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Additional Locals

Rochon's candies are all good.

Sam Dawson and wife left Tuesday night for Ottawa.

Who will be president of the United States? "God knows."

Patronise home industry, smoke Extra and Crow's Nest Special.

Today the Coal Company will pay out the sum of $130,235.60.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

Are you superstitious? Read the ghost story when it starts.

Good Tent for Sale, size 10x16. Apply Ledger office. tf

Get a quart of Rochon's ice cream for dessert.

The Sunday Schools of the city will picnic at Elko August 4th.

M. A. Kastner visited Sand Point this week.

Wall Paper from 5c. a roll up, at Trites Wood.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

J. W. Ambray, of Victoria, was visiting with his brother this week.

The Methodist church services will be held on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p.m.; preacher Rev. Mr. Hobbins.

A. H. Whitney, manager of the Soo-Spokane spent Sunday with friends in town.

All accounts owed to the Central hotel must be paid to Jas. Severns not later than July 1st.

Rochon's fresh candy is fresh, don't you forget it.

Good Steel Fishing Rod for sale. Apply Ledger Office. tf

The series of teas held by the ladies guild of the Anglican church turned out very satisfactory.

John Kennedy, of Kalispel, accompanied by his wife left on Wednesday's flyer for Toronto.

Owing to a mix up in connection with the mining questions, we will publish the whole lot next week.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

Just the thing for hot days; oil stoves, gasoline stoves and refrigerators at Trites Wood.

Geo. Pedlar, of the Free Press, visited at Frank this week. George went to get some pointers on bowling.

Kummer Bros. have got the contract for H. Olden's cottages at Hosmer and also the new hotel at Michel.

Don't forget that our subscription price is reduced to $1.00 for a short time. Seize the opportunity while it lasts.

The Anglican church services will be held at 7 o'clock during the summer months instead of 7.30, as in the past.

Do not forget the Dominion exhibition at Calgary. It starts on Monday week. A large number of Fernieites are going.

In the Calgary Herald voting contest Miss Grace Dudley heads the Fernie list by 53,730 votes. Miss A. D. Skirling has 41,150.

After a delay of over a month, the first shipment of brick for the miners' hall arrived on Friday. The brickwork will now be rushed with all possible speed.

M. Kastner and Steve Podbielanski were at Spokane for a few days. They both report a first class time. Automobiling was the specialty.

Our subscription list was very much increased this week, both with city and outside subscribers. This shows that the people are appreciating the good points of the Ledger.

Someone who is over zealous to help the label cause is very foolishly sticking label stickers on work that already bears the union label. This is very much out of place. Keep your stickers for scab work from outside places.

The train numbers on the C. P. R. have been altered as follows; Westbound flyer, to No. 7; regular passenger westbound, No. 21; local, No. 103; Eastbound flyer, No. 8; passenger, No. 22 and local, No. 204.

Publicity makes a product noted, quality brings fame. "Salada" Tea is both noted and famous.

Mount Fernie lodge I.O.O.F. met last Sunday afternoon and held their usual decoration day services. They marched, proceeded by the band of the S. A., to St. Margarets cemetery and laid numerous wreaths on the graves of departed brethren.

A meeting was held on Sunday for the purpose of making arrangements about a monster celebration on Dominion day here. The arrangements will be published later but in the meantime do not make any arrangements to go elsewhere for that day, as Fernie will celebrate in the way that she alone can. The Cranbrook baseball team will be brought down to play our boys, and other sports too numerous to mention are on the tapes.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Dontenwill, Catholic bishop of New Westminster, visited our town last Sunday and was present at all the services in the Catholic church last Sunday. A meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon last at which it was decided to build a large new church. Some $2,000 was subscribed for the purpose. It is considered that sufficient funds will soon be forthcoming, and that a building costing some $20,000 will be erected.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED

Last Sunday evening while walking through the mill yard belonging to the Elk Lumber Co., Mr. John Howbrook and Mr. Alfred Severns noticed a horse attached to a buggy containing two ladies coming towards them at a terrible rate and hearing the screams of Miss Ethel King and Miss Mary Johnson who were in the buggy. Mr. Howbrook and Mr. Severns at once came to the conclusion that it was a runaway and decided to stop the same at any risk. Before the horse had George King, the driver, and Miss reached them, it had thrown Mr. Johnson who was in the act of jumping from the buggy was pitched out, and sustained a slightly sprained ankle and a severe shaking. Miss Ethel King remained in the buggy until the horse was brought to a standstill by Mr. Severn and Mr. Howbrook, the former getting hold of the horses head, while the latter grabbed the reins. If it had not been for the two gentlemen Miss King might have met with a fearful accident as the horse was stopped only 60 feet from the long dam bridge and the old planing mill.

TO WELCOME SPOKANE PARTY

Who are Coming to Fernie—A Royal Time in Sight—To be Here July 6th

The Board of trade held a largely attended meeting in the city offices on Monday evening at which the reception of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce was taken up.

The Chamber of Commerce will be here on July the 6th, and it is the intention of the Fernie people to show them what they can do in the way of entertaining them.

The Board of trade decided to act in conjunction with the city council and citizens, and the following executive committee was appointed: Mayor Tuttle, W. R. Ross, M.P.P., A. B. Trites Charles Simister, R. W. Wood. An entertainment and reception committee of 130 members was selected while committees were appointed to look after the decorations of the city, the press work and the banquet. The following program was approved: Arrival of guests at 3.25 to be met at station by city band and reception committee; freedom of city presented at 4.30 at coal company's office; trip to Coal Creek mines at 5 p.m.; fire equipment display at 6.30; banquet at 7.30.

LIBELOUS WORK OF A JUDAS

A Silly Canard Reported From Lethbridge—Its Source to be Relentlessly Investigated

As official organ of District No. 18, we were much surprised and pleased to see the following in the Frank Paper of this week. The article is self explanatory, and needs no further comment.

In another column appears a news article from the Lethbridge Herald which, if there were any truth in it, would give occasion for fears of a serious disturbance of industrial affairs in the Crow's Nest Pass in the not distant future, and would indicate a deplorable state of affairs in labor union circles in this district.

The article more than intimates that some at least of the district officers of the United Mine Workers of America have been taking bribes from certain companies for "keeping things quiet" in the Crow's Nest Pass, that is, to keep the men from quarreling with their employers and striking.

The yarn looks to the Frank Paper like a silly canard probably emanating from the mind of some hair brained imbicile. We do not mean to reflect in any way on the Herald for that worthy paper without a doubt published the story in good faith presuming its source of information to be reliable, but we do believe the Herald was duped by some designing individual who may hope to break up the union by seeking to create discord within it.

If the tale means anything it means that Frank Sherman and "Johnny Angus" McDonald have sold out to the coal companies and are betraying the union. The story does not mention them but it could not refer to anyone else. Messrs. Sherman and McDonald both have their faults like all humans; they wouldn't be much good in their jobs if they hadn't, but the Frank Paper does not believe that the crime of taking a bribe to sell out the union that has intrusted them with its leadership, is one of them.

The Frank Paper has on numerous occasions differed with Frank Sherman and his associate officials on the district board of the mine workers union on public questions and for doing so has been held by many union men to be opposed to the union. We have never attempted to disabuse their minds realising that the fair minded ones know it was not true, and those otherwise minded would not be convinced by any sort of argument but we want to go on record as expressing a firm belief in the integrity of their district officials as represented by Frank Sherman and J. A. McDonald, and in saying this we are not making any grand stand play for popularity among them either.

The case is not one that needs argument, but for argument's sake let us point to two facts which show the idiocy of the charge. The operators have an agreement with the union running a year and a half yet. What need then of buying off the heads of the union to keep the men quiet. And even if you wish to hold that the agreement is worthless, which it is not, there is the Lemieux act which has proven a most serviceable instrument, standing between the companies and any serious trouble.

No, you can write it down that this story is a canard, pure and simple, and if the truth as to its origin ever becomes known it will be found that the envelope which conveyed that information to The Lethbridge Herald was post marked Michel. If that is ever proven the men of the union won't have to be told who sent it.

A GOOD TRIO

Photo by Spalding, Fernie

DOMENICK NICOLETTI, General Organizer, U.M.W. of A. Denver, Colo.

ALEX. SUSNAR, Interpreter for District No. 18

PETER PATTERSON, International Board Member District No. 18

BOWLING GAMES.

Owing to the good weather the bowling club have been able to play quite a number of the league games and the bowling green has been well patronised. The following is a list of games played up to the present:

Liphardt 16, Blundell 9.
Jas. Johnson 13, Liphardt 9.
Lawe 21, Blundell 6.
Lawe 11, G. F. Johnson, 7.
Watson 15, Liphardt 13.
Gates 14, Blundell 8.
Blackstone 14, H. J. Johnson 8.
Blackstone 21, McDonald 11.
H. J. Johnson 14, S. Herchmer 12.

POLICE COURT.

One of the residents of the restricted district came up town the other day and addressed some remarks of a very seasoned character to a friend across the way for which she was brought before the magistrate and fined $25 and costs.

A couple of drunks were sent to the cells for ten days each for imbibing too freely of the fire water.

One tempter was sentenced to pass a month in jail for supplying liquor to Indians.

The Baptist Sunday school will open next Sunday at 2.30.

Rev. S. W. Fisher, father of A. I. Fisher, will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, at 11 and 7, not 7.30, as heretofore.

Pay Day Specials

For Saturday and Monday we are offering a number of Special Lines in Dry Goods that will certainly interest you. See below.

Double width Handsome small check Dressgoods regular price 35c. per yd. **Special 20c**

Ladies' Cream Undervests. **Special 5c**

Ladies' White Undervests. **Special 7 1-2c**

Full width heavy quality, fast colors Prints **Special price 10c yd.**

Large size good quality Cream striped Bath Towels extra good value at 50c. **Special price 35c**

Full size White Honey-comb Fringed Quilts **Special price 95c each**

☞ Don't forget these prices are for only two days **Saturday and Monday next**

Trites-Wood Co.

Limited

COAL CREEK

Mrs. O'Brien and family will leave here on the 24th, for Boston, Mass., where they will take up their residence. The good wishes of the citizens of Coal Creek will go with them.

Mr. Robert Strachan, mine superintendent, leaves on Monday on a week's holiday to the coast cities.

Mr. Steenson of the Presbyterian church, preached a powerful sermon on Sunday last from the text, "Arise, oh Lord, disappoint him, cast him down." We understand that Mr. Steenson has accepted a call from an eastern church, and his ministry will end here in two months time. Mr. Steenson is a really able preacher and his presence will be missed by those faithful adherents (all too few in number) who have assisted him in his efforts to elevate the moral tone of this community. Mr. Steenson will deliver a series of sermons on "God," occupying six separate Sundays, beginning June 21st. Everybody welcome.

Quite a number of students left here on Sunday morning to attend the mining examination held in Fernie on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The local football team have received an invitation to visit Nelson on July 1st, and play the Nelson club. A special effort will be made to maintain the reputation of the club as the champions of the Kootenays.

Dr. Hunter who has been ill in hospital for two weeks, has gone to the coast to recuperate. His speedy recovery is ardently wished for.

Rev. Mr. Bolton occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church at Fernie on Sunday last. The Rev. Mr. McKee officiating at Coal Creek in his absence.

In last week's issue it was stated that the Socialist party would hold a concert on Tuesday, June 27th. This should read Saturday, June 27th.

SIX MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

In No. 2 Mine Friday Night—Geo. Neath Among Victims

A terrific bump occurred in the north slant No. 6, west entry, deeps, No. 2 mine at about seven o'clock last night, by which three men are dead, and it is thought three others are entombed. The names of the three killed are:

GEORGE NEATH, an Englishman.

GUS. RUDOLPH, a German.

STEVE SIEZORD, a Slavonian.

Five bumps occurred at eight o'clock, and in one of these one of the horses was killed.

A party of sixteen officials and men are working as hard as possible to arrive at the men, and at the hour of writing, eleven o'clock, we could not get any further particulars.

LETHBRIDGE

On Sunday the Rev. G. W. W. Fortune occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church. His address was a plea for temperance among the working men of this country. During the discourse the worthy gentleman stated "that if the Anglo-Saxon race ever played second fiddle to the Oriental, it would be because of their being addicted to strong drink. In this country, the Asiatic is supplanting the white man, not because the bosses wished to hire them, but they were compelled to do so, but to protect themselves from the drunkenness of the white man." The working men of this country might swallow that argument if the bosses would pay the Orientals white men's wages, and the Orientals would demand the same. Then again drunkenness is not so prevalent among the white men of this country as are greater vices amongst the Asiatics, such as opium smoking, and the moral vices it leads to, thereby oftentimes unfitting them to perform a day's work. Try again Mr. Fortune.

TAFT NOMINATED.

Wm. H. Taft was nominated for the presidency of the United States by a large majority.

WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

For East Kootenay—Davidson, the Socialist Nominee, Will Not Stand

Mr. J. Shooter, secretary of the Fernie Socialist party No. 17, received the following letter from Mr. Davidson, which will explain itself. Mr. Davidson's refusal will be felt by all the Socialists and labor unions throughout this riding as a great loss to them, as they had a sure winner in Mr. Davidson.

Douglas, Alaska, May 29, 1908.
J. Shooter, Esq., Fernie, B. C.

Dear Comrade—I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, after some delay, caused by my absence from Sandon, and the slow mail service that the people of this part of the world seem willing to put up with, in which you inform me that a convention composed of delegates representing local labor organisations and locals of the Socialist party within the provincial electoral district of Fernie, had been held on the 9th inst., for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the riding in the interest of the working class, in the event of a bye election being pulled off in the near future, as expected; and that the convention had decided that I should be the candidate provided that I was in a position to accept the nomination.

In reply will say that while I fully appreciate the honor and confidence that this implies, and fully realise the responsibility that devolves on me, or any one else, when called upon by his fellows to perform a duty of such great importance to the working class.

And I feel that it is but my duty as one member of the working class, to do all in my power at all times, to advance the cause of Socialism. Yet I do not feel that I am at liberty to accept this honor at the present time, for the one, and only reason, that I have, as you are aware, already to accepted the nomination to contest the Kootenay riding in the interests of the workers, in the coming Dominion elections, and it does not seem to me to be at all fair to the party if I were to accept another nomination for the provincial house; and therefore I must decline with thanks. And permit me to say that I am confident that there are a number of the comrades in the Fernie district that are quite able and capable to represent the district in the local legislature to a far greater advantage to the working class than does the present member, and who could do equally as much, and as much as I, or anyone else could do if elected, and I would advise the working men of the Fernie district to select a man from their midst, and support him to a man; vote for Socialism, the only solution to the problem that is confronting the workers of all the world.

I am sorry that it was impossible for me to be with you in convention on the 24th inst., and hope that much good was accomplished for the movement. I will not be able to spend much time in the district until after the month of July unless the Dominion election should be fixed to take place earlier than usual.

With best wishes to all the boys, yourself not forgotten, I am yours for Socialism,

WM. DAVIDSON.

NOT ALLOWED TO LAND

Jap Student at Vancouver in a Dilemma—First Case Under New Regulations

Victoria, June 18—For the first time since the regulation made about the beginning of the year that no Japanese would be permitted to land, whose passports were taken out more than six months prior to the date of their arrival in Canada, a Japanese youth, who states that he is a student, was refused a landing on arrival of the steamer Kumeric tonight from Manilla and way ports.

The Kumeric brought news that several cities having fallen into move northward. General Wang ised by Sun Yet Sun was growing, several cities having fallen into the hands of the rebels. Telegrams from Hongkong to Japanese papers speak of the progress northward of the rebels, who are meeting greater opposition as they move borthward. General Wang who headed the imperial troops has been defeated and killed. Yunnan city was being besieged when the steamer sailed. A Japanese merchant from the affected district who arrived at Nagasaki was interviewed by the local papers, and stated that the rebels had been working with great secrecy and had secured a large amount of war munitions. Foreigners are being treated with respect by the insurgents, proclamations being issued stating they are warring against the dynasty, not foreigners.

D'Arcy Tait, assistant solicitor of the G.T.P., arrived in the city to-day, bringing the plans for the Prince Rupert township to submit to the provincial government. Mr. Tait announced that the matter of joint trackage in the town of Foet William with the C.P.R. was discussed with Mr. Whyte, second vice president, while passing through Winnipeg and an agreement is probable. He also discussed the question of a joint station at Portage la Prairie with vice president Farrington of the Great Northern Railway in St. Paul.

The steamer Leebro left tonight for Estevan point, carrying machinery and lenses for a new first-order light to be established there next month. Captain Buckholtz, a well known sealer, went to take charge as lightkeeper.

The United States cruiser Colorado is reported ashore on Dungeness rock, 17 miles due south of Victoria.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents in these columns.

To the editor of Fernie Ledger,

Sir,—I read in an old country paper under the above heading about a protest meeting to be held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, to protest against the sweating system of the Salvation Army. Mr. Henderson, M.P., chairman of the Labor paty wrote that, "where it can be clearly demonstrated that either religious or philanthropic organisations carry on their operations in such a way as to be a menace to the economic position of the workers it should be protested against, and if possible prevented Mr. J. Ramsey Macdonald, M.P. in a letter also added it must not be allowed to undercut employers working under ordinary conditions. Resolutions denouncing the system at the Army's Hanbury street joinery works and demanding a public enquiry were adopted. 200 men wanted for work on farms and railroad construction in Canada—good wages—work guaranteed—conducted parties now being arraigned by the Salvation Army. Apply at once to Colonel D. C. Lamb, 122 Queen Victoria street, London, E.C.

We hear much of the good the Army does but do we sit down and seriously consider the great harm they are doing. If the Army wanted to help people in distress why not have tried to get employment for many who walked the streets last winter. I can only sum it up one way and that is, love for the dollars, not love for the men. It strikes me that if they had found employment for the unemployed here in Canada they would have missed the dollars given for shipping men over.

We are face to face with one great menace to working men, viz: The Salvation Army as an Employer, and more than that—as a cutter down of prices, in other words, a sweater. It is hard on firms in the old country who pay men (well, not quite, I dare say, a proper living wage,) to be undersold by a professing christian organisation who get their work done for next to nothing in their Homes and Shelters. I have asked myself a few times this question, "Do I bind any fetters on the working men when I give to such an organisation and I am forced to say "yes."

I have before me a letter taken from an old country newspaper, which reads, "Sir—Instead of certain charities starting funds for starving Chinese and Indians they might do something for the thousands of starving English in Canada, the victims of agencies and the Salvation Army. Anyone coming out with the Salvation Army might as well throw their introduction card overboard as it is useless. Plenty are sent from Quebec to situations which do not exist. I have just returned from Ontario and work is worse than in England. I went to the Salvation Army headquarters the other day to see if they knew where there was work, but you cannot get a civil answer now. If you are in want of 20,000 men they are here, wanting to get back all willing to work, but cannot get it.—One of the Salvation Army victims, Montreal.

A big public speaker who lives in Toronto said in a speech delivered a week or so ago in the old country "There are more unemployed in Toronto than ever I have known during the last 20 years. Never mind what the agencies say or the Salvation Army says, for they would not be in that trade but for the dollars. And I think that I may add that many there are who believe that to be true. However much I would like to shield the army, I cannot withold the truth, especially when it would be harmful to the worker. I think that if the army had the interest of the welfare of men's souls at stake, they would not be guilty of such dishonorable practices, for if they had they would know that to a great extent a man's soul can be reached through his body. Christ fed, and then preached, but the order is reversed to-day. Men being down trodden and tied with fetters with those who ought to be the means of lifting them up, and then they expect the masses to believe what they know so little of "Freely ye have received, freely give.

WILLIAM STIRRUP,
Armex.

TO ASSIST UNITES STATES CRUISER.

Victoria, B. C., June 17—If her services are required the B. C. Salvage Co.'s well equipped salvage boat Salor, will be sent to the assistance of the United States cruiser Colorado, reported ashore on Dungeness spit.

Since the stranding no reports have been received at the wireless telegraph station.

MINE MANAGERS' EXAMINATION

MINING ACT AND RULES.

Third Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1908. Time, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 65 per cent. required.

Note. The candidate must sign each sheet with his usual signature.

1. What are the duties of the fireman as set forth in the special rules?
2. What are the requirements of the act as to the use of explosives and blasting?
3. In your examination you find it necessary to work a working place with safety lamps, what other precautions are required by the act in this case?
4. How would you proceed to make an examination of your district? Make an imaginary report mentioning some defect found during your examination.
5. What does the act stipulate with regard to man holes?
6. What are the provisions of the act with regard to the withdrawal of the workmen in case of danger.
7. What are the requirements of the act with regard to bratticing and fencing in the mine?
8. What are the requirements of the general rules with regard to ventilation?
9. What are the requirements of the act with regard to locked safety lamps?
10. What is stipulated in the act as to fireman's stations?

MINE GASES AND GENERAL WORK.

Third Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1908. Time, 2 p.m., to 5.30 p.m. 50 per cent. required, and an average percentage of not less than 65 per cent. on the whole.

Note. The candidate must sign each sheet with his usual signature.

1. Name and describe the various gases found in coal mines, where found and how defected, and give specific gravities? 20
2. How would you proceed to examine the various workings assuming that you are fireboss? Make an imaginary report of your examination? 12
3. Describe the precautions necessary in general shot firing, and name some of the conditions under which you would refuse to fire a shot or shots. 10
4. Explain the advantages due to splitting the air current, and under what conditions would it be advisable to further split the air currents? 2
5. Describe the various means, appliances and fixtures necessary to properly conduct the air current to various parts of the mine? 12
6. Describe the various instruments which you as a fire boss would use to determine the condition of the mine atmosphere. The quantity of the ventilation and the general condition of the air courses? 10
7. Sketch a compound set of timbers for level where the pressure is equal on roofs and sides. show notch which would admit of least amount of splitting? 10
8. Describe some system of working coal with which you are acquainted? Give sketches if necessary? 12
9. How would you remove a body of gas from a pair of rise headings? 10
10. Ventilate the plan given, using the conventional sign shown? 20

MINING ACT AND SPECIAL RULES.

Second Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1908. Time, 9 a.m., to 1.30 p.m. 70 per cent. required.

Note. The candidate must sign each sheet with his usual signature.

1. What are the duties of the overmen under the special rules?
2. What supplies are necessary to be on hand at the mine for the safe and economical operation of the same, and what does the act require in this respect?
3. What do the general rules require as to ventilation?
4. What are the regulations as to the use of lights and tobacco where safety lamps are required to be used?
5. What are the requirements of the act as to the use of explosives in mines in which inflammable gas has been found within the preceding three months?
6. What examinations are required by the act by the various mine officials?
7. What are the requirements of the act as to the thawing of explosives?
8. Make out an imaginary report covering an examination made under the requirements of Rule 30?
9. What are the provisions of the act under rule 6 as to the testing of safety lamps and state exceptions if any?
10. What are the requirements of the act with regard to man holes and fencing?

Mine managers exam

MINE GASES.

Second Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16, 1909. Time 2. p.m., to 5.30 p.m. 70 per cent. required.

Note. The candidate must sign each sheet with his usual signature.

1. Name the various gases met with in coal mines. Describe their various properties and give specific gravities and symbols. Where are these gases found and how detected? 20
2. How many cubic feet of marsh gas will be required to be generated in a mine per minute to render dangerous a current of 45,000 cubic feet of air per minute? 20
3. What is meant by the diffusion of gases? Explain Graham's law of diffusion. 10
4. State what experience you have had with any or all of the dangerous gases met with in coal mines, giving an instance of the method employed in removing the same, if in your experience, and if not, state what methods you would employ in removing a large body of gas? 15
5. Explain the principle of the safety lamp. Describe one representative safety lamp with which you are familiar, making sketches if necessary? 10
6. How would you remove a large body of fire damp from a section of the mine where the ventilating current is insufficient, without unduly reducing the quantity of ventilation in other sections of the mine? 10
7. To what causes are explosions in coal mines due? Describe the various conditions which may cause or contribute to an explosion, and what precautions would you take to prevent them? 15
8. In spontaneous combustion in a coal mine, what gases are produced? What are the probable causes of spontaneous combustion and what general precautions would you take to prevent it? 12
9. What would be the danger resulting from a blown out shot upon a mine? atmosphere charged without coal dust and a small percentage of fire damp? 12
10. Is it possible that an explosion of fire damp in a safety lamp would be of sufficient force to pass the flame through the gauze? Explain fully. 10

VENTILATION.

Second Class Candidates.

Wednesday, June 17, 1908, Time, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 70 per cent. required.

Note. The candidate must sign each sheet with his usual signature.

1. State fully what experience you have had in the ventilation of coal mines, giving a description of some system of ventilation which may have occurred in your experience? 10
2. State the principles upon which ventilation in mines depends. What is the cause of the air's motion in mines and what are the resistances to be overcome? 12
3. The quantity of air passing in an airway is 140,000 cubic feet per minute and the water guage is 2 inches, what is the horsepower producing the ventilation? 12
4. In an airway measuring 7 feet 6 inches high, 8 feet wide at the top, and 9 feet 6 inches at the bottom, and the anemometer reads 350 revolutions per minute, what is the qaantity of air passing? 12
5. The total rubbing surface of a square airway is 150,000 square feet and the length of the airway 4,5000 feet, the quantity of air passing is 75,000 cubic feet per minute, what is the velocity of the air current in feet per minute? 15.
6. What is the object of splitting an air current and what are the advantages to be derived therefrom. What conditions would govern you in limiting the extent to which you would split the air current? 10
7. Describe the various means used for conducting and regulating the air current in mines? 10
8. Does a high water guage always indicate a large quantity of air passing? What does a low water guage with a large quantity of air passing indicate? 12

THE WHOLE TRUTH

By Robert Hunter.

One day I sat with half a dozen of the best writers in this country.

One of them earns a salary as large as that of the president of the United States. Another earns more than $50,000 a year. The other three or four earn no less than $20,000 a year.

You can hardly pick up a magazine without seeing their names.

What one of them writes, ten million persons read. Hundreds of thousands read eagerly every word written by the others.

But there is no single one of these wage earners who is not heartily sick of his job.

Not one of them will write lies, but not one of them can write the whole truth.

One evening one of these writers said to me, "I've got to quit it. I can stand it no longer. I spent all day yesterday with the proprietor of a great magazine. I had to fight for every line and every word I wrote."

Another said to me "Do you suppose if I came into the Socialist and labor movement I could make a living? I want a bare living and a chance to say the whole truth."

The whole truth—for these men are Socialists.

Not a single magazine or newspaper will permit them to preach that truth.

That is not strange; and the men who blame the editors and proprietors of the great magazines and newspapers are often themselves the very ones most to blame.

A dollar a year from every member of a trade union would mean a tremendous and powerful labor press.

It would mean a free press owned and controlled by the workers, to tell the truth, the whole truth.

It would mean that the labor movement, instead of sweating and starving its editors could give them a decent living wage.

It would mean that the labor movement could command the services of the best brains in the country.

But how often Labor asks that its editors and agitators work without rest, labor without reward, suffer persecution without praise, and sometimes martyrdom without honor.

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BLACK HAND AT WORK

In Revelstoke—Prominent Citizen Receives Letter Demanding One Thousand Dollars

Revelstoke, B. C. June 17—The Black, Hand, that secret and dreaded society of Italian anarchists, has again appeared in British Columbia, selecting this city and one of its most prominent citizens for its latest dire threats. The citizen is Mr. C. B. Hume of C. B. Hume & Co.

Had Mr. Hume remained here instead of accompanying the delegation to Victoria to urge the government to build a wagon road into the Big Bend country, there might have been startling results following the Black Hand's threatened aim at him, and which went the length of threatened murder.

The day after Mr. Hume left for Victoria a letter was received at the office of his firm. The clerk, who opened it, was shocked to see that it was from the Black Hand society. The effect of the letter was a premptory notification to Mr. Hume "to place one thousand dollars at the west pier of the C. P. R. bridge over the Columbia River" at this place.

To this demand was added a threat to kill Mr. Hume if he did not comply with the terms of the letter.

There have been no further developments to date. Mr. Hume has been notified by wire of the receipt of the letter and is expected to return to the city in a few days. Neither the firm nor any of Mr. Hume's friends here can account for this appearance of the Black Hand, particularly in a letter to such a popular citizen.

MAKES A FORTUNE WHILE SERVING TIME

Pardoned Convict Gets One Hundred Thousand Dollars For Valuable Invention

San Francisco, June 18—Nearly half a century ago Calvin P. Graves of North Hancock, Me., began to work out the idea of improving his mother's sewing machine, says a special dispatch to the Chronicle from Boston. While working on his invention he was convicted of the munder of two men and received a life sentence. During the 19 years he served before being pardoned, he perfected the device. At the age of 64 he started to New York to collect $100,000 offered him for his invention by a combination of sewing machine companies.

The invention is not only an improvement, but a revolution in sewing machine construction. It is an attachment that can be placed on any machine, whether for factory use on heavy material or for the housewife in the home. It abolishes the bobbin and takes the thread right from the spool and makes a lock stitch. It is so arranged that from a row of spools of different colorede silk or thread and one can be used at will by moving small levers.

The invention also abolishes many of the devices on the prenys

INTERNATIONAL PRESSMEN.

Mobile, June 17—The second day of the convention of International Pressmen and Assistants' union brought forth a big fight in the credential committee. Contests were made on seven Canadian unions, one each in New York and Dallas, and three in Boston. All were behind in their dues to the international organisation. The New York, Dallas and Boston delegates were finally seated under a guarantee that the arrears will be paid. The Canadian delegates wired home to-night for instructions and their case will be determined to-morrow.

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Commencing at a post planted at or near 5 miles east of 25 mile post of present C.P.R. survey adjoining block 4593 on the west, and being the N. W. corner post of Fred E. Goodall's claim, thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; to point of commencement making 640 acres more or less.

Located this 3rd day of December, 1907.

Harry Couillard, Witness
W. E. Coates, Jr. Agent
Fred E. Goodall, Locator.

Commencing at a post planted at or near 5 miles east of 25 mile post of present C.P.R. survey adjoining block 4593 on the west, and being the S. W. corner post of Mrs. Mary E. Goodall claim; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; to a point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.

Located this 3rd day of December, 1907.

Harry Couillard, Witness
W. E. Coates, Jr. Agent
Mrs. Mary E. Goodall, Locator.

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SOCIALISM

"God! What a world! If men in street and mart.
Felt that same kinship of the human heart
Which makes them, in the face of flame and flood.
Rise to the meaning of true brotherhood."

The better nature of mankind revolts against our present iniquitous social and economic system. The question arises why should the many toil in squalor and poverty that the few may riot in opulence? Why are the many denied a decent livelihood to afford the few the privilege of exploiting their own degeneracy? The more that useless wealth is flaunted in the faces of the struggling poor, the sooner will come the deluge that will wipe dollarism off the face of the earth. It is the historic mission of Socialism to overthrow this brutal system. The time is gone by when the man who steals a railroad will receive an ovation, while the man who steals a loaf of bread will go to the penitentiary. Justice demands that punishment be in proportion to the crime. The arrogant, insolent corporation thieves are even now being swept from their moorings. It is a strange anomaly of our times that men (and women as well) go into the arena of public life in business and politics, and there fight like savages for dollars, and on Sundays walk down the aisles of costly churches which their ungodly strife for money has helped to erect.

These million dollars structures, called "houses of God," are an insult to Deity, when in the shadow of these immense churches walk old, hungry, homeless men, women and children. It is a strange! strange! phenomenon, that side by side with these "houses of God" stand prisons, penitentiaries and reformatories, where children of God are herded like wild beasts of the field. Strange, is it not, that humanity should be so blind through all the centuries? Strange that we live in times that boast of enlightenment, education and christianity, and yet permit these things. Strange, too, that we should put millions of dollars into perishable structures and blasphemously call them "Temples of the Most High," when through the whole country many are starving to death in a world of plenty and suffer for lack of those things that dollars alone can buy, when the cry of over-production is heard throughout the whole commercial world.

We ought to be able to recognise the swiftest revolution in history while it is going on. Evolution that has no sense of propriety and cares not a whit for theories, or school dogmas, or university professors, is likely to put an end to our present economic, industrial system. The world has never before seen anything like the present uprising of the working class; it has never imagined or dreamed of the stupendous results that are to be secured by it.

Some reluctance is observable in calling things by their proper name. The word "Socialism," awakes a certain amount of prejudice. In the long run it matters little by what name industrial freedom comes.

Bourgeois society will have to swallow the Socialistic pill. Already Socialistic ideas have been the means of overthrowing corrupt laws. Some of our corrupt institutions are now tottering to their ruin. The observant mind sees the changing order which results in chaos, unless "justice to all" be the shibboleth. No one can deny that the working class movement is planned with amazing skill and with a knowledge of the world's conditions both accurate and far reaching. Socialists do not believe in sitting at ease discussing the academic theories of government, nor the dark secrets of political economy, nor in making philosophical mud pies. They have distinctly abandoned the socalled classic schools of political economy, and adopted the evolutionary theory of social conditions.

It is not to the credit of the race that the poor and ignorant are the pioneers in economic reform. The humble origin of Socialism makes it hard for the educated classes to grasp its meaning and its intellectual worthiness and the seeming fact that the financial interests of the monied class makes it hard for them to see its moral worth. Hence only a courageous few of the monied aristocracy are rallying around the standard of Socialism. But we Socialists, never faltering, believe with the rising storm of human thought, victory is assured for the toiling masses of the world.

To the superficial thinker it seems as if some tremendous power, pitiless and merciless, working out a law of its own, had the entire race in its grasp. Little in the smug literature of the humanities, the poets, or the bookmakers at large, bring us help. Sometimes we think things might be set right by bringing back to the sheer beauty of human relations.

The satisfying philosophy of Socialism is the brotherhood of man and Humanity's Rights, the wonder is that everyone does not embrace its comforting teaching; it is simply another name for practical brotherhood.

Jesus, the Master Teacher, was a toiler and a carpenter's son, who left his tools to speak for a new hope and a new faith for the toiling and sorrowing ones of earth. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations. It is the first time in the evolution of the world that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organisation of society. The Socialists are the only compact body that know what they are resolved on, with only one door to pass, that of a triumphant national election.

The Socialistic program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is evolution interpreting itself in our social fabric. In the strain and crisis of our disordered civilisation, it is the only saving and conservative force that offers itself to bring order out of chaos. It means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common be owned and distributed. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users and that all products shall be for the direct use of the producer thereof. That the making of goods for profit shall come to an end and that we shall all be workers together and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all. Man has wrested knowledge from the secret places of the universe. Socialism says let every human being enjoy this knowledge, for it is the heritage of the race.

In the midst of our present disturbed and corrupt system, with its moral quagmires and political rottenness, its awful crimes and parasitic robbery, Socialism comes with its message of hope and its claim that the whole race have rights to the "earth and fullness thereof." A few more unjust and tyrannical laws and violence will stalk abroad in defence of humanity's rights. There are signs enough on earth to-day to wake the dead. The end of man's haphazard methods and systems has come.—The Swastika, Denver.

THE FAILURES OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS

The capitalist class for nearly three quarters of a century have been the rulers of the civilised world and their measure of power at the present time is practically without limits, seeing they have been the captains of this world's affairs so long, it is not an impertinent question to enquire as to how such affairs have been administered and the student who will take the trouble for such an enquiry will pretty soon find out how the world's affairs have been mismanaged, because the first thing that strikes the student of social problems is the fact that insecurity of livelihood is more widespread now than ever before in history; in even the best days of prosperity there is always a vast mass of poverty, want and degredation; whilst during the periodic depressions of trade multitudes are forced to the verge of starvation. Now it is obvious to everyone that those who take upon themselves the responsibility to manage and control industries should possess a capacity for the office, but a glance around proves to us that the capitalists have no true comprehension of the social functions which ought rightly to pertain to true captains of industry. Does anyone know a solitary instance where they have come together to work out a plan for making production and distribution continuous so that a stop may be put to these recurring panics with all the untold suffering that follow in their wake. Why they have never even thought of such a thing, They have no instinct or care for general trusteeship, and none for cohesion. Their minds are schooled for the sole purpose of making profits and their maxim is "no profit, no production." Do the capitalists feel any collective responsibility in seeing that the conditions of their employees are good—that their labor is carried on in a healthful way and that they are healthfully housed. A glance at some of the homes of the producers prove that they do not care how their employees are housed, and we know as a class they have steadfastly opposed every movement for safeguarding the health and lives of the workers in their employment. Look at the casualities on the railways, in the mines and factories, yet every effort that has been made to lesson these casualities so long as it involves expense, is resisted. The safety appliance act of 1893 was bitterly opposed by this class, and it was not until it had been modified that the railroad magnates would permit of its passage. The same resistance is shown in the various legislative houses when it comes to the guarding of dangerous machinery and the regulating of other contions of employment which affects the profits of this class. Life is but a bagatelle when it stands in the way of profits. Now if anything could awaken in the capitalist class a *sense of* guardianship of the interests of the people, one would think that the sight of helpless children being dragged into the quagmire of commercialism in order for profit, would do so, yet from the beginning of the regime of the capitalists, children have been sacrificed for profit and nearly every effort to shield them has been resisted by this class. Children are made articles of commerce and instruments of production and are exploited just as heartlessly as men and women. As a result they grow up illiterate dwarfed physically and mentally, and as such become easy victims of vile and crime. The sight of old men who have toiled all their lives for the profit of others and are in their age left helpless and destitute ought to prove to the capitalist class what a colossal failure they have been and yet they are the first to resist old age pensions. Such schemes as old age pensions do not make for profit and are not to be considered. In pointing out the failures of this class, it is not necessary to denounce the individual trader. There are good and bad amongst them like every other class, but whatever their individual virtues or defects may be, as a class they have failed to administer the the world's affairs and this failure is becoming obvious to great numbers of men and they are threatening the capitalists domain. It is a union of men, forced to like action in the assertion of their economic claims through the pressure of the capitalist regime, its base and center is the class of wage earning producers who are fully conscious of their interests and needs, know how to attain the same, and know how to administer the same when attained. It is believed they will be successful in controlling the affairs of the people, where the capitalist class have been such a dismal failure.

J. SHOOTER.

SUPPOSE

By Robert Hunter.

I sometimes wonder what would happen if the Socialists were at this moment in power.

I sometimes wonder what the press would say if the Socialist party instead of the Republican or Democratic party were responsible for the evils of the present.

Suppose fifteen or twenty million people were in poverty.

Suppose two million children were enslaved in mines, mills and factories.

Suppose three million workers were unemployed.

Suppose homes were insanitary and vile, streets uncleaned and slum piling upon slum.

Suppose our political institutions were corrupted, and all political life at the mercy or predatory and corrupt machines.

Suppose humanity were at the mercy of private property, without rights, ruled and misruled by political machines.

Suppose Senator Platt were a Socialist, wallowing in his cesspool of immorality.

Suppose Thaw and Alfred Vanderbilt were "parlor Socialists."

What then would be the attitude of the press?

I wonder if our opponents would be as mild, as temperate, as self-possessed as the Socialists are today.

I wonder if they would be inclined to violence.

I wonder if preachers, editors and politicians would harangue the multitude, call meetings of unemployed, shout "free love" to the old senator, and expose the immorality of "parlor Socialists."

I venture to think there would be much shrieking, much gnashing of teeth, much sweating of blood.

There would be talk of revolution, and the Democrats and Republicans would be trying to inflame the multitude against Socialist misrule, Socialist machines and Socialist immorality,

But all these conditions exist under Republican rule—all this poverty, all this corruption, all this immorality.

And how calmly and philosophically preachers, press and politicians look upon it all.

How they dread Socialist agitation. How they dread Socialist intemperance.

How blind they are to the evils of their own rule.—Daily Socialist.

THIRTY CENTS

By Lewis G. De Hart, in Chicago Daily Socialist.

"Cramped in a coffin and the clods falling—falling!"

The blind man spoke to the empty air. The room was always empty except at night when Maggie was home; all day she was away working or looking for work.

Today she was hunting for work. It was the fourteenth day since she had started out in the morning, full of hope or apparently so, and always she had come home exhausted and discouraged, always saying "tomorrow," and still the little savings grew smaller; still the blind man fretted at his helplessness, and still the world outside moved busily along, unknowing perhaps uncaring that two human beings were staring grim want in the face, a thing which the blind can see as well as those with sight.

"No hope, no happiness, only want and sorrow."

Again the old blind man voiced his discouragement, again no answer greeted him. Up and down the little room he walked, eight steps to the right, turn and six more, bach eight, turn and six. Like the caged beast, he must walk, the bare walls were his limits and his blindness forbade any attempt at escape.

A step in the hall caused him to stop in his weary round and listen expectantly.

"It's Maggie," he said, as the door opened.

Two arms were thrown around his neck and a hot cheeck pressed against his.

"And how is my Maggie?" he asked, not daring to put the fateful question, the answer would come soon enough.

"Oh, John," said the arms owner, "I'm so tired. It seems like I can't ever find work." And Maggie, worn out with the physical and mental strain, began to cry silently.

The blind man held her close to him and his sightless eyes stared angrily about him.

"It's a dirty shame, little wife, a miserable shame, that you have to work at all, and it's worse when you can't work. But don't worry we'll get along."

The woman still wept as the man stroked her hair with his delicate fingers.

"How much have we left?" he finally asked.

"Don't ask me John, it's so little. And the rent due to-morrow and the cupboard empty!"

The husband reached for her pocket book and opened it. His fingers ran lightly over its contents, a dime and some nickels.

"Thirty cents he whispered. Only thirty cents."

The woman drew him a chair. She seated himself and she sat on his lap, as lovers do, but their thoughts were far from sweet, and strangely enough, they were the same. It was the woman who spoke first in an awed scared voice:

"There's only one way left, John. It's starvation or my shame. There isn't much difference."

"No, no, Maggie, don't talk that way, I'd rather die first."

"And so would I," she answered, "but we'll die if I don't."

It was a horribly fascinating thought for the couple—shame or starvation. Both their minds raced through the possibilities, both spoke at once their decision. "It's the only way left."

"Are you willing, John?"

"Yes, are you?"

"I'm ready."

"Thirty cents is plenty," said the husband.

"I'll go and get it," answered the wife.

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1 Commencing at a post situated at the north east corner of lot 1908, group 1,
thence east 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
thence south 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 15th day of April, 1908
Gus Becken, Locator.
D. A. Cate, Witness
R. McGregor, Agent.

2 Commencing at a post situated at or near the south east corner of lot 1908, group 1,
thence east 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
thence south 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 15th day of April, 1908
D. A. Cate, Locator.
D. A. Cate, Agent.
R. McGregor—Witness

3 Commencing at a post situated one mile east of the south east corner of lot 1908, group 1 and at the south east corner of D. A. Cate's claim,
thence east 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
thence south 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 15th day of April, 1908
Agness Anderson, Locator
D. A. Cate, Agent.
R. McGregor, Witness

4 Commencing at a post situated at the south east corner of lot 8363, group 1,
thence south 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence east 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 16th day of April, 1908
R. McGregor, Locator.
D. A. Cate, Agent.
R. McGregor, Witness

5 Commencing at a post situated one mile east of the south east corner of lot 8363,
thence south 80 chains,
thence east 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, Being bounded on east by license claim of John Anderson, on the north by Eliza Good's claim, on West by H. Hughe's claim, on the south by Neil McQuarrie claim. containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 16th day of April, 1908
B. K. Bullock, Locator.
D. A. Cate, Agent.
R. McGregor, Witness

6 Commencing at a post situated one mile south of the southeast corner of lot 8363 and at the south east corner of R. McGregor claim. It being bounded on the east by Katherine Good's claim,
thence south 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence east 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 16th day of April, 1908
J. Cramp, Locator.
D. A. Cate, Agent.
R. McGregor, Witness

7 Commencing at a post situated two miles south of the south east corner of lot 8363 and at the south east corner of J. Cramp's claim,
thence south 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence east 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 16th day of April, 1908
D. F. Hughes, Locator.
D. A. Cate, Agent.
R. McGregor, Witness

8 Commencing at a post situated two miles south and one mile east of the south east corner of the Katherine Good claim,
thence south 80 chains,
thence east 80 chains,
thence north 80 chains,
thence west 80 chains,
to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated this 16th day of April, 1908
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Presidents and secretaries whose names do not appear on this list are requested to forward them to this office for insertion.

Continued inquiries reach us for the foregoing information.

NOTICE

30 days after date I intend to apply to the superintendent of provincial police for a retail liquor license at Michel.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1908.

GEO. KOMETZ,
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SUCCESS OF THE LOCAL

Upon the success of the local unions depends largely the success of the parent body. If the locals generally are a compact, harmonious, loyal working body, all working together for the success of all, there need be no fear of the results being of incalculable benefit. If, on the contrary, they divide up into factions, each being envious and jealous of the other, and each pulling in a different direction, the result of their labor is apparent in the evil consequences it brings, the end being that only a few members are found at the meeting, and discouragement to all, and a failure to accomplish the good that would otherwise accrue.

The success of any undertaking depends not so much on the manner in which business is conducted at the headquarters, but upon the unanimity of that organisation and the support accorded the officers. The one is a reflex of the other. Show me the organisation composed of real, active, up to date, hard working members and I will show you an organisation that has officers that reflect that condition at the head of it.

Show me an organisation that is the reverse of this, that has no harmony, no enthusiasm, nothing but factions, and I will show you officers that have doubts, that sometimes despair, that are halting before they take another step to see where they are going to alight.

An officer with a compact, hard working organisation, has no fear of the results, goes ahead and does his business confident of the loyal support of every member. Life is a pleasure to him. He works for results and generally gets them, but let that same officer once feel that lack of enthusiasm, a perceptible falling off of confidence, then the buoyancy of his official step droops, and he fails to be as efficient as he was with the unanimous craft behind him.

The local union is the power behind the throne. It is the man behind the gun and the members of it should not forget that on the action of that local depends the efficiency of the gun.

Conduct your locals so that the guns of your organisation are all the time trained on the right place and the officers do not have to be looking around to see in what shape they have the crew, but can devote their entire time levelling the gun on the enemies of the organisation.

The above which we clipped from the United Mine Workers' Journal, deals with a subject that is an all important one in every district at present.

It is impossible for the district officers, as individuals or as representatives of the various locals to cope with the very hard problems that they are meeting every day unless they feel assured of the loyalty and support of the locals, and of the majority of the members of the organisation which they represent.

UNITED WE STAND

The following, which is taken from the Winnipeg Voice is a very sensible article, and one that we have written on on more than one occasion in the past. The workers should stand together as a man, even if they have two or three different ideas, (which are all is some way heading for the betterment of their cause.) They should not bring their petty jealousies out in the time of battle. They should keep their differences until after they have won a victory over the present killing system of capitalism. If they then have any material differences they should meet, and give and take enough on each side to still maintain their solidity as a class.

United we amount to something; scrapping among ourselves, we make fools of ourselves and give a fine exhibition of the process at election time. That is the story which is told in the returns from Ontario.

There are obviously three contingents which must be considered in Canada as available for the political labor movement. If they can be brought together they will be a force in themselves from Halifax to Vancouver, but they will get more support from other sources. These are the Trades Unionists, the Canadian Labor party and the Socialist party of Canada.

The Socialist party denounces the Labor party and bids for the support of the Trades Unionists, which it does not get. The Labor party is set forth to express the political aims of the working class, union and non-union, and claims to be largely composed of men of Socialistic tendencies, but who are not prepared for the dogmatism of the Socialist party. The trade unionist is the most numerous specie of the three, and persists in holding aloof from the others at election time.

If the intelligent men in the Canadian labor movement are satisfied with the state of affairs, then they have got just about all the reward and success which they merit. If, on the other hand, the majority of them, and we believe the very large majority of them are of this opinion, are prepared to start a real movement for unity this is just about the right time to do it. A few of the unreasonable ones or the apathetic will have be be suppressed or brushed aside, and a really inclusive Canadian pact formed. The way for his ought to be all the more easy for the result of the elections in Ontario.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOOK DEAL

That celebrated newspaper man Bob Edwards is getting after the Alberta government for giving a ten year contract for school books to the American Book Co., of New York.

The contract was supposed to have been given to Morang, of Toronto, but it transpires that it was switched to New York.

In substantiation of his charge Edwards has the following in the Eye Opener of Saturday, the 13th.

It is certainly an outrageous thing to send to the States for books, wheks, when firms in the province could do the work, and do it equally as good as the States.

In British Columbia we print our own books in the government printing office. The idea to us, as labor people, of sending all that money to the States is outrageous, and we sincerely hope that the Trades Unionists will take this matter up, and follow it up, right to the limit. Whoever is to blame for this shameless state of affairs in Alberta should be handed his "ticket of leave" and handed it quickly too, before he has another chance to hoodwinck the public, and spend their money in a way that shows that there is a big graft game somewhere. The following is Edward's side of the question:

"We invite the public to judge between the Morang-Calder gang and the Eye Opener, as to which of us is the liar in the present case.

One of us is the biggest liar going at large to-day with his sternum obsquatulum unkicked. It may be us but we don't think so.

A couple of issues back the Eye Opener stated that although the great big fat ten year contract for the publication of the new school books for Alberta and Saskatchewan had been given to a Toronto firm ostensibly, yet in reality the deal had been made on behalf of the most unscupulous publishing combine on the face of the earth, the American Book Co., of New York.

This statement was emphatically denied at the time by the Morand-Calder gang, by Calder in the house at Regina and by Morang in an open letter.

Their denial was to fool the public, as usual. The poor public! But it didn't fool the Eye Opener to any alarming extent.

They are such a bunch of liars and it has become such a habit with them to Buffalo-chip the public right and left that perhaps they will have the gall to deny the authenticity of the following startling piece of private information presented this week by the Eye Opener to its readers—especially the Alberta ones—to make them sick.

On May 19th part of the Alberta School Book Contract, which for this year amounts to about two cars, left New York, N. Y., in C. V. Car 60,-404, routed via N.D. G. E. Line to Sarnia; thence Northern Navigation Co. to Port Arthur; thence by C.N.R., consigned to the department of Education, Edmonton, and the Regina contract will or has already moved by the same route.

Incidentally, might we venture to ask the citizens of Alberta how they like sending their good elegant money over into the States for work that could just as easily be done within the province itself, let alone even sending it to Toronto?

And what do our Trades Unions think about it?"

TRADE UNIONISM

Shorten hours and lengthen life.

Raise wages and lower usury.

Increase independence and decrease dependence.

Develope manhood and balk tyranny.

Establish fraternity and discourage selfishness.

Reduce prejudice and induce liberality.

Enlarge society and eliminate classes.

Create rights and abolish wrong.

Lighten toil and brighten men.

Cheer the home and fireside and make the home better.

All wage workers should be union men. Their progress is limited only by those who hold aloof. Get together, agitate, educate and do.

Don't wait until to-morrow; to-morrow never comes.

Don't wait for some one else to start; start it youself.

Don't hearken to the indifferent; wake them up.

Don't weaken; persistence wins.

JUSTICE IRVING'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

Victoria, June 17—Mr. Justice Irving's malady is diagnosed as cancer of the stomach and his condition is reported as critical this afternoon.

"THE MAN WITH THE HOLD"

INDEPENDENCE OF THE SMALL FARMER

The wage earners are propertyless in the means of wealth production. In order to get access to the means of life they must pay to the capitalist a tribute. That tribute is everything they produce.

The small farmers, it would appear, do not work for wages. They own, (or think they own—usually the latter,) a small piece of private property. But their product, beef, wheat, etc., must have access to private property-elevators, railways, steamships, mills, packing houses, tramways, etc., so they too, must pay a tribute.

That tribute is everything they produce On pay day, one, two, four, or six or more weeks, as the case may be, the wage earners receive in exchange for their power to labor or labor-power, (which they have already delivered,) on an average enough to purchase food, clothing and shelter to enable them to work until next pay day. Generally their wages are mortgaged in advance.

The small farmers have no regular pay day, but they and their wives and children receive in exchange for the product which is the result of the expenditure of their labor-power, just what the wage earners receive—on the average just enough to enable them to get food, clothing and shelter to produce again next year.

Usually the farmer's crop is mortgaged in advance.

Wage earners only work for small farmers as a last resort, in preference to starvation, because with small farmers they have to work harder, longer hours and for smaller pay than is customary among wage earners. Furthermore, the grub and other accommodations are usually the worst that is going, and there is less chance for amusement and entertainment than at any other kind of work.

But almost any small farmer will tell you that his wage earners live better and have more than he and his wife and children. The few weeks or months that the small farmers have a wage earner or two with them is when they usually live the best, and have the most amusement, dances, parties, etc. Furthermore, out of shame's sake, the small farmers, their wives and children, do not work so hard nor such long hours during the time they have wage earners with them.

So, if possible, the condition of the small farmer under the rule of capital is worse than that of the very poorest paid wage earner. True, he has an advantage over that large an increasing army of wage earners whom capital cannot employ,—the unemployed.

The so-called ownership by the small farmers of a little private property in the means of wealth production is simply a whip that lashes them to work harder and longer hours and live more stintedly than the capitalists can get wage earners to submit to. They struggle harder to retain what they believe to be their ownership over property than they would do were they propertyless.

They and their holdings, imaginary or otherwise, are like the rest of the wealth producing class, wholly at the mercy of the property which is essential to life at this age, but is just now endowed with the character of capital, and property under the rule of capital dominates modern civilisation.

Next week we will deal with property under the rule of capital—C. M. O'Brien, Western Clarion.

OUR CRITIC AGAIN SAYS

THAT if every Canadian elector would think for himself, there would be a mighty change in the political atmosphere of Canada.

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THAT in connection with the question of children coming in contact with the "women of the red light district" Critic thinks that while the authorities are doing what they can in the matter, it is also the duty of the parents to keep the young boys and girls from going to the "district" to beg for clothes, sell flowers, and solicit contributions. It is a well known fact that dozens of children are sent there for such purposes, as well as with messages. This should be very strictly enforced.

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THAT in connection with the band concert difficulty the Critic thinks that the matter could be arranged by holding church services earlier, to start at six thirty and be out at about seven thirty. This would enable everybody to hear the music. The band might also be good enough to withold their music till say eight o'clock. It is hardly possible that the management will be so selfish as not to arrange that much for a large number of the supporters of the band.

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THAT the critic appreciates the humor of the people who were so considerate as to threaten him this week. When anyone has to stoop to threats, either personally delivered, or otherwise, it shows that there is something they are afraid of. If the Critic was wrong they would have no need of threats. If they are wrong they think that threats will cover it up and stop the writing. But they are very much astray. What is wrong will be criticised and only the "extremely ignorant" will stoop so low and forget themselves so much as to offer either bribes or threats for silence.

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THAT he thinks it would be a good plan to arrange to have one or two of our policemen to parade around the park during and after a band concert, to try and make all the young couples go home after the band concert is over. This of course only applies to the young people who have a habit (and an extremely bad one) of loitering after others have retired.

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THAT the write up of the Miners' Hall of Coleman, which appeared in the Pincher City News is very amusing. They want to come up here and get some lessons about writing and building. They say that the hall will be the best in the Pass, and will cost five or six thousand dollars. That would hardly pay for the foundation of our hall here. If you do not believe that ask "Biggs."

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THAT he hopes that the authorities will take up immediately the suggestion about the women of the red light district that he made last week. These women have had the run of the town long enough. They can easily be made keep within bounds.

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THAT if you want to know anything about Spokane, as to the automobile delivery of short orders, etc., or as to how they start their automobiles before entering, ask "Steve."

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THAT if his ex-chiefness thinks he is gaining any friends by saying what is not true about certain representative people of our city he is very much mistaken. The people consider where it comes from. Nuff said.

THAT drivers should be careful in going over crossings not to drive close to the edge of the sidewalks and chip the walks off. Several places have been destroyed through careless driving.

WRECKED COAL PLANT

Butler, Pa., June 17—The plant of the Royal coal mines at Argentine, near here, was destroyed by dynamite to-day. The loss will exceed $20,000. In addition to the plant the coal tipple was wrecked and a large section of railroad track torn up. Windows in 46 residences were shattered.

For some time past labor troubles have been experienced at the mines and it was recently believed that the differences had been adjusted.

An investigation is being made and arrests are expected. The foreign miners have refused to return to work since the explosion.

RAIDED A DEN.

New York, June 17—Three thousand persons gathered along west 43rd street near Broadway tonight and watched the police making a spectacular raid on a gambling house said to be patronised by guests of several of the up town hotels. The police forced their way into a room were several persons were found around gaming tables.

WOMAN LAWYER.

Detroit, June 17—Mrs. Mary Stewart Coffin, who was the only woman attorney in Detroit, died in St. Mary's hospital this afternoon from the effects of laudanum taken, it is thought, with suicidal intent. She was the wife of Philip M. Coffin, with whom she practiced in partnership, until she secured a divorce about a year ago. She was of a melancholy temperament and was despondent over her troubles.

HEARST'S RECOUNT.

New York, June 17—In the examination of 155 ballot boxes today W. R. Hearst made a gain of 109 votes in the recount of the disputed mayoralty election of 1905, now going on before Justice Lambert. Nine hundred and thirty-six ballot boxes have been recounted so far and Hearst has gained 337 votes. There are 1012 boxes yet to be counted.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

To all whom it may concern, the attention of the Gladstone local union is called on account of many persons employing non-union men to do work, when they are themselves dependent on the wages of union men for a living; Therefore, it behooves them to employ union men where and whenever it is possible to do so. Be it resolved, That Gladstone local union intends watching the actions of said persons and call on all unions to make it possible that the persons who employ non-union labor be made live on the wages of non-union men. If you want any work done you can get union labor of all classes in town.

HER REVENGE.

Toronto, June 16—On the charge of throwing carbolic acid in the face of Edward Chandler while on his way from work recently, Mrs. Eliza Taylor has been committed for trial. Chandler admitted having been intimate with the woman for a long time.

CRESTON FRUIT LANDS

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A SOCIALIST PLANK

The National platform of the Socialist party contains the following plank:

"1—The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting of cut over and wate lands, by reclamation of arid tracts, and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such works shall be employed directly by the government under an eight hour work day and at the prevailing union wages. The government shall also loan money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organisations for the purpose of assisting their unemployed members, and shall take such other measures within its power as will lesson the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class."

AN INVITATION.

Mr. F. G. Garbutt, principal of the Garbutt Business College of Calgary, invites all young people and parents interested in a stenographic, business or telegraphic training, to call and see the attractive Garbutt school exhibit at the Dominion exhibition and witness illustrations of the students' work in speedy touch typewriting.

Tenders Wanted

Tenders for the erection of the Kootenay hotel, at Michel townsite. Plans and specifications can be obtained by application to J. S. Laurenson, Michel, or A. Watson, Fernie.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Take notice that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of McEwen & Shea as hotel keepers of Elko, B. C., proprietors of the Hoffman house, is hereby dissolved.

The business will be carried on by William S. McEwen who will pay all liabilities and collect all accounts.

Dated at Elko, B. C., this 27th day of May, 1908.

"WM. S. MCEWEN."
"M. E. SHEA."
"W. F. GURD."—Witness.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

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

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

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

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

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5 renewable yearly.

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

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

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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Official Organ of District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

FERNIE, B. C., JUNE 20TH, 1908

TABER

We received a big batch of news just as we were going to press, and had to leave it out. This news should reach our office not later than a Thursday to be in time for the issue.—Ed.

There was no work in any of the mines last week.

Ex-councillor W. M. Duggan was elected mayor on Monday last. He received 69 of a majority.

Several changes have been made in the Duggan and Huntred mine.

Mr. and Mrs. McFaden lost their little daughter, aged 4 years on Thursday evening. The child was was buried on Friday. The child died of scarlet fever. They have one little boy still down with the fever but we are glad to report the boy is getting along well.

The nominations for mayor and councillor took place at the town hall last Monday.

Mr. Woods, of the Smith and Woods store was nominated for councillor and elected by acclamation. Ex-councillor Douglans and J. J. Walton were nominated for mayor. The election will take place next Monday. The polling booth will be at the Town Hall.

Election of officers will take place on the 20th for local union 1959, Taber; also for the check weighman.

Since I last wrote about Taber we have had a great downfall of rain. I see by the paper that many towns in southern Alberta have had a good deal of trouble with the water, as far as our town is concerned we are safe here from any such a thing as overflow. Several of our town's people have suffered by the flood. Mr. McMiller lost his ice and ice house at a loss of about $600. Mr. Hobson lost $5,000 worth of lumber and bricks from his brick works.

Mr. Shirt's mine got flooded and caused several caves in in the mine. Nearly all the lumber belonging to the bridge men was washed away, also the ferry is looking for a new home. The Canada West pump house down at the river was more than half full of water. The C.P.R. pump house was covered. We are glad to report the water is going down fast and as soon as they can clean the engine house out and also the wells everything will be alright again.

Rain fell here this evening for one hour. The crops and gardens look fine.

MINOT

Mr. John Howell, Hopeful mine, was up at Raymond this week and taking in the sights of the sugar town. Incidentally he was on the look out for a stray heifer. He was very pleased with the place.

Gardener, whom we mentioned in our last correspondence, was brought up before Judge Winter at Lethbridge on the charge of defacing brands and stealing cattle. He was given time to secure legal advice as to which court he would be tried by.

The Belly river, by its appearance this week seems to be rightly named. The very heavy and consistent rains recently, have caused it to overflow its banks, and in its swollen state it has caused considerable damage. A party of us went down to see it. At the point which we approached its normal width is one hundred yards, but was more than four hundreds yards across. Plenty of timber was being carried down and I noticed the carcase of a horse being borne rapidly down the middle of the river. While we were down th[illegible] rattlers were killed, one lady almost stepping on the top of one. The ferry between here and Taber, has been washed away, which has caused considerable inconvenience to the farmers on the north side of the river. One man who was in town at the time had to drive up to Lethbridge before he could cross. The bridgework close to the ferry has been interfered with to a great extent, and some of the timbers having been washed away. A coal mine adjacent to the river, which was 15 feet above the water at its normal height, was flooded; and two men who were sleeping in the bunkhouse at the time, were awaked at 3 a. m., by the sound of water in the room. They found the chairs, etc., floating around in about three feet of water, and they had to do a one sharp remove to get out themselves. The pumphouses of the C.P.R. and the Canada West Co., were flooded, which is certainly making things awkward. I have not heard of any casualities, though some people up the river had to be taken to their homes on horseback.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn and family moved up to Kimball, Alberta, on Friday last for the summer. The previous evening a farewell party was given as a send off. The evening passed away most enjoyably in singing and dancing.

We are pleased to report that Mr. John Elder's children, who have been down with diptheria, are progressing favorably. The sickness spread through the whole family.

In consequence of the above sickness the school has been closed and duties there will not be resumed until August.

Mr. H. J. Reynolds, of the Scranton Coal Mines Co., Ltd., was visiting at Spokane and had to return to Taber by a circuitous route via Calgary and Medicine Hat owing to the railway service being dislocated between Macleod and Lethbridge.

Messrs. Demmon Bros. of Coal City, have been very lucky in striking water in the basement of their hotel. They dug down three feet and struck a fine flow of water which they believe, will be adequate for all their wants. Their work is all completed and they intend to apply for a license at once. This should prove a great boon to the miners in this district for they are as a rule very thirsty mortals.

Messrs. Bullock are getting on apace with their plowing. They will have about 700 acres ready for seeding this fall. They do not intend to be left standing if the coal trade is slack. It pays sometimes to have more than one iron in the fire at the same time.

Mr. Elder has been having some trouble in the working of his gasoline plowing engine. He has had an expert sent up to overhaul it. The machine ran satisfactorily for him, but proceeded to balk again after he had left. However, they have got it to run again and he is going ahead to make up for lost time.

Mr. Anderson, a farmer, from Perth, Ont, has purchased a half section of land four miles south of Woodpecker. He has farmed very successfully in the east and intends to have a good try at it here. He speaks very highly of the country around here and intends to break up 160 acres at once. He brought up a steam ing outfit. His horses are the finploughing outfit and also a threshest I have seen in this part of the country, though looking rather poor, having just been unloaded from the box cars. He expects to do a lot of threshing in this district this fall, and judging by the appearance of the crops at present he will be kept very busy.

BAYNES

Mr. W. Feldmaun of Spokane arrived at Kootonia Tuesday.

Mr. Feldmaun is a commercial photographer and illustrator and will put in the summer getting out the Kootenay River and Co.'s advertising. The company has a big thing and they do not believe in hiding their light under a bushel.

Mrs. Tormey, wife of secretary of Kootenay River Land Co., and children arrived at Baynes and will spend summer in Kootonia. She expresses herself delighted with beautiful Kootonia.

Miss Klem, of Preston, Minnesota, will spend the summer at Kootonia.

The Kootenay River Land Co. sold tracts to Mr. Merreweather, of Portland, Ore., and Rev. Smith, of Canton, China, H. Lamb, of Montreal, and A. R. Segar of Baynes this week.

There will be a fast game of baseball between the Elko and Krag teams at Elko Sunday.

Mr. Lamb, is an expert harness maker and is a valuable acquisition to Baynes. He is building a home at Kootonia now.

The Kootonia inn is nearing completion.

D. W. Hart and Mrs. J. D. Aye spent Monday and Tuesday in Fernie purchasing the furnishings. The inn will be the home of many Fernie people who will spend their outings at Baynes Lake,

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were visiting friends on the Kootonia tracts Sunday.

The local nimrods relieved Rock Creek of some fine trout Sunday.

HOSMER

On Tuesday night, the 16th, a meeting of some of the influential people of Hosmer was held with the object of forming a board of trade. The meeting was held in Carosella's hall. The genial Abe Gendrew having fitted up the place with chairs, table and other necessaries.

Mr. Nickerson was appointed president; A. Matheson, vice president; E. H. Bennett, secretary-treasurer. Mayor Tuttle, of Fernie, was a most welcome acquisition as the exponent of the value of a board of trade and gave the boys some valuable pointers in the workings of such a body and how some much needed improvements could be obtained with concerted action.

The first Monday of each month was set for meeting night. A committee of Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Fletcher and Abe Gendrew was appointed to see Mr. Stockett in regard to the water supply. The secretary was instructed to write Nelson board of trade for a copy of bye laws, and was also instructed to procure the necessary stationary. The membership fee was settled and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mayor Tuttle for his good advice, and the meeting was adjourned.

The Hosmer team that is chosen to play football at Coleman on Saturday, 20th, will consist of goal, W. Thompson; full backs, H. Allen and W. McFagan; half backs Tommy Seward, W. Taylor, Jimmy Martin; forwards, Watchem, Hector McDonald, Ryder, A. H. Davis and Hartwell. There may be some slight alteration.

The Hosmer boys go to win and are sure the Coleman boys will bite the grit as usual.

In baseball circles they are getting in fine practice. Bert Swanson's eye collided with the ball on Wednesday. Bert feels sore about it.

J. Montrommery goes to Spokane for a week.

The teamsters held a meeting in the Burns block on Monday.

The lacrosse boys expect to even up the honors when the visit Fernie on July 1st.

Mr. McNamara of the Canada Western Wholesale Co. was in Hosmer Wednesday.

Harvey Thompson is our famous exponent of the art of Isaak Walton—having caught a beauty of a speckled trout weighing 14 pounds.

It took Harvey a good hour to land him.

Duncan Livingstone left for his home in Springhill, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday. Dunc will be away for a month.

Mr. F. W. McDonald was the guest of Mrs. R. Gourlay on Sunday.

Dr. Higgins of Fernie was taking in the sights in Hosmer on the 15th.

A social dance was attended by a crowd of young people on Monday night at the Queens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay are ever excellent hosts.

J. M. McIntosh is cleaning up his lots on the front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were in Hosmer renewing old acquaintances.

The C.P.R. people are quite busy; the foundation of the power house being pretty well excavated.

George returned to Hosmer on Tuesday followed by a box car on Wednesday. Lucky George.

E. C. McKinney, of Calgary, a picture grafter of the enlargement class furnished Hosmer withs its opera Bonffe on Tuesday. He figured as the leading character in a hand to hand with a scrapping Slavonian lady.

Next day his honor fined him $5 and costs.

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Mrs. Oldlands went to Fernie on Wednesday.

Our lively constable has cut out the poker rooms.

L. Kumber has the contract for plastering Carosella's hall.

Bishop Hynds and D. S. Ward are here from Fernie to spread the mud at Carosella's.

A. Cameron, who is well known at Fernie and Coal Creek, is building a cottage on his lot at Hosmer. Alex. continues to do well in his blacksmithing business and has now in his employ a skilled mechanic named T. Carter, from Duluth.

Mr. Carter is the horse shoeing expert in Hosmer.

On the 15th Mr. Roger's horse took a playful bolt; wrecked the wagon, broke up the harness and worked out an offensive monument against Matheson's sidewalk.

H. K. Whimster of Fernie, was in Hosmer on business on the 17th.

Joe Jackson, of the Kootenay, was in a peck of trouble. He was found guilty of harboring a disp woman. Jackson is a Chinaman by the way, and he was fined $25 and Nellie Okwa $50.

Joe Jackson figured again in the police court on Tuesday. He was found guilty of frequenting a house kept by Nellie Okwa and although Joe had a Fernie lawyer down to expound the law to us ignoramuses in Hosmer yet the little old $20 and costs came just the same.

The Okwa woman was likewise fined for keeping a house of ill fame and four inmates were also fined.

The government at last are starting in with a bridge across the creek on front street.

Fernie and Hosmer played a friendly game of lacrosse last Friday evening on Hosmer recreation grounds. The game was very exciting at times caused by an occasional mix up. Altogether the game was very clean. The gate receipts were exceptionally large, which goes to show that the Hosmer people thoroughly appreciated the game and will give it their hearty support here. The teams lined up as follows:

Hosmer—Goal, F. Thompson, point, Macdonald; cover point, Spears; 1st defence, Campbell; 2nd defence, Kenny; 3rd defence, Bruchett; centre, McKellar; 2nd home, Lodhunter; 1st home, Gordon, inside home, Hall; outside home, Morrison.

Fernie—Goal, Miller; point, H. Brown; cover point, Kastner; 1st defence, Doyle; 2nd defence, Keely; 3rd defence, Fyfe; centre, Kenny; 2nd home, Green; 1st home, Whimster, outside home, Garrett, inside home, Wright.

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MERRITT

A football match was played on Diamond Vale ground on Saturday between Diamond Vale and Middlesbro. It was the fastest and most keenly contested game of the season, neither side scoring in the first half. Resuming play after half time Middlesbro scored after fifteen minutes play. Result 1-0.

After the match a successful smoker was held and the boys had provided a good program presided over by Frank Steel. After a few well chosen words of welcome he declared the smoker open. The first on the program was a song a song by David Nekrews, "Its a pleasure to be with you ones again," which was very appropriate and well received. Speeches were then made by the captains of the Diamond Vale, Middlesbro and Merritt football clubs. A gramaphone was kindly lent by Alex. Hoggan. Numerous selections were played while the committee passed round the needfull. Shorty of the Kilmarnocks, gave an amusing song, "Hello, a different girl again." Mr. Jack Ovington, the referee, made a speech. He said it was a pleasure to him to referee a match and then attend a smoker with the opposing teams, something that rarely happens. D. Nekrews and G. Armstrong sang a duet, "We are two tuffs are we." T. Calvert sang a comic song, "The stammering Sweethearts, W. Bewley, a recitation; James Wilson, who has just arrived here from South Wales, Eng, sang "Things that a man can't do." W. Everly in his clever make up, "Everybody works but father," J. Ovington, "Stop you tickling Jock," and then "Auld Lang Sine." Many thanks are due to the committee for their elaborate decorations and the way they looked after their guests.

D. Nekrews, F Beban and J. Forsyth left the Diamond Vale for the coast on Tuesday, their departure is deeply regretted by the boys.

T. J. Smith, president of the Diamond Vale Coal & Iron mines was visiting here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Tutill left Merritt this week on an extended visit to old friends in Nova Scotia.

BANKHEAD

The Bankhead Mines, Ltd., worked four days last week.

The management of the Bankhead mines have installed a large quantity of inflamable tamping, for blasting purposes in the mines.

The Briquette plant, which has been closed down for several weeks started up again this week.

The Bankhead firm are installing souvenir briquette plants at the Calgary exhibition. The briquette is practically a new thing in this country, but the souvenir briquette will have a tendency towards making them more popular. You can't beat them for domestic purposes.

The National Park Cricket Club held their first dance on June the 10th at Banff, at Brewster's hall. The music was furnished by the string band from the sanitorium hotel, under the leadership of Prof. Merrick. The dance was not a success from every standpoint. The refreshment part was very badly conducted. It was through no fault of the Bankhead boys, however, who are members of the club. Mr. Baker, the Bankhead representative, fell sick on the night of the dance, and it was through this that the affair was not up to what it otherwise would have been.

BASEBALL.

Banff and Bankhead played a match on the Banff grounds on Wednesday the 10th. A large number attended. The two teams were very strong. The Bankhead boys however were too strong for the Banff players. Bankhead made 11 home runs in one innings. The final score being 17 to 15 in favor of Bankhead.

I. O. O. F.

Anniversary will be celebrated by a moonlight trip on Devil lake on Monday night, June 15th. Mr. Stanley has his launch nicely fitted out for a crowd of this kind. The third class accommodation is good on the Stanley line.

LETHBRIDGE

Mrs. R. A. Wright, wife of R. A. Wright, one of our prominent business men, left on Saturday for Sarnia, Ont., having received news of the serious illness of her father. Mr. Wright accompanied her as far as Medicine Hat.

The Lethbridge Rangers had a prize package handed to them on Saturday, when they played the Macleod club what was to have been the final for the Bennet shield. The rangers were over confident of victory, and it was only in the last ten minutes of play that they succeeded in equalising, making the score 1—1. The game will have to be replayed at Macleod, the winning team qualifying to play in the semi final at Calgary during the exhibition.

Detective Seargant Eagan arrived from Spokane on Saturday morning. Accompanying him was J. B. Faucheneuve, alias Jack Miller, who escaped from Stony Mountain two years ago, where he was serving a sentence of ten years for horse stealing. Faucheneuve is a half breed with a very bad record for so young a man, having served five years for cattle stealing previously. The prisoner is only twenty-five years of age.

On Saturday evening in the pastor's study of the Baptist church, Chris. S. Donaldson of Lethbridge and Miss K. J. Wilson, of Dumfermline, Scotland, who has just arrived, were united in marriage by the Rev. Mr. Reid. After the ceremony the happy couple retired to the residence of Mr. L. Moore, where quite a number of friends had gathered to wish them joy, and a very enjoyable night was spent with singing and dancing, the party breaking up in the "sma oors o' the morn."

The hardest fought wrestling match that has been seen in the west, took place here on Wednesday evening when George F. McDonald and George the Greek, of Calgary, struggled for an hour and a half, without securing a fall. Both men showed signs of a severe gruelling at the conclusion of the bout.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

Vancouver, June, 18—The police have arrested Jas. Moore, a negro accurately answering the description of the man suspected of the double murder committed here on Saturday. The man denies his guilt, but a search in his shack resulted in finding blood stained clothing.

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DISREGARD OF AGREEMENTS

System of Docking is Unfair—Men Complained of Being Soaked Every Time

To the editor of the Chronicle.

Sir:—After our letter of May 5th was mailed, the Lodge's managing committee visited the company's offices, taking the properly drawn up and signed agreement with them. We are referring to the agreement entered into a couple of years ago, which provides for an additional 4 cents per box in specified double shifted places. The business of the committee was to remind the manager of this agreement and ascertain whether he intended to carry it out as in the past. In answer to the question, the manager said "No, the company cannot afford to pay it. He did not intend to pay it again. He never intended to abide by that agreement. He did not respect an agreement like that."

But, Mr. Cowans, you surely recognise agreements which you enter into with the lodge for the regulation of business between the company and the men?"

"The Lodge, Oh, yes the lodge. (And this reader with one of those sarcastic, contemptuous smiles,) "I don't recognise any lodge."

That is the kind of a man we have to deal with in Springhill. You cannot reason with Mr. Cowans, for evidently there is no reason in the man. Governments have failed, no influence will move him, but compulsion and that is coming. J. R. Cowans is teaching the rank and file the absolute necessity for this in a most convincing manner. At a later stage we shall thank him for his assistance in this direction.

When weigh scales were installed at Springhill mines the lodge approached the company respecting the docking system. The mines desiring to effect a mutual agreement on what should be an equitable system under the plan of payment by the ton, instead of by the box, as was formerly done. The change in conditions rendered it desirable to adopt a system adaptable to the new method of determining the amount of coal sent out.

Mr. Cowans would not negotiate on the question, merely saying that no change could be made. The agreement in force must be maintained, that was all there was to it. This is the man who will tell you quite flippily that "he does not intend to abide by his agreements with you" when its suits his purpose, and who will in the next breath tell you "that agreements made between you and him must be upheld," when it suits his purpose.

Previous to this introduction of the present cleaning plant the screens were three quarter straight bar. Now they are reduced to five eighths mesh screens. To better understand why we mention this, there is mixed up in the coal seam many particles of hard shale, or black shale, or black stone, which the miner cannot detect in the darkness, and which fact was for merly recognised by the company, as most of these bits that used to fall through the old screens are now carried on to the cleaning tables, and gathered in to fill the "dock box."

Another agreement was entered into with the Lodge's managing committee, whereby the company decided not to "dock" for large stone, 10 pounds or over, it being accepted that no reasonable man would wilfully load up such pieces with his coal, but that stones of this size would doubtless fall in the "Chutes" and thus pass to bank which of course was beyond the miners control.

Now, in these long chutes, where the miner deposits his coal, there is continually falling quantities of stone, caused by natural pressure, frequently large quantities are stowed in recesses for that purpose while constructing the chute. In time the down rushing of the miner's coal, and pressure, destroys the support and the stone gradually becomes dislodged and go to bank in the boxes.

Again there is constantly shiftmen repairing these "chutes," and almost invariably the stone removed in the work is allowed to go down, which just as invariably means a long list of "docked boxes" for the miners in that "chute" the next day. The company know all this but take no notice, because the "docks" they make next day pays for the labor in the repairs.

It was shown before the board in January last how many thousands of boxes of coal this company get every year for nothing by means of their iniquitous docking system.

From Nov. 1st, 1907, to April 30th, 1908, the C.R. & C. Co. have taken seven thousand six hundred and sixty-four boxes of coal, without paying the miner anything for them, simply because 60 pounds of stone was found in each box, and the company has fined two thousand five hundred boxes 20 cents each, because 40 pounds of stone was found. That means the Springhill miners have produced their employers, in the six months something over nine thousand tons of coal for which they have received no pay. Mr. Cowans told Pioneer Lodge in a letter that it was the "Most liberal docking system in the province." We do not dispute him in that. But it is "liberal" for the company—robbery to the men.

Formerly it was possible to get allowance sometimes where it could be shown such allowance was fair. Now, the officials' hands are tied; they dare not. The general manager has closed his mind to all reason. We believe in a docking system, it is necessary, but it should be one that would pay the miner for the coal sent out, but not for stone, which, as we have shown finds its way into boxes in many ways the miner has nothing to do with.

Another little trick is done which is unfair. If a box on being weighed is found to contain 1800 pounds, and it is docked, does the company take that 1800 pounds? No, a cross is marked for every dock during the fortnight, and then take off the miners total as many times 1980 pounds or as many times 1907 pounds as there are docks.

In this way they not only take your box of coal at 1800 pounds because it contained stone, but they take an additional 180 pounds off boxes with no stone in them, through the operation of the Cowans standard. Certainly this rule works the other way also but so seldom that it is the men who get soaked every time.

Just a short reference to the Maritime Mining Record's notes in the issue of May 13th. Strange that every one of our critics for the past year profess to be able to pull our arguments to bits, yet every time fail to proceed, or give some paltry excuse for not doing so. The "Record" says, 1st,—that the grand officers test was free, fair, full and above board." The Record has based its conclusions on "statements" not facts. 2nd, "That Mr. Cowans gave the officers' and convenor of committee, carte blanche." Perhaps so, but what about manufactured circumstances? 3rd, "That Mr. Cowans had been sneered at because he refused a similar test at a previous time." That is only an idea in the writers brain, it does not exist outside. 4th, "That Pioneers Committee suggested to grand officers' just such a test." No, the committee never did suggest "just such a test" as that sprang on cunningly by the general manager. 5th, "That the grand officers' acted disinterestedly and honorably in the proceedings." The press committee have not said anything to the contrary. 6th, "That the Press committee's suspicions of a plot, are unworthy and baseless."

The committee have nothing to withdraw, apparently the Record choose to take some meaning out of our words, we never put into them. It is well known where the Mining Record stands in Nova Scotia, and the why and wherefore of it all. We are not oblivious to its great energy in industrial matters in this province, nor to the busy pulling of strings going on behind the scenes, and the nature of the prompter. The Springhill men will accept facts, bring them out and prove them to the world if you can. It is more manly than crouching behind boulders on the wayside throwing mud at honest travellers as they pass you.

PRESS COMMITTEE
Pioneer Lodge No. 1, P.W.A.
Springhill, May 18th.

THE SPRINGHILL MINING MEN

They are not unreasonable men but the management is both unreasonable, autocratic, and oppressive, and the men who have reason in their demands are not willing to lie down to the tyrannical treatment of Mr. Cowans and a few of his official henchmen. In an interview with a St. John newspaper man not long ago, Mr. Cowans said "My men with few exceptions are satisfied." My men! says Mr. Cowans. Is he (Mr. Cowans) the owner of the men who operate the mines, and who give their blood, their sweat and their muscles of their body for a paltry wage? We are told that labor is a "commodity" and that it is sold in the markets as such. But never before in the history of Canada have we read of any man reducing the great cause of labor to that of a "commodity" as was done by Mr. Cowans in speaking of "My men" to the representative of a daily newspaper. The great lexicographer no where says that "labor is a commodity," nor has any English or American author philogist ever intimated that "labor is a commodity" to be bought and sold into slavery, to be badgered and bluffed, and cheated, to be traded in the market places, like hides and hair and hemp and bacon and beef and codfish, like timber and tar, pig iron and junk. There was a time in the dark days when there were slaves and a slave market, slave auctioneers and slave drivers, and slave dealers, but thank God that day is past and the slave is a free man, the slave market is out of business, the chattel slave of the olden times is now promoted to good citizenship and freedom, and the new era is at hand and Mr. Cowans is on trial for the base insult of referring to the miners of Springhill as "My men". A new state of affairs has been ushered in, and to-day labor is the fashioning, the building, the enriching, and the preserving force of the world, and its voice is being heard where great men deliberate for the welfare and glory of our country, and the time is near at hand when labor will have its equitable share of what labor creates, and hovels will give place to beautiful homes, and men will cease to be overworked and underpaid, and society will be secure and the nation will be prosperous. Working men are not the property of an individual as in the olden days when a man bought a negro and got a title with him, and has power to re-sell him. Mr. Cowans should not attempt to call the men of Nova Scotia as "My men" but rather should he desire to be fair, to be honest, to be reasonable, and he should go to the committee in charge of the dispute with the olive branch of peace extended and say unto them Men and brethren, come let us reason together, and if there is any thing that justice, that mercy, that love and fair play can accomplish let us try to work it out. The news would then be wafted from Springhill to all parts of the world something like this: "Manager Cowans of Springhill submits to arbitration and is willing to be guarded by reason and fair play."

The fact that Mr. Cowans is a rich man, and is opposed to a fair arbitration makes him come in for a good deal of criticism and according to reports which reach this office from Springhill the criticism of Mr. Cowan is well deserved.

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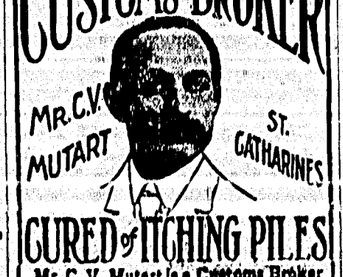

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DEATH OF LORD DERBY-ONCE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

London, June 16—Frederick Arthur Stanley, Earl of Derby, died here today.

The Earl of Derby was born January 15th, 1841. He was lord of the admiralty in 1868, financial secretary of war, and later secretary of war. He held the office of secretary of the colonies and president of the board of trade.

As Lord Stanley he was governor general of Canada in 1888-93.

DYNAMITE KILLS NINE MEN

On Construction Work Near Kenora—Terrible Havoc

Kenora, Ont., June 15—The dynamite explosion at Chamber's camp on the National transcontinental construction, resulted in the death of nine men and injuries to several others.

The names of the dead are: G. Roberts, F. Trimbuti, Luzi Buribi, C. Wayetem, D. Jehemai, Harvey Bradley, Geo. Munser, Tom Burgess, Robert Gray.

An inquest will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m., but little information can be learned for some time, as all who know anything about the accident are in the hospital.

Kenora, Ont., June 15—Three Italians, two Galicians, two Canadians, one Scotchman and one Englishman were the victims of an explosion at Chambers' camp on the National Transcontinental railway. Reports to hand state that they were all muckers and were working in the bottom of the rock cut when a blast unexpectedly went off above them.

Toronto, June 1—A premature explosion of dynamite killed nine men and injured two others yesterday at Simmons' sub contract under J. D. McArthur, 20 miles east of Winnipeg River crossing. The names of the dead are not available. The injured are: P. Shorten and A. McDonald, who were loading a hole at the top of a big cut, while the other men were mucking at the bottom. The hole was only partly loaded when the explosion occurred, hurling a mass of rock upon the nine men in the cut, killing and mangling them in an awful manner. Foreman Simmons had gone for another box of dynamite. The wives of the two Englishmen killed are on the ocean coming to join their husbands. The others were Swedes.

IN FAVOR OF UNION MEN

Important Ruling in Favor of Striking Moulders at Brantford, Ont.

Brantford, Ont., June 18—The union moulders who are on strike at Buck Stove Works in this city have established their right to do picket duty. The strike opened early in April. The latter part of the month the police at the request of the firm interfered with picketing done by the union in the vicinity of the works where the non-union men who had taken the places of the strikers were quartered. The union men were summoned for besetting the works and as a result one hundred of them were committed for trial waving hearing before the police magistrate. At the trial yesterday before Judge Hardy, two cases were taken up. Evidence showed that the men had maintained pickets in the vicinity of the works but had not compelled anyone to cease working. The crown contended the case was difficult to prove, but held that by their act in besetting the works the men showed motive or desire to interfere with the strike breakers. The defense claimed the picketing was only for the purpose of getting and giving information regarding the strike. Judge Hardy held that picketing was not illegal provided the men did not beset the works from a view to compelling others from abstaining from doing lawful work. There was no evidence of restraint, he said, nor of compulsion. There are authorities to support this action and accordingly he dismissed the two cases in question and the remainder of the hundred were dropped. The strike is still on.

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OF IMPORTANCE TO MINERS

MANAGEMENT OF A COAL MINE

The management and engineering of a coal mine call for an unusual combination of technical skill and of business and executive acumen. The success or failure of an ore mine depends very largely upon whether or not the ore body is continuous, and especially if the deposit is rich, the working of the mine frequently displays a lack rather than a knowledge of economical engineering. Coal however, is a bulky product, and one that is comparatively cheap, hence the success or failure of a mine depends very often upon the ability of the superintendent. Take for instance a mine with an output of 3,000 tons per day. This means not only sending out each day sixty 50-ton railroad cars of coal, but the handling of a large amount of material required in the operation of the mine in the way of timber and other supplies. There are many miles of underground track to be looked after and constantly repaired and extended. Power must be provided for hauling, hoisting, ventilating, coal cutting, pumping, etc. All of this requires for its proper accomplishment a knowledge of electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering of no mean degree, and requires executive ability if economic results are to be obtained. The problem is usually a maximum output with a minimum expense and frequently with minimum facilities and under conditions far from favorable, while the consumption is frequently keen. For instance, the man who must mine a seam of anthracite 20 inches thick and sell it in competition with the man who mines the same or a better grade of coal occurring in seams from 6 to 60 feet thick has no mean problem before him. The men to cut and mine the coal are often incompetent and new to the business and must be instructed in the very rudiments. Then, this same foreign population must be Americanised and controlled both in the mine and outside, so that the student of sociology has ample range for his abilities. There are few positions which call for more varied and technical and bussiness attainments than a mine superintendency.—From mines and Minerals for June.

EXTINGUISHING MINE FIRES

The use of carbon dioxide, upon which the distinction of fires depends, has been known for a great number of years, almost as long as the gas itself, and it has been applied at various times for the extinction of fires at mines, but at the present day the majority of mining engineers are terribly afraid of it. It is largely used in the coal storage industry, and in particular, is much preferred for use upon board ship, on account of its comparative harmlessness as compared with ammonia. A leak from a carbon dioxide plant gives no one any trouble whatever. "Freezers" engineers, as those who look after the refrigerator apparatus on board ship are called, have told the writer various tales, going to show that carbon dioxide is a comparatively harmless substance. One has mentioned that he has taken the full blast from a blown out valve; another that he has been sitting at his breakfast in the mess, close to the refrigerating engine room, where the stopper of a carbon dioxide bottle has been blown out, the gas coming away freely into the mess, and it has not even interfered with his appetite.

A striking featute in the controversy as to the use of carbon dioxide and the objection of older mine managers to its use, is the fact that the practice almost universally adopted, where underground fires exist, is to utilise the automatic production of carbon dioxide, to keep the fire under. The practice, it is well known, consists in walling off the district in which the fire is burning, and if the walling is perfect, if there is no leakage of air through the masonry, the fire must die out, because the whole of the oxygen present in the space walled off, would gradually be converted into carbon dioxide, and the fire would be extinguished. In fact, underground fires that are walled off, are really maintained alive by the leakage of air through the masonry. But having the fire area walled off, the complete extinction of the fire, by the aid of carbon dioxide, should be a very simple and a very safe proceeding. Assuming that the brick work is reasonably air tight. All that is necessary is to provide a supply of carbon dioxide, and to forced it into the walled off area, under sufficient pressure to enable it to find its way all over the fire area, but at such a pressure that no appreciable portion of it will be forced out through the brickwork uselessly. This may be accomplished in many different ways, but probably the simplest arrangement would be to use liquid carbon dioxide, as provided for the cold storage and other industries that have been mentioned, in which the dioxide is stored in steel bottles specially constructed for the purpose. These steel bottles are made to contain 26 pounds, and in some cases 40 pounds of the substance in a liquid condition, under pressure of 800 pounds or thereabouts, to the square inch. Certain precautions are necessary in handling the cylinders of liquid. As explained, the pressure inside under increases very rapidly with the temperature; at 32 degrees Fahrenheit it is 510 pounds per square inch guage pressure; at 50 degrees Fahrenheit, it is 665 pounds; at 68 degrees Fahrenheit it is 849 pounds, and at 86 degrees Fahrenheit it is 1,065 pounds. After 88 degrees Fahrenheit carbon dioxide declines to remain a liquid, and its pressure goes up very rapidly indeed with increased temperatures.—From article by Sydney F. Walker, in Mines and Minerals for June.

OPPORTUNITIES IN COAL MINING

A short time ago the editor of Mines and Minerals was asked by a visiting English mining engineer and educator where he could examine special courses in coal mining, naturally assuming that in the country producing the greatest output of coal in the world opportunities for extended research and for specialisation in such study would be offered. The reply had to be made that while there were schools which are giving excellent general courses in mining engineering, and certain schools which, by reason of their environment and equipment, are equipped to specialise in copper, iron, gold and silver, there was at that time no place where specialisation to the same extent was possible in coal mining.

A prominent educator at the head of one of our very best mining schools was recently asked why so many of his graduates preferred metalliferous work to coal mine engineering. His reply was that the coal companies offer too small salaries to young graduates and that the opportunities for advancement are not as good in the field of coal mining as in the metalliferous field.

The policy of the coal companies has, undoubtedly, in too many cases, been to offer such low salaries that there has been little inducement for men to take up the work or to remain at it even when they have been brought up about the mines. This we believe to be the first problem the companies must solve in connection with their present trouble in securing competent officials. On the other hand, what are the business, technical, and scientific opportunities in connection with coal mining?

Is there any probability of a glut in the market for specially trained coal men? The coal output of the United States increases 10 per cent. each year, or 100 per cent. for each decade, and this increase has been practically steady for many decades past. When it is considered that the output of coal is at present approximately 500,000,000 tons per year, a yearly increase of 10 per cent., or 50,000,000 tons, means two things; first, that there must be a great increase in the number of mines and consequently in the number of mine officials, and secondly, there must be a better and more efficient class of miners and mine officials to meet the increasing problems and the increasing competition. The great cry of the coal companies at the present time is for competent officials, and the supply does not seem to keep pace with the demand.

In Pennsylvania alone there are about 1 ,000 fire bosses and assistant fire bosses receiving salaries probably ranging from $75 to $100 per month, and there are about 2,200 mine foremen and assistant mine foremen who probab- receive salaries from $100 to $125 per month. There are also 40 inspectors, each receiving a salary of $3,000 a year. There are thus over 4,000 certificated men directing the mines.

Then, there are in Pennsylvania alone, according to the report for 1906, 867 superintendents and 922 outside foremen who are not required to pass a state examination. In addition to these there are hundreds of company inspectors of various kinds. The exact number of those occupying engineering positions is not available, but it will undoubtedly amount to several thousand, so that it would probably be safe to say that there are probably 10,000 positions of greater or less official responsibility about the coal mines of Pennsylvania. The holding of these positions depends to a certain extent upon an educational test, while the salaries connected with them and the opportunities they offer for advancement are such as should appeal to any young man and should act as an incentive for him to better his condition through study.

In the anthracite region alone there are 21 companies each producing over 2,000,000 tons per year. In the bituminous region, there are 38 companies, each producing over 500,000 tons per year. It is fair to assume that the average salaries of the general superintendents of these companies is not less than $5,000 per year, and many of them receive much more. The salaries of the presidents and executive officials of these companies compare favorably with those of other mining companies, and the salaries of similar officials in other industries. The conditions in the coal industry are just as they are in all other lines in America, i. e., they are such that a man from the lowest rung of the ladder may aspire to and attain the highest rung. We do not believe that any other industry can show a greater if as large a number of official or executive positions open to the man with ambition and who is willing to qualify himself to hold these positions.—From Mines and Minerals for June.

A COAL-DUST PHENOMENON

At a recent meeting of the Midland Institute of Mining, Civil and Mechanical Engineers, held at Doncaster, England, Mr. J. Neal read a paper describing the ignition of coal dust, in the Beeston seam at the Middleton colliery. The seam was a very dry one, and dust accummulated very rapidly. Early in September last a deputy had opened a safety lamp at the lamp station. A train of full tubs drawn by a pony was passing and raised a considerable quantity of dust. Just before the train reached the lamp station the deputy removed part of the burning snuff from the wick of the lamp, and it fell harmlessly to the floor. As soon as the train had passed he knocked away the remaining portion of the snuff, and as this fell to the floor there was an ignition of the coal dust. The flame rose to a height of 2½ feet, and spreading over a width of 3 feet, followed the train with a peculiar rolling motion, apparently corresponding with the successive clouds of dust raised, making a peculiar hissing sound. The train stopped about 45 feet below the lamp station, and when the flame reached the last tub it ascended to the roof, returned along the upper portion of the roadway, and finally extinguished itself within three feet or so from the point of ignition. The color of the flame was described as being similar to that of a candle or oil lamp. Mr. Neal observed that mining engineers had thought that nothing short of an ignition or an explosion of gas, or gas and dust, could cause a coal dust explosion, and that was his opinion until this accident occurred.—From Mines and Minerals for June.

EARTHQUAKE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Que., June 16—A very slight earthquake shock was felt here at three o'clock this morning. Those who heard it describe it as more of a rumble than a real shock.

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"But the next Saturday she said, John, let us go to-morrow and get baby's picture taken. I said, "All right." But I set to thinking again. After a while I asked her, 'Don't that photographer need rest and home Sunday just as well as I? This Sunday rest does me much good. It does you good. It makes our home happier. I will get off some week day to get baby's picture taken."

"We had been in the habit of going to father's frequently on the Sunday train, but one day I did some pretty hard thinking and said, 'Mary, I have been thinking a great deal about the men that run the Sunday train. That engineer works under such heavy strain that he needs Sunday rest much more than I do. His wife and children need him at home Sunday. It seems to me that when we ride on a Sunday train we are responsible for all the serious damage that comes to the lives and homes of those railroad men. I can not ride on a Sunday train again."

"A few weeks later I said: Sunday has brought us such blessings that it seems as though we ought to go to church and thank God for His gift of one day in seven for home and rest. Truly it is a love gift. So we became regular church goers, and later active workers in the church."—Selected.

GERMAN NAVY LEAGUE.

Danzig, June 16—The eighth annual convention of the German Navy League opened here to-day. The provincial president in behalf of the government, emphasised the government's wish that the league preserve an independent existence. It must express the wish of the German people, not those of the government. A telegram of homage sent to the Emperor said that the league would follow unswervingly the aim of furnishing the fatherland with a fleet which would be able to guarantee its needs. Prince Zu Salmhortsmar was re elected president

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Power Plants at Niagara Falls Take a Holiday for Inspection.

Niagara Falls, June 16—For five full hours to-day the American Niagara piled over the cataract as free and unharnessed as it did the day it was discovered. The power house on the American side of the river capped their wheel pits and the mile and a half tunnel that carries the bolt of water after it has turned the turbines and generators, ran dry. The plants were closed down to allow divers to inspect the American abutment of the upper steel arch bridge at the mouth of the tunnel. In the last ten years a concrete wall two and a half feet thick has been battered down and attempts to replace retaining walls have been frustrated by the current. The divers to-day found the abutments of the bridge solid, and safe in every way, with the exception that the guarding wall of one of the piers had been undermined. It will probably be rebuilt, although the bridge is in no danger.

Engineers of the United States government, under the direction of Major Kutz of the Taft commission, took measurements of the river while the water was unharnessed, and the test showed that not enough water was diverted from the American cataract to make it noticeable. A rise of one-tenth of an inch was noted.

While the American plants were closed 175,000 horse power was shifted to the Canadian plants. The machinery of the power plants will probably not be stopped again in the next generation.

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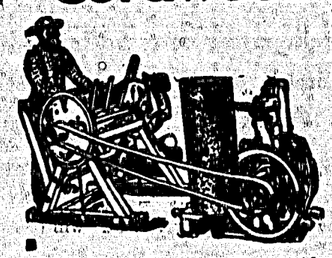

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Miss Jessie Murray, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Boulton, left for North Bay Wednesday evening.

Several reports of Mountain Lions being seen in the vicinity of West Fernie have reached us this week.

Big values in baby carriages, go-carts, steel folding go-carts, doll carriages, etc., at Trites-Wood Co.

Mrs. R. W. Colthard and little son arrived home after a two months visit with relatives in Winnipeg.

Mr. D. W. Hart, of Baynes, visited our city on Monday returning Tuesday. Mr Hart reports the "club house" nearly ready to receive visitors.

J. F. McIntyre is now comfortably ensconced in his new quarter in the hotel Northern with all the paraphernalia incidental to a first class barber shop.

A big snap in furniture, dresser and wash stand. The dresser has three drawers and is fitted with British beveled mirror. All for $12.25 at Trites Wood Co.

Messrs. Berrigan and Heddle who opened out a blacksmith shop on Baker Avenue report business good.

The schools will close on Tuesday, June 30th for the summer holidays. They will be reopened again on August 24th.

"Paddy" Hughes, well known in football circles throughout the Pass, is now the "man behind" at the King Edward.

Miss Eva Severn gave a birthday party last Monday, there were a large number of her friends present and a jolly time spent by all.

Mr. Tait, of Messrs. Clark Bros., of Winnipeg, visited our city last Saturday, he remained over till Monday. He reports business good in the Pass.

Mr. Rainford, of Messrs. Plunket and Savage, wholesale fruit and produce merchants of this city, returned from a journey with a large amount of orders to be filled from this branch.

Organiser T. E. James writes us from Cardiff, Alta., that he has formed a new local there. Judging from the list of new subscribers that he sent the Leffder, he has been quite successful.

Frank C. Denison, has been appointed as U. S. consul for Fernie. J. R. Pollock was the American consular agent but the new appointment places Fernie on 8one more step in the ladder of progress. We now have a consul here.

The first sitting of the annual court of revision of the municipality of the city of Fernie for the year 1908, will be held in the city hall on the 22nd day of June at eight o'clock, p.m.

The Fernie Messenger Service has opened an office at 121 Victoria Avenue, 'Phone 32b. They solicit your patronage for the delivery of messages, parcels, etc.

The local osangemen intend to institute a scarlet charter here on the 14th of July next, all scarlet companions are requested to attend and help their brethren to start the chapter.

A high school class will be commenced in the schools here as soon as the schools reopen. The principal desires all who intend attending this class to notify him as soon as possible.

On Saturday, June 13, a marriage was consummated by the Rev. R. S. Wilkinson, between Andrew Jacob McFarlane, station agent on the G.N.R. at Michel, to Clara Catherine Brady, of Penn., U.S.A..

Peter Patterson received a letter from Board Member Lawson, District No. 15 last week, in which Lawson states that District 15 has not yet been able to get a settlement, as they anticipated.

"Our own" Bill Connell is not to be denied, amongst other things when it comes to putting down good sidewalks. He and his partner, Billy Ross, have the contract for this season and are doin~ the work well.

Have a look at the diamond's you are wearing and see if they are secure. A. C. Liphardt can remount them for you either by putting on new claws or can make up any style setting you wish the same day you leave it.

Considerable improvements are under way at the King Edward hotel, including the raising up the house to the street level. Painters and others are busy at work and the changes are signs of prosperity.

With the advent of the long summer evenings the park is very much the centre of attraction. The addition of the many seats throughout gives it an air of a real city park and the benefactors are to be applauded. How about a fountain?

The C.P.R. announce cheap rates to the Calgary exhibition, on sale June 26th to July 7th, good to return to July 13th, at a fare of $5.70 for return. In addition they offer tickets at a single fare rate on June 20th to June 26th, good to return up to July 13th.

A grand party under the auspices of the Socialist party of Canada will be held at Coal Creek on Saturday, June 27th. An excellent program is being prepared and as the 'Creek" has a reputation for good entertainments it is needless to say this will be no exception.

The regular monthly tea given by the Ladies Aid of the Baptist church last week at the home of Mrs. W. W. Tuttle was well attended and a good sum added to the treasury of this useful organisation of church work. The affair was in charge of Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. F. Weylat.

The service in the Baptist church will be held on Sunday evening at the usual time 7.30 and not at 7 o'clock. Mr. Williamson will preach on the question, "Whom shall we follow," and after the service the ordinance of christian baptism will be administered.

Messrs. Pat Mills and A. J. Brady have started a messenger service in the city. We believe that this will be a good enterprise and convenience, as they are prepared to deliver messages, parcels, etc., anywhere in the city. Give them a call when you require anything in that line. Phone 32b.

A dance will be held in the Alexandra hotel, Morrissey, on the 24th day of June, in order to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hewitt, when all friends are cordially invited. The Halliaday boys will meet passenger and local for the purpose of conveying visitors to the hotel.

With the swollen state of the rivers and many bridges out of order over the Crow's Nest line of the C.P.R. our main service with both east and west has been badly out of joint, while the inconvenience is often very nerve racking, of life has been reported from accidents to the trains, though serious ones have been narrowly averted.

The reign of prosperity that pervades Fernie at present is much in evidence. Go in any direction you will, and you hear the saw and carpenter's hammer busy at work making new homes for those already here and preparing for those that are coming. Very noticeable is this in the annex, which is fast becoming the favorite residential section. Just take a walk over on Sunday.

The lacrosse boys are rounding into good shape and should be able to repeat the trick of beating Hosmer when they play here next week. Hosmer team is not sleeping by any means and say they will be down to win. A good game is looked for and we trust all lovers of good sport will be out to witness the first game on local grounds this season.

We have ordered a serial story called "The Ghost of Lochrain Castle," by Mrs. C. N. Williamson, one of the best writers of her class today, and it is a first class story. We will commence it as soon as it arrives. Subscribe now and be sure of all the numbers containing the story. Copies can be had at the office as soon as it is started.

On Thursday night Mrs. Vance entertained a number of her rebekah friends at her home after the regular meeting of the lodge. Mrs. Vance has just concluded her term of office as Noble Grand and during her presidency the lodge has made splendid progress both in numbers and degree work. During the evening refreshments were served and several short speeches of congratulation were made after which the crowd dispersed to their homes.

Mr. Henry Lamb, late from Montreal, where he was engaged in the harness business, and formerly from England, left on Tuesday for Baynes where he has purchased ten acres of fruit land from Mr. Hart's company. One of his brothers is already there working for the Lumber Co. His mother and younger brother will join him as soon as he has a dwelling erected. He reports himself as well pleased with the land and climate at Baynes.

The first league football match of the season on local grounds will be played this evening (Saturday at 7.15 between Coal Creek and Fernie, and promises to be a rattling good game. In order for Coal Creek to be in the race for the championship they will make every effort to win the match, and Fernie, who are now the leaders in the league, will do their utmost to retain their present position. The price of admission is only 25 cents and a good crowd is bound to witness the struggle.

The second game of football in the local series between the business men's team and the Fernie league team was played Wednesday evening and both sides showed considerable improvement since last week. The business men's team were somewhat handicapped owing to some of their players not showing up in time necessitating picking up enough to play the match. As it was they gave the Fernie regulars a scare by scoring the first goal in less than three minutes. Fernie braced up and played a good game for the remainder of the time and won out handily by a score of 4 to 1.

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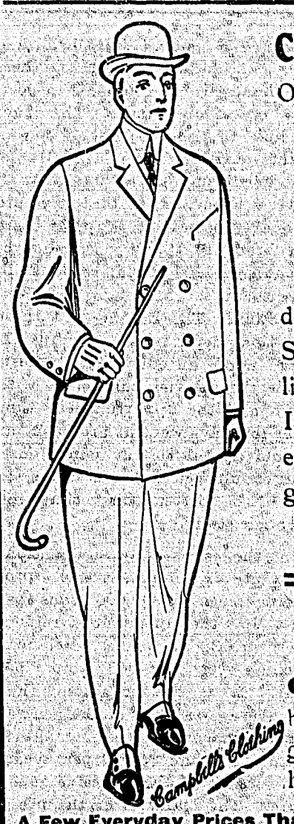

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