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HERCHMER'S PLATFORM

Does Not Include Clean City Clause--Vote for Eckstein

The platform of S. Herchmer was received too late for publication. It was also too late for comment as our forms were just being closed. One very essential thing we missed on it was a plank covering a "decent city." Why has Mr. Herchmer left this all-important plank out of his platform?

Go back three years and get particulars of the water deal that Mr. Herchmer was mixed up in. Remember the trip to Nelson. Is it wise to have such a man for mayor? Think for yourselves. He has only decided to come out when it is too late for comment.

Vote for a decent city.

A GOOD LIST

TWELVE GOOD MEN TO CHOOSE FROM

The following men are now in the field as aldermen in opposition to the men put forward by the T. and L. convention. Any of these gentlemen should be acceptable as they have all proved by their past to be men of good business ability. Between the T. and L. men and these last six an exceptionally good council could be picked up with L. P. Eckstein as mayor.

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A. H. Cree
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T. Biggs
W. Dicken
W. Campbell
T. Rutledge
W. Stockwell

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Dear Sir: On the day following the district election report the ballots of local union No. 2648 which had been delayed on account of storm, arrived at the district office but the district board refused to count same. This poll would have elected me by 60 majority. Is this fair?

J. A. McDONALD.

TERRIBLE EPIDEMIC IS NOW FEARED

Typhoid Breaks Out in Italian Cities--Lack of Pure Water Cause for Fear--Living Population to be Compulsory Removed

QUEEN HELENA CALLS OFF BIRTHDAY FESTIVITIES

ROME, Jan. 9—Dispatches received to-day from Messina and Reggio indicate that although the situation is in some respects better, fresh complications have arisen, typhoid having broken out in Messina.

The lack of pure water and the increasing pollution of the air causes the persons in charge of the Red Cross work to fear a terrible epidemic. The medical administration in conference with the government authorities are considering the compulsory removal of all the living in the destroyed cities.

The work of searching under the ruins has almost ceased because there is no expectation of finding any one alive. The rescue parties find only corpses. The earth tremors continue, causing fresh apprehension among the already painfully affected survivors and the workers from outside.

No Festivities in Italy

Queen Helena has asked the authorities and people throughout Italy not to engage in the usual festivities on her birthday next Friday. The queen added that she intended spending her birthday in nursing the wounded.

Searching parties relate many instances of wonderful tenderness to animals. One party attracted by groans beneath a pile of debris began feverishly to remove the stuff. They presently found the victim but it was only a donkey. However the soldiers carefully lifted it out and took it to the barracks where every care was lavished upon it.

Dead Number 200,000

Rome, Jan. 5—King Emmanuel has addressed an order of the day to the army and navy in which he says he has again had personal proof of heroism of the soldiers and sailors, and commends highly the men of the foreign warships in uniting their efforts to those of the valorous Italian officers and sailors. British naval officers estimate the total number of dead at 200,000.

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CHURCH NEWS

News of Interest to Church Goers

We will be glad to have news for these columns each week

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christmas Sunday school treat was a great success on Monday night. The building was packed to the door and the program rendered by the children was a great surprise and delight to all present.

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A lagre congregation gathered to the watch night service on New Years eve.

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At the annual church meeting held on New Years eve all branches of the church were shown to be in a healthy condition. New officers were appointed and a splendid spirit of hopefulness was exhibited by all of the members.

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Rev. D. E. Hatt, superintendent of missions was here Monday, and took part in the entertainment in the evening. Mr. Hatt is one of the cleverest Drummond "Habitant' readers in the country and delighted the audience with his readings.

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Pastor Williamson expects to leave for the coast on Monday evening to bring back his family to Fernie.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Endeavor will meet at 8 o'clock on Monday nght. Speaker—A. Cook. Topic. Pilgrim's Progress. Everybody invited, especially strangers. Come and spend a pleasant hour with the young people.

Why does the worker bow in subservience to the idler? Why does he cringe and shuffle in the presence of the class which fattens on him? It is because he has been made a coward by careful training. All the customs, all the laws, all the religions that have received the sanction of the ruling class have been those which were calculated to keep the worker in subjection. He has been trained to quake and cower at the garden his own hands has made. The whole force and influence of his education makes him give place to the man who assumes to be his better. But what is the basis of this assumption, save the arrogance of class?—It is not a better man the worker is bowing to. Manhood does not reside in mere assumptions to superiority. The worker is bowing to a phantom; a creation of his own darkened mind.—Franklin H. Wentworth.

WHAT IS SURPLUS VALUE?

By Robert Hunter.

The whole trouble, my friend, centres about surplus value.

The capitalists get it. The workers want it.

The strife will never end until the producing millions get the whole of surplus value.

But what is surplus value?

A man named Jones was an expert on bees.

He saw that bees spent two thirds of their time making honeycomb and one third of their time making honey.

He set to work to manufacture the comb. He was an inventor and he accomplished his purpose.

The bees then spent all of their time making honey.

But the comb was expensive, and so Jones invented a process by which honey could be taken from the comb, used again and again.

But this was not enough; he invented a hive in which the bees could work all winter.

He also discovered that if all the good honey were taken from the bees late in the fall, he could put into the hive sugar and water and the bees would live on that during the winter.

Jones was a great inventor and he did for the bees what most of the inventors have done for the laborers.

Their inventions have been used to further exploit labor—not to relieve it.

He discovered how to take the surplus value and leave to the workers a bare subsistence.

Have you read Marx? If not, do so. And you will find the above an illustration of the full meaning of two terms he uses—the one Wages, the other Surplus Value.

The Surplus Value which the capitalist takes is the honey.

The wage which the workers get is the sugar and water.

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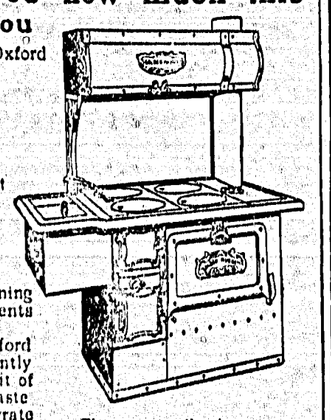

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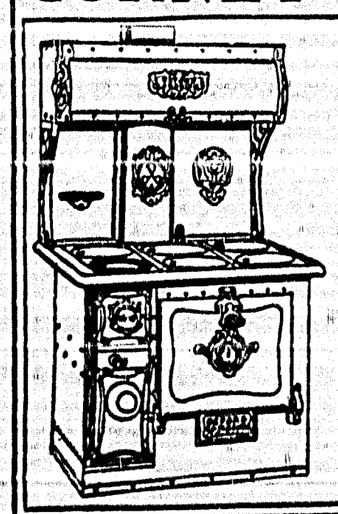

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LABOR

R. P. P. in Vancouver World

From the Labor Columns of the Vancouver World, by R. P. P.—

The Lethbridge Trades and Labor Council is riding for a fall.

From an economic standpoint it has made splendid progress ever since organization.

Some months ago politics were introduced—that is, old-party politics.

The result is that the experience of several similar bodies in British Columbia, years ago, is to be repeated.

The beginning of the friction was when the Lethbridge Trades and Labor council called a convention of the Southern Alberta unionists for the purpose of breaking away from the fundamental principles of organization—majority rule.

At a provincial convention, thoroughly representative of all Alberta, called by the Alberta executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada on December 15, 1907, a resolution adopting the Socialist party as their political expression of "independent political action" was almost unanimously adopted, there being only six dissenting votes.

A few old-party trade unionists at Lethbridge could not stand for such a significant, logical and unmistakeable declaration—and got busy.

And right here the trouble began—for the old partyites.

Subsequently a convention of a few unionists in one end of the Province was held, and like all other 'bolters' from majority rule, were led into a political pitfall—unconsciously—let one be charitable enough to admit.

A miner named Donald McNab was chosen as the standard bearer of the "independent" Labor party to be.

That McNab as a wage earner may be true; but that he does not understand the problem labor must solve is so self evident that he who runs may read. At a meeting in Lethbridge McNab said.:

"Capital is a good thing and I would not be one to do away with it; but it is putting on the screws too hard."

In answer to a question McNab said he was not a Socialist, and he was not going to advocate what he did not believe or understand.

Nothing more need be said to forever put McNab out of court as an exponent of wage-workers.

The colossal economic ignorance of a man such as McNab has proved himself to be in the above conglomeration of contradictions, is only equalled by his nerve in accepting the nomination of a bunch of wage earners who ought to know better.

In the interests of the good name of Labor let it be hoped that that old Biblical injunction "Like begets like" is not applicable in this instance.

It has been said of McNab that he is not a theorist. Such a statement was unnecessary.

All things of a constructive or practical being were at once stage theories—in the minds of scientists, architects or builders.

And after seeing such evidences of Mr. McNab's plans and specifications it is painfully evident that he has no "theories."

Speaking of "dreamers," Lethbridge Trades and Labor council will discover, by bitter experience mayhap, and lost time and energy, that its hideous nightmare of old party politics will wreck economic organization and progress and leave only experience in its wake.

It is hard to believe that the rank and file of southern Alberta will reject what the unionists of the whole province "believed in" because a few McNabs do not "understand" and consequently without investigation, do not "believe in."

Only the future can tell.

But experience already portrays the immediate result.

Trades unionism is builded upon and within the limits of the wage system, seeking only better terms—larger pay and shorter hours. But at no stage does it question the right of property to be used as capital, i.e., that form of property used to rob labor.

Socialism is the legislative expression of all wage earners, organized for the purpose of abolishing capital and the present form of property ownership and wealth production.

Thus it will be seen that they are two separate and distinct movements, having after all very little in common.

The trades union serves as a slight bulwark against capitalist oppression and as an educational school in parliamentary procedure and organization pending the realization of Socialism.

The lesson in British Columbia to organized labor has been that to mix "politics" and unionism is productive of friction and dissolution.

To discuss Socialism or labor economics is not "politics in the union," in the accepted sense of the term, for there can be no disassociation of Socialism and labor—the one is the equivalent of the other—the same thing.

The Dominion Trades Congress is the legisativle mouthpiece or political expression of labor in Canada.

It has executive committees in every province of the Dominion—outside and apart from affiliated unions.

It is the duty of these provincial executives to call conventions such as already have been held in British Columbia and Alberta, and then allow the convention to be master of its own destiny.

The result—the adoption of the Socialist party of Canada—must stand as the policy of the congress until a like convention alter the mandate.

Upon sufficient requisition from unions and central bodies to the Congress executive committees in the respective provinces succeeding conventions may be called.

But pending such procedure, Lethbridge Trades Council, like one or two in British Columbia, is somewhat eccentric in its conception of democracy.

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A union of men aiming at a common result, is weakened by the poverty, or imbecility, or indolence, or defectiveness in any way, or any one of its members.

YOUNG MEN

The future belongs to the men of clear head, sound judgment, steady nerve, strong muscle and vigorous health. This is an age of keen competition. Those who are handicapped by indulgence in that which lessens power, skill and endurance, are certain to be left behind in the race. The men who will lead will be men who absolutely refuse to impair their qualifications by any indulgence in strong drink.

MERCHANT

The inability of many men to provide for their families even the necessaries of life, hampers business. The bad habits of drinking customers add to the loss.

Lack of purchasing and paying power that grows out of the drinking habit, is a curse not only to its direct victims but to the business that would increase and prosper if total abstinence prevailed.

MANUFACTURER

You know that so-called over-production is an expression of the greater evil of under-consumption. General sobriety would add immensely to the demand for the product of every legitimate industry. Men with more money to spend and greater earning power would create a new market for goods and a demand for their own working ability. Temperance means industrial prosperity.—Pioneer.

READ THIS

To the Electors of Fernie:

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of very many of the ratepayers of all classes, I have decided to allow my name to be placed in nomination for the Mayoralty.

Let me make it plain, that I am not nor shall I be, subjective to any faction or special interests. I wish to be free so that I may be able to discuss and judge matters upon their merits.

One thing I shall most certainly support is the enforcement of law and order. In my opinion that it is a duty which a mayor cannot conscientiously escape.

I continue to favor the acquisition of the water and electric light plants, subject to an equitable arrangement to be submitted to a vote of the electors. I also am entirely convinced that these two matters should be dealt with at once.

The public schools should be opened as soon as possible, and arrangements made whereby temporary quarters may be obtained until the school house is ready.

If elected, I shall use all my influence towards having quarterly audits of the civic accounts made and published so that we may know where we are at.

Expenditure must be kept within revenue. The law requires that.

Needed improvements, especially sidewalks, must receive the early attention of the Council.

I am opposed to lax methods of running the city offices and believe that reasonable office hours should be faithfully kept.

I think that the city limits should be extended in a northerly direction.

I favor legislation which will ensure careful and economic administration of the Relief fund. The people should, in my judgment, be allowed to elect commissioners to look after this fund.

I am opposed to the system of opening the door to law breakers and licensing them.

I refuse to give private pledges to any one. My stand will be made public. If I cannot, without entering into a private agreement, concerning private or special interests, get elected, then I prefer defeat with honor to the dishonor of being subject to a faction.

When I address the electors as I intend doing, I shall deal more fully with the above matters, as well as others, including the necessary removal of temporary buildings and the checking of 1908 accounts.

L. P. ECKSTEIN.

COMMUNICATIONS

(The editor does not hold himself responsible for opinions expressed.)

To the Editor of the District Ledger:

Reviewing the situation in the Kootenay from a working man's standpoint we are forced to admit that there is vast room for improvement. As the situation appears to me at the present time the few rights that are guaranteed us by law, the average wage-slave knows nothing about, or if he does he is afraid to assert his rights, and it is as much as his job is worth to do so at the present time. There is one matter in particular which is taking on a serious nature: that is, caring for the sick and injured. It is a matter that union labor will have to take up collectively and deal with.

Now, you would think by glancing over chapter 44 Statutes of the province of British Columbia 1902, an act known as the Masters and Servants act, section III to V inclusive, covers this particular case thoroughly. Section III of this act says: Whenever 30 or more workmen or servants employed in or about any work or undertaking by a master, request in writing such master to deduct from their wages a sum ot provide for medical attendance, it shall be the duty of such master to give immediate effect to such request. The amount of such sum shall be determined by such workmen or servants and the medical practitioner selected.

Now why are thirty men entitled to this protection any more than one man. Simply because the thirty dollars per month (for a dollar a month is what is generally paid for this protection the workers don't get) is the least the doctors think worth while to bother over, and this thirty dollars is what Dr. Hall had in sight when section II of this act was repealed. But otherwise section 3 is all right. Let us glance over section 4 which reads: "After the said request has been made each workman or servant employed in or about the work or undertaking shall enter the name of a duly qualified medical practitioned which he desires to be attended by, in a book to be kept by the master for that purpose; and such workman or servant may, at any time, alter the name of the medical practitioner upon giving one months notice to the master. It shall be the duty of the master to pay the sum so deducted to the medical practitioner so named and no other sum shall be deducted from the wages of a workingman or servant by a master for medical attendance.' Now section four appears to deal fairly in this matter, but in reading between the lines you can readily see that the master has got the say as in all like measures passed by a bourgeois government dealing between master and slave, you can readily see that if the master favors some particular doctor, he can easily fire or refuse to employ any workman or servant who does not desire his particular kind of medical attendance. Section V of this act, notwithstanding, it is a known fact, (even if it could not be proven in a capitalist court) that the workman or servant who will not comply with the wishes of his master in this, as all other matters, soon finds himself looking for another master.

Section V of this act is as worthless in so far as collecting a fine or penalty from a master, is concerned as is all like penalties attached to any legislation dealing between master and slave.

Taking this portion of the master and servants act dealing with medical attendance under consideration, and the treatment the workers receive under it, it's a fact that in places where you pay a certain doctor your $1 a month, and he pays your way in a hospital, that unless you are packed in, you are not entitled to stay; when you are able to walk in you are able to walk out and you don't stay.

Now why should workingmen be subjected to such injustice, is it just that our masters are like the Irishman just wanting to show us who is boss, or can there be some other consideration or motive. You would almost think there was when the principal thing appears to be the holding out of the medical fee and the treatment received is a thing of not much importance.

Now why not have this part of the act repealed?

I think it is up to the labor unions throughout the province to make an effort to that effect and it would be a matter to discuss at the forthcoming district conventions of the U. M. W. of A. and W. F. of M.

L. R. McINNIS.

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1	Alexander, J. S. T.	O	4		22
2	Aiello, Jos.	O	12		4
3	Amandear, M.	O	11		2
4	Arcruri, P.	O	4		34
5	Ashmore, James.	O	8		62
6	Atkinson, P. J.	O	2		63
7	Atkinson, Jno.	O	part 3		63
8	Atkinson, Wm.	O	part 3		63
9	Ambrey, E. F.	O	6		63
10	Andrews, Miss A. M.	O	3		78
11	Alverson, Ed.	O	13		80
12	Antoniczuk, E.	O	13		100
13	Alder, Emma	O	2		32
14	Armitage, Sydney	H	5		6
15	Armstrong, F. C.	L	5		6
16	Bank of Hamilton	O	11		9
17	Brown, W. W.	O	2		1
18	Blakemore Estate	O	1		2
19	Bonnell, S.	O	9		2
20	Biggs, John	O	3		4
21	Burns & Co	O	5		4
22	Bauldorf, Aug.	O	9		4
23	Barnet, Mrs. Jas.	O	6		6
24	Bleasdell, A. W.	O	3		8
25	Beck, Alex.	O	4		9
26	Brown, Margaret E.	O	8		13
27	Barclay, W. G.	O	6		16
28	Bell, T. W.	O	11		17
29	Blundell, Florence M.	O	10		19
30	Baptist Church	O	5		20
31	Bean, Frank	O	13		22
32	Bell, G. Louisa	O	5		24
33	Bebb, E. E.	O	9		24
34	Bean, Jno. S.	O	1		25
35	Bean, Jos.	O	2		25
36	Bean, Percy	O	9		25
37	Brown, John	O	7		26
38	Beck, Margaret L.	O	1		27
39	Buffington, C. R.	O	6		27
40	Buckley, A. J.	O	10		29
41	Beaver, Mrs. Ada	O	8		30
42	Biggs, Thomas	O	½10		30
43	Biggs, Mrs. Anna	O	½10		30
44	Barton, George	O	6a		28a
45	Bombino, P.	O	6		32
46	Brooks, Jas.	O	10		33
47	Bafozo, B.	O	6		34
48	Berringan, M. A.	O	6		36
49	Bergman, W. J.	O	6		36
50	Barwell, G. W.	O	9		36
51	Bernat, Wm.	O	2		35
52	Bailey, Wm.	O	10		35
53	Broley, Jas.	O	4		52
54	Barber, Maud M.	O	5		54
55	Butler, Wm.	O	2		58
56	Bird, Wm.	O	5		58
57	Bentham, H.	O	7		63
58	Baldry, W. H.	O	8		72
59	Berridge, A.	O	6		73
60	Berridge, Mary	O	7		73
61	Birchall, Rich.	O	4		75
62	Blundell, W. J.	O	3		30
63	Barr, Hugh	O	14		39
64	Bushell, Jas. Peter	O	12		47
65	Bean, Sophia	O	11		22
66	Bialokowzski, Mary	O	14		100
67	Bodman, P.	O	17		100
68	Boulton, Mrs. Jean	O	2		47
69	Broley, N. A.	O	5		26
70	Brady, A. J.	H	5		6
71	Boulton, G. H.	H			12
72	Burnside, A. J.	H	1		14
73	Banwell, H. S.	H	12		4
74	Corsan, D.	O	11		1
75	Corsan, Mrs. M.	O	13		1
76	Cody, Mrs. C. A.	O	9		3
77	Carosella, P.	O	5		5
78	Crow's Nest Trading Co.	O	3		10
79	Clode, Geo. (Estate)	O	8		11
80	Bank of Commerce	O	1		14
81	Catholic Church	O	1		16
82	Campbell, Elizabeth	O	9		19
83	Campbell, W. R.	O	8		19
84	Coulthard, R. W.	O	10		19
85	Cummings, A.	O	3		20
86	Caravetta A.	O	2		21
87	Chardon, Angele	O	12		21
88	Crawford & Rizzuto	O	1		22
89	Chardoh, Paul	O	3		23
90	Cree, A. H.	O	4		24
91	Covert, I. E.	O	6		25
92	Carosella, Frank	O	6		25
93	Constanzo, M.	O	4		31
94	Coccilone E.	O	9		31
95	Caravetta, R.	O	8		32
96	Caravetta Tony	O	15		32
97	Conzolo, B.	O	10		35
98	Cummings, J.	O	1		37
99	Civitaressi, C.	O	3		45
100	Carlson, John	O	1		54
101	Collings, Wm.	O	7		62
102	Cauliffe, T. A.	O	8		66
103	Campbell, John W.	O	2		73
104	Cox, T. H.	O	4		73
105	Clrap, Jas.	O	4		100
106	Crows Nest Pass Coal Co.	O			
107	C. N. P. E. L. & Power Co.				
108	Clarkson G. C.	O	2		75
109	Carlson, Minnie	O	7		7
110	Cree, Isabella S. A.	O	9		72
111	Clarotto, Guiseppe	O	5		71
112	Coomb, Thos B.	O	1		50
113	Clarkston, W. W.	O	12		39
114	Clark, Julia	O	10		23
116	Chippendale, Thos.	H			
117	Connell, Wm. A.	H	6		6
117	Cox, John W.	H			
118	Carosella, Louis	H	5		4
119	Dobson, Sarah J.	O	9		27
120	Dobson & Willingham	O	5		3
121	Dragon, Simon	O	1		5
122	Dobson, Jos. W.	O	4		6
123	Duthie, Mrs. Anna	O	4		20
124	Dubois, F. C.	O	8		20
125	Dicken, Wm.	O	5		23
126	Digby, C. J.	O	2		20
127	Denzart, F.	O	9		28b
128	Dominion Meat Co.	O	2		31
129	Davis, Kate	O	10		36
130	Drinnan, R. G.	O	2		38
131	Drinnan, Stella	O	10		38
[illegible]	[illegible] Addie	O	2		41
133	Davenport, Lucy	O	3		41
134	Duthie, R	O	1		46
135	Dingsdale, Chris.	O	5		52
136	Davis, George	O	10		62
137	Davis, H. M.	O	7		68
138	Davis, H.	O	8		69
138	Davis, D.	O	2		69
140	Dicken, Mrs. Dorothy	O	3		72
141	Dudley, Robert	O	10		73
142	Depew, H. H.	O	13		75
143	Dunn, Albert	O	14		80
144	Distreno, G.	O	1		31
145	Dunsbury, Thos.	O	4		66
146	Daupheny, Sam	O	2		81
147	Dick, Fred	H	5		6
148	Doyle, Geo. L.	H	5		6
149	Davey, C. W.	L	8		10
150	Eckstein, L. P.	O	12		2
151	Eschwig, Wm.	O	14, 15		13
152	Eastern Townships Bank	O	14		14
153	Episcopal Church	O	5		16
154	Easton, Jos.	O	2		27
155	Erickson, Oscar	O	4		32
156	Easton, Jas.	O	8		54
157	Ewington, Wm.	O	1		72
158	Eschwig, Wm. J.	O	1		6
159	Eckstein, Florence A.	O	17		39
160	Edgecombe, H. N.	H			
161	Eckersley, David J.	H	5		6
162	Fort Steele Brewing Co.	O	6		5
163	Fernie Club	O	6		11
164	Falconer, Jas.	O	13		13
165	Fernie Rink Co.	O	14		18
166	Fawcett, Mrs. K. E.	O	9		20
167	Ferraro, J.	O	8		33
168	Falva, Rosina	O	1		34
169	Frazelle, Aug. M.	O	5		37
170	Frechete, H.	O	9		58
171	Frizelle, O. S.	O	9		26
172	Forsythe, Wm. I.	H	5		6
173	Ferguson, Daniel A.	H	8		10
174	Farquharson, A. J.	H			
175	Fyfe, Chas. S.	H	5		6
176	Finlayson, F. D.	H	8		1
177	Fisher, A. I.	L	14		14
178	Grandin, Geo.	O	5½	12	22
179	Graham, Mrs. S.	O	7		4
180	Graham, Sam	O	9		7
181	Gates, John L.	O	19		17
182	Gantier, I.	O	10		28b
183	Guzzi, M.	O	14		32
184	Gauthier, Jos.	O	6		37
185	Gilmour, John	O	3		67
186	Gales, N.	O	8		75
187	Gobara, John	O	9		80
188	Gindosh, Paul	O	9		100
189	Gorle, John	H	12		4
190	Gillespie, A. A.	L	5		2
191	Halton, Harry	O	Pt. 9		30
192	Home Bank		10		10
193	Huby, Henry	O	10		1
194	Holmes, Ed. N.	O	6		3
195	Hammond, R. B. C.	O	6		4
196	Henderson, Mrs. G. G.	O	8		4
197	Hill, C. P.	O	5		6
198	Hawthorne, Wm.	O	6		6
199	Herchmer, H. W.	O	4		8
200	Herchmer, Janet A.	O	4		8
201	Herchmer, S.	O	10		11
202	Hinchey, Mrs. N. F.	O	10		13
203	Henderson, G. G.	O	9		14
204	Hubert, R. G.	O	3		18
205	Hovan, John	O	2		19
206	Hunter John	O	3	3	19
207	Higgins, C. P.	O	2		20
208	Handley, Wm.	O	15		22
209	Hammond, Thos.	O	8		27
210	Harper, Edgar	O	Pt. 9		30
211	Hamilton, Mrs. Dorothy	O	8		34
212	Hamilton, A. T.	O	2		47
213	Harper, Edward	O	1		61
214	Hakola, Gust	O	6		62
215	Henderson, J.	O	4		63
216	Harding, E. G.	O	6		64
217	Horn, J. W. P.	O	1		67
218	Henderson, Sam	O	2		67
219	Harrison, Arthur	O	4		67
220	Harrison, H. C.	O	5		67
221	Huffman, W. F.	O	8		67
222	Hoelzel, Mrs. Marie	O	10		67
223	Holmes, Geo.	O	6		70
224	Hollingshead, E.	O	1		75
225	Hammond, Mrs. Mary	O	15		75
226	Harwood, W. B.	O	10		13
227	Hicks, W. G.	H	10		4
228	Hannington, F. F.	H	1		14
229	Imperial Bank of Canada	O	1		10
230	Irvine, J. S.	O	1		74
231	Ingram, Wm.	O	16		13
232	Jarvis, Mrs. E. A.	O	5		2
233	Johnson, Mrs. H. J.	O	11		2
234	Jennings, Mrs. Sarah	O	1		6
235	Johnson, H. J.	O	1		7
236	Johnson, G. F.	O	16		9
237	Jones, A. M.	O	5		28b
238	Jean, Jos.	O	3		32
239	Johnson, Carl J.	O	8		70
240	Jeffries, Henry	O	10		81
241	Joyce, A.	O	5		52
242	Jones, Wm.	O	5		63
243	Jones, Thos.	O	8		41
244	Jones, Jno. P.	H	5		6
245	Keay, Florence	O	9		4
246	Kenny, Lily	O	5½	7	23
247	Klauer, A.	O	6		1
248	Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Jas.	O	5		19
249	Kummer, Wm.	O	6		21
250	Kerr, Margaret	O	8		22
251	Kerr, Robert A.	O	9		22
252	Kummer, Ed.	O	6		26
253	Kennedy, P.	O	6		33
254	Kummer, L. O.	O	2		36
255	Kirkpatrick, Emma	O	1		64
256	Klauer, Mrs. O. J.	O	10		68
257	King, George	O	3		81
258	Kaczmar, Mike	O	2		100
259	Kosta, John	O	17		100
260	Knights of Pythias	O	19		21
261	Kastner, M. A.	O	4		47
262	Kuski, Tony	O	2		39
263	Kummer, Margaret A.	O	4		38
264	Kinert, Fred	O	7		100
265	Kash, Andra	O	4		34
266	Keeley, Neil	H	4		14
267	Keeley, Frank D.	H	4		14
268	Liphardt, Mrs. Mabel A.	O	10		2
269	Lacher, Mrs.	O	8		3
270	Lyons, C. E.	O	8		7
271	Liphardt & Watson	O	12		9
272	Lambert, Mrs. Therza M.	O	3		11
273	Levasseur, Est.	O	1		13
274	Lewis, Ellz. Jones	O	15		17
275	Lundie, P. R.	O	10		18
276	Lawe, F. C.	O	1		20
277	Label, T. & Co.	O	3		21
278	Lawe, Mrs. Margaret	O	4		23
279	Lamb, Mrs. A. E.	O	7		27
280	Lundy, John	O	7		30
281	Lefevre, Mrs. A. B.	O	7		30
282	Letcher, T.	O	5		31
283	Laxton, Geo.	O	1		33
284	Liska, J.	O	7		35
285	Linn, Jos.	O	4		37
286	Lambert, G. P.	O	1		45
287	Lauretz, M.	O	3		46
288	Lucas, Cecilia	O	10		52
289	Long, W. F.	O	5		63
290	Lindsay, Mrs. C. A.	O	7		70
291	Lindsay, G. G. S.	O	12		75
292	Long, W.	O	3		73
293	Leacock, Mrs. C. N.	O	4		78
294	Lancaster, Wm.	O	1		79
295	Letcher, Emma Jane	O	5	6 7	31
296	Lasco, Andrew	O	9		50
297	Lancaster, Jas.	H	1		79
298	Lancaster, Peter	H	1		79
299	Lockhart, Austin H.	H	8		10
300	Lockhart, H. G.	L	3		14
301	Morrison, W. J. J.	O	1		66
302	Mott, Mrs. Alice	O	10		4
303	Mills, Wm.	O	7		5
304	Miners Union	O	2		6
305	Methodist church	O	5		7
306	Mott, A. J.	O	5		19
307	Mickleborough, Mildrew Co.	O	7		20
308	Morrison, Catherine	O	12		22
309	Murphy, Jas. W.	O	1		23
310	Moulder, Geo. C.	O	8		30
311	Moore, W. H.	O	7		28b
312	Morrison, Alex.	O	5½	19	22
313	Mowing, Wm.	O	6		66
314	Marks, Sam	O	1		36
315	Mesisco, F.	O	15		36
316	Mazzanobile, T.	O	1		31
317	Mescisco, M.	O	8		31
318	Migali, R.	O	5		32
319	Moffatt, G. G.	O	7		38
320	Monroe, Duncan	O	10		63
321	Miller, Fred	O	9		65
322	Moseley Isaac	O	5		66
323	Marsham, J. H.	O	9		66
324	Marshall, J. H.	O	1		68
325	Mitchell, W. A.	O	6		72
326	Mahuck, J.	O	19		30
327	Mills, Leslie Albert	O	1		6
328	Miller, Euphemia	O	58		59
329	Morrison, Patrick G.	H	4		14
330	Mitchell, James	O	5		6
331	Miller, Patrick	H	3		10
332	Moon, Wm.	H	10		13
333	Malone, S.	H	8		1
334	McKee James	O	5½	7	3
335	McDonald, D. R.	O	6		2
336	McLean, Jas.	O	7		2
337	McEwing, R. H.	O	2		5
338	McEwing J. R.	O	2		5
339	McIntyre, J. L.	O	8		7
340	McAnn & McKeay	O	17		17
341	McDonald, Mrs. Jas.	O	8		18
342	McDougall, W. R.	O	9		18
343	McLean, A.	O	15		21
344	McDonald, L. E.	O	20		21
345	McEwing, Mrs. Sadie	O	2		22
346	McBean, A. A.	O	9		23
347	McLachlan, Alex.	O	7		24
348	McLean, Neil	O	8		25
349	McLeod, Mrs. M.	O	10		27
350	McEvoy, James	O	9		37
351	McEvoy Florence	O	1		38
352	McDougall A.	O	6		46

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A dispute is also pending at the Galbraith Coal Mine, Lundbreck, Alta. Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Mine Beinfait, Sask.

DO NOT PAY

To the Sufferers of the Fernie Fire on Aug. 1st, 1908.

Greetings:

I desire to call your attention to the necessity of some definite plan being adopted for a final disposition of the funds so generously contributed towards your assistance.

You are aware that a substantial sum will be left over after all accounts are paid in addition to what has been advanced for the purchase of lumber and building materials.

As far as I am aware no plan has been adopted and submitted to you for your approval as to what would be done with the money when repaid to the fund. Therefore I respectfully advise and request, that no repayment of any loan for lumber and building materials be made by anyone until such time as some definite plan is adopted and submitted to all fire sufferers for their approval and consent.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season,

Your friend and well wisher,
F. H. Sherman

The liquor business tends to produce criminality in the population at large, and law breaking among the saloon keepers themselves. Debauches not only the body social but the body politic as well.—Theodore Roosevelt.

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JUSTICE

Justice—What lives have been sacrificed on thine altar! How humanity has struggled for thee!

The Britisher has looked in bygone times upon the judges on the Bench with reverence and awe, believing that he would get justice and restitution at their hands.

But now what does he find in Canada—Justice? **No—a thousand times no. If you belong to a few secret fraternal orders and happen to be on the right side in politics, you can commit any crime in the calendar, with the certain knowledge that when you come before the bench, where justice is supposed to be dispensed, you will be acquitted.**—A la Dean and the Globe.

IMMIGRATION MATTERS

That any faction of the populace should be forced to protect themselves against the very government which is constituted and intended for the furtherance of the interests of these same people, is seemingly an impossible, and certainly a most undesirable situation.

Such a state of affairs actually exists in this land at present. The immigration policy of the Dominion government, at first intended to settle the fertile lands of the great west, but since used to a great extent to further the interests of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and other combines of a like nature, has flooded and deluged every labor centre with an over-plus of workers.

The value of an overstocked labor market to the capitalist is a well known fact. Every man out of work, who can do your work, is brought into direct competition with you, and the Dominion government is certainly guilty of aiding and abetting schemes furthering the interest of the capitalists to the detriment of the workers.

The mission of Mr. Trotter, at present in the Old Country to sound a note of warning to British workers anent the true condition of affairs in Canada, is meeting with unbounded success, and his statements, all of which are authentic, and most of which are simply government reports and statistics, are meeting with acceptance and credence from the workers of that country.

Already steps have been taken by the government to curtail immigration, but a curtailment is not a sufficient stoppage. With the exception of actual settlers for the farm lands of Canada, no immigration should be encouraged; in fact it should be rigorously discouraged until such time as this land can assimilate and provide for the superabundance of workers now present everywhere.

DISTRUSTING THE CZAR

The attorney for the Russian government in the Rudowitz case protests against distrusting the evidence presented by that government. He claims that "full faith must be given to all statements of a friendly power."

The Russian bureaucracy forfeited all right to trust or faith by anyone when it organized its own subjects and led them up to the machine guns. Faith in the Czar was shot to pieces on Bloody Sunday. It died upon the Nevsky Pass beneath the bullets of the Cossacks and the blows of the nagaikas.

The whole history of that government has been one of the most contemptible lying and treachery. It has issued manifestos and proclaimed liberties only to entrap to death those who were fools enough to trust its word.

It has announced legislative chambers only to destroy them when they dared to perform their functions. It has proclaimed elections only to use them for corruption and tyranny.

That any lawyer should dare to speak of the good faith of such a government is an insult to the decency of the American court.

INCONSISTENCY

"Parm" Pettipiece, of the Trades Unionist, starts a personal attack on us because we dared to find fault with an article in the Western Clarion a few weeks ago, and also on account of another article on "Socialism and How It Is Abused by its Comrades." Surely "Parm" is not so thin-skinned that he sees no fault in Socialism. Does he think that a movement of the magnitude of Socialism—which means in short the betterment of mankind—has no failings, no slips, and that the many followers of Socialism make no mistakes? We hardly think he can be so miserably ignorant as that. A man or a cause that makes no mistakes is generally useless; experience has taught us all that.

"Parm" makes the statement that "The Western Clarion contains more of value to a wage-earner in one issue than Stanley has given evidence of in his whole life."

Has "Parm" been a guardian angel over us since our birth We hope not. One thing we never did do and that was to help throw down a brother union man. "Mr. Parm" was instrumental in having a donation that the Winnipeg Typographical Union had collected for the benefit of the Fernie Printers, returned to the donors, "as he considered that the $500 sent from the International was more than expected." Just imagine $500 to divide among nine men, five of whom had families. "Parm" personally told the printers here that he was going to start a donation at Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Vancouver. The boys have seen none of the proceeds yet, and were all in need of any money that might have been forthcoming.

The Winnipeg Union had over $90 collected, and after "Parm's" statement that Fernie printers had received more than was expected; the money was returned to the donors.

And then "Parm" has nerve enough to personally attack us for pointing out a few mistakes of the followers of Socialism, on which many of them have since congratulated us.

If "Parm" would use all his energies to combat our common enemies, and leave his hammer alone he would do more good. Because we do not all see exactly alike is no reason why we should be abused.

We are all heading for the same goal—the betterment of humanity, and the release of the toilers.

THE GLOBE VERDICT

Residents of Fernie and neighboring towns have followed with unabated and unprecedented interest the various phases of the trial of one Armstrong Dean, the promoter and chief executive officer of the now defunct Globe Insurance Company. Stock holders and policy holders had a vital interest in trying to obtain a measure of justice in a case where they rightly thought that a wrong had been done them.

The facts of the case are now such common and general property that a review of the same would serve no good purpose. The tremendous losses by men who in good faith placed business with the Globe, the embarrassing position in which many of them now find themselves, and the fact that the utter inability of the company to pay any portion of the losses has forced some to the all in, down and out climax, formed a colossal argument for the righteousness and justice of that desire on the part of those interested for a fair and unbiased hearing and an impartial and unprejudiced pronouncement, based on the merits of the case alone, to the utter exclusion of all ulterior interests.

Remarkable in the extreme, and unique in the splendid isolation it enjoyed, was the so-called financial policy of this progeny of misconception and folly. On the debtor side of the concern are losses by the Fernie fire of some $50,000; also the salary of the president at $3,000, and of his son at $1,500, a mere bagatelle in the eyes of this financial monstrosity. To liquidate these expenses and liabilities was paid up capital and insurance premiums of the princely magnitude of some $7,000 or $8,000. The fallacy of the whole business is so terribly transparent that small wonder can be raised at the persistency with which the query is put: "Why was business written in such a company by a practical underwriter who had heretofore enjoyed the fullest confidence of the public?" Until some more stable and tangible reason is forthcoming than that of large commissions, the local agent can in no way lay aside the responsibility that automatically attaches itself to the vendor of inferior and worthless goods.

The setting aside of practically all the evidence of citizens of repute and honor, also forms a feature in the proceedings that causes thinking people to wonder why the statements of the defendant should have such weight and preponderance as to apparently set at variance the testimony of men whose records and actions are known to be above board and unquestionable.

That the acquittal of Armstrong Dean should be the end of the investigation would be a most undesirable outcome. If the charge, as has been claimed, is technically wrong, then eliminate the technicality and let proceedings be continued on a new basis, for surely in these alleged wrong doings there is sufficient grounds on which to fight to a finish the greed of promoters who impose on the investing public.

The Toboggan Slide news sheet had the following among its "Smith and Jones" locals last issue: "The candor with which the Ledger discusses the verdict in the Dean case convinces us that they never heard of the sad fate of Billy McAdams, or that with commendable courage they rush in where angels fear to tread."

We would like to inform the "T. S." editor that when we have a policy or person to attack we do not get on top of the fence. We fight straight from the shoulder.

IT IS rather a significant thing that after the remarks that the Free Press printed about an editorial of ours being written by one of the aspirants for civic honors, **they were not manly enough to print Mr. Eckstein's letter denying any responsibility for the editorial.**

THEY ARE GOOD BLUFFERS, BUT WHEN THEIR BLUFF IS CALLED THEY ALWAYS FLUNK.

COMMENTS BY AN OBSERVER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is now connected with journalistic work. He probably regards it as the next step in the ladder of fame after being president of the United States.

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THE Buck Stove and Range Company got an injunction restraining the union men from trying in a legitimate way to bring about fair conditions in that shop. The workers were granted a similar injunction—beg pardon, but what's your opinion of the new spring hats?

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There are a few things coming in the future:
1: The municipal snow plow.
2: Electric lights.
3 Telephones.
4: The bill for your wife's new spring hat.
5: Our share of the profits in the Globe Insurance Company.

THE sign of the Toboggan Slide news sheet—$—$—$—. Of course the fence surrounds the $ mark. Oh, well, money makes the mare go.

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YOU THINK you are a brave man. How would you like to have served on the jury which was formed to try the Night Riders of the Reelfeet Lake District in Tennessee.

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THE PROVINCIAL POLICE are now hunting the women of the restricted district. They are right, and any good minded citizen will uphold them. Since The Ledger inaugurated the policy of getting these women moved, public opinion has changed wonderfully. Or were they just waiting for some one to start the ball rolling?

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ALL that this agricultural community needs at present is a little snow to touch up the sleighing!

OFFICIAL COUNT DIST. 18, U.M.W. OF A.

To the Officers and Members of the Local Unions comprising District No. 18 U. M. W. of A., located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and North Dakota:

Greeting:

The following are the results of the voting for District Officers and Executive Board members on December 7th, 1908.

PRESIDENT	Votes
F. H. Sherman, elected,	1683
VICE-PRESIDENT	
John R. Galvin, elected	1016
Mike Joyce	947
W. H. Evans	541
Clem Stubbs	422
Harry Smith	331
Spoiled	71
SECRETARY-TREASURER	
A. J. Carter, elected	1570
J. A. McDonald	1551
Spoiled	84
INT. BOARD MEMBER	
Peter Patterson (elected)	1234
James Sharp	814
Hopkin Evans	535
James Lancaster	424
D. L. Miller	166
Spoiled	95

BOARD MEMBERS	
Sub-Div. No. 1—	
Wm. Whitehouse, elected	1037
David Paton	555
Sub-Dist. No. 2—	
John Johnston, elected	302
Thomas Thomson	235
Robert Livett	160
Sub-Dist. No. 3—	
James Boyle, elected	168
D. H. Quigley	109
Sub-Dist. No. 4—	
W. H. Dunlap, elected	251
A. J. McKinnon	79

C. E. LYONS, Official Accountant — F. H. SHERMAN, President

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Dear Sir: After hearing a few remarks at the mass meeting of the Gladstone local on Sunday afternoon last I would like to point out to some of those who were blaming the doctor for the treatment of patients who may get injured whilst following their employment in and about the mines, that instead of grumbling about that sort of treatment, wouldn't it be much better and sound more reasonable to try and look after the patient better and try to ease the pain, if any, and put a patient in a comfortable position until the doctor arrives. Now to be able to do this there must be a course of instruction given to the men, and I think myself there are plenty of men working in these mines who would make first class ambulance men if they had the proper training, but to get that training there must be classes formed to do so Now, sir, I should like to hear from some of the workmen in regard to this matter as I think it is high time something was done in the matter.

For myself I should be very pleased to give what service I could, if classes were formed. Hoping to hear more of the matter, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
JOHN VIRGO.

P.S.—Hoping to be able to see this printed in your valuable paper.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of those drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven as no mention of them is made on the label. The remedy is not only one of the safest but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

CHRISTMAS REUNION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Waylett, Tank street was the scene of unusual festivities on Christmas day, it being the occasion of the first family reunion in many years, and their children and grandchildren to the number of about 30 had assembled as they did in days gone by, around the family table, the only absentee being Charles Waylett of Fernie who was unable to be present on account of business engagements.

After partaking of a sumptuous Christmas dinner the following toast list was given: "The King," which was ably responded to by Mr. S. Waylett; "Our Host and Hostess" by Geo. Waylett, who spoke on the many amiable qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Waylett, referring to the days of his childhood and the fatherly and motherly love bestowed upon the children. The toast of Our Western Visitors was responded to by Mr. W. J. Blundell, who spoke in glowing terms of the great future that Western Canada had before it, and referred with feelings of regret to the disastrous fire which devastated the town of Fernie last summer. The last toast "The Rising Generation" was fittingly responded to by Melv. Dennis who spoke of the good future that lies in the pathway of the youth if he cares to follow after it.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games, singing and other amusements.

Among those present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blundell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waylett, and Mrs Charles Waylet and children, all of Fernie, B. C., Mr. and Mrs. Melv. Dennis and daughter and Wm. Waylett of Winnipeg; Miss Rose Hare and Lyle Waylett of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. George Waylet and children of Osborne.—Petrolea Topic.

Please allow me space in your valuable paper for January 9th to accept the challenge of Billy Smith of Ontario.

I am willing to wrestle Smith at his own terms for any sum up to $200 a side if accepting. Please apply to Yorkey at Coal Creek. An early reply is wanted. Business.

I remain, yours truly,
JOSEPH HAMEY.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Monday is nomination day. Do your duty.

Vote for a decent city and control of the saloon men that run gambling wide open and encourage the women of the restricted district and tinhorns.

Miss McClymont and J. P. Lowe are to be married on the 14th. The two are perhaps the most popular young couple in Fernie and we extend our congratulations.

The Crows Nest Trading company are starting the good work of removing their temporary store. This is a move in the right direction.

Remember that next Thursday is voting day. Vote for L. P. Eckstein for mayor. He has promised to uphold the moral welfare of the city, and to enforce the law. Mr. Herchmer has not touched upon this plank at all. You have twelve good men and true to choose from as aldermen, and any six out of the twelve will stand for a decent city. Mr. Dicken's platform is published on page eight. His stand is right. Mr. T. Biggs has promised what is right. Put four more good, honest men along with those two and the city will be well protected.

Prov. Con. Kempston, who has been at Michel this last three months was replaced by Prov. Con. Routh from Moyie. P. C. Kempston goes to Moyie.

The new C. P. R. freight sheds are now open and the freight staff moved to its new quarters this week. They are most comfortably fitted up and complete in every way.

The Great Northern had a small derailment near here with their snow plow. While running between here and Hosmer the plow jumped the track and the engine followed turning turtle. The engineer received slight injuries to his hip. The rest of the crew escaped injury.

The plumber smiles, the coal dealers and the wood vendors chuckle up their sleeves and the good husband of the house swears vigorously as he hits the floor at 40 below in the morning. Water pipes have been on the rampage and household and industrial routine have been interfered with generally. Yes it was cold—but of course you don't feel the cold here the same—not after you are once frozen stiff. Cold weather records have been made to look like the record of a snowball in h——. Fernie can boast of 41 below: Michel did us one better for 47, and at Blairmore they claim that the narrow thread of mercury in the thermometer was down flirting with the fifty below mark.

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Fernie, B. C., January 9th, 1909

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

Results of ballot for two check weighmen: Elected Dave Paton, 147; John Wilde 122. Not elected: W. H. Evans 112, J. R. Moore 69, Harry Lloyd 51, P. Mulgrew 39.

Arthur De Altroy received a nasty injury to his right eye by a piece of flying rock in No. 5 mine on December 28th.

The holidays at the mines were—Christmas day, Boxing day and New Years day.

The masquerade ball has passed and gone, but the memory of it will remain long. It was a huge success from start to finish. A good and select crowd of dancers turned in and there was quite a host of orderly spectators. The decorations of the club hall were simple but artistic. The red, white and blue streamers running from the walls and meeting in the centre of the ceiling, having in their course electric fairy lamps hanging therefrom with many colored shades over them, had a most charming effect, and were admired by all. Mr. Thomas Wakelam was floor manager and got things set away with his usual promptness. The other duties were performed by the rest of the committee, Messrs. G. Hunt, T. Spruston, J. T. Puckey and F. Bondgard, secretary, each doing his bit with the precision of clockwork. Mr. Foster's band, consisting of violin, piano and cello supplied a splendid program of dances and the light fantastic was merrily tipped until four o'clock on New Years morning when one of the most homely and convivial dances ever held in Coal Creek came to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne. During the evening Mr. Bob Nesbitt sang two songs in good style. It would be invidious to enumerate the costumes or the the characters as they were many, and each showed good taste and skill in the selection. The ludicrous characters were the two lost babies and the hobo and the policeman. The former with their dummy teats and rattles, especially entreated the spectators with the hope of discovering their long lost parents, but no one was anxious to recognize or claim them—and them such beauties. The antics of the hobo being pursued by the policeman were extremely comical, and the croaking of the hobo's living roosters when mixed up in the scuffle with the policeman caused roars of laughter. The task of the judges, Messrs. G. O'Brien, T. Spruston and H. Baker in deciding the winners of the prizes offered was a most difficult one, and it was only after lengthy deliberation that Miss Bella McCliment, who was dressed as Canada, was awarded the lady's prize, and Messrs. J. Barrett and H. Streithorst as the Hobo and the policeman, the gentleman's prize. Mrs. Taylor with a good staff of helpers had charge of the supper and gave every satisfaction. A masquerade ball must be a settled feature of the incoming of future years.

Fat turkeys in the New Year tournaments at the C. C. L. A. A. were won by Walter Dick, W. H. Evans, Harry Merner, J. Dowds (2) J. Shanks W. McFegan (2), Jack Russell, Dave Paton, Bob Adamson, Jack Myers, Ike Moore, Bill Parker, Syd Hunt, W. Newman, Jock Dick and Alec Adamson.

Doctor Hunter is lying in the hospital seriously ill.

Constable Varlow of Coal Creek, when in Fernie Saturday night, got wind that a man wanted in several places for forgery was supposed to be somewhere in the town. He began making diligent enquiries and a careful search. Going into the Queens he spotted a man who he considered tallied in many respects with descriptions given, and after a bit of clever manoeuvering and some tactful questions the click of the handcuffs was heard, and he had secured his man. The prisoner was seen to throw something away which on being picked up proved to be a forged cheque. On being searched at the coup several other forged cheques were found on him. He has many aliases and his capture is an important one, and our constable deserves all credit.

Mrs. Watson Bell was confined of a daughter on Saturday, January 2. The child lived but a few hours and for some time the mother was in a dangerous state. The latest reports show her to be improving.

Shall we start work at 8 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and shall the doctor's monthly dues be increased. A notice was posted up here last week calling a mass meeting of employees for Sunday to discuss the above questions. It was not stated where or at what hour the meeting would be held. It has transpired that it was held at Fernie on Sunday afternoon last and a special train was run from Coal Creek. But for this mistake on somebody's part our little town would have been better represented at this meeting, and its voice would have been stronger. The first question was answered in the negative. The second one caused considerable discussion, and was considered to be of such importance that the meeting did not feel justified in answering it there and at that time. It was decided to take a ballot of all employees at the works, and the date of ballot to be fixed later. The matter has been talked over up here freely during the week and the solid feeling certainly is that the present contribution of one dollar a month is high enough.

Bob Hubberstey is out of the hospital but is not able to get about very much.

The severity of the weather is playing havoc with the regular working of the mines.

Mrs. Taylor and family entertained their friends at the boarding house on New Years night. Dancing was indulged in until the small hours and an enjoyable time was spent.

Walter MacNamara has been happily released by death from his long suffering. Wattie, as he was familiarly known, had for years been troubled with a derangement of the stomach, and had undergone several operations. He was removed from here to Cranbrook hospital about four months ago and remained there until Saturday last when he quietly passed away. His wonderful patience and his splendid fortitude undoubtedly prolonged his life. He was a native of Cape Breton Nova Scotia., but had lived in most of the western mining camps and had also travelled through most of the states. His kind and cheery disposition won the hearts of all men, and the memory of him will be always with us. His remains were brought to Fernie for burial. A special train was run from Coal Creek and a few of his old associates acted as pallbearers. The funeral service was held in the Catholic church, from which the cortege wended its way through the snow to the cemetery—where the committal rites of his faith were performed. His earthly labors are over. May his soul rest in peace.

The new year was ushered in very quietly. The bell of the Presbyterian church rang the old year out and the New Year in and a watch night service took place at the Methodist church.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Dick and family on Saturday night was greatly appreciated by all who were there.

The Christmas tree at the Methodist church on December 28th was a great event with the children. They gathered in full strength and brought the grown ups with them. The whole programme was performed by the juveniles and was a credit to each of them and to those who had trained them. The church was bedecked with evergreens and looked most seasonable. In the centre of the platform was a large arch made of evergreens and ferns; studded therein were twinkling stars and a moon which added greatly to the effect of the program, especially the first item. On the left stood the Christmas tree, and this bespoke of Santa Claus being not far away. When he came he brought cheerliness with him and each little boy and girl got something nice from him to keep him in their minds until he comes again.

The following was the program:

Star of Peace by seven girls.

Recitations: Ruth Smith, Maggie Hall, John Smith.

Solo: Winnie Reece.

Recitation: Hilda Young.

Recitation. Jessie Sharples.

Recitation: Nellie Milbourne.

Duett: Elizabeth Evans and Bella Finch.

Recitations: Vickey Wilkie, Emily Young, John Gibson,

Solo: Mona Bell.

Recitation: Lily Hall, Fannie Stevens, Nora Sharples, Jessie Moleson, Winnie Reece.

Action song: Lily Hall.

Recitations: Minnie Stevens, John Moleson.

Duett. Hilda Young and Emily Young.

Recitations: Fred Reece, Jack Buchanan.

Solo: Elizabeth Evans.

Dialogue: The Flag: Fred Reece, Evans, Evans.

Recitation: Lily Tyson.

Speech: Willie Hall.

Duett: Maud Tyson and Mona Bell.

Recitation: James Hall; Edith Langdon.

Good-night.

A congregational social was held in this church on New Years night and was well attended. The time from 7.30 to 9.30 was taken up with various games. Supper followed, a novel feature being that the young men waited on the tables. After supper selections were given on the organ by Mr. R. Corner; Mr. Jos. Buchanan sang: "I Long to See the dear old Homeland Again," Mr. A. Meer sang Farmer Giles, and Rev. E. C. Curry recited "Christmas Day in the Workhouse." A surprise item was here introduced. Mr. R. Corner in a few well chosen and felicitous remarks presented the minister with a purse of money, a New Year's gift from the congregation. The minister, Rev. E. C. Curry suitably replied and a pleasant assembly dispersed.

HILLCREST

The pillar work at Hillcrest Mine has been closed down since January 1st and 54 miners laid off in consequence.

The U. M. W. of A. will agree to no reductions in mining rates to enable any operators to continue their present policy of cut-throat competition. The miners are most determined to maintain a living wage in this district and any industry that cannot pay living wages had better go out of existence.

The village of Hillcrest has about 60 children of school age, but as yet no school. Applications have been made for a school but nothing has been done futrher in the matter. There is, some bad neglect somewhere.

COLEMAN

R. W. Wood was a visitor in Coleman on Tuesday.

Duncan Smith and F. Whiting of Lethbridge are registered at the Coleman.

J. E. Upton of Princher Creek was in town on Wednesday in connection with his store interests here.

George A. Dickson of Royal City spent New Years day in Fernie.

Inspector Belcher of Pincher Creek visited Coleman on Wednesday. It is understood that some changes are about to be made in connection with the Mounted Police stationed in this place.

Miss Campbell and Miss Brown who have been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. O. W. Benedict returned to Calgary on Saturday.

David Lewis who had his leg broken some time ago while at work in the mine, is slowly progressing toward recovery.

Mr. Lewis seems to be particularly unfortunate since coming to Coleman. This is the fourth accident that he has met with in the seven or eight months he has been here.

A. Lumsden returned on Monday evening from Calgary where he had spent New Years with friends.

A business change of considerable importance took place here last week. D. A. Simpson of Glencoe, Ontario, purchased a controlling interest in the Coleman Mercantile Company from Messrs. Smith Brothers of Lethbridge, Alta. The business was bought almost five years ago by the Smith Brothers and has been controlled and financed by them until the present. Under the capable management of O. W. Benedict, who has been the principal director of the business, steady growth has been the record of the enterprise. The Mercantile has always been the leading store in Coleman and its employes now number seven — where the work was done by two when the business was purchased by Cmith Brothers. After stock has been taken and other necessary arrangements made Mr. Simpson will assume the management. Mr. Benedict will not be connected with the firm after the end of January. It is to be hoped that by this change Coleman will not lose the manager of the Mercantile. During the time he has been here few have taken more interest in and given more time to affairs of a public kind such as the board of trade, village interests and other movements which tend towards the town's advancement.

Mrs. James Burrows and Mrs. Jas. McNeill were the recipients of prizes at the Eagle's masquerade ball on New Years eve. A good time was spent by all who attended.

The hockey game played on the Coleman rink between the Coleman team and an aggregation from Blairmore, Frank and Hillcrest resulted in a victory for Coleman. The lower pass towns have some good players, and they put up a good game. When half time was called the score was 2 to 2, but during the last half of the game Coleman scored two more, so that at the finish the score stood 2 to 4. Hope you will come again boys.

J. F. Povah made a business trip to Calgary on Monday.

Percy Willimot has quit the Mercantile staff and will join the McGillivray Creek Coal and Coke Co's force in the near future.

The weather has been very cold of late, Mr. Editor. Tuesday morning the mercury showed fifty degrees below zero, while thirty, thirty-five and forty below have been the order of the nights since Sunday. It is the coldest snap that Coleman has experienced. During this month 4 years ago the thermometer registered as one time 46 below but fifty has not been known before.

The cold weather and blizzard reduced the attendance at the church services last Sunday. The congregations were very small both morning and evening at the Presbyterian church, while a small assembly were in attendance at the Baptist service held in the Oddfellows hall at 11 a. m.

The nomination meeting held on Monday night resulted in the following being nominated for village council for 1909: F. C. Graham, Alex. Cameron, J. O. C. McDonald and D. J. Hill. Messrs. Graham and Cameron are members of the old council. Edward Holmes, the other member of last year's council is not in the running this year. All of the above number are business men except Mr. McDonald who is a miner. The election which takes place on Monday next,—11th inst.,—will be awaited with interest; but Coleman's civic affairs will be well conducted in the hands of any three of those who have been nominated.

The village secretary-treasurer's report for the year 1908 shows that the revenue from all sources during the year amounted to $4738.56, while the council expended $4400.61, thereby leaving a balance of $337.95 in the treasury. This record is particularly good and will be a source of satisfaction to the ratepayers and citizens, considering it is Coleman's first full year of existence as a corporation. Few villages or towns in Alberta or elsewhere of like size can produce an annual balance sheet with so good a showing. The coming year will also be one of expansion and large expenditure on public works. A large addition to the firehall is being planned for besides further improvements to the streets will be part of the programme.

ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

By the kind permission of our enemies we are still living.

The past week has been another gay one socially.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mott of College avenue, Elko, entertained a large party of friends New Years day, and the atmosphere that permeated was of the genuine old time hospitality. Mrs. Mott, assisted by the Misses Mott, Bessie and Katie, received the guests After dinner the guests were entertained to dancing. Prof. Lachonce of Wardner had been engaged for the occasion and gave universal satisfaction. The guests had a most enjoyable time and were enthusiastic over the delightfully spent evening.

Quite a large party went from Elko to the big dance at Baynes Lake and met with a warm reception and report a splendid time, but the walking home put a chill on the festivities.

The writer received word this week that J. Pierpont Morgan, the Napoleon of Industrial Feudalism, way build a summer residence in Elko this spring.

It's no trouble for a woman to see the point of a pointless joke.

The Calgary Eye-Opener has been barred from the mails and in many places an effort is being made to bar the males from the Eye Opener.

Carrie Nation is using the Bible in her old country campaign, but she takes the hatchet as a surgical operation may be necessary before the old country blokes can see the point.

Tom Prentice (if you please) of the A. MacDonald company, Fernie, was in Elko this week selling purity pepper and peanuts.

The cold snap put the ice cream parlors out of business in Elko, and it is reported that the whiskey is still frozen in Fernie and that the boys have to take it in chunks.

It makes us smile to see the way our business is building up and it would make you smile to see us jumping around like a pan of pop corn after more.

Sam Hilburn of Kalispell was in Elko this week wearing a hard boiled hat and a picture vest.

George H. Scott and family of Roosville, the Big Red Apple country passed through Elko on their way to Nelson where they have rented a furnished house.

This week's storm is the worst and the coldest ever seen in Elko by priest or devil.

Be good to your grocer and your feet will never be blistered on the pavements of that southern city commonly known as Hades.

Elko Specicals

By our own bald headed lady correspondent:

So help my Josephine but cant she throw her nose in the air.

C. Klingensmith of the Elk hotel lost a valuable dog this week.

Miss Mary Roo is wearing moccasins again.

Swamp Angel Harry come in from Sand Creek this week, and remained in town until he had nothing left but a headache.

Mike Kelleher says the girl he proposes to has got to know enough to take the paper off her caramals.

Jack Johnston of the Pugh and Livington Lumber company was in Elko this week from Dorr.

Who broke the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Maxwell left Elko for Fernie on Sunday.

Charlie Kay says he will pay a reward of six drinks to any one returning the lemon and white pup that was stilen from the Elk hotel on Sunday night and answers to the name of Teabone.

The C. P. R. surveyors are back in Elko surveying out a site for a big sanitarium and locating sulphur wells and a dead level grade.

Tom Dolan still lowes us one dollar bare knees.

Louie La Chonce and assistants supplied fine music for the Mott dance.

A. F. Knopfel and family left Elko last week for parts unknown. There was no banquet or presentations.

There is no law in Elko against a man kissing his wife on Sunday. This helps some.

We are passed the kindergarten age and you can just bet your kid slippers that we'll be there with the goods when the time is called.

MERRITT

Jack Gillmore and Joe Pollarton arrived on Friday's train from Nanaimo to work at the Diamond Vale.

The hockey match being arranged between Middlesboro and Merritt failed to come off, Middlesboro not turning up. What's the matter with you fellows? Why not be game or step down?

At an election held in Merritt union the following officers were elected:

President: Frank Steele.

Vice president: W. Williams.

Secretary: Chas. Brooks.

Recording Secretary: James Williams.

Treasurer: H. Johns.

Warden: C. Griffiths.

Conductor: R. McKenzie.

Trustees: W. Williams, R. McKenzie and Frank Steele.

T. J. Smith, president of the Diamond Vale company arrived on Monday's train to look over his property. He reported himself well pleased with the progress made at No. 3 and it is the intention to develop No. 3 on a large scale, three shifts being put on at the beginning of the week.

W. S. Thomas has secured the contract of building the new court house building.

Monday was pay day at the Diamond Vale.

W. McIntyre of the Coldwater hotel will soon commence building a large rooming house opposite to his hotel.

G. B. Armstrong left on Tuesday's train for the coast on business.

Fred Pyles has flooded about an acre of ground against Armstrong's store and it makes a splendid rink. All hockey matches will be played there in future.

G. Gety has bought the barber shop from H. Mace.

Frank Steele left on Thursday's train for Blairmore.

The Diamond Vale will soon have plans completed for the erection of cottages by contract for their married employees.

Jack Murray corraled two men at Spences bridge who were leaving Merritt before paying their bills.

Thursday was the coldest day in Merrit this winter.

A joint committee of Middlesboro and Merritt unions are finding ways and means to start a co-operative store.

H. Gibson, master mechanic at Middlesboro, left on Thursday for the east to spend the New Year.

Alex. Hoggan is taking a census of the people of Merritt to secure a license for his hotel. Keep at it Alex, you'll win.

The train service to Merritt changed at New Years to 10.30 a. m., and 3.30 p.m.

BAYNES

Mr. Bailey and Barrett went to Fernie on Monday evening to complete some plumbing after which they will return to Baynes to take up their residence in their unique little cottage just completed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Aye entertained a large number of friends at a New Years ball last Thursday evening.

Appropriate decorations of the season were used. Large bells were suspended from the archway and as the good old year was leaving the guests joined hands and welcomed in the new year by singing Auld Lang Syne, after which refreshments were served and dancing was resumed until a late hour.

Miss Lillie Gray, who has been visiting her parents in Coal Creek for two weeks returned to Baynes on Wednesday night.

One of the most enjoyable affairs at Baynes recently was a farewell par- and Mrs. S'nclair have been a great ac- fore leaving for their new home at Kalisbol, Montana. The parlor was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors red and green, and cards and dancing were indulged in until the time came to say good bye which was the one regret of the friends, as Mr. and Mrs. Sinclairhave been a great acquisition socially, and have taken part in our entertainments and aside from this Mr. Sinclair is a fine violinist, and has furnished excellent music for the balls.

MICHEL

The mines have worked very irregular this last week owing to the continued spell of cold weather. The motors have had to be laid on the shelf and horse power revertedislain order to keep the few men of were out employed, and yet session serious view from the me company point, is the fact that ap, maintain out under such unfavoraway of standto be confronted with on the interor probably none ane between Britthe case during thee United States in such circumstanhere the said boundshould make ked by the Flathead offset this sh northerly by the most after the l practicable route followGen. Sur'lathead River and to the peneq'y between British Columbia overse Province of Alberta where the bol boundary is intersected by the that the men will not have to go to the extent of having a wash house meeting and going home without turning out to work. six

Mr. Woods of Trites-Wood Cotween in town Wednesday and went the 1st Thursday. He was tackled tleman as to the chance ag further him up for a Christmas onditions of was good enough to n e seen, and for next Christmas (r may be obtainoff) that every onces of Coal Creek chicken, which bat the office of the hoped that he lector. those chicken. D. A. BRUCE,

Post Office Inspector

Inspector's office, Calgary, 1908. Jan. 16

MRS. E. TODD

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We certainly expect to make a reasonable profit on everything we sell. If we did not; we would close up shop. But, mind you, we said reasonable. Some dealers want big profits, but then they are satisfied with few sales. We run our business on a different basis: small profits often repeated. We are satisfied; our customers are satisfied to save money on good quality groceries—so everybody's satisfied.

THE FAIR **T. B. STRUTHERS, Prop.**

YOU WILL SAY, IS IT POSSIBLE

that I can buy good fruit lands with a good water supply, within 30 miles of Fernie, on instalment plan, $5 down, $5 per month, no interest for first year, for a five acre tract during the life of contract? This offe rmay not last long, as the price may be advanced after 1st January next, so if you want good fruit lands at the bottom price apply at once. Do it now! Sales have exceeded our best expectations so far. We find it easy to sell a good article, and such easy payments are not offered by any other such company. Write for circular on "Kootenai Irrigation Tract."

D. W. HART Agent for Canada **BAYNES, B. C.**

Calgary Cattle Co.

All kinds of

ROAST MEATS

Give us a trial

LOCALS

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

No. 8 Flyer Eastbound	24.18
No. 7 Flyer Westbound	1.55
No. 214 Eastbound Regular	18.25
No. 213 Westbound Regular	9.46
No. 236 Eastbound 1st class	9.00
No. 235 Westbound, 1st class	20.16

G. N. TIME TABLE

No. 252		No. 251
12.40 a.m.	FERNIE	4.00 p.m
12.58	HOSMER	3.40
1.10	OLSON	3.27
1.35	MICHEL	3.05

FOR SALE—Edison Phonograph — latest model, 2 or 4 minute records. Cost $65, for $50, with three dozen records. Records cost $17 alone. Apply Ledger office.

TO RENT.—Large, unfurnished room in house with bath, hot and cold water, etc. Apply Ledger Office.

TO LET—Two furnished rooms on Victoria avenue. Apply Ledger office.

BOARDING HOUSE FOR SALE.—At Coal Creek. Apply at house No. 149.

$200 will buy an 80 h.p. boiler and a 40 h.p. engine in running order. Apply box 175, Didsbury, Alta.

WANTED—Situation in store, or as junior clerk in office, speaks Lettish, Russian, German, Ruthanian and English and can keep a simple set of books. Address Chas. Shagat, City.

E. W. Hall, the jeweler of Hosmer, was a visitor in the city on Friday.

For fresh meats of all kinds try the West Fernie Meat Market.

W. G. Bruce, who spent the holidays in Winnipeg returned home Thursday.

The cuisine at the Napanee is unexcelled. The bar has the best in the land.

F. H. Sherman, President District 18 came in from Blairmore on Thursday and left for the east on Thursday night.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Miss Westwood, daughter of Dr. Westwood of Coleman, visited with Mrs. Eckstein this week, and returned home on Wednesday.

The Napanee hotel is prepared to handle travellers and other guests.

H. G. Lockhart left Monday for Toronto and other points east. He will visit his home in New Brunswick before returning.

For Sausage try West Fernie Meat Market.

Rev. Wilkinson, and Mr Findlayson of the Home Bank were badly frost bitten while driving home from Hosmer one day last week.

The Napanee gives the best meals at all times.

Mr. Mutz of the Fernie Fort Steele Brewery sent us a real nice calendar this week. It is one of the nicest we have seen.

Ladies watches at great bargains for to-day only. Wright the jeweler next to Hotel Fernie.

Mrs. T. H. Whelan and Mrs. Gleason left for Napanee Ont., on Tuesday on an extended visit. Mr. T. H. Whelan accompanied them as far as Swift Current.

The West Fernie Meat Market pleases all people. Workmen deal here and save money.

J. McDiarmid, contractor for the C. P. R. station who has been absent for the last two weeks in Moose Jaw and Winnipeg returned on Thursday evening.

Wright the Jeweler has a fine line of ladies Diamond rings which he is selling at great bargains, prices range from $10 up. Store next door to Hotel Fernie.

Rochon, that's all—the Candy King

J. A. McDonald of Blairmore was in town Friday.

Andy Good of Crows Nest was in town on business during the week.

Flooding the rink has commenced and skating will likely be in order on Monday night.

For New Year Gifts see Wright the Jeweler's display of jewelry and of watches. Next door to Hotel Fernie.

If it is true that Andre has reached the north pole it's easy to explain the present stock of weather.

Rochon has some real nice ice cream on hand. Call and see.

Owing to the severe weather of the past week the mines at Coal Creek were compelled to close down for two days.

Rochon has won the highest appreciation of the citizens as a Candy King.

J. Selko was badly frost bitten on Thursday night, having his ears so badly injured that he will probably lose them.

If your wife is angry get her a box of Rochon's Chocolates—that will win her over.

A subscription list for the aid of the sufferers in Italy in the recent disaster is being circulated in town and is receiving good support.

A. J. Carter, the new secretary-treasurer of District No. 18 was in town on Thursday and Friday on official business.

L. P. Eckstein has called a meeting for to-night in Bruce's hall. All the prospective aldermen on the list are invited to be present. A special invitation has been extended to Mr. S. Herchmer.

Frank Steele, president of Merritt Local U. M. W. of A., was in town on Thursday and paid us a friendly visit. Mr. Steele congratulated us on our outfit and premises.

C. J. Bury, general manager of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, together with other C. P. R. officials passed through Fernie westbound on Thursday evening's delayed express.

Rev. Williamson, of the Baptist church, will preach to-morrow evening on the subject of "Municipal Matters." Come out and get some pointers on the stand you should take in the coming campaign.

It is rumored on fairly good authority that two prints at the Free Press, one in charge of the lithographing department, and the other the general overseer of the artistic job department, were trying to emulate the Johnson-Burns fight. We have not heard officially who was Johnson.

Two curling rinks from here went up to Cranbrook on Thursday evening to play with Cranbrook. They were A. C. Liphart, H. J. Johnson, Rev. H. R. Grant, Harvey Brown, G. G. Henderson, A. J. Burnside, Robert Duthie and Walter Campbell.

The concert and tea given by the Fernie Industrial and Cooperative Society was a first class affair in every way, and reflects great credit on the committee. The concert was brought to a close by a dance which proved very agreeable to all present.

We have a nice range of Sterling Silver Toilet Sets and Military Brushes which we are selling at less than their actual cost. Call and get one before they are all gone. Wright the Jeweler in A. A. Gillespie's store, next door to Hotel Fernie.

On Adam's Peak in Ceylon, at about 7,000 feet above sea level, there is a large flat stone on which is the imprint of the human foot. Mohammedans believe this to be the place that Adam first stepped on being expelled from the Garden of Eden. In close proximity to this are the tea gardens of the world famed Nuwara Eliya district, where Salada tea is grown.

A PROGRESSIVE STEP

So that I may be able to give my customers the best possible value for their money I have decided to conduct business on a strictly cash basis from the 1st of 1909.

ANOTHER FIRM

has decided on a straight cash business. From the first of the year N. E. Suddaby will carry on a cash business only

The Workingman's Store

Don t forget that I am back in the old stand and that my prices are better than ever

Men's Suits	*$5.00*	*to*	*$20*
" Shirts	*75c*	*to*	*6.00*
" Shoes	*2.00*	*to*	*5.00*
" Caps	*50c*	*to*	*1.50*
" Trunks	*3.50*	*to*	*$25*

See my swell line of Neckties all styles - - - 50c to $3

A. A. GILLESPIE

(Next door to Hotel Fernie)

LOCAL TRADES UNIONS IN LINE

Election of New Officers

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The Trades and Labor Council (the bunch of aliens, floaters and agitators —yellow journal) met on Monday evening last.

It being the first regular meeting in the year the election of officers took place and resulted in the following being elected:

President: J. E. Gravett.
Vice-president: L. G. Snow.
Treasurer: F. H. Shaw.
Recording secretary: W. S. Stanley.
Statician: Thomas Chippendale.
Legislative committee: Mitchell, Wilde, and Biggs.
Executive committee: Gravett, Stanley, Shaw, Chippendale and Snow.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday night, the 18th.

Free Press editor invited.

CARPENTERS' UNION

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners election of officers for the next six months resulted as follows:

President: Francis H. Shaw.
Vice president:— Thomas Chippendale.
Recording Secretary: J. Fairburn.
Treasurer: T. Clarkson.
Conductor: R. Lewis.
Warden: T. Anderson.
Trustees W. A. Connell, F. H. Shaw, D. McIntosh.
Delegates to Trades and Labor Council: Messrs. Thomas Chippendale and F. H. Shaw.

CARPENTERS

The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners elected the following officers for 1909:

J. Woodyard, president.
A. Ward, vice president.
W. J. Schofield, secretary.
J. Newrick, treasurer.
S. Smart, check steward.
E. Ward: Sick Stewart.
W. F. Hunt, branch referee.
T. Edwards, door keeper.
Trustees: J. Marshall, W. Currie, L. Snow, W. F. Hunt, E. J. Dicker.
Committeemen: J. Davey, J. Young, L. Snow, W. F. Hunt, and C. Turner.
Council delegates: L. Snow and T. Wray.

LATHERS' UNION NO. 304

The following officers were elected for the year 1909 at the regular meeting of the Metal, Wood and Wire Lathers union No. 304.

President: W. Jamieson.
Vice-president: J. Smallenberg.
Corresponding secretary: W. J. Simmons.
Financial Secretary: W. Skinner.
Warden: W. Burroughs.
Delegates to Trades and Labor council: F. Moody and J. Smallenberg.

PAINTERS AND PAPERHANGERS

The United Brotherhood of Painters and Paper hangers of America — Fernie local—have elected the following officers for the year 1909.

President: Charles Haslett.
Vice-President:—A. T. MacNeil.
Secretary-Treasurer:— W. Hawthorne.
Preceptor: T. H. McQueen.
Warden: Jas. Battershill.

This is a new organization which starts out with a membership of 20 members. They meet every second Monday in the month.

G. G. S. Lindsey, president of the Crows Nest Pass Coal company is a guest at the King Edward hotel and he will remain in town for about two weeks.

Edmonton defeated the Wanderers of Montreal in the final game for the Stanley cup by a score of 7 to 6, but failed to lift the famous mug, losing on the round by three goals. Lester Patrick was the star performer.

W. A. Ingram has now installed an American billard table, which will be welcome news to lovers of that sport. Without fear of contradiction we venture to say that no finer or more up to date pool and billard hall exists in B. C.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Corson gave a very enjoyable bridge party on Tuesday night to a few friends.

The Glee Club turned out in force to celebrate the New Year and serenaded the merchants and prominent citizens of the town.

John R. Galvin, vice-president of District 18 went to Merritt on Thursday. From there Mr. Galvin will go to Indianapolis to attend the convention.

A complete line of samples of

Fall Suitings and Overcoatings

Worsteds, Serges and Tweeds

Up-to-date Workmanship
Moderate Prices

J. C. KENNY

CANNED GOODS

We have the best assortment in the country of the FAMOUS HORSE SHOE BRAND.
Peaches, Pears, Raspberries, Strawberries, Plums, Salmon

W. J. BLUNDELL
PAY CASH

Singer Sewing Machines Co.,
Fernie, B. C.

Why be without a Sewing Machine when you can get one for $3.00 a month?

J. P. HOULAHAN, Agent, opposite Coal Co.'s office, Pellat Ave.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FERNIE:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having consented to accept nomination for Alderman, I think it my duty to acquaint you with the stand I intend to take in the Council if elected.

1—I am in favor of a clean and decent city, the abolition of all gambling, and Sunday closing of all stores, saloons and pool rooms.

2—The spending of the rates in the most economical way and to the best advantage in improvement with a fair share to every part of the city.

3—Public conveniences erected for the use of men and women instead of having to witness scenes that belong to the brute element.

4—Of regulating the appearance of restricted element in our streets and stores as they are a menace to any respectable community, and I think the time has come when we ought to rid ourselves of their presence in our midst.

5—I am in favor of something being done about the relief which was so generously sent to us. We ought to know what is intended to be done with the action of the relief committee in asking us to pay back what was given to us, and where their right is in making such a demand, as I believe they have no legal right in making any such demands.

6—The enforcement of all laws, provincial and civic without prejudice, or favors to any, and a system of hours of duty for the police.

In asking you to support me I may say that the morals of our city will have my keenest attention, that we may have a much needed improvement upon former years; also that the financial part may not be neglected. In coming before you I WANT ONLY THE SUPPORT OF THE DECENT AND RESPECTABLE PART OF THE ELECTORS—OTHERS I DO NOT WANT.

I am yours truly, W. M. DICKEN.

WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding took place at 7 p.m. on New Years eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Letcher, Victoria avenue, when their eldest son, Blair, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Florence Shaw. As the strains of the wedding march pealed forth played by Mrs. J. A. Quinlan, cousin of the groom, the bride, looking very charming in white net over pale blue taffeta, leaning on the arm of her brother in law, Mr. J. W. Gray, followed by the bridesmaids, Miss B. Letcher, sister of the groom, looking very sweet and dainty in white mull, entered the parlor, where the groom and best man, Mr. F. Shaw, awaited them under an arch of evergreen and bells.

After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. R. S. Wilkinson of Christ church, the guests numbering about fifty sat down to a sumptuous repast, to which they did ample justice. Mr. R. Dudley proposed the health of the bride and groom, which was responded to by Mr. E. C. Olson, after which dancing was kept up until the wee sma' hours.

Space prevents us from giving a full list of the presents; but among them was a purse of gold from the fellow employees of the groom on the M. F. and M. Railway, where he has ably filled the position of conductor for a number of years. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful fur lined coat with mink collar, and to the bridesmaids gold bracelets and a signet ring to the best man.

Whimster and Company presented them with a beautiful carving set where the bride has been book keeper for some time.

Also a costly parlor lamp from the brother of the bride, Mr. George Shaw, blacksmith at McGillivray. The bride and groom left on the Flyer for Spokane, Seattle and other coast points.

The bride's going away dress was brown broadcloth with hat to match.

On their return they will take up their residence on Dalton avenue.

STILL THEY COME

A gentleman writing to us this week says. "I have received the sample copy of Ledger; enclosed find my subscription for 1909. IT IS THE BEST PRINTED PAPER I HAVE SEEN IN THE DISTRICT. WISH YOU SUCCESS."

Crows Nest Trading Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS
Fernie's Cheap Cash Store

Victoria Ave. Fernie, B.C.

MAY WE ASK YOU A QUESTION?

Doesn't make any difference where you buy your shoes—even if you make your purchases here—do your shoes fit, do they give you the satisfaction you have a right to expect. One thing we are sure of—we can and will give you shoe satisfaction if you will give us the chance—even if that involves an exchange or refunding of money.

W. R. McDougall

MUSIC

A complete assortment of best music Vocal and Instrumental, received to-day

THIS has been carefully selected and comprises most of the favorites, both popular and classic.

We have now on exhibition a shipment of the famous new double record Columbia discs. These discs at 85c each bear two complete records, one on each side, and cost only 10c more than the usual single record of other makes.

The January issue of Edison Records has arrived. Call and make your selection early while our stock is complete. The new four minute *Amberol* records are winning many friends.

A full line of Violins, Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars, Harmonicos, Accordeons, Flageolets, Strings, etc., always on hand at

Suddaby's Drug & Book Store

AGENT FOR SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, KODAKS, HUYLER'S CHOCOLATES, ETC.

BAD FIRE AT WETASKIWIN
BUSINESS BLOCKS CONSUMED

WETASKIWIN, ALTA, Jan. 9—Fire started in P. Burns and Co.'s office this morning at 5.30, destroying P. Burns and Co's block, occupied by W. J. Stevenson, stationer; P. Burns & Co. butcher shop, with offices and rooms in the second storey; Mrs. Barnhill's livery stable, occupied by J. H. Eggleson; Compton and Montgomery's block, occupied by them as a general store; also Smith and Gibbs' real estate office and C. C. Bailey's jewelry store. The whole of the above is a complete loss with the exception of a small amount of stock from Bailey's jewelry store. E. T. Williamson removed his stock from his building but at 6 o'clock the fire was checked, and not likely to burn. The loss will amount to $20,000 in buildings and to stock $50,000, partly covered by insurance.

FORTY HOTEL LICENSES DISPENSED
WITH IN THE CITY OF TORONTO

TORONTO, January 9—The hotel licenses cut off by local option amount to 49; licenses cut off by reduction, 9; by-laws carried 22; local option sustained, 22; total 44. Temperance losses: Majorities against local option 4; by-laws repealed 2; failed to secure three-fifths majority 20; total 26.

It is understood that an influential deputation from the Board of Trade and other organizations is being formed to ask the new council to mitigate the drastic nature of the license reduction by-law. The contention is that 850 of a majority in a city as large as Toronto is not a sufficiently substantial expression of opinion, and it is being suggested that a plebiscite might be interpreted to read that the 44 licenses must be cut off in instalments, ten each year, for four years, instead of in one full swoop. Some definite action along this line may be expected within a week.

MITCHELL WILL FIGHT TO MAINTAIN RIGHTS

NEW YORK, January 9—John Mitchell, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, made his first public address to-night since he and Secretary Morrison and President Gompers were sentenced to jail.

Mr. Mitchell dwelt almost entirely on the status of women in the world of trade, saying that he believed in equal pay for equal work for them. He received applause when he declared that he believed in woman suffrage, but said that he would rather see the woman in the home, rearing children and making life brighter.

Mr. Mitchell spoke a little on free speech and the freedom of the press and said that incarceration of a few labor men would not put an end to organized labor.

"Labor will not yield; it will fight to maintain its rights at any cost," he said.