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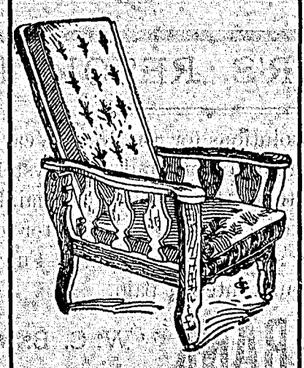

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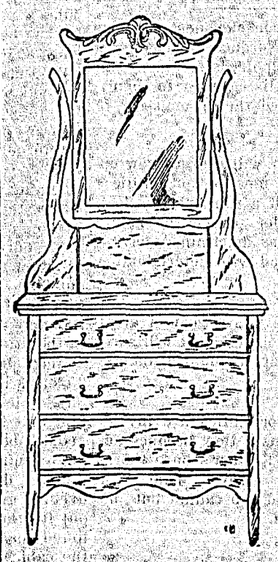

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CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

A Businesslike Start-Off By the New Council--Most Agreeable Meeting

The first regular meeting of the new Council was held on Tuesday evening in the new city offices, situated in the Johnson-Faulkner block. The new rooms are clean, cosy and up-to-date, and the new Council and Mayor are to be congratulated on the prompt way in which they got proper quarters wherein to do business.

The entire Council consisting of His Worship Mayor Herchmer, Ald. Barclay, Cree, Duthie, Gates, Johnson, and McDonald and the city clerk were present, and no time was lost in getting to business.

The Mayor first of all suggested to the aldermen that they do away with smoking while transacting business, as was previously suggested by the Ledger. Messrs. Cree and Barclay were in favor also, and it was suggested that a ten minutes "half time" be called to chat and smoke. The Mayor explained that he thought it proper as they could do their work much better and quicker without smoking. We must congratulate the Mayor and Council on this stand and trust they will adhere to it throughout the year. It certainly will appeal to most right thinking men that it is a want of decorum to see a council smoking as hard as possible while doing the city's business.

Considerable business was handled, and the matter of the police came up. We trust that a wild rumor we heard as to F. Varlow *being appointed as* chief will be very carefully and deliberately considered by the commissioners. Personally we have nothing against Mr. Varlow, but he has not had the experience and does not show the proper characteristics required in a chief of police.

We also were informed that a Mr. Farquharson was to be put on the force. We might say the same about this appointment. We would suggest that the commissioners consider very carefully before making these appointments.

The matter of the new city offices brought forth considerable discussion, and Mayor Herchmer urged the necessity of having some of the cells

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AN INDIGNATION MASS MEETING

In Connection with Relief Repayment---Manager Hurd of the Coal Company Opposed to Men Paying Back Free Donations

An indignation mass meeting was held in the Dreamland Theatre on Sunday afternoon. The meeting was called for the Miners' hall, but it was found that that hall was too small, so the manager of the Dreamland Theatre was hunted up, and he very cordially gave his hall gratis.

The object of the meeting was to consider the action of the Mayor-elect in having some 200 miners docked $6.00 each to pay back the relief money advanced to them in lumber, etc.

The public, who as yet have not seen a properly itemized statement of the donations and expenditures, do not think that the poor workingmen should be forced to repay what the generous people from outside sent for gratis relief.

Sherwood Herchmer, Mayor-elect, made the ridiculous statement that he thought the money should be repaid to the city, and then used **"to beautify our cemetery or build a recreation ground."** Imagine, if you can, the people who sent the money to help the sufferers cover their heads, consenting to the money being repaid to **"beautify our cemetery."**

The meeting appointed Mr. J. Wilde as chairman. The chairman after stating the object of the meeting, and asking the men to observe order and deal strictly with the matter at issue, called Mr. Frank Sherman to the platform.

Mr. Sherman got right down to business and stated first of all that he wished the men to distinctly understand that the manager of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company, Mr. Hurd, had stopped the money from the men only when he was forced to do so by law. If he had not done so the company would have been held responsible for the money, as the men had given assignments for the amount of $6.00 a month.

President Sherman here outlined the reason why he had suggested that the men sign agreements to pay back the money.

"First of all," said he, "up to the time that I proposed this plan nothing had been done, and nothing had been suggested, for disposing of the relief funds, and the sheltering of the homeless, and it was when I saw no disposition on the part of the committee to help that I suggested that the men be given $300 worth of lumber, so that they would be able to build a small home on their lots, and not leave the

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CHURCH NEWS

News of Interest to Church Goers

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

On Wednesday January 27th Rev. Robert Hughes of Cranbrook will be in Fernie, and will give a description of the great Yukon country, the land of the midnight sun, glacial ice, dog sleighs, and gold excitement, Methodist church 8 p.m. Lantern and slides

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Rev. W. L. Hall will preach two sermons on Sunday next on the doctrines of grace and election. 11 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

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The Methodist church is kept open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the convenience of anyone who wishes to write a letter, read a book, meet a friend or spend a quiet social or meditative half hour. Pape rand pens provided.

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Monday evening is specially given over to the young people. On the coming Monday there will be a debate and Friday night wll be choir practice. Any one welcome at any meeting and at any time.

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Miss Mott will be in charge of the Christian Endeavor society at the Methodist church next Monday night. All are invited to be present as a good time is promised.

The Lord's consciousness of our need is the assurance of His gracious care. Your needs are many but not more than His capacity to supply. Have you tested the promises of God?

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The New Year will present new opportunities and new responsibilities. It will be well if a retrospective look is taken in order to see the points where failure was determined, having so done, go ahead with determination to succeed.

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You can make this a year of great blessedness to yourself. It will surely come if you are thoughtful of others.

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God-given opportunities are invaluable; if rightly used they produce adornment for the Saviour's once thorn-crowned brow. Crown Him with many crowns and you cannot but be crowned yourself.

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The nation's greatest asset is the accumulative energy towards the realization of the poorest type of citizenship. Christ was the world's best citizen. He came of humble parentage but His life added lustre and glory to a noble ancestry. Let us give our attention in directing every God-given talent towards the noblest type of manhood—our living example, the Christ of Nazareth.

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The Bible reveals the great purpose of God. It is the oldest and finest aggregation of books in the world. It embraces history, literature, topography, biography and science. In its many branches beyond this is records the facts of redemption through Jesus Christ. If the book is so priceless, why is it not more used? Why do teachers use "the helps" and scarcely ever touch the book of all books? Perhaps some one can explain.

TO LIVE AS JESUS WOULD

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 19—The two weeks effort of 1800 young people of this city "to live as Jesus would live" came to a close to-day with a big meeting. Scores of those who made the trial declared that the test had been a success and indicated that the Christian people could live more Christ like lives.

It was proposed that while the official test was closed that there should be no abatement in the effort to do as Jesus would at all times and that the effort to make the movement world-wide should go forward.

FIFTY LIVES LOST DURING BAD HURRICANE

VICTORIA, Jan. 15.—Fifty lives were lost and a number of pearling luggers lost off West Australia in a hurricane, according to advices received by the steamer Aorangi to-day. Five of the schooners and fifty four luggers of the pearling fleet were lost and at least fifty, including many Japanese and Mulays, were drowned Telegrams such as this "Schooner Bux total wreck; Tiller and four crew missing; Young dead," were being received at Perth. Survivors of the disaster had reached Perth and many of them had reported great hardships. A majority of the luggers turned over, and drowned those on board like rats in a trap. In one case where the lugger Roy turned over a diver sprang over the side and reached the shore on some wreckage.

His comrades, four in number, were battened in the cabin and were all drowned. Forty battered boats of the pearling fleet made their way to Roebuck Bay. The survivors told of many heroic incidents.

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A FERNIE MAN IS LOST IN WOODS

William Johns, at One Time Secretary of the Miners' Union in Fernie

Another man has been lost in the woods around Nanoose Bay. It is only a couple of weeks ago that Samesett the Indian, disappeared in these woods since when not a trace nor a sign of him has been found. It was Christmas day that he entered the woods on a hunting expedition and from that day he has never been seen nor heard of.

Now a like fate has befallen an old resident of Wellington, a member of a well known family. The missing man is William Johns. His brother, John Johns, was a mine boss at Extension and left a similar position in the Crows Nest Pass to take charge of Gilfillan's mine at Wellington. Lately he has been engaged on the prospect work at Campbell river and is now out with a party searching for his brother.

The story of John's disappearance is very simple. He and a man named George Richards set out from Wellington for a mining camp in the Nanoose district. They reached the cabin beside the Prospect hole and Richards stayed there until Tuesday, January 5. At nine o'clock that morning John left to go out hunting, Richards declining to go for the reason that he was going out home in the afternoon. Johns told him not to wait for him as he would probably not be back until four or five in the afternoon.

Accordingly Richards came away at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of last Tuesday. He left a note for Johns telling him that he would notify his (Johns) people not to expect him before Saturday evening.

Johns did not turn upon Saturday evening and on Sunday his people set out for the claim to investigate. They found that he had never got back to the cabin at all and that therefore he had been in the woods all the time since Tuesday.

A search party was at once organized from Wellington and a number of men have since beaten the woods in all directions. The provincial police have also been out but not a trace of Johns has as yet been found.

It is a peculiar coincidence that the man Johns should have disappeared in about the same place and in much the same manner as the Indian Samesett. The mystery of the disappearance of the Indian has never been pierced and it is now increased by the equally mysterious disappearance of Johns. It may be of course that the disappearance of the two men may be accounted for on perfectly natural grounds. In the meantime there is an uncanny and mysterious air surrounding this double disappearance, and wild conjectures are taking shape in men's minds of man eating panthers or tigers.

It is to be hoped that the mysteries will be cleared up and that trace of the two men will yet be found. It is hardly possible considering the severity of the weather that either of the men will be found alive.

The inexplicable part of it is that not a trace of either of the men has been found.

William Johns was the recording-secretary of Gladstone union U. M. W. of A. about two years ago, and was well and favorably known hereabouts. His many friend will sincerely hope that trace may yet be found of him, and that no fatal accident may have befallen him.

LATER

NANAIMO, Jan. 19—Wm. Holden, a member of the searching party in search of Young Johns who was lost in the woods near Nanoose bay about a week ago and whom it is feared, has perished, met with a fatal accident in that vicinity yesterday. He was in company with Richards who was travelling with Johns for a short time before he was lost.

Richards was walking behind Holden, carrying a gun when the trigger caught in some underbrush, discharging a cartridge, the ball entering Holdens leg, badly shattering it. He was carried out about three miles to Nanoose, where he died this morning.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The Trades and Labor council held their regular meeting last Monday night. A good attendance was present and considerable business of importance was quickly disposed of. The next regular meeting will be one week from next Monday and all delegates are requested to be on hand as important business will come up.

BOOZE CANDIES ARE TO SKIDOO

SEIZED BY POLICE AT MONTREAL AND PROSECUTIONS WILL FOLLOW

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—An important move towards the prevention of selling intoxicating candies was made yesterday when the provincial revenue police made a raid on candy stores, and seized large quantities of chocolate candies which were found to be more or less mere shells containing about a teaspoonful of brandy each. The chocolates sold at sixty cents a package and many complaints were made that they were very popular with young girls and boys who got drunk on them.

Chief Archambault of the Revenue Police stated that he seized one hundred cases of these goods at the Lowney Chocolate factory as well as a cask containing twenty five gallons of brandy.

Following this warrants were issued against the city candy stores for selling liquor without a license as a result of their handling these goods that are known as chocolate cordals.

The Lowney people claim that the bradny seized by the police was only used by them for flavoring.

LID WILL BE TIGHT IN REVELSTOKE THIS YEAR.

REVELSTOKE, B. C., Jan. 15.—The civic elections were fought yesterday on a straight issue, whether Revelstoke remain an open town as hitherto, or whether gambling and slot machines are suppressed and the licensing law observed.

An exceptionally heavy vote was polled and Mayor Linkmark who stood for the reform movement, was elected by a majority of 121 over John McLeod, brought out by the liquor interests.

GREAT NORTHERN LINES IN CANADA

SON OF GREAT NORTHERN MAGNATE ON EXTENSIONS IN CANADIAN WEST

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21.—President L. W. Hill of the Great Northern railway on being asked regarding the truth of the statement that the Great Northern railway would invade Winnipeg, and extend its lines through Manitoba to the coast, said:

"It has been known for some time that we have acquired about $2,000,000 worth of property in Winnipeg and that we are asking for a charter from the Dominion government to construct a line from the Canadian boundary into Winnipeg, a distance of about 70 miles.

It is not true that we are going to build a line from St. Paul and Minneapolis, for we already run to the Canadian boundary from here.

"As to the extension work in Manitoba we have had construction going on there for some time."

EIGHT BELLS

Ring out! Eight Bells! from sea to sea!
In bold, triumphant accents, ring!
And let the fields and mountains sing
Glad paens to the victory!

One shackle less to labor's chain!
One milestone nearer to the goal!
That Mecca of each toiling soul
Where universal justice reigns.

Roll, echoes, down the aisles of time
Teaching to men right must prevail
And to the ages tongue the tale,
Linked to such loyalty sublime!

Not all the fame of freedom's name
Not all the pageant's pomp of praise
Is worthy more exultant phrase
Or herald's bolder voiced acclaim!

Ring for the new, the buoyant day
That gives full leave to toil and wave,
Yet still some leisure to achieve
The purpose of man's destined way!

Breathe deep the added breadth of years!
And let the golden moments gained
Stand sponsor for the prize attained—
In richer, nobler carved careers.

Eight measured beats, Time strokes the bell!
The foes' retreat has turned to rout!
And up the line the pickets shout,
In glad refrain, "All's Well! All's Well!"

—Grant Williams in the Typographical Journal

Don't Take the Risk

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by all druggists.

Newly-wed husband: The time has come dearest, when I shall have the painful task of acquainting your father with the fact that I am heavily in debt.

Wife: Don't mind that; I am sure he will give you the sympathy of a companion in adversity.

AN INDIGNATION MASS MEETING

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city, as many proposed doing. The men had the club over their heads, and had to sign the agreements before the committee would help them **WITH THE MONEY THAT A GENEROUS PUBLIC HAD SENT FOR FREE ASSISTANCE.**

"W. W. Tuttle, the then mayor, had suggested that a loan company be established, and that a rate of 4 per cent be charged all who got any of the "relief" money. "This," said the speaker," was the only suggestion that came forward. No suggestions came from the noble brain of the present Mayor, Mr. Herchmer, who had the audacity to publicly abuse the speaker when he knew he was not present to retaliate. "I, however," continued Mr. Sherman, "am utterly fearless, and intend to uphold the rights of the working men in spite of the great opposition of the clique that are now trying to run things to suit themselves."

Mr. Sherman quoted the time when he was told, while at The Ledger office, that a drayload of goods was being loaded up from the relief store for a certain hotel at Hosmer. This was being done under the order of J. R. Pollock, who had fixed the prices to be charged. Mr. Sherman made the man unload the goods, and at the next meeting of the committee was asked to apologize to Mr. Pollock. He, of course, refused to do so, and from then he was not wanted at the committee meetings.

In regard to the suggestions of our noble Mayor, the speaker remarked that if the citizens allowed the money to be taken from them and used for beautifying the city it would **PROBABLY BE THE WEST END OF THE CITY THAT WOULD BE BEAUTIFIED."**

"The people," said the speaker, "should decide what should be done with the money that was sent for them, and not a few men who meet in gambling dens and formulate plans and conspire against the working men. The accounts of the Relief fund should be audited by a capable man who lives outside of the city, and not by a man like Boulton."

"Why should not the public have an itemized balance sheet, and know how things stand, instead of being ignored?

"Do you remember the relief fund of 1902 that was sent in for the benefit of the wives and children of the miners who were killed? What account has been rendered of the amount that was left over Mr. Herchmer was the secretary-treasurer of it. Does anyone know anything about it? Should this same gentleman be allowed to dictate what would be done with this relief, which amounted to over $100,000? No. We should insist that the entire community shall decide what will be done with it. You have a bunch of men in this city that no man knows better than Frank Sherman. They would like to run the town, but we must not let them."

Someone here asked who was the secretary-treasurer of the Miners' relief of 1902, and Mr. Sherman warmly replied: **"THE MAN THAT SOME OF YOU SUCKERS VOTED FOR LAST WEEK."**

Mr. Eckstein was here called to the platform and told the men that because "they do not look to their interest in time of peace, they must be aroused in times of war.

"Why," said he "should not the people have the right to appoint the committee who are to have charge of the relief funds, and not the mayor. When Mr. Edmunds left the city, who was put in his place If an alderman leaves the town do not the people elect a man to take his place? The public should say what will be done with the relief, so that the greatest good could be done to the greatest number."

"On account of the uncertainty of the 1902 relief fund the people should appoint commissioners.

"Both the relief and the city accounts should be audited by an outsider."

Mr. Eckstein stated that Mr. Hurd had told him that he was not at all in favor of the men being forced to repay the money that they had got; it was not much relief when they had to return it, but he was forced through law to deduct it. Mr. Herchmer was directly to blame for this as he had put in the bunch of assignments.

"I do not believe," said Eckstein "in a self appointed committee. A strong committee ought to be formed to interview the Mayor and the Relief Committee, and see if they would not be reasonable."

Chairman Wilde here spoke for a few minutes, and explained that when Mr. Sherman had to go to the Labor Congress at Halifax, he saw Mayor Tuttle, and told him that as he would be away for some time he wished to leave Mr. Wilde to act in his place. Mr. Tuttle consented and said that it would be perfectly agreeable to him. Mr. Wilde attended the first meeting, and it was then moved, seconded, and carried that he be allowed a seat instead of Sherman. At the next meeting when the miners asked for $10,000 to house their own members and other workers, Messrs. Pollock and Reading immediately objected to Mr. Wilde having a say in the committee, and Tuttle tried to ignore the arrangement and motion that was previously made. Ross and (our friend) Herchmer, objected too, and it was finally decided that Mr. Wilde be allowed to remain but that he should have no voice. Mr. Wilde retired as he would not stay unless he was allowed a voice in the meeting.

Mr. Biggs was then called to the platform, and stated that on account of the chilly way in which he was treated by the committee, and at times utterly ignored altogether, he had often thought of withdrawing, but had finally decided to stick and fight it out.

"You have seen," said he "the position that some of the business men —vultures, I call some of them—took to defeat the votes of the workingmen at the recent elections.

"As to using the relief funds for beautifuying purposes, what could be more beautifying than helping to rebuild the homes of the workingmen who are really the backbone of the city. Could the donors wish anything more beneficial than that? The fund should be distributed and closed out within three months, instead of creating fat jobs for a few men for an indefinite period. The present Secretary is receiving $50 a month as well as working at another job, and he has practically nothing to do. One meeting was held in secret, to which I was not invited though I am one of the trustees. I am the only representative of the large number of workingmen in the city, while the banks, to the number of three, had a representative each."

The following resolutions were then adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 1—

That whereas it is necessary that we should have a properly itemized balance sheet, showing how the funds of the Fernie District Fire Relief Committee have been disposed of:

Therefore, be it resolved: That we demand all books and accounts of the Fernie District Fire Relief Committee be audited by a firm of Accountants resident outside Fernie.

RESOLUTION NO. 2—

That whereas we believe that the monies donated for the relief of the sufferers in the late fire were for the purpose of assisting us to rebuild our home:

And whereas no plans for the final disposal of the funds have been submitted to the fire sufferers for their approval:

Therefore be it resolved: That no repayment be made by fire sufferers for lumber and building supplies, supplied by the Relief Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 3—

That whereas there is a considerable sum of money now in the hands of the Fernie District Fire Relief Committee:

Therefore, be it resolved: That we demand that the remainder of the funds now in hand be disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the majority of the sufferers by the late fire.

RESOLUTION NO. 4—

That we circulate the resolutions passed by this meeting in form of a petition to be signed by all fire sufferers who desire to do so: Then the whole subjected matter be presented to the Relief Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 5—

Moved and seconded: That the citizens of Fernie protest against any act being passed by the British Columbia government that would empower the District Fire Relief Committee as standing, to do with the funds as they see fit; and that the citizens wish that the fund be disposed of by the 1st of June; and that this protest be sent to W. R. Ross and Premier McBride.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of ten be appointed to present these resolutions to the Fire Relief Committee. The following committee was appointed:

J. KENT	J. KOBUS
LEN. SNOW	J. WILDE
T. BULLEN	P. ATKINSON
J. CULLETON	C. EDGAR
T. UPHILL	L. P. ECKSTEIN

BRAKEMAN AT FRANK FATALLY INJURED

WAS TERRIBLY CRUSHED WHILE COUPLING CARS AT FRANK

FRANK, Jan. 19—David Walker of Frank, acting as conductor in the Bellvue yards of the C. P. R., while coupling cars got badly crushed He was brought to the Frank hospital where an operation was performed on him—but it is thought he cannot live.

Last Thursday five cars of a coal train were derailed near Lunbreck. No one was hurt but the passenger train was delayed for some twelve hours.

HISTORY OF CANADIAN JOURNALISM

Everyone who is interested in the history of Canada will welcome a new book "A History of Canadian Journalism" which has just been issued. The volume which furnishes in permanent form the first complete history of the press in Canada, covers a great deal of ground not covered by any other book extant in Canada. The reader as he perusses its pages is continually surprised to find in it hitherto unpublished sidelights on the careers of our public men, as well as full and first hand information regarding our great journalists and our great newspapers. Altogether it is one of the most valuable historical works which has appeared in Canada.

Not only is the mater fresh and interesting and important but the style throughout is quite equal to the best. This will be better appreciated when it is stated that the contributors include Goldwin Smith, Dr. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario; John Reade, F. R. S. C., Montreal Gazette; Arthur Wallis of the Toronto Mail and Empire; J. E. B. McCready, Charlottetown Guardian; J.P. Robertson, Winnipeg, R. Sellar, Huntingdon Gleaner; J. K. McInnes, Regina Leader; J. W. Bengough, Toronto and R. E. Gosnell of Vancouver.

One portion of the book presents an exceedingly interesting history of the Canadian Press Association, in honor of whose fiftieth birthday the book was first produced, with other sections devoted to the press in each of the provinces.

The book includes 268 pages with over 40 half tone portraits of prominent journalists. Typographically the book is very pleasing with its large type, heavy paper with rough edges and gilt top, and its handsome cloth binding. Orders may be sent in care of John R. Bone, Secretary Canadian Press Association, Daily Star, Toronto. The price is $2 a copy, postage 15 cents extra.

A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through a process of natral history, is often surprised at the mental agility which they exhibit in answering.

He recently asked them to tell him what animal is satisfied with the least nourishment.

"The moth," replied one of them—"because it eats nothing but holes."

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
Among all the resolutions for the New Year none is more generally undertaken and less systematically preserved in than the resolve to maintain a savings account with the bank. Do better during 1909. One dollar starts an account. Full compound interest paid.
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HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO
W. C. B. MANSON Manager
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SERMONS ON THE BAR and TREATING

Evils of the presdnt day Treating System

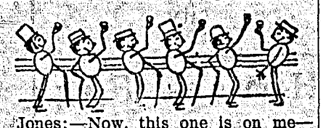
Smith—Hello, Brown, old boy. Jolly glad to see you. Come in with me. A glass of beer. We must have one for good fellowship.

Brown—Well, I don't really want anything to drink, but to be sociable I'l go with you.

Green—Why, here comes Smith and Brown! Mr. Brown, let me introduce you to my friend, Mr. White. We are just about taking a drink; come and join us. Oh, yet, I insist!

Smith: Ho, ho; here comes Black and Jones! Come on boys, you are just in time! Come, gentlemen, what will it be?

White, Jones, Green, Smith, Black, and Brown—Here's luck, gentlemen!



Jones:—Now, this one is on me—drink hearty!

Green—Gentlemen, this is my treat. Here's your health!

Smith—Let's have one on me now! You'll insult me if you refuse. Here goes!

Black: Set, 'em up again, barkeeper—thash rightsh; here'sh better days, boysh!

Brown: Now jus' one more 'fore we go. Let'r go, gents!

And not a single man of them actually and honestly wanted even one drink.—Courtesy of The Pioneer.

FIFTY LIVES ARE LOST

Another Fearful Crash--Two Trains Meet with Terrible Results--Who to Blame

AWFUL SCENES FOLLOW CRASH OF PASSENGER AN FREIGHT TRAINS

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 20—Survivors of the wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad near Dotsero, are arriving here with the news that as many as eighty may have been killed in the collision.

The reports are so conflicting that no definite estimate can be made some of them saying that the number of dead will not exceed twenty-five at the most.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Col. Jan. 20—The latest reports from the scene of the collision last night between a passenger and a freight train on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad near to Dotsero, Col., is that the number of dead is variously estimated between twenty-five and fifty.

Twenty bodies have already been removed from the wreckage and it is thought that at least thirty more are under the debris. A relief train on which were the remains of twenty victims and as many injured passengers arrived at Glenwood Springs to-day. Those in charge of the relief train say that it is doubtful if a single person in the chair car escaped death or serious injury.

Among the known dead are Gus Olson, Salida, Colo., engineer of the passenger; Sigmund Olsen, engineer of the first freight engine.

T. J. Jeffrey, engineer of the second engine was so seriously hurt that it is thought that he will likely die from his wounds.

The wreckage was on fire, but was extinguished by snow after burning fiercely for a few minutes.

WHAT HILL'S THREAT MEANS

LONDON, Jan. 17—J. J. Hill's latest threat that he will carry his lines north to Winnipeg is, says the Daily Mail, Lord Northcliffe's paper, a menace to the imperial tie in the northwest, the cock pit of the Empire.

The struggle now beginning there shows that Americans realize the fact if England has not altogether grasped its significance.

TRAVELLING TRIANGLE IS SENT ON ITS WAY

Toronto Freemasons Perform Important Ceremony in St. Patrick's Chapter in Queen City.

TORONTO, Jan. 21—With impressive ceremony and in the presence of one of the most distinguished gatherings of Royal Arch Masons ever held in this city, the travelling triangle was dedicated in St. Patrick's chapter last night.

The triangle is a heavy gold, equilateral, eight inches long and three-quarters of an inch in width. The triangle will start on its long journey on January 29th, when St. Patrick's chapter will accompany it on its first stage to Buffalo.

It will there be given into the hands of the Keystone chapter. Each chapter that receives the triangle will accompany it in person to the next.

From Buffalo the triangle will go to Cleveland.

TEDDY IS PEDDLING TO JAPANESE

EXPRESSES SENTIMENT OF THE SQUARE DEAL IN SPEECH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20—Introduced by Bishop Cranston as the Apostle of the Square Deal, President Roosevelt in an address to-day at the African Diamond Jubilee mass meeting, held in the Metropolitan Methodist church, which place the late President McKinley attended, declared he would not come before a Methodist gathering if he was not prepared to give the square deal.

"In addition to the square deal in our own country,' he continued, "I also want the Methodists and others to assist me in giving the square deal to Japan. I will see that in doing this our own citizens are protected. You know I am not a mere sentimentalist. I am not the least afraid of involving the big stick, if it is necessary, and I want to see us, while insisting on justice being done us, equally careful to do justice to others. It is only the federal government that can with wisdom and propriety deal with these questions and I ask all good Americans to see to it that unwise men, foolish men are not got to their own harm, and the harm of their own locality, the arrangement that is now working so satisfactorily to the governments of the United States and Japan."

YOUNG LADY LIVES TO FOOL THEM

SENSATIONAL CASE IN WALES HAS BEEN SOLVED

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Miss Violet Gordon Charlesworth, whose mysterious disappearance a short time ago caused a good deal of excitement, because of her remarkable career and her intimate association with extensive deals in stock, has been found and identified at Oban, Scotland.

It was reported that Miss Charlesworth, who lived with her parents in Bogera, Wales, was killed while automobiling in the neighborhood of Penmaenmawr with her sister and the chauffeur two weeks ago.

The young woman was said to have been hurled over the sea wall but her body was not recovered. Her sister and the driver escaped injury. Investigations have failed to show that the young lady went over the sea wall. This gave rise to the suspicion that the young woman had not gone over the sea wall and the search for her continued zealously. Much has been published of Miss Charlesworth's alleged speculations in bonds and an effort has been made to show that she was in financial straits.

LOUIS HILL MUST PAY FOR HIS TICKET

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 15.—L. W. Hill of the Great Northern Railroad will hereafter pay his fare when riding in this state on railroads, even if it be over the line of which he is president.

To-day his name will be sent to the state senate as a member of the highway commission. According to the laws a state official cannot accept a railway pass. Mr. Hill has notified Governor Johnson that he will accept the state position and cut off the passes.

MILKING CUTTLEFISH.

Strange Farming Carried on Along the British Coast.

It is not known generally that cuttlefish are cultivated on some farms in order to be "milked." These cuttlefish farms are located on parts of the British coast, and the cuttlefish are kept in tanks or ponds to be milked of their ink.

The pond or tank is connected with the sea by a pipe, and a thousand or more cuttlefish are kept in a single one. They form a most curious sight as they move about trailing their long arms and staring out of their bulging eyes.

They are guarded by screens, which prevent them from being scared, for if they are suddenly frightened the cuttlefish will squirt their milk into the water, and it would therefore be lost. This fluid, or milk, is very valuable, and each cuttlefish will yield about $4 worth a year. It is secreted in a bag, which can be opened and closed at will, the cuttlefish ejecting the fluid to darken the water so that it may escape unseen when attacked. The best cuttlefish are procured in China, where for some reason or other they produce the best quality of milk.

When the farmer considers it opportune to milk the cuttlefish he proceeds by opening the sluices of the pond and gently agitating the water. The cuttles then swim around the pond, and as soon as one passes through the sluice is closed. The cuttle passes down a small channel into a basin or metal receptacle, and as soon as it is securely there the water is drained off. It is then frightened and at once squirts the fluid from the bag. When it is exhausted it is lifted out, the milk is collected, and the basin is prepared for another.

WAGING WAR ON RATS.

Measures Taken In England to Exterminate the Pest.

The war against rats is being waged vigorously in Great Britain, where the annual damage they cause is variously estimated at amounts ranging from $50,000,000 to $75,000,000. Potatoes infected with a tasteless germ are placed within reach, and this germ—harmless to man—is expected to cause a rapid decrease of the rodents by spreading a fatal disease among them. As a further step the Society For the Destruction of Vermin seeks to set a price on the animals' heads, having offered a prize of 10 guineas and a diploma for the best method of making ratskins commercially useful. Taking the London and India docks as examples of the seriousness of the plague, it is stated that each of the twenty-seven sheds stands on an acre of ground and is estimated to harbor 2,000 rats under its floors, making a total rodent population of 54,000 for these docks. Each rat is charged with damage of at least a farthing a day, giving a total yearly loss of more than $50,000.

Law Against Teeth and Hair.

"There was a law once against false teeth," said the antiquary, flashing his superb set in a wide smile. "Yes, and if your wife wore false teeth or hair you could divorce her."

He took down a curious old book to prove his statement and read the following from a British act of Parliament of 1670:

"That all women, of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall from after the passing of this act impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's male subjects by scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops or high heeled shoes shall incur the penalty of the laws now in force against witchcraft, sorcery and such like misdemeanors, and the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void."

Brusque Brahms.

A young Hungarian violinist, who was continually talking about his wonderful skill and great fame, had his flatteries addressed to Brahms cut short with the brusque remark, "More finger exercise and fewer phrases, young man!"

A young woman who played the pianoforte asked the composer as to the advisability of giving a concert in Vienna.

"Are you all ready?" inquired Brahms.

"Certainly, dear master! May I play something for you?"

"Oh, no, no! I meant only have you a new gown and gloves?"

"Yes, sir."

"Pity; otherwise I should have advised you not to give the concert."

Sumatra.

Sumatra is the westernmost of the Dutch Indian possessions and one of the largest islands in the world. It is separated from Java in the south by the strait of Sunda, memorable for its volcanic disturbance. The northern portion embraces the sultanate of Ache, and in the days of Queen Elizabeth and James I., when England sent ambassadors to its court, Ache was a great kingdom, occupying more than half the island. The Achenese have never acknowledged the supremacy of the Dutch, and over £20,000,000 has been spent in endeavors to subdue this race of warriors. South of Ache is a large district occupied by the Battaks, a tribe that has practiced cannibalism for centuries.

Ready Reasoning.

They stood before a reproduction of the Venus of Melos.

"Her hands must have been beautiful," said one.

"Very," assented the other. "I wonder what position they were in?"

"I have a theory that she was represented as busied at her toilet. One hand probably held a small mirror."

"And the other a powder puff, oh! But that theory won't work."

"And why not?"

"Had she been at her toilet her mouth would have been full of hairpins."

DR. ROLLER TO FIGHT BIG FRED RUSSELL.

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—Dr. B. F. Roller has covered the forfeit money posted with the sporting editor of the Star a few days ago by Fred Russell, who challenged the big doctor for a twenty round boxing match at any time or any place.

Joe Carroll, representing the doctor, this morning posted $500 to cover the $250 posted by Russell.

Young Folks

"I HAVE A HEN."

Keeping a Straight Face Counts In This Amusing Game.

Here is a good game for the boys and girls to play. The players sit in a row or circle, a leader having been chosen, who sits at the end of the row or in the middle of the circle. He begins the game by saying, "I have a hen," and the second player repeats it after him to his left hand neighbor, who in turn repeats it to the player on his left until it has gone the round, when the last player turns to the player on his right and asks, "Has she feathers?" This question goes all the way back to the leader, who answers, "She has feathers." This answer is taken up by the second player until it has gone around, when the last player asks, "Can she walk?"

When this question reaches the leader he answers, "She can walk," and then follow in due course the question, "How does she walk?" and the answer, "Wiggledy-woggledy, wiggledy-woggledy." As the leader gives this answer he imitates with his hands the walk of a chicken, and each player does the same as he answers. The next question is, "Can she crow?" followed by the answer, "She can crow," which must be accompanied in every case by an imitation of the crow of a rooster. The great object of the game is to have it played throughout without laughter. If any player laughs while he is asking or answering a question or if he makes any mistake in the words, he must pay a forfeit.

TO MAKE BIG BUBBLES.

Mixture That Will Produce Globes of Great Durability.

This is the way to make big soap bubbles, so tough that they roll about over the carpet for ever so many minutes before they think of breaking: Into a pint of warm water shave a piece of strong brown laundry soap about an inch square. When this is thoroughly dissolved, add a tablespoonful of gum arabic and stir until melted. Then a teaspoonful of glycerin is necessary and, lastly, a quart of cold water.

If the bubble makers are not very strong and know how to keep the water out of their mouths, wonderful colored ones can be made by separating this mixture into cups and adding a pinch of different colored dye to each. For little people strawberry or currant juice for pink bubbles and orange juice for yellow are perhaps safer. The lye in the soap plus the glycerin increases the brilliancy of the bubbles, and the gum gives them elasticity. Hot water is necessary to dissolve the various ingredients, but unless cold water is added they expand and break too rapidly in the blowing.—Good Housekeeping.

A Deadly Stream.

According to Scraps, near the river Diamante, in Peru, is a most remarkable death trap in the form of a yellowish white fluid, like petroleum, as sticky as birdlime. It issues from the bare wall of a rock on a mountain side, and its source is like a tiny volcanic crater, black, bituminous and very hot. An exploring party which investigated it some years ago found floundering in it a large skunk, which had evidently been attracted to its fate by trying to reach one of the numerous miserable little birds that had been already caught in the warm adhesive bath. A great number of skeletons of birds were found on the edge of the stream and several of four legged animals, including marmots and foxes.

The Bat's Sense of Touch.

It is said that the bat has a more delicate sense of touch than almost any other animal. It flies about at night with great swiftness, and, although its eyes are nearly sightless, it seldom comes in contact with any object. This is due altogether to its highly developed sense of touch. Strange to say, this is confined to the membrane with which it flies, its so called wings. So delicate is its nervous structure that it is acted on by any object even at a considerable distance, and the bat is thus warned of its presence.

The Witch.

Muvver, you called me a witch, you know,
So I borrowed gran'muvver's hood,
'Cause witches they don't never wear any hats,
An' witches they always have black cats,
So I'm teachin' Tommy to ride on a broom.
But up in the nurs'ry I didn't have room
To do 'ist like witches should.

An' so when he's teached to ride on a broom,
Like all the witch cats do,
We'll ride through the night 'thout any light
An' give all the folks a terrible fright
But you won't be 'fraid of your own little maid;
I'll whisper to you it's a play 'at I've played
An' I amn't a witch for true!

—New York Tribune

AYLESWORTH TO RETIRE

TORONTO, Jan. 21—It is stated in a special to the Evening News that a rumor in Newmarket says that Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, will retire from the government at Ottawa to accept an important position in the gift of the federal government.

In the event of his retrement it is stated that T. C. Robinette of Toronto will be the Liberal candidate in North York.

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POPULAR BROKER THROUGH THE ICE

LIKELY THAT H. DARREL OF TORONTO WAS DROWNED

TORONTO, ONT. Jan. 20—Practically all hopes for the safety of H. F. Darrell, the well known broker of Colbourne street were abandoned this afternoon. The last seen of this popular young man was at 1.15 yesterday afternoon. At that time Frank Ward and a companion were nearing the city, having walked across from Centre Island. About two hundred yards from the shore they met Mr. Darrell who was heading for the island. Having safely crossed themselves they anticipated no trouble and beyond a salute nothing further was said. Since then not the slightest trace of him has been found. In all probability he had started for Hanlan's Point to take a look at his cottage there as was his custom to do a couple of times a year, and went through a hole in the ice and was drowned.

TO PROVE HE IS NOT SO BUGGIE

SLAYER OF WHITE WILL BE GIVEN CHANCE TO PROVE THAT HE IS MENTALLY SOUND

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 20—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, the architect, will be given another opportunity to prove that he is sound mentally according to a decision made by Justice Tompkins.

The hearing will take place in New York county. The date of the hearing has not been set. Justice Tompkins will decide whether he will act alone in the case or will leave the decision as to Thaw's mental condition to a referee or commission.

The justice declared that Thaw was in his opinion, entitled to another hearing.

ANOTHER WOLFE IN SHEEPS CLOTHING

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 20.—Disclosures made in the investigation of the disappearance of the Rev. Evans T. Evans, a young, handsome and elegant divine who until recently was pastor of St. Johns Episcopal church, Sarnia, have spurred two families to greater efforts to find him.

Letters have been found in his effects indicating that he has a wife and four children in Wales. This information has well nigh prostrated the parents of Miss Nele Sill, Clare Davis, who died recently, grief ending her misery. She told her parents that she was married to Evans last spring.

It became known to-day that arrangements had been made at St. Margaret's private hospital for the reception of the sixteen year old daughter of one of the leaders of St. Johns church. The girl charges that her former pastor is responsible for her illness.

Detectives in Canada and the United States are searching for Evans and Scotland Yard has been notified to be on the lookout for him.

SMUGGLING CHINKS

LESTIALS INTO STATES FROM MONTREAL DISCOVERED

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—Evidences of a wholesale scheme for smuggling Chinamen into the United States from Montreal was discovered here to-day, when Grand Trunk detectives found ten Celestials ensconced in a car hooked as theatrical scenery from Albany N. Y.

The detectives found the seal of a car in the freight yard broken and on entering the car found instead of the scenery a group of Chinamen supplied with food and water for their prospective journey.

They were arrested on a charge of loitering and the detectives are now at work trying to find out who is behind the scheme.

The Chinese so far have refused to give any information.

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THAT RELIEF MONEY

On another page we print a detailed account of the indignation mass meeting which was held last Saturday afternoon in connection with the relief matters.

This matter, when you delve right down to the bottom, is one of the dirtiest holdups against the workingmen of the city that has ever been perpetrated.

DID THE GENEROUS PUBLIC FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD SEND THAT MONEY HERE TO BEAUTIFY OUR CEMETERY OR BUILD RECREATION GROUNDS?

OR DID THEY SEND THAT MONEY TO ENABLE THE POORER CLASSES TO GET A SHELTER OVER THEIR HEADS?

Who ever heard of such a ridiculous statement or suggestion as that made by our mayor, Mr. Herchmer, to use the fund for beautifying purposes

On the public platform on the eve of the municipal election, when Mr. Herchmer was trying to switch some of the workingmen's votes, he made the very magnanimous statement "that he would see to it that if there was any man whose circumstances would prohibit him from repaying the relief money, he would certainly not enforce such cases." What would Mr. Herchmer have us believe in face of this statement? Was it just to hoodwink some of the easily led men with votes?

The proof of the above seemingly harsh statement lies in the fact that Mr. Herchmer rushed in a bunch of assignments this pay day on men who (with possibly one or two exceptions) were too poor to meet this first payment.

Imagine a man with a family of eleven children to provide for, having worked maybe a quarter of the month, and then **THROUGH MR. HERCHMER'S GREAT MAGNANIMITY** being docked the sum of six dollars to repay money **THAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD CONTRIBUTED,** to help such cases as these and others to rebuild their meagre homes. What do you think of it?

Is it not a disgrace to humanity.

As to Herchmer's statement that the men signed the agreements and should therefore stick to them, **THE MEN HAD NO ALTERNATIVE.** They were famishing in the open; their wives and children were crying with cold and despair, and they were told that if they wanted relief they would have to sign a paper. We venture to say that one twentieth of the number who signed did not know what they were signing. All they knew was that a generous public had rushed in thousands upon thousands of dollars to help them in their dire distress and they thought they were entitled to their share.

Why is Mr. Herchmer so anxious to force this repayment? God knows!

If at the time the men were asked to sign the agreements of repayment, they had left the city and not tried to rebuild and rehabitate their homes **WHERE WOULD THE CITY BE TO-DAY --WHERE WOULD MR. HERCHMER BE.**

What could be more beautifuying to this, or any other town, than the workingmen owning their own homes and being able to fix up a little

Does Mr. Magnanimous Herchmer desire to keep the men poor? Or does he wish to see them get along? On the eve of election he claimed to be the warmest friend to the laboring men. Since then he has thrown them down. What would he have us believe

One thing we can positively assure Mr. Herchmer, and that is that the workingmen will not stand for these miserable dog in the manger tactics, and the people who sent this money will rise up in rebellion if this hold up proposition continues.

What reason is there for repaying a free donation?

Is it relief when the men are held up like this?

Did the Miners union ask the men they assisted to repay the assistance No!

Did the typographical union ask a return of the $500 they sent for their members? No!

Did any union or any organization that sent money in ask for it to be paid back? No!

Then why should the city ask such ridiculous rot So that a fat job may be forthcoming for an indefinite period for some of their friends. **THAT'S ALL.**

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

The very generous relief committtee sent a widow to Hamilton, Ont. They gave her her transportation and the magnificent sum of twenty dollars over. Hamilton generously donated $5,000 to the city of Fernie. Yet our mean bunch had the audacity to send a woman there with a paltry $20 to start her up.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

We can say a lot more yet, but are awaiting the action of the committee before going any further.

NO STRIKE IN SIGHT

The press during the last few days have been conjecturing a large strike among the miners about April 1st. They state that on account of the agreements expiring on that date there is bound to be trouble. We disagree with them on that score, as the relations existing between the operators and men are extremely good. Of course there is always more or less disputes to be settled, and while at a few camps there may exist slight difficulties, still as a whole there is no reason to expect strikes or trouble at all.

THOSE ELECTION RESULTS

Now that the civic elections are over, a general survey may not be amiss. The returns from the viewpoint of the workingman make anything but palatable reading; however, several outstanding features are worthy of notice.

The mayoralty contest, around which perhaps the greatest interest centred, cannot be quoted as being strictly a defeat for the forces of the workingmen. Mr. Eckstein was not the nominee of the Trades Council, or any other organized body, although his stand was approved by that body. Yet opposed to him was a candidate whose record had shown him to be diametrically opposed to any and all moves inaugurated for the betterment of the working people, and whose backers exhibited an unusual degree of pugnacity in their effort to down Mr. Eckstein and the working men's candidates.

In the aldermanic list were to be found citizens from the ranks of the workers, of sufficient mental calibre to make most acceptable public stewards, and who were brought forward by the Trades and Labor Council. Opposed to them were six citizens, good men 'tis true, but whose interests are alienated to an irreconcilable degree from those of the working class, and some of whom had literally thrown the proferred nomination of the workingmen back in their faces.

Yet the fact remains that the six men who were elected in this workingman's town showed a collision, and a submerging of various and conflicting interests, and a willingness for the nonce to have no ulterior interests other than coralling the council, that was lamentably and painfully absent in the ranks of the workingmen.

To a casual observer it would seem an impossibility that in Fernie, essentially a workingman's town, that the Labor interests should be utterly ignored at the polls by the very men whose own best interests were synonomous with the Labor men in the field.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the catastrophic results attendant upon the appeal of honest and capable workers to the electorate will not fail to bring home to the minds of certain people the importance, nay the absolute necessity, of united and concerted action among the workers of this city for the conservation and furtherance of their own best interests.

IF THE WORKERS DON'T LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES THEY CAN REST ASSURED THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES THEY DO CHOOSE.

CHRISTIANITY

The argument is often advanced that Socialism is antagonistic to Christianity. If Christianity can be maintained only by robbing the worker, by compelling him and his family to work long hours and live the life the average worker does live, then Christianity ought to disappear. But Socialism does no such thing; instead it will enable every man to live a practical Christian life and in every way promote Christianity.

Religion deals with mens future life. Socialism deals with man's earthly life. Socialism, does not in any way interfere with any religious belief or lack of belief, but permits the individual to have any opinion on the subject whatever. Any one who uses such an argument is only presuming on your ignorance and prejudice. The next fellow who talks this trash to you, notice the slant of his head and see if he is not a fit subject for some asylum for the feeble minded. Again, read the Socialist platform and show wherein we intend to destroy Religion or Christianity.

Frances Willard is regarded as having been one of the foremost Christians of the past decade. She insisted that Socialism is applied Christianity. There are thousands of other people devoting their fortunes and entire time to teaching Socialism.—Men and Mules.

THE FERNIE FREE PRESS actually apologized for the appearance of its paper last week. Get up, Maud, Heaven's not far off.

DR. T. C. BIDDLE, a noted physician of the United States, says that 35 per cent of insane patients are made so by the use of drugs and that whiskey has the largest number to its discredit. Add to this the well established fact that whiskey is the cause of half the inmates of the prisons being there and you have good cause for the exclamation "What fools these mortals be!"

A GREAT DEAL of time is wasted in complaining about the unequal distribution of wealth which might be used in getting nearer what you regard as your rightful share.

IF YOU ARE acting a fool there are two things you should do at once; acknowledge it; quit it.

FERNIE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1908

Statement of assets and liabilities City of Fernie, ending December 31st, 1908:

ASSETS

Scavenging Account	$ 91.70
Jail Furniture and Fixtures	47.85
Bank of Commerce Savings Account	5983.37
Provincial Government Grant	10000.00
Real Estate	4340.00
Fire Hall Equipment	2588.62
Fire Hall Building	1903.75
Nuisance Ground	547.06
Fire Hall Furniture and Fixtures	396.29
Insurance unexpired	75.74
Sewerage System	45217.86
Jail Building	2479.00
Unpaid taxes 1905	55.50
Unpaid taxes 1906	611.01
Unpaid taxes 1907	1836.27
Unpaid taxes 1908	7932.07
Horses	1025.00
Harness and waggons	290.46
Engineers instruments	346.30
Office Furniture and Fixtures	194.95
Streets and Sidewalks	3324.11
Cash on hand	83.21
	$89369.12

LIABILITIES

School board	$2371.54
Bank Account General	3742.83
Bills payable (Borrowed from bank)	8660.05
1905-06 Debentures	52850.00
Sinking fund 1905-06 Debentures	9071.29
Outstanding Accounts	5386.52
Outstanding salaries	1168.00
Surplus of assets over liabilities	6118.89
	$89369.12

(Signed) C. E. LYONS, Auditor — G. H. BOULTON, City Clerk

Dated at Fernie, January 21, 1909.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the City of Fernie, December 31st, 1908:

RECEIPTS

Traders licenses 1908	$1945.00
Dog and pound tax receipts	112.00
Police court fines	3419.50
School Board	1977.50
Bank of Commerce Overdraft	3472.83
Liquor licenses 1908	4625.00
Keep of prisoners	295.00
Interest	196.75
Fire Hall Building	1498.10
Fire Hall Furniture and Fixtures	400.00
Bills payable Bank of Commerce	8300.00
Road tax 1908	730.00
Sanitation Account	1198.00
Jail Building	998.75
Unpaid licenses 1907	345.00
Tax account 1906	268.73
Tax Account 1907	1315.89
Provincial government grant	918.50
Sewer connections	551.80
Street Grades	10.00
Tax account 1908	10128.55
Cash in bank July 1st, 1908	522.62
Cash on hand July 1st, 1908	215.03
Cash on hand debenture account 1908 January 1st	2711.35
	$46425.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Dog and pound tax	11.98
Police court fines	201.00
School board	4575.34
Expense account	381.41
Election account	73.00
Office fixtures	200.38
Salaries	1153.00
Fire department	3663.71
Printing and advertising	266.58
Streets and sidewalks	8260.75
Street lighting	132.65
Street sprinkling and sewer flushing	624.05
Health Department	276.00
Outstanding accounts, 1907	2193.41
Keep of prisoners	755.37
Police salaries	3085.20
Police expense	1063.78
Fire equipment	1701.98
Fire hall building	1072.00
Fire hall furniture and Fixtures	28.20
Nuisance ground surveying	25.00
Insurance	143.75
Legal expenses	576.95
Sewerage system	5144.41
Sanitation	1276.50
Jail Building	1717.30
Interest 05-06 Debentures	2642.50
Horses	600.00
Harness and waggons	247.41
Debenture savings bank	1709.50
Stable	177.08
Sewer connections	130.00
Weigh scales	24.50
Fairy Creek Water Rights	74.50
Engineers office instruments	281.00
Electric light	15.00
Office furniture	36.60
Cash on Hand December 31st, 1908	83.21
	$46425.00

ON THE SIDE

A scientist claims that by eating candy we get much the same result as we do from drinking whiskey. He claims that the candy is turned into alcohol by a chemical action of the stomach Here is another boulder in the trail of those who are prospecting for lcoal option.—Ledge.

Fernie being short of jail room, cannot get rid of its fine line of hobos, tinhorns, thugs, sneak thieves and others even by offering them below cost. The hemp remedy applied one drop at a time would soon abate the evil, as it did when the west was new and unpainted with the veneer of modern civilization.—Ledge.

Last Saturday night Mr. Eckstein held a meeting in Bruce's hall which considering the weather, was well attended. By invitation Mr. Herchmer was present and was generously allowed half the time to address the people after Mr. Eckstein had made his address. Mr. Eckstein said he was in favor of a business like administration; Herchmer said Mee Too; Eckstein said he was in favor of the municipal ownership of the electric light and water plant; Herchmer again said Mee Too; and so it went all along until it came to discussing the red light subject, when it developed that the modesty of Mr. Herchmer took such a hold upon his feelings as to make him shy like a near sighted horse and he wouldn't even venture so far as to repeat his Mee Too statement.—Cranbrook Prospector.

Editor Meikle of the Michel Excitement announces to the world at large that he has secured the services of a printer, a ringtailsnorter in fact,—one who can look after his web press, run the typesetting machine, feed the jobbers, wash the rollers on the big press, brush up the brass rails along the stairs on the way to the editorial department on the fifth storey, write the jokes for the funny column, judge the quality of the cordwood taken for bad subscriptions, put the dinky dabs on the job work, help around the bosses' brown stone house in summer time, and in a pinch can do a turn at leading the village choir. Mr. Meikle also assures the public that what his new comp. don't know he sure does, and will be the big fly wheel himself in cases of emergency. A specialty is made of street car tickets and milk checks. So send in your orders before the Christmas rush. A shipment of brand new red ink is being rushed along, and as soon as finances permit a certain amount of yellow and pink will be carried. Well, George, here's luck to you and your great family cyclone.

WILL EXTEND TO THE LANDING

EDMONTON, Jan. 23—D. D. Mann vice president of the C. N. R. recently wrote the Athabasca Landing Bd. of Trade that the line would be extended if a guarantee for the bonds could be secured from the federal government. The Minister of the Interior expressed himself as favorable to the guarantee of bonds and promised to do all he could towards securing the bonds.

CURLERS IN SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, Jan. 21—The ice failing to-day the Canadian curlers, who arrived here on Sunday were given a drive through the "Walter Scott" country.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

(Continued from page 1.)

finished at once so that the prisoners could be moved from their present miserable quarters.

The next important matter was the electric lighting proposition. As Mr. Bell, representing the Gas Producer Co., was present, also Mr. Depew and Mr. Hammond, the Mayor kindly threw the meeting open and suggested that they obtain all the information possible, and then call a special meeting to deal with this matter alone. The two representatives of the press were invited to take part in the discussion. Of course that was a little out of the ordinary for the reporters to be invited to say anything, but they both made some good suggestions and were not kicked out. Surely the millennium is at hand.

Mr. Hammond was asked to go around the entire city and ascertain the number of lights that will be required. The Mayor stated that he wished the lighting proposition to cover the Annex, as well as the rest of the city. This will be good news to the people of that part of the city.

The following standing committees were appointed:

FINANCE

Messrs. Barclay, Johnson.

WORKS AND PROPERTY

Messrs. Gates, Duthie and McDonald.

FIRE, LIGHT AND WATER

Messrs. Cree and McDonald.

The mayor appointed the 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month as regular meeting nights and the hour at 8 p.m.

Gates—Duthie: That the Finance committee and clerk be given power to purchase office furniture for city office not to exceed $160.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson: That the city clerk be given power to have collectors roll rebound.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson: That city clerk order phone to be installed in fire hall and city office at once.—Carried.

Moved by Ald. Cree and Gates — That we adjourn until Tuesday, the 19th, at 8 p.m.

All members were present on Tuesday.

Gates—Johnson: That communications from Mr. Robinson and Mr. Fisher re property for school purposes be referred to school board.—Carried.

Johnson—McDonald: That the city clerk be instructed to write W. R. Ross M.P.P., and lay before him the facts re J. H. Pere, suffering from chronic lung trouble and ask him to use his influence to have the government place him in a home for incurables.—Carried.

Cree—Barclay—That Dr. Andrews' application for the appointment of health officer be accepted at $25 per month.—Carried.

Cree—Barclay: That Mr. Potter's report for 1908 and recommendations for 1909 be passed on to the Works and Property committee.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson: That the city clerk write the Canadian Bank of Commerce that all checks of the city of Fernie be signed by G. H. Boulton, city clerk and countersigned by Ald. Barclay, chairman of the Finance committee, and in the absence of Mr. Barclay, Ald. Johnson.—Carried.

Duthie—Gates: That we recommend to the school board to instal two flush closets in the temporary school. —Carried.

Johnson—Cree: That E. J. Gook's report be passed on to the police commissioners.—Carried.

Duthie—McDonald: That the city clerk be instructed to notify A. Beck to close stairway on Victoria avenue at once.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson: That the clerk do comply with the request of George A. Stelnson and other re debentures, and that the debentures denomination be $500, and extend time of tenders to Feb. 15, 1909—Carried.

Barclay—McDonald: That plans and specifications for city office and jail be completed by Mr. Reece; that tenders for erection of building be called for without loss of time; basement to be completed in thirty days for keep of prisoners, balance of building to be commenced in the spring and rushed to completion.—Carried.

Duthie—McDonald: That the account of Wm. Jackson re counting houses and business buildings be laid over for further information. — Carried.

Gates—Johnson. That clerk be instructed to get statement from Mr. Jackson of all plumbing tools on hand and take possession of the same. — Carried.

Notice of Motion: I hereby give notice that at the next regular meeting of council I will introduce a temporary loan by-law.—J. L. Gates.

Barclay—McDonald: That the heads of each department submit an estimate of money required for the running of their department for the coming year.—Carried.

Johnson—Gates: That Mr. Fisher be offered the position of city solicitor—Carried.

Barclay—Cree: That Mr. R. B. C. Hammond be engaged for the sum of $10 to ascertain number of lights citizens will contract to use from temporary system.—Carried.

Johnson—Gates: That the Fire and Light committee interview Mr. Hurd re coke breeze.—Carried.

Johnson—Cree—That the council adjourn to meet on Friday at 8 p.m. for discussion of electric light question only.—Carried.

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Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and it quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee of Bolstown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my shoulder I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by all druggists.

THE DISTRICT LEDGER

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

Fernie, B. C., January 23rd, 1909

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Tom Biggs of Fernie presided over a highly successful vocal and instrumental concert and social in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening. This was in aid of the ladies mission society and the crowded building—there was not a vacant seat — must have gratified those who had put forth their best endeavors for a successful issue. The programme comprised picked talent from the district, an dthe effort of each artiste was enthusiastically applauded. The customary vote of thanks was neatly proposed and seconded by Messrs. T. Hasketh and Geo. O'Brien respectively and needless to say it was received with cordial acclamation. Mrs. Harry McCard was accompanist and the success of the programme was much enhanced by her musical abilties. After the concert the ladies served a fine and varied assortment of refreshments as only ladies can.

Programme follows:
Recitation by Mary McClimint.
Song: Miss Taylor.
Cornet solo: Mr. Andrew Paton.
Song: Mr. J. L. Hughes.
Violin selection: Mr. C. Banks.
Song: Mr. T. Biggs.
Violincello selection: Mr. S. Walley
Song: Mr. R. H. Nesbitt.
Recitation: Gus Pearson.
Violin selection: Mr. J. Foster.
Song: Mr. R. Samson.
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Recitation: Mr. A. McFegan.
Song: Miss Taylor.
Cornet solo: Miss Lottie Gray.
Song: Mr. R. Samson.
Violincello: Mr. S. Walley.
Duet: Mr. and Miss Biggs.
Violin selection: Mr. Foster.
Song (encored) R. H. Nesbitt.

Billy Alexander has returned with the wife and family and intends to stay with us again.

The sloppy weather we have had lately has already caused a few small snow slides. There was one about 9 o'clock Friday night, January 15th, close to No. 1 mine tunnel. William Lancaster, afternoon fire boss, had just come out and had a narrow escape from serious consequences. There happened to be a few cars standing near where he was at the time, and these with the nature of the ground immediately above him broke the full impact of the fall. As it was he was bruised but managed in time to fight his way out none the worse for his trying experience.

Burns anniversary in the club hall on Monday night will buck you up for the rest of the year. Don't miss it.

A service of song entitled The Primrose Garth was rendered in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon The Rev. Norman Macdonald, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was the reader and the musical part was given by a choir of well balanced voices. The afternoon was stormy otherwise the congregation would no doubt have been larger.

Tommy Douglas has resumed work after his indisposition.

Going down in the train the other afternoon a fellow with an irresistibly interfering inclination prompted the conductor to try to trap a man on the train into saying he had a train check, the interferer knowing he had not. Visions of self elevation and the downfall of the other chap faded silently away when the necessary fare was unhesitatingly tendered. The natural law of selection does not find a place for such a superfluous amount of blundering genius, but it has been suggested that a sphere reputed to be warmer than Canada would meet the case. True it is that the man always mistrusting should always be mstrusted.

President G. S. Lindsay has visited the mines more than once recently. There must be something doing.

The Chinks are doing laundry business at 304 and 307 Welsh camp. They call for and deliver washing as before the fire.

Qpite a bunch of boys went to town Monday night to witness a boxing contest between Cyclone Kid of Coal Creek and Sunny Bill of Nelson. The Kid knocked his man out in the same time that it takes to tell it. The kid is a well known specimen and aspires to championship honors. He would like to arrange a fight with Jim Burrows and communications from the right persons addressed to John Jubeck, Coal Creek, near Fernie, B. C., will open up straight business.

Jack Barrett has left the camp for Nanaimo.

The C. C. L. A. A. held another of their pleasant social dances on the 15th. The inclemency of the weather perhaps accounted for fewer of the dancers being present than usual but a good time was spent nevertheless.

We are delighted to see Doctor Hunter on his rounds again after his illness.

A wrestling match for $50 between John Jubeck and Mike Koma came off in the club gymnasium Saturday evening. Mike is a big powerfully built Slavonian and the other is a good sport with more experience of the ring. The match was under the same rules as governed the recent big tournament and the same referee was in charge. The result had to be the best of five falls. The match lasted about seventy minutes and there was no display of science worthy of special mention. Jubeck got the first fall; Mike got the second and Jubeck got the next two which made him the winner.

Many householders are grateful for our information about the public health act. A few more tips are also worth bearing in mind. Refuse of any kind must not be thrown out any where about the house. Water and other liquids after having been used should be poured down the sink where such is provided. The sink should often be well flushed. Where there is no sink this water or liquid must be put down the closet. It is imperative that bedroom slops and such like be put down the closet, and that the closet seat be effectively cleaned.

Harry Merner, better known as Massa, went to town on Monday and whilst larking with some more of the boys had the misfortune to fracture his leg near the ankle. He is now in Fernie hospital and is doing as well as can be expected.

A fine doe deer judged to be about two years old, met with an unusual fate on Wednesday morning. Through the barking of dogs it was espied embedded in a deep snow drift above the Presbyterian church. It was extricated and found its way down into one of the wash houses. Here it was seen to be in pain and the discovery was made that one of its hind legs was broken. The policeman to put it out of its misery, humanely shot it. It was in splendid condition, and the carcase has generously been given to the Fernie hospital. Several old timers have suspected for some time back the presence of some animals more ferocious than the coyote. Their surmise is that this deer was hotly pursued by a pack of wolves, and found its way down the ravine behind Morrisey houses.

Mrs. Robert Wilkie wishes to thank her many friends for their kindness any sympathy towards her in the sad bereavement which she recently came through.

A young digger arrived at Bill Parker's No. 113 Thursday morning. It and the mother are doing nicely.

WARNING--MINERS

Miners are warned against going to the following mines as they are unfair, and miners are warned to keep away:

Keep away from Hillcrest, Alta., as a dispute is pending there now.

City Mines — Edmonton Alta.
Bush Mines — " "
Rosedale Mines — " "
Strathcona Mines — " "
Dawson Mines — " "
Frank Mines — " "
Alberta Coal Co. — Morinville, Alta.

BAYNES

F. W. Adolph left on Monday for a week or ten days trip east.

W. A. Barter, our accommodating station agent is again at his post after an absence of three weeks in the States.

Mr. Telford of Winnipeg, president of the Ross Saskatoon Lumber Company at Waldo, spent part of Tuesday looking over the Kootonia tracts. He is very much taken with the outlook for this vicinity. Mr. Telford expects to spend the summer here.

A. P. Bailey and Arthur Barrett came down from Fernie to spend some time in Kootonia and do some work on their land.

The Great Northern have a large force of men taking up the pipe leading from the lake to the water tank. They have been frozen up since the cold snap. All trains have been supplied with water from the Adolph Co. machine shop pump.

S. J. Morrow and J. D. Aye made a business trip to Elko on Tuesday.

Mrs. S. J. Morrow acting as hostess for the junior chorus class at Baynes lake gave a reception at her home last Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Jennie Adolph, their instructor. It was a very happy occasion, for both grown ups and children, and after getting the company interested in a guessing game Mrs. Morrow quietly slipped from the room, arranged the children in double file and then marched into the parlor and halted in front of their teacher, when little Grace Hart, as a representative of her class, made an appropriate speech, and presented Miss Adolph with a manicure set as a token of appreciation from the class.

After this dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Morrow, and the company felt as they left for their homes that this was an occasion long to be remembered.

ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

The drummers are flocking into Elko like Methodists to a pink tea. Among the wall-eyed spendthrifts are noticed Jim Bates, W. A. Weaver, Blondy Smith, the Fernie whirlwind; Codfish Sam of the Vancouver Smoked Herring Company; Mr. Hamilton, J. Gordon, Pincher, and others.

Old timers say it was the worst and coldest snap ever seen in Elko, still the merchants claim they did a big business in yeast germs and red pepper.

J. D. Aye, the hustling manager of the Kootenay Land Company, Baynes, paid a flying visit to Elko this week, bought a big consignment of goods and left with his team of ivory handled mustangs, leaving a hole in the air behind him.

Sam Morrow came in from the fruit belt this week.

Mr. Telfer of the Ross Saskatoon Lumber company came in from the east and is visiting the Ross Brothers at Waldo.

T. Letcher, contractor of Fernie, was looking over his Elko estate this week.

Sailor Woods was in town on Monday from Koncasak Mountain, and he says he is willing to meet C. Burrows of Jackrabbit Plains, Coleman, Alta., for $200 a side and gate receipts, winner take the lot. Woods address is Elko, B. C., since the wind stopped blowing.

Some people look upon their own medicine as criminal.

Some men would do almost anything for a woman except go to work.

Visitors to Elko should call at Fred Roo's store and see the elephant.

William King of the Baker Lumber Company was in Elko this week visiting with Mr. Seeley of the Bonners Ferry Lumber company.

The lawyers are having a fine old time with the Castellanes trying to put the trimmings on the Merry Widow Gould.

Mr. Fenwick, the mule skinner for the Baker Lumber company, Waldo, flew into town this week and out again quicker than Jerry could write the note.

The municipal elections in Fernie are over but the paper fight seems to be still on. Better come out to Elko and inhale the pure air of heaven and see a good dog fight.

ELKO SPECIALS—

Better a bald head than a barefaced lie.

Fred Roo was down to Roosville last week.

John Mott caught a severe cold opening oysters.

W. C. Leacey, chief of police, is spending considerable time away from home lately.

C. C. Snowdon of Calgary was in Elko this week with that Lead Kindly Light song of his.

The hotels are putting up double the quantities of ice on account of the big rush expected this summer.

Three tykes were seen together in Elko this week; some person should notify the police.

M. Edmonds moved his family out to the Smith and Tracey Logging Camp.

Bill Cook is mixing the Mulligans at the Columbia hotel now.

Mrs. Norman Wilson was a Fernie visitor this week.

The Skelton boys are logging at Galloway.

Miss A. McShane of Vancouver is in charge of the public school here.

We are doing everything we know how to boost our business and are meeting with success.

Mike Kelleher received a cable from Seattle on Sunday stating that it was snowing there—then had to go to work.

Mrs. Roo is up from the big red apple country.

Mr. A. Walkerton left for Vancouver Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hueston and family are moving here from Okotoks.

Truth will always be truth though told by the devil.

Sailor Woods says hes having a time like an admirals' dream in the mountains.

Excuse the blurs on this column—we had to write it in our shirt sleeves on account of the gosh darned heat.

A womans idea of doing charity work is to get somebody else to give the money for it.

Albert Armstead, the celebrated tin whistle soloist and spike maul juggler is under study to C. Backlund, section foreman on the Great Northern Ry. here.

C. Burgess, accountant of the North Star Lumber Company, was a Fernie visitor this week. The mill is closed down for the present but will open up like a rose bush in the sun early this spring.

MICHEL

John Banard, an Italian, met with a serious accident on Saturday night, whilst following his occupation as a driver on the tipple; he was conveyed to the hospital.

Newtown is looking up; another big firm intends starting business there. Pat Burns the well known butchering firm, has bought out the business of Valesick.

Alex. McCool of the Great Northern hotel went to Fernie on Monday on a business trip.

The concert held in aid of the gymnasium club was a great success The program was the best we ever had in Michel. Albert Allen, the well known comedian made a great hit in his song of the Tack; he also caused roars of laughter in the sketch called Woman's Rights. Mrs. McVicar was also one of the stars; she is without doubt the best lady singer that has ever sung in Michel. Her song, Molly, the Marchioness, was a treat. In H. N. Reid we have the best baritone singer in the Pass. Mr. Reid has sung in New York operas. It was a treat to hear him sing "There let me Rest," which was loudly encored.

Messrs. D. C. Dickman, Hodgkinson, J. Mather, A. B. Bastian and R. St. John were also well received. The concertina duet by the brothers M. and B. Littler was loudly encored. The sketch by Haskall and party entitled Restraining Joseph was well acted. Special praise is due to the Michel concert orchestra which rendered some fine selections during the evening.

Jim Carey of the Great Northern hotel has returned to town. Pim has been spending his vacaton in his old home in Minnesota.

Dave Smith of Coal Creek was in town on Tuesday. Dave took in the concert.

J. F. Fife of Vancouver was in town on Tuesday.

Two experts representing Messrs. Walker Brothers of Wigan, England, are in town looking over the new compressers.

W. A. Montgomery of Toronto was in town on Wednesday.

The first regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. took place on Friday. The followng newly elected officers filled their places: Geo. W. McLeod, N. G., W. Blackburn V. G., Tom Winters R. S., J. Martin F. S., W. Mast, treasurer.

Mrs. Wyley has given over her well known boarding house. It has been taken over by Messrs. B. Smith and G. McKay.

Mr. David James of Coal Creek has been appointed as pit boss for the afternoon shift in No. 8 mine.

There has been no skating in Michel during the last week owing to the rainy weather.

The skating match which was to have come off last Sunday between Porter and Taylor had to be postponed as there was no ice.

Who are the young men that intend asking the coal company's permission to start a roller skating rink in the stables (Now Bert be careful.)

They say around town that Trites-Wood will have their new store in Newton open for next pay day.

Seigels has opened his new store in Newton.

The pool room will soon be opened.

Billy had a one day promotion from the hoist to the dinky.

A few cases of scarlet fever have been reported around town.

Although the amount paid out this pay day was not so large as the last a great deal of business was done in town. Some of the drunks were on the war path on pay day. A few were running around with knives, and picks and axes. There was a full house at the coop.

WHITEWEAR SALE
LASTING ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS

During this sale I am offering a nice range of Women's Whitewear at exceptional low prices.

Women's Corset Covers made of fine cotton, low style round neck, trimmed with laces and embroideries FROM 25c UP

Women's Drawers made of soft finished cotton, trimmed with laces and Embroideries FROM 25c UP

Women's Night Gowns made of nice quality of cotton, some Mother Hubbard yoke, short sleeves, low neck, high neck and long sleeves FROM 50c UP

Also a small quantity of white flannelette Night Gowns

All this whitewear is genuine bargains and the cheapest ever offered. Inspection invited.

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" Caps	50c	to	1.50
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TEAMSTERS BANQUET

Last Tuesday evening the brotherhood of teamsters gave a banquet in Bruce's hall and we are safe in saying that it has so far put all other like events in the clear. The weather was anything but desirable, yet a good crowd was in atendance especially were the ladies in evdence. It was 8.30 when Chairman Tuttle called order and soon had the program under way, and while not lengthy, was in every particular pleasing. Should we mention any names probably that of Mr. Dicker in his recitation "The Old Wooden Leg' and Mr. Crowshutt with a parody on "In the shade of the Old Apple Tree" were fine. At the conclusion of the program all present sat down to tables well laden with all that was good to eat. The tables being cleared, likewise the chairs, the gathering resolved into a dance which was kept up until the small hours of the morning, a three piece orchestra furnishing music, Miss Edith Biggs presided at the piano. Hats off to this, the first of the banquets by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters of Fernie.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21—It is known that thirty men were drowned in attempting to escape from a fire which destroyed one of the intake cribs in Lake Michigan off 73rd street to-day. The crib is one that was established by the George W. Jackson Company, contractors, and is a mile and a half out in Lake Michigan, and connected with the shore by an aerial railway. Early reports state that nearly sixty men were working on the crib when the fire broke out.

DISASTOUS WRECK

Caused by Snow Slide Near Yale--Four People Killed Engine and Cars into the Fraser River

VANCOUVER, B. C. Jan 15—A frightful accident occurred yesterday on the line of the C. P. R. eight miles east of Yale, when passenger train No. 97 westbound, with two locomotives ahead, pulling through heavy snow, struck a twelve foot snow slide, left the tracks and four of the cars with the engines, went into the Fraser river. The accident caused the telegraph wires to break and it was some time before a message could be sent to North Bend and from there on to Vancouver.

SEVERAL PASSENGERS DEAD

The first report declared that no passengers had been killed, but a later message states that several are dead. The engine drivers of both locomotives are killed, at least they went into the river on their engines and their bodies had not been recovered when the message was sent from North Bend. Their names were Carscallen and Foster. Both men are well-known in Vancouver, having been driving engines for years on the Pacific division. By a miracle both firemen whose names are not known here were not killed in the wreck.

The train was made up at Medicine Hat on Wednesday night to take the place of the Pacific express which was delayed by storms in Manitoba. The wrecked train would therefore, not contain any through passengers. The last message from North Bend stated that the baggage, mail express and colonist cars all followed the engine into the river and the remainder of the coaches were held back by the dining car.

Immediately on receipt of the news a wrecking train was made up in the yards of the C. P. R. Doctors Weld and Proctor and four nurses were aboard, and a complete outfit of surgical appliances was taken.

Baggageman Collins one of the best known men on the division, was very seriously hurt. The young men of the mail crew escaped without a scratch. Conductor McKay and the brakemen, Daniel and Mitchell, escaped.

THE INJURED

The following are among the injured:

Richard Clark, Lethbridge, hip broken.

Miss Tena Dickson, Swift Current, head bruised.

Mrs. Mary Folsom, Okotoks, Alta., head and hip injured.

Joe Williamson, Battleford, head cut and leg broken.

G. W. Burns, of Edmonton, head cut.

L. Munn, Hillcrest, B. C., hand and side injured.

Matthew Perry, Queens Bay, left hand broken.

Alshouse Heldartt, Westfork, B. C., shoulder and side injured.

George Mooney, Wawanesa, Man., right had cut.

Mrs. D. Mooney, head bruised.

Elsa Mooney, leg broken.

William Wilkins, England, shoulder and back injured.

D. McCleod, Stornoway, Scotland, right knee injured.

THOUSANDS ON STRIKE

Trouble Between Hat Manufacturers and Employees has Reached Climax.

New York, Jan. 19—The threatened rupture between the Associated Hat manufacturers representing 75 factories in the United States, and the Hatters union came to a crisis to-day when the manufacturers decided at a meeting in the city to discontinue the use of the union label.

The decision was followed by a general strike order sent out by the hatters union.

It was stated to-night that the order so far as could be learned, had been generally obeyed. Twenty-five thousand workers, it was said had quit work in the various factories where the union label had been in use.

The union was not entirely unprepared for the action of the manufacturers. The trouble which reached a crisis today, began in Boston before the removal of the Geyer hat company from that city to Philadelphia. There had been a strike in Philadelphia and when the company went to Boston it used the label. This was said to be in violation of an agreement and the manufacturers were appealed to. The result was that at a meeting in this city the manufacturers decided to do away with the label. The strike order followed after.

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 these 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.

DOUKS MAY MOVE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kamsack, Sask., Jan. 19—It is rumored here that one hundred families of Doukhobors from Saskatchewan will leave for British Columbia in the early spring to settle permanently in that province. The villages about here are gradually falling off in population. Last week eight families left the village of Trepamey to work for themselves.

CROW'S NEST LINE TO BE REBUILT

Traffic has Changed--Grades Must be Reduced

VANCOUVER, B. C. Jan 21—The C. P. R. is preparing plans for the practical rebuilding of that section of the Crows Nest Railway between Macleod and the summit of the Rockies, a short distance east of Crows Nest station. The distance between the two points is approximately seventy miles.

It is expected that the work will be undertaken during the present year, in fact it is probable that tenders will be called for during the month of February in order that work may begin with the advent of fine weather in the spring.

The new construction is imperative for the reason that the grades on the eastern slopes of the Rockies are very adverse to eastbound traffic. Strange as it may seem some of the heaviest grades on the eastern side of the divide, which might be expected to be against westbound trains are really in favor of them.

TRAFFIC HAS TURNED

The Crows Nest Pass branch was built at a time when the general expectation was that the heavy freight hauls of the road would be practically all westbound, and for that reason everything was done to give the benefit of the haul to the westbound traffic. Since then the west has developed with such amazing rapidity that there is every prospect that soon the balance of the heavy hauls will be in favor of the eastbound trains.

The openng of the coal mines at Hosmer, which started shipping this month has had a great deal to do with the determination of the C. P. R to rebuild the line between Macleod and the summit.

The great market for this coal will be in the Northwest and the hauling of it against needlessly heavy grades would be too expensive to be long tolerated.

Another impulse to the improving of the line down the eastern slope of the divide is the growth of the Spokane business both freight and passenger.

INNOCENT MAN IMPRISONED

Adolf Fisher of Chicago Suing Russian Government for $75,000.

New York, Jan. 15—Falsely accused of murder, and liberated after languishing a whole year in a filthy Russian prison Adolf Fischer, a naturalized American, whose home is in Chicago, arrived here to-day from Libau in the steamer Estonian, and instructed a lawyer to begin suit against the Russian government for $75,000 for illegal imprisonment. He went to Western Russia fifteen months ago to visit relatives. On his way home to Chicago he stopped over at Minsk to see an old schoolmate. He was in the city two months when Nicholas Wofosky, a merchant, was murdered. The police alleged that the American was at the scene of the crime about the time the merchant was killed, and Rischer, the only American in Minsk, was arrested.

At the trial he produced witnesses from his hotel to show that he could not have been at the scene of the murder when it was committed. He asked that an opportunity be given him to send to Chicago for funds to defend him.

Despite this Fischer said he was convicted and sentenced to the Siberian mines for life. With the assistance of his relatives he managed to have a new trial ordered the day before the time set for dis departure for Siberia mines. He was a whole year in prison before the new trial was granted, and meanwhile his relatives had communicated with the state department at Washington which attested to his respectability and secured counsel for him.

At the second trial Fischer proved that he was not the murderer and was acquitted.

He was told to leave the country in 24 hours.

W. R. TROTTER AGAIN

LONDON, Jan. 21—W. R. Trotter, delegate of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress complained to the Daily Graphic of its statement that there is plenty of room for town workers in Canada. The Graphic thereupon interviewed Lord Strathcona, who states "we never encouraged the artisan to go to Canada." It also interviewed an official of a leading transportation company who declared that there is no justification for scaring skilled or unskilled labor from the Dominion. "The British mechanics are the best in the world. We fail to see why Canada should lose skilled labor offered by a country having the most skilled class of labor."

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT

Now in Fourth Session--Start Off in Best of Spirits Members Greeted

EDMONTON, Jan. 21.—The speech from the throne submitted to the legislature by the Lieutenant promises to be a document that will have a positive historical value in the commercial and material development of the province. The keynote of the speech is an energetic railroad policy, and this is to be the main business of the legislature this session.

In this respect the fourth session promises to be the greatest of the first legislature of Alberta, just because it deals with the problem that lies hard at the root of our industrial, commercial and agricultural life. It is as impossible to carry on trade and development on the prairies without railways as it would be impossible to carry on the commerce of the sea without steamships and steamship lines.

Method too and common sense distinguishes the policy to be pursued by the Government in the railway business. The speech indicates that the bulk of the railway building will be in the south and the centre of the province where, as in the south the country is thickly settled and is in pressing need of railway facilities to haul the great wheat harvests without delay and loss to the producers.

In the central portion of the province there are great areas of thickly settled country and larger areas of partly settled country that are entirely unserved by the railroads. These places will have them without delay. The north, to which all mens eyes are turned because of its immense mineral and timber wealth, is to have at least a single railway which will in all probability be sufficient for colonizing purposes.

The session that is just opening leads one to a review of the three sessions which have gone before and to a consideration of the work done by the legislature since the elections three years ago.

The first session was largely taken up with the organization of the machery of civic government and the administration of justice. The first great task of the Alberta legislature was to put the province on a working basis. The work was done and the new province rose into her place in the line of Canadian provinces without a jolt or hitch.

The first session also gave the people of Alberta a taste of the quality of the kind of government they were to have for the next four years—strict adherence to the principles of party government that made the British empire great, with a dash of American democracism. The majority were to rule but all classes and the minority were to have justice. Actuated by the traditional reverence for rights of property, a fundamental principle in British jurisprudence, the first Legislature placed upon the books the Act known as the Lands Titles Act. Corporations that had long escaped contributing a moiety to the public exchequer, through the timidity and the carelessness of method of former legislators in western Canada, were taken into camp, and as a result the province annually receives $100,000 yearly from corporations enjoying lucrative public franchises from the people.

The work was further carried in the second session when the Educational Taxation Act was passed. But the distinguishing feature of the session of 1907 was the telephone policy of the government. Hon. W. H. Cushing early in the session brought down the telephone policy, the announcement of which electrified the country. Since that time 2000 miles of telephone lines have come under the control of the government over half of which were built by the new government.

The session of 1908 was equal in reforming order to that of 1907. The conditions of labor and the relation of workmen to their employers was the basis of the important legislation of this session. Those who lived in Alberta in the spring of 1907 will remember the strained relationships that existed between the miners and the mine operators of the province. A serious strike tied up the coal mining industry entailing loss to the men and companies. The government appointed the coal commission and on the basis of their report the Workmens Compensation act and the Eight Hour law were introduced and passed.

The passage of these two acts places labor on equal footing with the most advanced states in the world. The labor law of the province now recognizes that the energy of the laborer is a necessity, and that it is entitled to as much protection under the law as the gold of the capitalist.

Thus it will be observed that a careful and constructive plan distinguishes equal to anything known in older communities.

As a social function the opening yesterday equalled anything that preceded it in former years. The public were in attendance in large numbers, and the floor of the house was crowded with beautifully gowned women. A unique feature was the reservation of the visitors gallery for the members of the A.F.A. and the Society of Equity. Both bodies are in annual convention at the capital this week. It was in reality the friendly meeting of two parliaments, for the farmers gathering included the leaders in that class, and well worthy are they to sit in the halls of legislature.

The legislative hall which has been used all summer as a departmental office, was put in order for the opening. The first member to arrive in the chamber and begin the routine duties was Mr. Rosenroll, the Wetaskiwin member. By 1.30 p.m. Mr. Rosenroll was in his seat dashing off letters to his constituents and preparing his speech to second the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Then at 2 o'clock the house began to fill and the appearance of the ministers all in black frock coats, signified the importance of the occasion.

The next member to enter the house was John Simpson of Innisfail who is always one of the most punctual of members. Premier Rutherford was the first of the members of the government to enter. Few men conduct themselves with more composure and ease while in the public eye than the Premier of Alberta.

He walked to his desk at the right of Mr. Speaker and laid thereon the speech from the throne tied up with dark blue ribbons. Next came the attorney general.

Presently Mr. Cushing walked into the chamber with the chaplain of the occasion, Rev. Edson E. Marshall.

The Minister of Agriculture was also there. He has the faculty of conducting himself with an easy grace among his fellow members and colleagues. Mr. Finlay never fails to go around and shake hands with his fellow members and pass a joke or a witty observation which his keen sympathy invariably suggests.

The private members entered in groups. Malcolm Mackenzie and Frank Walker, widely divergent types of legislators, but both indespensable to the business of the committee and the general discussion in the house. Together Messrs. McKenny and McPherson came in—both Macs and both of them old timers.

Mr. McKenney is the oldest old timer in the house. He has been in the west for forty three years, and never fails to illumine his addresses by anecdotes from the romantic past. Mr. McPherson for Stony Plain, takes his duties seriously and always attends to business.

Mr. Telford of Leduc always hunts alone. He is a man of thoroughly independent mind and temper. He walked into the house as though it had been in session for a month and began to look at his mail.

Mr. Boyle for Sturgeon was keenly alive to the needs of the visitors, and in the confusion of the brand new sergeant at arms was forced to conduct visitors admitted to the floor of the house to their respective places.

Shortly before Mr. Speaker entered Mr. Marcellus, the father of the house, entered. No member was greeted so cordially as the genial old man from Pincher Creek. Before he could take his seat beside Mr. Pucer he had to shake hands with all of members.

Why the members of the opposition stole into the chamber just as Mr. Speaker entered, Mr. Herbert has not stated. Evidently they were late in reaching the hall. Apparently they intend to act as a real opposition this year. They showed an aloofness in demeanor which indicates that there will be merry fighting when the policy of the government comes up for debate next week.

A number of members were absent One missed the presence of John T. Moore, who occupied a seat next to the ministry, the felicity of the kindly greetings with which he meets his friends.

The strong face of W. C. Simmons who formerly represented Lethbridge, was missing. Mr. Simmons will be missed in the house this session. He was a valued member in debate and in committee. The late Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt once said that the greatest tribute that could be paid to a member of the House of Commons was that he "stood well with the members of the house." That tribute is deservedly due Mr. Simmons.

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WANT MORE MINERS

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...her felt that she understood his veiled meaning. He hoped that Lady Hilary would promise to marry him; but in any case the engagement would not be announced for some days, and meanwhile, perhaps, he intended to be particularly attentive to Lady Ardcliffe, as a "bribe" to her for sparing Lady Hilary.

This was clear enough, but it seemed to the girl that he must have found much greater difficulty in dealing with the Countess, a far more dangerous enemy than flighty and foolish Lady Ardcliffe. It was the Countess whom Elspeth had feared, yet Mr. Trowbridge seemed to have disposed of her without a struggle.

She would have liked to ask more questions, but Trowbridge glanced at his watch and said that he must go.

"You haven't had breakfast yet," remarked Elspeth.

He smiled vaguely. "Haven't I? I forgot." And without another word he was gone.

There was great excitement in the hotel during the morning, when the news of the double jewel robbery had spread among the guests, and every one wondered much what was being done; but to the annoyance of their friends, Countess Radepolskoi and Lady Ardcliffe not only did not appear in public, but refused through their maids to receive visitors.

Had Elspeth been on her old terms with James Grant she would probably have heard from him what was being done; whether the police suspected any one; whether there was a disguised detective at work in the house. But as it was, he kept such secrets as he might possess, though he looked at her wistfully from time to time, as if he hoped that she might yet change her mind.

It occurred to the girl that, if she wished to penetrate the mystery she had now set herself to solve she could not do better than tell James Grant that, after all, she would be engaged to him, and would help him in any way he wished. He would then open his heart to her, and it might well be that, through his communications, she would be put in possession of the very clues she wanted.

But Elspeth could not bring herself to such a course. She was but an amateur detective at best, and could not do the things which a professional would have done without scruple in pursuit of an end. She must work alone; for, though she did not like or trust James Grant, she would not deceive him.

Late in the afternoon Grant spoke to her for the first time that day, except upon the business of correspondence.

"Mr. McGowan has asked me to tell you," he said, "that he has a very good offer for your room and the

Instantly Elspeth guessed the though their minds

consequently you will have to change into another. The servants will help you, but perhaps would would like to oversee them."

"When am I to change?" inquired Elspeth.

"At once, please. You are to have No. 33, on the third floor, in the west wing. You had better go up to your room now and superintend the maids putting your things together. This is your free hour."

"Very well," said the girl, hiding all emotion but in reality she was as much excited as surprised. She was convinced that something was to happen in that room from which she had been banished—something connected with the mysterious sights and sounds that had kept her waking through so many nights of fear.

"Who is to have my room?" she asked, with an air of indifference.

"Lord Lochrain, I believe," answered Grant, in the same tone.

CHAPTER XIII.

Number 33 was a small and common-place room, such as might have been given to a lady's maid; and Elspeth reflected, when she saw it, that Mr. McGowan would not have offered it to her had she not been going to leave his employ. Now, it did not matter to him whether she was satisfied or not at Lochrain Castle; she would have to stay on through her fortnight; and then some other girl would arrive to take her place, to be treated with all the kindness and consideration that had been hers at first.

But, after all, she said to herself, such unimportant things mattered no more to her now than they did to Mr. McGowan. She was so unhappy both for herself and for Lady Hilary Vane that little details of physical comfort were too insignificant to be thought of twice.

She was miserable because she was going to be turned out into the world again where she would be worse off than ever, because she had failed—or, if she had not really failed, it was the same as if she had. She was miserable because she knew that she had been foolish enough to fall deeply in love with a man as far removed from her as the sky is from the earth—a man who thought of her, when he thought of her at all, as a clever child in a different class from her own, a poor little creature to whom one must be kind out of sheer pity for her loneliness. She was miserable because that man would perhaps marry Lady Lambart, who was doing all she could to secure him, and who—if she succeeded—would sooner or later induce her lover to believe the young stenographer a scheming little pretender.

These were Elspeth's own personal griefs, but she had others. She was very sorry for Captain Oxford, whom she liked and admired, and whose cause she would have championed if she could. She was wretched in sympathy with Lady Hilary, who would probably be forced into accepting a man she did not love; and she feared much that her friend was still in danger from the secret plottings of two jealous women.

As for the letter which Hilary had asked her to give Mr. Trowbridge, she had not handed it to him during their short conversation in the morning, and, when several hours had passed without her seeing him again, she had enclosed the letter in an explanatory note and returned it to Lady Hilary. What had happened since—whether the girl had given her answer by word of mouth instead of writing, or whether the question was still in abeyance, Elspeth did not know, for she had heard nothing.

None of her regular work went on that day; except with Mr. McGowan; for she was informed by him that neither Mr. Kenrith nor Captain Oxford would need her services, and she could not guess whether this were because of her disgrace or because the theft of Mr. Kenrith's jewels had upset the ordinary routine.

Later, when the time came for her to go to Lady Ardcliffe, she was informed that she would not be wanted that afternoon, therefore she would have been idle during most of the day, had not Mr. McGowan had plenty of work to give her in the office to replace that which she usually undertook outside.

Altogether, she was in a strange state of mind—a state which she felt could not endure for long. Toward evening, as she tried to make the ugly new room look habitable, she decided that she would pay a secret visit to the tower that night, and discover if she could, the reason for her banishment. She knew nothing of Lord Lochrain, and could not suppose that he had any connection with the mysterious occurrences in the tower; indeed, he had not been in the hotel when they had taken place. But she believed that his desire to have the room was only an excuse to get her out of it.

Perhaps it was really to be given to him, perhaps not. Perhaps it would not be occupied at all, at any rate immediately; but of one thing Elspeth was obstinately certain. Something was to happen in that room, at all events in the tower, that very night, or she would not have been moved out so hurriedly.

Elspeth did not even say to herself that, if she was right in her surmises, it was nothing to her. She had come to have the idea—though but dimly and vaguely—that many mysteries were moving shadow-like about the hotel, and that all these dark shades were controlled by one hand, perhaps aided by others; that somehow there was a connection between all the gliding shadows.

Kenrith was concerned, if the motor car accident were part of a plot. Captain Oxford was concerned; Lady Hilary was concerned; and behind the veil which was impenetrable still, Elspeth seemed to see Trowbridge and Countess Radepolskoi. Maybe, after to-night that veil would not be impenetrable. In any case, the girl resolved to do her best, even if she risked much to find out what was on the other side.

Elspeth remained in her room all the evening, as she had remained in the beautiful old one; but she did not go to bed at the usual hour. She sat up, trying to read, and once in a while glancing at the stained and faded sketch of the boy in old-fashioned clothes, which she had brought away from the other room, between the pages in a book of her own.

The face was so like Captain Oxford's that she half intended to show it him some day, and though she did not wish and had no right to take it with her out of the house when she left Lochrain Castle she had been disinclined to leave it in its old place. If she did so and the tower room was really occupied she could not get the the sketch if she should make up her mind to let Captain Oxford see it.

The guests of the Hydro, those who were there for pleasure as well as those who were there for health, went to bed early, and by midnight, unless there were a dance or theatricals, the great house was quiet, the hall and drawing rooms deserted, even by the men. Elspeth knew this, and so when the half hour after midnight had well passed she opened her door and looked out.

The dimly lighted corridor was silent as the grave. Even the man who collected the boots had come and gone and would not return till early morning. She tiptoed downstairs and was not disturbed by a sound. On the ground floor there was a grandfather clock solemnly ticking and its hands pointed to the quarter before 1. Elspeth told herself that she was safe now. She would meet nobody—unless some person wandering for as strange a reason as her own.

To go from this part of the house to the tower where Elspeth had lived it was necessary to pass the doors of Mr. Kenrith's and Captain Oxford's rooms. They were in the same corridor, just beyond which was the entrance to the tower; and their corridor could be shut off from a small, square hall (on which several private sitting rooms opened) by a heavy, sliding door.

This door Elspeth had never seen closed, and so far as her knowledge extended, it never was closed by night or by day; but now, to her astonishment, it was shut.

"It is sure to squeak and wake somebody up," the girl thought ruefully, as she tried cautiously to push the door back. But for some time she tried in vain, and it was only when she discovered an odd, old-fashioned catch, which held the latch down as she strove to turn the handle, that she was able to open the door.

"Supposing anyone on the other side had wanted to come through," she said to herself, "he could not have got out of the corridor this way." And then the thought sprang into her mind that the closed and locked door was perhaps part of the mystery she was hoping to unravel.

The idea frightened her, as it made the plot—whatever it was—appear so elaborate and so formidable, she felt that the elucidation might prove to be beyond her powers, or that she might be destroyed in the attempt she was about to make.

Still, she persevered, and slowly pushed back the sliding door which, so far from squeaking, glided so smoothly along its groove that Elspeth wondered if it had not been lately oiled.

As the door slid back a wave of acrid smoke rushed out into the girl's face. She could see no light in the corridor, except a dim yellow gleam faintly visible through a thick brown smoke cloud.

Instantly the tears started to her smarting eyes, and she kept herself from coughing only by covering her mouth and nose with a handkerchief.

"Something on fire here," she said to herself, and with a start of terror, her thoughts turned to Mr. Kenrith. His room was in the corridor. What if it should be burning while he slept? What if the same person who had stolen his jewels wished him now to die by fire?

Her eyes and lungs stinging with the acrid smoke, Elspeth felt her way down the corridor, and was about to stop before Mr. Kenrith's door, when she saw a red light glimmering through the keynole of the door opposite.

"Captain Oxford's room!" the girl gasped. "It's on fire."

For a few seconds she lost her presence of mind, and ran to the door of the tower, not knowing what she did. But the fact that this door was locked, as the other had been, recalled Elspeth to herself. Never had it been locked before; never had it even been shut. It could not be that both these doors were closed to-night by accident; that this was a mere coincidence. No; they had been locked for a purpose, and that purpose could be no other than to prevent the escape of someone whose room opened on the corridor. The person who had kindled that red light had locked the doors as well; and the person who thus planned the destruction of Captain Oxford had attempted his life once before.

Elspeth knew that a moat ran round this part of the castle, which was the oldest of all; and should Captain Oxford try to escape by his window, he would certainly be seriously injured, if not killed. Kenrith, too, was in the same danger. He was to be sacrificed with Captain Oxford.

All these thoughts flashed through the girl's brain in the fraction of a moment, which carried her back from the tower door to the door behind which the red light flickered. There, she beat upon the panel, shrieking "Fire, fire!" and crying Captain Oxford's name.

No sound came in answer, though again and again Elspeth rained blows on the heavy oak, and she turned to Kenrith's door on the opposite side of the hall. There was no red light there, and Kenrith was not in the deadly peril which threatened his friend, but if she could wake him he would be safe from danger afterward, and would help her rouse Captain Oxford.

With all her force she struck upon the door, calling "Mr. Kenrith—Mr. Kenrith!" But there was no movement, no reply.

"Have they been murdered already?" she asked herself, trembling with horror now. "No. It can't be. The heavy smoke of the fire has drugged them. I must find the night watchman and get him to break the doors in. It's a wonder he or some one else hasn't heard me before."

She turned to run toward the door which led into the great hall when she was seized round the waist from behind and at the same time a hand was pressed over her mouth. She felt that she had been lifted off her feet, and that she was being borne away, away toward the corridor in the direction of the tower.

There could be no doubt that the hand which pressed her lips was the hand of the would-be murderer. She had interfered with the success of his work and she was to be removed perhaps from the world. But, strangely enough, there was no fear for herself in Elspeth's heart at that instant. She though only of Kenrith and Captain Oxford, but especially of Kenrith, whom she loved.

She could not let them die a terrible death. If she could but save them she would be willing to die in their place. Let the murderer revenge himself upon her as he chose.

With the fierce strength that only desperation gives, the girl tore at the hand which covered her mouth, and regaining her liberty for a second's space, uttered such a shriek as she could not have given in a moment of less peril. It rang wildly through the corridor, and was terrible even in the girl's own ears. It seemed to her that it might almost make a dead man turn in his grave to be called thus. But would it wake John Kenrith and Captain Oxford?

She could but pray that it might be so, for the scream was stifled in the midst by the hand which crushed her face again, with an iron grip under her chin, and a pressure so savage over her lips that it seemed the blood must spring through the delicate skin. Her neck was bent so roughly that her muscles were strained, and her breath choked back upon her lungs. A shower of sparks seemed to rise and fall before her eyes, smarting and raining tears in the thick smoke. She struggled again, but vainly, and in the agonizing struggle of body and mind against the unseen, compelling force, lost breath and consciousness.

When she awaked, it seemed that she was lying on a bed—a bed at the same time comfortable and familiar. What had happened? Had she had a horrible dream? she asked herself. There was the same pleasant, mingling fragrance of dried lavender and

(To be continued.)

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.

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Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heart-burn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

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Mr. Daniel Goddard of Bay street, Salut Ste. Marie, Ont., says: "While employed superintending the unloading of a coal vessel at Cohen's Coal Dock, a heavy coal bucket in descending into the vessel to be re-filled suddenly overturned, grazing my left leg and scraping the flesh off to the bone. I was compelled to discontinue work and go home for treatment where I was confined for about two months.

"When able to get out again I got cold in the wound, inflammation started, the wound opened again and for another month I was unable to move about. I tried all manner of things to get ease and get the wound to heal but nothing seemed to be able to do it. Not only did everything I tried seem useless so far as healing went, but I could get no ease from the aching and burning pains. At times I was just about crazy with the intense throbbing pains and night after night got no sleep whatever.

"Not until my wife began applying Zam-Buk did I find relief. When applied to the injured member the balm quickly soothed the pain and as we continued using it, each day brought an improvement. The throbbing pains were soon banished, the inflammation and soreness relieved, and the wound thoroughly cleased of all poisonous and unhealthy matter.

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Zam-Buk is a sure cure for cuts, lacerations, burns, eczema, ring worm, cold sores, chapped hands, poisoned wounds, festering sores, bad leg and all skin diseases and injuries. It is also a cure for piles. Druggists and stores sell everywhere at 50c a box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co, Toronto, on receipt of price. You are warned against harmful imitations — sometimes erpresented as "just as good and cheaper."

NO COMPLICATIONS UNDER SOCIALISM

Under Socialism, business will be a simple proposition, more child's play, as there will be no need of money that tempts, or banks or insurance agents, or collectors, or travelling men, or lawyers, or advertising, or trading, or buying, or selling; no retail stores as we know them, only an occasional sample store owned by the people, in which will be kept samples of everything needed, from which to order whatever you want and pay for it out of your labor time checks earned by honest effort yourself. Nothing could be more simple, reasonable, and more certain of adoption when once the people understand the advantages to be gained under Socialism.

I think it was Josh Billings who said that if "he wanted to make an accomplished liar of his son he would have him learn the dry goods business. If he had made the remark to-day he could easily have included all businesses.

The most successful merchant today is but the one who can hire the biggest liars to help him dispose of his wares; clerks who can mix the most sand in sugar without detection; sell the most cotton shoddy for all wool; sell pot metal razors for the real article; put the large potatoes on the top and the small ones at the bottom, sell split leather for calfskin; hire his clerks the cheapest and work them the hardest and longest; hire ad-writers who can advertise the greatest number of fake bargain sales at which sales goods are usually sold at a little higher price than usual. Yes, he does all these, and many other contemptible things for profit—to keep the "dear common people" from trading elsewhere and thus destroy his competition, while all those who escape his store are "forhanschwaggled" to the tqueen's taste by his competitor who is a close second in the deception adulteration, misrepresentation of this modern (?) business man.

Under the present system all the high priced managers, superintendents, foremen, floor walkers, head clerks, etc., are only trying to "get" trade, while the owners and stockholders of these stores are enjoying their winters in Florida and their summers in Newport, with dog parties, monkey dinners and baboon entertainments to drive dull monotony away.

During 364 days of each year you detest and condemn such conditions, and on the 365th day, you,—yes, you—vote to continue the system that will breed these conditions. Barnum and Bailey could do a rushing business in the main tent at that with you as the solo attraction, under the truthful caption "The Great Human Monstrosity." Come now, aren't these facts?— Men and Mules.

COAL NEAR WETASKIWIN

WETASKIWIN, Jan. 20—Coal has been discovered in large quantities a short distance south of Wetaskiwin, and a large area has been acquired by Ontario capitalists. At one point at which a shaft has been sunk the seam is at a depth of seventy five feet, and is eight feet thick and of good quality. Mr. Gunn the manager, has left for the east and will return at once to the mine with a complete outfit. The mine is about five miles south of here and about three quarters of a mile off the C. and E. railroad from which a spur will be run to the mine enabling the owners to place their coal on the market at a very low figure.

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

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

ESTRAY—One horse, color black; weight about 900 pounds, branded 7L on left hip, blotched brand on right shoulder. Came to my ranch on 7th January; owner can have same by proving title and paying expenses.—Chas. Stephenson, Gateway, B. C.

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with bath at Howland avenue, opposite the Baptist church.

WANTED—Partner in good paying buisness, with five hundred dollars capital; apply post office box 238.

FOR SALE: Fire proof safe—Apply to L P. Eckstein.

LOST—Bunch of keys, yesterday afternoon, chain attached; finder will be rewarded by bringing same to the office of city police.

Baths hot or cold at the Club Cigar Store.

W. Forsythe was a visitor in Coleman this week.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Mrs. Norman Wilson of Elko visited our city this week.

Devere Hunt, the popular conductor on the Local, was in town on Thursday.

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

G. G. S. Lindsey left Tuesday evening by the Flyer for Toronto via Chicago.

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

The Fernie curlers journeyed to Cranbrook and captured the district medal.

Mr. C. Farquharson and wife left on Thursday morning for Spokane by the Flyer.

For a good comfortable smoke get Dorenbecker's brands. They are home product.

G. J. G Bagnall, passenger agent for the C. P. R. at Calgary was in town this week.

Rochon, that's all—the Candy King

Mr. C. C. Snowdon of Calgary representing the Canadian Oil Company was in town last week.

We do not sell refrigerator beef—we only sell fresh killed beef. See the 41.

Dr. Corson's two sons, also W. R. Ross's two sons returned to college at Victora this week.

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

The Socialist party are holding a supper, concert and dance on Wednesday the 27th in Bruce's hall.

Dr. Wrigglesworth has moved into his new office in the Johnson block, where he has his apartments fitted up in the most approved fashion.

Several telephones have been connected up this week. We would be greatly obliged if we could get ours next.

A banquet was held in the Northern hotel Wednesday evening. About 40 were present and a good time was spent.

Constable Reuth left for the coast on Thursday in charge of two prisoners for Nelson and one for New Westminster.

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.

The new Waldorf opened up last Saturday. This is a first class establishment in every particular, and a credit to the city.

Eastern capital ready to investigate legitimate investments, lands, timber or mines in British Columbia. Address in first instance with full particulars. "Capital," care of Noble & Co., Molsons Bank building, Vancouver.

Julius Hurel and wife of Hosmer left Fernie on Thursday evening's Flyer for an extended visit to Naples and other points in Italy.

Beef, mutton, pork, veal, hams, bacon, lard, etc., only of the very best. Phone 41.

The train service on the C. P. R. for the last few weeks has been rather irregular, cold weather and an abundance of snow being responsible. On Saturday last the Flyer went through at about 8 in the evening instead of at midnight. One passenger (or rather would-be passenger) was seen around town a few minutes after complaining that "the local was going out ahead of time" as he had mistaken the tail end of the Flyer for the local.

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

FURNITURE FOR SALE

New No. 9 Kootenay Range, Etc.
Owner going to leave city and will sell cheap.

C. J. JOHNSON
Next to Robt. Redhead

Fresh fish daily at the 41.

Ex-Chief Gook left on Tuesday for Kamloops.

Pat Whelan made a flying trip to Crows Nest early in the week.

Don't miss the Tom Marks show in the Fernie opera house to-night.

Joe Goupell of the Cranbrook cigar factory is in town for a few days.

Phone 41 for the best of meats.

J. F. Armstrong of Cranbrook was in town on Friday.

Contrary to expectations the saloons will be closed on Sundays

The bowling alley at Ingram's for an hour's sport.

Mrs. Wilkinson left for Toronto by the C. P. R. on Tuesday evening.

Ed. Wrigglesworth and wife, A. C. Liphart and wife, Rev. Grant and Harvey Brown are attending the bonspiel at Calgary this week.

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

The street sales of The Ledger last week were double those of any previous week. Who says election specials do not pay?

B. F. Lester of the Hosmer Times was in the city on Wednesday. Mr. Lester has just returned from a business trip to Winnipeg.

Mr. Charles Lang returned on Monday evening after a six weeks trip in California.

The Trades and Labor council had a group photo taken last week. At last reports the photographer was still doing business.

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

Frank Keeley who has been with the A. W. Bleasdell Drug Co. for some time left Wednesday evening for Cobalt, where he has accepted a position.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners will hold their regular meeting next Wednesday evening at 7.30 sharp in the basement of the Miners Hall.

A meeting of the Fernie hockey club will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the dining room of the Napanee hotel. All interested are invited to attend.

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

The Great Northern trackmen and snow plow had a busy time on Sunday clearing out the yard and tracks. This section of the road is now said to be in good shape and free from snow.

The following officials of the G. N. Railway company were in town this week: M. J. Costello, assistant general traffic manager; Archibald Gray, assistant general freight agent; F. H. Burnham, district freight agent.

You can play on either English or American billiard tables at Ingram's. think you are being served as well

"In the matter of teas" perhaps you think you are being served as well as you can be,—but have you tasted "Salada Tea" It's the purest and most delicious tea in the world. All grocers sell it.

The Dreamland theatre people had a slight breakdown with their motor on Wednesday. They will be doing business again to-night. They are putting up a good show and promise better.

The Club Cigar store every time if you want the best that offers in cigars and tobaccos.

During the recent cold snap a customer in a local grocery store asked for eggs that would not freeze. When he got home he found that he had a dozen china nest eggs However he got what he asked for.

Patronize home industry and smoke Crow's Nest Specials and Extras

Shovelling snow off the roof was a favorite and very necessary occupation with many dwellers in temporary establishments. Many of the roofs were "weighed" (by the snow) and found to be sadly wanting.

We are pelased to be able to make a correction in these columns regarding a wrong impression that existed regarding Mr. Tom Wilson who was recently sentenced to a term at Westminster for forgery. The party in question is not Tom Wilson at one time of the King Edward hotel.

Bill Tuttle had his hot air furnace working overtime at the teamsters' banquet. The ex-worship imparted the startling information that he had driven from one to twenty four horses. We reckon if the said Bill had had to keep house etc., for all of these two dozen equines he would be mighty handy with the shovel.

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.

Thursday was the Chinese New Year, and the local Mongolians distributed nuts, fire crackers and Chinese lillies among their customers. They let some of the Ledger staff have a few bunches of fire crackers and the bombardment that lasted for a few minutes was like unto the late municipal campaign. But we are still at work. "Una-cha-chefa Bung-alla loo."

The weight of snow and the high wind last Friday night caused a wooden building on Victoria avenue to collapse. One portion of the structure which was situated near the post-office was occupied as a pool room and the contents were buried under the debris and badly damaged. Two men were in the building at the time, but fortunately made their escape uninjured. The J. H. Reid Furniture Co. had a large stock of furniture stored in the other part of the building, but the goods received little damage.

The supper given by the Glee club on Wednesday evening at the Northern Cafe proved in every way successful. Covers were laid for about 40. A concert was afterwards given in which the following artists took part: Piano solo: Mr. J. Cartlidge; solo:—Mr. Scorfield; duet, Miss Pollard and Mr. Owens; recitation Mr. Owens; solo, Mr. Turpin; recitation R. G. Noble; solo; Mr. Chesterfield. Games and dancing were indulged in to the early hours of Thursday morning. Mr. J. Cartledge was the able accompanist.

Constable Clarke is acting chief.

C. Burgess of Elko was visiting in the city this week. He reports Roo to be still living.

Mrs. Wm. Fletcher of Wallace, Idaho, is in the city on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. Scott.

Mr. John Rutledge, proprietor of the Alberta hotel was in town during the week on business.

Rev. I. W. Williamson arrived via the G. N. from the coast on Thursday, bringing back Mrs. Williamson and family.

J. R. Lawry, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Hamilton leaves on Friday night for Gakima, Wash., to visit his wife and child.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blundell returned from Petrolea last week where they were present at a large family gathering. A splendid time is reported.

Jim Burrows easily defeated Johnson of Pennsylvania last Monday at Coleman, putting his man down and out in the ninth round.

Messrs. Whimster, Ross and Keeley are to be congratulated on the success of their informal dance. A very pleasant time was had last Thursday evening.

Some of the brick work on the 8th storey of the Todd block made a sudden dash for liberty Friday afternoon. Fortunately no one was in the way, not even Bill Connell.

What about our hockey team this season? Other towns along the line are in the game and why not Fernie? Some good material still remains if we organize at once.

Mr. Matulis of the West Fernie meat market has moved his business up to the centre of the town. He found business so good that he secured premises on Baker avenue.

We have been asked to deny the report which has been widely circulated that the surplus of the relief money was going to be used for the purpose of erecting a monument to ex-Mayor Tuttle.

P. A. Hicks, accountant of the local branch of the Home Bank, who has been transferred to the head office in Toronto, was given a farewell banquet last week before leaving for his new post.

The many friends of James McLean, superintendent of the coke ovens, regret to hear of the death of his father, who passed away at his home in Nova Scotia on Thursday last at the age of 51 years.

The Tom Marks Co. played to a full house at the Fernie opera house last night, and their performance was one of the best that has been put on here yet. Several interesting and clever specialties were introduced. In the same place to-night the comedy Dublin Dan will be put on, and patrons of this play house are assured a good time.

G.T.P. TO BUILD ALONG THE CROW

VANCOUVER, B. C. Jan. 19—Apart form rushing main line construction in the north this year, the Grand Trunk Pacific is about to formulate plans for bulding branch lines in British Columbia on a scale of magnitude never dreamt of by the public. Nothing less than the invasion of the Crows Nest Pass coal district in east Kootenay is contemplated. The project constitutes ones of the principal objects of the mission of D'Arcy Tate, assistant solicitor of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway who arrived in the city from the east to-day. Necessary authority to build into east Kootenay wll be sought at the forthcoming session of the British Columbia legislature. Formal application has been made and it is certain that the rules will have to be suspended in order to grant the required authority The east Kootenay branch line will be an extension of the proposed Grand construction of which it is announced will be started early this spring.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The following are the police commissioners for the year 1909: Mayor Herchmer, A. H. Cree and R. Reading.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

The following are the newly appointed license commissioners:— Mayor Herchmer, Ald. G. F. Johnson and J. H. Marshall.

SCHOOL TO RE-OPEN SOON

The school board met on Saturday afternoon in the City Clerk's office.

Discussion as to the advisability of starting up at once was indulged in, and the matter of the contract for the new building was carefully gone over. G. H. Boulton was elected as secretary and W. S. Stanley as chairman. A proposal to secure temporary quarters was taken up and the meeting adjourned until Tuesday in order to get definite information.

On Tuesday the board met at 3 p. m. and decided to rent the premises lately vacated by the Home Bank, next to the new city jail building. Alterations will be made to make the building comfortable, including the necessary sanitary arrangements. Two teachers have been telegraphed for, and benches are being prepared and if possible school will open again in two weeks.

The board took up the question of arranging for a small place in West Fernie and the Annex just for the 1st grade children, who would be too small ot attend the school uptown. If possible the arrangement will be made in the near future.

The next meeting is called for Tuesday afternoon.

NOTICE

Applications for the position of Chief of Police for the City of Fernie will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday the 30th instant. None but experienced men in police duty need apply.

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GENERAL MEETING

Held in Relief Committee Rooms--Progress is In Evidence

The committee appointed from the Sunday mass meeting to interview the Relief Committee met that body on Thursday evening in the relief offices.

John Wilde was appointed as chairman, and explained to the relief committee that his committee wished to bring the resolutions before the meeting, and wished it distinctly understood that they wanted a courteous hearing, and would extend the same to them.

The secretary of the Relief committee then read the resolutions —a copy of which we print on page two—Mr. Herchmer suggested taking them up for discussion one by one.

Resolution No. 1 was agreed to, and the statement made that it was not at all that anybody doubted the ability or integrity of the city auditors, but that it was considered better from the standpoint of outsiders.

Mr. Tuttle here stated that he thought there need be no disagreement as he considered this relief money WAS SENT IN FOR THE PEOPLE GRATIS.

It was moved by Herchmer, seconded by Biggs that Messrs. McDermot & McHardy of Nelson be engaged for the audit.—Carried.

Considerable discussion took place at this juncture in regard to Mr. Wilde not being allowed a seat in Sherman's place after Mr. Sherman arranging with Mr. Tuttle to seat him. Tuttle raised an objection to the term "Indignation" meeting, and claimed that he felt hurt at the word. As was very fully explained by some of the public committee the word "Indignation" was very much in place. The miners, as eveyrone knows, have been working very irregularly since the fire, and the men have had very small pay; some instances occurring where a man who had worked 3 days and earned $9, got $3 and a receipt for his first payment. Other cases where a man with a very large family had worked but 12 or 14 days, and had not enough to pay his grocery bill, had his $6 stopped. If this is not enough to call forth an indignation meeting it is a funny thing. Herchmer continued to harp on the question of Sherman first suggesting the proposition. He does not want to see the reason Mr. Sherman had in doing so at first. It must be an evident fact to all that if the men had the money instead of lumber they would have gone away and we would have had to get new people here to start the town and the mines again. Mr. Sherman was perfectly conscientious in his idea, and is still conscientious. It has turned out to be all right. But now the PEOPLE, not a few committee men, want something done, and not keep the fund up for six years in order to create fat jobs for some one.

Mr. Herchmer here asked for some suggestions as to the disposal of the fund and Mr. Wilde said that it looked rather peculiar that he should be asking for suggestions at the eleventh hour. "Have the people been asked for suggestions before?" said he.

Herchmer answered that Sherman and Biggs, who represented them had discussed things, but he had to admit that the people had not as yet been asked for any opinion. Mr. Kosta then asked why Wilde was not allowed to sit in place of Sherman as at first arranged. No real tangible answer was given to this except that Tuttle shouldered the responsibility. Herchmer very graceusly stated that if Sherman would resign even now he would be pleased to have Wilde on the committee.

Mr. Eckstein who was appealed to by Tuttle, used the very convincing argument that as this committee as now constituted, was only the executive of the original committee it was responsible to the original general committee, it could not be a perpetual affair. It must derive its authority from some higher source, and should call the original committee together, and let it act.

Mr. Herchmer here admitted that perhaps the people were right, that he really thought the money was sent in for the people gratis.

Considerable useless discussion was then indulged in by all parties. The climax came however when Mr. Wilde referred to the often promised meeting between the T. and L. committee and the relief committee.

Mr. Tuttle took it to heart and was going to retire when Mr. Biggs informed him that as long as he had done what was right his place was there, but that if he had done anything to be ashamed of he should go. Tuttle stayed and the situation was once more saved.

It was then resolved that all the monies deducted from the miners through the C. N. P. Coal Co. be repaid by the secretary of the Relief committee on the men making personal application.

A meeting of the executive will be held on Monday afternoon when a written answer will be given to the resolutions presented.

The public will later on be asked to decide whether this money is to be used for relief or loaned to men who cannot afford to repay it.

COLEMAN.

The management of the Pacific hotel changed on the 15th inst. Robert Dunlop, who has been proprietor for some time past has given it up. Mrs. J. McAlpine, formerly of the Coleman has rented the house and will conduct a first class boarding house.

Byron E. Sharp of Spokane, secretary treasurer of the McGillivray Coal and Coke company spent Saturday and Sunday in Coleman. Mr. Sharp is also a member of the firm of Sharp & Irvine, stock brokers, and while here spent some time looking over the McGillivray Creek property. He was very much pleased with the prospects and is more than ever confident of the company's future.

Miss A. E. Anthony returned to Coleman a few days ago after several days absence in Vancouver.

Miss Tipping has given up her position as waitress at the Coleman and has returned to Fernie.

Robert Jones visited Fernie on Wednesday.

Thomas Ede of Blairmore spent Wednesday in Coleman.

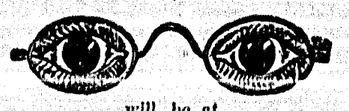
The James Fax Concert company is to give an entertainment at the opera house on February 1st. The Fax Co. are a strictly high class aggregation of artists. Their entertainments are usually of the humorous kind and no one will regret attending their performance. A part of the proceeds of the concert will go to the up keep of the club rooms of the Institutional church.

Charles Phillips with Mrs. Phillips and their two children left Coleman on Tuesday for Nanaimo where Mr. Phillips has secured work. Mr. and Mrs Phillips were among the first residents of Coleman and it is to be regretted that after building up a home here they are compelled to leave on account of "no work." They will have the best wishes of their many friends in Coleman in their new home.

The Coleman Mercantile started last week to again enlarge their store and alter it.

Mr. L. Morris
Professional Optometrist

(Graduate of the Spencer Institute, New York, Dr. of Optics of The Nor-Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology, Chicago



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