mary," he said, "what kind of a breakfast do you call this?"

"I don't think a blue variety occasionally would be a good thing. Do you realize that this is the third morning this week that we have had cold bacon?"

"And that we had cold boiled bacon for dinner yesterday, and cold boiled bacon for supper?"

"You said that the amount of meat consumed in this house would bankrupt a brewer."

"I know, but I—"

"And that I ought to plan with more regard for the expense."

"Certainly, certainly, Mary; but hang it all—"

"I've been following your instructions."

"But I don't like cold boiled bacon."

"I know it, John," she said, in a businesslike way. "That's what makes it last so long. It keeps expenses down splendidly, and if you want—"

"I don't!" he exclaimed. "I don't! Let them run up! You've got too good a business head for anything outside of a boarding-house."

STRIKING GRATITUDE.

A lawyer in a Western American town interested himself in the case of a man accused of murder. As a result, the culprit, who had had much provocation, got off very lightly.

Six months afterwards a man, armed to the teeth, appeared in the lawyer's office.

"Are you Lawyer Blank?" he roared. "Yes," was the reply. "And are you the fellow that helped Dingo Jack at Court?"

ON THE FARM.

EFFECT OF RUSTY CANS ON MILK.

A late bulletin of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, gives some valuable information on rusty cans, and their effect upon milk for cheese making. The bulletin points out that cheese makers are not able in all cases to control the coagulation of the milk with rennet. This difficulty is traceable to three sources: viz., the strength of the rennet extract used, the quality of the milk obtained from different cows, and the condition and kind of utensils used.

The results showed that it required from one to sixteen minutes longer for the same milk kept in the rusty pan to coagulate than in case of the milk kept in the glass beaker. The acidity of the control milk was always higher than that kept in the rusty pan.

Milk that had been allowed to stand in iron dishes for several hours had a peculiar bluish grey color, indicating the presence of iron in solution. The maximum quantities of iron dissolved in the milk ranged from one to one and a half pounds for every thousand pounds of milk. The lower acidity supports the view that the acid of the milk acts upon the iron, and finally causes it to pass into solution.

FASTS FOR FOWLS.

Whilst an occasional starve is probably an excellent thing for both humans and poultry, there are three times in the life of a fowl when a 24 hours' fast is to be specially recommended. These occasions are: 1. On confinement in the coop for large extent, depend upon the reason for confinement.

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ing this, avoid its use; but, even considered as a food, it abounds in body-building elements and bone and feather-forming materials, and, at its price, compares favorably with other food-stuffs as value for money.

Good, sound, broad bran has, however, a very great feeding value, apart from the actual food it contains for what may be called its mechanical action. Besides giving necessary bulk, it divides the finer and more expensive meals, and so digests them more fully to the digestive process.

A mash composed of one part (by weight) of bran to four parts ground oats or barley-meal is more thoroughly digested, and in every way more economical, than one of all meal. The best way to make use of bran is to soak or scald a sufficient quantity some hours before, and to dry it off with meal when required. By this method the bran is softened, and to some extent, predigested. If not sufficiently soaked, the roughness is apt to irritate the bowels and cause scouring.

SIZE OF BABYLON.

Much Wild Conjecture Swept Away by Recent Explorations.

The report of the German Oriental Society on the extensive explorations carried out on the ruins of ancient Babylon, which has just been issued under the editorship of Dr. Friedrich Delitzsch, is a document of more than usual interest, says the London Chronicle.

Perhaps one of the most astonishing discoveries in the field of topographical research has been the tracing of the walls of the city of the ascertainment of the true size of the great city. Wonderful descriptions of the size of Babylon have been given, based chiefly on the hearsay evidence of Herodotus, in ancient times, and the theories of the late Dr. Oppert. These writers made the city a vast parallelogram, surrounded by a wall fifty miles long and a hundred feet high, with one hundred gates, and bisected by the Euphrates. According to them the area was about as large as London and Paris together, or some forty square miles. All this wild conjecture has been swept away.

The exploration of the walls commenced at the Babil fort, and here was found a wall twenty-five feet thick, with buttresses every six feet. The line of the wall was traced to the southeast, until it bends to the west and the great quay on the bank of the river is pierced by only one gate, the gate of Isar, with friezes of lions and dragons in encaustic tile work.

On the north it was traced to a street bank. The whole enclosure covered an area of a little over one square mile, or roughly that of our City of London.

In the Ksar or "palace" mound were found the remains of two great palaces, one built by Natupalassar, the other by Nebuchadnezzar. Both were most complex in plan, containing hundreds of rooms for the accommodation of retainers, officials in the royal family.

The two palaces are separated by a street. The later or new edifice is on the eastern side and consists of several groups of chambers arranged around quadrangles separated by strong walls and gateways. The largest of these is a royal quadrangle, entered by a double gateway.

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FATE OF SOME GENIUSES IN THE PAST.

Pitiful Endings to Exceptionally Brilliant But Unfortunate Careers.

That "Ouida" should have died as she did in poverty and loneliness, an exile, though a voluntary one, from the land of her birth, was an undoubtedly pitiful ending to an exceptionally brilliant career.

Richard Savage, the gifted poet, died in a debtors' prison at Bristol, after enduring the pangs of semi-starvation for years. Chatterton, driven desperate through hunger, poisoned himself at the age of eighteen. Swift, died mad, as he had all along predicted he would.

Dr. Dodd, whose "Beauties of Shakespeare" is well known, was hanged for forgery. George Gissing, after suffering hardships that embittered his whole existence, died just as fame was beginning to be assured to him.

Edgar Allan Poe, whose "Raven" has been adjudged the finest piece of fugitive poetry in the English language, and to whom also, long the credit of having invented the detective story, drank himself to death in the prime of his life. Robert Tannahill, the Scotch verse poet, author of that wonderful lyric, "Jessie, the Flower of Dunblane," was driven by want to

TAKE HIS OWN LIFE.

Everyone almost is familiar with the story of Otway having been choked with a piece of bread which he devoured in the rage of hunger. There is reason to doubt the accuracy of this, but there is no question about his having miserably poor and destitute.

Stow, the famous antiquary author of the "Survey of London" became in his old age a beggar, asking alms from door to door "through thirty-six streets."

Wycherley, from being idol of society, fell to depths of destitution, eventually consigned to Prison for debt, where seven years. Cottle, many years in a debtors' prison, eventually died

Robert Burns, writing only fourteen days before his death, implored his friend Cunningham to use his influence with the Commissioners of Excise in order to get his salary raised from £35 a year to £50, "otherwise, if I die not of disease,

I MUST PERISH WITH HUNGER.

Llorente, the learned and talented historiographer of the Inquisition, was glad, during the close of his brilliant but unfortunate career, to hire himself out for a few southerly nights to keep watch over the dead bodies at the Paris Morgue, and died eventually of starvation. Camoens begged his bread from door to door, until compelled to take refuge in an almshouse, where he died.

It is told of Ben Johnson that when, in his last illness, King Charles sent him a small sum of money, he returned it. "He sends me so miserable a donation," cried the dying poet, "because I am poor and live in an alley. Go back and tell him his soul lives in an alley."

Very sad was the fate of Ulrich von Hutten, one of the greatest writers Germany has ever produced. Unable to earn a living, he was reduced to tramping through the country, begging food and shelter from the peasants. One bitter winter's night he was refused both and next morning was found

FROZEN STIFF AND COLD.

in the drifting snow outside the village. "The only thing he died possessed of besides the rags he wore," says his biographer, Zuinglius, "was a pen."

St. Simon, the celebrated French author, who wrote "The Reorganization of European Society," was twice driven by want to attempt his own life, and, although he died a natural death in the end, it was amongst the most lamentable surroundings. "For fifteen days," he said, writing to a friend just before the end came, "I have lived upon bread and water, without a fire; I have even sold my clothes."

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Start right.
Continue right.
Wind up the year right.
Resolve, and stick to it.
Avoid past errors and mistakes.
Profit by your follies and be
wiser.
Be stable in your ways, stronger
the right.
Don't make wrong, turn from sin,
and to the good.
If you stumble, get up; if you
fall don't give up.
Attempt something, have a pur-
pose, persevere.
Speak kind words often, harsh
ones very seldom.
If you blunder, let it be on the
side of right rather than wrong.
Don't scowl, don't frown, but
wreath your face in smiles.
Don't drown yourself in doubt,
but buoy up your life with hope.
Be good natured at home, good
natured abroad, and **SON**

BE CAREFUL Kill them all. If the girls don't "pop the question" before 12 midnight, its all off with them for another four years at least.
We wish all our readers a Happy, Prosperous, and Joyous New Year.

RESOLUTIONS

A gentle zephyr wafted the following resolutions into our sanctum:
I resolve the following year that I will not drink any, unless I am dry—very dry.
That I will let people mind their own business and assist them all I can.
That I will agree to obey my superiors, if I have any.
That I will always forgive my enemies, especially those I can't whip.
That I will strive to be in love and charity with my neighbor, if I see I shall need him to back me in some pursuit of life the coming year.
That I will subscribe for this paper and promptly pay for the same.
That I will trade at home and try and get back some of the money I squandered abroad the past year

COURAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Have the courage to start right and keep right.
Have the courage to turn from evil and to cling to that which is good.
Have the courage to prefer comfort and propriety to fashion in all things.
Have the courage to wear old clothes until you can pay for the new ones.
Have the courage to discharge a debt while you have the money in your pocket.
Have the courage to obey your conscience at the risk of being ridiculed by men.
Have the courage to own you are poor, and thus disarm poverty of its sharpest sting.
Have the courage to wear thick boots in winter and insist upon your wife and daughter doing the same.
Have the courage to do without that which you do not need, how-
ever much your eyes may covet it.

Have the courage to speak to a friend in a "seedy" coat, even though you are in company with a rich one, and richly attired.
Have the courage to speak your mind, when it is necessary to do so, and to hold your tongue when it is prudent you should do so.
Have the courage to show your respect for honesty, in whatever guise it appears, and your contempt for dishonesty and duplicity, by whosoever exhibited.
Have the courage to "cut" the most agreeable acquaintance you have when you are convinced that he lacks principle. "A friend should bear with his friend's infirmities, but not his vices."
Have the courage to stand by your convictions be both courteous and firm, making no compromise with evil, not turning into by and forbidden paths; choose the right reject the wrong; be good and do good and then you will have a Happy New Year.

Good-bye, old year. After all we are loath to part. Many precious memories as well as many sad things to remember will be forever linked with thee. But time bids us part and however severely thou hast chastened us, yet we find our hardened feelings relenting and a spirit of charity prevades our being. We forgive as we hope to be forgiven. In humility and love we bow our adieu and welcome the New Year with naught but good resolves and high aspirations that each coming day will see our lives better, purer and nobler in every act and purpose.

On the front page will be found a letter from Mr. Thomas Woolford anent the railway east of the St. Mary's river. Nodoubt Mr. Magrath will be found pushing the claims of this district with all his might. He ought to at any rate.

THE OLD AND NEW

We are saying "good-bye" to the old year, it is slipping away from us with all its memories, and it takes a chord of pain in our hearts as we think that it will ever long be a thing of the past; gone, forever, with its sunshine and its shadow, its joy and its pain, its many opportunities, employed or disregarded. Gone, and we cannot call it back again, we cannot live over again one day that is past, or use again one opportunity that we have allowed to slip by us unheeded. "We shall henceforth return no more that way."—Deut. 17:13. But let us remember that there lies before us a new year, fair and spotless, as yet untouched by sin or failure, and glowing with hope and promise. Then let us "go forward" (Ex. 14:15) into the untried future fearless and dauntless, staying our hearts on the grand promise that stands firm and changeless amid all the changing scenes of time. "The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee, he will not fail thee neither be dismayed."—Deut. 31:8. Yes, it is enough, we can go forward fearless and glad with His presence with us, His hand guiding and leading, His strength protecting, and His "welcome home" awaiting us at the journey's end. So we say "good-bye" to the old year, and enter upon the new, realizing that we are one year "nearer home," and that the hand that has led us all the days of the past will still lead us, until our feet shall stand in safety "within the pearly gates" of the New Jerusalem. As the shadows gather round us, At the closing of the year, We look back at days departed, And perchance may drop a tear. Yet we know that we are nearer To the home of joy and love; Nearer to the "many mansions" Of "our Father's" house above

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MOVING OUR WESTERN CROP

Toronto Mail and Empire: Before the beginning of the western harvest and the close of navigation upwards of 62,000,000 bushels of grain was shipped from the prairie provinces to this side of the lakes. This is far the greatest grain traffic that ever passed through Fort William and Port Arthur in a single autumn. In no former season did the total quantity of Canadian grain moved from the head of the lakes to this side approach 62,000,000 bushels. While the tonnage of the new crop landed east of the lakes before mid-December is greater this year than it was in any previous year, the tonnage left west of the lakes is also greater this year than it was in any previous winter. Two years ago the quantity of wheat held over in the west was between thirty and forty million bushels, but that was the greater part of the whole exportable surplus, and the movement eastward was blocked by an early winter of unusual severity. This year the crop of wheat was 20,000,000 bushels greater than ever. The period between harvest and the close of navigation was longer than usual, and the carriers both by rail and water were able to place greater resources of transportation at the service of the grain trade. Moreover, the price of grain was high enough to induce free marketing by the farmers. Added to these conditions is the further one that the farmers needed the money for debt-paying and the making of deferred purchases. Thus everything was favorable for the amount of grain movement, and the amount of all grains actually transferred to this side exceeded the total for any other fall by probably 25,000,000 bush-

els. Of the 62,000,000 bushels forwarded, 50,000,000 bushels was wheat. Fort William's shipments from Sept. 1 to Dec. 12 were as follows.

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| | Bushels. |
| Wheat | 36,717,000 |
| Oats | 6,040,000 |
| Barley | 1,532,998 |
| Flax | 539,762 |
| Total | 44,829,660 |
| Port Arthur's shipments between July 20 and Dec. 11 were as follows: | |
| | Bushels |
| Wheat | 13,390,129 |
| Oats | 2,976,825 |
| Barley | 822,472 |
| Flax | 59,479 |
| Total | 17,248,905. |

Though the season was long, though there was little holding on the part of farmers, and though comparatively slack business on other parts of their systems enabled the Canadian Pacific railway and the Canadian Northern railway to put more cars and locomotives into the west, praise is to be rendered to the carriers for their attention to the western grain traffic this fall. They could not handle it all in the time the harbors were open, but we believe they handled as much as they possibly could. In a year or two the Grand Trunk Pacific will be hauling to the head of the lakes from the farthest interior, and there will be new terminal elevators of tremendous capacity established at Fort William and Port Arthur, as well as at receiving points on this side of the lakes. Doubtless, too, the merchant marine in the grain trade will be greatly increased. Two years hence we should have transportation facilities for conveying 100,000,000 bushels of western wheat to this side of the lakes between the time of cutting and the time of freezing up.

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Local and General.

Axle Grease 2 tins for 25c at Burtons.

December has been an unusually mild month.

Bias Native Herb Pills fresh stock now in at Phipps.

Miss Viva Elton, Lethbridge, paid Cardston a visit this week.

Mens Fleece wool lined underwear at \$1.25 per suit at Burtons.

Money to loan, plenty of it, on well improved farms. See A. M. Heppler.

Mr. Wm. Wolsey left for a two weeks visit to Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday.

Spring Horse Show. Fat-stock Show and Auction Sale of pure-bred cattle, Calgary, April 5-9.

If your farm is well improved the Great West Life will loan you money on it. A. M. Heppler, Agent.

There will be a poultry exhibition in connection with the Seed Fair to be held here Thursday, January 21st.

Gourlay Pianos and Organs and Singer Sewing Machines on view at A. T. Henson's Photo Parlors.

The dances given in the Bijou Theatre and the Assembly Hall on Christmas Eve and Night were well attended and much enjoyed.

Mr. William James Fisher Raymond, is spending the Christmas holidays in town, the guest of Mr. Edgar Luke Stott.

Several teams from Raymond passed through on Monday en route to the mountains for timber. They were in charge of Messrs. Ed Smith, Don and Ray Rodeback.

Mr. Jos. Marsden is wearing a happy smile these days. A bouncing ten pound baby boy arrived at his home on Saturday morning last.

LOST—In Cardston on Monday Fifty Dollars (five ten dollar bills) Finder will please return to D. Wilcox (Mercantile Co) and be rewarded.

Human foot-prints have been found in inter-glacial clay deposited over fifty thousand years ago, in the soil below Toronto bay.

The Ontario Sugar Company with a factory at Bertin, Ontario, has failed. In six years' operation the company is declared to have lost \$414,900.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Two hundred thousand human beings met death by the Italian Earthquake, Fire and Tidal Wave. The total deaths from nature's wrath is the greatest in man's history.

Mr. R. W. Bradshaw, Magrath, returned from Chicago last week. While there he selected a car of fine Percheron Stallions which will arrive about the 3rd of January. Watch out for ad. which will appear shortly.

Come to the Grand Leap Year Ball to-night in the Assembly Hall and dance the old year out and the new year in. Excellent music and good floor. Dancing will commence at 8.30 sharp. Tickets 50c. Extra gents 25 cts. Proceeds in aid of Tabernacle Fund.

Raymond, Dec. 29.—Mr. Robt. Allen leaves today for Cardston where he will continue his work in the station after several weeks absence on account of illness.

The ward choir will give a Character Ball in the Assembly Hall, Wednesday evening, January 13th. Two 1st. and 2nd. prizes will be given for the best characters represented. It is to be hoped that everyone will take part in this coming event.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Premiers Roblin, Scott and Rutherford had conference here today, and discussed Government ownership of elevators. A definite announcement may be expected at any time.

Major Burnett of Lethbridge Customs Office came in on Monday to arrange for the carrying on of the work at the Sub-Port in the absence of E. N. Barker. The Major remained until Thursday afternoon and instructed the Rev. A. W. R. Whiteman in the work. Mr. Whiteman will take charge of affairs in the absence of Mr. E. N. Barker.

Cardston is swelling itself because the Dominion government has bought for exhibition purposes 90 bushels of Alberta Red winter wheat from that district at \$1.25 a bushel. We don't blame it a bit, but then the Dominion government knows that in order to get a good thing, it has to come to Southern Alberta.—Lethbridge Herald.

Milk for sale, D. H. Caldwell (Chas. Burts' residence.) 315

Mr. Van Pelt returned on Monday from the east.

A splendid line of Boys Knee Pants for 45c at Burtons.

Apples, grapes, celery, lemons, nuts of all kinds at Phipps.

Resolved that I am for Cardston first, last and all the time.

Dr. Brant is entertaining the usual New Years crowd at his home this evening.

Mr. Ben Marsden left today for Magrath where he will spend New Years.

Five and ten year terms given on loans with the Great West Life Co.

WANTED—Competent girl for general house work. Good wages. Mrs. S. L. Eversfield.

Mr. F. G. Woods, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, spent the Christmas holidays in Raymond.

Misses Lexie and Roxie Rodeback, Raymond, are visiting in town, the guests of Mrs. A. M. Heppler.

Mr. Owen Brant entertained a number of his young friends at his home on Monday night. A delightful evening was spent.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening.

The many friends of Mr. E. N. Barker, will regret to learn that his wife, who has been in New York for some time, is not expected to live. Mr. Barker left for New York last week.

Mr. Austin Bennett came up from Magrath last week to accept a position in the Cahoon Barber Shop. He will probably remain here until the return of Mr. Alf McCune from Utah.

A British scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, has an invention which he expects will abolish the costly fogs in England. There is a steady job in this country for the inventor who can put the blizzard out of business.

The dance given by the Baseball Boys in the Assembly Hall, Tuesday evening was well attended and a good time enjoyed by all present. The prize waltz was won by Mr. Victor Spencer and Miss Cora Layton, and the prize two-step by Mr. Ralph Nielson and Miss Beth Newton.

Mr. J. B. Morrow, late teacher in the Woodford District and an Elder of Knox Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Ontario, assisted the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Whiteman, in dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in the Presbyterian Church, Cardston, on the 20th inst.

We understand Mr. Morrow has decided to accept the position of principal of the new six-roomed "Alexandra" School in the town of Vermillion, near Edmonton.

Seed Fairs

Proposed list of Dates for the Alberta Seed Fairs.

| Irvine | January | 14th |
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| Lethbridge | " | 16th |
| Raymond | " | 18th |
| Magrath | " | 19th |
| Cardston | " | 21st |
| Macleod | " | 23rd |
| Nanton | " | 25th |
| Gleichen | " | 26th |
| Didsbury | " | 27th |

The Stratford Beacon says: Mr. Sam H. Horner, of Lethbridge, a Stratford old boy, arrived in the city today at noon. Mr. Horner is a brother of Miss Horner, the public school teacher. He left Stratford about twenty-five years ago to join the Royal North-west Mounted Police. He resigned his commission a few years ago, and has been engaged in the seedling business in Lethbridge. He was associated with Mr. Thomas Stoney in the saddlery business in Mr. Stoney's old place of business on Wellington street, some place between Whyte's corner and the Royal Hotel. He is renewing old acquaintances in the city.

United States bankers profess to regard the Washington Government's plan to establish post-office savings banks as inimical to the welfare of the country. A postal savings system would take some of the people's savings from the banks themselves. But it would prove a boon to nation as a whole, as for years it has been to Canada.

Alberta Provincial Seed Fair, Calgary, February 3, 4 and 5.

Mr. S. Matkin, Magrath, came in on Monday.

A full line of black and white spool cotton at Burtons.

Nutri Ox Beef Tea in bottles 20, 40, and 60 cts., per cup, at Phipps.

Ladies Blouses at 50c at Burtons.

Call on A. T. Henson for photos and frames.

Mr. D. H. Elton, Lethbridge, was in town during the week.

The schools were closed this week for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Z. W. Jacobs paid Magrath a visit on Wednesday.

The dance at the Bijou Theatre to-night has been postponed until a week Friday.

Oranges from 20 cts. per dozen up, 45c Oranges over 5 dozen in every box, 90 cts. per box. just a few left, at Phipps.

Volume of Alberta Grain Shipped Away

Five years ago scarcely a bushel of Alberta grain was shipped to the outside markets; now it is rapidly gaining a recognized position in the markets of the world and its reputation is of the highest.

Last year owing to climatic conditions, the yield was not so high as usual but this year's magnificent crop more than made up for the deficiency of last year.

The C. P. R. year ends on August 31, and up to that date is counted as the year 1907, during which twelve months there were shipped from Alberta 4,540,455 bushels of grain from Alberta, and during the present year up to December 19, the shipments totalled 5,361,000 bushels, or nearly three times as much as during the same period last year. Of this amount 2,161,800 bushels came from points on the C. & E. north of Calgary, and 3,154,200 bushels from points south.

There is not a single shipping point in Alberta that does not show returns of shipments of from two to three times the amount that was shipped last year, and at some places from six to seven times as much. The wheat this year grades, as a rule, Nos. 1 2 and 3 Northern, while that of last year was generally placed in the rejected classes. The prices this year are also about 50 per cent higher than last year, so that the amount of money realized from that, this year's crop will be easily four times as much as that of last year.

Not only has the harvest been a bountiful one and the prices realized been away above the average, but the facilities for shipping have greatly increased.

While there may have been a scarcity of cars at times at some points, the fact that this year nearly three times the amount of grain was shipped up to December 19, that was shipped in the same period last year, is an evidence that the railway company realized the gravity of the situation and did its best to meet it. The crop this year is estimated to be from two to three times what it was last year, and the shipments have kept up in proportion and it is now estimated that fully fifty per cent of the crop of the province has been marketed.

The year that is now drawing to a close has been a good one for all concerned with grain, whether farmers, grain dealers or railway companies, and is only a foretaste of what the future will be.

Alberta is estimated to have 48,000,000 acres of available land, and when even one-half of this is brought under cultivation, it can easily be seen what an immense amount of grain there will be for shipment.

As the area of cultivated land and the grain yield increases the necessity for outlets both by the Hudson's Bay and the Pacific routes to the markets of the Old Country, as well as the Orient, Mexico and the South American republics, increases in importance.

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Our complete and select stock of Furs is now reduced in price 20 per cent.

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List your property now, as we are appointing our agents in the States and contracting for advertising—making ready for an early and vigorous spring campaign

OFFICE AT THE CARD HOUSE

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Land Co.

Notice

I wish to inform the public that I have appointed Mrs. Sara McLenan to act as my attorney, in place of Jos. H. Vaughan, who has acted in that position heretofore.

S.J.S. Sgd. W. R. Vaughan

The lucky number that wins the Singer Sewing Machine given away by the Knitted Raiment Factory Ltd., as a prize to its customers will be published in this paper early in January. Keep your tickets and compare them with them with the numbers published and claim the machine if you hold the right number.

J.J. Geo. H. Budd, Manager

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PERSIA'S POOR SOLDIERS

QUEER MAKEUP OF THE SHAH'S ARMY.

Source of Revenue to Governors of Province — Payment of "Blood Tax."

The Persian soldier, in torn clothing and barefoot, is more like a beggar than a warrior. For all this he killed the recent counter-revolution when he refused to fire upon the Parliament. As to the size of Persia's fighting hosts, it is difficult to arrive at accuracy; "officially" the Persian army numbers 105,500 men, but the London Globe, which is more reliable, says the "standing army," says the London Globe, consists of only 24,500 men, who are quartered in the larger towns and on the frontiers.

The infantry numbers seventy-eight to eighty battalions, each of 800 to 1,000 men, but the full strength is never maintained, for only half the battalion is called up, and then in a reduced number. The men called up often receive no pay for six months, and thus in every village folk when they bring their round the countryside that a regiment has to be moved from a town, the villagers stay at home until the soldiers have been moved.

Even the animals conveying caravans of goods are seized, and the owners of beasts of burden will refuse to convey goods for the time, as they dread losing their beasts. Every soldier receives a donkey, while camels are used for carrying the provisions. If a soldier has an animal he often runs away with the animal at the last stopping place.

The command of a battalion is sold and sometimes for as much as £2,200 or £3,200. Everybody wishes to become an officer, as an officer's pay is continued to his family after his death, thus there are many detachments of ninety men with twelve officers.

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THE ARTILLERY BRANCH

is similar to the infantry, but the men are much better trained and clothed, while they receive their pay more regularly. Although this force, on paper, consists of 6,000 men, yet only 2,000 men are on service, and they are in battalions of 200 to 250 men.

The men, horses and guns are all managed by independent officials; thus the horses are in the care of a General who keeps them not near the guns in the arsenal, but in some place where the forage is cheap. The horses are not trained to gun firing. The projectiles are kept in the arsenals and generally they are not charged. The powder is made in private powder mills, and is of very poor quality. There are about fifty guns of the Chapius type, and also nearly one thousand obsolete guns, of which scarcely a hundred can be used.

The infantry possesses no properly organized system of transport. In case of need the people are "commandeered," especially the village folk when they bring their round the countryside that a regiment has to be moved from a town, the villagers stay at home until the soldiers have been moved.

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PROPHESIED GERMANY'S END.

Five years more and the German Empire will come to an end. So at least says a prophecy made in the thirteenth century by a monk named Hermann, who lived in the monastery of Lehnin in Brandenburg, where he wrote a work in Latin concerning the future destiny of Germany for many centuries. The work is styled the "Vaticinium Lehninense," and it is in verses after the manner of the Sybilline books.

The monk seems to have foretold the defeat at Jena and the constitution of the Germanic Confederation in 1815. Unfortunately the prophetic Hermann foretells in plain language the downfall of the Hohenzollern dynasty, and William II. is destined to be the last of his race to sit in the imperial throne. The verses that foretell this are:

"Verse 93. Tandem sceptrum gerit qui stemmatibus unum erit.
 "Verse 94. Israel infandum secutus audet morte piandum."
 [At last the sceptre is in the hands of him who will be the last of the royal race. Israel attempts an execrable crime that death alone can expiate.]

In 1840 William I., King of Prussia, consulted a celebrated soothsayer, who in answer to his queries told him that he would ascend the throne in 1849, that the German Empire would be established in 1871, that he would die in 1888, and that the German Empire would come to an end in 1913. The first three prophecies have been fulfilled to the very letter.

WOULDN'T MURDER CZAR

SCHOOLMISTRESS COMMITTED SUICIDE INSTEAD.

Appointed by Revolutionists to Do It in Reval, Threw Herself in Front of Train.

It has just leaked out in St. Petersburg that, despite the extraordinary precautions taken to protect the Czar on the occasion of his visit to Reval to meet King Edward, a schoolmistress committed suicide in the railway by throwing herself in front of a train two days before the Czar arrived in Reval from Peterhof.

KNOW HUSBAND'S FINANCES.

Every Wife Should Know Her Husband's Financial Affairs.

A wife who is ignorant of her husband's financial affairs occupies a difficult position, says a writer. She never knows if she is justified in any expense even for her home. If her husband has not begun his new life by placing her above the humiliation of asking for money for her needs she is bound to wear herself out in dread of refusal of such requests. Each passing year increases the discomfort of her position, and if hard times descend upon them it will find her unequal to the struggle. It is not sordid in the least to discuss money matters before marriage. Money is as much a necessity as food, since it is needed for the purchase of that and every other thing we need.

Story of Fontaine

ONE day as Fontaine, the great writer of fables, was passing along a street of Paris a maid threw a bucketful of scalding water from a window above. It struck full upon the head of Fontaine.



FEEL ON HIS HEAD

Fortunately, his wig protected him to such extent that he was not burned. With the aid of several passersby who recognized him he succeeded in wringing the water from his clothes. Then, fiercely raving, he came along the street, Fontaine speedily betook himself to his lodgings.

At that time Fontaine lodged at the house of his friend, Madame de la Sabliere. He passed into the drawing room, where a number of visitors were gathered. Upon beholding the famous writer in such wretched plight they crowded around him, demanding what had occurred. Fontaine explained briefly.

"And are you not going to lodge complaint against this miserable woman?" cried Madame.
 "I trust you have at least reprimanded the maid for her carelessness," responded the woman.
 "Reprimanded the woman?" responded Fontaine. "Indeed, I thanked her."
 "Thanked her?" all assembled cried in astonishment.
 Fontaine smiled quietly as he replied.

"Yes, I thanked her. She could have let fall a heavy bucket upon my head, whereas she was content only to throw upon me scalding water. Should I not have thanked her for saving me a broken crown?"

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FROM BONNIE SCOTIA

NOTES OF INTEREST IN BANKS AND BRANCHES

What is Going on in the and Lowlands of Scotland.

A pure white crow was other day in Borthwick's tract.

The family Bible of a mourner, the father of 'Bonnie' was sold in Glasgow for \$50.

A robin's nest has been restored to the West Church, which was built in pre-Reformation times.

The employees of Blackie Glasgow, were entertained to a complimentary dinner recently.

The merchants of Havre their annual holiday received over 1,200 travellers by Whitley Bay.

It is travelled that steamers are flourishing in the mer, and showing a great of passengers.

During the past six years School Board spent \$150,000 in new buildings \$100,000 on salaries.

Dundee police superintendents and detectives their pay increased to an amount of \$1,580.

\$16,480 has been spent on the preservation of the Auld Brig and the work is proceeding very satisfactory way.

A link with the old forty years ago in Bury gone with the death of John Olsson, at the age of 77.

The Scottish oil trade, late years had a severe straits, existence is able to show \$50,000 over those of the year.

The smallest British-made in the world is in a window Vincent street, Glasgow, the form of a finger ring border of diamonds.

The Lord Provosts, of Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen and Perth have been invited Government of Sweden to stay fortnight there.

NOTHING TO COMPLAIN

The Irishman in France challenged to a duel.

"Shure," he cried, "we'll wid shillelaghs."
 "That won't do," said his friend. "As the challenged you have the right to choose arms; but chivalry demands you should decide upon a weapon with which Frenchmen are familiar."

"Is that so, indeed?" replied the generous Irishman. "We'll fight it out wid guillotin."

JINGLING JOHNSON--WHAT A MESS HE MAKES OF MATRIMONY



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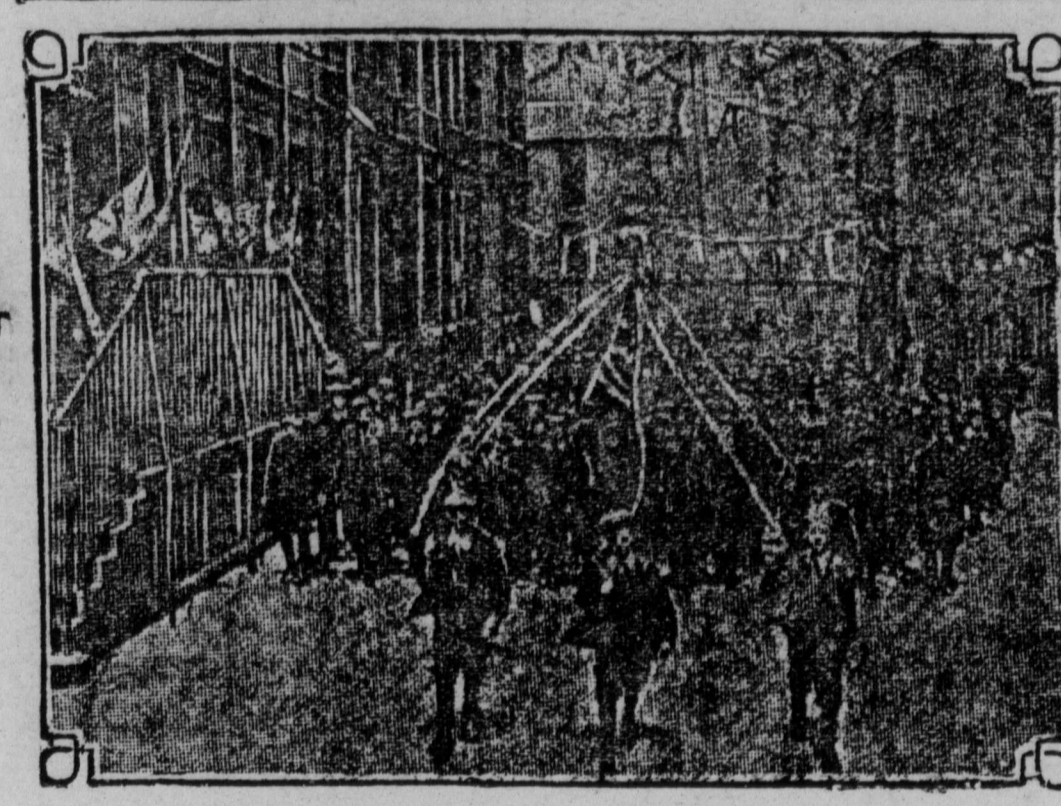
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An Empire Day Achievement



RALPH LED THE PROCESSION

"WONDER who will carry the banner?" observed Tommy Halcombe to his comrades, as they came from the cricket field. All knew to what Tommy referred. No other banner could be meant than the one carried at the head of the school children's procession on Empire Day. This holiday, first held to commemorate Queen Victoria's birthday, was celebrated with much splendor at Islington. But it was the procession that pleased the boys most of all, for this was of their own making. And a great honor came to the boys who carried the banner at the head of the parade. These were always the most popular boys at school and were chosen by their fellows.

"Don't know," replied Jack Dalford to Tommy's query, "but I do know that we'd better be thinking of our cricket match with the 'Blues' instead of Empire Day."

The others admitted that Jack was undoubtedly right, and they fell to discussing their chances of winning on the "Blues."

But the match itself! No one will ever forget it. Never before had there been such a struggle. Handicapped by the loss of two of their best bowlers, who were ill, the "Reds" got along badly. Finally, in his desperation, Captain Rob decided to give little Ralph Barncroft a chance. Ralph was a quiet chap—too quiet to

Broke the Silence

TIM had been especially cautioned not to disturb the guests at dinner by chattering. And as he regarded it a big privilege to sit in a low chair such as grown folks used, he promised his mother and himself that he would be very good, indeed.

It was no hardship for Tim to keep silence at first, for his mouth was very close to his plate, by reason of the lowness of the chair, and Tim found that he could eat an enormous lot in an exceedingly short time. But when dessert was reached, he could restrain his patience no longer.

"Father," said he, "you can't guess what I've got under the table."

The father, who had been quite pleased with Tim's silence, now rewarded the lad by asking kindly:

"And what have you under the table, my boy?"

"An awful stomach-ache," sadly replied Tim.

Politeness

MARY looked shyly up at the handsome gentleman who had just been calling on her father and who now stopped to talk for a moment with the little maid. Evidently Mary wished to say something, but somehow found it hard to speak. At last she pleaded desperately and with a troubled air:

"Please don't think me impolite, sir; but would you mind doing me a favor?"

"With the greatest pleasure, little girl," returned the man.

"Then," said Mary, "I wish you wouldn't lean on that gate post. Father just had it painted this morning, and I don't think he'd want to be troubled having it done over again."

Changing 30,000 Names

NOT long ago Dr. Charles Eastman made a trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, for the sole purpose of renaming 30,000 Sioux Indians. Dr. Eastman, who is himself a full-blooded Sioux, had the task of changing such cumbersome names as "Afraid-of-a-Bear," "Big-Black-Raven-With-the-White-Eyes," "Many-Lightnings," "Thunder-in-the-Clouds" and many others just as long, to plain John, Walter, Edward, and so on. Somehow it seems a shame to part with these splendidly sounding names for such ordinary ones, doesn't it?

That Indefinable Air

"There's no use talkin'," said Farmer Cornstossel, as he knocked the ashes out of his corn cob and laid it on the mantelpiece, "there's something about a college education that does give a young fellow Polish."

"Do you think our boy Josh is improved?"

"Yep. He kin smoke a pipe in a way that makes it look real stylish."

BRITISH GIRLIES IN DELIGHTFUL FÊTE



LITTLE WELSH MAID

Work done by such laborers, and in such a cause, could not help meet with success. The audience enjoyed itself immensely. And well it might, for there were not a little playlet, "The Three Wishes," and lots of merriment besides—all provided for its entertainment?

Then the costumes! They were charming, and of so many different kinds that it kept you busy examining them. One of the pictures shows you Miss Beatrice Eyrne in the dress of a little Welsh girl; another shows a tiny fellow who attended the fete garbed as Robin Hood, Miss Felicity Tree and Miss Elizabeth Asquith, principals in "The Three Wishes," are pictured in their quaint costumes.

Everybody had a great deal of fun. You see, there's no end of happiness in doing good to others. It's especially fitting, too, that boys and girls should help other boys and girls.

Uncomplimentary.

Bobby examined rather critically the face of the baby his friend Edna was wheeling about.

"Well," said he, finally, "I don't think he's very pretty; but I guess it's the kind of face that grows on you." Edna retorted indignantly, "It's not the sort of face that ever grows on you. You'd be nicer looking if it was."

An Object of Interest

THIS told of a certain English bishop that he was visiting a friend, when he noticed that the son of his host, a lad of about 8 years old, seemed much interested in him. This rather pleased the bishop, as he was fond of children. He looked at the boy with his very best smile and asked:

"Don't you think we shall be good friends?"

"Oh, you're all right," replied the boy, slowly.

Then, glancing down at the bishop's knee breeches, he added, "But, say—would your mother let you wear long trousers yet?"

How Old Are You?

HOW old are you on your tenth birthday? Ten, of course, you will answer. But see if I cannot prove you wrong. In fact, you are only 9. Your first birthday was on the day you were born, your second birthday on the day you were 1 year old, and so on, until the tenth birthday, when you are 9 years old, the age always keeping one year behind the number of the birthday.

Onion as Weather Indicator.

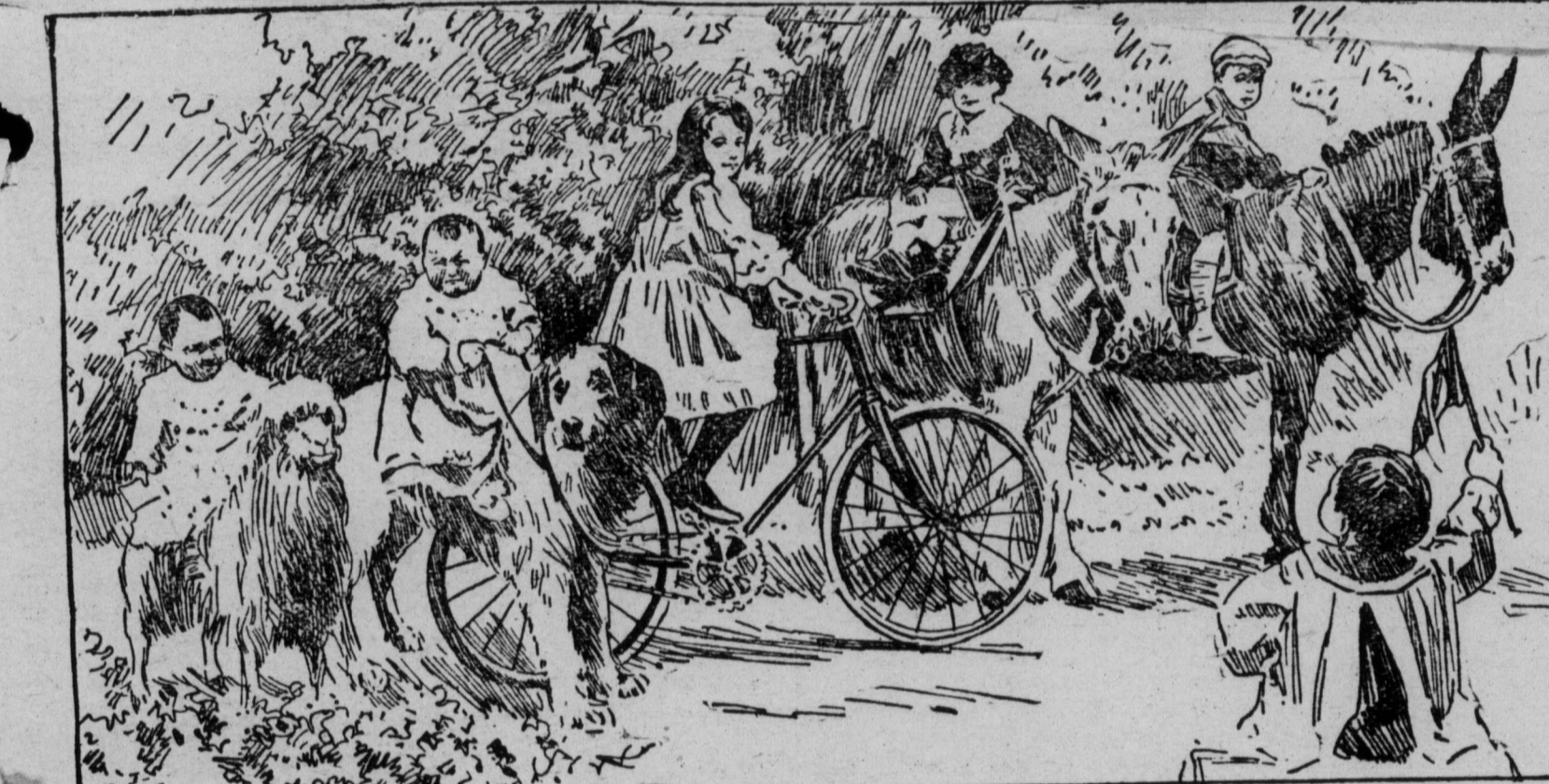
Place twelve onions in a row on Christmas Day, name each after a month and put salt on their tops. Those on which the salt is melted inside of twelve days will be wet months.

The Big Lion

SIR OLIVER LODGE, one of England's most learned men, on first look seems to be rough and unkind, but upon acquaintance with him you learn that he is the contrary. Indeed, a child-friend described him as "a great big lion with a white satin heart."

Sir Oliver likes to talk as simply as possible. On one occasion in the classroom, he asked a student how to do an experiment in which the raising of water in a tube was necessary. The student endeavored to explain with many long words. While he was still floundering among these "tongue-twisters," Sir Oliver cut him short by saying briefly, "Suck the thing."

How the Babies Won the Race



WE REALLY didn't intend to have a race. Aunt Lillian was merely posing us for a Kodak picture. Freddy and I were on donkeys, Clara on her bicycle and the twins on Nero and the pet ram. And, of course, Freddy didn't mean it when he suggested, "Wouldn't it be fun to see who would win out in a race?"

We did have a race, however, an exciting one, too. For some unaccountable reason, Billy, the ram, gave one jump and then started on a run through the woods, with Baby Joe clinging to him all his might to the wool. The next instant away darted Nero in pursuit. Freddy's donkey followed, starting so quickly that Freddy was thrown off into the bushes. Clara and I, anxious to see what end this mad frolic would have, rode fast along the route taken by the party.

How the babies ever stuck on I don't know, and I suppose you'll hardly believe it when I tell you that both were seated when the ram, after completing a big circle through the woods, returned to the starting point. Nero, with his baby rider, was right at his neck. The rest of us trailed in a moment later.

You may know how relieved we were by this time the little girl knew by heart almost every word contained in the diary of her ancestress. Today one passage in the little book set her thinking. It told how this other Betty wondered just what her ancestors were like.

"I certainly have the advantage of her there," mused Betty, "'cause last Christmas when I thought I fell asleep in the attic all my ancestors came in such a funny way and told me all about themselves. There was the dear old Puritan lady, the handsome Cavalier, that wicked pirate great-great-grand-uncle—"

Here Betty shivered at the recollection of the bloodthirsty appearance of her pirate ancestor.

"Oh, I know what I'll do now!" exclaimed Betty with sudden decision. "I'm going to have an Ancestor Party, and I'll invite all of them to come here again and we'll have a perfectly lovely time, I'm sure."

Using an old chest as a desk, the girl

Betty Holds the Ancestor Party

NOT often of late had Betty visited the old-fashioned attic which contained so many of her treasures—especially her wonderful Dream Book, the diary of that other little Betty who had lived years and years before. Betty, you know, delighted to imagine herself the other Betty, and, in many things, she belonged to the attic, therefore she never even brought the diary to her own room. And now that her comfy seat among the branches of the old apple tree was so inviting, the attic saw little of her.

One day, however, the sky clouded over. Soon the rain fell and the apple tree castle was no longer habitable. Betty found her way to the attic, there to enjoy herself as best she might.

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"USING AN OLD CHEST"

began to write out neatly the invitations to her ancestors. All at once she paused, knitting her brow thoughtfully.

"I do wonder whether I'd best invite that pirate uncle of mine."

But she didn't have the heart to keep the wicked old fellow away; and, besides, she thought that if she didn't invite him he might come anyway, and "how-would-be-very-unpleasant."

Then, it seemed, a voice whispered in her ear: "Use the old candlestick."

"That's just the thing!" exclaimed Betty, clapping her hands together. Swiftly she sped downstairs, returning presently with a candle. This she placed in the antique candlestick; in the light she burnt one message after another, and she imagined she saw the ghosts of the messages rise after the paper was burnt and float away toward the far end of the attic.

When nothing but ashes remained, she seated herself expectantly on the chest, murmuring:

"I hope it won't be long before something happens."

In the World of Curiosities

THIS strange looking animal, with huge, ghost-like eyes, is related to the lemur family. He makes his home in the islands of Celebes, Sumatra, Borneo and the Philippines, where the natives regard him with great dread.

Living entirely in the trees, he feeds mostly on insects and small reptiles. He takes his food after the fashion of the squirrel. The little fellow moves in a series of remarkable jumps, some-



what like a flea, leaping from bough to bough in successive jerky leaps.

This lemur isn't nearly as horrible as he looks. Indeed, he is quite harmless and inoffensive. Although there would be no special advantage for any of us to be strikingly ugly, the appearance of the specter lemur is his best safeguard, inasmuch as it protects him from the natives.

Was His Puddle.

Quite severely the dignified gentleman commended the boy who was enjoying himself in the middle of the street, "He's there, boys, get out of that dirty water."

But the boy merely stared, and, feeling himself secure, shouted:

"You go and find a mud puddle of your own! You won't steal this one from me!"

Riches have wings, but poverty hasn't—so the poor are always with us.

THE MILESTONES: A FAIRY TALE

NOT always were milestones obliged to stand immovable at measured distances from each other along the roadside. The time was, ever so long ago, that at nightfall, when wayfarers seldom journeyed abroad, milestones were given opportunity for recreation. But milestones then were different from the milestones of today. They were merely elves, too. For some unaccountable reason, Billy, the ram, gave one jump and then started on a run through the woods, with Baby Joe clinging to him all his might to the wool. The next instant away darted Nero in pursuit. Freddy's donkey followed, starting so quickly that Freddy was thrown off into the bushes. Clara and I, anxious to see what end this mad frolic would have, rode fast along the route taken by the party.

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CHANGED TO STONE

laughter. To them it was a most comical sight. To look at the man who would pass the one-mile post with a merry smile, the eight-mile post with a savage frown and the five-mile post with an utterly bewildered stare, seemed the best joke in the world.

The Fairy Queen, however, couldn't see that it was funny at all. So vexed was she with the elves' breach of rule that she ordered them to march direct to their stations. No sooner were they posted than every one of them she changed into stone. Upon these stones were then placed the readings formerly carried by the placards. Never more could the elves join at nighttime the joyous games of the fairies.

Her Prayer.

"Oh, grandma!" exclaimed little Mildred, "I asked God last night to give us a nice, clear day, and see how fine it is!"

Grandma smiled at the little girl as she responded, "I am fond of pleasant weather, too, my child. Now won't you pray that it may be warmer tomorrow, so that my rheumatism may be better."

Mildred promised, and that night she added to her prayers this request: "Oh! God, please make it hot for grandma."

"Thimbletown—1 mile." Coming to the next milestone elf, they would read: "Thimbletown—8 Miles." This, of course, greatly puzzled them, and they were still more dismayed when they found the placard of the milestone elf next in order bore the inscription: "Thimbletown—5 Miles." And as the people passed by the elves would hold their sides with

Dolly's Dressmaker



SEEMS as though I can't help spending All my time just mending—mending! Mending clothes that careless Dolly leaves! But I shouldn't dream of shirking Tasks like these; I don't mind working— Working on the garments Dolly wears, No doll's dresses last forever. Though at mending you be clever— Clever, too, in cleaning them betimes; Coon my patterns I'll be taking— And I'll practice my dressmaking— Making clothes is worse than making rhymes.

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 The Village of Strathmore and the Village of Staveland.
 And of section 19 of the School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following school districts, viz:—
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Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lessee of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
 Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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