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To the Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,

My attention was called yesterday to a letter in your paper of February 29th which is very misleading and malicious, misleading because it is not the truth, malicious because some jealous folks take a delight in undermining the work done by an honest man every time they get a chance to do it. Mr. Editor, I claim that it was a cowardly bit of work to write such a letter and not sign his name to it. Is he afraid of the truth being brought out? I hereby challenge him to deny under his own name any statement I make in this letter, if he can. The undersigned is vice-president of the E. T. & L. C., and can vouch for it that Bro. Leheney did not receive credentials from our council. We appointed our own representative to work in conjunction with Bro. Leheney, who was acting as vice-president of the Alberta Executive of the Canadian Trades Congress. When they got together with the legislative committee of the Edmonton Trades Council and compared the compensation act with the British and New Zealand acts, we found it was almost worthless in its original form, so we drafted up several amendments, 16 in all, I think, and waited on the government to put them before their executive. Up to this time the miners' representatives who had been sent to lobby had not found any flaws in the act. Because we were the first delegates to interview the executive, we were treated with every respect and promised that our suggestions would be considered. Now I would like to point out our reasons for fighting the bill as it stood. The forty foot clause was certainly very unfair because there are not many over two dozen buildings in Alberta which reach that height, therefore all workers on buildings would be forced to go to common law in case of accident, when the act was supposed to be drafted for all the workers. Through the efforts of Bro. Leheney (who, I may say, is looked up to by the workers of the Edmonton district as an honest man working for the uplifting of his fellow men) and the other brothers I have mentioned in this letter, we have got a very different looking act. Mr. Cross brought in several amendments to the bill; one was that the forty foot clause be reduced to thirty feet, which is a concession, although not satisfactory to us working men. In conclusion I may add that the bill as amended is a far better bill than the original, and the workers of Alberta can thank Bro. Leheney for his untiring efforts on their behalf, although he was not working for anyone's thanks.

Yours truly,

C. W. SPRINGFORD.

151, Boyle Street,
Edmonton.

Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,

Your issue of February 29th devotes considerable space to myself which is, I assure you, duly appreciated. However, I would say that in my opinion the efforts of your Edmonton correspondent and the "inspired" contributor to the Edmonton Morning Journal stood to gain nothing by evincing such an entire disregard for facts but the contempt of honest men as unscrupulous liars or ignorant and vindictive cowards And I want to add that the "labor lobbyists" (?), appointed by the Lethbridge Convention of District No. 18, who hid behind both the writers of these attacks, are worthy no better consideration, nor, *so far as I am concerned*, will they receive it.

I intend to deal with these two articles as one, for they emanated from the same source, the office of the Keystone press in Edmonton, which might be aptly termed the consulting room where the mine workers' delegates were wont to hang out, and where they were "posted" by the great and only Billy McAdam.

Lie 1.—"Arriving in Alberta a few short weeks ago" That I leave with the membership of District 18. It brands itself.

Lie 2.—"He essayed to be organizer for the Canadian Society of Equity." Now the facts (with which I myself made Mr. McAdam acquainted) are that Mr. R. C. Adams offered me the job of organizing the farmers into that organization, and I refused. Because, as I told Mr. Owens, I did not think I could "deliver the goods" among the farmers, but that if it were a wage workers' organization I thought I would be equal to the task.

Lie 3.—"Pettipiece had Comrade Leheney named for organizer for the Congress in Alberta." Bros. Pettipiece and Davidson, ex M. P. P., had left the Convention Hall in the afternoon to get ready for the south bound train, and the question of whether there would be any organizer or provincial committee had not yet been discussed. At the evening session such a course was deemed necessary, and I was the unanimous choice of the Convention. Your readers will judge of No. 3.

Lie 4, which (is it just coincident?) occurs in both effusions.—"Securing credentials from the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council." I never received a credential from that Council, and if the delegates from the U. M. W. of A. had attended the meetings of that body, which they were welcome to do, they would have been in a position to furnish more accurate information and thus saved Messrs. McAdam and Norcross the humiliation of being exposed in this "whopper."

Lie 5.—"The lobbyists for the mine workers . . . . would have gotten all the changes they asked." This insinuates that they had been working to secure improvements in the Act. Now, and this I will make oath to, both Richardson and McNab expressed themselves to me as being entirely satisfied with the Act as presented by the Government and dissatisfied with any attempt of others to improve it. Richardson, in the lobby of the House of Parliament, upbraided the working men for their appearance in the gallery benches where they assembled to make manifest to the members their interest in the Bill. They did not attend, though invited, a joint conference arranged between the Trades and Labor Congress Executive, the Legislative Committee of Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, and the Local Union U. M. W. of A. The members of that conference having in their possession the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, Workmen's Compensation Acts of 1897 and 1906 together with the 1907 amendments, were enabled, by making comparisons, to show the sham which the Government were endeavoring to exchange for the support of the workers at the forthcoming elections.

Your correspondent submits the following:—"From the outset it was evident that someone within the ranks of labor had been posting Robertson." Now, Mr. Editor, why was this evident? It must have been because Robertson was voicing Labor's protest against an inadequate Compensation Act, and its demand for something more than a crumb from Britain's compensation loaf. Further on your correspondent alleges "he (Robertson) had not been speaking five minutes when a file of cross questioning arose from the Government side." I presume this was not because the members on that side were not disposed to hearken to the voice of an oppressed working class crying for a need of justice. Your correspondent should have been honest enough to state that the heckling was led by the shifty-eyed member for Lethbridge, whom he reports as speaking "along the same lines," i.e. "rights of workmen, and the necessity of protecting their lives and limbs." Consistency, thou art a jewel, and thou art surely personified in the Edmonton correspondent of The District Ledger, and Mr. Simmons of Lethbridge.

The writer of "Our Edmonton Letter" should endeavor to confine himself to facts, and entrenched behind them he would occupy an unassailable position. When he states that Robertson . . . when questioned . . . . it was found that he had no idea what industrial diseases were, he mis-states. Let me explain. In dealing with industrial diseases Mr. Simmons asked what was meant by "industrial diseases?" Mr. Robertson replied "'leading' in mines and smelters, for instance." "Well," said Simmons, "there are smelters in the bill. Look under the definition of factories." Robertson answered him by remarking that they were dealing with diseases and not with definitions. And "our Edmonton correspondent betrays the limitations of his B. C. environment rather than demonstrates even slightest acquaintance with provisions made for industrial diseases in the Imperial Act when he says "the clause is contained in the Old Country Act, the purpose being to provide compensation for a man loaded in a mine or poisoned in a copper smelter; something scarcely likely to occur in Alberta." Let me inform Mr. McAdam that "the Old Country Act" provides for compensation for even the humble chimney sweep, dock laborers, tanners, cotton workers, and coal miners, along with many other callings. Many of your subscribers are acquainted with "beat hand," "miner's beat knee," "miner's beat elbow," nystagmus (a disease of the eye), and "jarred wrist," which ARE likely to occur in Alberta, though perhaps the element of risk is light in a print shop.

Allow me to suggest, Mr. Editor, that the Calgary and Edmonton Trades and Labor Councils and the Trades and Labor Congress can hardly be termed "minor labor bodies." Nor were the resolutions which they had to present to the Cabinet "railroaded through" more than in any other similar bodies. It might be as well to bear in mind, too, that the body for which I was entrusted to speak had in attendance at its Convention delegates from eight local Unions of the U. M. W. of A., three Central Labor Bodies, and several local organizations scattered throughout the province.

You say well in your editorial "what we want is teachers." That is exactly what we do want. There are no "minor bodies" with minor wants in the labor ranks and the need of the hour is persons to teach the necessity for solidification of the workers in every demand that makes for the interest of all; and our Edmonton friend, to the contrary notwithstanding, no man can be accused of having "butted in," who fulfilled the mission of the workers who sent him, unless, perhaps in working for the general good, he disarranged the plans of self-seekers or endangered some alluring prospect.

"Cease the eternal bickerings of petty mean souls; attack the system of Capitalism rather than persons." The advice is good and sound.

"J. F. Leheney is a Socialist out and out." He pleads guilty, and no man has ever heard him offer an apology for it. He stands prepared to make war on the enemies of labor within and without the working class ranks. He is not, however, the "chosen watchdog of the great Comrade Hawthornthwaite," though he is proud to call him comrade. To the end of his chain of reasoning he is prepared to guard the interests of his class, and would deem the term "watchdog" a compliment in this respect.

With a closing admonition to your readers to observe that some of the amendments suggested by those who "butted in" received consideration at the hands of the Government to which ALL were submitted,

I remain,

Yours for industrial freedom,

JOHN F. LEHENEY.

Calgary, Alta.,
March 6th, 1908.

Editor, District Ledger.

Sir,

It would appear that Fernie is blessed or otherwise with a person, or persons whose actions show the working of a mind about the size of a peanut. Last Sunday afternoon a sign announcing a Socialist meeting was deliberately mutilated, and probably we may expect the like again if not checked. If any of the Fernie public can give any information as to whom is the guilty party I will be thankful. Furthermore, I will give $5 reward for information that will lead to a conviction.

Yours truly,

W. SYMONDS.

COMMENDING JOHN MITCHELL

Wheras, every movement for the welfare of mankind has moved onward to success or perished in defeat because of the appearance or non-appearance of the right man at the right time; and

Whereas, the United Mine Workers' organization has been extremely fortunate in having a man to direct and guide it through the great crises of the past nine years, whose skillful generalship, keen penetration of men and affairs and sound judgment in the selection and direction of policies to improve the wages and conditions of the mine workers have never been equalled by any man in the labor movement; and

Whereas, The wisdom, discretion and firmness displayed by him as International President of the United Mine Workers of America has secured higher wages and shorter hours for hundreds of thousands of coal miners, has improved the conditions in their homes and places of employment, and has largely assisted in securing laws for the protection of children of tender years against employment in dangerous and unhealthy occupations; and

Whereas, His unceasing concentration of thought and the continuous application of his intelligence and energies in our interests has so seriously impaired his health as to compel him to retire from the presidency of our organization; therefore, be it

Resolved by the delegates to the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the United Mine Workers of America, That we extend to President John Mitchell our sincere sympathy in his long continued illness and express a hope for his speedy, complete and permanent recovery.

Resolved, That we appreciate, more than man can find words to express, the magnitude of his work and the brilliancy of his achievements in behalf of the down-trodden and oppressed wage workers in every sphere of toil.

Resolved, That we unanimously regret that he has found it necessary, in order to regain his health to sever his official relationship with our organization, and we hope and pray that his future may be crowned with health, happiness and success as a partial compensation for the sacrifices he has made for us.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have this preamble and these resolutions properly engrossed and presented to President Mitchell in token of our love and esteem.

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James Purcell.
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The only objection offered by the opponents the resolution was that they did not want politics crammed down their throats. However, they practically agreed with the sense of the resolution as introduced and adopted.

Among those who supported the resolutions were Duncan McDonald, Frank J. Hayes, John H. Walker, Charles Kraltmann, A. F. Germer and James Lord, the two latter being the signers.

After some debate the resolutions were adopted by an overwhelming majority. They are as follows:

"Whereas, In the struggle between the employers and employes one of the strongest instruments is the politican power, now in possession by the employers, which is used by them for the purpose of protecting their interests at at all points, and especially in the maintenance of private property in the things that are necessary to the life of the employes; and

"Whereas, Society as today constituted permits a few who revel in unlimited luxury, through the ownership of the means of life, to doom to idleness and starvation the great multitude whose existence is made possible only though an opportunity to have a job; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we recognize the necessity of a united working class political organization for the purpose of wrestling from the grip of trust magnates the avenues of life, and we further recognize as the only remedy for present ills the establishment of a system that guarantees to the workers an opportunity to obtain a living by honest toil and the full product of their labor."

TO CONTROL ALL MINES

Centralization of control of practically every coal mine in the country in the hands of one of the most gigantic holding companies in the history of American business is predicted as the outgrowth of the recent federal dictum that the railroads can not hold stock in mines that make shipments over their lines.

The company is being secretly formed and it is planned to take over all the coal interests in Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. This action, those who are familiar with the movement say, will place the properties on a better paying basis.

Many large operators complain of differentials against mines of a certain thickness of seam against mines working remote entries and against other difficulties known to the mine operators.

The plan to unite the great mining interests is not a new one," said R. R. Hammond of the Deering Coal Company. "It is one of those large projects that of necessity must be slow of development, but some of the large operators included in the scheme think that union with freedom from the competitive conditions that now exist, will cheapen coal to the consumer, operate the profitable workings, while controlling the market to the advantage of both the public and the owners better than under the present system.

"If a large combination is formed it will be without one dollar of promotion stock or one dollar of inflation in the stock of the company. It is one of those things that came up in business where men of affairs unite for the betterment of the trade they represent and not for the promotion of stock jobbing or restriction of trade.

"Railroad companies have been trying to unload their coal mine properties for two or three years. It is of no advantage for railroads to own or control the stock of coal properties, and when the railways entered the coal producing business it was often because private capital could not be secured to mine and market the outputs of the mines along their roads."—Chicago Daily Socialist.

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WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

The police did not interfere with the workers' panic protest parade mass meeting at the Social Turner hall, Belmont avenue and Paulina streets, last night. There was a large audience present with only two or three plain clothes men to watch over the protesters.

Resolutions were adopted that the municipal, state and national governments should provide work for the great army of unemployed and it was decided that there should be a parade, some time later, the exact date not being fixed.

The meeting was addressed by A. M. Simons, Dr. A. S. Knopfnagle, George Koop, A. Sussmann and Otty Feely.

No attempt was made by the detectives present to make the speakers deliver themselves "proper," and it was evident that Shippy had not outlined the program. Everything was handled quietly and orderly, there being no police interference.

Resolutions as follows were adopted:

"Whereas, It is the purpose of this meeting to inaugurate a series of meeting to procede a final open air mass meetings and parade of the unemployed and other workers to be held on the lake front on a future date, to be announced in the Chicago Daily Socialist; and

"Whereas, It is the further purpose of these demonstrations to protest against the enforced idleness of thousands of willing workers that have been thrown out of work by the present crisis, the cause for which is clearly shown to be the incompetency of an arrogant ruling class; and.

"Whereas, The workers have by right of majority, fitness of utility and purpose to demand the immediate adoption by their representative bodies in the various departments of government measures to relieve the suffering and want caused by the crisis; therefore be it.

"Resolved, That we, citizens and workers in mass meeting assembled, do hereby demand of our various legislative bodies the enactment of laws that will provide ways and means for public employment of the workers in the production of all the necessaries of life and the annulment of all laws that may interfere with such, all of which is immediately practical under the right of eminent domain.'

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Bill Davidson, whose record in the Provincial house as member for Slocan, leaves no doubt in the minds of the workers as to his ability and courage, was the person selected and the platform of the Socialist Party of Canada was adopted.

That twelve labor union locals and eight socialist party locals can come together from points so far apart and unanimously adopt a platform and select a candidate without debate, speaks volumes for the success of that candidate.

The workers of the west have certainly cause to congratulate themselves because of this solidarity and if the same spirit is manifest, and there is no reason why it should not be, when the polling day comes around, labor's voice will be raised for the first time pleading its own cause in the Dominion house. The business of making laws has, since the rise of private property and the inception of the state, been in the hands of the upper classes. The workers have never until recently attempted to wrest from the hands of their economic masters, this very essential weapon in their struggle for economic freedom. They have hitherto been content to rush backward and forward from one party to another; ready, like a cur of the streets, to lick the hand of that political organization which kicked them hardest and most often, and spoke to them least, providing they got a kind word or a sop now and then. This has happened quite recently in New Brunswick. For twenty-five years the Liberal party have been in power and now they sustain a crushing defeat. Highway act, school book policy, and a refusal to discuss the financial affairs of the province are supposed to be the snags by which the ship of state was wrecked. We doubt not the Tories will deliver the desired sops as soon as possible and then settle down to the real business of capitalist governments: ensuring the successful exploitation of the toiler.

Different in the West though; the toilers here, after being hounded from one country and across several thousand miles of another, are growing conscious of the fact which our contemporary, the Free Press, states with praiseworthy frankness, that there is no difference between the Liberals and Tories.

We are willing to wager ten cents that if the Conservatives are ever beaten in British Columbia, they will give place to a Socialist government.

We have a long fight ahead of us however ere that day, and there is much to be done; "in time of peace prepare for war." It is not enough to send a delegate to Nelson, that was essential of course, but you must be in a position to support the candidate are you? Are you on the voters list? Do you know that the list will close for revision on the 30th of this month.

It you are not registered and have been six months in Fernie, and are a British subject of the male sex and twenty-one years old, go down to the court-house at once and register.

With every worker who is entitled to a vote in line we are invincible, therefore register at once and tell your friends. A wage earner without a vote may be like to a ten inch gun without ammunition.

WEIGHED FOUR POUNDS WHEN FOUR MONTHS OLD

Most of the sickness that comes to babies and young children is due to the stomach or bowels being out of condition. It is then that they are cross, peevish and upset the whole household. These are troubles that Baby's Own Tablets always cure promptly. Here is proof: Mrs. J. Stewart, Everton, Ont., says: "My little girl thrived so badly that at the age of four months she weighed four and a half pounds. Her stomach was badly out of order, and although the doctor treated her he did not help her. Then I got Baby's Own Tablets and right from the first they helped her and now she enjoys perfect health." If your little one is ailing try Baby's Own Tablets—always do good; cannot do harm. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c a box from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

To Clean Bronze.

Sweet oil applied with a soft flannel is excellent for cleaning bronze. Brush all the dust out first, then rub the object with the oil, using as little as possible. Polish first with a soft duster, then with a chamois leather.

When Washing Clothes.

A tablespoonful of turpentine boiled with clothes will greatly help to whiten and disinfect them.

Prof. Howell, of Havana, Cuba Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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FOR WINTER EVENINGS.

Identification a Good Game For Fiction Readers.

A good game for a company of fiction readers is called identification. It is easily arranged and never fails to "take" with intelligent people.

When the amusement is about to begin the hostess distributes among her guests large cards or strips of cardboard on which are the names of fifty characters, male and female, extracted from standard or popular novels, who must be identified.

This is done by writing opposite the name of the character the title of the novel in which it figures. Each player may have a separate list, or one list may be given to each pair of partners who work together to complete it.

In preparing a set of characters avoid selecting those which fill title roles or who are too familiar to the reader.

A good beginning for such a list would be:

Babbie ("The Little Minister").
Dinah Morris ("Adam Bede").
Nydia ("The Last Days of Pompeii").
Kate Hardcastle ("She Stoops to Conquer").
Adam Moss ("A Kentucky Cardinal").
Little Eve ("Uncle Tom's Cabin").
Blanche Amory ("Pendennis").
Rosamund Lydgate ("Middlemarch").
Sir Lucius O'Trigger ("The Rivals").
Josephine March ("Little Women").
Sancho Panza ("Don Quixote").
Edward Fairfax Rochester ("Jane Eyre").
Miss Euphemia Dundas ("Thaddeus of Warsaw").
Noddy Boffin ("Our Mutual Friend").
Mrs. Malaprop ("The Rivals").
Lady Teazle ("The School For Scandal").
Quilp ("Old Curiosity Shop").
Eugene Marchbanks ("Candida").
Lucy Dashwood ("Charles O'Malley").
Phineas Fletcher ("John Halifax").

A popular or standard novel would make a good choice in prizes, to be awarded for the longest list of correct answers.

BEDS AND BEDMAKING.

Many False Notions on This Important Subject Exploded.

Many people used to have an impression that to sleep on a soft bed had a spice of wickedness in it and that the harder the mattress the greater the virtue of the sleeper.

This arose in great part from the fact that feather beds were generally condemned as unhealthy, and the ignorant at once seized the idea that they were unhealthy because soft, whereas they are unhealthy because they do not permit of proper ventilation.

More and more we learn that the foundation of health lies in an abundant supply of fresh air and that the root of many a disease is in the want of it. In health many of us spend a third of our time actually in bed and in sickness much more, so it is of the greatest importance that the bed and everything connected with it should be thoroughly ventilated.

It goes without saying that the bedroom must itself be airy and the fresh air have free access to it.

From the point of view of health it is a matter of indifference whether the bedstead be of wood or of iron, but the most comfortable and at the same time healthy are those fitted with chain spring mattresses. These mattresses may be bought separately and fitted to any bedstead.

AIDS TO BEAUTY.

Small white spots which often appear on the nails are caused from bruising.

Thin arms should be washed twice a a day with a fine lather of soap, rinsed well, dried thoroughly and then rubbed vigorously. This treatment will bring the pores into action and induce a healthy condition of the skin.

It is nonsense to think that soap and water and a complexion brush will cause a growth of hair on the face. Superfluous hair is more likely to grow on a dust laden, oily skin. Soap, hot water and a complexion brush used every night are necessary to get the face clean. A good cream will counteract the drying effects of the soap.

First Aid Valise.

Are you thinking of taking a number of youngsters on a vacation, or are you off for a motor trip?

If you are you need a first aid valise. This is the latest production of those purveyors who are always inventing something useful for the motorist. It is a small but very useful receptacle of remedies for bruises, cuts and other ills that may, alas, befall the traveler on automobile.

Rolls of lint, flasks of cooling and healing lotions, scissors, a small bottle of brandy and other items of first aid utility are contained in a little leather box, the color of which must be determined by the lining of the coat. Of course it may serve on any sort of a jaunt.

Peppermint Candy.

Sugar, one cup; flavoring, one teaspoonful; water, a quarter cup. Boil water and sugar seven or eight minutes, take off the stove and add the peppermint flavoring. Stir briskly with a large spoon until quite thick. Then pour into a well buttered pan and set in the ice to cool.

Value of Tact.

Women have more constant need of exercising the gift of tact than men. It is, as a rule, exercised the day long, and a little of it serves to leaven most of the heaviest lumps in life.

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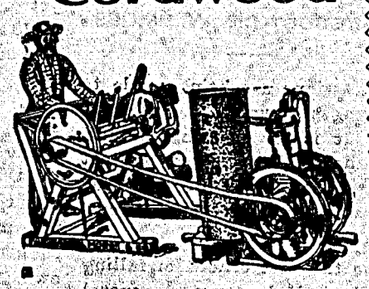

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Get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

Just try this simple home made mixture at the first sign of rheumatism, or if your back aches or you feel that the kidneys are not acting just right. This is said to be a splendid kidney regulator and almost certain remedy for all forms of rheumatism, which is caused by uric acid in the blood, which the kidneys fail to filter out. Any one can easily prepare this at home and at small cost.

Druggists in this town and vicinity when shown the prescription, stated that they can either supply these ingredients, or if our readers prefer, they will compound the mixture for them.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LABEL NO. 540

NO REDUCTION IN WAGES

Preparations are being made to force wages down in the near future. It is for this that injunctions have been issued against trades unions. It is for this that the "war fund" of the Citizens' Alliance was collected.

Before the first echoes of falling banks had died away a general move to reduce wages was started all along the line. The resistance or organized labor has so far been sufficient to defend its members against this attack save in a few instances.

It is urged that this reduction must come to offset falling prices.

No one pretends that the producing power of labor has declined.

The worker of today is producing just as much as he was six months ago. In many cases he is producing more, for the hunger fear is closer now, and is driving him to greater exertions.

In every case where improved machinery is used the laborer is producing many times more than he is receiving as wages.

It is claimed that wages ought to rise and fall with "prosperity" and "panics."

Even on the principles of ordinary ethics wages should never fall. They should never fall, because the product of labor is constantly increasing.

Every new machine, every discovery in science, every new invention, every new application of the forces of nature, means increased producing power on the part of those who use those things. It should mean increasing well-being for them.

Today, however, the amount received in wages is not a question of justice or ethics, but of power. The capitalists will force wages just as low as they can. The working class will raise them just as high as they can.

Where wages will be fixed depends upon the strength of the contending parties. Labor has the power to place wages as high as it wishes, up to the point where they take the entire product, providing it uses its strength intelligently. If the unions maintain a solid front wages can be maintained. If the union men utilize their political as well as their economic strength they can take entire product.—Ex.

ABOUT OUR ARMORY

We have two companies of the Kootenany rifles here officially organized 3rd July, 1900 with Capt. James McEvoy senior company and Capt. J. H. McMillan junior company, and both officers and men devote a large amount of time and energy to keep the companies upon a efficient basis but so far they are without an armoury. The site has been secured upon lot 25 between Victoria Avenue and the C. P. R. freight shed, and we understand the necessary instructions were given as far back as July last year by the Minister of Militia to the Department of Public Works at Ottawa to proceed with the work, the appropriation was allotted but; and here is the sticker,—the Department has not yet commenced the work and we beg to enquire what is causing the delay.

These two companies, composed as they are of intelligent capable men should form a valuable asset in the account of "Imperial Defense" and no red tape should be allowed to interfere with their drill and equipment and it is manifest that without a suitable place to drill in the corps are heavily handicapped.

On the other hand if the armoury was erected it would not only enable the officers to instruct the men under much more favorable conditions than at present exist, but inasmuch as they are prepared to fit up a gymnasium, and a club for the men where no intoxicants will be sold or used in any way, it would tend to increase the morals of the corps.

Such a building is much needed to give efficient instructions in signalling which could be given inside in the winter time, and also there would be a shooting gallery where the men could practice in winter time.

The companies have cleared a Rifle Range and erected Butts at their own expense and it seems too bad that when the funds were available and instructions given by the Minister of Militia so far back as July last nothing has as yet been done to commence the building.

A WARNING

Those who are inclined to belittle the idea that any danger exists that the Japanese, if permitted unrestricted ingress to this country, will one day practically own it, may have their eyes opened by the consideration of the following facts as set forth by the Vancouver Province.

"A few days ago the Province published an account of the manner in which the Japanese obtained almost complete possession of the Sacramento Valley in California. The method adopted was, first, to work for such wages as tempted the farmers to dispense with white labor that refused to meet the low scale. After the Japanese had succeeded in supplanting all the white labor in the valley, they made demand for higher wages themselves. The first demand was granted. Later they made another demand to be increased to the old scale that was paid the white labor. This was refused, and they quit work. The farmers then attempted to replace them with white men to work for them on account of having employed the Japanese. Finally the farmers were compelled to reinstate the Japanese at the white labor scale. Before long other increases were demanded until finally the ranchers were glad to accept offers of the Japanese to purchase the ranches. Gradually the white ranchers sold or were crowded out, until the whole valley eventually came into possession of the Japanese, who controlled it ever since."

Let it be also remembered in this connection that the present population of British Columbia is about 100,000 and that at least one out of every five adult laborers in this province is now a Jap. That Japan has a population of between forty-five and fifty millions with a land area about a quarter the size of British Columbia. That these teeming millions must seek room for their activities elsewhere than in their overcrowded homeland. That Japan, since she defeated Russia, ranks high as an aggressive world power. That she undoubtedly aspires to dominate the Pacific. That she has shown that she can lay her plans with unexampled cunning, and carry forward her preparations with a secrecy that has no parallel in history. That she has broken her promises before, and will likely do so again. With these considerations in view is it any wonder that those who are alive to the gravity of the situation view with the utmost alarm any efforts to throw down the barriers and permit an invasion of this country by hungry hordes of these crafty Asiatics?—Echange.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRES. SHERMAN.

Since our last publication we have to extend our congratulations to Pres. F. H. Sherman who was presented with a baby daughter. We understand both mother and baby are doing well and we trust will continue to thrive and cheer the President along his future course.

WESTWARD HO.

All lovers of the horse will find much of interest in the March Westward Ho! which devotes considerable space to Vancouver's First Horse Show with many splendid pictures of the entries. The three-colour cover design is particularly pleasing and attractive. The literary contents show that the West has many clever writers and besides the regular departments for the home, Clive Phillipps-Wolley's powerful serial "Shakmut" is paving the way for larger things. The editor this month has one of his characteristic pen sketches, the subject being Hon. W. S. Fielding.

CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the City Council was held last Thursday evening, protracted into the wee sma' 'ours adjourned till Friday forenoon and again adjourned to meet Thursday 19th instant. Some very important business was transacted, and we regret that we have not sufficient space this week to give a detail report of the proceedings; amongst other matters;

They agreed to give a grant in favor of the City Band which will be included in the estimates.

They granted our respeced Police Magistrate an advance in his salary, bringing it up to $50 per month, which seems little enough for his duties.

The Fire Chief was authorized to keep six permanent firemen on hand at a salary of $8 per month, with free quarters, he was also authorized to procure extension ladders high enough to reach the top of our highest buildings as well as 500 feet extra hose.

The City Treasurer was authorized to pay $1549.40 into the Interest and sinking fund, which sum should have been deposited by last years council.

Bye law No. 48 relating to the sewer connections was read three times by it the city's charge for a permit to connect with main sewer were reduced from $10 to $5.

Alderman Watson gave notice he will introduce a Bye Law relating to the stringing of electric wires providing for inspection of same.

Bye Law No. 53 relating to the sale of milk and official inspection of same was read three times.

BEGGAR PRINCE OPERA CO.

Music lovers of Fernie should be much elated to know that the Beggar Prince Opera Co., is indeed of high class and appropriate for Lenten season.

Friday March 20th they will present the well known opera Fra Diavolo and Saturday March 21st The Circus Clown. This without a doubt is the funniest of all comic operas. The music, costumes, and scenery is all that could be desired.

Plan of seats at Palace Drug store, Monday, March 16.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited.

Gentlemen,—Theodore Dorais, a customer of mine, was completely cured of rheumatism after five years of suffering, by the judicious use of MINARD'S LINIMENT.

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OUR CRITIC AGAIN SAYS

THAT he thinks some of the prisoners now in the lock up should have a little outdoor exercise, in the shape of getting our sidewalks cleaned up a bit.

* * *

THAT the newly appointed Limb of the Law, with the drapper coat, the Sherlock Holmes cap, and the gaze of a Pinkerton, made a very clever capture on Thursday night at 10 o'clock. He caught a young gentleman of the city in the act of throwing a snowball at a fellow companion. This is stretching things a little.

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THAT of course there is a law against throwing snow balls on the public streets, but there are also some far more harmful things that ought to be attended to.

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THAT John's paper has now been almost entirely forgotten, especially since "The Daily Entertainer" made its debut.

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THAT Fernie now can be compared only with Vancouver. A new daily making such comparison quite within bounds.

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THAT a few people were heard remarking that they were glad "The Critic" did not write last issue. Conscience again.

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THAT our prize offer on the popularity of the Fernie females brings out a lot of hibernated ambition on the part of our young men.

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THAT he has his eye on a certain two gentlemen who have yet a lot to learn, and unless they wish to come under his criticism had better take a quiet hint.

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THAT a few minutes after the L. of the L. had made that clever capture mentioned here, the party who had transgressed so terribly was accosted by a "bum" for money right in front of the Fernie hotel, where the aforementioned L. of the L. was snugly ensconced perusing the paper. Is this in keeping with the previous act.

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THAT the citizens who were objecting to some of the articles published in our paper should remember that a paper is for the purpose of giving opinions from all points.

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THAT a case of old time barbarianism has been brought to his notice, in connection with the punishment meted out to a child of tender years in our public school last week.

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QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5 renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior

The leases shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. Cory,
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FERNIE TEAM CHAMPIONS

In a Game Full of Excitement Fernie Hockeyists Defeat Nelson 6 to 5

The most hotly contested and best played game of hockey this side of Toronto was the game between our local team and Nelson in the rink last Monday evening.

It was evident to unprejudiced people that our men had the best aggregation and the best of the game from the very first, it only took our men about two minutes to score the first goal. Nelson won the next with some lively play and but for Morrison almost invincible goal keeping would have scored more than they did. "Patrick" and Bishop showing some good play. Fernie won the third bout, and at half time honors were equal.

Fernie scored three goals in quick order on the second half of the game. Nelson team made a great effort to revive their lost laurels, and scored twice, but the play of the Fernie men was too good for them and they let Fernie win two goals in succession and although Nelson managed to win one more goal the game at the finish stood six for Fernie and five for Nelson, thus finishing a very clean match at hockey.

The good spirit manifested throughout speaks well for all the players engaged and is to be highly commended.

The Nelson men by their gentlemanly conduct have made many friends here and Fernie always will be glad to extend them a hearty welcome.

There was a large attendance to witness the match and good play on either side was well applauded.

A banquet was held afterwards at which Mayor Tuttle presided, which made a fitting sequel to a splendid game, and which has given our boys the reward they doubtless well merit.

M. Kastner was referee and F. Armstrong judge of play. The line up was:

FERNIE		NELSON.
	GOAL.	
Morrison		Bishop
	POINT	
Kent		Deacon
	COVER	
Wright		Steel
	ROVER	
Pever		Patrick
	CENTER	
Kent		A. Bishop
	RIGHT WING	
Rilance		Thompson
	LEFT WING	
Therin		Bellrose

FINDINGS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

The third meeting of the Joint Committee was held in Blairmore on March 10th and 11th. The following gentlemen represented The Western Coal Operators Association. Mr. Hurd, General Manager Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Mr. Stockett, General Manager Pacific Coal Company, Mr. H. McNeill, Superintendent McNeill Coal Company.

Representing District 18, U. M. W. of A. J. Macdonald, Blairmore, Alta., Wm. Graham, Coleman, Alta., William Davis, Michel, B. C.

The following decisions were remanded.

Blairmore, Alta, Mar. 11, 1908.

In the matter of the claim that the lampmen at Michel be paid $2.62½ per day, and in the matter of the lampmen at Coal Creek.

The Joint Committee of the Western Coal Operator's Association and District No. 18 of the United Mine Workers of America have decided, that Michel lampmen be paid $2.62½ per day and the Coal Creek lampmen be left to the management of the company to deal with.

LEWIS STOCKETT.
President.
J. A. MACDONALD.
Secretary.

Blairmore, Alta., Mar. 11, 1908.

In the matter of the International Coal and Coke Company, in respect to proposed news work at the Coleman Mine.

The Joint Committee of the Western Coal Operator's Association and District No. 18, of the United Mine Workers of America, is of the opinion that the agreement under which we are working specifically, provides that new work must be in actual operation before any contract piece is established for the same, and until such price is established all men shall be paid the day wage scale; and that therefore the International Coal and Coke Company be advised to establish the new work before bringing the question of new price for the same before this committee.

LEWIS STOCKETT,
President.
J. A. MACDONALD.
Secretary.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS

Local Fernie S. P. of C. had a visit from C. M. O'Brien, Dominion Organizer Socialist Party of Canada, who addressed three meetings, one in Fernie, Coal Creek and Michel. The meetings in Fernie and Michel were largely attended, but in Coal Creek owing to a change in the time from that previously arranged, the meeting was not so well patronized, between fifty sixty turned out to hear "Charley."

Mr. O'Brien is "Oirish" and is blessed with that ready wit which is peculiar to "Erins sons" and he presented the "dismal science of political economy' in such a manner that he held the attention of his large audience for nearly two hours without interest flagging for a moment.

His address dealt with the impersonal character of capital, the commodity labor power, surplus value and the necessity of political action on class lines on the part of the wage-earners.

A discussion followed, and at 10.45 one of the best educational meetings of Socialist propaganda held in Fernie, was terminated.

On Sunday night, F. H. Sherman, President District 18 U. M. W. of A., was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Socialist party, the subject of his address was entitled "The *present condition of the working-class*" The synopsis of his address dealt with the conditions of the agricultural and industrial worker from his own experience from thirty years ago down to the present day.

We were shown how agriculture had developed and how labor saving machinery is fast replacing the old method of farming with its toil and drudgery and so in the industrial world the advance of machinery is wonderful, but the condition of those who work the machinery is made more precarious, and with the tremendous pressure under which the operatives are compelled to work, is nerve-wrecking and degeneracy will be the inevitable result of this terrible "speeding up" of the workers.

The productive forces of society are sixteen times greater than they were 100 years ago and to consume this large product the population of capitalist society ought to be sixteen times larger, but such was not the case and in consequence the world is producing faster than it can consume and by the limitation of the wage-earners to buy back only a faction of what is produced. We are facing a panic, and the end is not yet. These panics will recur with greater frequency in the future and in their wake will follow untold suffering on part of the world's workers.

The panic is the symptom of the breakdown of the capitalist system of production and millions of people eager to earn the means of subsistance are doomed to starve and rot in the midst of plenty.

In Taber, Alberta, there was a family whose only food was potatoes and salt! this in the finest country of God's earth. How long is all this to last? Only just as long as the workers say it shall and when they make up their minds that the Co-Operative Ownership of the means of Life is the only solution of the problem then, and only then, would poverty be abolished.

Mr. Sherman spoke for nearly two hours and was greatly appreciated by his large audience.

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SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION

Nelson, B. C. March 2, 1908.

The meeting was called to order by John Harrington of Fernie. The call for the convention was read, and it was moved and seconded,

That John Harrington of Fernie be chairman of the Convention. Carried.

Moved and seconded that J. H. Matheson of Nelson be secretary. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee on Credentials be appointed. Carried.

The Chair then appointed the following committee on Credentials; Joe Shooter, Frank Phillips, R. D. Graves, D. D. Murphy, J. H. Holmes.

A recess was then taken to give the Credentials committee time to report. Upon the meeting being called to order by the Chair, the Committee on Credentials made the following report;

"The Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows;

"We recommend that the following delegates be seated:—

H. A. Carter, United Mine Workers, Michel.

James Lancaster, United Mine Workers, Fernie.

Joe Shooter, United Mine Workers, Fernie.

John Harrington, Socialist Party of Canada, Fernie.

John Marshall Carpenters' Union, Fernie.

N. McNeill, Western Federation of Miners, Moyie.—

L. A. Lemon, Western Federation of Miners, Kaslo.

L. J. Cody, Socialist Party of Canada, Kaslo.

Wm. Davidson, Western Federation of Miners, Sandon.

D. Murphy, Socialist Party, Sandon.

C. M. O'Brien, Socialist Party Revelstoke.

R. Tees, Western Federation Miners, Rossland.

Angus McLeod, Socialist Party, Rossland.

wlexander Byers, Finnish Socialist Party, Rossland.

Wm. C. Forrester, Western Federation Miners, Ymir.

W. B. McIsaac, Socialist Party, Ymir.

Frank Phillips, Western Federation Miners, Nelson.

J. H. Matheson, Industrial Workers of the world, Nelson.

R. Graves, International Association World Machinists Nelson.

J. H. Holmes, Socialist Party of Canada, Nelson.

We find that Local No. 2314 United Mine Workers has two delegates present, and seeing they represent over one thousand members we recommend that they have one vote each until such time as the Convention decides how many votes each delegate shall cast. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Frank Phillips.
J. Shooter.
R. D. Graves.
D. D. Murphy.
J. H. Holmes.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

J. H. Holmes, delegate of the Socialist Party of Canada, Nelson welcomed the delegates in a few well-chosen words.

It was then moved and seconded that one man have one vote in this convention.

Moved and seconded in amendment that one delegate have one vote for each fifty members or fraction thereof represented by him. The Amendment carried.

Moved and seconded that the representatives of the capitalistic press be excluded. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the platform of the Socialist Party be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded that the Chairman and Secretary act as a Press Committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that William Davidson of Sandon be our candidate in the coming Dominion elections. Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded that the Convention be resolved into committee of the whole with Lancaster in the chair to discuss ways and means in connection with the coming election. Carried.

The committee of the whole reported as follows;

"We recommend that each of the delegates here be a general campaign committee, and that a Central Executive and Financial committee of five be appointed from Nelson. That each delegate here be requested to form a local campaign committee in the various localities, and communicate with the Central Committee in Nelson."

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee of the whole be adopted. Carried.

The convention then adjourned to meet again on March 3rd.

March 3rd 1908.

The convention was called to order by Chairman Harrington at 10.30 a.m. It was then opened for resolutions, and the following resolution was offered:

"Whereas the Press is an acknowledged and powerful factor in the moulding of public opinion, and whereas the press in this riding is with one exception, i. e. the district Ledger of Fernie, under the control of capitalists and their hirelings; be it therefore resolved that we endorse the District Ledger as a campaign paper, it being understood that "The Western Clarion" is our organ,) giving return for its moral support our financial support in subscribing for it and giving it in addition with the Western Clarion our job work." Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and a few corrections made.

The following resolution was then proposed;—

"That we request the Executive Committee to send as many collection cards to the Local Committees as they may require.

Moved and seconded "That each local committee work the outlying district nearest to it, subject to the Executive committee, and in conjunction with the Candidate Carried.

Moved and seconded that we write to A. Shilland, secretary of District No. 6, W. F. M. notifying him that William Davidson was elected by this convention as their candidate in the coming Dominion elections, and the Socialist platform adopted. Communications to be signed by the chairman and secretary. Also that the same notice be sent to District No. 18. U. M. W. A." Carried.

Moved and seconded, "That the various unions represented here appoint one delegate each for the Central Executive Committee, and that such four m)mbers appoint the fifth.

Moved in amendment "that the four delegates here from Nelson, namely Comrades Holmes, Phillips. Matheson and Graves, and Comrade Dynes be appointed a Central Executive and Financial Committee with power to fill all vacancies." Amendment carried.

The convention then adjourned to be called at two o'clock.

The convention reassembled at 2 p.m., March 3rd. and general discussion of the plan of campaign took place. It was decided that we reserve our greattest efforts until shortly before the election. At 3 p.m., the convention adjourned sine die.

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OUR EDMONTON LETTER

(Special to The Ledger.)

Legislatures, like most other parliamentary bodies, are uncertain betting propositions at times. On Thursday of last week it was generally understood that there would be prorogation of the Alberta legislature on the morning of the following day. All that remained to be done was to put through in a formal and prefunctory manner a group of amendments to the statute law which the government had agreed within itself should pass. Just when the members were packing their grips and getting ready to catch the train, the leader of the opposition rose in his dignity to remark that the business of rushing legislation through at the last minute was altogether infradig, and he moved an adjournment of the debate. His intention was to spread it over Friday and Saturday, but the government took the play away from him and made the adjournment to Monday. This was more than the leader of the opposition had bargained for and he cashed his professional indemnity check on Friday and took the 23 express for home leaving the government to pass whatever legislation they had a mind to.

The protracted session, however, did not work any disadvantage to the miners. Some very important amendments were secured as amendments to the Coal Mines Act. One of these amendments was to the effect that no boy under 16 years of age shall be employed in any mine to work underground. The amendment does not apply to boys under this age who are already in actual employment, but make it illegal to employ any more at any future date. No boy under 12 may be employed above ground, and no boy under 16 years of age shall be employed on the surface unless he is able to read and write and has a common education, ncluding arithemetic as far as and including division.

Another amendment provides that no mine shall be operated without a second shaft 100 feet from the main shaft. The law previously called for a second shaft 45 feet from the main shaft. Mines which put down shafts in accordance with the old law will not be required to sink new shafts, but no new mines may be operated without compliance with the 100 feet clause.

Another amendment provides that applicants for mine manager's certificates must have had at least five years practical experience or be able to show a diploma from some recognized school of mines and have three years experience. Pit and fire bosses are required to be able to show three years experience before they will be allowed to take out certificates, and both must be 23 years of age.

Still another provides that where the miners are employing a checkweigher and make a request in writing of the mine manager he is required to pay the checkweigher direct from the mine office, holding out the proportionate amount from each man's wages.

Owners or managers of coal mines are required to make returns to the government each year on the 21st of January showing the amount of coal mined and the number of men employed. This clause is important in the respect that it will put the statistical kibosh on the figuring fiends who are always turning up with the figures to show that the miners are earning fabulous wages for the work they are doing.

A clause is added to the inspection clauses which requires the mine inspector to post a synopsis of his report in a conspicuous place at the mine immediately the inspection is made. Under this arrangement the boys at the mine know what the report is going to be before the inspector gets off the ground, and if they have any kick coming they will have an opportunity to make it there and then.

Another clause is added which in effect means that at every mine where inflammable or explosive gas has been found within the previous 12 months the fire boss shall inspect within four hours of the time of going on shift the part of the mine where the gas has been found, and if found within the preceding three months the inspection shall be within three hours of the time of going on shift, and the workmen shall not be allowed to go to work until the part of the mine shall have been reported safe. All the reports are required to be made in writing at the time of report and recorded in a book kept for the purpose and signed by the person making the report.

Clauses are inserted providing for the the inspection of safety lamps, and the locking of them, and it is now a criminal offence in Alberta to unlock a safety lamp in the mine or to have any matches or tobacco in possession while in a mine where inflammable gas has been found. Where more than 40 lamps are used a lamp tender must be employed by the mine to see that they are properly cleaned and correctly looked after.

A taboo is placed on steel tamping rods in any mine where gas has been found and nothing but non-inflammable clay, furnished by the mine for the purpose shall be used. Two classes of powder or explosives of any kind must not be used in any one shot.

Shot lighters are now required in Alberta mines the same as in British Columbia. Where gas has been found or the mine is dry no one but the shot-lighter is allowed to put off a shot, or under his immediate direction. The same regulations regarding the firing of shot, as are applied in British Columbia are now required in Alberta. Explosives are not to be thawed underground and a proper thawing apparatus is required.

The mine is required to keep a suitable supply of timber constantly in each working face as practicable and in no case further away than the nearest crosscut to the working face or other convenient place in the vicinity thereof.

The company is required to furnish a wash room for the miners wherever more than 20 men are employed.

Under the law as it stood previously a committee of miners (i. e. the pit committee) could inspect the mine and make a report to the management, but there was nothing required that it should be brought to the attention of the department. An amendment was secured which requires that the company is required to forward the report to the inspector whenever any danger is found or apprehended.

All the books required to be kept in order to record the reports of the fire boss, the pit boss, the pit committee or anyone else required to report on the condition of the mine are to be supplied by the management and the inspector or anyone working in the mine, or any one delegated by them, shall have the right to inspect these books at any time or take any copy of extracts or get any information they choose from them for whatever purpose they may require. The intention, of course, is to provide a system by which the men or any of the union officials may keep tab on the reports so as to see that no crooked reports are going in to the government.

Coming in as a sort of an aftermath, when the house was supposed to have all but finished its business, this string constitutes quite an array of important amendments, and with a few more such sessions and a few more dashes at the amendment of laws already in force or the making of laws that we would like to have in force, the miners of Alberta will be able to get about the kind of laws they want.

Sizing it all up, and adding the amendments to the eight-hour law and the compensation act, the session which closes today has been a pretty lucky one for the miners of Alberta.

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Young Folks

RIVER OF SALT WATER.

Curious Stream That Runs Inland in Grecian Island.

One of the most curious phenomena of geography is found on the southern coast of the island of Cephalonia, in Greece. It is a stream of salt water which for an unknown period has left the almost tideless sea and flowed inland with a volume sufficient to furnish water power to two mills. For some generations the mills were operated by undershot wheels which took their power from this little river of ocean water. They supplied flour to the people of the island until recently, but now they have been dismantled owing to the competition of larger and better equipped mills.

The sea enters the land at four points where the coast is practically on a level with the salt water surface. The four initial streams unite to form the little river that flows inland in a broken rocky channel until it finally disappears in the limestone rock and sinks into the earth.

This inland flow has continued almost certainly for several centuries. It is far too great for removal by evaporation, chemical combination or even physical absorption by pores or caverns in the rocks. What becomes of the water that is constantly flowing inland and disappears finally in the fissures that have opened in the limestone?

The question has been the subject of much study, but no conclusive answer has been given. It is probable that there is an underground channel which carries the water back into the sea at no great depth below the surface. The constant influx of salt water at Cephalonia is duplicated, as far as is known, at no other point of the world.

Chubb and His Tub.

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Oh, 'tis a pleasant sight to see.

His nurse, a motherly old thing,
No need to coax the rogue has she.
Adolphus, when he sees her bring
The water, trumpets in his glee.

Oh, how he loves the cold, cold stream
Descending on him in the tub!
He feels as if he'd like to scream;
He loves it so, does William Chubb.

And, then, the evening's washing o'er
(Though he could wish it lasted still),
His nurse will say: "Come, come, no more.
You've had enough now, Master Will."

So swift he's dried, his nightgown on,
A nightcap tied upon his head,
And to the rattle's music John
Adolphus William goes to bed.

Acorn Lawn Party.

This amusement is very enjoyable to young children. Gay colored bags of muslin are given to each child—red and green for the girls, blue and yellow for the boys. Inclose a large enough portion of lawn or grounds with long strips of cambric, the same color as the bags, knotted together and tied from tree to tree. Gilded acorns, hidden from sight as far as possible, are scattered over the ground thus inclosed. At a signal the children who have been placed outside the ropes dive under the strips of cambric and begin the search for the gold acorns. At the end of a specified time the children are called from the hunt and an inexpensive prize awarded to the one who has secured the greatest number of acorns. Have a consolation prize for the one who brings in an empty bag. Cake and lemonade served out of doors add to the enjoyment of the children.

A Strong Boy.

Some weeks ago in a village a few miles from the City of Mexico a citizen went to the alcalde and complained that a boy ten years old had stolen and carried away his donkey. He insisted that the boy had carried the animal on his shoulders. The police laughed at the idea, but when the lad was arrested it was shown that the statement was true.

The boy had carried a good sized donkey a quarter of a mile on his shoulders without a stop. He did the trick again for the benefit of the police.

Various tests were made of his strength, and it was found that he had the muscles of two ordinary men.

Magnetic Toys.

Magnetic toys, such as swans, fish, boats, etc., may be made of any light material, such as cork or elder pith. Such pleasant occupation for evenings may be found in shaping these light objects, and if a small piece of steel or iron is placed in some prominent part of the object it will float about on the water in obedience to the movements of a magnet held near it. Broken pieces of needles, if carefully handled, do very well to fasten into the floating objects and serve as points to be attracted by the magnet.

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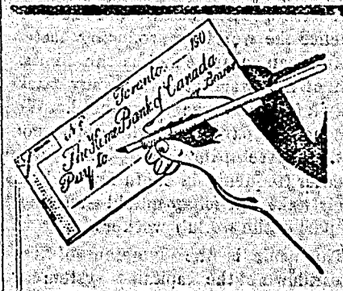

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MISS GLADYS BRYANT SMITH.

Navy. Miss Elsie MacComber, who christened the Des Moines; Miss Anna Hoch, sponsor for the Kansas; Miss Mary Campbell of Birmingham, who christened a cruiser named after her city, and Miss Bell, sponsor for the Vermont, are among those eligible. The youngest member of the proposed society will be little Miss Webster of Brookline, Mass., aged twelve, who christened the submarine sea fighter Octopus. This society will include in its membership many of the prettiest and most prominent women and girls in the country who have had the honor of christening Uncle Sam's warships.

The New Cure.

The peace cure appears to be fast superseding the once popular rest cure as a panacea for all the ills of mankind, or, rather, womankind, to be more precise. This new cure is mainly a matter of mental discipline and to take it one need not go into exile or even drop one's worldly affairs. In this novel course of personal treatment there is much excellent common sense in some of the rules.

Taking the peace cure begins with your meals. You must eat slowly and think pleasant thoughts. You will not need a great deal of food, for the food you eat nourishes you. You sit down at the table, eat slowly, relax your muscles, clear your mind, think only of your food and grow peaceful in contemplation.

The woman who takes the peace cure begins with nerve relaxation.

She forces her lips to smile.

She orders her hands to lie still in her lap.

She tilts back her head until the center of gravity is reached and the head supports itself naturally upon the muscles of the neck.

She places both feet upon the floor and keeps them there.

She rests her back against something, so that she is comfortable.

Then she thinks pleasant thoughts.

The peace eurists believe that the first hour of the day is the most important hour of the twenty-four. "Your thoughts for the coming day, your temper, your serenity, your very health itself, depend upon your waking thoughts," is what they teach, and they add that very few persons have any idea of the extent to which the day is governed by the waking thoughts. Your waking thoughts control your day.

Don'ts For Hostess.

Don't invite more guests than you can seat comfortably at your table. A space of two feet should be allowed for each person.

Don't send your plate away or appear to have done eating till your guests have all finished.

Don't discuss politics or religious matters unless you know your guests are all in sympathy with you.

Don't notice if your guests drink water. They may or may not be teetotalers from principle, but in any case they drink what they like and prefer to do so without attracting attention.

Don't press your guests to take more or to partake of any special kind of food. They know they are welcome to all they want, and such pressing is embarrassing.

Don't betray anxiety if the servants are awkward or not quite up to their work and, above all, don't correct them. Their error will probably escape notice, but the correction would attract the attention of your guests. When any little contretemps occurs don't appear aware of it, but by chatting on composedly divert people's attention from it.

Men Like Weeping Women.

"If there were more tears there would be more marriages," said a matchmaker. "Whatever men may say, they like a woman who has not lost the ability to weep in true feminine fashion. In spite of their alleged strength men always want some one in whom they can confide. What sympathy can they expect from a woman who knows not how to weep and regards tears as undignified? No man really likes to see a woman cry, but all men prefer a woman who can and does cry—a tender hearted creature who, although brave enough, does not try to incase herself in a kind of additional outer skin or suit of mail that renders her proof against sentiment. It is very questionable if this stoicism is good for women in any way. It is a relief to shed tears, and many a man would be glad if it were not regarded as cowardice for him to weep."

Serving Fruit.

Fruit may be served on a large, round, flat dish or in a fruit bowl or fruit dish. It is very pretty to use the natural leaves, if they can be procured, for garnishing the dish. The fruit should be passed and each person be given a fruit plate and fruit knife and finger bowl. The finger bowl is placed on the fruit plate and should be lifted and set to one's left before helping oneself to fruit. A nice way to eat an orange is to cut it in halves and eat with a spoon. Plums, peaches and pears are eaten from the fingers. Bananas are eaten from the skin. Pineapple is usually pared, the eyes taken out, the flesh picked apart with a silver fork, placed in a fruit dish and sugared and then served in a dessert plate and eaten with a spoon or a fork.

Not Always Smiling.

Men should remember that women can't always be smiling who have to cook the dinner, answer the bell half a dozen times and get rid of a neighbor who has just dropped in, tend to a sick baby, tie up the cut finger of a two-year-old, gather up the playthings of a four-year-old, tie up the head of a six-year-old on skates and get an eight-year-old ready for school, to say nothing of sweeping, cleaning, etc., says a woman writer in an exchange. A woman with all these to contend with may claim it a privilege to look and feel a little tired sometimes, and a word of sympathy would not be too much to expect from the man who during the honeymoon wouldn't let her carry as much as a sunshade.

Don't Be Jealous.

Jealousy is such a mean, small passion. It is a recognition of the superiority of some one over ourselves. Perhaps that is why it hurts so.

It is not pleasant to feel that another has more charm, more power to attract. But if this is so perhaps some fault lies in us. Are we as charming, as gentle, as gracious, as we can be?

The thing to do is not to waste time and nerve force in resentment, but to make the most of ourselves—to cultivate whatever charm we have by joyousness, cheeriness, good temper, patience and kindliness.

Friendship is good for us. We all need it to broaden and round out our lives. Companionship is wholesome and helpful to every one.

Airing Linens.

Linens should be given a thorough airing every now and then, most thoroughly of all, of course, just after they have come from the laundress. Plenty of light and air as well as soap and water are necessary to keep them in spotless condition, for what occult reason only some one wise in the law of physics can tell. But the results will tell their own tale. Airings are the best preventives of "freckles" and mold and mildew.

Green Corn Chowder.

This is a savory mixture of green corn, green peppers and tomatoes. To a half dozen ears of corn allow five tomatoes, five green peppers and five small onions, all minced. Cook the onions a golden brown in a little bacon fat, then add the other vegetables, having the corn cut from the cob as nearly whole as possible. Cover with boiling water and simmer for an hour. Season with salt and pepper and serve.

Do It Smilingly.

Speaking to the Boys' brigade at the Albert hall, London, Major General Baden-Powell said:

"Do your duty always, and, above all things, do it smilingly. When you meet with a difficulty tackle it laughing, and then you're sure to get over it. I've tried it myself, and I ought to know."

Onion Juice For Flavoring.

If you want a spoonful of onion juice for flavoring, cut the onion in two and press it in a common lemon squeezer kept for the purpose. If you need only a few drops, cut a slice from the onion and scrape the surface three or four times with a sharp knife, holding it over the dish you wish to flavor.

Asbestus in the Kitchen.

Keep a supply of asbestus paper in *your kitchen. If the oven is too hot* and the cake likely to burn at the top, put a sheet of the paper on the grate over the tin. If there is danger of burning at the bottom, put a sheet under the tin.

Sunshine is destructive to mirrors. It causes the glass to assume a milky appearance, and the mirror will never be so clear again in spite of whatever is done to it.

Vegetables grown above ground should be cooked in salted water, while those grown below should be cooked in fresh water.

To renovate black lace wash the lace in water to which a little ammonia has been added, then rinse it in strong coffee.

FOR THE TABLE.

Old Fashioned Silver Tray Used as an Artistic Centerpiece.

Silver bowls, salvers and other artistic specimens of silverware are being utilized this season, as in former years, for the decoration of the table, and the accompanying illustration shows how long stemmed blossoms may be utilized in conjunction with a silver tray for an effective centerpiece.

The tray pictured is one of the large, old fashioned, handsomely chased

AN ARTISTIC CENTERPIECE.

Sheffield variety and filled to the brim with water. The stalks of the flowers, in this instance yellow iris, are held in place with lead clips, but any other device for flower support would be equally serviceable. A border of smilax conceals the supports. The glistening silver, together with the bright hued flowers mirrored in the water, is very effective, and a tray thus adorned constitutes a most artistic decoration.

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To overcome the well-grounded and reasonable objections of the more intelligent to the use of secret, medicinal compounds, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., some time ago, decided to make a bold departure from the usual course pursued by the makers of put-up medicines for domestic use, and so has published broadcast and openly to the whole world, a full and complete list of all the ingredients entering into the composition of his widely celebrated medicines. Thus he has taken his numerous patrons and patients into his full confidence. Thus too he has removed his medicines from among secret nostrums of doubtful merits, and made them *Remedies of Known Composition.*

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Mr. T. H. Whelan is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell left for Spokane Friday.

Mr. Geo. Robinson left last evening for Montreal.

Don't forget our voting contest See Ad. on Page 5.

E. H. H. Stanley was at Coleman and Blairmore this week in the interests of the Ledger.

Miss Brown arrived from Winnipeg this week to take a position as milliner with Mrs. Varty.

Richard Hammond Electrican and wife left Friday for an extended trip to the British Isles.

See Liphardt about that watch he has them at any price $1.00 $2.50, $2.75, $5.00, $6.50 and up.

We understand our town clerk has advice from our local M. P. P. that the New Post office building will be completed as soon as the weather permits the men to recommence work.

Owing to a slight delay in obtaining proper shafting we were not able to get our typesetting machine running till Thursday. Hence we were crowded for time, but we will have all O. K. next issue.

Another accident and a fatal one occurred in the yards of the Morrissey, Fernie and Michel railway here on Tuesday morning, through gathering coal on the tracks. Mrs. Passerin had her limbs so badly crushed that she died a few hours after admission to the hospital. She leaves a husband and several small children to mourn her loss.

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Mr. Dunn day operator C. P. R. has returned from his two week's holiday.

Do not forget our new address, at the Coal Co's old offices, near fire hall.

G. L. Pedler of Fernie Free Press went to the Coast on a trip this week.

A report states that P. Burns will erect a large brick block here this summer.

The entrance to the Union Hall is by the rear not by the front. Go in by the lane.

There will be a concert in the Methodist church at Coal Creek on March 24th, at 7.30 p.m. A good program is guaranteed

A meeting of the Owls was held in the Odd Fellows hall Thursday evening. Several new officers were installed.

H. D. Campbell and party came in from St. Paul on Friday's train in connection with his lumbering business.

We are pleased to state that Mrs. Proudfoot who underwent an operation for appendicitis is recovering fast and will soon be convalescent.

Messrs. Reid & McEwing contemplate opening out in the furniture business in the "Ledger's" old stand and the building is being cleaned up and renovated to suit their business.

The Hockey boys announce a grand ball to be held in the Opera house St. Patrick's night the 17th inst. Everyone should turn out and show their appreciation of the good work done by the boys this year.

Mr. Brooks our painter and kalsoming artist has been busy cleaning up and putting a new face on the Ledger old premises, ready for Messrs. Reid & McEwing to open out in the furniture line. Mr. Brooks is a perfect adept at his work.

T. Crahan, of Michel paid our city a visit this week.

See the Beggar Prince Opera Co.,'s Ad. on Page 5.

Another carnival is proposed for the night of the 17th, if the weather man can be bought over.

Mr. F. H. Smith, auditor for Dominion Exports Co., is in town this week checking up local offices.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., at their general meeting at Toronto last week declared a 10 per cent dividend.

Peach orchard for sale in Okanagon Valley, part bearing this year. Apply W. S. Stanley, Ledger.

The subject for Rev. Hall's Men's meeting next Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) is the "Evolutionary argument for God."

The tea given on Tuesday afternoon and evening by Mrs. George Clapp in aid of the Methodist church was a great success.

A report comes from Winnipeg that a very large deal is on which will place the Elk Lumber Co., on a $10,000,000 basis.

The Beggar Prince Opera Co., which are to show here on the 20th and 21st, passed through to Cranbrook on the West bound train Friday last.

The Miners Union have commenced to clear their lot on Victoria street for the new hall. They have a large gang of men at work.

Mr. Spalding has accepted Wm. Robson as a working partner. These two gentlemen, with their years of experience are really high class photographers.

Rev. Mr. Williamson attended the District meeting of the Baptist Association of East Kootenay at Cranbrook on Thursday last of which District he is the secretary.

On Tuesday next the 17th inst., Mrs. Waylett, President of the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will hold a Tea Social at her residence on Howland Avenue from 3 to 6 p.m.

We hear the C. P. R. are likely to put on a local passenger train to run between Cranbrook and Medicine Hat the coming summer. If this train will run through to Macleod during the day, it should tend to increase the passenger traffic along this line and be of advantage to the public.

Died Feb. 29th, at the Fernie hospital of typhoid fever, the beloved wife of Julius Anderson of Morrissey. The funeral was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Telfer to Knox church Fernie on Friday at 11 a.m. Mrs. Anderson leaves a husband and a baby 4 months old to mourn her loss. Mr. Anderson has the sympathy of all his friends.

Rev. D. E. Hatt B. A., Superintendent of Baptist Missions in B. C., will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday the 15th inst both morning and evening. At the evening service Mr. Thos. Lewis will sing a solo, and there will be other special music.

On St. Patrick's night, Tuesday March 17th an Irishman will give a lecture in the Methodist church on "Woman an Afterthought," when Irish songs will be sung, an admission of 50 cents; proceeds to go towards fund for making new sewer connections.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Fernie would like to again draw the attention of the public to the fact that they have brought here Miss Andrews, a graduate of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Since her arrival here on Feb. 1st, she has been employed in a number of homes in the capacity of District nurse, and has made as many as 8 calls in a day. The Society hopes the citizens of Fernie will give this new system of nursing a fair trial. Enquiries for the nurse can be made at the Rev. Mr. Grant's.

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TRIED TO BREAK UNIONS.

Binghampton, N. Y., Mar. 13.—What promises to equal the Harry Orchard case from a labor point of view was called in court today in the trial of an indictment found against Louis Eastman, charged with dynamiting during the late street car strike here.

Eastman was arranged by a Pinkerton and two detectives charged with placing dynamite on the tracks.

The prosecution will endeavor to show the act was authorized by labor agitators.

The defence will allege conspiracy to break up the unions, in which the Pinkertons were engaged to assist, and it is charged arranged the plot for this purpose. The national board of the Street Carmen's association is interested in the defence.

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HARRY ORCHARD PLEADS GUILTY

Orchard pleaded guilty to having killed former Governor Steunenberg by the explosion of a dynamite bomb at the side gate of his residence ..... early in the evening of December 30, 1905. He was arrested for the crime on January 21, and in February confessed that he was hired to kill Steunenberg by William S. Haywood, secretary; Charles H. Moyer, president and Geo. A. Pettibone, honorary member of the Western Federation of Miners. Haywood and Pettibone were tried in Boise and set free. The case against Moyer was dismissed.

Judge Wood questioned Orchard as to whether he fully understood the status of the case, what it meant for him to plead guilty, and if he understood that to plead guilty to the charges in the indictment meant pleading guilty to the charge of first degree murder.

Perfectly calm, with no indication or any emotion in face or voice, Orchard answered that he had gone over the matter thoroughly with his attorney and had made up his mind definitely.

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