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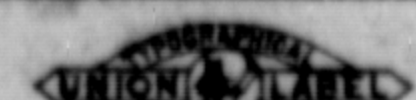
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Editorial Notes and Clippings

WHAT IS A DEFICIT?

Juggling is not confined entirely to the city cost prices. The Mayor has also a tricky little way of handling the year's deficit. He admits he started with a surplus of \$20,000, charging the highest tax rate the law allows and coming out with a deficit of \$14,000. But because the Council of 1912 had to pay for \$26,000 worth of machinery ordered by the 1911 Council he wants to make that item wipe out the surplus he started with and reduce the 1912 deficit by \$6,000. Why not go farther and charge up all the work in the light, water, telephone and public works departments started by the 1911 Council? In that way he could show a surplus. But one might apply the same method in another way. Why not charge up the price of the new school, for which the 1912 Council are taking credit, also the fire alarm system and a few other items that have not yet been paid for? That would be leaving a real buxom deficit for the new Council to shake hands with when they enter office.

WHAT CAN YOU BELIEVE?

Newton urged the electors to pass a money bylaw for the telephone system on the ground that the money had already been spent and would be taken out of the general funds if the bylaw was not passed. Now he says they didn't spend the money. He sure keeps the credulity of his followers in a dizzy whirl.

Certainly "truth is stronger than fiction" in the utterances of Mayor Newton.

Newton says that every Canadian city suffered on account

of the depressed money market. Perhaps, but only one was afflicted with a Newton administration.

The electors will probably recommend a little fresh air for those splitting headaches.

Those speeches of Newton's cost you \$6.40 a day for every working day last year. Did you get value for your money?

What do the anti-franchise electors think of the Mayor who wanted to make terms with the B. C. Telephone Co.?

Prince Rupert cannot afford to elect political cripples on the sympathy ticket. She needs a business man in every seat.

When two practical working men repeatedly declare that a yard of retaining wall cannot be built for 60 cents it is pretty good evidence that the figures are being juggled.

Last week Newton said he could not handle the mayor's job and now says he wants it. Apparently he does not expect people to believe him even when he does tell the truth.

The engineer's report says the retaining walls cost 60 cents per cubic yard. When practical men cornered the Council in a public meeting one of them tried to make out that they did not mean cube yards, but something between a cube yard and a square yard. Oh, you juggler!

If Alderman Dybhavn is stretching his aldermanic chances the way he stretches the measurement of Third avenue, he is liable to find it hard to make the grade.

HARROWING EXPERIENCE OF U. S. FOREST RANGER

Was Trained for Two Days by Cougar—It Wanted to Make Friends with Him.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 14.—Trained by a big cougar while fifty miles from civilization, Forest Ranger Joseph Ridley walked for two days until he reached the forestry reserve telephone station, above Marblemount, and sent the news of his harrowing experience to Forest Ranger A. B. Conrad.

Ridley has traps set in the mountains. One of these is on Lightning Creek, fifty miles northeast of Marblemount. There he arrived late Tuesday afternoon to see if an animal had become entangled in the trap. This was empty, and as he turned to go a large cougar stood a short distance off.

The beast, says Ridley, stood watching him for a few seconds and then walked nearer. It did not offer fight, but acted as if it wanted to make friends. The ranger, armed only with a knife, did not care to start a fight. He backed off, but the cat followed.

When Ridley again stopped the animal did likewise, and stood watching the forester with apparent interest. The ground was covered with snow and as the ranger didn't care to have the big cougar as a bed companion for the night he kept on his way toward the ranger's station. All New Year's Day the beast followed Ridley until within about twenty miles of the station. There he dropped and was lost from view.

"My hair is still standing on end," Ridley told Conrad over the telephone. "While the big fellow seemed tame, I did not feel at ease with him at my heels." The ranger declared the cougar had in all probability never seen a human being before, and was undoubtedly lonesome.

In speaking of the matter last night Conrad stated there has never been a case on record where a cougar attacked a man. "They will track you hour after hour," he said, "but generally keep some distance behind."

Ridley's cougar was probably about eleven feet in length, from his description. Cougars range from nine to thirteen feet in length in the mountains.

Agricultural Society Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the new agricultural society in the city hall on Tuesday, January 28th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering and passing the bylaws that have been drafted by a committee appointed by Mr. William Manson, M. P. P. Directors of the new society will also be elected. The object of the formation of the society is for the purpose of arranging for the holding of an annual agricultural and mining exhibition in the city, the first to take place in September of the present year. After matters have advanced a little more it is felt confident that the Provincial government will provide a substantial subsidy toward the carrying out of this excellent idea.

PRINCE RUPERT FISHERMEN ARE ASSISTED BY WHALES

INTERESTING STORY OF WHALES BEING USED LIKE SHEEP DOGS TO HERD THE HERRING—GULLS ALSO LEND THEIR ASSISTANCE.

The following despatch from Victoria, which appeared in a recent issue of the New York Sun, is of interest to Prince Rupertites:

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 1.—From Prince Rupert comes the report that two huge whales have been engaged to herd the shoals of herring into that port for the benefit of the fishermen and the plan has met with such success that whales are to be used hereafter as the "sheep dogs" of the sea at the northern terminal.

The two whales display a lordly indifference to everything except herring, with the result that big catches are being made.

Messrs. E. Mortimer, McDonald and Robinson are said to have first observed the efforts of the leviathans to corner the herring market in a rocky cove near Prince Rupert.

The whales drove the herring close to shore and after opening their mouths to a wide angle they went through the shoal of fish at high speed, with the result that many of the herring were missing from the shoal. The gulls flying over the whales locate the leviathans and the fishermen, instead of making long trips for their catches, are now following the gulls, with the result that big hauls are the rule.

DAMAGE BY WATER

Martin O'Reilly's Stock on 2nd Ave. Suffered Considerable Damage

Considerable damage was done Tuesday night to stock, fixtures, also the cash register in Martin O'Reilly's clothing store on 2nd Avenue, through water overflowing from a tap, which had been allowed to run all night in the upper floor of the building. Upon opening the store in the morning a miniature flood was found to have taken place, it taking some time to set matters in order and clean up the place ready for the day's business.

He Knew

It was the opening of the winter session and the teacher was making up her list of pupils. "Well, my boy," she said to one youth, "What is your name?" "Tom, ma'am," said the boy promptly.

"That does not sound well," she said; "you should always give the full name. You should have said 'Thomas.' And what is

your name?" she asked, turning to the next boy.

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