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CALIFORNIA ORANGE CROP MAY BE DESTROYED

EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER PREVAILS IN WESTERN STATES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CITY ASSESSOR'S REPORT SHOWS TOTAL COLLECIONS OF \$347,000

GENERAL HARMONY AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL—NEW STENOGRAPHER APPOINTED—BONUS OF \$100 GRANTED MR. PARKER.

Every member was in his seat at the last meeting but one of the 1912 City Council. General harmony prevailed among the city fathers whilst discussing the weighty topics pertaining to civic government. Alderman Morrissey, of course, was always prepared to go "a little farther" with most subjects as they were taken up, as he does not intend walking in from Port Edward, a matter of ten miles, where he is now engaging his activities, without making his presence known in the council chamber.

Appointment of Stenographer.
In the matter of the city clerk's stenographer, Miss Hurst has sent in her resignation. In answer to the city clerk's advertisement for a successor, only one application had been received from a Miss Edith Haywood. It being satisfactory to the council the appointment was made, the motion to this effect being made by Ald. Morrissey, the champion of ladies at the 1912 board.

Claim for Damages Refused.
The report of the finance committee recommending the payment of \$35 to the Union Transfer Co., in settlement of their claim for \$68 for damage done to an automobile through

colliding with a water pipe, failed to be adopted.

City Assessor's Report.
City Assessor J. C. McLennan presented his report of the collections for the past year, which disclosed the very handsome total of \$350,000. The report showed the following collections under different heads:

- Land\$209,644.49
- Telephone 26,113.31
- Electric light 28,167.75
- Water 11,474.94
- Water connections... 1,730.00
- Trade licenses 5,880.75
- Dog licenses 771.50
- Installation of light... 741.00
- Sever connections... 115.00
- Electric light deposits 2,180.50
- Local imp. taxes.... 37,808.27
- Sundries 28,684.56

Total\$347,278.97

Details of Sundries.

- Liquor Licenses 89,070.00
- School grant 4,190.45
- Police fines 4,864.00
- Road taxes 1,522.00
- Sale of debentures... 4,730.00
- Sale of engine..... 1,320.00
- Sale of building..... 1,000.00
- Building permits... 231.00
- Bartenders' licenses... 165.00
- Rents, miscellaneous sales, grade fees keep of prisoners... 1,562.44

Total\$28,684.56

Electric Light Deposits.
Some discussion ensued in regard to the \$2,180.50 item for electric light deposits. Alderman Morrissey wanted to know if this was to be made to appear as part of the general revenue. The city clerk said it would show as a liability, not an asset. The fact that the payment of this deposit in advance is not compulsory brought forth the suggestion that the sum held so far should be repaid at once to the several depositors. The Mayor thought this might be very nice and just, but where was the money to come from in the present state of the depleted exchequer. It would not be wise to make such rash promises. Finally a motion to leave the matter to the new council to decide was carried.

Medical Health Officer's Report.
The report of the city medical health officer for the month of December was read. It showed fourteen births, seven boys and seven girls, and four deaths, two

ZERO WEATHER PREVAILS IN WESTERN STATES

Utah, Idaho and Arizona in the Grip of Severest Weather for Many Years

(Special to Daily News.)
Salt Lake City, Jan. 6.—Zero weather prevails here today, causing untold damage to water pipes, etc. The water works system is completely demoralized and water is being delivered to the citizens in waggons. The river is frozen solid and extreme cold prevails throughout all parts of Utah and Idaho.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 6.—Last night was the coldest night in the history of Arizona, the temperature reaching seven degrees below. The previous low record was twenty-two.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—The weather throughout Western Canada is extremely cold but it is fine and settled.

MAYOR NEWTON'S RETIREMENT

The retirement of Mayor Newton from the contest for this year's mayoralty, into which he has turned his personal energies and those of his paper for the past two weeks, has little effect upon the municipal outlook for the current year. Mayor Newton never had a chance for reelection. Even the accident of circumstances which placed him in the chief executive's chair last year was not likely to again occur. His withdrawal is not a surprise, although it is a tactical admission that he finds public opinion overwhelmingly against him. No reason is assigned for his retirement, but it is no doubt a desire to shut off the exposures of his incapacity for the position and the inefficiency and recklessness of the various departments under his control. To his supporters, whom he deserted in the eleventh hour, it shows how little dependence can be placed in him. To the workmen, whose self-appointed champion he was, he exposes his deceit and pitiful weakness. He is out to save his own face. Although he has promised to stand for alderman in Ward 2, it is probable that he may even drop that ambition because of the fact that he is not likely to accept a political disband as their representative.

EXPLOSION ABOARD FRENCH BATTLESHIP

Eight Men in Stokehold Killed When Steam Collector Pipe Explodes.

(Special to Daily News.)
Toulon, France, Jan. 6.—As the result of an explosion in the stokehold of the French battleship Massena, eight men were killed. The Massena was passing Hyers Island when the steam collector pipe in one of the boilers burst.

WRECKED GYMNASIUM WILL BE REBUILT

Men's Own Association Launches Campaign for Raising \$1,000 for the Purpose.

Undaunted by the disaster which overtook them on New Year's morning when their gymnasium was wrecked by the gale, the Men's Own Association have decided to replace the institution even better than it was before. Whereas the wrecked building was only 24 feet by 48 feet, the new one which they propose erecting will be 34 by 48 and better equipped will be installed. To accomplish their plans a considerable sum of money is required and canvassers are already at work soliciting subscriptions. The association have launched a campaign for the raising of \$1,000, the amount considered necessary to carry out their plans.

The gymnasium, such as they propose building, would certainly be an acquisition to the city, and the campaign is likely to receive the hearty support of the citizens generally.

A regular membership fee of the association is \$10.00 per annum. All donations of that amount will entitle the giver to the privileges of membership. Subscriptions over that amount will be cheerfully accepted.

YESTERDAY'S BIG SHOT A GRAND SPECTACLE

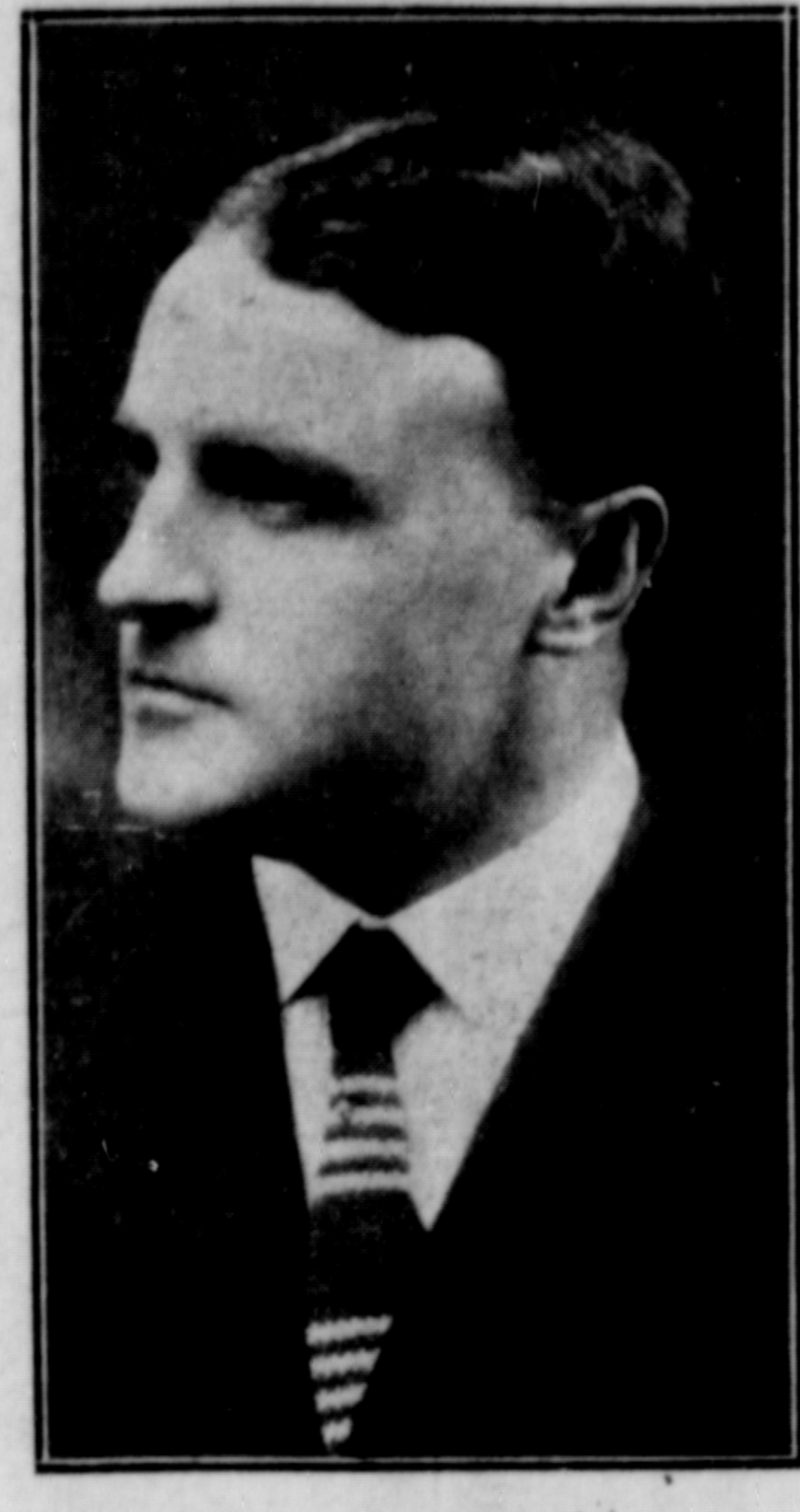
Over 50,000 Cubic Yards of Solid Rock Crumbled in One Shot.

The big blast that was fired at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at the foot of Centre street alongside the G. T. P. main line was a revelation to those who had never before seen anything of the kind and to those with experience it was an exemplification of what engineering skill, combined with modern explosives, can accomplish. Where yesterday stood a solid ridge of rock longer than an ordinary city block, twice as wide as a city street and more than forty-five feet in height, today there is to be seen a crumbled mass of rock already for the steam shovel to load into cars.

Although not the most costly blast that has been put off in Prince Rupert, it was one that required more careful planning on account of its proximity to buildings and railway yards. It is a matter of congratulation to those who engineered the work that their plans did not miscarry and that practically no damage was done when the shot was fired.

The ridge to be removed ran as a sheer bluff along the main line of the G. T. P. Where it stood and where its crumbled ruins still remain will before many months be the site of the passenger terminals of the greatest transcontinental railroad in America.

The work of preparing for the important event, which occurred yesterday afternoon, has covered



T. D. PATTULLO

T. D. Pattullo will doubtless get Prince Rupert's mayoralty by acclamation. The citizens could not have made a wiser choice. He is a man with business instinct, strength of purpose, moral courage and a keen sense of fair play. He has youth, energy, optimism and good address, rounding out the make-up of just the man Prince Rupert needs to lead in the task of pulling the city out of the financial chaos into which she has drifted through the mismanagement and incapacity of the present administration.

It is the duty of the electors to finish the good work by electing a council of business men to support Mr. Pattullo and create a new confidence in the city.

Miss Martin returned to the city this morning on the steamer Venture to resume her duties on the public school staff, after spending the holidays at Vancouver and Victoria.

Miss Grant, of Eburne, one of the new members of the Public School staff, arrived this morning. She has been appointed to act as Miss Johnstone's assistant in the Second Avenue school.

TIPS ON CIVIC POLITICS.

Even the Mayor strangled on the doctrine of the Empire's thirty-nine articles on Newtonism.

Citizen No. 2 is probably offering to bet that \$500 stage money.

The Mayor has promised to give an explanation of his retirement some other time. When he gets into the explaining mood he might tell the ratepayers of Ward 2 how he undertook to protect the telephone franchise in the days before incorporation.

The Mayor promised to resign if he could not make good with the bank. Looks as though he got one of those five-minutes-to-three calls from the manager.

"This job is a puddin'," said one of the pole line employees of the City Light department. It is up to the electors to elect a business council who will add a little hard sauce.

On the exclusive sale listings in the Mayor's office this morning is one mayoralty platform which has been in use only two weeks. Good opening for a political fakir.

No knockers in this year's council.

PRES. TAFT POSTPONES MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Will Not Press for Repeal of the Fur Seal Treaty on Account of Senate's Protest

(Special to Daily News.)
Washington, Jan. 6.—In view of the strenuous protest made in the Senate, President Taft has decided to postpone his message to congress asking for the repeal of the fur seal treaty pertaining to the Pribiloff Islands.

OIL STEAMER AGROUND IN COLUMBIA RIVER

Heavy Seas Breaking Over Her—American Life Saving Steamer Goes to Her Rescue.

(Special to Daily News.)
Digby Island Wireless Station, Jan. 7.—The steamer Rosecrans, owned and operated by the Associated Oil Company, ran aground last night on a bar in the Columbia River. A strong gale is blowing and heavy seas are breaking over the disabled vessel. Grave fears are entertained for her safety. Two tugs and an American life saving steamer have gone to her assistance.

Search Abandoned

After working for some days in a vain effort to recover the body of the unfortunate man Minor McFadden, who was swept over the Hochstall Falls on Christmas Eve, the search has to be abandoned. The body must have been terribly mangled and is probably submerged beneath the icy waters of the river and in all probability may never be seen again.

CALGARY'S POPULATION HAS INCREASED 19,000

Prairie City Makes a Splendid Showing During the Past Year—Population Now 74,000.

Calgary, Jan. 6.—During the year which has just closed, according to the compilation of the industrial bureau, Calgary has grown in population from 55,000 to 74,000; bank clearances have increased from \$218,000,000 to \$275,000,000; building permits have grown from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000; inland revenue from \$170,000 to \$660,000; the customs receipts have increased from \$1,700,000 to \$2,650,000, and the city assessment from \$111,000,000 to \$132,000,000. Express business has increased 35 per cent, and passenger traffic 40 per cent. The street railway business increased from 8,000,000 passengers carried in 1911 to 15,000,000 in 1912.

Eagles, Attention!
Installation of officers and special work on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend. Visiting brothers invited.
GEO. LEEK, President.
G. G. CAMERON, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Installation.
Installation of officers of the I. O. O. F. will take place tonight at 8 o'clock in the K. of P. Hall.

The steam trawler Canada, of the B. C. Fisheries, is over from Skidegate and is tied up at the G. T. P. wharf.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

THOUSANDS OF MEN BATTLE WITH FROST IN CALIFORNIA

IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE THE ORANGE AND LEMON CROPS FROM DESTRUCTION—SMUDGE FIRES BURNED THROUGHOUT ORCHARDS LAST NIGHT.

(Special to Daily News.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 6.—Thousands of men are out tonight battling with the cold in an effort to save from further damage Southern California's orange and lemon crops, which are valued at \$50,000,000. The extent of the loss through last night's frost has not yet been estimated, but it will no doubt be very heavy. Tonight thousands of smudge pots are smouldering or blazing throughout the territory within 125 miles of Los Angeles, which embraces practically all of the important orange and lemon sections. It is hoped that the dense clouds of smoke emitted from the smudge pots will raise the temperature within the orchard groves sufficiently to prevent any further freezing of the fruit on the trees.

The weather is breaking all records here for the past thirty years and is causing great in-

convenience. Long icicles are in evidence on the hydrants here and in many towns within the orange belt ice has formed thickly over standing water. Many children are enjoying their first skate on natural ice.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Four inches of snow fell today and it is still falling tonight. In the Cascade Mountains, where the transcontinental railroads have been fighting blizzards for the past week, there was a light snow fall today.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Today has been the coldest in the history of San Francisco during the past twenty-five years. The temperature registered 32 degrees and heavy frost is predicted for tomorrow morning. Toward night it turned to a blizzard and the snow, which lay fourteen feet deep, is now being piled higher than ever.

TURKEY STILL PERSISTS IN THE RETENTION OF ADRIANOPOLE

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TEMPORARILY BROKEN OFF—DIPLOMATS CONSIDER TURKEY'S STAND A MERE PRETENSE.

London, Jan. 6.—The first stage in the peace negotiations, which is regarded by diplomats as largely one of pretense on Turkey's part to avoid the appearance of yielding to the demands of the Balkan allies without pressure being brought to bear by the European powers, is now over. It is expected that the second stage will soon begin with the powers behind the scenes pulling strings to compel Turkey to concede the bulk of the demands of the allied states.

Turkey today renounces in favor of the allies her rights to the Island of Crete and promised further rectification of the frontier of Thrace, but insisted on the retention of Adrianople. To this proposition the allies refused to agree and further negotiations were broken off. It is expected that the peace conference will be resumed at the end of this week.

Things were quiet in the police court this morning, there being only one case of d. and d., the usual fine being imposed, and one of assault, which was adjourned until tomorrow.

Births.
Manson—On January 6th, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Manson, a son.

COAST TEACHERS' ASSN. IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Religious Teaching in the School Principal Topic Discussed at First Day's Session.

(Special to Daily News.)
Victoria, Jan. 6.—Four hundred delegates are in attendance at the twenty-first annual convention of the Coast Teachers' Association being held here. Religious teaching in the schools was the principal topic discussed today. Much diversity of opinion on this subject was expressed.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association, for the purpose of electing officers, will be held on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 1913, in the K. of P. Hall, Helgeson Block. 307 1/2 P. W. ANDERSON, Sec.-Treas.

PUBLIC MEETING
—ON—
Wednesday Eve., January 8th
The Opening Meeting of the Campaign in the Interests of T. D. Pattullo Will Be Held in the **WESTHOLME THEATRE**
Mayor Newton Is Invited to Be Present to Discuss the Questions at Issue.
School Trustees and Candidates for Aldermanic Honors Are Also Invited to Attend and Will Be Given an Opportunity to Speak.