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Additional Locals

Rochon's candies are all good.

Wm. Bird and family leave for England tonight.

Lost—Silver watch, with fob. Return to Royal hotel.

Jep Scott spent a few days in Spokane last week.

Fernie football team leave today to play the Bellevue team.

Don't forget the S.P. of C. concert at Coal Creek to-night.

Born—Cree, on midsummer day, June 24, in Fernie, to the wife of A. H. Cree, a boy.

Don't miss the baseball match here on the 1st of July; Cranbrook vs. Fernie.

Born—Weylet, on Monday, June 22nd, in Fernie, the wife of Chas. Weylet, a daughter.

Robert McMurdo, who has been absent from Fernie for some time, is in time again for a time.

Virginia Brissac Co. by special request will repeat "Sweet Clover" Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Suddaby has presented the fire brigade with a library in recognition of their services at his fire.

On Monday afternoon next the "Kilties" and the local boys will engage in a friendly game of baseball.

Mrs. Thos. Brooks and Miss Edith Biggs leave this evening for Calgary taking in the Dominion fair.

Mr. Beck has been awarded the contract for supplying the banquet to the Spokane Chamber of Commerce.

Married at Elko on June 24th Harry Percival Crosby and Mary Isabel Todhunter, by the Rev. R. S. Wilkinson.

Mr. Art Lloyd, an employee of the Elk Lumber Co., had the misfortune to cut two fingers on his right hand on the plainer, while at work Friday morning.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

There will be a presentation of new instruments to the Salvation Army band by Major Morris, of Vancouver, at the opera house on Friday evening, July 3rd.

We are pleased to announce the wedding of Mary O'Brien and Patrick Muldgrew at the Roman Catholic church, by the Rev. Father Tavernier, last Thursday the 25th inst.

The foundations of the new brewery building have been completed, and the work on the superstructure will go right along now. It will be a very fine structure when completed.

The moving pictures at the tent are giving satisfaction to a large number of patrons. The management had some trouble getting a location for their tent, and have finally got settled. Give them a call.

Harry Patterson, of the firm of Miller & Richard, typefounders, of Winnipeg, was in town this week. Mr. Patterson expressed himself as highly pleased with the great improvement in the appearance of the Ledger.

Follow the crowd and buy your furniture at the Trites Wood Co. Every day is bargain day there.

You will be in Nelson on the 1st of July. Don't fail to drop into the Queen studio and see some of the latest effects in photography. Its going to be a hot time and you'll find our reception room a nice cool place to sit down and rest.

The inquest upon the death of the three men killed in the mines last week was held by coroner Bleasdale on Tuesday, the following composed the jury: J. D. Quail, foreman; A. H. Cree, H. L. Edmunds; Mr. Lawrie; T. Beck, T. Whelan. Verdict, "Accidental death."

Richard Hammond and wife who have been visiting for the past two months in England returned Thursday morning. Mr. Hammond is an old timer, and will be welcomed back by many friends. He says he sees a great improvement in the town even during the time he has been away.

A special car was attached to Thursday's northbound G. N. R. train, having on board the following officials: E. L. Brown, general superintendent western division; W. R. Smith, div. superintendent; O.L. Bowen, resident engineer, Spokane. They left on Friday morning to inspect the extension to Michel.

Mr. Rochon, the candy and ice cream manufacturer, has opened up larger premises near the Fernie steam laundry. As soon as the warm weather is passed, he expects to employ 5 or 6 extra hands as he is shipping candy to the various towns along the Pass and reports a good business done. Mr. Rochon makes a high grade of candy and should be well patronised.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

A splendid game of football was played on the recreation grounds by the league teams from Coal Creek and Fernie on Saturday evening. The game was a clean exhibition of the foot game and the result gives a reliable estimate of the ability. At the call of time Fernie boys had three goals to their credit and Coal Creek had failed to find the net at all. All the goals were scored by Fernie's centre forward, Manning, who played a good aggressive game throughout.

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

On Tuesday evening last a meeting of the Conservatives of this city was held in the Napanee hotel. The business was the appointing of six delegates and six alternates to attend the nominating convention for the federal elections, to be held at Nelson in the near future. The following delegates were chosen: J. A. Broley, W. R. Ross, M.L.A., Dr. Bonnell, T. H. Whelan, H. Wilkes, Chas. Davey; alternates, Geo. Cody, G. F. Stephenson, S. McDougall, R. Redding, G. F. Johnson. The re-election of officers was held over till another meeting.

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

B. C. TUPILS MUST BE VACCINATED.

Vancouver, June 26—Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, who is in the city to-day from Victoria, states that after the summer holidays the rule will be adopted that every pupil must show a certificate of vaccination, else he will not be allowed to attend.

Another announcement made was that free text books will be supplied next term, involving an initial outlay of $30,000.

BLACK HAND IN FERNIE

Nipped in the Bud—A Gang of Ten Lodged in Jail—Three Prominent Citizens are Threatened

The police have a gang of ten men arrested presumed to be members of an Italian secret society. All the men arrested were Italians and carried murderous looking knives. The police also captured several rifles, revolvers and a lot of ammunition. They were brought up on Friday morning but were remanded until 10.30 Monday morning. Several of the men when arrested had loaded revolvers under their pillows. They came here from Spokane and are supposed to have written a threatening letter to a Revelstoke tradesman some while ago.

Later rumors are to the effect that some of our own citizens have been the recipients of threatening letters from the "Society", and it is this that led up to the timely arrest of the suspects by our police who are very much alive to such an occasion.

The names mentioned in the rumors are Tom. Whelan, Philip Carosella and Al. Rizzuto.

A meeting of the executive of the Crow's Nest Pass Football League will be held at the Waldorf hotel, Fernie, on Saturday, June 27th, at 3 o'clock.

Business of considerable importance to the intererts of football in the Pass will be discussed. It is also hoped that the draw for the Mutz Cup will be brought off. Appended is the league table showing the standing of the different clubs, up to and including Saturday, June 20.

Michel	4	2	0	2	9	3	6
Hosmer	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
Fernie	3	2	1	0	7	4	4
Col'm'n	3	1	1	1	7	8	3
C. Creek	3	0	2	1	2	7	1
Bell'vue	3	0	3	0	1	12	0

J. Graham, Coleman, Sec-treas.

At 7.30 Wednesday evening on the local grounds Hosmer and Fernie lacrosse teams crossed sticks in a return match.

The weather was ideal and a good crowd was in attendance, proving that the national game still has a firm hold on Fernieites, and all that is necessary is faithful practice on the part of the players to be assured of loyal support.

The Hosmer boys having improved considerably since the first game, were out to turn the tables, and the game started off fast from the draw. The ball travelled fast for the Fernie goal but the situation was easily relieved by a strong defence and by neat combination the ball was worked down to the home, and after a few passes Fernie scored.. Before the whistle blew for quarter time the local home twice more found the nets, making the score 3—0, which was unchanged at the call of time.

The game in spots was inclined to be rough, but due to the watchfullness of referee Blundell the participants quickly decorated the fence.

The receipts secured through the passing of the hat were very liberal and encouraging to the boys.

OUR CRITIC AGAIN SAYS

THAT he is very glad to see that the police took his gentle hint and attended the band concert on Sunday evening. This is a move in the right direction.

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THAT some of our merchants have from time to time made complaints about people sending east for goods. Of course it is wrong for people to deal outside of Fernie. And it is just as wrong for these same merchants to send east for printing. Some of them haggle about the price. And when they get it here from the east they will find it costs them as much, if not more than they can get it done for in town. Now it is just as fair for people to deal with Eaton as it is for the merchants to send away for printing.

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THAT he would suggest that about two more planks be put down on the walk around the Ingram building in course of erection. The walk is too narrow at present, and ladies with baby carriages frequently have to be jostled off the walk to pass someone coming the other way. Two more planks would fix it all right.

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THAT the quadrille soldiers were out in a bunch Thursday and our friend "tailor" McLeod was there too. All he could say was the "Critics" That! That! That! He is going fishing on Sunday to come in closer contact with nature and Bobby Burns.

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THAT the "agitator" who was trying to raise an extra row on Saturday night came within an ace of getting more than would have been good for him. It is a bad habit to "butt in" on other people's fights.

BUSH FIRES IN ACTION

In Vicnity of Fernie—Prompt Action Averted Disastrous Results

An extensive bush fire started Thursday afternoon to the south of the town and for a time was the cause of considerable alarm to our citizens, and considering the high wind prevailing many were the conjectures as to its finale. Happily the wind subsided before long which, coupled with the vigorous and untiring efforts of volunteers the fire was brought to bay. The fire raged fiercely in the vicinity of the Cedar Valley Mills also the Fernie Brick Co.'s plant, both being apparently doomed to destruction. The Brick Co.'s plant was saved, but we regret to say that the Lumber Co. suffered considerable loss of standing timber. The fire is thought to have originated in a shack which was the first burned; it afterwards spread into the bush.

There were three or four shacks burned, a Mr. Smith lost 32,000 poles, Mr. Cameron also lost some posts, and several houses in the immediate vicinity had narrow escapes, and were only saved by notably Mrs. Hall's, where all worked with such a will it would worked with such a will it wou,d be invidious to specify, but were it not for the hard work of Fernie's brave volunteers more damage would undoubtedly be done.

Owing to the bright summer sun of several days, more care should be exercised in the handling of matches, stubs of cigars, cigarettes, etc.

BIG FIRE.

Shelby, Ohio., June 22—Spontaneous combustion probably caused the fire which late last night destroyed the mammoth plant of the Shelby Steel Tube Co. here. The buildings wiped out covered several acres. The loss is now estimated at from $750,000 to $1,000,000. The Shelby Steel Tube Co., is a branch of the United States Steel Corporation.

A RARE TREAT.

The Virginia Brissac Company played here on Thursday night and also Friday night and are going to put on "Sweet Clover" by special request as a matinee, and "Captain Swift" this evening. This company is about the best that has played in this city for a very long time, and they should receive a large patronage. We had the pleasure of witnessing their production of "Sweet Clover" on Thursday night, and while the audience was small, the play was beautifully staged and correctly rendered throughout. The people have had so many really poor plays dished up to them at this opera house lately that it is small wonder the crowd was small when a high class company should at last appear. On account of the "close" action of the past managers of the opera house we decided not to mention any shows at all, but having received the following letter from Dad Simpson, of the Cranbrook Herald, and being handed "comps" by Mr. Owen, (something new for us to get) we decided to attend and criticise as we thought. Miss Virginia Brissac is a really high class actress who will win friends wherever she appears. It would hardly do to outline any of the other players, as they are all equally balanced, and show that they play nothing but the best. Their acting is pleasing, and their style and deportment shows that they have worked to a high pinnacle in the theatrical line. The letter from "Dad" speaks volumes, as will be seen:

Mr. W. S. Stanley, Manager,
District Ledger,
Fernie, B. C.

Dear Sir:—This will introduce you to C. A. Owens, advance man for the Virginia Brissac Co. It is very seldom that I have any words of enthusiasm for the average company travelling through this part of the country, but last evening I had the pleasure of witnessing a performance by this company and I feel free to say that it is one of the best I have seen in years. In fact I have paid from $1.00 to $2.00 to witness performances by companies from Chicago to the Pacific coast that did not equal the presentation at Cranbrook last evening. So far as I know not one word of adverse criticism has been made, but on the contrary everybody on the streets this morning are talking in the highest words of praise of the performance given last evening. What is more, you will find Mr. Owens a perfect gentleman and a man of his word, and the members of the company without a single exception are ladies and gentlemen. If you want to do something to favor the people of your town boost this company. You will make no mistake.

Very truly yours,

F. SIMPSON, Mgr.

Cranbrook, B. C., June 23, 1908.

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LETHBRIDGE

Lieutenant Governor Bulyea arrived in the city on Wednesday last and the following morning went out to Diamond city, accompanied by Supt. Wilson of the mounted police, and two other gentlemen who are interested with him in the mine at that point.

Miss Lucille Eckstrom, the daughter of Chris, the genial proprietor of the Dallas hotel has returned from Seattle, where she has been attending school.

The protest that the Trades and Labor Council lodged with the city council regarding the unsatisfactory fire arrangements at the opera house has borne fruit. The manager has made two additional exits, which allows the hall to be cleared in 30 seconds.

The new chief of police has been making his presence felt during the week, having persuaded fifteen of the tinhorn fraternity that it would be unhealthy for them to remain in Lethbridge any longer. These parasites have left for parts unknown.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised last Wednesday at the residence of F. Stauffer, Redpath street. The contracting parties were Thos. Wilson, C.P.R. engineer of Cranbrook, and Miss Helen Cameron of Lethbridge.

The Rev. A. M. Gordon of Knox church officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the recipients of a large number of valuable presents. The happy couple have left for Cranbrook were they will reside.

The Lethbridge brewing Co. have presented a handsome silver cup as the championship trophy for the Crow's Nest Baseball league, to be competed for annually. It is sterling silver and gold lined, supported by two baseball statutes on an ebony base. The local players are confident that they can annex it.

R. Sage one of our prominent business men has been fined five dollars for a breach of the early closing by-law. Mr. Sage intends to make a test case of it and has appealed.

The ground for Mr. Sage's action is based on the fact that drug stores are allowed to remain open, all hours of the night, not only to sell drugs but stationery also, and stationery being Mr. Sage's particular line of business he considers that the city fathers are injuring him by allowing the druggists to sell other than drugs after 6 p.m. The case will be watched with considerable interest by other business men here.

Nomination and election of officers of Local 574, U.M.W. of A. took place on Tuesday. The whole of the officers were returned unopposed; D. H. Quigley, Pres.; Jno. Larson, Vice Pres.; C. Peacock, Sec.-treas.; Thos. Heaton, Rec. Sec.; S. Begalla, Con.

The league football match played on local grounds last Saturday evening between Coal Creek and Fernie was witnessed by a good number of supporters of both teams. Coal Creek, the champions of three consequetive seasons, were badly beaten, the final score standing 3 to 0 in favor of Fernie. While defeated in such a manner the Coal Creek team are good loosers and still claim they will be in at the finish for the championship, so, that like all other games, football must have its dark horses. Fernie on the other hand is highly elated at their easy victory and have the "cup" already in sight. The local team are to be congratulated on their showing so far this season, and it is the desire of all our citizens to see them land the pennant.

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Sports in connection with the above will take place in Michel on July 1st. Valuable prizes given. Dance in the hall at night.

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? 12

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 manholes and fencing?

MINE GASES.

Second Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16, 1908. 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 quantity 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

9. Give a sketch of what you consider to be a good overcast, and what material you would consider best to use in its construction? 12

10. Ventilate the plan given, using the conventional signs shown. 20

GENERAL WORK.

Second Class Candidates.

Wednesday, June 17, 1908. Time, 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 50 per cent. required.

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

1. Describe with sketches some system of mining coal with which you are acquainted, preferably one of the two common systems. Accompany the sketch with a section of the seam showing a portion of roof and floor? 12

2. Describe the different systems of haulage used in mines, and state under what conditions each of these systems could be advantageously used? 15

3. Describe with sketches the operation of extracting pillars from a panel, and explain the precautions you would take in working, assuming the seam to be 8 feet in thickness, and rising 1 to 8? 10

4. In stalls 21 feet in width where the coal is twelve feet in thickness; heavy shale roof and full slips; timbered in the usual way; but roof breaks over the timbering after the face has advanced. Describe with sketch how you would deal with these conditions? 12

5. What is the proper gradient for main level with a view to economical haulage? What is the least gradient you would lay a self acting incline having regard to the number and weight of cars in the set? 12

6. In building a series of stoppings to seal off a mine fire, at what part of the affected area would you commence to place the stoppings, and where would you finally seal off the air? 12

7. After an explosion of fire damp in a mine how would you organise the rescue corps, and how would you proceed to explore the mine with a view of saving life and property? 15

8. What is the horsepower of a single cylinder engine of 15 inches diameter and 30 inches stroke running 75 revolutions per minute, mean effective pressure 70 lbs? 15

9. From a gangway which is driven south 70 east the rooms are driven north 55 east. The width of room and pillar is 50 feet, what is the distance on the gangway from centre to centre of rooms? 15

10. What conditions would guide you in determining the width of rooms and thickness of pillars? 10

MINING ACT AND SPECIAL RULES.

First Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16th, 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 What are the duties of the manager as provided for in the special rules.

2 What are the requirements of the act as to the various plans of the mine?

3 What are the requirements of the act as to the employment of young persons, women, and children, in the mine?

4 What does the act state as to the appointment of the check-weighman by the men? What is the limit of the check-weighman's powers, how is he paid, and under what conditions may he be removed?

5 Under what conditions may an enquiry be instituted in regard to the incompetency of coal mine officials and how is this inquiry conducted?

6 Under what conditions may an interval be required between the shifts of work in a mine?

7 What does the act specify with regard to machinery and boilers?

8 Fill out the accident form given. Assume an accident at the face and supply an intelligent sketch of the same.

9 What does the act stipulate with regard to the ventilation being supplied at too high a velocity?

10 What are the requirements of the act as to the watering of dry and dusty mines? State exceptions, if any?

MINE GASES.

First Class Candidates.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1908. 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 and describe the several gases met with in coal mines, give atomic weights, symbols, specific gravities and properties, where found and how produced, how detected and under what conditions do they become dangerous to human life? 20

2 How would you deal with an accummulation of gas over falls in pillar workings, state generally the methods you would adopt to keep the working faces free from gas during the withdrawing of pillars? 10

3 To what cause or causes are sudden outbursts of gas generally due? In a mine subject to sudden outbursts of gas, what precautions would you take to prevent loss of life? What warnings usually preceed outbursts of gas? 10

4 In a mine the quantity of air measured in the return is 165,000 cubic feet per minute, and contains 3 per cent. of fire damp. What quantity of fire damp is given off in the mine? What is the least degree in the quantity of air that will render the return air explosive and what decrease of gas will render the return air explosive? 15

5 Name and describe several of the most important safety lamps. In what velocity of fire damp charged air currents do the representative safety lamps become unsafe? 12

6 Describe the coal dust theory. What are the dangers arising from percussion or compression arising from blown out shots or other causes? 12

7 If the quantity of air passing into a mine is 75,000 cubic feet per minute at a temperature of 50 F. and the quantity measured in the return is 82, 000 cubic feet per minute and the temperature 75.F, what quantity of the decrease is due to expansion from the increase of temperature, and what quantity is due to gases given off in the mine, neglecting barometrical conditions? 20

8 What is meant by the diffusion, occlusion, transpiration and effusion of gases? 10

9 Describe the conditions of the mine atmosphere after an explosion, and giving an approximate composition of the same? 10

10 Describe how you would enter a mine after an explosion and conduct rescue work? 12

VENTILATION.

First 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 If 65,000 cubic feet of air per minute passes through an airway 7x7 feet with a water guage of 1.5 inches, what quantity of air will pass through another airway of the same length 8x8 feet in section the pressure remaining the same? 15

2 140,000 cubic feet is delivered at the foot of the down cast shaft and divided into three splits as follows:

Split (a) 6x7 ft. x 5000 ft. long.
Split (b) 6x6 ft. x 4500 ft long.
Split (c) 6x5 ft x 4000 ft. long.

What quantity will pass through each airway? 20

3 A fan running 65 revolutions per minute gives a water guage of 1.9 in. The speed of the fan is increased to 85 revolutions per minute, what will be the pressure? If the increased quantity is 110,000 cubic feet per minute, what is the horsepower? 15

4 Explain the principle of the ventilating fan. What conditions in the mine would govern you in determining the diameter and width of the fan? 10

5 Explain the difference between a force fan and an exhaust fan. In case of a fire if it became necessary to change an exhaust fan into a force fan how can you do so? 10

6 Give an intelligent sketch showing the arrangement necessary to effect the change required in the previous question? 10

7 In an air course 6 ft. x 8 ft. in section and 5,500 ft. long, what is the velocity of the air current, when the water guage stands at 2 inches? 15

8 Give a sketch of what you consider a good overcast, such sketch to show dimensions and other details sufficiently complete to construct the same? 15

9 Explain the principle of the flow of air in mines? 10

10 Ventilate the plan given, using the conventional signs shown? 20

GENERAL WORK.

First Class Candidates.

Wednesday, June 17, 1908. Time 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 50 per cent. required.

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

1 Describe what you consider the best method of working deep coal mines subject to creep? 10

2 Under what conditions would you prefer to install the long wall system of mining coal? Give rough sketch of method and show section of seam with roof and floor? 12

3 Mention the several explosions commonly used in mines, describe their properties and the dangers attending the use of each? 10

4 Describe what you consider really efficient, practical and economical system of watering a dry and dusty mine? 10

5 From a pair of shafts in the centre of a square field of coal, what is the maximum area you would consider it practicable and advisable to work, having regard principally to ventilation and underground transportation, pumping and the limit of practical economy? 10

6 The length of a main and tail rope haulage is 7,000 feet (no grade) the weight per foot of the main rope is 0.8 lb per foot and the weight of the tail rope 0.6 pound per foot, the full cars weigh 6,000 pounds and the empty cars weigh 1800 pounds and the train consists of 15 cars, what are the tensions on the main and tail ropes? If the average speed is 10 miles per hour, what is the horsepower due to the maximum tension of the ropes? 20

7 Give a short description of the geology of any coal field with which you are acquainted, mentioning some of its peculiar features? 10

8 State what precautions you would use to prevent accidents and fires arising from defective installation of electricity in the mine for power purposes? 10

9. Describe a good type of coal mining machine and the conditions best suited to its use? 10

10 Describe some of the uses and advantages in using reinforced concrete in mines? 10

SURVEYING.

First Class Candidates.

Thursday, June 18, 1908. Time, 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 50 per cent. required.

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

1 What are the several uses of an accurate mine plan, and what are the dangers and consequent results arising from not having an accurrate and complete plan of the mine? 10

2 Compare the merits of compass and Transit surveying as compared to mine surveying? 10

3 Do you consider the use of instruments of extreme precision necessary in all the details of mining surveying? If not, state under what conditions instruments of less precision may be used. 10

4 A mine drivage runs north 190 feet, thence west 400 feet, thence south 125 feet, thence west 150 feet, thence north 525 feet, thence east 450 feet, what is the course and distance from start to face. This question must be answered from computation only. 20

5 Plot the following survey of a scale of one chain to one inch. Close the survey giving course and distance of remaining course and take out the area. North 400 links, N. 80 E. 410 links, S. 60 E. 390 links, S. 25 W. 550 lonks. 20

6 From the following level notes plot a profile to a scale of 100 feet to one inch horizontal and 10 feet to one inch vertical. Assume station 0 100 feet elevation.

0	10.40	—
1	4.55	7.50
2	6.72	11.20
3	4.81	3.40
4	10.20	2.10
5	4.44	3.45
6		5.40

Stations are 100 feet apart 20

7 A gangway is driven south 75 east and the rooms north 60 east. The rooms are 30 feet and the pillars 35 feet wide. What is the distance from the centre to centre on gangway? 15

8 Compare the relative merits of plotting by:

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Located this 3rd day of December, 1907.

Harry Couillard, Witness
W. E. Coates, Jr. Agent
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THE CLASS STRUGGLE

Synopsis of an address delivered at Coal Creek on Sunday, June 21st, by J. Shooter, before an appreciative audience, D. Paton occupying the chair. Several questions were asked and answered by the speaker.

Modern Socialism has been described by Engels, as consisting in a recognition of the class antagonisms existing in society, and of the anarchy which pertains in our modes of production; it is the first idea, that of class divisions we are met to consider to-night and one which forms a great part of a greater whole; it is necessary for every Socialist to have a correct understanding of what is meant by the class struggle; it is also important to know how this struggle has been brought about; why there is a struggle; who are the contending parties; and the very best weapons to use if we are to be successful. I do not intend to weary you with struggles of bygone days of which history abounds; suffice it to say that the history of the human race has been an history of class struggles, based upon economic interest, there is no disputing the fact that we, today, are engaged in one of the greatest struggles that has ever decked the pages of history, and one that will have far reaching consequences both to us and those that follow after us. We meet and hear of persons who still tell us there is no division in society, but to any person who will not look through blue glasses but will study present day society, he will soon be convinced that society has within its hostile classes because the evidences are so patent and the facts so real that it amounts to a pervertion of the truth to say there is no antagonisms in society. What are the factors which go to make a division in society possible? There must first of all be two parties, who are divided, whose interests clash and conflict. That we have got two such parties in the capitalists and wage workers must be patent to all, we have on the one hand the owners of the means of life, which we are all dependent on, for our existence; on the other hand we have those who own nothing, only their labor power, it is to the interest of the private owners of industries to get whatever profits they can through their ownership. It is also to the interest of the owners of labor power, to get as much as they possibly can for their labor power. You will readily see what is to the advantage of one, works to the advantage of the other. If profits go up, wages go down, and vice versa. Most of us were taught to believe that the interest of labor and capital were identical but such is not the case in actuality, they are in fact the very opposite to being identical; they lie as wide as the poles asunder. It is illogical to suppose we can keep a thing and part with it at the same time. What is the cause of their interests lying apart and the cause of these divisions.

Our society of today is generally acknowledged to be, the work of the capitalist class, it was the capitalist class with the aid of the proletarian that abolished the feudal regime, because that system had outlived its utility and was not in keeping with the capitalistic mode of production. After feudalism was abolished, capitalism was able to develop without any restrictions, and we have evidences all around us of how it has developed. Before the introduction of capitalism, individual production was the rule and the tools of production belonged to those who used them; the system of production was consequently limited, it was as Engels says, The historic work of capitalism to enlarge these many means of production and turn them into the powerful levers of production that we see today. Marx has shown how this has been worked out through simple co-operation, then manufacture afterwards by modern industry. The remarkable thing about these changes in the mode of production is they could not be brought about without changing them into social means of production; only workable through the co-operation of labor. Socialised production took the place of individual production. The workshop gave way to the factory, the spinning wheel to the spinning machine, the hand loom to the blacksmith's hammer to the power loom and the steam hammer, and these as Engels says; had to be operated socially. The products also underwent a change from individual into social products. It was impossible under socialised production for a person to say, These are my products; they had now gone through a social process and one did not know how much of the product belonged to him. There was a time when a person could make a pair of shoes himself, with his own labor, but today shoes are made in a factory by a combination of men, so that it is impossible for a person to say, these are my products. They are the result of socialised production. Under individual production the products belonged to the producers, it was his tools and labor power as a rule that had produced the commodity, and he was able to enjoy the benefits of his own production. Right here is the starting point of the present class struggle and of class divisions, look at it how you will. The class struggle is the outcome of the contradiction between socialised production with capitalistic appropriation and it manifests itself as a struggle between the few who own the means of life, and the many who are dependent on the few for their very existence; between those who exploit and those who are exploited. This struggle has become more and more intensified through the fact of the avenues being closed one by one, whereby a man might raise himself out of the exploited class. A few years ago it was far more possible that it is now, for a man to work his way up out of the slave class into the laster class, like some of the captains of industries have done. Through the centralisation of capital and its development into trusts, these avenues are closed one after another. Over the doors of all the big industries are written in large letters the words "No Road, Rockefeller has locked the doors of the standard oil, Carnegie has done the same with the steel trust." The same thing applies to the railways and other industries; it is much more difficult now than when capitalism was young, for a wage worker to rise out of his class. He has to remain with his class; to be its teacher and guide and point out the way of emancipation; thus radiating a spirit of revolt and discontent amongst his own class at the injustices which are heaped on that class. Socialism is a most natural and intelligent impression of that class who are affected most by the changes which have taken place in our modes of production from individual ones into social ones. The class struggle can be further demonstrated by the trades unionist movement. This movement all unconsciously preaches a class struggle. Whenever a body of men form themselves into an organisation with interests which are peculiarly their own, and are also aggressive in the pursuit of those interests, then society has within it an hostile class, but when the interest which this class pursue conflicts with the interest of another class, then there is class strife, class divisions, class antagonisms, based upon economic interest. This is how the case stands to-day on the industrial field, between organised labor and organised capital. Unions are formed for the purpose of getting as much for their labor as they can. Masters are out to get all the profits they can, these interests clash and there is endless strife and contention.

S. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is a trades unionist pure and simple, has expressed concisely what the demands of the workers are; he says, the workers want more wages, more of the comforts and leisure of life. These were the wants of yesterday, they are the wants of to-day, they will be the wants of tomorrow and tomorrow's morrow. These demands are in direct opposition to the interest of the master class and the natural result is strikes and lockouts. That is why we say that the trades union movement all unconsciously preaches a class struggle. There is yet another movement, and a real live conscious movement engaged in this class struggle, a movement that understands how these classes have come about, the nature of the struggle, and where the solution for the abolition of classes is to be found. This movement has behind them an imposing array of literature, monthly, weekly and daily papers by the score, it counts its adherents by the thousands, this organisation puts to shame all other organisations for solidarity and unison of purpose and action. Its members know of no sacrifice too great to make for the cause; they are organised upon the basis of a class struggle. Human history, they say, up to now, is an history of class struggles, but has only simplified class antagonisms, and drove men into two hostile classes, oppressor and oppressed. This movement also shows how one class, the owning class have entrenched themselves behind governmental and judiciary powers; all the powers have been captured by this class for the purpose of furthering their own peculiar interests. This conscious movement is not slow in pointing out to the workers these facts and in telling them if they wish to abolish class strife they will have to use modern weapons; and that weapon is the ballot box. Not only must the workers be organised on the industrial field, but they must also organise on the political field. The Socialist party is trying to educate the producing class aright, so that they may use their vote for the purpose of capturing the reins of government and once and for all abolishing the class struggle, and two leagues have been formed for the purpose of combating the spread of Socialism; one is the National Economic League; the other the National Association of Manufacturers. Both are settling down to a hard fight and mean to retain if possible all the powers they have captured. It is now up to the working class, who are in the majority, to know which class they belong to, and to get in line with their class, become class conscious, realising that only class conscious movements affect history. The class struggle in its final analysis evolves itself into a race struggle and class consciousness, evolves into race consciousness. We will show at a future time how these work out.

POLITICAL AND INDUSTRIAL ANARCHY

A uniformed anarchist, Inspectoe Schmittberger, says "The club is mightier than the constitution."

A non-uniformed anarchist, named Silverstein, retorts, "Then the bomb is mightier than the club."

These two lawless barbarians proceed to fight each other.

Behind the uniformed one are the great malefactors, as Roosevelt calls them. Behind the civilian are a handful of insurrectionary rebels.

What have Socialists to say about all this?

They say that lawlessness breeds lawlessness, anarchy, anarchy; lynch law, lynch law; and that the response to the clubs of anarchists are the bombs of other anarchists.

Socialists are against anarchy.

They are against the anarchy above, which breeds injustice, lawlessness, poverty, vice and crime.

They are against the anarchists below, who have nothing positive to offer, and who put public opinion upon the side of the clubbing and oppressive anarchists above.

Society cannot exist without and order and organisation.

There can be no peace or plenty in a society without order and justice and co-operation.

There can be no content where the majority does not rule.

The anarchist is an egoist. He is best represented by the men in control of Wall street. He lives the rights of others; he oppresses for himself alone. He over-rides the weak. He destroys by the law when he owns the law, or by the bomb when he does not own the law, those who oppose him.

The Socialists object to the society under which we live because it is not governed by law, justice or order.

It is chaos and anarchy; governed by anarchists, who have even the power to create a great panic like this, in order to fill their own pockets.

They kill thousands every year in the mines; they murder tens of thousands every year upon the railroads; they force little children into slavery; they place grievous burdens on the backs of frail women.

This is anarchy, industrial and political.

The Socialists fight it whether it be a product of Morgan, Ryan, Belmont, the dominant political machines; or the work of an individual bomb thrower.

THE SOAP-BOX SEASON

The "soap-box" has become as sure a sign of spring as marbles, baseball or sprouting vegetation. With the first warm days the irrepressible orator of the working class is at work. On a thousand street corners throughout the coming summer he will be telling the story night after night of the message of freedom which Socialism brings to labor.

The "soap boxer" is a distinctively Socialist institution. Various other parties have tried the same method, but all have given it up sooner or later. The reasons for this are not difficult to discover. The man or woman who proclaims his belief in the open air must be filled with a devotion to his cause such as is inspired by no ordinary political doctrine. He must be ready to meet all comers and defend himself against every manner of attack, physical or mental.

He must have a gospel to preach which is impregnable against attacks, and which brings a message of joy and freedom to his hearers. Otherwise he cannot hold his audience and maintain interest.

Various other political parties and movements have attempted this method of propaganda, but none save the Socialists could meet the tests. The average politician when he is forced to meet the questions and objections of a street audience soon sees his arguments torn to tatters and his eloquence fade into thin air.

From every point pf view "soap boxing" is a proletarian method of campaigning.

It is especially valuable for pioneering. It is safe to say that the street corner orator has been the first harbinger of Socialism to thousands of localities, being preceded only by the omnipresent Socialist newspaper.

There is a tendency on the part of Socialists to let soap boxing, like everything else, get running in a rut. The same methods are followed in the great cities with well developed Socialist movements that have been used with success in the early stages of the movement in small towns.

Now that Socialism has found a movement in almost every town in the United States this fact should be recognised in the management of outdoor speaking. The meetings should now be as carefully prepared as those in halls. There should be complete and extensive co-operation by all Socialists who live in the vicinity of such meetings.

The work of preparation should be carefully systemised and organised. The speaker should not be expected to climb upon the box and shout until the audience arrives, and then combine the functions of literature agent, orator, organiser and chairman until he is exhausted and unable to do anytaing well.

Now that the pioneering stage is past for the majority of soap box meetings, the time has come to lay the heaviest emphasis upon the sale or distribution of literature. Each street corner meeting should be made a centre for such distribution, with leaflets and papers to be given away and books and subscription cards for Socialist papers for sale.

If this is done the soap box may enter upon a new and even more valuable career than it has had in the past.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

YOU CANNOT STOP IT

To anyone who studies the Socialist movement in its wider international expression and from an historical point of view, its most striking feature is its irresistible onward movement. The observer is constantly reminded of some great cosmic force—the tidal wave, the upheaval of continents, or the onward sweep of some astronomical body.

In autocratic Russia, democratic England, military Germany, in the cold of the Scandinavian countries or the burning heat of the Latin nations, there is seen this same resentless progress.

This movement seems almost unaffected by the attitude of its opponents. It grew with swift leaps in Germany under the Laws of Exception, that proscribed its literature and organisations and outlawed its followers, and it advanced with even swifter stride under the reform legislation that followed the persecution. For a time it seemed to be held in check by the clever compromises of the English rulers. Then in almost a single year the English division of the army of international Socialism bounded into the front rank. Russian repression held it in check with bloody hand for a generation and then humanity was staggered at the growth of a single year and the price which was paid to achieve that growth.

There are times when waves of reaction sweep over a single city, and occasionally over a whole nation. But looking upon the entire world the rate of progress changes little from year to year. Each recurring season in these later years sees hundreds of thousands of new converts added, millions of new readers of Socialist books and papers. As a general thing the brief periods of temporary reaction or stagnation seem to find their explanation more in some defect in the organisation of the particular movement affected, in internal quarrels, or doctrinaire impracticability of comprising alliances than in anything that the opponents of Socialism can do. No one can stop Socialism. No one can delay it save the Socialists themselves.

Capitalism will furnish the conditions of progress, will supply the forces that drive the movement onward, but it is for Socialists to utilise those conditions and forces intelligently.

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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.
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LABOR'S PURCHASING POWER

If trade unionists only understood the true meaning of unity and solidarity, their power would be invincible.

To-day union men often spend forty dollars a month to destroy unionism, where they give one dollar a month to build up unionism.

Union men as a body spend no less than $1,500,000,000 a year to purchase the necessaries of life.

Every dollar of that sum spent for non-union goods is spent to break down unionism.

If a strike is on in a shoe factory union men all over the country send their contributions to support the strike. If the strike fails, and scabs are employed, union men often buy the products of that scab labor.

What with one hand they try to build up, with the other they try to tear down.

If a union man gives a dollar a month to support his union he has done a great deal. By paying these dues he expects to build up a powerful trade union movement. At the same time he often uses his immensely more powerful purchasing power to defeat the aims of unionism.

Suppose every one of the three million trade unionists in this country considered it a crime to buy non-union products. Suppose the merchants and employers knew that and were trying to attract union buyers. Suppose they knew every penny of this billion and a half dollars would be spent only for union made goods, What would you see?

Every store patronised by workingmen would have a union label sign at its door. The merchants themselves would advertise the union label, the employers would advertise that their shop is a closed shop. All the industries that produce products for working class consumption would employ union labor or go bankrupt.

This great lesson is constantly preached by union leaders. It is the lesson of unity and solidarity. It means instead of a few million dollars going to the support of unionism, that over a billion dollars every year would go to the support of unionism.

Back of every union fighter, back of every strike, back of every industrial battle would be the power of this billion and a half.

The dues paid to your union are nothing compared with this immense purchasing power—power now often frittered away and wasted when it is not actually used to break down unionism itself.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT

President Roosevelt has declared himself as in favor of an Employers' Liability Act, which provisions in some respects similar to the English Employers' Liability act, but of course restricted, as most legislation in favor of labor in the United States is by the national constitution of that country.

What makes this of importance to us is that the Alberta legislature recently passed an act in a great many respects similar to the legislation in force in England. The act of July, 1907, passed in England, is much wider than the Alberta act, in that it includes classes of employees omitted by the Alberta act, such as servants and farm laborers. The English act goes so far as to make householders responsible for accidents to their domestic servants, and when this act was first passed it created a panic among the homes of Great Britain. But the insurance companies again, as they had done before in regard to other classes of employees, rose to the occasion and more than sixty companies actively solicited this class of business. For sixty-eight cents a year, a ridiculously small amount, an employer may buy exemption from all legal liability for accidents to one indoor servant. A slightly increasing amount is charged for gardeners, coachmen and even chauffeurs who drive motor cars and are usually well paid because of their employers, the sum of $4.87 to insure against legal liability.

The Workmen's Compensation act which has been passed by the Alberta legislature, and which will come into force on the 1st of January, 1909, does not include servants, nor does it apply to industrial diseases as the English act does. The small rates which insurance companies charge in England, however, clearly show that for a very small amount of insurance, the whole burden may be shifted from the shoulders of the employers to the insurance companies. Much misconception has arisen in the minds of some people regarding this act, and one hears occasionally the stock argument being used that this class of legislation tends to prevent capital coming into the country. On the contrary, legislation of this character tends, by preventing as it does those frequent clashes between capital and labor, to place industries such as the coal industry, on a very much more stable basis, and in this way capitalists have more security than their industries will not be closed down by strikes arising as they often do through lack of legislation of this character safeguarding the lives and guaranteeing to workmen proper compensation in case of injury. The main result of enacting of Workmen's Compensation act has been the very material reduction in the number of accidents, due to the greater care being taken by employers of labor in connection with machinery used by employees in the various industries.

An act very similar to the Alberta act has been in force in British Columbia for some five years, and has worked out not only entirely satisfactory to the workmen, but also to the large mine and lumber operators.—Edmonton Bulletin.

MINOT

Mr. Alf. Wilson, who has been working in Marsh's mine, left here for Sparwood, B.C.

The school being closed the school teacher has found another berth. I believe that he has obtained another school in the Edmonton district. He is leaving Woodpecker on Wednesday, the 24th. Good luck to him.

Coal City have received some more arrivals. Another brother of Demmons has arrived with his wife. He likes the locality very much and intends shortly to open up a grocery store.

They have been fortunate in striking water in another well at Coal City at a depth of 9 feet. It is quite a fine flow of good water.

W. Lowe was up from Purple Springs. He has had, up to now a very good percentage of chicken raised with his incubator. He will have about 200 chickens in the fall.

The diptheria has not left the Woodpecker district yet. John Older's family have all recovered and are out of quarantine but another family have got it now, namely, Andersons'. They nearly lost their fourteen year old boy.

Mr. J. Alla cannot get out to his homestead as yet, for there is no ferry to cross the river. They are fixing one up. The old one was washed down as far as Grassy Lake. There is certainly great need of the bridge. The flood has shown up the fault of the new bridge and they are going to put in an extra span.

Minot is practically deserted, nothing being left but mosquitoes, empty mines and buffalo chips. The latter come in handy for building smudges.

The mines are still idle in this district, there being very few orders at present.

The farmers will soon be very busy for with the rains that we have recently had, haying will be upon them before they know where they are. The crops are certainly looking very fine. Also swarms of mosquitoes. They certainly are a pest.

We are sorry to report that Chris. Sonbery, late of Wood- who went down into the state of Utah to get work, has met with a serious accident. He obtained work running an engine at the roudhouse at Helper. While engaged shunting one night he was hurt by being knocked down by the engine. Full particulars have not been received. His wife and two children are leaving to go home to him at once.

Messrs. Bullocks are having their 200 acres, which have just been broken, fenced. Mr. Thompson has got the contract for this work.

BANKHEAD

The Bankhead Mines, Ltd., worked four days last week. June the 20th will be pay at there mines.

The I.O.O.F. moonlight excursion was postponed owing to floating logs in the lake.

Mr. Marks, head clerk under the Bankhead Mines Co., Ltd., has left town to take up a position at Hosmer under the same company.

Local No. 15, U.M.W. of A. the lollowing officers were elected for the coming year:

Pres.—Wm. Dunlop.
Vice Pres.—Wm. Conliffe.
Fin. Sec.—J. Fisher.
Fin. Com.—Edward Seeley, Jas. Muggs, Tom. David.
Pit Com.—Pat Corrigan, Tom Williams, H. Lindley.
Warder—G. Goderick.
Conductor—J. Gaffney.

Bankhead eleven vs. Scrubs played a friendly game of football on Wednesday, June 17th. The result of the game was two goals

There has been quite a bunch of unemployed hanging around here the last week or so. Some have been lucky enough to get work while others have had to hit the ties.

Mr. Sam Laird will be the head clerk in the general office in future.

The briquetter at the briquette plant had rather a narrow escape from getting seriously hurt. One of the pipes carrying hot pitch bursted. The engineer managed to escape the volume of pitch, but he got baly burnt on the hand.

Local No. 29 held a special meeting on Friday night, June 19, which was well attended by the foreign speaking brothers. The speakers of the evening were Mr. Nicollette, Mr. Susner, Mr. John R. Galvin.

Pres. Dunlop in the chair, made a few opening remarks, after which he called upon vice president Galvin to introduce the two organisers to the meeting, after which the chairman called upon Mr. Nicoletti to take the floor. Mr. Nicoletti in his opening remarks made reference to the kindness and hearty welcome given him in different parts of district 18. He said it was not his intention to address the English speaking brothers, therefore you will please excuse me for cutting my remarks short in English. He then spoke to his own people, in their native tongue. Nicoletti is a good speaker, and has a lovely flow of speach. Although the English speaking brothers could not understand the speaker, it was still a pleasure to them to sit and listen and watch his movements. It would be a good thing to have a man like Nicoletti in this district all the time.

Mr. Susnar was the next speaker to take the floor. He spoke for quite a while in English, after which he switched off into Slavonic. Susnar is an old timer in this district and is well known; also well liked. He is an able speaker and good honest worker; a man who has given his time and talent to the labor question, since he has been in this country.

After this speaker vice president Galvin gave his report on the pilliar question, in which he said a contract had been signed. The report was accepted and a unanimous vote was passed to accept the same. The meeting came to a close at 11.30 o'clock.

FOOTBALL.

Bankhead vs. Banff met on the Bankhead grounds, June 20. The weather was not altogether favorable. The two teams were fairly strong. It was a hard and fast game. Both teams played for all they were worth and at half time nothing had been scored. In the second half, Bankhead changed their men a little, and by doing so, they won out. Bankhead got the best of the game all through. They were pressing the Banff boys right through the game.

Just before the finish Bankhead got a fluke goal. One of the Bankhead boys made a shot for the goal and by accident one of the Banff players put it through his own goal.

Final score, one goal to nil in favor of Bankhead. After the game the two teams sat down to a good spread at Dunsmore boarding house. After dinner the boys had a smoker. H. Morgan presided. The evening was well spent. Jack Jackson was the star singer of the evening.

BASEBALL.

Bankhead vs. Banff met on Saturday last, June 20. Owing to bad weather the two teams decided to play only seven innings. Rain fell all the time the match was on; therefore both teams were handicapped, but they gave a fairly good exhibition under such conditions. Bankhead were behind in the second innings, but after this they got to work, making five runs in the third innings. The way the Bankhead pitcher fanned them out wasn't slow. Final score 19 to 13 in favor of Bankhead.

HOSMER

For clean, fresh groceries go to Matheson.

Fred Cox will occupy the whole of the ground floor of the Slinn block with a fine line of fruit, confectionery, ice cream. The place will be thoroughly up to date.

Men's tailored garments a specialty at Matheson's. Union made.

Hosmer football team travelled to Coleman to play the return match in the Crow's Nest league on Saturday. The game started before a pretty fair attendance. Hosmer had the wind in their favor. The play was of the give and take kind, neither team having the least advantage.

The line that caught the big trout was purchased at the Elk Drug and Book Store.

Half time found score nil. Play was resumed in second half after a five minute rest and proved to be a better exhibition of the game of football.

The very latest local views of Hosmer to be had at the Elk D and B Store.

Coleman pressed hard and after fifteen minutes play scored first goal of the game, and then Hector McDonald's face fell down two yards and our routers were good and quiet. Hosmer was on the alert immediately and after ten minutes hard play Watchem equalised for Hosmer. After this the play assumed a rough aspect. Tommy Seward was fouled inside eighteen yard line, which gave Hosmer a penalty which was taken in good style, giving Hosmer the lead, Coleman having no chance to save. At this stage everybody was in a scrapping mood including the referee and the game was stopped by that worthy having lost control ten minutes before time was up.

For a sure headache cure go to the Elk Drug and Book Store.

Sam Rouleau of the Pacific and Loucu Lanthier gave a splendid exhibition of the noble art of bronco busting on Monday afternoon. With lots of Mutz cordial for a bracer, the exhibition was exciting.

Sam had two falls and Loucy had one but for the protection of a friendly stump Loucy would be going yet.

When going out fishing don't forget to call at the Hosmer cigar store for your smoking material. They carry a first class line of cigars and tobaccos.

There was no price of admission. The first in the field with a sky scraper at Hosmer is the townsite company. It is a very pretentious building for a company who have made some thousands of dollars in Hosmer lots. It is said they pay five dollars a month ground rent.

There is a movement on foot to purchase a picture frame for the new townsite company's building. It will look well framed.

Julius Hurel, the go ahead proprietor of the Hosmer hotel contemplates building a three storey brick hotel. Julius says it will be second to none in the Kootenays. Steam heat and every convenience for travellers will be provided.

The Presbyterians are doing good work in the new city of Hosmer. We believe their evening service is the brightest and most helpful of all the good things that are taking place in our midst.

The Ladies Aid are up to date in their work, and the ladies are looking forward to being the first to build a church. The ladies in this respect are far ahead of the gentlemen, but we have hopes that the gentlemen will put their shoulder to the wheel and give a good lead. A church would give a decided tone to our community, besides affording our young people a divine inspiration for leading good and noble lives. "First in the field" is the axiom for keeping a good cause going and all who desire to aid the coming of the kingdom should give the minister their help.

The work is in charge of Rev. James A. Leslie formerly of Winnipeg. He has been here since the fall of last year. His charge also includes the missions at Elko, Baynes, Waldo and Elkmouth.

Seward played the game on Saturday under bad conditions having an accident in the mines during the week.

Scott, Smith and Kelly played a good game for Coleman.

Jack Linton and A. Chambers of Coal Creek were in Hosmer on Tuesday.

The pride of all the ladies, "Billy Smith," is in the repair shop. What was it Billy?

Overheard in the train—What the deuce are those funny things they are building? It was the peers of the coke ovens they were looking at, which look like a sort of stonehenge.

Hosmer football boys should be more up to date. They watch their visitors spend their time moving around. Why not entertain your visitors with a smoker. Get a move on.

Carosella hall is nearing completion and a glaring defect has been remedied in the entrance.

The fire warden! Yes, it's up to you. Why don't you frame your rules? What about this starting of bush and other fires without a permit. Shooting of guns within a given distance of the town should also be stopped.

A Russian with an Owski Wowski name was injured at Elk Lumber Co.'s camp 3 on Monday. Dr. McKinnon was promptly on hand and using a stump as a hospital he chloroformed the Russ, and saved the man's hand.

Frank La Belle was in Fernie on Wednesday.

Fernie and Hosmer people will wonder at this open air hospital, but the man could not be brought away as they have a smallpox case at camp No. 3..

The new officials of Hosmer local will be announced next week.

On the 18th the stork paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson. It was a daughter. Nickerson looks happy. Watch Hosmer grow.

Hugh Bell and J. Wildman have a contract for an addition to the Pacific.

The Bank of Montreal is to be the first bank in Hosmer.

BAYNES

Mr. John Vink, an employee of the Baker Lumber Co., was drowned in the Kootenay river at Waldo on Sunday. He was fishing with a companion from a boat and in attempting to change places the boat was overturned, throwing Mr. Vink out and he was unable to reach the boat and was swept down with the current.

A game of baseball was played between Elko and Kreg Sunday, resulting in a victory for Kreg, the score being 17 to 7.

Miss Hubbard, of Cheney, Washington, is a summer visitor at the Kootonia club, and is enjoying the climate and scenery.

The Adolph Lumber Co. suffered a severe loss on Wednesday, their sawmill being burned to the ground. The stock of lumber was saved.

Mr. H. Smith, Moscow, Idaho, is employed by the Kootenay River Land Company to do some surveying.

Mr. E. H. H. Stanley was a business caller in Baynes Monday and a guest of Mr. D. W. Hart.

The baseball game indulged in last Sunday on the recreation ground between Hosmer and Fernie was witnessed by a fair crowd considering the unfavorable weather. The game was of the strenuous kind and went the full nine innings before the winning run was scored by the visitors, the score standing 11 to 10. The local team play at Elko tomorrow and it is earnestly hoped the weather man will be on his good behavior, as a good number will likely accompany the boys.

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(Silver Jug to winner of 1st prize donated by Dr. Corsan)
10 Quoit Competition, competitors to arrange prizes
11 Pony Race, one mile dash
12 Quarter mile Obstacle Race for men
13 Quarter mile Race for men
14 High Jump, open
15 Putting the Shot
16 Potatoe Race for men
17 100 Yard Dash, for men, open
18 Long Jump, open
19 Wrestling Match, catch-as-catch-can
(Referee G. G. S. Lindsey)
20 Single Ladies' Race, 80 yards
21 100 Yards Sprint (final) members U.M.W. of A.
22 Married Ladies' Race, 60 yards
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Hoboes?

Yes. But think it over just a moment. Doesn't is as a rule take something more than the hobo instinct to drive a man into the waste country to fight starvation, and thirst, heat and cold, rattlers and arsenic water?

Couldn't he find a more pleasant place to be a hobo?

These men are a part of the "other half" of the world. But contact with these wanderers would surprise the "one half." Professional hoboes are among them, but they are the exception. The majority are attracted by one motive—the desire to find work. Driven from Los Angeles and adjacent cities by lack of employment, the great Owens river project is the magnet that has drawn these men to the desert.

Are these men to blame for their condition? There's only one way to find out just what kind of men are these who are struggling through the desert sands, moving on from one aqueduct camp to another, clear across the Mojave desert and up into the Owens river valley.

The way to find out is to make the trip with them. The writer has done this. Here are little stories about these hoboes—incidents of the road—without frills. The stories may or may not be instructive, but at any rate, they are true.

"Excuse me, but have you a match?"

The reporter had overtaken two travellers. They were both young men and well dressed. One carried a satchel, hung over his shoulder with a strap. The request was complied with.

"I've got just enough tobacco for a cigarette," said the hobo. "I'm pretty hungry and maybe a smoke will kill my appetite. Pretty economical plan, eh? But I'll be up again it after I use this tobacco."

"Aren't you carrying anything to eat? asked the reporter.

"Oh, yes, sure," with a laugh. "We've got an elaborate course dinner. We're going to dine soon, and if you are hungry you're welcome. You might care for a cocktail and oysters and soup and a steak and—"

"Oh, say, will you please go to h—?" interrupted the other hobo. "Quit reminding me, will you?"

"Well, haven't we got the dinner, and already to serve, too?" replied the other.

"Let's see it," suggested the reporter.

"Sure."

The young man opened the satchel and drew out a half loaf of moldy bread. Then he laughed again and thrust it back.

"We finished half of it this morning and the rest must last until night anyway."

"Broke?" asked the reporter.

"Say, old man, we're just loaded down with things to eat, but we haven't got a cent. But then a fellow can't have everything at once, can he?"

They said they came to Los Angeles from Boston, had found employment for a time, but had finally been driven to the road. They were both well educated.

"Just hard luck, that's all," said the cheerful young fellow who carried the bread.

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Near the entrance to the Francisqueto canyon the reporter overtook a brown faced, athletic looking young man, carrying his roll of blankets, coffee pot and frying pan.

The reporter and the hobo walked along together.

"I'm a draughtsman," said the hobo. My first experience at hitting the road. Just out of luck temporarily. Going up to Elizabeth lake and try for a job on the aqueduct works. Maybe I can get a job driving a team or shovelling or anything. I'm not particular, just so it's work. Funny game, this hobo business. And honestly I'm not half so sore at it as when I started. I've been a hobo now for three months. If I have to stay on the road three months longer I'll probably be a hobo instead of a draughtsman the rest of my life. It's easier to live this way than it is to starve in town.

"But I'm not is such bad shape as some of them. I had a little money in the bank when I lost my job, and I've still got most of it. I carry enough money with me so that I won't really starve, you know. I'm going to stop at the next ranch house and buy some eggs.

"Peculiar the way these farmers treat a hobo, isn't it? They're very conservative, you know—very. Why one farmer at whose place I stopped for a drink of water said: 'Get out of here, you d— hoboes steal everything you can lay your hands on.'

"Now that made me angry, and I says to him: 'Why, you d old fool, what in h— do I want to steal anything for? I've got more than I can carry now.'

"At the big ranches I've always been treated fine, but at the little farms they generally set the dog on me. Well, I see chickens here. This is the place where I buy eggs If I can get a talk with the farmer before he calls the dog. Good bye and good luck. Pleased to have met you."

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Through the canyon the reporter met many hoboes, all carrying their blankets and a few cooking utensils. Each one asked "How far to Elizabeth Lake?" and "What do you know about finding work on the aqueduct?"

Some of them were men of high education. Some were cheerful and philosophical A few were sullen and rejected attempts to engage them in conversation. But all were after work.

"Oh, they don't want it; they just say they do, so they can lay around camp a few days, steal what they can get, and move on."

Is that what you say?

If you think its pleasant being a hobo in the desert country just for the fun of lying about a desire to find work—try it!

* * *

"Nothing doing!"

That's the answer that greets the hobo's request for work at the Elizabeth Lake aqueduct camps.

The hobo picks up his blankets and coffee pot and moves on.

He struggles into the Mojave two days later through a terrible sand storm.

He looks out across the dreaded Mojave desert. No use going back. He moves on into the desert.

"Nothing doing" at Red Rock canyon. Nothing but arsenic in the water and sun and sand and lizards and rattlesnakes and a grave or two along the trail, just for a pleasant reminder.

"Nothing doing" at Freeman station, at Indian Wells, at Olancha, or at any of the little desert stage stations or the aqueduct camps, where the hobo thought there might be a chance to shovel dirt in a temperature of 110, or the chance to get a real aristocratic job of driving eight mules.

"Nothing doing" at Lone Pine, Independence, Bishop.

At Bishop the hobo pauses? Where next? He is at the end of a string of little towns in the Owens river valley. Beyond Bishop are the mountains, grim, forbidding, and snow capped. Beyond the mountains is more desert. Beyond the desert are the Nevada mining camps. Shall he try it? It's taking a long chance.

"Nothing doing here, 'bo," says a town official. "Better move on."

"The hobo swings his roll of blankets to his shoulders.

He moves on.

A Kansas man is convinced that advertising pays. He advertised for a lost five dollar bill, and a stranger who had picked one up on the streets, read the advertisement and returned the bill to the advertiser. A few days later while looking over a waistcoat he had laid off, the original lost bill was found in a pocket. He says advertising pays one hundred per cent.

MORE BIBLE HISTORY

Hebrew Scholar Finds Samaritan Version of the Book of Joshua.

London, June 25—The eminent Hebrew scholar, Moses Gaster, describes the discovery of what he believes on good authority to be the authentic text of the Samaritan version of the book of Joshua, which has been lost to the world 2,000 years. Three hundred years ago Scalier obtained the Arabic chronicle based on this text from the Samaritans at Cairo, but failed to secure the original, the existence of which has been denied by biblical scholars. Gaster, however, in 1907, while visiting the Samaritans at Cabul, was given a copy by a high priest and purchased a second copy from the verger of the sanctuary.

The text of the Samaritan version is substantially identical with our canonical or masoretic version to the end of the thirteenth chapter, after which there are radical differences and ommissions of incidents derogatory to sacred history or discrediting the claims of the Samaritans, but of the genuineness of the text Gaster has no doubt, alike on the grounds of its style and because of its having been the basis for the Arabic chronicle and its close correspondence to the narrative of Josephus, who evidently used it as a genuine source.

Internal evidence of the text and the history of the Samaritans induce Gaster to fix the date prior to the middle of the second century B. C. The high priest who gave Gaster the copy seemed quite unaware of the importance of the book, which apparently has not been preserved in any old manuscripts, but Gaster considers this in no way invalidates the authenticity of the text.

"WESTWARD HO!"

Though late from the presses the June issue of Westward Ho! with its splendid stories and illustrations is by far the best number yet turned out. Cy. Warman has a capital story "The Heathen," and Roy Horniman, an equally well known magazine writer contributes an amusing phantasy of the future entitled "No Ball." Miss Irene MacColl, a young British Columbian writer who is rapidly making a name for her fiction has a sweet but sad story in "As She Sowed." "The Reef of Landell's Woe," by N. Tourneur, and "The Brothers" by Ruben Rambler are two good pieces of fiction. In the travel department this month's magazine introduces Mr. Frank Burnett, of Vancouver, who contributes an illustrated article "The Ruined Cities of Ceylon." "Indian Legendry," "The Log of the Mineola," "Photographis Notes," "Country and suburban Gardens," are all of local interest and the excellent series of sketches on the various districts of the province under the heading "Potential Canada" and a write up, of Fernie, by D. V. Mott, speak well for the publisher's enterprise in exploiting the possibilities of the west. Next month Westward Ho! commences its third volume and announces as a special feature a sketch of Sir Wilfred Laurier by the editor in his department "Men I have Met."

The editor sat in his office whence all but he had fled, and he wished that every last dead beat was in his grave—stone dead. His mind then wandered far away to the time when he should die, and his royal editorial soul go sailing to the sky; when he'd roam the fields of paradise and sail o'er jasper seas and all things glorious would combine his every sense to please. He thought how when he had looked across the great gulf dark and drear, that'll yawn between his happy soul and those who swindled here, and when for water they would call, and in agony they'd caper, he'd shout to them: "Just quench your thirst with the due that's on your paper." A noise, a start, the editor awoke and silently he wept, as he realised his work was never done, not even while he slept.

CONSERVATIVE GAIN.

Montreal, June 25—The opposition in the legislature at Quebec was strengthened by one vote this afternoon, as a result of the recount in the St. Anne's division of the city. Tansey, conservative, was declared elected by a majority of three votes. The seat was held by Walsh, liberal, by a majority of eight votes. The opposition now consists of seventeen members.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In the matter of the dispute, from Coleman, in regard to the decision of the Joint Committee at Blairmore, March 10-11th, 1908.

The Joint Committee finds that the proposed system of taking out pillars in No. 2 seam at Coleman is not "new work," and that the laying off of the men took place under a misunderstanding, and are therefore of the opinion that the men laid off should immediately resume work under the present contract prices.

(Signed) Lewis Stockett, Pres.
(Signed) J. A. McDonald, Secy.

The following statement, arrived at May 16, 1908, between the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, is hereby approved by the Joint Committee:

"It is hereby agreed, by and between the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, that the following rates of wages shall govern at the No. nine mine, Coal Creek, for the pillar and stall system:

Mining—62½ cents per gross ton.

Yardage—levels and parallels, $1.50 per lineal yard; crosscuts between levels, $1.50 per lineal yard; room crosscuts, no tracks, .50 per lineal yard.

Clod—Where required to take down clod, it is to be paid for at the old scale.

Brushing—Bottom brushing to be done by the Company.

All other labor to be paid for according to the scale agreed to May 4th, 1907."

(Signed) Lewis Stockett, Pres.
(Signed) J. A. McDonald, Secy.

Fernie, B. C., June 9th, 1908.

In the matter of the International Coal & Coke Company, Limited, in respect to the refusal of the management to consider an alleged grievance made by Donald Frazer and other employees being laid off work, because of the fact that the men had, of their own accord, drawn their time, and thereby ceased to be employees of the Company.

It is the opinion of this Joint Committee that, where employees have voluntarily drawn their time before the regular pay day, they sever their connection with the company and the alleged grievance ceases to become a question for consideration under the agreement we are working under.

(Signed) J. A. McDonald, Secy.
(Signed) Lewis Stockett, Pres.

OUR BESETTING SIN

The Right Rev. Chas. Scadding, D. D., Bishop of Oregon, U.S.A., in his lenten pastoral letter to his diocese, wrote the following sentences, which are worthy the consideration of every christian of every name and place:—

"Our besetting sin is the breaking of the Lord's Day, or the neglect of the worship of almighty God. This terrible impiety, which is widespread among us is a three fold evil. It is a symptom of spiritual disease; it is itself a grievious sin, and is a sure cause of religious decay and death.

"A wave of irreligion has been sweeping over this country. Some who used always to be 'in the spirit on the Lord's Day,' began to spend that most holy and blessed day in mere idleness and sloth, then in purely physical exercises and amusements or in domestic and social festivities, forgetting God. But such waves of popular corruption and folly ought no more to move a churchman and 'Child of God,' than the passing clouds move a granite hill.

"I, therefore, bespeak your faithful and loving observance of this Lent, with all its duties and its privileges, and its opportunities for public worship and instruction."

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COAL CREEK ACCIDENTS

Government Summary as Reported

The following is a detailed statement of accidents in Coal Creek collieries during 1907.

Jan. 14—Thomas Glover, switch boy, while attending to the latches was struck in the leg by the rope.

Jan. 29—Martin Kubrick, driver, while riding on the side of the car he was jammed against the door frame and had his hip bone broken.

Feb. 7—Wm. Less, miner, leg broken by a piece of coal falling from the face.

Feb. 8—Thomas Cowan, miner, leg broken by a falling clod.

Feb. 8—Chas. Douglas, car repairer, while Douglas was working in the car shop at Coal Creek a snowslide broke down the building and smothered him

Feb. 9—George Trill, boilerman, jumped on a train in the yard while in motion, missed his hold, and was run over and killed by one of the coaches.

Feb. 11—Thos. Cronin, driver, was travelling fast with a bunch of cars and got his legs cut by being pinched between two of them when they stopped.

Feb. 13—John Riley, brusher, shoulder dislocated and one rib broken by a piece of clod which struck him while he was breaking a piece of rock.

Feb. 19—Steiner Rockasby, a miner, while taking out an old piece of timber was struck by a sharp piece of rock, which took off his right thumb.

March 4—Thos. Paton, miner, a piece of timber that he was taking off a car fell on his right leg, breaking a small bone.

March 16—Paul Gall, miner, right arm fractured by a piece of timber on top of an empty car, which was coming into the room where Gall was.

March 29—Martin Smolick, a miner, had just hitched his mule to a car when it started suddenly and Smolick was caught between the car and a post near the road and was killed. He had been warned to stand on the other side of the car.

April 4—John Piasta, slate picker, leg broken by an empty car coming down the switch back by the tipple where he was standing.

April 5—Archibald Nelson, driver and hoistman, jammed between two cars at the bottom of a lift and injured internally.

May 15—S. W. Green, machinist helper, while carrying a pipe along the main level stumbled and broke his ankle.

June 9—Thomas Wrigat, trackman, while walking behind a horse it kicked him in the pit of the stomach.

June 18—Mike Kubic, driver, was bringing a trip of three cars to the landing, sitting on the front end of the first car. The trapper opened the door and told him to slacken up speed, when Kubic, for some unknown reason, jumped off and was fatally crushed between the car and the door post.

June 21—James Hepple, killed; Robert Thomas, fatally injured; Edward Best, badly bruised; John Edmonson, badly bruised. These four men were driving a prospect tunnel and having lighted a couple of shots had retired outside. It is supposed that the explosion of these detonated some dynamite at the mouth of the tunnel, with the results above mentioned.

June 25—Martin Browsky, rope rider, the car that he was riding on was carrying a stick of timber which was caught by the side and fell off, carrying Bobrowsky with it and breaking his leg.

July 9—Andrew Gillis, miner, leg broken below the knee by a piece of coal falling from the face.

July 22—George Bell, miner, a "bump" occurred and the room that Bell was standing in caved in. When found he was dead, evidently suffocated.

Aug. 3—Thomas Dewsbury, a miner, right leg broken by a post while he was letting down a car, with a McGinty.

Aug. 17—Joseph Cocceolone, timberman, while preparing the roof for a set of timber the roof collapsed, through three other sets breaking. Cocceolone had his skull fractured, and the top of one finger cut off.

Aug 19—Sydney Rees, trapper, attempted to jump on a moving train of cars on the surface and had his leg badly gashed.

Aug. 27—Albert Rhodes, driver, a loaded train jumped the track and struck a piece of timber which Rhodes was helping to handle, causing it to swing around and break his leg.

Aug. 23—Harold Hooten, rope rider, in attempting to jump on to the front bumper of a trip of loaded cars he slipped and fell, was run over and fatally injured.

Sept. 9—David Lynn, driver, was riding on the front of his car when his horse stepped on a piece of wood which flew up and struck his foot, badly bruising it and breaking a bone.

Sept. 20—Peter Johnson, brusher, fatally injured by the premature explosion of a charge.

Sept. 20—John Debattista,, miner, head injured by the premature explosion of a charge.

Oct. 2—Thos. Wilson, miner, fatally injured by the fall of an over hang of coal which he was mining under. He had neglected to put in sprags, though warned to do so.

Oct. 9—Gomer Davis, miner, killed by a "bump" occurring in the place where he was working, bringing down coal.

Oct. 16—Luigi Basile, pusher on tipple, two toes taken off by a loaded trip of cars which he was jumping on to when he missed his hold and fell, catching his foot in the creeper guard.

Nov. 8—John Laithwaite, miner, while Laithwaite was loading a car part of the coal broke away and fell on him, breaking his leg below the knee.

Nov. 13—Humphrey Evans, rope rider, was shifting a switch with his hand when one of the cars ran over it, taking off two of his fingers.

Nov. 15—Jas. White, miner, while working at the face some rock fell on him, dislocating his knee and straining his back.

Nov. 15—Alfred Chisholm, driver, while stepping on to a moving car he was caught against some timbers. He had one rib broken and chest and shoulder crushed.

Dec. 12—Wm. Smith, flag boy, flagging trips at entrance to No. 9 mine, foot caught in switch, causing him to fall, fracturing his leg.

Dec. 23—Andros Williams, miner, leg broken and back lamed while at work in his stall in No. 9 mine.

A WARM LETTER

The following is from the B. C. Trades Unionist and speaks for itself:

Port Arthur, Ont, May 9, 1908

R. Parm. Pettypiece.
Vancouver, B. C.

My Dear Parm.: I owe you a letter for quite a long time, and I intended to make it duly apologetic when I got round to it. However, I saw the May copy of the Trades Unionist, and I made up my mind that for two "gossipy" items you were, to some extent, responsible. They refer to Haywood and myself. While I do not care particularly what impression the Trades Unionists of the West, or of the Dominion as far as that is concerned, receive of myself, I am strongly of the opinion that the comment on Bill Haywood in the columns of the Trades Unionist (Booze. "Nuf sed") will not have the effect of raising it in the esteem of those who have the best interests of the labor movement at heart. It betrays the hypocrisy the petit bourgeoisie that would measure the worth of a man by the standard of its puny moral (!) code. The one thing, that it is essential that we bear in mind, is that the personality of its propagandists have absolutely no bearing on the merits of the Socialist theory. Whether the truth was voiced in the Trades Unionist or not, it was in extremely bad taste; a guage by which the small nature of the editor and contributor may be safely measured. Men of generous disposition will be inclined to recall the grand loyalty of Haywood to the cause of the workers; a loyalty which never wavered even in the shadow of the gallows. Men intimate with his record will remember the magnificent courage he displayed in resenting the taunts of the arrant coward, Sherman Bell, when he punched him, though surrounded by his uniformed thugs. Of course respectable labor leaders of the Gompers-John Mitchell stripe, would not have been guilty of anything so vulgar nor is there the slightest reason for supposing that Big Bill is slated for any appointment that would engender even the entertainment of a suspicion that he was ever faithless to the men who gave him their confidence. "Booze. Nuf sed!". It is, I presume, to be understood that he likes it, but remember not so well that he could not forego it on occasions such as the one on which he gave expression to this historic utterance: "The wine in your goblets would turn to blood on my lips, etc." Search the records of your labor men and then you find them occupying the jail and the bull-pen, being hurried to the gallows, rather than participating in capitalist labor love feasts at civic federation banquets you have found men who are faithful to the cause of labor; men, who, if the doing od duty merits any thanks, are entitled to the gratitude of the workers. I say this without qualification; it holds good all the way through. The test for a Haywood or a Pettypiece it not, Does he indulge in intoxicants? But: Has he ever contemplated treason to labor? I am confident that in neither your case or Haywood's, drunk or sober, your faithfulness would be beyond question.

The only excuse that could possibly be offered in extenuation of the insertion of this uncalled for criticism is zeal for the cause of labor, and this brings his judgment into question.

Far better that the rag should never be published at all than it should undertake to do the work of the capitalist class. It is up to the Vancouver council to see that a man capable of exercising common sense, is appointed to edit it.

A critical time in the affairs of labor is at hand, and the need of the hour is more Haywoods; labor has nothing to fear from such as he, but it behooves it to watch carefully those who stand ready to lead it to the capitalist shambles by the liberal, conservative, Joe Martin independent or labor (?) chutes.

If this is the manner in which labor intends to reward its heroes, (though I think Haywood would object to the term) it will have a tendency to encourage indifference. It is a pity that you did not draw attention to this, and have it blue penciled, for I cannot reconcile it with my experience of you, to believe that you would be a party to its publication. If you were, well d—— your indiscretion, for you have done something that cannot be very easily undone; erected another monument to your impetuosity.

As to the brand of "hooch" I was indulging in at the Peg, it was the kind he usually drinks who is a judge of good liquor, "Irish" with the taste of the turf on it. It was partaken of in the company of as rare a bunch of good fellows as are to be found in this Dominion, all of them friends of yours, too. Here I was in Winnipeg with the expenses piling up and no chance that I could see to clear them off. I went to see * * * and he asked no questions but did a stunt that endears me to him for all time. He did it I believe as much because I was a friend of yours as for any other reason; in fact more for that reason than any other. Your choice of adjectives in describing me was rather unfortunate. Character! why not agitator, labor fakir, unionist, or something of that kind? What in h—— kind of "hooch" were you indulging in when you penned that delectable piece of "news?" What the blazes do the readers of that freak rag care what I do any more than I care what one half of them think of me? The solicitude of our friends to interpret the signs they can read from afar off is consoling and gratifying. Now about that anarchy declaration, I will enlighten you in some future communication. To-night I go to Fort William to try and get a labor meeting to declare for Socialism. Regards from * * * and * * * to the old timers.

Yours in the Revolution,
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7 Are you proud of the manner in which you perform your duties?

8 Do you like your work, or do you like to work in any way?

9 Do you make play of your work or do you play at your work?

10 Which would you consider the most useful employee, the man who knew how to do, the man who did do, or the man who knew how and did do?

11 Which class are you in?

12 Is your employer inclined to be fault finding?

13 Whose fault is it, yours or his?

14 Are the most or least valuable man on the job, or where is your place?

15 Are you doing justice to yourself?

16 Are you fitting yourself for a successful career of a poor farm?

17 Would you seriously inconvenience your boss by quitting?

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Victoria, June 22—After having terrorised Victoria for 48 hours and necessitated the doubling of the police force, besides being allegedly responsible for about a $64,000 fire loss, C. B. Bratton is at the city jail with a charge of wholesale incendiarism against him. He was arrested this afternoon in the act of firing the business premises of A. G. Fraser and company.

Detectives Palmer, Perdue, and Clayards shadowed him for less than two hours after he had endeavored to fire the wholesale grocery establishment of Copas & Young. A description was obtained and the police had not long to wait before Bratton justified their suspicions and was captured in the act of arson. He is superintendent for Vancouver island for the Imperial Insurance Co., with offices in the board of trade building, which was one of the first fires in the series of the past two days.

Opinion is divided as to whether he is insane or systematically building up a panic to create a rush for insurance and justify the extra rates demanded by the fire underwriters. An open charge of conspiracy in this regard is being investigated by the police.

The series of fires credited to Bratton include in all about 16, the principal being at the old colonist building, owned by T. H. Hibben and company, box manufacturers; the board of trade; Weiler Bros. factory; Metropolitan block; Chancery chambers; Angel hotel; Fit Reform; Bismark hotel; Hudson's Bay Company and Turner Beeton and Company's factory. All were promptly suppressed with the exception of the fire in the historic colonist building, where unsecured losses of $54,000 were recorded. Mysterious fires have been frequent during the past year, the losses thereby exceeding in the aggregate all fires in the past history of Victoria.

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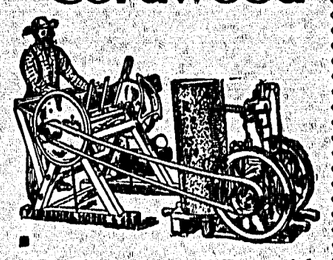

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Dr. Corsan left on Monday for Spokane on a visit.

The brick yard commenced making bricks this week.

Mr. Hughes of Coal Creek paid us a visit Tuesday.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

Jackey Johnston came in from Cranbrook to Coal Creek Tuesday.

R. Strachan of Coal Creek left on Monday morning for Vancouver.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

Miss Wilmer Hicks who has been attending school in Calgary is home on a visit ...

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Leslie Mills left on Monday afternoon's flyer for New York and other cities.

Mr. Fleishman of Vancouver was in our town Thursday, coming in from Hosmer.

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Mrs. W. R. Ross and daughter left on Wednesday's flyer for a visit to Indian Head.

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Miss Lawson, of the firm of Lawson and Lofstrem, lady barbers, visited Lethbridge this week.

Mr. W. H. Wood who has been employed for some time in the city left for Wardner on Wednesday morning.

Bert Black has had his house enlarged and otherwise fixed up, which makes a great improvement in the property.

The regular train on Thursday ran into a couple of cows just the other side of Hosmer and did not stop to pick up the pieces.

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On Thursday afternoon Mr. Mitchell and Miss Dye, both of Lethbridge, were married at the Baptist parsonage and left for their home on the evening train.

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

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

The Rev. S. Cook, of Michel, will conduct both services in the Methodist church on Sunday. Kindly note that evening service commences at 7 p.m. instead of 7.30 as formerly.

On Sunday night in the Baptist church Mr. Williamson will preach on the subject "Why was it necessary for Jesus Christ to be crucified. The service will commence at 7.30. Everybody welcome.

THE KILTIES ARE COMING, FERNIE RINK, JUNE 29.

Mrs. Lamb left on Tuesday to join her sons, who lately took up two fruit lots at Baynes Lake, 30 miles south of this city. They report that they are well pleased with the land and the prospects there.

Mr. Savage of the firm of Plunkett & Savage, of this town and Calgary, visited his business here this week and expressed himself well pleased with the business turned out through the local branch.

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Dr. Piercy, the eminent and well known Winnipeg eye specialist will be at the Eld Drug & Book Stores, Ltd., on June 26, 27, 29 and 30. All eye sufferers should make the most of this opportunity of consulting a specialist of such high repute.

Mr. E. H. H. Stanley visited Baynes Lake on Monday evening, returning Tuesday forenoon. He reports the place settling up, the soil of a good quality for gardening and fruit growing and a very pretty place and mild bracing climate.

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The Odd Fellows in Hosmer have now got their lodge room completed and are able to do their own degree work. The meeting night has been changed to Tuesday, and all applicants are being notified to appear for initiation next Tuesday night. A splendid set of regalia and paraphenalia arrived this week from Toronto and with these added conveniences the boys should be able to do good want.

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W. Scott, our undertaker, went to Sand Point on Wednesday night, by the flyer.

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THE FERNIE STEAM LAUNDRY

Mr. Reynolds, of Cranbrook, came to town Thursday night, returning on the local next morning.

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MAY BE MURDERER

Vancouver, June 25—A negro named James Jenkins is tonight being taken to New Westminster, charged with the atrocious murder of Mrs. Morrison, which occurred recently at Hazelmere. The man was arrested on June 12 near Bellingham and has since been detained as a vagrant. This morning the little Morrison girl picked him out from among fifty prisoners as the assailant and later identified the clothes he wore when arrested. Jenkins has never accounted for his whereabouts at the time of the murder.

Advices from the east state that G. W. West, United States consul at Sydney, C.B., has been appointed consul general of the United States for this province and ordered to report at Vancouver on July 1. Consul Dudley is now in Washington on business and the report cannot be definitely confirmed.

Vancouver, June 24—Little Mary Morrison, the eight year old daughter of Mrs. Morrison, who was murdered two weeks ago at Hazelmere, this morning at Bellingham identified a negro named Jenkins as the man who had killed her mother. The girl had no hesitation at all in declaring that the negro was the man and in making the identification complete. Jenkins was arrested at Wickersham, Wash., as long ago as June 12, and was held as a suspect. A charge of vagrancy served to keep him in jail till he could be conveniently brought to Bellingham. This morning constable Spain took the Morrison girl to Bellingham and in the county jail the girl identified the negro as her mother's assailant. Sheriff Williams was the officer who in the first instance caused the arrest of Jenkins. The latter was nervous and frightened when arrested. Other persons who saw him today declare that he was in the vicinity of the crime on the day of the murder.

BURNING 9 YEARS.

Butte, June 25—General manager Gillie, of the Amalgamated Copper Company's properties, today issued an official statement concerning the fires in the Anaconda and St. Lawrence mines regarding statements which were sent out from this city last night. Mr. Gillie says that the blaze which has been raging continuously since 1899 is no worse than it has been several times before and that there is nothing alarming in the situation. The fire is supposed to have been started by a miner's candle. For nine years it has raged in the timbers of the part to which it has been confined, spreading slowly. The sulphurs in the ores also lend fuel to the smouldering flames.

GOOD NEWS

Ottawa, June 25—A bonus of 10 per cent will probably be allowed the entire public service this year. It will be based upon the increased cost of living throughout Canada.

Anent the lacrosse match on Wednesday the remark was many times heard that the game was after all a Fernie game, being almost entirely between Fernieites and ex-Fernieites, the visiting team being with one or two exceptions at one time Fernie boys, and playing in her team.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Killarney, Man., June 25.—A disastrous fire occurred this morning at Paul Cleave's three miles east of here. His son Percy went to light the fire with coal oil when the can exploded, covering the boy with flames. He ran for the door and jumped into a water barrel but not before he was seriously burned. An aged lady housekeeper was also badly burned. The building and contents were completely consumed.

MINE HORROR

Monongahelia, June 23—Three miners are dead, two others perhaps fatally burned and 15 entombed, many of whom are supposed to be dead, from an explosion at the Ellsworth No. 1 mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company near here to-day. One of the victims taken from the mine, John Beal, is the only one identified. The others are foreigners whose features are too scorched to be recognised. The burned men were carried to the hospital here where it was said they would probably die.

The explosion occurred when all but 30 miners working on the day shift had left the workings. Of this number 15 were near the mouth of the slope and rushed out before the force of the explosion reached them. Had the explosion occurred five minutes earlier a force of 500 men would have been entrapped. Little is known about the men here still in the mine, but most of them are said to have perished in the fumes, which are still so strong that rescuers cannot enter far into the stopes.

Later—A report from Ellsworth, Pa., says that all the men are out of the mine the number of victims being ten, three of whom are dead. Little damage was done inside the mine. Owing to a storm which interrupted telegraph and telephone communication, full details cannot be had from the mine.

CONDUCTOR OF THE KILTIES.

A musical organisation of the importance and renown of the Kilties must necessarily have for its leader a man of highest ability. In the person of Mr. Albert Cook, the director, this leader is found. Mr. Cook is a striking example of a man, who not only knows music, but can impart to those under him his ideas of how compositions should be played. In the Kilties, Canada's remarkable band, which has visited seven countries, and is now on its fifteenth tour, Mr. Cook has most sympathetic material, and with it he achieves results that take his hearers by storm.

Nothing but praise is every heard by the band, because every man in it is an artist, individually working for the success of the whole; and under the direction of a master, they could not help achieving that success.

It is not necessary for Mr. Cook to descend to eccentricities in order to secure good work from his men, and throughout all his leading, the gymnastics indulged in by some leaders, are noticeable by their absence. His splendid figure set up like a soldier's is not required to twist and turn and jump about to secure the results he desires from the musicians; and the ease with which he leads them comes as a distinct relief to audiences over weary of "eccentric" poses.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Red Deer, Alta., June 25—A distressing accident took place at Ewarts, west of here, when a homesteader named Englebert Pukha lost his life. He had a gun on his shoulder when it slipped from his hand, the butt striking the ground, causing it to discharge, the contents blowing the man's head off. He heaves a widow and three children.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Cranbrook, June 25—What is a verdict of wilful murder against three Swedes named Axel Bergren, Geo. Nelson and M. Lund, was found by the jury empanelled by coroner Mallandaine here this afternoon to enquire into the cause of the death of Michael Rooney, formerly a blacksmith at Daly's logging camp, near Jaffray.

On Sunday evening, the 14th instant, a Swede named Steve Forsman, came into Pearson's hotel at Jaffrey with his face badly battered and complaining that he had been held up by two men on the C.P.R. track close by and robbed of his watch. A number of Swedes got a hand car and went down to Jeyell's camp, where they charged the murdered man and another named Kelly with taking the watch. The accusation was furiously denied and a rough and tumble fight started between Rooney, Bergren, Nelson, and Lund, in which it is not denied that the Swedes kicked the Irishman,

When Bergren and Nelson were pulled off Rooney, the latter lay limp and quite unconscious on the ground. He was carried into the bunkhoose and left there apparently without assistance or medical aid.

On Thursday last he was conveyed to the Cranbrook hospital where he died the following morning. The upper portion of the skull was produced at the inquest and showed that a portion of it three inches long and two inches in width had been kicked in upon the brain matter. The fractured part was as free as if cut by a trephine saw. Medical records show no case of a man surviving so long after sustaining such an extensive injury.

The verdict finds that the man came to his death from injuries received at the hands of Bergren, Lund and Nelson. The accused will be at once arrested on the coroner's warrant and brought up for preliminary hearing at Fernie.

THREE KILLED.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 24—Three men were killed by the explosion of a locomotive on the Pennsylvania railway at Stolton, two miles from here, this afternoon. The locomotive was drawing a worktrain. The dead are engineer Roberts, fireman Holman, flagman Donnelly, all of New Brunswick. The accident blocked three of the four tracks.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Three Rivers, Que., June 24—Almost one thousand people are homeless and more than a million dollars worth of damage was done by a fire which broke out here shortly after noon today. The heart of the old city has been wiped out of existence and of half a mile square in the business section only blackened ruins remain with a few gaunt chimneys standing intact, while furniture saved from the doomed buildings is piled up in the public square.

Fanned by a strong southwest wind, the fire had in one hour's time developed into a sea of flame with which the local fire brigade of six men, assisted by volunteers, had to cope unaided until after 3 o'clock, when the first outside contingent from Grande Mere arrived. Though the doomed district presents a vast scene of wild confusion, there was no loss of life.

Five banks and 11 churches were burned to the ground in the pathway of the conflagration, nor was that all, for the old parish church of Three Rivers, originally built in 1664 and rebuilt in 1714, is altogether destroyed except for the walls, which are still standing. Near the church the customs house is also in ruins. The latter building is also a historic one, being used as a barracks in the early colonial days. The convent was saved. Buildings all around the Anglican church were destroyed but it remained undamaged. The same can be said for the Methodist church.

Eleven business streets have been practically wiped out along with the banks and hotels, as well as the dry goods establishments and factories. Only a fringe of the residences and houses of the inferior class remain. These were saved by the work of firemen sent by special train from Montreal, Grand Mere and Shawnigan Falls.

Probably more fortunate for the portion of the city that still remains intact than even the quick arrival of outside firemen, however, was the presence of the 85th regiment and the 11th Argenteuil Rangers, which had arrived for summer camp. To them is largely due the credit of keeping down a panic, as men and women and children struggled out of their homes carrying their furniture with them. Other soldiers were detailed to guard the furniture as thousands of dollars worth of it was piled up in Champlain park.

By seven o'clock the fire had been cut off, though it still continued to burn fiercely, and late tonight, though the electric lights have been cut off, the doomed area is well lighted by the flames still burning the ruins of what was once solidly built stone buildings.

One of the greatest scenes of confusion in any building was presented inside the jail, which was right in the burning area, but though menaced to the last it was finally saved. There were 100 prisoners inside. These prisoners, looking through their barred windows, saw buildings around them falling, and they loudly clamored to be set free. Town authorities were consulted on the subject and things looked so serious that it was decided to have everything in readiness to liberate them at a moment's notice, but owing to the work of the fire fighting force this was rendered unnecessary.

Purse lost at Coal Creek. Finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.