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"Peace on Earth--Good Will Toward Men"

What a message for the world;
Battle flags by it are furled,
Deadly shots no longer hurled
On this Christmas Day.

Peace on earth, good will to men!
What a phrase for tongue or pen!
Told for ages—told again
On this Christmas day.

Peace on earth It is not here.
Nations other nations fear;
Strife and carnage ever near
Every Christmas day.

Peace on earth, good will to men!
Splendid phrase for tongue and pen;
Sung for ages; sung again
On this Christmas day.

Phrase for tongue and pen alone,
Slaves of hate and fear, men groan
Bodies bruised and bleeding, moan
This bright Christmas day.

For by act, not tongue or pen
"Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Will have meaning to us then—
Each and every day.

All good will and peace will be
When from hate and fear we're free
And the light of love we see
On the Christmas day.

The Co-Operative Store is now a REALITY

There may have been some justification for grave doubts as to our sincerty in former announcements in proclaiming an early opening of our store but on account of unavoidable delays we have unwittingly led some doubting Thomas' to believe we were playing a game of bluff. We are now prepared to vindicate our veracity and here we are with

Goods Inferior to None

Prices to Compare with All

EVERYONE WELCOME TO INSPECT OUR COMPLETE STOCK OF GROCERIES and PROVISIONS

Fernie Industrial & Provident Co-Op. Society Store

The Fat Men's baseball team are arranging for a ball to be held in Bruce's Hall on Christmas night. The object of the affair is to raise funds to pay for the suits. All their suits and outfit were burned and they are expecting to get enough money in this way to pay off their debts. Be sure and attend as you can be assured of a first class time. If you cannot go buy a ticket and help the boys out anyway.

Greenwood Ledge: J. Peck McSwain left for the South Tuesday morning. He will winter on his tarantula farm near San Diego, Cal—and at way points. He has fully recovered from the effects of his auctioneering business in Fernie.

Rochon has Candy from 20c a pound to $2.00.

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

Busy Fernie

To illustrate the wonderful growth of our city since the 1st of August it is only necessary to give the following figures of the numbers of houses and business places that have been erected:

Annex	110
Recreation Grounds	82
Howland avenue	142
Pollat and Victoria avenues	158
West Fernie	99
Business blocks	63
Total	654

One building has also been erected on the Park site.

OBITUARY

Sad Death of a Bright Young Man

Shortly after going to press last week a wire was received from the Cranbrook hospital stating that Al. Kennedy had passed away. This news was indeed a shock to the very many friends of Mr. Kennedy here. The body was brought up on the evening train and the funeral was held on Sunday afternoon. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a very large concourse, and the funeral was held under the auspices of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, of which union Mr. Kennedy was a valued member.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Armstrong Dean is Committed--Defence Deferred

The adjourned case of Armstrong Dean came up for hearing again before the Magistrate on Saturday morning. Henry Willingham, sworn, said he met Dean in Fernie in April last. He had a conversation with him re stock and insurance in the Globe Fire Insurance Company. F. J. Watson and J. W. Dobson were present at the conversation. Dean spoke to him about the reinsurance, and it was this that drew his attention. Dean made it plain to him that three-fifths were reinsured as soon as a policy was issued. There were many other things spoken about that he would not try to remember as it was so long ago, but he would swear to the reinsurance statement. Dean made it very plain to him that they had a contract with an Old Country firm in London, England, for reinsurance, and that was why it was so strong and they could not go astray. Mr. Willingham, who was excited, spoke very fast, and was pulled up several times. He remarked that it was enough to make anyone angry with a man like Dean. In consequence of the conversation he bought shares. He paid a cheque of $215, which was 15 per cent call on stock, and the balance of the cheque was 15 per cent call on 5 shares of his partner, J. W. Dobson and premium on $4,000 insurance.

Dean, who smiled at some remark of Willingham's, was snapped up by him, who said he might well snicker up his sleeve. He was stopped from making any further remarks.

Cross-examined: There were two or three conversations before buying stock. One or two were previous to the cheque which was dated April 29th. The conversation took place in Watson's office. He was not sure if he was present when Dobson signed his application for stock. He was not sure if Dobson's application was signed before his or not.

H. G. Lockhart, sworn, said he met Dean in April last in Fernie. He had a conversation with him re insurance. The conversation took place in his store. F. J. Watson was present at the time. Dean said the capital of the company was $250,000, and the paid-up capital was $50,000. He took no shares in the Globe Fire Insurance Co., but took insurance in the company some time later for $2,000 on store and stock. The premium was paid to F. J. Watson. Dean made the statement that three-fifths of the insurance was reinsured, and that therefore the liabilities of the stock holders would be decreased to a great extent in case of fire. He would not be sure as to Dean's exact words but the impression left on his mind was that the insurance was automatic, that is, when a policy was written, three-fifths of it was at once covered by another firm. When Dean asked him to buy stock he told him it could not help being a good paying proposition, but he (Lockhart) could not see where, because if three-fifths of the insurance was re-insured, the profits could not be very heavy, but it might make the thing safe. On the statement made to him, the company looked safe and reliable and he took insurance therein.

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XMAS. BUYERS

Come in and look over our stock of High Grade Christmas Novelties

Gifts for the Ladies

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Sweaters, Coats, Bedroom Slippers, Fur Coats, Hockey Shoes, etc., at prices to suit every purse.

Gifts for the Men

Neckwear, Mufflers, Gloves, House Slippers, Sweaters, Pocket Knives, Shaving Brushes, Razors, etc., at special Christmas prices.

Gifts for Children

Toys of every description, including Teddy Bears, Drums, Dolls, Blocks, etc., at the very lowest prices.

The Big Departmental Store

TRITES-WOOD CO., Ltd.

Victoria Ave. Fernie, B. C.

Charles Butella was injured on Saturday last in No. 5 mine. He was riding rope on No. 7 incline and while passing cars slipped on a log and was caught between cars and side. He received injuries to his back, and bruises on his head.

Food Prices Increase

According to the report of the United States bureau of labor, the retail price of the principal articles of food was 20.6 per cent higher in 1907 than at any time during the period from 1890 to 1899.

CHURCH NEWS

News of Interest to Church Goers

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

METHODIST CHURCH

Simplicity is the essence of Christianity, as in order to embrace the true principles of Christianity we must become as little children. At the beginning of the Christian era a little child was born and about whom it was prophesied "A little child shall lead them."

At this festive time is there anything more natural and appropriate than to have the anniversary of the advent of this child of the Promise celebrated in all simplicity in a manner that will carry with it a savor of the fundamental principles of Christianity. It is with this thought that the Methodist church are putting forward the simple and sweet cantata—A Child of the Promise, and it will be through the instrumentality of the little folks.

Delightfully simple and it will radiate an atmosphere to live in which will not only amuse and elevate, but will carry one to the higher standard of ideal, wherein we celebrate the festive occasion to the honor of this Child's name.

This cantata will commence at 8 o'clock Christmas night at the above church and will be under the direction of Mr. Cook with the assistance of Mr. Wright at the organ.

Everyone is cordially invited to spend the evening with the little folks. There will be a present for each little boy and girl belonging to the Sunday school and a good and a pleasant time is promised.

Admission will be free, but a collection will be taken up to help furnish a library for the Sunday school.

A right royal welcome is extended to all and a good time promised. Come and see for yourself.

Judge Charles A. Pollock of North Dakota, writing in the American Issue regarding the working of prohibition in that state, gives some striking facts.

Fargo, the city from which the particular illustration that we here give is taken, is situated in a way that some would consider particularly disadvantageous from a local option standpoint. Right across the Red River is the city of Moorehead, under license. These two places—Moorehead and Fargo—in diffeernt states, separated only by a river, with railway and street car connections, are business rivals, yet this is what Judge Pollock says:

Many people say you cannot run a hotel without a bar room attachment. This statement is thoroughly contradicted by the experience of all hotel men in the city of Fargo. The hotel business there has always prospered under prohibition. This is proved by the fact that there has recently been added to the hotel facilities in Fargo, already very large, the Gardner Hotel, costing approximately $200,000. Peter Elliott, the present mayor of Fargo, is a hotel keeper and has been in the hotel business in Fargo for twenty five years, and no one ever hinted and he has never been suspected of selling intoxicating liquors. He has prospered in his business and has accumulated a snug private fortune. He is an honor to the city. He speaks as follows upon the question of whether it is necessary to sell intoxicating liquors in order to run a hotel:

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 28 1908

Judge Charles A. Pollock, N. D.

My Dear Sir: I have been a resident of Fargo for about thirty years; have owned and run a hotel most of that time—I know from actual experience—it is not necessary to keep a bar and sell intoxicating liquors.

As mayor of our thriving, beautiful city of 15,000 inhabitants—paved and lighted, and possessing all modern improvements including electric street cars—I want to add my testimony to the value of the prohibition over the license system of dealing with the liquor traffic.

Nineteen years of prohibition have worked wonders for good in our community and our business men generally do not want the saloon brought back to our borders.

Yours truly,
PETER ELLIOTT,
Mayor

How different the above condition is from the conditions that obtain in Ontario, where licensed hotelkeepers are practically under the ban of society. Under Local Option this ban would be lifted. Hotel keepers then would take their place as business men among business men without any separating barrier and would be eligible for any office within the gift of their fellow citizens. How much preferable is this to the condition under licenses.

Local Option solves the hotel question.—The Pioneer.

Dishonest men question the honesty nian.—The Silent Partner of Cleveland.

"I look upon Sunday as a quiet unspeakable blessing to all Christian nations, and above all to our race, upon whom so large a share of the world's hard work has been laid in this marvellous country, and who are addressing themselves to it with an energy full of hope and promise for the future, while controlled by high purpose and high principle, but constantly in danger of running into feverish haste and unrighteous greed of possession— an unmanly hankeirng after material prosperity and wealth. Against this false tendency—this subtle temptation to us English folks on both sides of the Atlantic—Sunday, God's appointed day of rest and worship, stands out at the one great bulwark. — Thomas Hughes.

Do you value your papers or jewels? If so, rent a safety deposit locker in the best fire proof vault in the city, at the Ledger office. See the manager for terms.

Santa Claus in Evidence

This is no idle boast—just come and see for yourself. All kinds of Xmas goods for young and old, for father, mother, brother, sister, your cousin and your aunt. All bought in the lowest market and selected with care. To be sold at fabulously low prices. You cannot afford to miss seeing this stock. Goods suitable for young and old, rich and poor.

A general invitation is given to everyone to visit

The Palace Drug Store
A. W. Bleasdell

A WISE MOVE

Fernie Not only Place to Cut out Drink at Entertainments

Spokane Chronicle: After lengthy arguments pro and con the waiters' alliance has tabooed the serving of liquor at the annual ball of the organization, to be given New Years eve at the Elks temple.

Many members of the organization favored serving something stronger than lemonade at the big dance, because of the fact that it was thought much money could be realized by the sale of liquor on the holiday. The majority of the committee in charge of the big affair decided on the contrary, and lemonade will hold unrivalled sway.

Nearly 500 tickets have been sold for the big ball and it promises to be the most successful event of the kind given by a local labor union during the past year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GROWS BEST FRUIT

MAXWELL SMITH ON SPOKANE APPLE SHOW.

Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspetor who arrived in Nelson last night, from Spokane where he has been acting as one of the seven judges at the apple show, stated to a Daily News reporter that the show was all that Spokane claimed for it. It was the greatest apple show that had ever been organized. He considered it impossible to overestimate its educational value. It gave a practical illustration of the wonderful fruit growing possibilities of the west which could never have been shown on the public platform and it is the greatest advertisement that the west has as yet received.

In the throng of upwards of 100,000 people who visited the exhibition there were a large number of representative apply buyers, not only from the east, but from London, New York and Chicago, and the were one and all unstinted in their praises of British Columbia fruit, saying that this province undoubtedly had the finest display of apples in the show.

They also admitted that the great export trade of apples from the American continent to British and European markets would in the future draw very largely from the highly colored and richly flavored fruit of the western coast.

British Columbia carried off more prizes for the amount of fruit shown than any other district represented.

Mr. Smith expressed regret that the only unsuccessful district was Nelson.

He considered that the promoters of the Spokane apple show deserved the unstinted approval and praise of all for the splendid manner in which the stupendous enterprise had been carried to a successful issue, and their treatment of visitors from the north of the international boundary line was courteous in the extreme.

Suffice it to say that through these and other magnificent victories British Columbia has gained an enviable reputation and one which will require nothing but enterprise and effort to live up to.—Nelson News.

WEALTH

Wealth is anything whose use makes for wellness or well-being in human kind.

Bread is wealth, when it makes for health or wellbeing.

Bread is wealth to a hungry man who eats it.

But bread is not wealth to a tramp who throws into the ditch a loaf given him by a compassionate stranger.

Bodily health is wealth when the healthy person uses his strength for good ends. But health in a burglar or a quack doctor is not wealth. It is not used by them for the well being of mankind.

A spade is wealth when used for digging soil or shovelling coal, for the well being of well doers. A spade lying forgotton in a tool house is not wealth, though it may become wealth. But a spade used only for burying the dead bodies of murdered children is not wealth.

A house is wealth when used to shelter honest people. But a house full of thieves is not wealth.

A ship is wealth when it is used to carry honest goods to honest people. But a pirate ship is not wealth.

A machine is wealth when used to produce well made clothes for well doing people. But a machine is not wealth when used to produce shoddy clothes or even good clothes for ill-doers.

A book is wealth when it produces health in the reader, when it instructs, amuses or elevates. A book is not wealth when it degrades or misleads the reader.

Money is wealth when it is used to buy things, which when used, produce well being. Money is not wealth when it is used to buy things which, when used, cause ill health or pain, or poverty or sorrow.

Whether a thing is wealth or not depends on the use to which it is put. To what use a thing is put depends on the user.

If the user desires well being, he tries to put things to good use. If he succeeds those things are wealth, and produce well being. But if the user fails, through ignorance, or incompetence, and produces illth, then the thing he uses are not wealth.

Dynamite is wealth when, say, used by a man desirous of loosening the stones in a quarry. When used successfully.

But if the man, through ignorance or incompetence, blows up half a dozen of his fellow workmen, the dynamite is not wealth; it does not produce well being.

Benjamin Binns has $500,000. Has he wealth?

We cannot tell until we know how Benjamin uses his money. The money may buy wealth or illth. The only thing we can say is that Benjamin is r'ch in money.

Elijah Brown has little money but he has seventeen factories, full of machinery and cotton goods. Has he wealth

We cannot tell until we know whether Elijah uses his machinery to make honest clothes or shoddy, whether he pays justly for the material and labor he buys, or unjustly, whether he pays justly for the material and labor he buys, or unjustly, whether he sells at fair prices or unfair. We can only say that Elijah is rich in his buildings, his tools and his machinery.

Things used by a person who does not desire well being are not wealth, and do not produce well being.

The same thing may at one time be wealth, at another time illth. The poison that cures will kill.

The same man may at one time produce wealth with a thing, at another time illth with the same thing.

A wealthy man is one who owns and is capable of using for wellbeing a number of useful things.

Wealth is anything, whose use makes for the well being of mankind.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 1st 1908, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the renewal of my hotel license to sell intoxicating liquors under the provisions of the Statute in that behalf in the premises known and described as "The Royal Hotel," situated at Gateway, B. C., to commence the first day of January, 1909.

Simon Dragon

NORTHERN HOTEL
(Eschwig and Sorkie, Props.)
Now open to the public

Everything new and up-to-date
Handsome Dining Room Attached
Music every afternoon and night

Christmas and New Year 1908-9

THE Glad Festive Season will soon be with us again, and we are splendidly prepared for it with a large stock of freshest and purest Groceries. In the past year we have made great forward strides in the Liquor Department and can strongly recommend our Liquors as coming from the best distillery and vintages and bottled in our own vaults.

Our Hampers this year will be found of the best quality.

HAMPER NO. 1—$3.00	HAMPER NO. 2—$5.00
1 Dozen Oranges	1 bottle 7-year old Rye
1 lb Table Raisins	1 bottle Special Scotch
6 lbs Apples	1 bottle Pale Brandy
1 lb Fancy Mixed Biscuits	1 bottle Port Wine
1 box Bonbons	1 bottle Old Sherry
1 box Mixed Nuts	1 bottle Claret
1 Tin Plum Pudding	3 bottles Beer
1 Bottle Native Port	
1 Bottle H. B. C. 7-year-old Rye	

HAMPER NO. 3—$10.00	
1 bottle 7-year-old Rye	1 bottle Old Port
1 bottle Special Pale Brandy	6 bottles Beer
1 bottle Special Scotch	1 box Marguerite Cigars (25s)
1 bottle Special Irish	1 bottle Jamaica Rum
1 bottle Old Sherry	

THE HUDSON BAY CO.,
LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.

Fernie Dairy

FRESH MILK delivered to all parts of the town

GORRIE BROS., Props.

MINING INSPECTION

Calgary News

Norman Fraser, chief coal mine inspector for the Alberta government, is in Frank accompanied by Robert R. Livingstone deputy minister for this inspection district. Mr. Fraser's mission is a double one, that of introducing Mr. Livingstone who has just been appointed to succeed E. Heathcote who has left the department to take a position with the Crows Nest Pass Company, and to hold an examination of applicants for papers for fire boss, pit boss and mine manager.

Mr. Livingstone was for some years with the Galt people and is thoroughly familiar with coal mining conditions in Alberta. His district has been rearranged and includes now all mines between Lundbreck on the Crows Nest line and all west of Calgary on the main line. His headquarters will be at Calgary.

In the rearrangement of the district a new district is created consisting of all territory on this line east of Lundbreck to Medicine Hat and east on the main line. A new inspector will soon be appointed for that district. Mr. Fraser's district will remain as heretofore except as to the Bankhead and Canmore territory which is added to Mr. Livingstone's territory. This will give to Mr. Fraser all the territory to the north of Calgary.

There has also been a rearrangement in the matter of examinations.

Instead of examinations being held at different places and at different times, all examinations will henceforth be held on the same dates in the three districts and they will always be held at the same places. Frank has been decided on as the place for holding examinations for teh southern portion, and Banff for the northern portion.

The present examinations here commenced yesterday and are still in progress. The board is composed of Mr. Fraser, A. R. Wilson of the Maple Leaf company for the operators and David Steen, representing the miners.—Calgary News.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Canadian Pacific Railway announces a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas December 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. for New Year December 28, 29, 30 and 31 and January 1, final return on all tickets January 5, 1909.

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Excellent Cuisine

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WHOLESALE and RETAIL MEAT MERCHANTS

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Fresh, Smoked and Salted Fish, always a good assortment. Try our Mince Meat, Saurkraut and Oysters.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

To the Officers and Members of the Local Unions, United Mine Workers of America:

Brothers:

In my opinion a well planned and deliberate attempt is being made by certain of our members to destroy the power and usefulness of the United Mine Workers of America. It is quite plain that those who seek to divide our membership by misrepresentation have no regard whatever for our welfare.

The newspaper and circular sent from Illinois on the eve of the recent election and bearing the official approval of the officers of District No. 12, United Mine Workers were designed to injure me personally and indirectly create dissensions in our ranks.

The statements contained in the Illinois newspaper and official circular dated December 5th are absolutely false. You will be convinced of this when the proper time comes and this will be in the near future.

If you are interested in the success of the United Mine Workers (and I believe you are) then you will not permit sentiment, passion or prejudice to govern your judgment. This is not a time for petty or personal quarrels. I have refusel to allow myself to be drawn into newspaper controversies with those of our members who have so viciously and maliciously assailed me through the newspapers and other channels.

If there ever was a time in the history of our union that required united action on our part that time is right now.

If there ever was a time when every local union should be represented in a national convention, that time is next month.

Personally I want no sympathy. I desire no favor. Justice is what I demand and this should be accorded to every man, and especially should we concede this to each other as members of the United Mine Workers of America.

My advice to you is to be represented at the next annual convention by the men who are willing to hear the facts and pass judgment in accordance with the merits of whatever is presented for your consideration.

The welfare of the miners of this country should be the first consideration of every member of the United Mine Workers. With this as our motto let us work for the common good of all.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year to our members and those depending upon them is my wish.

Fraternally yours
T. L. LEWIS
President of U. M. W. of A

The rural comedy in which J. C. Lewis appears as Si Plunkard will be at the Bruce's Opera house on Dec. 24. This season the comedy has been put forward with all new features, introducing a full working threshing machine and many other catch novelties. Si Plunkard has been entirely re-written and reconstructed for the present season, and will be presented by an efficient cast, introducing many bright and sparkling specialties. Si and his country band will give their famous and original street parade. Remember the date and secure your seats early — now on sale at Suddaby's Drug Sloor.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN CANADA

Canada has been the first Christian nation of the world to inaugurate a national campaign for the evangelization of the world. This movement, which aims at getting the Church to look intelligently and determinedly at the problem of the bringing of the heathen world within touch of the gospel, originated a little over a year ago in New York. Within the past two months a deputation of representative laymen of different denominations have at their own expense visited the principal centres from Halifax to Victoria holding gatherings to place before the laymen of the different churches a definite programme. The "bloc" system is adopted in this campaign, which places Canada's part of the unevangelized world at 40,000,000 souls.

It is estimated that this will require 1600 missionaries instead of the 300 now in the field, or an expenditure of $3,200,000, which with $1,300,000 for home missions makes a total campaign fund required of $4,500,000; this further divided amongst the evangelical church membership in Canada is a contribution of $5 per member. In the places visited so far by the delegation representing 27 per cent of the membership, the amounts promised realize an average of $7.38 per member. It ought to be easily possible for Canada to do her share in this great work of "making good" in the "Great Commission" given the Church by her Founder. Surely ten cents a week is not too much to ask from the very poorest of those who enjoy the benefits and privileges of this Christian country and profess to believe in the teachings of their Leader. It is hoped that by next April the $4,500,000 will be fully in sight. It is interesting to note that the 1,380 Chinamen who last year paid $500 each to enter the Dominion of Canada, put up nearly twice as much as the entire Christian church of this country contributed to foreign missions. Is it not time that we sat up and took notice in this matter?

TO A 9-INCH GUN

This powerful poem was sent to the New York World office on a crumpled piece of soiled paper. It was signed P. F. McCarthy, and the author's address was given as "Fourth Bench, in City Hall Park."

Whether your shell hits the target or not
You cost us five hundred dollars a shot,
You think of noise and fame and of power,
We feed you a hundred barrels of flour
Each time you roar. Your flame is fed
With twenty thousand loaves of bread.
Silence! A million hungry men
Seek bread to fill their mouths again.

PROGRESS AND POVERTY

Pittsburg Leader

In one column of a newspaper we read that the farms of this country produced in the present year wealth to the almost fabulous sum of $8,000,000,000, or about $100 for every inhabitant of the land.

We are puffed up with pride in our country by the figures. We have a storehouse of inexhaustible wealth.

But we turn to another column and read that in the richest industrial city of the nation, our own, 4,000 idle men are eagerly seeking employment in the public parks at a wage of $1.50 per day.

And we are depressed by this revelation of our deplorable poverty.

There is something out of balance. Somebody is getting too large a share of the eight billion dollars the land produces, when in one small community there should be 4,000 men who with those dependent upon their earnings are evidently in need of the necessities of life.

In a land so rich as this is it charity that these men should receive or is it justice, the justice that will give them a fairer share of the products of the land which belongs to them as much as to those to whom most of the wealth flows?

In the division of the wealth produced from the land this year who is to get the largest share of it? Those who need it most or those who now have the most? This is a question easy to answer.

A striking exhibit of the unequal distribution of wealth which may be referred to in connection with this is made in a pamphlet issued for life insurance advertising purposes. It contains the results of three separate investigations made in three cities.

In our own city it is shown that in a period covering five years 89 per cent of the adults who died left no property at all. Of the rest 7.8 per cent left estates worth less than $5000 1.5 per cent less than $10,000, and 1.7 per cent more than $10,000.

In other cities the investigation showed results which varied little if any from the figures given. In the three about 85 per cent left no estate at all and a little over two per cent left more than $10,000.

Census reports and estimates bear out these figures for the whole country. Ten per cent of the population has fully ninety per cent of the wealth, and at least 80 per cent have none at all. That of course refers to surplus wealth, property and goods over and above what is actually needed for existence from day to day.

Improvidence of the individual is the cause of much poverty, but surely this is not such an improvident people that 80 per cent of the people lead a hand to mouth existence continually. There are among them those who would save if they could.

The truth is that they are victims of social conditions under which they must work for the enrichment of others and are denied the opportunity of doing for themselves

The land whose farm products alone reach the value of eight billions per year produces more than enough for all. It is intended that it should sustain all, but as it is in possession of the few the many must live off its products and pay tribute to the few.

With 10 out of every 100 holding all of the wealth of that 100 and two of the ten holding nearly all of the property the 10 own it is not surprising that one of every twenty citizens is demanding that all property used in the production of wealth shall be held in common. Instead of it being surprising it really shows us what a conservative people we are and with what tenacity we hold to the political doctrine of the sanctity of private property.

The uninterrupted flow of the national wealth to the coffers of the few will some day make its redistribution a question of overshadowing importance. There are not a few men who believe that we are even now confronted with that question and must deal with it more radically than we are willing if we would not have the institution of private property wiped out altogether.

A fact that must not be forgotten by those who give thought to the question is that the 80 per cent of the propertyless men hold absolute power over all property if they choose to exercise it. They can wipe out all private rights in it if they will.

That they may not be driven to that is it not worth while to give some serious consideration to their welfare and contentment?

BAYNES

There will be a Christmas tree in the cook house Christmas night. Every one is invited.

The Baynes men hold a meeting last Friday night for the purpose of making desirable arrangements for the skating season. Mr. Hart was chosen as chairman and Mr. McCrank as secretary. It was decided to keep the ice clear for a rink and to build a portable house on the lake, and furnish light and heat for the accommodation of skaters. The house is now completed and all those wishing to skate with us will be welcomed.

Dr. Routledde from Cranbrook paid Mr. Griffith a visit on Monday, and also made a professional call in Baynes. While here he presented a beautiful poem to the Baynes Literary society for which they extend their thanks.

Mr. Fred Adolph who has been in Winnipeg and Brandon on business, returned to his home on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. S. J. Morrow is at work on a new two storey house for Mr. Larges.

No mail from Fernie on Monday night. The people of Baynes will certainly rise in rebellion if they are expected to put up with such rank mail service as this. No outside mail from Saturday night until Tuesday.

Miss Pitblado, teacher at Waldo, left on Saturday for a two weeks vacation.

[illegible] attended the ball at Elko Friday night.

Mr. D. W. Hart made a business trip to Elko on Saturday.

MERRITT

A large and successful meeting was held in the Nicola Herald building on Thursday to form a hockey club.

The following are the officers elected.

Hon. Pres. W. Voght.

President: G. B. Armstrong.

Vice-presidents G. Hygh and W. McIntyre.

Sec. Treas. G. Thoms.

Captain: G. Thoms.

Committee: A. S. Bennett, J. C. Conklin, Fred Pyle, J. Adams and R. L. Thomas.

The two vice presidents of the hockey club are the popular proprietors of the Merritt and the Coldwater hotels.

The boys strolled round to congratulate them. Now the boys don't know whether to call it a glee club or not.

A. Robinson, supt. of education, arrived on Wednesday train. The school meeting held Thursday decided to accept the acre of land from Mr. Voght. The building of a grade school will commence in the near future.

If the would be czar of the Nicola Valley had his way the people of Merritt would be damned.

The election of officers for the miners examination board was held at Middlesboro on Saturday. Jack Wilcox was elected to represent the men with W. Ward and F. Skelton as first and second alternate.

The men at Middlesboro have been locked out since organizing, the company refusing to employ union men—who said this was a free country—nit.

The rain on Saturday washed away the snow and put a damper on the skating for the time being.

Morriss McCardle was a passenger on Friday's train.

Mr. B. P. Little M. E., and Professor Roberts, mining experts, are looking over the coal properties in Merritt.

Charles E. Newell of the Canadian Amusement Company was showing for four nights in Hygh's hall, which was crowded.

Now that the men of Middlesboro mines have organized the president of Merritt union does not have to pack crackers and cheese with him when going away from home.

Bert Applebee left on Tuesday for Canford. Bert is still packing a souvenir of the our war in his knee, but having rea da copy of Merrie England is going to start a fr ui tranh.e is going to start a fruit ranch.

Frank Steele is in charge of the labor situation at Middlesboro until the arrival of District President F. H. Sherman.

M. Fessler, carpenter at the Diamond Vale, left on Tuesday's train for Frisco.

The men at Middlesboro have returned to work at company rate of pay under protest pending a settlement by District No. 18, the company having reccognized the union.

W. H. Armstrong and G. Plommer, president and vice president of the Niccola Valley Coal Company arrived on Monday to investigate the trouble at their mines.

No—the locked out miners did not go round with guns or dirks; the only dangerous looking weapons were a pair of skates and a kodak.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Another milestone in the ever onward march of time has almost been passed, and even now we see old Father Time gathering together the few fragments of his fast dying days to make room for his successor, who shall bear the title of "Year 1909."

Ere we pass the threshold we are arrested by the joyous Christmas season—that time of youthful dreams of Santa Claus, of reindeer teams, and of mysterious trips down the chimney, the season of fancies that rolls back the years to the time when those sweet nothings, and those mystic enchantments of the Yule-tide lent a color and a warmth to happy childhood's days—the great playground of life—though we knew it not.

In after years the eager expectancy of receiving at this season, gives place to the deeper and truer joys of giving. As one by one we assume the time honored and traditional role of Saint Nicholas, the true spirit of Christmas giving dawns on us, and this season finds every person trying in some way, to emulate the example of those who laid precious gifts at the feet of the Lord on the first Christmas Day.

To you who have plenty, a word—remember there are in our midst those homes to which not much of Christmas cheer will come—sickness may have lain the bread winner aside, and herein lies a feature full of pathos and inexplicable sorrow. Why should the little ones of these homes be brought face to face, almost before they have experienced the raptures of a Christmas season, with the fact that "Santa Claus didn't come this year" —why should they hang their stockings in good faith, and drop off to sleep after eager watching in the vicinity of the hearth, only to wake one Christmas morn to find that the cruel irony of fate had robbed them of one of the greatest and richest moments of the festive season. Again—you well-to-do person—whose children's nursery teems with all the heart of a child could yearn for, whose own wants are so few that the choice of a gift for you would be no sinecure, remember that to limit your bounty to your own well cared for relatives, is to deny yourself the purest joy of the season. Think it over. Don't you know of some one almost down and out; can't you recall some chap whose 1908 trials would form a disheartening story; can't you remember some widow with little fatherless ones to whom the extension of even the most menial Christmas cheer would come as a veritable ray of sunshine at the close of a dark and gloomy day

Try it, reader—step over the conventional lines and limits; extend to some needy one some tangible token of the season, and rest assured that new fields of interest, and new avenues of deep-springing contentments will open to you. Try it.

THE UNEMPLOYED

The problem of unemployment, at first only felt in the larger and more cosmopolitan centres, but of late years one that has wormed its way into almost every centre of activity and enterprise, is receiving unprecedented attention from even the most influential periodicals and journals. An article of some length, and which devotes considerable space to minutae and detail, appears in the current number of the Twentieth Century Magazine. Switzerland is the particular sphere under consideration, and much information of a general nature is submitted.

The question is viewed entirely from the standpoint of a well-fed and presumably a well-to-do writer, and lacks that touch of color which can only be acquired from close contact to the actual needs and conditions of the masses.

As to whether there are men out of much-needed employment has long since passed the problematical stage; it is now a recognized fact, one that carries with it many phases of a sad and troublesome nature. The statement can be made—and made with no fear of successful contradiction that there are men—men of brawn and muscle, men of vigor and ability, men of willingness and eagerness to work, who, morning after morning, leave the crude little dwelling called home, with the agony burning on their very souls, of the attempted cheerful bye-bye to the loyal little woman and the poorly-clad and under-fed bairnes, to trudge from factory to factory, from shop to shop, only to turn with heavy heart and mind homeward at dusk—defeated—yes, defeated, disheartened, because of failure after failure to secure employment by which to provide even the necessities of life for those dependent on them.

Men do not want charity; men do not desire to be corraled into a bread line; men do not cherish the idea of being herded into a soup kitchen. In every man, worthy the name, there is that inherent spark of independence that cries out against being subjected to the embarrassments of charity, even though they seem to be the only loop holes of escape from temporary pauperism.

The time for the sneers of the "won't work if he had a chance' variety has indeed passed to oblivion; the unemployed man is no longer a nonentity; he is a fixture in our present day life. The solution of his case is one over which many men of ability and experience have differed, and President Elect Taft's famous answer of "God Knows" appears to be as near correct as any theory yet tried.

Small wonder is it that so large a number of thinking men are now advocating that property used for the production of wealth should be held in common.

THAT KINDLY FEELING

Aliens, four-flushers, etc., are the terms applied in a characteristic article in last week's Free Press, to the gentlemen who at present form the Fernie Trades and Labor Council. An alien is a person from a foreign country not yet naturalized; a four-flusher is to the card fraternity what the Free Press is to the newspaper sphere.

We offer no apology for the existence of the Trades and Labor Council in this city; we ask for no special favors on its behalf. It is composed of working men elected from the various organized crafts of the city. That is their own business. The Council elect officers, which is also their own business, and no affair of the alleged newspaper, known as the Free Press. Is it not legitimate that the workingmen of Fernie should interest themselves in affairs of a civic nature? Have they not the same right to come out openly with their ideas as others have to hold a hole-in-the-wall caucus to further certain interests? By what right, divine or otherwise, does the Free Press hold the self-appointed censorship of actions and ambitions of honest workingmen? The Citizens' League was not, as our misguided cotem asserts, the offspring of the Trades and Labor Council, although the idea was first conceived at a meeting under its auspices. The success or failure of this organization is no business of the Free Press. We are still in a chaotic state of mind as to why the pent-up spleen of an over-worked and enfeebled brain should be poured with such unmeasured vigor on the alleged catastrophic career of the movement.

Not many weeks ago the same paper expressed approval of the platform adopted to be known as a Citizens' Ticket. Now the vocabulary of malice and venomous hatred fails to embrace the words of denunciation and opposition, which it is apparently thought necessary to bring into use to deal a veritable snake bite to any movement having its origin in the ranks of the working class.

The working men expect nothing from the Free Press. Bitter experience has taught them times without number that the murderer of Caesar has a present-day counterpart in this personification of narrow mindedness and editorial imbecility.

Gladstone said that "Labor unions are the bulwarks of a nation," but—tush—a greater than he is in our midst, wielding his little poisoned quill to meet the picayune conceptions of an uncultured and untutored brain (though the existence of the latter is only surmised.)

The present stand of the Free Press in its attitude to Labor is not the outcome of a meteoric flight; it is the result of years of poisonous enmity and antagonism to anything and everything tending to the betterment of the toilers. The descent has been made by easy and gradual stages; the "malus, peior, pessimus" program has been ruthlessly carried out until we have in our midst today a journal capable, nay willing and anxious, to grind out the most nauseating decoctions and putrid utterances, calculated to throw its 50 odd readers into paroxysms of exuberation and delight.

In conclusion—the Trades Council of this city at last reports was able to sit up and take a little nourishment. The opinion of the Free Press, or its good will or otherwise, is not of the least concern to it.

What can you expect from a mule but a kick—what look for from a snake but a bite?

WE MUST HAVE A CLEAN CITY.

THE municipal matters seem to be assuming a real lively appearance, in spite of the secret way in which some men are being brought out. **Do the men know what platform they are opposing? Citizens, have a care. Remember we must have a clean city. TO HAVE A CLEAN CITY IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A CLEAN COUNCIL.**

INK SPLASHES

FERNIE ROADS look better now than about a month ago—you can't see them for the snow.

THE SEASON is now at hand for turning over a new leaf. Some of the old ones are pretty well thumb marked.

ALL RIGHT Professor, turn on the nose, the editor of the Free Press will now render that pathetic ballad, "When the Hammer on the Anvil Rings Clang! Clang!"

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his pocket book looks like the remains of the Fernie skating rink.

A Difference

Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel, only with one difference. When a man goes into a hotel and finds something on the table which does not suit him, he does not raise hades with the landlord and tell him to stop his old hotel. Well hardly. He sets that one dish to one side, and wades into the many dishes that suit him. It is different with some newspaper readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly and without stopping to think it may please hundreds of other readers, make a grand stand play and tell the editor how a paper should be run and what he should put into it. So he taxes his brain to escape the shoals that mean shipwreck to many editors. —Armstrong Observer.

Is Accidentally Shot

VICTORIA.—Joseph Evans met a shocking death near Elk Lake yesterday through an accidental discharge of a gun against which he fell as he ran from his cabin to get a shot at a pheasant heard outside. He was married, 30 years of age, and a former British soldier.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a retail liquor license for the Hoffman House, Elko, B. C.

Roderick James MacDonald
Elko B.C.

Dated this 19th day of Dec. 1908.

NOTICE

Notice to all organized labor, and friends of organized labor: Keep away from the McClure Mines at Tasker, N. Dakota, as they have locked out their men for joining the United Mine Workers of America. The men had to be moved away from there as the company got an injunction against them.

JOHN R. GALVIN,
Vice-Pres. Dis. 18 U. M. W. of A.

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.

VANCOUVER—While coasting in New Westminster in the vicinity of Third avenue two girls, Miss Mack, a daughter of a C. P. R. engineer of this city, and Miss Ellis of Vancouver, were upset and sustained serious injuries.

Miss Mack had one of her legs fractured, besides other minor injuries, while Miss Ellis' leg was broken in two places in addition to being badly bruised about the body.

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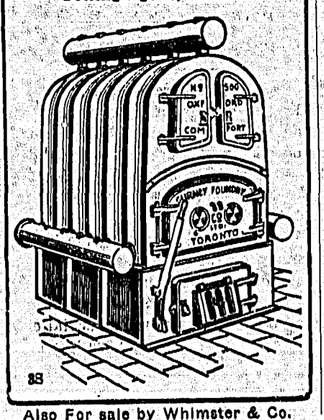

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Declarations should be filed with the undersigned not later than December 21st inst.

Dated at Fernie B. C., this 7th day of December, 1908.

W. R. ROSS
Sec. pro tem.

Dec. 19.

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SENT UP FOR TRIAL

(Continued from page one)

Examined: He could not remember the date when the conversation took place. He thought they asked him for 15 per cent on the stock, and there would not likely be another for a long time. At this juncture the case was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Monday.

On taking up the case on Monday G. G. Henderson was the first witness sworn; he said he met Dean in Fernie about April 9th last. After making representations regarding the Globe Company he gave him to understand that a large amount of capital was paid up, about $50,000, and three-fifths of all policies issued were reinsured in an Old Country firm in London, England. He took five shares. It was the inducement of the paid-up capital and re-insurance that made him purchase these shares and nothing else. If these representations were not made he would not have bought.

On November 28th last he went to Regina where a meeting of the shareholders was held for the purpose of voluntary liquidation. Armstrong Dean made a statement at that meeting that the re-insurance did not take effect until after the 1st of August, which unfortunately was the date of the fire. He produced a balance sheet in court. Mr. Cartwright was the secretary of the meeting, and read out a statement, the figures of which were checked over by Dean.

The figures re the capital were the same as the statement produced in court. Dean said the amount of reinsurance was $7,500, the reinsurance shown on the statement was $7,129.69. Dean reluctantly admitted at that meeting that the premium on the re-insurance was not paid, and the difference was the amount of the premium. The gross liabilities for insurance were $60,787.50. The amount of reinsurance was not the same as was stated to him.

Cross-examined: The conversation took place in the Customs house, F. J. Watson being present. Watson took very little part in the conversation except to introduce Dean. It was at that conversation that he signed the application for stock. Asked if he had any conversation with Watson re stock or regarding the company before the conversation with Dean, he said he had no recollection of any. When he went to Regina after the Fire he met someone from Fernie there. Before going to Regina he asked Watson if he had any idea when the insurance money would be paid.

L. Mills, sworn, said he met Dean to whom he was introduced by F. J. Watson in April, about the last or first of May at the Central Hotel. We had a conversation re insurance. Dean said that the amount of paid up capital was $50,000, and three fifths of all insurance was automatically insured. In the first place he refused them admittance to the hotel. They asked him if they could come down to his house to see Mrs. Jennings, and he said they could. He asked Dean if in the event of a big fire in Fernie, or elsewhere, whether the company would be prepared to pay the losses. Dean answered that there would be no danger of any loss as the company would pay everything. The reason Dean said there would be no loss was that the paid up capital was $50,000 and that they reinsured three-fifths. He bought five shares and paid fifteen per cent on them. He did not know whether the note was payable to the Globe Company or to F. J. Watson. The statement of the reinsurance and paid up capital made by Dean induced him to take stock and take insurance also of $2,000. He paid a premium on the insurance to F. J. Watson, Dean said Watson would be local agent, and in case of fire would also be adjustor, or words to that effect.

Examined: He knew the Globe Fire Insurance company was a new company just starting business. He did not know whether he signed an application, or if he did sign one whether he read same. At the first conversation at the Central F. J. Watson was present, and it was at that time that Dean mentioned the paid up capital and other things he could not remember. The statement of reinsurance was made at his house and not at the hotel. At the conversation at his house Mrs. Jennings, F. J. Watson and myself were present. He was not sure as to Dean's exact words. Mrs. Jennings subscribed for stock. He did not remember seeing her sign an application. This closed the prosecution. No witnesses were called for the defence. Deane was committed for trial, defense being deferred.

In the play "Si Plunkard" are many situations to gladden the spectator, cause a laugh, and bring to the eyes tears of sympathetic pity. This strong and varied play will be given at Bruce's Opera House on Dec. 24, and none who attend will regret the time thus spent. It is a play for the old and the young, and affords entertainment for all classes of people. Its human story deals with emotions common to all and never fails to move the spectator. The cast includes the author, Mr. J. C. Lewis in the title role, John L. Mack, Herbert N. Capps, Will Hartwell, Garland Toomer, Lou W. Hubbard, C. Ed. Langdon, Arthur Fitzpatrick, Hart Blair, Blanche Bowers, Edith Toomer, Arletta Lewis and Marion Lewis.

For a Xmas. gift you cannot better a certificate of oil shares. Such a gift is not only very appropriate but carries with it greater possibilities than any other present. A few oil shares have made many fortunes very quickly, and from knowing this fact everyone wants some. Write Beale & Elwell, Cranbrook, B. C., before buying.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership hitherto subsisting between the undersigned and H.G. Lockhart, and known as "Lockhart & Gillespie," as merchants, and carried on at Fernie, B. C., is herby dissolved, as and from the 30th day of November, 1908.

The accounts payable of the said partnership will be paid by, and all accounts receivable of the said partnership are payable to the continuing partner, Alexander A. Gillespie.

Dated at Fernie this 1st day of December, 1908.

A. A. GILLESPIE
Witness: H. S. GARRETT.
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What promises to be the best musical event for many a day in Fernie is the special engagement of the Polmatier Sisters Orchestra company at the Bruce Opera house on Tuesday, Dec. 22. The Polmatier Sisters Orchestra and Concert company is composed of five sisters and gifted to a remarkable degree not only with extraordinary musical talents, but also with attractive and winsome personalities that never fail to convince in no uncertain manner.

That Fernie secures this attraction is due to the efforts of Mr. Bruce of the opera house, and lovers of the best in music should appreciate this fact. Reserved seats may be had by applying at Suddaby's Drug Store.

A GUID NEW YEAR TAE ANE AND A'

A Scotch social and dance will be held in Bruce's Hall on the 31st of December at 8 p.m. Social to commence at 8 o'clock. A fine program of old country dances has been arranged for the evening and a swell time is guaranteed to everybody. So all you young laddies and lassies coom along and help us to tip the light fantastic too.

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MR. JAMES NEIL, M. C.

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LOCALS

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

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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

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The mails this week are pretty heavy.

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

J. L. Rattan left for Enderby, B. C., on Tuesday night to spend Christmas.

Rochon has pure Candy; no Eastern dope full of cheap truck.

J. S. Alexander of Ross & Alexander left on Wednesday morning's local for Lethbridge.

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

J. Niblock, superintendent of C. P. R. passed through Fernie on Tuesday morning.

Ladies and gents toilet sets at all prices. Wright, the Jeweler.

The mines will be closed on Christmas day. Work will start again on Saturday morning.

See Rochon's Candy Canes and other Xmas specialties.

Mr. James "Blarney," the irrepressible Irish tailor is visiting his home in Victoria for Christmas.

Get a box or a basket for a present at Rochon's.

Mrs. Ed. Reber of Medicine Hat is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. Gallagher of this city.

Sterling Silver Flasks at Wright, the Jeweler's, next Fernie Hotel.

Mr. Pearce of Pearce & Rees, architects, left for Lethbridge on Wednesday morning to spent Christmas.

Mrs. E. Todd has moved to Kastner & Lyons Office.

J. W. Bennett, Scranton School's representative went to Revelstoke Wednesday morning to spent Christmas.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Mrs. Lashley Hall has been seriously ill with her old complaint of asthma but we are glad to say that she is better again.

Sterling Silver Cigar and Cigarette Cases at Wright the Jeweler's store, at A. A. Gillespie's next Fernie hotel.

Mrs. Ben Barnes left for her home in Penzance, England, recently and expects to be back the latter part of January.

See Rochon. Nothing kept but the best. No 10 cents a pound stuff at all.

We understand that W. G. Barclay has refused the nomination of the Trades and Labor council as he intends devoting his time to the store.

Mrs. E. Todd is now located at the stand recently vacated by Kastner & Lyons.

P. Burns & Co. received a carload of turkeys on Monday last. They make a fine show in the shop but we think they will make a finer show on the table Christmas day.

Pair Draft Horses for sale. See ad.

Diamond set lockets, tie pins, cuff links and broaches at Wright the Jeweler's, next Fernie Hotel.

Jos. Buchanan of Coal Creek has to undergo an operation in consequence of his arm not being right, which was broken in No. 9 mine some time ago.

Wright the Jeweler has some nice cut glass and Pickand's hand painted china—store next Fernie hotel.

A derailment occurred on the C. P. R. at Jaffray on Monday. Eleven cars were derailed as the result of a broken rail. No one was hurt. Traffic was delayed for about six hours.

A fine line of bracelets and necklets suitable for Xmas gifts at Wright the Jewelers—next Fernie Hotel.

We shall not be left entirely without music this year. The Fernie Glee club who have been practising assiduously, are making a round of the inhabitants and also the Salvation Army band.

For Sausage try West Fernie Meat Market.

The English church Christmas services will be held in Bruce's Hall at 9 and 11 a.m. Special services, holy communion. Rev. Wilkinson will read.

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

J. D. Barrett, manager of the Coleman Miner was in town on Sunday and had a look over the Ledger plant. He expressed surprise at the magnitude of our plant.

The county court opened on Wednesday morning before his honor, Judge Wilson. There are several civil cases. The only case of importance is that of Armstrong Dean.

The Napanee gives the best meals at all times.

A. W. Wright, who has been with the Ledger for the past two years, severed his connection this week and went with Mr. Barrett to Coleman to work on The Miner. We wish Mr. Wright success in his new field.

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

Bob Clarke from Ireland, our worthy city constable, and Jan Vermeer from Holland, C. P., constable are to have a fall in the snow Wednesday or Thursday evening. Magistrate Whimster is to be judge.

The inquest on Allan Kennedy, the carpenter who died as the result of an accident on the skating rink, was held in the city offices on Tuesday evening. P. Kennedy was foreman, and Messrs. T. Uphill, J. Clarke, T. Howdan, J. Quinlan and W. Connell acted as jurymen. A verdict of accidental death was returned, no blame being attached to anyone.

Music hath charms—to this phrase should have been added, Musicians have charms. This opinion will be endorsed by any who were fortunate enough to be present at the Polmatier Sisters performance on Tuesday night. The music was excellent from start to finish and the performers showed that they have spent time and money to reach the high pinnacle they have attained. We wish them all the success they deserve.

A GOOD SHOW

The play put on last Friday evening at Bruce's Opera House entitled "Along the Kennebec" was one of the very best that has been seen in this city. The company is an aggregation of artists from first to last and between pathos and merriment kept the audience in rapt attention from the rise of the curtain. Manager Bruce got a good show that time and if he is as successful in the future he should gain an enviable name as a "good show hustler." The pianist with the company was a dandy and reminded us a lot of our own "Pat."

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HINDOO SITUATION

THERE WILL BE NO EXODUS FROM PROVINCE

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—There will be no general exodus of the Hindus and Sikhs from British Columbia to British Honduras. This is the conviction already reached by a brigadier general, Swayne, C. B., governor of the British Central American colony during his brief stay in Vancouver.

It is doubtful whether even one of the east Indians will accept the terms offered by the colonial authorities. They are a unit in expressing a preference for British Columbia as compared to the semi-tropical climate of the southern colony.

This was made quite clear to Gen. Swayne, during the investigation he has pursued since reaching here at midnight on Saturday. He visited a number of East India boarding establishments yesterday. Conversing to the natives in their own tongue, he ascertained that they are quite satisfied with conditions here. The consensus of opinion from their standpoint was that they had nothing to gain but much to lose by quitting this province.

He was assured that owing to the recent improvement in the labor market there are virtually no East Indians out of employment and that an indigent class is non-existent. It was also pointed out to him that those who are not employed at present are in possession of enough to tide them over, and that where any destitution existed the Indian community would continue to lend a helping hand. Provision for the employment of the natives at agricultural pursuits, it is also pointed out, had been made in the event of the labor market becoming stagnant during the ensuing winter months.

BLACK HAND

Get in Their Dastardly Work in New York

New York, Dec. 15.—More than a score of persons were injured, five seriously, early to-day when a bomb was hurled into the airshaft of the tenement house at 330 East 63rd St. The house was badly wrecked. Failure of the occupants of the house to comply with demands made on them by the members of the Black Hand for money is believed to have been the cause of the outrage.

Practically all those injured were asleep in the bedrooms on the south side. Plaster and brick, mixed with jagged pieces of glass from the shattered windows, were hurled into those rooms with frightful force and some of those injured were found half buried and unconscious under the debris piled upon their beds.

B. C. WELL REPRESENTED AT SPOKANE—ROSY CANADIAN FRUITS

Spokane, Dec. 10.—Probably no part of the northwest is better represented in the national appleshow which opened in grand style this morning than is British Columbia, for fruit of quality. Exhibits of rosy cheek apples from the Canadian territory are not so large as those from Oregon, Washington and the states directly interested in apple growing. The plate displays of towns under the jurisdiction of King Edward promise to be prize winners in the list to carry away portions of the $35,000 offered.

There are 25 exhibits from various parts of British Columbia, many of them being in the armory in the plate contests, but several being entered for other contests and situated in the main building. Here there are exhibits from Nelson, Summerland, Kaslo, Victoria, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Sunnyland and Spence's Bridge.

There was a large attendance at the opening this morning, among the crowd being many prominent fruit-growers and dealers from all sections of the country. Chicago was represented by several fruit growers and merchants, among whom were Daniel J. Coyne and George N. Shaw, of the big commission house of Coyne Bros. of that city.

William Crossley of the firm of Crossley and Sons, fruit growers and dealers, having houses in New York, Boston, Liverpool and Glasgow, was an interested spectator at the opening of the show. "This is the greatest exhibition of apples ever held," said Mr. Crossley; "it is simply great." Mr. Crossley recently sent from the northwest a fine collection of winter banana apples to King Edward. The apples have not yet been received by his majesty.

At 1 o'clock the formal opening parade of the big show was made starting from the main entrance to the buildings on Second avenue. The parade was led by a squad of police followed by the apple show band of 40 pieces and ten carriages, in which rode Louis W. Hill, president of the apple show, governor Mead, M. E. Hay lieut. governor elect, Mayor Moore, the Hon. Miles Poindexter, E. Cartier Vandiassi, and many other leading citizens who have labored for the success of the apple show.—Nelson News.

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AFFAIRS AT OTTAWA

B. C. POLITICAL SITUATION IS BEING DISCUSSED

Mackenzie King Leaves for the Opium Conference

Ottawa, Dec. 16—William Sloan, the member elect for Comox-Atlin, has arrived from the west and will take part in a conference respecting the situation in British Columbia, arising from the defeat of Hon. Mr. Templeman.

His retirement in favor of the defeated minister is said to be one of the possibilities of the near future.

W. L. Mackenzie King left this afternoon for New York, where he sails Wednesday for England on the Lusitania.

He is en route to Pekin to attend as one of the British delegates, the international conference which will consider means for the suppression of the opium traffic. He is accompanied by A. W. Geddes, his private secretary.

OTHER CHURCHES ASK FOR LIBERAL INTERPRETATION

Toronto, Dec. 15—The joint committee of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, which has been discussing the question of church union, formulated a reply to the communication from the Anglican church. The reply states that the obstacle to the inclusion of the Anglican church in the union government is the question of the historic episcopate. However if the Anglican church is willing to interpret the historic episcopate liberally the conference will be ready to meet the proper representatives.

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UNIONS NOT LIABLE

HE WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO A PRACTICAL TEST

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—A signal victory was won by the Stone Cutters union of Victoria in the full judgment of the court late yesterday in the suit of Graham vs Knott, the latter being secretary of the union.

In effect the decision relieves any trade union of liability to an applicant who refuses to submit to a test for admission to the union and fails to secure employment as a result of his refusal to comply with the union conditions.

They can threaten to strike if he is employed, and so force him out of work as they did in this case and still not be liable. Mr. Graham came from Calgary.

MUSCULAR PAINS CURED.

"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedlar of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by all druggists.

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THE GHOST OF LOCHRAIN CASTLE

BY MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON

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to have no body," she told herself. "What has happened and what is coming next?"

Then, with a flash, she remembered. Perhaps she was dead; but if she were, the last thing she had done in life was to be in a motor car with Mr. Kenrith and Lady Hilary Vane. There had been no accident. If all had been killed, it was her fault, for she had had a warning, and refused to listen. The thought that John Kenrith was dead, and that she might have saved him, made her conscious that she had still a heart to beat, still a body with warm blood to flow fast through throbbing veins. An ugly aching made itself felt in the back of her head, and she knew that the great mystery was still unsolved to her. She was alive, and lying somewhere by the roadside. The green and golden light was that of the afternoon sun playing among tall fronds of bracken which spread above her like an emerald roof.

"I must find him—I must find Lady Hilary," she whispered brokenly, half aloud, and was glad of the sound of her own voice in the silence, which wars like a tragic assent to her fears.

Painfully, she sat up, and would have thanked Heaven that she had the use of her limbs, if she had thought of herself at all now. Her head ached horribly, and she felt bruised and shaken, but there was no unbearable pain to recall her attention sharply to her own needs. She scrambled to her feet, swaying giddily for a moment, with sky and treetops whirling before her eyes, but in a few seconds she was able to walk, though rather unsteadily, and pushing her way through the bracken, crushed by her fall, she came out upon the road, and almost upon Hilary Vane, who was kneeling beside John Kenrith.

As she knelt there in the dust the girl's back was turned toward Elspeth, and she was so absorbed in what she was doing that she did not hear the rustling of the tall bracken. She had opened the coat of the unconscious man, who was lying close to the big, broken motor car, with his face stained with blood. Busily her little hands were searching, searching for something, and her whole heart was in the work.

Elspeth stood still, unable to speak, unable to move. But the spell was broken by the stealthy whirr of an electric car coming along the road by which they had traveled from Lochrain. It was close upon them, and, as Elspeth turned with a start, she saw Trowbridge stop the automobile and leap out.

Beside him the Countess Radepolskoi was sitting, but when the car had come to a rest she left it quickly and ran forward. Seeing Hilary kneeling beside Kenrith she gave a low cry which sounded strangely in Elspeth's ears. There was, or she fancied it, a ring of anger and the bitterness of disappointment.

Trowbridge sprang to Lady Hilary, and, as she struggled to her feet, he caught her in his arms. With a moan she let her head fall limply against his breast, and Elspeth saw that she had fainted.

Quickly the thought flashed through her mind that if Hilary knew she could not bear to rest in this man's arms. He bent over her, muttering something, and Elspeth uttered an exclamation just in time to prevent

"Miss Dean will not leave Lady Hilary

him from touching the beautiful disordered hair of the girl with his lips.

"Give her to me," she commanded peremptorily. Trowbridge and the Countess saw her now for the first time, and without a word the man obeyed. He laid Hilary down on the crushed bracken by the roadside and Elspeth knelt close to the white, still figure.

"Mr. Kenrith--he is not dead?" she stammered.

Trowbridge gave her no answer, except to stoop over the motionless body of the man. The Countess, too, bent down, half kneeling, and as the two were between Elspeth and Kenrith, she could no longer see him lying beside his broken car.

It seemed many moments before Trowbridge spoke, though perhaps not twice sixty minutes passed.

"No, he's not dead," the answer came at last. "I can feel his heart beating. If only I could have made you hear in the avenue, as you drove out, this needn't have happened. I saw that the near driving wheel was out of shape, as the car went by, and called out; but I could make none of you hear, though I took a short cut through the park, and ran after you until I saw there was no hope of catching you up. Then I hurried back, thinking to get one of the hotel motors, to follow, but luckily Lady Ardcliffe's electric car was at the door ready to take her out with the Countess. I've driven the same same kind, and she let me take it, though she wouldn't come, and I don't think she half understood what I meant. The chauffeur—a stupid young animal—stood by like a stock, staring as if he thought me mad, as I spun off with his auto. I hoped to overtake you before anything had happened, but I was just too late. he wheel is matchwood and the car badly smashed. It's a miracle you weren't all killed."

"Mr. Kenrith's head is bleeding," said the Countess. "You had better try to lift him into Lady Ardcliffe's automobile, Mr. Trowbridge, and get him home, where he can be taken charge of by the doctor. Miss Dean could hold his head on her lap, for he oughtn't to be left alone, while you drive; and I can stay here with Lady Hilary till you come back for her. She doesn't seem to be hurt at all."

To Elspeth's surprise, Trowbridge laughed, a singularly hateful laugh. "Oh, you are very kind," he said, "very unselfish, but I will not trouble you, thanks. Miss Dean will not leave Lady Hilary."

As he spoke Elspeth saw his eyes and those of the Countess meet with a look of defiance and understanding.

"I hope," said the Countess with deadly politeness, "that you will not repent your decision." Her voice and her eyes were like steel. For the moment, she was no longer beautiful, but hideous, though she had evidently remembered Elspeth's presence, and was striving for self-control.

"She has some plan," was the thought that flashed through the girl's head, "some plan by which she means to make him repent."

Trowbridge, however, no longer looked at the Countess. He bent down and lifted Kenrith's shoulders from the ground, exerting so much strength in the effort to raise the unconscious man that the clasp of the strange bracelet Elspeth had once before noted on his wrist, snapped open as his sleeve was pushed back, exposing the arm.

CHAPTER IX.

Before Trowbridge was aware of the thing that had happened, the bracelet had fallen from his arm to the ground, which it struck with a delicate metallic sound, then rolled away into the bracken by the roadside. Elspeth saw him start, but his eyes did not follow the bracelet. They darted to the exposed wrist, and what they must have seen there he saw at the same time.

The band of white kid, resembling the top of a long glove from which the hand has been cut off, or another like it, still covered the arm tightly and smoothly, but the heavy band of gold which had masked the end above the wristbone had hidden the ragged edge of a curious scar. Elspeth now saw that the flesh was inflamed and that just above the wristbone was a deep red mark.

Instinctively she turned her eyes, that Trowbridge might not be aware of her discovery. She felt that he glanced quickly at her, to see whether his secret—whatever it might be—was at her mercy; but her face betrayed nothing. As he was in the act of lifting Kenrith's shoulders from the ground he could not pull down the cuff and coat sleeve which had been pushed back; but he turned in such a way that, if Elspeth had not already seen the scar, she would be unable to catch sight of it. His change of position must have exposed the scar to the Countess Radepolskoi's gaze, but Trowbridge either did not care, or considered her knowledge of his secret a lesser evil. Half lifting, half dragging Kenrith toward the electric car lent by Lady Ardcliffe, he had almost reached it when the unconscious man showed signs of coming to himself.

He sighed, opened his eyes, and met those of Elspeth, who had risen and was watching him anxiously. Instantly he seemed to have remembered all that had happened, for looking straight at her, he said, "Thank Heaven, you're safe! And Lady Hilary——"

"Doesn't seem to be much hurt, though she has fainted," Trowbridge answered before Elspeth could speak. "Don't worry. We hope you are going to be all right, too. Better not try and help yourself, for fear you may have a bone broken, or a sprain somewhere. I'll lift you into this car——"

"There's nothing the matter with me. Give me a hand and I'll get to my feet," said Kenrith. "No"—as he staggered up supported by Trowbridge. "I'm all right. No bone broken evidently." He passed his hand over his forehead, where a few drops of blood trickled down over his eyes, "Just a cut on the head. It's nothing at all. You're sure you're not hurt, Miss Dean, or Lady Hilary"——

"She was up and bending over you when we came," said the Countess, somewhat sharply. "It was only when she saw us that she fainted. There, she's coming to herself now. One might almost fancy she heard us speaking about her."

There was nothing actually offensive in the words, yet they gave the impression that Lady Hilary had feigned unconsciousness to draw attention to herself, or for some other reason. Elspeth felt an impulse of anger, and would have defended the girl, but it was scarcely a moment for argument. Besides, the color was coming back to Lady Hilary's face, and the long dark lashes were quivering. A moment later she was looking up into Kenrith's anxious eyes.

"I—I—how stupid of me!" she murmured, trying to sit up, and sinking back on the shoulder of Elspeth, who had bent down again to help her. "I'm not a bit hurt, only jarred, I think. At first I was up, looking for Miss Dean, and trying to find out if Mr. Kenrith was alive; but then, suddenly, my heart seemed to stop beating. I suppose it must have been the shock and then the reaction. When did you come Countess—and Mr. Trowbridge?"

"I thought you saw us arrive in Lady Ardcliffe's electric car," said the Countess, with an odd emphasis. "You appeared to before you—fainted."

"No, I didn't see you—consciously," Hilary replied.

"I called after you all, as you drove past me in the avenue," Trowbridge repeated. "I saw one of the driving wheels was out of shape, and followed as quickly as I could, with Lady Ardcliffe's car, in which the Countess was just going out with her. She thought that she might be needed to give some assistance; but fortunately you are all able to help yourselves. Even your car has apparently escaped any very serious damage, Mr. Kenrith; and now, if you feel up to the effort, I can get you all back to the hotel."

Involuntarily Elspeth glanced at the place where the bracelet had fallen, and where the heavy band of gold had been visible at the side of the road, its pearls and turquoises gleaming out among the grass. Would he leave it lying there? she wondered. But already it was gone.

It could not have been he who had reclaimed it, for he had not once moved away or stooped down since Kenrith had recovered consciousness. But for a moment or two Elspeth had lost sight of the Countess Radepolskoi's movements, and now she quickly decided that, while she had not been looking, the Countess must have picked up the bracelet.

"Will she keep it, or give it back to him?"—Elspeth asked herself curiously, as she stood aside while Trowbridge helped Lady Hilary into the car. It was then the Countess's turn to take her seat, and Trowbridge's assistance was given to her also, notwithstanding the bitter words, and defiant looks which had passed between them a short time ago. "Now, Miss Dean," said Trowbridge, when the Countess was seated beside Lady Hilary in the large tonneau. But he did not come forward to help her. He let Kenrith give her a hand, as she mounted the step, turning his back for a second or two. Then, with Kenrith was also in the tonneau, Trowbridge closed the door; and Elspeth had a fleeting glimpse of gold and turquoise under his cuff as he did so.

"She has given it to him—quite quietly and stealthy," the girl thought. "Then she must have known all along why he wears it; there could have been no secret about it for her, or she would have said something. Now I'm certain that there's an understanding of some sort between them. She's furious with the man, on account of Lady Hilary. He knows that, but he's defying her; and for some reason or other she dared not fail him when he needed her help, in spite of all."

Elspeth felt that she was surrounded by an atmosphere of mystery. Something very strange was going on around her—something so intricate, so many-sided, that she could as yet lay her hand on no clew to the puzzle, though she could dimly see her way toward more than one, as, half bewildered, wholly frightened, she groped in darkness toward the light.

There was a great sensation at the Lochrain Castle Hydro, when it was known that there had been an accident to Mr. Kenrith's magnificent automobile.

Fortunately for the victims of the disaster, there were few people about when they arrived at the hotel in Lady Ardcliffe's electric car. Dusty and disordered, they were able to escape to their own quarters without being seen by more than three or four persons; but the story of the accident spread through the house like wildfire. Groups assembled in the great hall to talk it over. Those who could say that they had seen the electric car come home suddenly found themselves extraordinarily popular with all their acquaintances, and were besieged for details. How had Lady Hilary looked? Was it true that Mr. Kenrith's head was terribly cut? And had they really had that pretty little typewriter person in the car with them?

The Countess Radepolskoi kept her room, and Mr. Trowbridge also hid himself, therefore Lady Ardcliffe was overwhelmed with callers in her private sitting room. It was her car which had gone to the rescue, therefore it was thought that she must have more information to impart than any one else.

On the contrary, however, she had very little. All she knew with certainty was that she had been on the point of taking Countess Radepolskoi out for a spin in her car, when Mr. Trowbridge had rushed up to ask if he might borrow it in a great hurry. He had said something was wrong with Mr. Kenrith's car, and he wanted to follow it. As he knew how to drive, he had preferred not to take the chauffeur, but the Countess had insisted on going. As for herself, she had been so upset by the fear of some terrible accident that she had been obliged to come back to her room and lie down, with her maid to fan her constantly, and hold her smelling salts, or she should certainly have fainted. Neither the Countess nor Mr. Trowbridge had visited her since bringing the others home, though she had expected them to do so, and she had now sent for Miss Dean to tell her everything exactly as it had happened. The young person, it seemed, was slightly shaken and bruised by her fall from the car, and was changing her dusty things. She might not be well enough to act as secretary for a day or two, as she had wrenched her arm, but she would be able to come to Lady Ardcliffe's room and tell the story of the accident.

As a matter of fact, poor Elspeth's experience after reaching home was scarcely conducive to the restoration of shattered nerves. Pitying Lady Hilary's weakness, she had gone with the girl to her room, as poverty compelled Lady Lambart and her daughter to travel without a maid, and Hilary, utterly broken and inclined to be hysterical, was in need of help.

"I'll stay with you, dear Lady Hilary, till the doctor comes, unless Lady Lambart has returned from the walk you say she'd gone out to take," said Elspeth.

"I don't want a doctor. I'm perfectly well," replied Hilary. "I'm only rather shattered. I can't help trembling, but I'll lie down and be perfectly fit again by dinner time."

"You must let me help you undress," pleaded Elspeth.

"You need help yourself," Hilary said. "You are as pale as marble."

But Elspeth only laughed and insisted that she had not even a headache. She made Lady Hilary sit down, quietly removed her hat, which was crushed into shapelessness, and began to open her dress. She had unfastened several buttons, when something tied up in a little lace handker-

(To be continued.)

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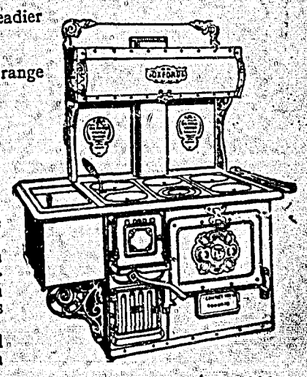

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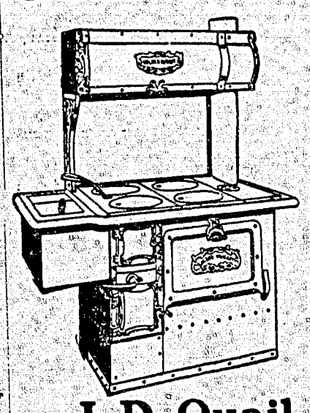

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