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Editor Free Press—
Sir: During the present municipal election campaign, when so much political capital is being accumulated by the opponents of Mayor Clarke, out of the fact that an era of prosperity is about to sweep over the city, which they seem to consider sufficient reason for supporting Alderman Esdale, it might be well to ask: On what is this theory based. And if there are any grounds for a change of Mayors for this reason, the same remarks would have applied to previous Mayors who held office for a second term, among whom may be mentioned Messrs. Lee, Armstrong, Henry.

It is true Messrs. Short and Evans only held office for one year for the reason that they antagonized the people before the expiration of their respective terms, one on the question of a gas franchise, and the other on the question of a fire chief. Why, then, not give Mayor Clarke a second term of office in order that he be given a chance to complete the work already well begun.

I hold no brief for Joe Clarke, but I think he is at least entitled to British fair play, which he certainly is not being accorded in the present campaign. The press, the pulpit and the big interests throughout the city appear to be organized to carry on a campaign of condemnation without praise. Surely every word and deed of the Mayor during the past year has not warranted the criticism which is being levelled against him for purely political purposes. If we cannot help a man up, it is both un-Christian and un-British to knock him down.

It is, of course, quite possible that the undue criticism which is being levelled at the Mayor, some without reason, and some, in spite of reason, may prove a vote getter in 1919 as it did in 1918. It must be admitted that last year's majority was a credit to Mayor Clarke, and it is the silent vote that counts.

What avails it to tell an intelligent electorate that Alderman Esdale is possessed of the "Community Interest?"

What more interest can he have in the welfare of the community than any other citizen who makes his home here. What care we about "Mat" Esdale's hobby.

Another matter which, if I mistake not, will militate against the success of "Matt's" campaign, is his prating about class administration. Does Ald. Esdale not know that all publicly elected administrations are class administrations. The mere existence of an opposition is proof positive that the majority is legislating for one class, while the minority pursue a policy of obstruction which is the equivalent of legislating or endeavoring to legislate on behalf of the class they represent. Has the alleged democratic alderman forgot the words of a former Mayor in his inaugural address to the Council in January, 1914: "Let majority and minority be unmeaning words on our lips." The statement itself proved meaningless for the Council straightway resolved itself into a majority and minority which proved its undoing, and the present majority in council who have so religiously pursued their policy of obstruction and negatived the Mayor's every effort at reform, had better take warning lest the tables be turned against them by the silent vote of democracy over the loud vote of authority.

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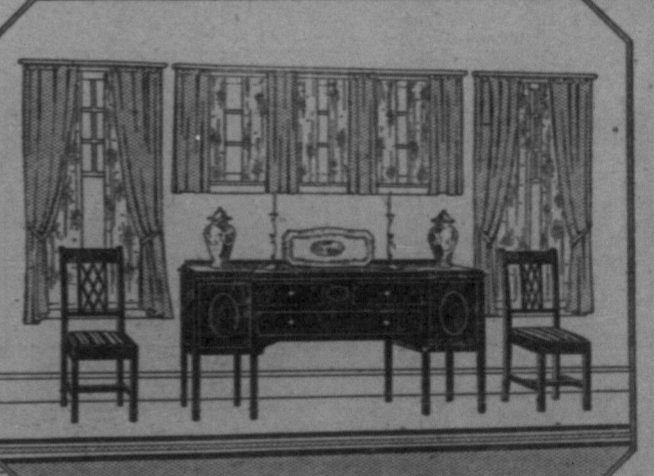
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"LORD AND LADY ALGY" AT THE ALLEN

The last time that an English drama with scenes laid in England, was shown at the Allen, Manager Buchanna was called upon several times to settle arguments, if not bets, as to whether or not the actual pictures shown were taken in England. Although the illusion is just as perfect in "Lord and Lady Algy" as in any other picture of English life, made in Los Angeles, it may be announced here and now that the scenes of "Lord and Lady Algy" were filmed down in California.

One of the big scenes in the picture is that of the English Derby, with its array of dapper jockeys in their varicolored attire, the shouting grandstanders and the British aristocrats; during its production presented a series of thrills ranging from the point where one jockey was thrown from his horse and nearly killed to that where a magnificent horse broke his leg in leaping a

low picket fence. In staid Los Angeles, horseracing is a thing unthought of and book making a thing prohibited; the jockeys, however, many of whom were recruited from the old Bay District track at San Francisco and from the Tia Juana course at Tia Juana, Mexico, while they were unable to ride for a purse, nevertheless contracted a number of bets among themselves; hence it was more dangerous to be on a horse inasmuch as a rival or two were likely to doveltail their opponent throwing him to the ground and severely injuring him. The race lacked hope of the realism of the famous annual English Derby, and Edmonton people who have seen this great race would undoubtedly have difficulty in determining whether or not the scenes were filmed in England. However, this explanation is offered in advance and the picture, which is one of the most enjoyable that the Allen has been able to offer this season will be shown Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"THE THUNDERBOLT" AT ALLEN THURSDAY

A "spite marriage" entered into for hate turns out happily because a wife despised her husband to such an extent that she refused to oblige him by allowing their married life to be unhappy in "The Thunderbolt," starring Katherine MacDonald, and which will be seen at the Allen theatre, commencing next Thursday.

Father Charges Boy to Kill.
Ruth Pomeroy, played by Katherine MacDonald, has the unusual role of a girl forced into a marriage with the only living member of a family hated by her own family as the result of a Kentucky feud. Sworn to avenge his family honor, Bruce Corbin determines that he will marry the daughter of Allan Pomeroy, helpless as a result of check forgeries.

Told that the Pomeroy family will die, root and branch, with her, the unhappy wife of Bruce Corbin determines

NEW YORK DRUG CLERKS ABANDON THEIR "PROFESSIONAL"

Drug clerks have abandoned their "professional" organization and affiliated with the trade union movement. The term "professional" sounded fine, but it failed to satisfy the landlord or grocer. In announcing their change, the clerks say:

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that a Corbin shall not win over a Pomeroy.

How Katherine MacDonald, as Ruth Pomeroy, outwits her husband and turns a marriage for hatred into wedded bliss makes one of the most gripping and entertaining pictures seen on the Allen theatre's screen in many months.

"OH, BOY," DAINTY MUSICAL COMEDY

The dainty, refreshing and delightfully pretty musical comedy, "Oh Boy," the New York Princess theatre musical comedy success, under the management of F. Ray Comstock and William Elliott will be the attraction at the Empire theatre for three days, starting next Monday, with a matinee on Wednesday. "Oh Boy" is unquestionably the brightest and smartest musical comedy New York has seen in many a moon. The book and lyrics are by Guy Bolton and P. G. Wodehouse and the music is by Jerome Kern. The story of "Oh Boy" is extremely interesting and concerns George Budd, a quiet, young professor of chemistry in a college town, whose friends surprise him on the eve of a great polo victory and just when he and his bride have returned from being secretly married. The bride goes to her home, but Budd having received a telegram from his old maid Quaker aunt, who controls his fortune, remains to welcome her. Meanwhile Jackie Sampson, a dashing actress who plays "Modesty" in "Experience," rushes into Budd's room, after a row in a restaurant and to avoid the constable she remains there, calling herself Mrs. George Budd.

The comedy situations keep the audience in constant laughter.

The score, in keeping with the book contains a number of the brightest and tinkest musical hits of the season, and are:

"Let's Make a Night of It," "You Never Knew About Me," "A Package of Seeds," "An Old-Fashioned Wife," "A Little Bit of Ribbon," "The First Day of May," "Koo-la-loo," "Rolled Into One," "Oh, Daddy, Please!" "Words Are Not Needed," "When It's Nesting Time in Flatbush," "Flubby Dub, the Cave-Man."

The charm of the score, the cleverness of the book and the beauty of the production, made "Oh Boy" as the most pronounced musical success of recent years in New York.

DETROIT BUILDING TRADESMEN WARN OTHERS TO STAY AWAY

The Detroit, Michigan, Building Trades Council, is sending a circular letter to all Trade Union official journals and Labor papers notifying same of the strike now on at the Dupont Engineering Company, of Wilmington, Delaware. The Building Trades Councils in Flint, Mich., and Pontiac, Mich., are also conducting strikes against the same company, who are a subsidiary of the Dupont De Nemours Powder Co., of Wilmington, Delaware.

They state men are being shipped in by the hundreds, by this corporation. The Detroit Building Trades are putting lots of these men to work and sending others back home. Their intention is to beat this non-union corporation, and request all papers to warn all Building Tradesmen to stay away from the State of Michigan until further notice.

A strike is also in progress against the Albert A. Albrecht Co., a Detroit non-union contractor. Further trouble is expected throughout the state.

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- (4) When the price of admission is more than \$1.00 but not more than \$2.00, a tax of 10c.
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Every person who, without having previously paid the tax provided by this Act, enters a place of amusement in the province for the purpose of attending an exhibition, performance, entertainment or game shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not more than \$50.00 for each offence, and in default of the payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than six months.

Every owner of a place of amusement and every employee of an owner of a place of amusement who permits or authorizes or is a party or privy to the admission of any person to a place of amusement for the purpose of attending an exhibition, performance, entertainment or game therein, without payment of the tax provided for by this Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$200.00 for each offence, and, in default of payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than six months.

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itself and use its influence to have the Department of Education undertake a thorough reorganization of the courses of studies.

In his recommendations we find that no material change in the curriculum has been made in many years except to add new subjects to it, that much in the course might very well be superceded, that some of the subject matter is obsolete and needs revising, that very little is done along the lines of vocational guidance and that the individual pupil is not receiving his meed of attention.

If this is the condition of the course of studies in our schools it is high time the board asserted itself and made an effort to induce the Department of Education to reconstruct the courses to meet our everyday needs. Boys and girls should leave our schools well equipped to undertake the battle of life and not be handicapped because they have been obliged to take courses that have "little applicational value to the life activities of the pupil."

We should definitely recognize the Teachers' Alliance, and the model form of contract.

Teachers should act in an advisory capacity to the Board.

The seniority rule should apply in the promotion of the teachers always, provided the teacher has the necessary qualifications to fill the vacancy.

Permanent school buildings should be constructed as soon as possible to take the place of the many temporary schools now used.

Branch libraries should be established in the schoolhouses in the outlying districts.

As there is great need that provision should be made for safeguarding the children from the evil influences of the street, the schools and playgrounds should be open after school hours and Saturdays where the boys and girls can play under proper supervision.

J. W. H. WILLIAMS.

BARBERS WILL SEND TWO DELEGATES TO CALGARY CONVENTIONS

The November meeting of the Barbers' local was exceptionally interesting and the debates on the various subjects under discussion were participated in by the majority of the members present.

The union decided to send two delegates to the convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor in Calgary on January 5th.

There was a good live debate on the proposed Barbers' License Act, and it was decided to continue to press for this piece of legislation, which is as important to the public as it is to the barbers. The matter will again be placed before the convention of the Alberta Federation next Monday.

The Labor candidates for civic honors were given the opportunity to address the meeting.

COOKS AND WAITERS WILL HOLD REGULAR MONTHLY DANCE

The Hotel and Restaurant employees will hold their regular monthly dance in the club rooms over the Phoenix Cafe on Thursday, December 11th.

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Read This and Vote Accordingly— Mayor Clarke on the Promotional Issue

The Mayor is on the Ticket of a Party that stands for Promotion as opposed to Importation for the filling of vacancies at the top.

The fact is that the Mayor has had to be driven into the position of turning the matter of the filling of the Power Plant Superintendentcy over to Commissioner Ormsby.

Mayor Clarke proposed to fill that position by an appointment of his own, without consulting anyone, experts in power plants or otherwise.

When the Civic Service Union called the Mayor's attention to the need of holding fast by the principle, the Mayor flouted them in a column-long letter, in which he raved about their lack of political tact in making a perfectly proper request.

The Mayor's stand on Promotion is that when he is left alone to his own sweet will he is opposed to it. When he finds that he will lose support, he can be forced to accept the principle.

NO CIVIC EMPLOYEE CAN PLACE RELIANCE IN THAT SORT OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PRINCIPLE OF PROMOTION.

What is needed is an Aldermanic Board to insist on the Observance of the Principle, and to see that the Commissioners evolve a System of Deputies that will Secure the Principle.

VOTE FOR ADAIR—A man who believes in the principle at all times

Street Railway Department Change of Schedule Effective December 1st, 1919

NORTH EDMONTON—BLUE SIGNS

Table with columns for Leaving North Edmonton for 101st St., Leaving 101st St. for North Edmonton, and Leaving North Edmonton for 101st St. with various times and frequencies.

FIGURE 8.—111TH AVE., 95TH STREET TO 107TH AVE. AND 124TH STREET

Table with columns for 111th Ave., 95th, 101st St. West on Jasper, 107th and 124th East on 107th Ave., 101st St. North on 95th St., 111th-95th St. via 95th St., 101st St. via 107th Ave., 124th & 107th Av. East Jasper Ave., and 101st & Jasper North on 101st.

