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Editorial Notes and Clippings

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.

The closing of the calendar year reminds us that Prince Rupert is getting very near to the time when she will be linked up with the provinces behind the hills and the lands across the sea. The prophets tell us that those will be days of great prosperity and plenty, and it behooves us to prepare for the harvest. In the meantime the passing pioneer days have brought us a keen attention for our Prince Rupert home, and a loyalty to the place where we came primarily to benefit our material welfare. In the coming year let us resolve to make our loyalty a practical one by heralding our city's advantages, opportunities and ultimate destiny throughout all the world. Let us determine to help every organized effort and use our individual opportunities. Let us make 1913 a year for Prince Rupert to remember with pride.

MAYOR NEWTON'S FAILURE.

Last year Mayor Newton's platform had twenty planks, or principles, as he called them. Ten of the principles were concrete propositions, the other ten being political platitudes such as candidates usually use to pad out their appeal. Of the ten items with the pledge put in definite form but two have actually been carried out. These are the completion of the reservoir and the extension of the electric light system, and one will hardly credit those works as being due to the sagacity and zeal of the Mayor. They were works which came in the regular routine of civic affairs and would have been performed in any event. The other eight principles, which included all the big items of expenditure, the constructive policy and progressive element, he failed utterly to put through, either in whole or in part. The planks on which the Mayor failed to make good were: Selling the city's bonds in open market, the hydro-electric undertaking, the sewer system, the play grounds, the free library, the hydraulic fire boat, an equalization of the water rates.

His failures more than over-

shadow his accomplishments. In fact, his platform proved to be a policy of failures.

THE PLEDGES FOR 1913.

Naturally the programme for 1913 is more modest. The Mayor realizes his limitations. His new platform has more platitudes and fewer definite pledges. These platitudes are handy things. A man with the morals of the Mayor can twist them into meaning anything. Touching on his definite pledges for 1913:

The establishment of a free library and an athletic ground. These are two of the past year's failures.

The appointment of a publicity commission. This has been advocated by the business men for a long time. If the Mayor had been alive to his responsibilities and opportunities he would have accomplished it ere this.

Holding public meetings to discuss the sewer question. This is a heavy bit of statecraft which can hardly be figured as an issue.

Reduction of light, power and telephone rates. Something which he has neglected to do this year.

The publication of the assessment roll and the improvement of Fairview Cemetery. These are of passive interest.

Altogether this is not the progressive policy Prince Rupert would expect from a man who a year ago was given the confidence of the electors and entrusted with the chief magistracy of the city. It is doubtful if Mayor Newton, with all his egotism, is proud of it himself.

AN EXPLANATION DUE.

But even before this meagre platform is presented to the public Mayor Newton owes Prince Rupert an explanation. The electors have a right to know why he failed to carry out his 1912 platform. This city is in its growing stages. It demands an active, progressive policy of development. Mayor Newton has failed to make good on his promised plan of progress. Before he solicits a renewal of their confidence the citizens are first entitled to a report of his stewardship.

GERMAN COUNT IS KILLED IN NEVADA

Former Army Officer and Scion of Famous Family Mangled While Stealing Ride on Breakbeams

Reno, Nev., Dec. 28.—Count Max Bulow, once an officer in the German navy and descendant of Frederick Wilhelm von Bulow, the famous Prussian General, who aided Wellington at Waterloo, was fatally mangled under the wheels of a freight train at Calvada, near the Nevada-California state line early today.

Although he was well educated and spoke five languages, the count, after a series of marital experiences with wealthy heiresses, became a common laborer and is believed to have been stealing a ride to Sacramento when killed. He claimed to have a wife at the Maryland hotel, Pasadena, from whom he received \$250 every three months.

Seven years ago von Bulow married Miss Christine Plumer, heiress to a \$2,000,000 fortune, who divorced him after a European trip. He came to Reno two years ago, worked as a hotel porter and then went to Denver, giving out that he was to again exchange his title for wealth by the marriage route. He returned to Reno a short time ago.

Wit hone ar masevered, his body, mangled and his head crushed, von Bulow died at two o'clock this morning in the railroad hospital at Sparks, Nevada.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

The Police Commissioners of Revelstoke, after a searching investigation, have completely exonerated the Chief of Police from the charges of alleged grafting that were voiced at a recent meeting of the City Council of that city.

A naval station treaty between Cuba and the United States whereby the latter obtains additional lands for the naval base at Guantanamo has been arranged between American Minister Beaupre and Secretary of State Sanguilly of Cuba.

Mrs. John Marshall, of Nanaimo, who was accidentally run down by an auto about two weeks ago, died at the Nanaimo hospital last Thursday from the effects of her injuries.

M. McInnes, of 668 Powell St., Vancouver, died Saturday from the effects of injuries sustained in jumping from the roof of a burning building in which he lived. Other occupants of the house sustained severe injuries.

Mr. J. Peters, of the local staff of the C. P. R., returned this morning from a flying visit to Vancouver and Victoria.

The Princess May arrived from the south shortly before 1 o'clock today with a small passenger list, there being about twenty for this place.

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Washington, Dec. 30.—Determined that the plan of the Panama canal fortifications shall not become the property of possible military adversaries, Col. Goethals, chairman of the canal commission, has restored the order excluding photographers from the vicinity of the works going up to Toro Point, Marguerita Island, and the islands of Panama Bay.

COST \$97,000,000

Estimates on Alternate Water Supply for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—To acquire the McCloud River water supply instead of the Hetch-Hetchy supply would cost San Francisco \$97,000,000, not including the price of watershed rights, according to estimates filed with the board of army engineers by City Engineer O'Shaughnessy and transmitted to the Department of the Interior at the request of Secretary Fisher. This is twice the estimated cost of the Hetch-Hetchy project. The McCloud supply is 272 miles distant.

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Mrs. Wilson's Secretary

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—It was announced today that Miss Isabelle Hagner had been chosen by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to be her secretary at the White House. Miss Hagner was secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt during her stay at the White House. She is now connected with the State department at Washington.

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