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The company now refuses to abide by its contract and insists upon a reduction in wages from 33½ cents to 28 cents, and threatens to further reduce wages to 25 cents per car for mining coal.

Furthermore, they refuse to pay the District scale for any work, whatsoever, and have failed to pay us our wages at all for nearly two months.

We now refuse to work until the company keeps its agreement with us. Kindly keep away from the Strathcona Coal company's mine pending the settlement of this dispute.

By order of District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

The United Mine Workers are having a hard fight at Strathcona.

A number of men have taken the places of the old miners, who are on strike. Among these are the following: Thos. Smith, Chas. Bunyan and Pat Mehan, all from Michel. Mat Graham, G. W. Smith, George Smith, Peter King, Allen Shaw, Frank Wheatley, Sam Mortimer, Bert Martin, Wm. Gill, J. Currel and John Horner. All union men are warned to look out for these men who are unfair to organized labor.

FAMOUS THEATRE DESTROYED

Drury Lane, London, Was Entirely Destroyed by Fire This Week.

London, March 24.—Drury Lane theatre, one of the most famous in London, was practically destroyed by fire this morning. The whole interior was destroyed and the outside walls badly damaged. The flames were first discovered about four o'clock in the morning bursting from the windows of the building. It was then too late to save the structure, which burned fiercely despite all the efforts of the fire brigade.

There was no loss of life. The theatre has been closed since the Pantomime ended. It would have been reopened on April 18. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Drury Lane theatre was first opened in 1663, burned in 1672 and re-opened in 1674 with an address by Dryden, who extolled its advantages in location. The burning of the third theatre on the site took place on February 24, 1809. It was in the famous Drury Lane theatre that Garrick, Kean and Mrs. Siddons used to act in the Kemble period.

OWL BALL AT HOSMER

The ball given under the auspices of the Order of Owls at Hosmer on Tuesday night last was a decided success, about 75 couples being present.

The committee, under the management of Mr. Alec Gendron, are to be congratulated on the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. To Mrs. Gourley is due the thanks of all those present for the lunch which she served to the guests, which was the best to be had in the Pass. Jack Turner acted as master of ceremonies, and performed his duties in an excellent manner. The Fernie orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Pasta, furnished the music and need'ess to say was grand. About 25 young Fernie people went down and all returned reporting a most enjoyable time and hope to have the pleasure of attending more entertainments at Hosmer in future under the auspices of Hosmer Nest, No. 165, Order of Owls.

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Kenora, March 27—Another terrible dynamite accident occurred at McDougall's camp, north of Dryden on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction work, by which two Italians were killed and another dangerously wounded. The three men were at work in a hole which had missed fire when it suddenly exploded with the above results.

Edmonton, March 26.—James D. Hyndman, barrister, was nominated at the Conservative convention yesterday to contest the Edmonton federal district in opposition to Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the Interior. Hyndman is a native of Prince Edward Island and is a son-in-law of Sir Lewis H. Davies of the supreme court bench at Ottawa.

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Edmonton, Mar. 17, 1908.
Editor Ledger:

Dear Sir:—In your issue of Feb. 14th I notice that Mr. Leheney is after me for some alleged offences in connection with the work of the lobbyists before the legislature here during the recent session.

Outside of the statement that I am a malicious liar and a vindicative coward I do not see that Mr. Leheney makes any very definite statements with regard to what is the particular source of his wrath.

As far as I can see, the question of whether I am a liar or a coward should not be a matter of any particular interest to the miners of Alberta or B. C., and consequently we will not waste any time in discussing this side issue.

Mr. Leheney charges me with having "posted" the lobbyists of the mine workers and with having made my office the headquarters for their activities during the session. I cheerfully plead guilty to the charge.

Mr. Leheney also charges me with not knowing that dock-laborers, cotton mill operatives, tanners and such like were protected in the matter of industrial diseases in the old country.

I will let this go by default as well. Up to the hour of going to press I have not seen very many dock laborers, cotton mill operators or tanners in Alberta, and consequently did not study the clauses which are in the British Act for their protection. When we get those classes of labor here it will be time enough to look for legislation covering their case.

Regarding all those questions as to when Mr. Leheney arrived in Alberta, whether he essayed to become organizer for the Society of Equity or whether received his appointment as organizer for the Trades Council by virtue of Parm Pettipiece's support or not, I will refer him to the Edmonton Journal where these statements were made. I did not write the article and did not see it until it appeared in print. However, I have no hesitancy in stating that I prompted the article which he complains of, and did so for a purpose. The errors in detail are not mine; they belong to the reporter of the Journal. The moral responsibility of the appearance of the article is mine, and Mr. Leheney did not require to waste so much space in proving the matter. I cheerfully admit it and will later show the reasons why I made the arrangements by which the article appeared.

Regarding the question of Mr. Leheney's credentials, to which both he and Mr. Splaglord refer, if my article of the 20th stated that Mr. Leheney secured credentials from the Edmonton Trades Council it was manifestly an error on my part and I cheerfully make such retraction as is necessary under the circumstances in order to "square" it on this count. As I have not the article of the 20th by me at the present time I can not state definitely just what was the language used, but my recollection is that I intended to state that some of the crowd with whom Mr. Leheney went before the government secured the credentials of the Edmonton Trades Council. However, I will waive the point and make the retraction in order to clear up this much of it. The matter is not vital to the interests of the coal miners of Alberta anyway.

I will come now to the main proposition. Mr. Leheney's grievance seems to be that he did not get proper recognition from the legislature or for the work he did before the legislature. I hope I can show that this grievance was not well founded, but in order to do so I am compelled to tell some things that I had hoped it would not be necessary to tell.

I will commence at the beginning and tell the whole story straight away, in order that there may be no confusion in the minds of the reader.

In the first place I will explain my connection with the whole matter. To begin with I am not an active worker in the field of labor agitation, or whatever you want to call it. I do not represent any labor body, nor ever did. I had no official standing before the legislature, or any where else as an emissiary of the cause. Furthermore, I never at any time anywhere was called upon to represent the cause of labor. What I mean to point out is that anything that I may have done at any time in this way was an entirely voluntary action on my part, and not in compliance with any official request. I am not seeking any office, am not a supporter of the present government, either provincial or Dominion, and have no axe to grind. My sympathies are with the labor movement in the same way that they are with any movement for the uplift of humanity, but I have my ideas of how to take advantage of the play as it comes up, and it is merely a difference of these ideas that stands between Mr. Leheney and I at the present time. In other words, I am an opportunist, which Mr. Leheney is not.

My business is that of a newspaper reporter, although I am not working at it at present. In this capacity I have attended the three sessions of the legislature of Alberta and other legislative bodies before that. I am personally acquainted with all the members. I may be running a bluff on myself but I believe I know better than anyone else in the province of Alberta just where the members of the legislature stand on the matter of labor legislation. I am not going to catalogue them here, as there would be no advantage in doing so at the present time, but when the time arrives to do so I would have no hesitency in giving whatever information I possess along these lines if I thought it would be properly used in the interests of labor. On the same lines, I am always willing to turn a trick when I think that the cause of labor will be benefitted. I do not belong to the cudgd and bludgeon school, of which Mr. Leheney is an illustrious pupil, and I have my own ideas as to how the trick should be turned, which ideas do not coincide with Mr. Leheney's. The philosophers say that the destruction of all matter lies within itself. On the same lines, it has always occurred to me that the easiest way to get what you want from the politicians is to go at them on a political basis. Politicians are fond of office—otherwise they would not be politicians. They hold office by virtue of the votes they get. You have the votes. If you leave them alone, up to a certain point, they will come to their own conclusions as to how to get those votes. It is not necessary to tell them that you are going to vote for them and it is not necessary to promise that you will. The lobbyist who is onto his job will tell them how many votes there are in certain constituencies, and what legislation is most likely to be appreciated. The natural desire of the politician to harvest approbation will do the rest. The workingmen can get all the legislation they want any old time if they will only study the game and find out how it works. They can not get it all in a bundle, but they never need to let a session of the legislature go by without getting something, and what they have they can generally manage to hold.

There are many thousands in the ranks of labor who will disagree with this hypothesis, but that makes no difference to me whatever. I am satisfied that I am right, all those to the contrary notwithstanding.

Now here is how I came to be mixed up in the present case: When your convention at Lethbridge choose the lobbyists to attend the session of the legislature here they choose, in the person of Chas. H. Richardson, an old friend of mine; a man whom I have known personally and intimately for many years, and whom I knew to be right. He knew that I was acquainted with the legislature and its manner of working, and that I had a line on the standing of the members in regard to such legislation as the Mine Workers wanted. He knew also that I had lent a helping hand once or twice before over in B. C. when the Western Federation had an axe to grind. He came to me and asked me to help him along in the matter in hand. As I said before, I am always ready to turn a trick for the benefit of labor, and although there was nothing in it for me I cheerfully consented to do all that lay within my power. Together with Mr. McNab, whom I found to have the right kind of Scotch common sense, we went to various members of the legislature and interviewed them on the question. We got copies of the bills before they went to the government printer and we knew what they were going to be before they came into the house. By putting in the right kind of a kick at the right time in the proper place Messrs Richardson and McNab managed to head off several clauses in the original drafts of the bills which, had they got into the house, might have been pretty difficult to deal with. They found the members who were naturally friendly to the cause of labor, and they put them to work as the champions of the changes that were wanted in the bills. The eight hour law went through without any friction and the compensation act was going along nicely when Mr. Leheney took a hand. I may say that Mr. Leheney saw a draft of the bill in my office before it was discussed in the house and he said at that time that it was a pretty good act for Alberta and a better act than the B. C. act. However there were other things occurring about this time which changed his mind. I do not say, recollect, that the bill as originally presented, or as finally passed, was entirely satisfactory to your delegates, but merely that Mr. Leheney and they were of the same opinion at the commencement, that it was a pretty fairly good act and one which, if passed would constitute a good, workable act. So far, so good, and everyone working along harmoniously toward a common end.

Right here is the place where Mr. Leheney fell down.

When the conservative politicians of the city of Edmonton saw the bill coming up they saw an opportunity of putting the government up in the air, and they proceeded to do it. In order to do the job right they needed Mr. Leheney. A prominent member of the Edmonton Trades council, whose name I will not mention here as it is not necessary, and a local lawyer with political aspirations, a Mr. MacKie by name, surrounded Mr. Leheney and showed him where there was a brilliant opportunity to start an agitation. They furnished him with copies of the British Compensation act and showed him the points of inferiority in the Alberta act, all of which he might have gotten by coming to my office, and started him out on the big campaign. Jack Leheney is a pretty astute politician at times, an enthusiastic worker and a pretty good organizer, and as an old hand at the game he should have been the last man in the world to have become entrapped in such an obvious deadfall as he got into; but the blind manner in which he walked into it was the joke of the conservative committee rooms for a month. He arranged and held meetings, berated the government and made a holler about the act which reached clear to the corners of the province. At these meetings the conservatives were well represented and vociferous in applause. At the opera house meeting, the date of which I do not remember at the present time, the conservatives attended in a body, adjourning one of their meetings in order to go down and help Leheney along. The scheme worked like a charm. The sum and substance of Leheney's spiel was that if the government was not ready to give the British act as amended that the workingmen of the province did not want any act at all. At least that is the way it appeared to the members of the liberal legislature, and they took the grounds that if the workingmen were not satisfied with the act as brought in that they would be safer in throwing the whole thing out. They were certainly up in the air, and Leheney was the unconscious agent of the conservatives in putting them there. For several days the bill hung in the balance, and it was touch and go whether they would be any bill or not.

This was the situation when the article appeared in the Journal. I have no hesitation in admitting that I had something to do with the appearance of the article. A reporter of the Journal wanted a story and I showed him where there was one. He wrote the story and the members of the legislature read it. After they had read it and had read between the lines they saw Mr. Leheney in a different light. In other words, the effect of the article was to expose Mr. Leheney's position, and with the exposure he lost prestiage. Where he had the legislature "buffaloed" the day before, he did not have a look in the day after. They recognized the absurdity of being afraid of Leheney.

Then Leheney did the most foolish thing of his career. In the face of defeat, when he should have bucked up and made himself felt, when he needed all his faculties and resources to preserve his reputation, he got drunk, and stayed more or less drunk until the legislature adjourned. Furthermore, when he was drunk he undertook to interview the Premier and several members of the government. The effect, of course, was to put him out of court altogether, and from this time forward he was not a factor in the game.

All that remained then to be done was to give the government an assurrance that the mine workers wanted the compensation act, that they would be disappointed if it was thrown out, and that they were there for the purpose of getting a law and not to block the government. In order to make this assurrance more binding your lobbyists wired Mr. Sherman and got him to Edmonton in order that he might add his assurrance to theirs. Mr. Sherman came and the law went through.

Remember, I do not say that the law as it went through was altogether satisfactory, and I do not say that there was no attempt made to get any amendments. On the other hand, there was a serious attempt to get some very radical changes in the act and up to the time of Mr. Leheney's interjection there was every probability that these would have been acceded. After that, however, the case was different, and while *some* changes were gotten, and while these changes were important, there is good reason to believe that much more could have been accomplished had Mr. Leheney been away in the tall timbers somewhere.

I may say in conclusion that I do not relish having to make these statements, and had Mr. Leheney left me alone I would have left him alone. Furthermore I do not make them with any intention of detracting from Mr. Leheney's usefulness as an organizer or as a worker in the cause of labor. I recognize him as a valuable worker and an able man and I think that the workingmen of the province would lose a valuable field worker if they were to lose him, but we all have our moments, and this was one time that Jack got off wrong. I am satisfied that his few weeks experience here will be worth more to him that any other year of his life, and I would offer a ten to one bet that the next time some of the small fry politicians try to surround him that he will see them coming. At any rate, I have no quarrel with Leheney, hold no malice, and will harbor no animosities over this little pleasantry, whether he does or not. Our personal affairs, however, can not be of any moment to the miners of the Pass, and so I guess it is about time to cut it out. The only thing more I can say is that the law is there; the boys can read it for themselves and judge whether it was better than nothing or not. That was the choice which Mr. Leheney and his friends forced on your lobbyists.

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WARNS LABOR MEN AGAINST SOCIALISM

Rev. Father Jan Speaks to the Catholics of the Dangers of Socialism

There appears to be a growing tendency on the part of the trades unions, their leaders and some members in this city to be absorved by socialism and its principles. I want to take this opportunity to warn every Catholic trades union man to be on his guard," said Father Jan at the different services in St. Mary's church yesterday morning.

Continuing the subject, Father Jan said the word "Socialism" suggested suspicion. The party itself which has assumed so many changes and far-reaching doctrines, embracing many dangerous theories, is disapproved by the church. Their teachings and meanings are so varying and so indefinite that if allowed to pass unchecked would ultimately prove destructive to family ties, private property and to religion.

It will often be found the speaker said, upon investigation that some leaders of trades unions are affiliated with the Socialist party. Though they appeal to the workingmen from the platform and pretend to be interested in his welfare, at heart they care nothing for him, or his condition, but are only seeking stepping stones to higher offices.

The church does now and has always encouraged labor unions. They tend to bring about a higher standard of efficiency and better conditions and wages for their members.

It is all very well to talk about the time when there will be universal happiness and equal wealth for all, etc., but we are a long distance from there at the present time.

Although this party has been in existence some years, it is not known that they have rendered much assistance in the way of charity, or in alleviating the sufferings of the poor. A few years ago the prime movers for Socialism in France were men of vast wealth and ample means, and they were noted for never giving, directly or indirectly, material assistance, either in the cause of charity, or equipping schools, tenements or hospitals for the poor.

A short time ago, he said, a speaker in this line in Calgary went so far as to speak lightly, if not contemptiously, of religion at a public gathering. There are other speakers in Calgary whose names he would not mention now, but would be pleased to do so in private, to any one interested, whose teachings and doctrines are dangerous and misleading.

In conclusion, Father Jan exhorted all interested parties to refrain from encouraging or joining the forces of this organization.—Calgary Albertan.

A SOCIALIST REPLIES TO REV. FATHER JAN

J. F. Leheney Stands Ready to Debate the Question.

Editor Albertan—

In your issue of the 16th inst., Father Jan is reported to have used his pulpit on Sunday night last for the purpose of making an attack on Socialism, and Socialists who are members of the trades unions in particular.

I do not presume to instruct the reverend gentleman as to the source he should pursue in his pulpit, but I would suggest that when he deserts the realm of speculative theology for the field of material things, he is apt to find himself on dangerous ground.

His training does not qualify him to assume the role of instructor to those whom the exigencies of a (for them) oppressive syserem have fitted to cope with the situation far better than any academician.

I was brought up in the same religious environment as Father Jan, and I know enough of his priesthood to feel satisfied that it was in obedience to a sense of duty that he uttered his malediction. But I know too, how poorly a Catholic training fits him to deal intelligently with the subject of Socialism. I do not doubt that misfortune and misery Father Jan would commiserate. I have no hesitancy in believing that he would sympathize with and assist suffering. But he could never realize as we of the working class, who have run the gamut of human misery, and experienced all the vicissitudes of a wage slave's life, and when he attributes ulterior motives to us he does us great injustice. His church will tell him that a reparation equivalent to the wrong done is due from him to us.

One of the features of a clergyman's character should be a sense of justice which no religious prejudice or class bigotry should have power to sway.

We Socialists have been maglined time and again; we have been depicted in every type from the harmless dreamer to the wild eyed and red handed assassin; we have been condemned without a hearing and our doctrines have been criticized without knowledge, our characters have been defamed, but our critics and calumniators have never been able to assign a reason that would make good their charges, or weaken our argument.

The pulpit has well been called the "Coward's Castle," where the minister will launch forth his bitter tirades that may blast reputations or ruin a cause without fear of reply. Had Father Jan been half as consistent with our propaganda as he would have his congregation believe, he would have known that our platform was at the service of anyone who felt that he could contravert our statements, and expose a fallacy he believed harmful.

"Socialism would wreck the family ties," asserts his reverence. Does he for a moment believe that family ties could be more rudely broken, or homes more ruthlessly shattered and effectively destroyed than they are today. He cannot attribute this effect to Socialism: candor will compel him to acknowledge that they result from the practical workings of the vilest system that ever cursed the human family—capitalism. Where in "our" great industrial centers, or even our smaller cities, can Father Jan adduce proof that capitalism safeguards the home. Is he aware of the effect of unemployment on the home life—its scattering effect? Does he know that the poor female wage slaves of the factories and department stores travel an inclined pathway to the brothel? That seduction whispers in golden tones in the hovels of the poor? Has he ever been domiciled in the over crowded tenements of a city slum, that possesses none of the attributes we are used to associate with the term "home"? The evidence of home wrecking influences of capitalism are piled high on every hand, even Calgary can furnish its quota. Father Jan should travel as a wage worker; then he would know the world for what it is, and his "home ties" would, after a few years, be but a memory.

I refer his reverence to your report of Com. O'Brien's lecture as to our destructive intentions with regard to private property. He speaks in the name of the Socialist Party of Canada and said, "the Socialist is not after private property, but capitalist property."

There is more I wish to say but space forbids I stand ready to debate with Father Jan—"Capitalism as the champion home wrecker."

Yours truly,

JOHN F. LEHENEY.

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The winter months are trying to the health of even the most robust. Confinement indoor in overheated and nearly always badly ventilated rooms—in the home, in the shop and in the school—taxes the vitality of even the strongest. The blood becomes thin and watery, or clogged with impurities, the liver sluggish, the kidneys weak. Sometimes you get up in the morning just as tired as when you went to bed. Some people have headaches; others are low spirited; some have pimples and skin eruption. These are all spring symptoms that the blood is out of condition. You can't cure these troubles with purgative medicines, which merely gallop through the system leaving you still weaker. What you need to give you strength in spring is a tonic, and the one always reliable tonic and blood builder is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills not only banish spring ills, but guard you against the more serious ailments that follow, such as anaemia, nervous debility, rheumatism, indigestion and kidney trouble. Every dose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills makes new rich red blood which strengthens every nerve, every organ and every part of the body. This is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the favorite spring medicine with thousands and thousands throughout Canada. Try this medicine this spring and you will have energy and strength to resist the torrid heat of the coming summer. Mrs. J. Haskel, of Port Maitland, N. S., says: "I was troubled with headaches, had a bad taste in my mouth, my tongue was coated, and I was easily tired and suffered from a feeling of depression. I got a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and it was not long before they began to help me and I was soon feeling as well as ever I had been." You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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THE DAILY TASK.

Dreading a Duty Doubles the Task of Discharging It.

A small boy whose one task for the day consists in bringing a pail of spring water to the house began to pine away, and his anxious mamma called in the family doctor. The boy submitted listlessly to a thorough examination, the result of which puzzled the man of medicine. "Does he eat well?" he asked. "Fairly so," was the reply. "And sleep?" he queried. "Oh, yes, but he drags through the day without a symptom of interest," was the mother's reply.

The doctor looked long and hard at the child and then had a bright thought. "What does he do in the way of work?" he asked. "Nothing but bring a pail of water from the spring every morning." "Cut out that water carrying task for a week," said the doctor, "and let me know the result."

The week worked a miracle in Willie's health. The boy had been weighted down by the thought of a daily task, and it was not because he was lazy. He did other things with the greatest willingness, but he so detested that one monotonous task that it affected his health. There are many grownups like Willie, indulging a distaste for necessary duties to the extent of clouding the sunshine of life.

Dreading a duty doubles the task of discharging it. There are a few wise persons in the world who resolutely attack disagreeable tasks and clear them out of the way before they get troublesome. Watch a woman who sits down to an unwelcome task of darning hosiery. She looks over the articles and spends her first strength on the small rents, leaving the large ones till she begins to get weary. Beginning with the big ones, she would finish comparatively easy. This is the usual feminine method of working. Men who amount to anything attack the heavy work and clear the way to easier things, and when the decks are clear they heave a sigh of satisfaction, something a woman never does.

A WOMAN PRIZE WINNER.

Miss Hanscom Will Design Emblem For the Alaska Exposition.

The latest woman to distinguish herself in competition, not only with her sisters, but in a free for all struggle wherein her abilities were pitted against man's as well as woman's, is Miss Adelaide Hanscom of Seattle, Wash. Miss Hanscom has been awarded the $500 prize offered for the best design for an official emblem for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which will be held in Seattle in 1909.

Several hundred designs were submitted, many of which showed decided ability, but none of them so well expressed the purpose and meaning of the exposition as that prepared by Miss Hanscom. Her drawing shows three female figures framed in a circle. The figure to the right typifies the Pacific slope, with right hand extended in welcome and the left holding a train of cars representing commerce by land. The figure to the left represents the orient, and the ship in her hand represents commerce by sea. The central figure in white is that of Alaska, the white representing the north, and the nuggets in her hands representing her vast mineral resources.

Across the sky in the background is seen the aurora borealis so vivid in the north. The purple background with the many colors of the northern lights makes a rich coloring. At the side of the figure on the right are tall trees, typical of the immense forests of the territory represented by the exposition.

CULINARY CONCEITS.

Never stir cake after final beating. Beating motion should always be last used.

When interrupted while frying in deep fat, drop a crust of dry bread into the fat to prevent its burning.

When the time for cooking vegetables is limited, pour boiling water over them, then drain and cook in the usual way.

When frying croquettes be sure to plunge the basket in hot fat before the croquettes are placed in it. This will prevent their adhering to the wire when lifted out.

When roasting meat, to make the gravy nice and brown, take a tablespoonful of sugar and melt it in a pan till it smokes, then add boiling water, stir well and mix with the gravy.

Cracker or bread crumbs used in covering the tops of scallops, etc., should be well greased in melted butter. This makes a better covering than the dry crumbs dotted with butter and uses less of the latter ingredient.

In New Zealand.

In New Zealand the house of representatives has just voted 337 to 26 in favor of making women eligible as members of the upper house. In Australia women are already eligible to all offices from prime minister down, but when New Zealand fourteen years ago gave women full suffrage it expressly debarred them from parliament. This restriction, it seems, is now to be removed.

A Novel Jelly Idea.

When using eggs break away just enough of the smaller end of the shell to enable you to remove the contents. Wash the shells carefully, then put them away in some safe place. At jelly making time fill these shells with jelly, covering the broken end with paraffin paper. It is impossible to imagine a more convenient way to carry jelly.—Delineator.

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SIX ACRES FELL INTO ARROW LAKE

Damage to Roadway Along Shelter Bay---Logs Hurled Inland.

Revelstoke, B. C; March 26—One of the most remarkable events that has taken place in the Arrowhead district for many years, and one which has set the people in the vicinity thinking out all manner of causes, occurred a few days ago in the Arrow lakes. Without any warning or premonition nearly six acres of land in Shelter Bay, under the lee of Barnock Point, on the west shore of Arrow lake, suddenly subsided into the water, the suction caused the sinking of this vast mass of earth and rock as it sank, creating a large whirlpool and raising a tidal wave which swept up the shore carrying all before it. The receding flow rolled back across the lake and broke upon the beach at Galena bay, hurling the pile of logs which were on the water's edge some distance inland.

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W. S. STANLEY, Mgr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28th.

HOW LONG, OH, HOW LONG!

How much longer will we consent to be mere logs in the maelstrom of our industrial system. Several hundred men have been idle in almost every town in the West all winter, and now the green grass is commencing to show up, we, who have been fortunate enough to have had steady work, are experiencing that most direful of modern calamities, slack times. Almost five hundred men have been laid off in Fernie, Michel and Morrissey in the last few weeks and the end is not yet.

Most direful indeed! Against smallpox, pneumonia, fever and other evil visitations we can at least fight, and have effective organization constantly at war with them. But against the portentious approaches of industrial inactivity what course are we to pursue. Are our trades unions of any avail? Experience proves not! Have we any insurance agencies or friendly societies who are willing to protect its patrons during enforced idleness while in good health and sound of limb? We are not cognisant of any such. Do governments institute "for the people, by the people" attempt to alleviate the distress? Federal governments of confederate states by recent decisions answer emphatically no! Municipal governments however, have been prevailed upon to take the matter in hand and provide in some cases work, in some cases provisions. Apparently then something can be done. Cities have been forced by bands of unemployed marching to the municipal buildings and presenting their demands personally, to deal with the situation, albeit they have not done so very adequately. Most of our brothers in distress do not live in incorporated cities and a march to Ottawa, Victoria, or Edmonton is out of the question. Besides the two provincial houses have prorogued. We cannot petition in person. And, oh, the shame of the fact that we must petition! But we can write, all it will cost is ink and paper, postage not being required when writing to a member of parliament during session, so let every worker who is out of employment write to Premier Laurier and to the member representing his riding. The approaching elections will possibly induce these vote-catching politicians to move in the matter. Put it up to them at any rate, both collectively through your locals and individually by writing yourself, give them to understand that the owners of the machinery of production are incapable of carrying on the industry of the country. Do not throw your money if you happen to possess some, away on railroad fare in a vain attempt to seek work. Force the government's hand in the meantime with petitions, if possible, but stay where you can exercise your franchise and then register your protest more potently at the ballot box. Therein lies our only hope of the absolute solution of the problem, providing we vote for socialism.

Industrial unity is strength. Political unity is victory.

A CONUNDRUM

The Free Press, under the heading of "From the shoulder," honors a clipping from the Sunset Magazine with a place in its editorial columns. Just what the title exactly means is a moot point. We are inclined to the idea that it is used as analogous to a blow from the shoulder in prize ring parlance; a terrible blow indeed—when it lands.

Addison, in those inimitable Sir Rodger de Coverley papers, speaks of an excellent exercise which has all the pleasures of boxing without the blows: fighting one's shadow. If it pleases the individual with the virulent verbosity who penned that article to indulge in the pleasant pastime of fighting his mental shadow, it is no one's business but his own. We might be disposed, after the manner of quarreling schoolboys, to shout "Agitator yourself," not without justice; but prefer to point out, continuing the analogy, that the blow fell short.

Unless you can rail the scientific and fatalistic aspect from the British Columbian and Albertan Labor movement, you but offend your pen and paper to shed ink so copiously. The Sunset writer may know what he means, but it is extremely difficult for us to grasp the true significance of his tirade at all times. He is in several places most inexcusably obscure.

Just exactly what his remarks on the anti-Asiatic question amount to is beyond our comprehension. If he maintains that the radical Labor union officials gave semblance of reason to the idea that this question was a labor question, he grossly misrepresents the true situation. Every advanced Unionist or Socialist knows that it is a small business-man movement pure and simple. The working class have protested ineffectually against the Asiatics for years, but it was not until the Japs and Chinks commenced to go into business for themselves that the real howl went up. His remarks on the Salvation Army and discouraging white labor from settling in the country are, considering the present state of the labor market, so ridiculous that they border on the sublime. But it is quite a surprise to be told that few of these agitators "live upon the wages of those who do work." From such sources as we are now considering, we generally hear something quite contrary. He laments the fact that these agitators absorb to themselves the political influence of the workingman. This is the nigger in the wood pile of Capitalism. This is what troubles The Sunset and The Free Press and others of like kidney. Too bad, as the old lady said of the ranch eggs, too bad.

LABOR NOTES

The present stagnation of trade is having a serious effect upon the wage earners, large numbers of whom are beginning to suffer hunger in some sections of our country. The usual remedy is being provided—charity and soup kitchens. What working men want is not charity. We want the opportunity to perform useful labor, at fair wages, until we shall become sufficiently educated to abolish the present wage system and thereby put an end to the unemployed question.

These next few years will severely test the staying powers of many of our Labor Unions. We are certain the use of the injunction law by the capitalist class will have a splendid vitalizing effect upon some of our International Aristocratic Labor Unions. A few more jolts, and some people will sit up and take notice that the only effective method to fight for the rights of labor is to take a leaf out of our economic masters' book, and elect our brightest and best men to the parliaments of our countries and there fight our battles, where they will have to be fought in future—on the political field.

The various Labor Unions are slowly but surely side-tracking the old party hacks who have led them in the past. It is becoming exceedingly difficult for Grits or Tories to "swing" the Labor vote these days.

Wm. Davidson, Executive Board Member for District No. 6 Western Federation of Miners, paid a visit to the Crow's Nest coalfields this week and met with a rousing reception at the hands of the boys. Come again, Bill.

About 400 miners and mine laborers have been laid off through the closing down of Nos. 3, 4 and 5 mines, Michel, and No. 9 mine, Coal Creek. We believe that instead of giving charity to the unemployed miners, the miners who are working should share up the work with those who are idle. Live and let live.

THE STATE OF TRADE

About 2,000 men are idle in District No. 18. Among the mines closed down are the following: Breckenridge & Lund Coal Co., Lundbreck; West Canadian Collieries, Limited, Lille and Bellevue; Canadian-American Coal & Coke Co., Frank; Leitch Collieries, Passburg; Star Coal Co., Lambton, Thistle, Hopeful & Coal City Mines, Minot and Woodpecker; Duggan Huntrods & Co.; Reliance Coal Co., Taber; White Star Mines, Strathcona; Clover Bar Mines and Parkdale Mines, Edmonton; H. W. McNeill Co., Canmore.

The other mines are but partially running. The coal trade depends to a great extent upon railroad consumption, and with the great decrease of traffic the roads do not consume so much coal The demand for coke is but small compared with the number of ovens that could produce coke. The C. N. P. Coal Company's management are doing their utmost to obtain sales for coal and coke, but find it hard work to keep the mines running. The International Coal & Coke Co. seem to be one of the lucky ones in a struggle for the survival of the fittest, their mine turning out a large output.

The lumber mills have not commenced cutting yet. A lot of lumber seems to be piled up in the yards, but with the large influx of settlers into the prairie provinces it is expected that a lot of lumber will be required for building new homes.

OWNERS NOT LIABLE

Calgary, March 25.—The case of Breckenridge & Lund vs. Travis has been before Mr. Justice Beck in the supreme court for the last three days. The plaintiffs sued Judge Travis for $5,185 for lumber supplied by them for the judge's houses, which were under contract by F. J. Short, who ordered the lumber.

The defendant, Judge Travis, put in a counter claim for $5,000 damages for conspiracy to defraud.

After hearing the evidence, Justice Beck dismissed the plaintiff's claim and the counter claim, leaving the question of costs to be decided afterward.

The decision is a very important one under the mechanics' lien law. The judge refused to follow the decision of Mr. Justice Stuart in the case of Swanson vs. Mollison and holds that in no case can a contractor be held liable to lien holders for more than the contract price, and that the owner is not bound to see to the application of the monies. Likewise he held that when the owner for cause takes a contract out of the hands of the contractor he is entitled to retain sufficient to complete the work, and that lien holders who may have claims at the time of cancellation of the contract share only in the balance of the monies unpaid by the owners at the time of such cancellation, after allowing for costs of completion.

This decision is directly contrary to the view held by lumbermen and merchants in general, and should be carefully noted by them.

DAVIDSON FOR KOOTENAY

Rumors of the approaching Dominion elections are in the air, and in the ranks of the Socialist party can be seen activity and the strengthening of the weakest points of attack and defence, this time Labor will engage once more with its hereditary enemy, Capitalism, on the political field. Mr. Wm. Davidson, of Sandon, B. C., the appointed nominee of the class-conscious working class of Kootenay, visited Michel, Coal Creek and Fernie, but although having occasion to visit this district on business connected with the Western Federation of Miners, and that no campaign proper has yet been decided on, the local "Reds," who maintain that a campaign is always on in season and out, concluded that meetings held at different points would advance their position and urge the necessity of having a working man at Ottawa to demand rights to the wealth producers and incidentally peep behind the scenes and give to the world the real meaning of "Women Wine and Graft," the epitaph that Liberal and Conservative politicians are so fond of hurling at each other.

Mr. Davidson has made good on this his first visit as Socialist candidate, and all who have been in contact with him are well pleased with his frankness and the entire absence of "side," and to say the least, Mr. Davidson is in every respect a fit and worthy man to represent Kootenay at Ottawa.

The record of Wm. Davidson in the legislature at Victoria when sitting as member for Slocan, is one that inspires confidence in the workers that he will guard their interests truly and well in the "Citadel of Graft" which passes in polite parlance under the name of the House of Commons.

The meetings at Coal Creek and Fernie were excellent, especially in Fernie, where a crowded house greeted Mr Davidson; and to show the earnestness of the people present collections were taken up amounting to $81 as an instalment to the campaign fund. In the past it has been to the shame of the working class that many of their representatives have been obliged to ask for charity when out campaigning on the workers' behalf. This is gospel truth, in spite of the vaporings of our local contemporary (who hasn't the intelligence to discuss Socialism but must copy from exchanges), that agitators make fat livings out of working men, but this time we will see that our standard-bearer is not reduced to begging. The financing of this election will be met by contributions from Socialists and sympathizers, and it is the nickels and dimes of working men that will be opposed to the "fat checks" of capitalist corporations, also the supplying of free liquor as was done in Fernie last election.

It was the pennies and sixpences of the factory girls and men that sent Victor Grayson as member for Colne Valley, Yorkshire, England, to the English Parliament, and what was done in Colne Valley we can go a bit better in Kootenay. It is not enough to subscribe to campaign funds; it is necessary to have a vote in order you may register your kick against oppression. If you do not get on the voters' list before March 30th your chance will be gone. The qualifications for a vote are: A British subject, 21 years of age, six months in British Columbia, and 30 days in this district.

So Register! Register! Register!

CURLING.

In the curling competition for the Liphardt pins, in the final games the rink skipped by Burnside beat Campbell's rink by 13 to 10 and Rev. Grant's rink by 19 to 2, therefore proving victors.

The victorious rink is:
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Rev. I. W. Williamson.
H. J. Johnson.
J. Burnside, skip.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF EAST KOOTENAY. HOLDEN AT FERNIE.

IN PROBATE No. of 1908

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of March, 1908, IT WAS ORDERED BY PETER EDMOND WILSON, Judge of the said Court, that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator in and for that portion of the County of East Kootenay, included in the East Kootenay Electoral Division, be administrator of ALL and SINGULAR the estate of JOHN SYMATUIK, of Michel, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased, intestate

Every creditor or other person having any claim upon or interest in the distribution of the Estate of the said deceased is required to send before the 30th day of April, 1908, by registered letter, addressed to the undersigned, his name and address and the full particulars of his claim or interest and a statement of his account, and the nature of the security if any held by him,

After the said last mentioned date the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Cranbrook this 20th day of March, A. D. 1908.

JAMES FURGUSON ARMSTRONG,
Official Administrator.

IN THE MATTER OF the estate of Edward Van Buyten, late of Fernie, B. C., deceased:

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Edward Van Buyten, deceased, who died on or about the 9th day of February, 1908, are required on or before the 23rd day of May, 1908, to send by post, prepaid or deliver to Mr. Eckstein, of Fernie, B. C., solicitor for the administrator, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1908.

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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.

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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.

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W. W. Cory,
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RECONSTRUCTING CROW'S NEST ROAD

New Track to be Laid Between Lethbridge and Macleod—A Fine Grade.

The new line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Lethbridge and Macleod on the Crow's Nest branch will be built this year. Tenders for this work are now being asked for by the company and the work will probably commence early in the month of April. The old line south of the river is being abandoned owing to the severity of the grade. On the north side of the river, which will be crossed by the great Lethbridge bridge now under construction, a grade will be had which is less than two-tenths per cent. As a grade of four-tenths per cent. is considered equal to a level track, it will be apparent that the grade to be obtained by the construction of the new line will be practically perfect, enabling the company to carry on operations in connection with the transportation of freight at a minimum of expense. The chief expense in connection with the track diversion is that of the building of the bridge, the amount of track to be laid and road bed to be constructed, amounting to only thirty-five miles.

A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Peter Patterson, National Executive Board Member from District No. 18, has just returned from Nova Scotia where he had great success. It is thought that the miners of the province will shortly join the United Mine Workers of America in a body as a result of Mr. Patterson's mission. —Mine Workers' Journal.

MINERS KEEP AWAY

Declaring that the market is overstocked with coal, the Pacific Coal Company has closed the Lawson mine, near Black Diamond, in the State of Washington. The action throws out of work several hundred miners and reduces the production of coal by 400 tons daily.

SPORT.

Harry Lombard, Chicago light weight, writes us as follows from Calgary: "Some of Fernie sports were here to see the boxing contest between Lauder and myself, and challenged me on behalf of some light weight of Fernie. I would like to box this light weight, whoever he is, if the Fernie sports will guarantee enough money."

Walter Oldhow also writes from Calgary: "I wish you would put this in your paper. I will fight any man at 135 pounds, any time any term, or any way reasonable. Signed: Walter Oldhow, 335-8th avenue, east, Calgary."

Here is a chance for our local men to get these anxious fighters.

LITTLE THINGS

are always important though often overlooked. It is often the adjuncts to a man's toilet rather than the clothes themselves that give that stylish appearance so much to be desired. Our stock of

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SEMI-READY

G. Fred. Johnson

OUR CRITIC AGAIN SAYS

Welcome, welcome, T. T. John,
We have waited very long.
Now your paper's come to sight
Do you intend to show us fight?
If it is as you may say
Our laugh will surely be hurrah.

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THAT he nearly fell dead when he heard a boy cry out "John's paper." Am I still talking?

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THAT he notices that John has done some writing for his paper. It is rather a pity that when he was being paid by the Ledger for writing he did not do a little, instead of hanging around the bars and leaving the work to some one else, and then appearing on the Saturday for his pay. If he had exerted himself half so much for the Ledger he might not have been fired.

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THAT he thanks John for his remarks, every little bit of advice helps, especially from such a saintly head. The idea of such a man quoting the Bible.

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THAT it is somewhat surprising—not to say anything stronger—that the winner of the Pellat Cup has not received his trophy as yet. Of course he is only an everyday miner, but his eyesight was good enough at the time to win the cup, and for that reason—if no other—he should have received it ere this.

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THAT once again he begs to call attention to the noises in some of the hotels on a Sunday, more especially during the evening. Can this not be stopped for Sunday evening at least?

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THAT he is very pleased to state that the proprietors of billiard rooms have stopped the juveniles from playing. That only happened after his remarks about it, but it really is a good thing.

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THAT the police should patrol the streets, especially Main street, more on Sundays, and keep a little better order with the drunks. It is very disagreeable for ladies to be rudely jostled by a drunk on her way home from church. The same manly display in this direction that was put forth about that snowball a short time back would have the desired effect.

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THAT there are rumors afloat to the effect that the post office is going to be finished. That is all very well, but he has heard these rumors so long that they are stale. The present post office is utterly unfit for the amount of mail that has to be handled. It is hard on the employees and the public.

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THAT if the management of the rink are going to put down a floor for roller skating, he would suggest that they get it ready before next December, as by that time we will appreciate a skate on ice.

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THAT he was very much struck, while meandering up and down Victoria Avenue, to notice the very dressy appearance of the window decorations of all our stores. That certainly is one thing we are ahead of the majority in. It reflects great credit on the tastes of our merchants, and especially the window dressers.

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THAT he hopes all good citizens who are entitled to do so will register their names on the voters' list. Monday is the last day, and all should show enough interest in the affairs of government to see that they are able to cast a vote for their particular choice on the day of election. But don't stop at getting your name on the list. Vote when the time comes.

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THAT he has a very antiquated but useful gun in his office. It is one that D. V. claimed did service in the '85 rebellion, so that says wonders for its accomplishments. Of course this is only a quiet hint. It is never loaded.

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THAT one of the worthy members of the police force asked him why he did not ascertain the number of prisoners in jail before suggesting that they be made to clean the sidewalks. That is all right, but if they did their duty there would be plenty for the job. Now altogether. Rah!

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THAT a party was heard remarking that the "Critic" was too severe. Well that, of course, was the party who was criticized. Now the "least said, soonest mended." He only criticizes where circumstances warrant.

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THAT every time a good show comes here the rowdies in the rear of the hall show just how much ignorance and selfishness they possess. The person who appreciates the play has to strain his ears to hear half of the performance. Really this should be stopped by the management.

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THAT in answer to the small paragraph in The Free Press, The Ledger does not deal in old fashioned stuff. It is strictly up-to-date in all respects.

TWO COLEMAN MEN KILLED

Wm. Larsen Killed by a Fall of Rock--Engineer Hamilton Fell From Engine

We regret to have to report the death of William Larsen, a miner, through a fall of rock on Saturday last. He lingered until Sunday, when he succumbed to his injuries. He was working with Henry Bansmere in a crosscut off No. 15 chute when a mass of rock fell, burying Larsen. Bansmere was slightly injured, and his lamp being put out it took him some time to re-light and uncover Larsen and carry him out. Larsen was 28 years of age and leaves a family.

Engineer Hamilton fell from his engine on Monday night about 11.45. The exact manner of the accident is unknown, but the brakesman returning from putting the last car on the track, which had previously jumped off, found the engineer under the engine wheels dead.

The verdict of the coroner's jury last Tuesday was "accidental death" in both cases.

COUNTY COURT

The heaviest docket that has confronted His Honor Judge Wilson since he was called to the Bench was presented to him at the sittings of the Fernie Court, which opened last Thursday and concluded the following Wednesday.

In the case of Montalbetti vs. The Hosmer Mines, the arbitrator, His Honor Judge Wilson, has handed down his decision allowing the claimants the maximum compensation of $1,500. On the 11th of November last three men, including one Enrico Montalbetti, the foreman, were killed by an explosion taking place in a pit where the men were blasting earth for the purpose of filling a railway tressle of the company. It was contended by the company that the accident was due to the serious neglect of Montalbetti in ordering two Slavs to drive into a hole a stick of dynamite by using a drill and a sledge hammer. Mr. L. P. Eckstein appeared for the claimants and Mr. Hart McHarg for the company.

Digby & Walde sued the Crow's Nest Trading Company for $458. The company counter claimed. The plaintiffs recovered their claim less about $125 allowed by the Jury on the counter claim. Mr. L. P. Eckstein for plaintiffs; Mr. M. A. Macdonald, of Cranbrook, for defendants.

Strachan vs. S. D. McCutcheons and W. D. Milner.:

The plaintiff who had never been in Calgary and had left Scotland ten months ago was besought by the defendants to buy lots, which the plaintiff said were represented to him as being very valuable town lots, upon which in a very short time he would make a considerable profit.

The unsophisticated porter of the Waldorf agreed to make an investment. Though he had no money Strachan gave over his bank book showing a deposit of $490.00 and executed a power of attorney enabling the vendors to obtain the monies. Afterwards he read over the agreement and found that instead of four lots being mentioned therein, three only were referred to; also as he swore, the agreement to repurchase upon a fortnight's notice had been omitted.

Scenting something wrong the "tenderfoot" Scotchman referred the whole matter to his solicitor, the property lay and what its value was. Investigation showed that the property was situated far out on the prairies or from two to two and a half miles distant from the building line of Calgary. This property the defendants had bought at $20 a lot about one week before they attempted to pass it off on the plaintiff at $125.00 a lot.

Two real estate experts from Calgary swore that the property was simply farm lands, worth perhaps, as one said, $100.00 an acre and the other stated that he had been offered the lots at $17.50 but had turned the offer down.

The defendants had led the plaintiffs to believe, as he stated, that this property was one and a half miles from the centre of Calgary, whereas it was several miles away, and in a place where perhaps for generations to come it will remain good as farm lands only. Judgment was reserved.

"HELLO" HOSMER

We are pleased to find from Mr. McEvoy's communication to the Fernie Board of Trade at their meeting last night, that telephone communication between here and Hosmer will be installed by the first or second week in May.

All the material is on the ground ready to commence operations, and the work will be rushed as rapidly as possible. This will be a great boon to both Hosmer and Fernie.

MARYSVILLE SMELTER SEIZED

A despatch says: Deputy sheriff F. R. Morrison has seized the Sullivan smelter at Marysville and the mine and mine equipment at Kimberly, under execution and judgments upon the suit of E. T. Mackay, formerly cashier of the smelter, for $872 and H. W. Newton for $785.

The amounts covered by the executions represent in both cases the amalgamation of various debts due by the company to certain of its workmen who had received no pay for about two months previous to the closing down of the property. When the hands were laid off at the mine they received no time checks but mere written acknowledgments for the time they had worked without wages.

A writ has been served for about $7000 at the suit of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company here, for coal and coke supplied for the last five months or so. The sheriff has not yet appointed a date for the sale of chattels to cover the execution, nor can he do so until five days after the levy.

Provincial constable Herchmer, of Marysville is in charge as special bailiff or representative of the sheriff. The Canadian Pacific railroad ore trucks formerly used between the mines and the smelter are lying on a siding at Spokane, and everything points to a protracted period of inactivity of the property. There is some talk of forcing a public investigation of the facts connected with the whole business management of the concern and the causes of the present condition of affairs.

Additional Locals

A party of Great Northern officials accompanied by Mr. A. Guthrie inspected the new extension to Michel on Monday.

A. Gendrou, of Hosmer, was in town on Thursday and visited the Ledger, and expressed himself as very much pleased with our new plant.

Acknowledged by the Canadian Film Exchange that the scenes to be shown tonight at the opera house are the finest they have on the circuit.

President F. H. Sherman and Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Macdonald have been in Fernie all this week on important business in connection with the District.

Any article in A. C. Liphardt's window for five dollars, good for one week only.

Messrs. Cree & Moffett report the sale of the Hammond property lot 8, block 27, to Mrs. Catherine Pollard. They are still doing a good business in Hosmer lots and expect to have a considerable increase as soon as they receive the new survey.

The concert given by the choir of Christ church on Wednesday evening last was a great success, the greatest musical treat the town has yet had, and reflects much credit on all who took part in it, and especially Mrs. Stevenson, to whose continued efforts so much is due.

Rochon's candies are made of the purest of materials.

Mr. Louis Stockett, general manager Pacific Coal Co., has taken up his residence at Hosmer in order to be near the important engineering work he is engaged upon at Hosmer. Mr. Stockett is very popular among his workers, and will be welcomed as a citizen of our valley.

The Methodist church is holding special mission services during the coming week, when Rev. Robert Hughes of Cranbrook, will deliver addresses. All friends and adherents are heartily and cordially invited to be present. Monday night special address to young people. Tuesday night address to workingmen. Wednesday night address to non-church goers. Thursday night address to business men. Friday night, address to Christians.

Fresh peanut brittel 25 cents a pound at Rochon's today.

Mr. J. D. Hurd, general manager Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., left on the westbound yesterday for Spokane. Mr. Hurd expects to secure some important orders for coal and coke. We hope he will be successful, as this will mean more employment for our miners, and more money for the merchants. From Spokane he will go to St. Paul and New York to consult J. J. Hill relative to some important improvements at Michel and Coal Creek. Mrs. Hurd accompanied Mr. Hurd on his trip. Mr. Chas. Simister, general superintendant will be in complete charge during the absence of Mr. Hurd.

SENT MINERS TO CANADA

Agent Carrying on Extensive Propaganda Arrested in Germany.

A man has been arrested at Moers, near Dusseldorf, on the Rhine, who was engaged in carrying on a propaganda among the miners for emigration to Canada. Careful examination showed that quite an extensive propaganda was being carried on among the coal mining population with reference to emigration to Canada. The first transport had already sailed at the beginning of February, and a second batch was to follow in March. Further investigations resulted in the confiscation of sixty steamship tickets for Halifax at the premises of the agent.

CITY COUNCIL

The following are the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council, held on Thursday evening March the 26th.

Present: Mayor Tuttle.
Ald. Johnson.
Ald. Watson.
Ald. Vance.

Moved by Watson, seconded by Vance, that minutes of March 12, 13, 19, and 23rd, be adopted as read.

Moved by [illegible]nson, seconded by Watson, that the Mayor's action in buying 500 feet of paragon hose at $1.00 per foot be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Vance, seconded by Johnson, that cheque for $759.25 be drawn in favor of school board being March salaries and accounts. Carried.

Moved by Watson, seconded by Johnson, that the City of Fernie give notice of its intention to apply for an interim water record of water to be taken out of Fairy Creek, subject to the terms of section 18, of the water clause consolidation Act.

Moved by Vance, seconded by Johnson, that the Health officer be authorized to purchase a Babcock Tester and Lactometer. Carried.

Moved by Watson, seconded by Johnson, that the water and light committee interview Mr. Hurd, Manager C. N. P. E. L. & P Co., re sale of water works and electric light plant. Carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Vance, that we accept tender of H. A. Wilkes for fire ladders, price $60.00, to be used in 20 foot ladders. Carried.

Moved by Watson, seconded by Vance, that Auditor Johnson be paid $75.00 for auditing City books for 1907. Carried.

4 HOSPITALS FAILED.

James Heard, of Morton Park, Ont., says:

"While employed at the Specialty Works of Newmarket 6 or 7 years ago, I bruised my ankle, but through neglect this bruise turned to an ulcerated or burning sore which caused me a great deal of suffering. I tried a great number of doctors, and was in the hospital four times. I tried almost everything, but nothing did me any good. I could not sleep at night with the scalding and burning pain, but from the first application of Zam-Buk I never lost any sleep, and felt nothing more of it than if I hadn't had any sore at all. It started healing and gave me no further trouble. Shortly after this as I was getting on a street car, my foot slipped and I came with all my might down the edge of the step and gave my foot a terrible mangling up. This made it far worse than ever, but I started again with Zam-Buk, and it did the same work over again as it did at first and my ankle is sound and well as ever it was. I cannot speak too highly of Zam-Buk."

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TABER

On Sunday last a Socialist meeting was held in the Union Hall. Hopkin Evans, President of Local 1959 U. M. W. of A., was elected to the chair. After a few remarks from the chairman President F. H. Sherman was called to address the meeting. We have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Sherman many times, but never have we heard him in such form as he was on Sunday. At the close of the address several questions were asked and satisfactorily answered. Nineteen of those present put their names down to become members of the S. P. of C. The secretary, Comrade McQuilliam, has applied for a charter. Taber has good material for a first class Local. It may be stated that the Local should have started some time ago when Comrade Leheney was down here, but circumstances were against us at the time.

Work in Taber is very bad indeed. The Canada West is about the only company that is doing anything, and that is so little and the district is so much in need that the management and the union officials are starting to work together to help the most needy cases. If this should meet anyone's eye who would like to assist them, all donations will be gladly accepted by Hopkin Evans, President, or Robert Doodson, Secretary, Local 1959, Taber.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Fernie Board of Trade was held on Friday evening, March 27th.

A large gathering was present. The meeting was held in the City council chambers, at which W. R. Ross, M. P. attended.

The meeting was under the presidency of Mayor Tuttle. The minutes of former meetings were read and confirmed. The election of officers then took place. H. L. Edmunds was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year, O. N. Ross, vice-president, Calvert Varty, Secretary-Treasurer.

Council' Jas. McEvoy, J. L. Fisher, W. W. Tuttle, H. W. Herchmer, H. Wilkes, J. S. T. Alexander, Wm. Ingram, A. H. Cree and the officers.

It was moved by Alexander, seconded by Cree, that the C. N. P. E. L. & P. Co. be requested to connect Hosmer with the present long distance telephone system. A copy of this resolution to be sent to the secretary. Carried.

In response to this resolution Mr. McEvoy announced that the phone line would be opened first or second week in May as all the material was on the spot to begin work.

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CAPITALISM AND THE WORKER

A special meeting of Calgary Socialist Local was held in Labor Hall, Barber block, last evening, which was addressed by Chas. M. O'Brien, Dominion organizer, who spoke on "Capitalism and the Workers." About 200 people were present. Wm. Draver occupied the chair and after a brief address, called on the audience to open the meeting by singing a Socialist song.

John Harrison, the first speaker doubled his ability to handle such a great subject, but called attention to the relation of politics to industry. At some length he showed the social character of production of commodities and emphasized the necessity of acting concertedly on the part of the workers. For as they worked co-operatively they were exploited en masse by the capitalist class, and this was possible because of the capitalist ownership of the means of production. They should end the term of economic dependence that spelled for workingmen "slavery."

The capitalist was in possession of the forces of government, the workers must seize it. The only way to do this was through a working class party—the Socialist party.

Chas. M. O'Brien gave a very philosophic address, during which he analysed the capitalist mode of producing wealth. The present panic is as wide as capitalism itself. There are a few spots on top of this earth which are not dominated by the thing called capital. Thibet and some of the South Sea Islands, and strange to say these places are not affected by the hard times. Panics are the result of the production of surplus value by the workers. This is estimated by capitalist statisticians at four-fifths of his product. The race for markets by the nations of the world, that the capitalist might slough off the surplus wrung out of the blood of the workers, was strongly brought out. The heathen nations were now using modern machinery and were producing a surplus which competed with the so-called Christian manufacturing nations, and he who enters the world market with the cheapest goods is the winner. As a matter of fact Japan was exporting into Canada $3 worth of goods for every $2 Canada sent to Japan. J. Pierpont Morgan's Paris interview was severely criticized and it was shown that the class Morgan represented held the trumps that he boasted of over in France:

"If you men and women who stand for this system and who believe you must have a master, then be consistent and lower your standards of living below the Chinese and Japanese to enable the capitalists of this continent to compete with the capitalist of the Orient; either do that or make up your minds to abolish this system entirely."

The international character of capitalization had involved the whole world in the throes of a panic, and had brought into being an international discontent and opposition crystallized in the international Socialist movement. Feudalism went down in patches, but capitalism will go down in one grand collapse.

There never was a time when there was such a plenty of food, clothing and shelter in the world, and yet there never was so much nakedness, hunger or so many shelterless. It is necessary to understand the economic forces that bring about this condition. This must be known to the people before they could deal intelligently with it.

The Socialist was not after private property, but after capitalist property. Capital carries with it profit, and profit means something for nothing, and the worker and the small property owner like the farmer, get the worst. When we speak of capital we do not mean the instruments when used and operated by the owners, but when these instruments are operated partially or entirely by wage-labor, it is capital. And what is produced by those workers belongs to the owners of capitalist property. It is true that about one fifth of their product is turned back, but you cannot exploit a dead working man, and it is to keep them alive, so they can be exploited. The manager is a wage worker, and at his heel is the assistant manager, at his heels the superintendent, behind him the foreman, beneath him the manual laborer, and at their heels the unemployed ready to gobble up their jobs.

The capitalist class do not need to use their brains. They purchase brains on the labor market. We must not blame personalities prominent in the industrial world. Their ownership is the source of our misery. Capital is an impersonal thing without a body to kick, or a soul to save. Not one of you can tell who owns the C.P.R. nor any other gigantic concern. Neither does it matter who they are, the ownership is the thing that must concern you.

Comparison was made between knowledge of capitalism obtaining in the ranks of the business men, and workingmen. "Call in" said Mr. O'Brien, "twenty business men of this town, and ask them how the value of this table or even of the articles in which they trade is determined, and they could not tell you, but you call in twenty workingmen, miners, lumber Jacks or other working plugs, and I'll bet that at least three could explain the law of the economics in obedience to which value is determined.

The backwoods pioneers enjoys a prosperity that is never known after capitalism reaches out and drives its fangs into them. For when the two steel rails reach a territory on the frontier the corporation independence of these districts were forever gone.

Just as it was not necessary to kill the black slave to free him, so it is possible to free the workers from capitalism, without destroying one particle of the capital. In the case of the slave, it was by destroying slave ownership, so all we had to do now destroy capitalist ownership.

The unemployed working man who was not acquainted with the workings of capitalism and who is suffering with hunger, feels like cracking somebody's head, and whose head does he feel like cracking, not the capitalist but some other worker who is holding down a job. A job—that is the objective of the wage—slave.

"The Liberals at Ottawa will tell you that the Conservatives are thieves, liars, forgers, grafters, etc., and what they say is generally true, and the Conservatives say the same thing, which is generally true, too. A nice bunch that at Ottawa."

Of two evils capitalist politicians, tell you choose the lesser, but I tell you of two evils choose neither, advised Mr. O'Brien.

J. F. Leheney, delivered an eloquent address on the founder of the Socialist philosophy, Karl Marx, in honor of whose anniversary the meeting was called.

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NATAL ACT IS ULTRA VIRES

The Natal Act was lately ruled by Mr. Justice Morrison to be ultra vires, and the application for the release of the eighteen Hindoos committed for one year's imprisonment were granted. The chief points urged on behalf of the applications was that the Dominion Immigration act covers the whole field, secondly, that there are sections in the Dominion act which are absolutely affirmative and make such action as this on behalf of the provincial government absolutely conflicting, and thirdly, that the officers of ships by obeying the Dominion act become liable to a penalty under the provincial act, and the latter is therefore repugnant.

Mr. E. P. Davis, with Mr. Brydone-Jack and Mr. E. M. Woods, appeared for the Hindoos, and Mr. A. D. Taylor for the provincial government. The latter urged that the attorney-general's department should be represented, but did not press the objection.

Mr. Davies was strongly critical of the police magistrate. He said it would have been much better for all concerned if the police magistrate had stated a case and the latter, though having no discretion as to the amount of the fine, had discretion as to the length of imprisonment, and yet had committed them for the full term of twelve months imprisonment. It was certainly a most remarkable sentence. These poor men at the time they started for this country did not know of any Natal act, in fact it was not in existence, and it seemed a most horrible thing for them to have a sentence of twelve months passed on eighteen men who were British subjects, some of them wearing medals for defending the empire, for something they knew nothing about. Not only that, and he thought it was material to state it as bearing on the policy of the Dominion government, these sentences were certain to have a very strong tendency to cause trouble in India, where trouble was always more or less to be met with. The action of one small province and the action of one police magistrate within that province might be such as to cause the most frightful results in the British empire.

His Lordship: "Of course those after all are sentimental arguments."

Mr. Davies: "Not sentimental, but it goes to show that immigration from its very nature affects the whole of Canada and must be determined by the parliament of Canada. Immigration was more exclusively a federal subject than any other. According to the section of the B. N. A. Act it was contemplated legislation on agriculture and immigration would be more apt to be first passed by the provinces and his submission was that it could only remain in force so long as it was not repugnant to the Dominion legislation. His construction of the meaning of that section was that each province had the right to legislate for immigration into that province, but the Dominion had the right to legislate for any particular province, any group of provinces or the whole of the Dominion. If that was so the province had only to legislate so far as it was subsidary to the Dominion enactment. For instance, under the Dominion legislation people who did not fall within certain classes had a perfect right to go into any part of Canada, and if the province of British Columbia passed an act providing an educational test it made it very much harder for some immigrants to get into Alberta. The net result of the provincial legislature was that not only could those people whom the Dominion specified not come into Canada, but others that the Dominion permitted could not. That he submitted was inconsistency. Was not the best evidence of its inconsitency the fact that as soon as the Natal Act was passed immigration changed.

Was not the fact that there was a deadlock between Dominion and provincial immigration officers a sign of inconsistency? More than that the master of the ship was bound to land the immigrants under the Dominion law and the Natal Act made him liable to a penalty if he did.

It was evidence that the acts were not only repugnant to one another, but at daggers drawn. According to the Dominion if the master of the ship failed or refused to land the passengers and their luggage free of cost at the usual landing stages and at reasonable hours, he incurred a fine of $40 per head. Under that Natal Act if he did land them he was liable to a penalty of $500. One must be right or wrong, they could not both be. The suggestion about the Natal Act was that it was labor legislation and even that was specially dealt with by the governor in council.

Mr. Taylor said that something for the sentimental side had been said. He could urge sentimental grounds if he wished, and for the Hindoos themselves. The position he took on behalf of the province was that in all cases where the province had power that power was absolute; it was plenary within its own province. He did not accept his learned friends' definition of the word repugnancy. It was not inconsistency only. Maxwell defined the meaning as such inconsistency that the acts could not stand together. The Dominion covered the whole field territorially, but they excluded certain classes and they did not profess to have covered the field so far as all the classes were concerned. The province maintained that to the disabilities of pauperism, criminal records, disease they could add the disability of illiteracy; that if the Dominion prevented nine classes they could prevent a tenth. It was not inconsistent for them to say they were imposing a disability on certain classes which the Dominion did not touch and that if they had the power to legislate for it they had the right to fix penalties.

Mr. Justice Morrison said that under the conditions, the men being Hindoos, and bearing in mind what Mr. Davis had said of them, he thought it would be a hardship to delay his decision. In order to further determine in the matter he had no hesitation in saying that the act was ineffective as far as these men were concerned, and ordered their release.

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Cut this out and preserve it. Good Rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce, indeed, and when you need it, you want it badly. Our druggists here say they will either supply these ingredients or make the mixture ready to take, if any of our readers so prefer.

Omaha, Neb., March 26.—The statistical bureau of the Union Pacific passenger department has issued a statement compiled from government reports, showing the value of the products of the firm in seventeen states west of the Mississippi in 1907 to have been a billion and ninety one dollars.

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Whether resulting from a sprain or from rheumatic pains, there is nothing so good for a lame shoulder as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Apply it freely and rub the parts vigorously at each application and a quick cure is certain. For sale by all druggists.

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LABOR NOTES

A federation of the northern, southern and western coal miners' union in New South Wales is now completed.

Another check on sweating children has been introduced in the New South Wales Assembly in the shape of a minimum wage bill.

The New South Wales Registrar's report for 1906 shows that at the end of the year, there were 130 unions, with a registered membership of 88,748.

Brisbane (Australia's coopers have built up a good union and recently they have received benefits from it in the shape of a standard wage of three pounds per week and an eight-hour day.

The Virginia Mine Proprietary at Eagleshawk, Australia, have locked out the miners owing to their refusal to submit to the humiliation of being searched when coming off shifts.

The difficulty existing between the Slaughtermen's Union and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company at Auburn, Australia, has been settled in favor of the men, who had a union at their back.

There is a big rush in New Zealand for workers' homes, built by the government, and rented, with the option of purchase, to wage earners. Rack-renting landlords as a consequence are furious.

A movement is now on foot in organized labor circles for the purpose of bringing the industrial legislation of the various Australian States under the control and administration of the commonwealth government.

Millar, the New Zealand minister for labor, is wise in his generation. Having drafted an amendment to the conciliation and arbitration act, he has submitted it to the unions for their approval or rejection.

New South Wales labor organizations are about to take steps to counteract the lying tales of immigration touts, in England and South Africa, by the publication of the truth in connection with the condition of the Australian labor market.

A Japanese imperial ordinance, which was promulgated in 1898, forbids the employment of foreign labor in Japan except under limited conditions, which restrict such employment only to the old treaty ports where foreigners congregate.

A big effort is being made in Sydney, Australia, to unite more closely together all branches of the clothing trade industry. When that is accomplished; the Sydney men intend to lend a hand and help their Queenland mates to follow the good example.

Already attempts are being made by unscrupulous employers to bring unlawful pressure to bear on workmen, in order to defeat the intention of the Australian Federal Parliament, in protecting the wages of employes under the excise clauses of the new tariff.

All the Spaniards employed in the sugar-fields in the Geladton Australia' district have gone on strike against the planters' agreement. Seven of them have been sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and twenty-one others have been jailed for loyalty to their mates.

Marion Bridge, C. B., May 30 '02

I have handled MINARD'S LINIMENT during the past year. It is always the first Liniment asked for here, and unquestionably the best seller of all the different kinds of Liniment I handle.

NEIL FERGUSON.

President Roosevelt is said to have remarked that it is a strange conditions of affairs which makes it impossible for the president of the United States to mention the eighth commandment without causing a panic in Wall street.—The Public.

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

"As long ago as I can remember my mother was a faithful user and friend of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but never in my life have I realized its true value until now," writes Prof. H. A. Howell, of Howell's American School, Havana, Cuba. "On the eight of February 3rd our baby was taken sick with a very severe cold, the next day was worse and the following night his condition was desperate. He could not lie down and it was necessary to have him in the arms every moment. Even then his breathing was di—cult. I did not think he would live until morning. At last I thought of my mother's remedy, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which we gave, and it afforded prompt relief, and now, three days later, he has fully recovered. Under the circumstances I would not hesitate a moment in saying that Chamberlain's Coubh Remedy, and that only, saved the life of our dear little boy." For sale by all druggists.

CASSEROLE COOKING.

The Most Popular Dish Cooked In This Fashion Is Chicken.

The charm of cooking en casserole is in the delicious blending of flavor that it accomplishes. And one can have meat as well as vegetables, all from the same dish and with equal good flavor. Perhaps the most popular casserole dish is chicken. To prepare this the chicken should be washed and wiped very carefully and thoroughly, then buttered all over and dipped in flour. The chicken is then laid in the bottom of a good sized casserole and two cups of soup stock are added. If vegetables are desired with it, a dozen small onions are put in whole, with a couple of large potatoes cut into about two dozen small balls, one carrot cut into fancy shapes, two handfuls of string beans, two stalks of celery, a clove of garlic, whole; salt and pepper, a sprig of parsley and one turnip cut into fancy shapes. All these are laid around the chicken, and the casserole is then put in the oven to stay for an hour and a quarter. If the vegetables are young and fresh, then it is best to put them in after the chicken has cooked for twenty minutes. But if they are old then they can be started when the chicken is, and both will become tender and done at the same time.

Devilled chicken is another savory casserole dish, which is better known at restaurants than it is at the family table. To make this the chicken is first broiled. Ten minutes before it is time to serve the chicken is removed from the broiler, laid in the casserole and the following sauce poured over it: Take a little mustard, two or three tablespoonfuls of worcestershire, pepper, salt and stir. After the same is poured over the chicken breadcrumbs are sprinkled on it, and then the casserole, with its contents, is put in the oven to braise for a few minutes.

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into shape as you go along. Next comes the decoration. The bag illustrated is sewn with jewels, with the lovers' knot in tarnished gold braid. The jewels are very close together, and it is a good plan to follow the pattern of the brocade or else use a simple geometrical design. When the embroidery is finished, slipstitch in a silk lining, which will hide all the stitches. Several bags too dilapidated to use were renovated in this way and realized a considerable sum each for a charity.

"Not Taking Any."

An amusing story is being told concerning a certain duchess and little Prince Henry of Wales. The duchess was staying at Sandringham, and tea was being served in the big hall. Prince Henry, who was present, was made much of by the ladies, and the duchess, in her sweetest tones, said to him:

"Come here, dear, and give me a kiss."

Prince Henry came, gave a good look at her and then said in his shrill childish treble:

"Thank you, some other day."

It was quite irresistible; no one could help smiling, and happily the duchess' sense of humor was sufficient to permit her to enjoy a laugh against herself.

A Rule of Three.

Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to cultivate—courage, affection and gentleness.

Three things to commend—thrift, industry and promptness.

Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and contentment.

Three things to admire—dignity, gracefulness and intellectual power.

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The Afternoon Tea.

Orange straws are among the dainty tidbits that are frequently served with afternoon tea. To make them the easiest, quickest way, remove the white membrane from the orange peel, cut into thin, even strips and soak in cold water for two hours. At the end of that time wipe dry. Boil two cups of sugar with one of water until the syrup threads, dip the straws into this, then lay on oiled paper until the next day.

When Cleaning Knives.

Add a tiny bit of carbonate of soda to the bath brick on the knifeboard. Knives will polish much more easily.—Home Chat.

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SCOTCH MINING

As anticipated in our recent reports, the coal trade again shows some signs of improvement.

Work at the collieries generally was steadier during the past week than for some few weeks past, and hopes are entertained that further improvements will take place at an early date.

The shipments of coal from the ports in Scotland last week amounted to nearly 250,000 tons, as compared with a total of about 197,000 tons for the preceding week and of 210,000 tons for the corresponding week of last year—increases respectively of 557,000 tons and 31,000 tons.

The increase of last week thereby reduces the net decrease for the year to 102,000 tons.

Labor troubles in Lanarkshire are rather numerous, and some are very serious, as will be seen from our district reports.

The big struggle at Messrs. Watson's Hamilton collieries is still proceeding and through it is said, applied the "block," on the same lines as has been in operation for some years past. This is almost certain to precipitate a conflict on a big scale, as Lanarkshire miners will undoubtedly do everything in their power to prevent that style of fighting getting a hold in the country.

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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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By Order
FRED. GELINAS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, March 12, 1908.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

The Miners' Federation of Great Britain is already pledged to back up Ayrshire men in resisting the "block," which has never been applied anywhere in Britain outside of Ayrshire previously.

A special conference of the Scottish Federation delegates has been summoned next week in Glasgow to consider the situation, and important developments are almost certain to take place immediately.

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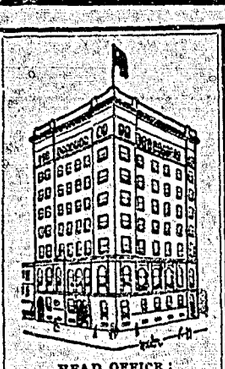

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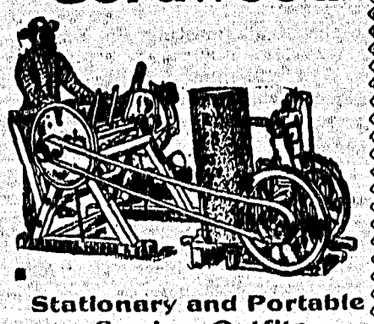

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H. McDonald of Bankhead visited us this week.

Score cards for bridge parties, for sale at this office.

James Thompson, of Michel visited our city this week.

T. G. Proctor of Nelson was a Fernie visitor this week.

The Davies family left for the east on Tuesday's train.

Miss Reading returned from Vancouver on Thursday.

The fishing season for trout, etc., opened on the 25th inst.

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Mrs. H. L. Edmunds will not receive again until further notice.

Everything you want for five dollars at A. C. Liphardt's.

L. O. Kummer, of Hosmer was in the city on business last week.

Dan Elliott, of Coal Creek left Thursday evening on a trip to Liverpool.

Rev. H. R. Grant and G. G. Henderson were visitors at Elko on Friday.

J. Holden, of Bankhead, was in town this week and paid the Ledger a visit.

Mrs. Farquharson left Thursday morning on a visit to her home in Sarnia, Ont.

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The case of Gillespie vs. Western Canada Wholesale Co. was decided in favor of Gillespie.

Don't miss the moving pictures tonight, if you do you will miss the chance of your lifetime.

A. C. McKeen, organizer of the Owls was in town on Thursday, and visited the local lodge.

A. C. Liphardt has a five dollar window containing many bargains.

A considerable number of miners are leaving for the old country, owing to the slack trade.

Thos. Biggs, has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits under the British Columbia election Act.

At the Men's meeting on Sunday next March 29th at 4 p.m., Rev. Hall will give an address on the New Theology.

J. Moe, C. P. R. district passenger agent, Nelson, was in town Thursday evening, and returned to Nelson on Friday.

Rev. I. W. Williamson will preach in the baptist church next Sunday on the subject of "A Strong Man's Weakness."

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Additional locals on page 5.

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POLICY ADOPTED BY UNITED MINE WORKERS

Indianapolis, Ind., March 18, 1908.

To the special meeting of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, United Mine Workers of America.

We, your Scale Committee, to whom was referred the question of defining the policy of the organization in the crisis now confronting us, beg leave to report as follows:

Modern civilization and industrial development receives its greatest impetus from the production of coal. It is the general basis of manufacturing, transportation and artificial heat. Any condition that seriously disturbs the coal industry affects the entire community. No man, or set of men, co-partnership or corporation, can afford to create a condition, for light and transient reasons, that will, stop the production of coal and paralyze the industries of our country. Such a course can only be defended upon the grounds that some great wrong is being perpetrated, or some fundamental principle of human right invaded, for which a general stoppage of work is the only remedy.

Recognizing these truths, we have tried to adjust the differences existing between us and our employers by other means than strikes. Our present wage scale contracts generally expire on March 31, 1908. On October 29, 1907, at our invitation, we met the representatives of the operators of the central competitive coal field, composed of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, for the purpose of trying to agree upon a date for holding an Interstate Joint Conference to consider and, if possible, adopt a scale of wages and conditions of employment for the ensuing wage scale period. On three different occasions since then we have met them for the same purpose. In all of these conferences the operators, with the exception of Indiana, have refused to agree to a date for such a conference either before or after the present scale expires on March 31. In addition to this we have telegraphed them naming a specific date, March 24, as a date for the conference and that invitation, with the same exception, they have all declined. Under these circumstances, we must either find some other means of settling our differences or stop work when our present contracts expire.

In Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, comprising what is known as the Sonthwestern fields, we have contracts with the coal operators by which we have agreed to meet them in joint conference to arrange a wage scale before the present one expires. A similar condition exists in central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Western Kentucky, Michigan, Iowa and Colorado. One of the prime reasons for the success which our organization has attained is that while we have contended for the best conditions possible to secure in making a scale, when once it has been agreed to we have held it to be inviolable. We must not break these contracts now. For the foregoing reasons we recommend that the following policy be adopted:

1. That Districts 14, 21 and 25, constituting the Southwestern Scale District, be instructed to go into a joint convention with the coal operators of that field for the purpose of making a scale of wages and conditions of employment for the ensuing scale year.

2. That the basis upon which such scale shall be made shall be not less than the present wage rates.

3. That all internal differences, local grievances, and inequalities be referred to the Southwestern Interstate Conference for adjustment in their interstate conference, or otherwise, as their judgment may dictate.

4. That the same conditions be applied to Districts 2, 13, 15, 17, 23 and 24, where joint conferences are to be held.

5. That in view of the fact that the operators of the central competitive coal field, composed of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, having refused to meet us in interstate convention prior to the expiration of our present contract, or at any other specific date, each district be instructed to negotiate agreements with the operators' association of their respective districts or where the operators have no association then with them collectively within the district.

6. That the basis upon which such agreement shall be made shall be not less than the present wage rates.

7. That all internal differences, local grievances, and inequalities be referred to the respective districts of the central competitive field for adjustment.

8. That where contracts are arranged in any wage scale conference with the operators collectively the fact that some operators in the conference may have operations in some other district where a contract has not been signed shall not be a bar to signing the agreement collectively.

9. That if the districts, or groups of districts, fail to secure a contract with their operators before the expiration of the present contract, through the coal operators' association, or collectively, the question of making contracts by other methods, shall be left in the hands of the International Executive Board and the districts affected.

10. That all of the foregoing contracts be made for a period of one year.

11. That an assessment of 50 cents per month beginning with May 1 to be paid to the International Organization, be levied upon all members whose contracts extend beyond April 1, 1908.

12. That those members from whom contracts shall be made to take effect on April 1, or thereafter, be required to pay an assessment of 50 cents per month, beginning with the first month in which they work after April.

13. That the International Executive Board be given authority to increase, decrease or discontinue the assessment whenever the exigencies of the situation may require.

14. That where contracts are made to take effect April 1, or thereafter, the miners shall proceed to work under such contracts.

15. That where contracts have not been made by April 1, and joint conferences are being held at that time for the purpose of negotiating a contract, the district, or districts, in said conference, shall have authority to continue at work pending the result of such conference.

16. That where no contract has been made prior to April 1, and no joint conference is being held at that time to negotiate a wage scale, a suspension of work shall take place until an agreement has been secured, except where joint wage conferences of representatives of operators and miners of districts or groups of districts meet, they are then authorized to resume operations pending final negotiations and signing a contract.

17. That details, not herein specified, be referred to the International Executive Board and the districts affected, to be arranged.

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