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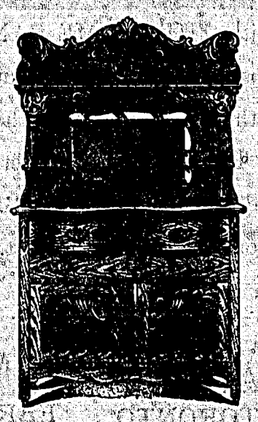

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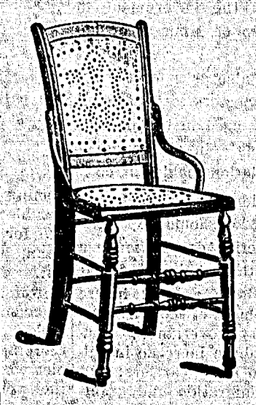

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HAWTHORNTHWAITE BY BIG MAJORITY

Socialist Leader Re-elected to his old Constituency in Nanaimo

Nanaimo, Jan. 13—In the bye-elections for the local legislature held here yesterday the following votes were polled: J.H. Hawthornwaite, Socialist, 685, Barker, Liberal, 402; spoiled 14.

WIFE WAS THROWN OUT IN THE COLD

Creelman, Sask., Jan. 12— After brutally ill-treating his wife for some time past Charles Coles, a farmer living five miles south of here, reached the limit on Monday night, and it is probable that Coles may have to suffer for his crime on the gallows.

After Coles and his wife had retired for the night a row started, which ended in Coles throwing his wife out of doors with the temperature below zero.

About midnight a neighbor who was passing knocked at the door of the Coleshouse, and finding the door locked, demanded admittance, which was refused by Coles, who threatened to shoot unless the intruder immediately left.

Starting for home the visitor heard groans in the direction of a wagon box, and on investigation found Mrs. Coles with no more protection than a thin linen night dress. As quickly as he could he carried her to his home but she was so badly frozen that no hopes were entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. Coles personally refused to make a charge against her husband, and so far no arrest has been made. Coles is being kept under surveillance by the Mounted Police

WARNING

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

INSTANT DEATH BY FALLING TREE

(Special to the District Ledger)

Coleman, Jan. 14—James Jost was killed by accident in the woods near here yesterday morning while felling a tree. It would appear that the tree in dropping struck another and swung back towards Jost so suddenly that he had not time to get out of the way.

His skull was crushed and death was instantaneous. The deceased was an entire stranger here, and was employed in one of Gibson's camps, and had only been at work a few days. The police had some difficulty in getting information as to his name and where he came from.

The coroner's jury which convened this morning brought in a verdict of accidental death.

HERCHMER IS MAYOR BY LARGE MAJORITY

Lack of Organization and Tuttle's Denouncing Tirade Beats Eckstein---Trades Council Candidates all Defeated Good Council for 1909---Lots of Work Ahead

FOR MAYOR

Sherwood Herchmer, Barrister		200
Lewis P. Eckstein,	"	113
Herchmer's Majority,		87

FOR ALDERMEN

The first six men are elected

Duthie, Robert, Merchant	236
McDonald, L. E., Blacksmith	230
Cree, Arthur H., Insurance Agt.	220
Barclay, Wm. G., Merchant	211
Gates, J. L., Hotel Keeper	195
Johnson, G. F.. Merchant	177
Campbell, Walter R. Contractor	129
Dicken, W. M. Contractor	96
Biggs, Thomas Miner	92
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CHURCH NEWS

News of Interest to Church Goers

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

METHODIST CHURCH

You are invited to the Young Peoples meeting at the Methodist church every Monday night at 8 o'clock. The speaker next Monday night will be Miss L. Euler. Topic: Living for day or for eternity.

The Lookout committee of the Epworth league are only too pleased to make the acquaintance of strangers attending the Methodist church and to see to the comforts of all. Any one desirous of attending the meetings should inform any of the members of the Lookout committee who will only be too pleased to assist in every way.

FOR MINISTER OF LABOR

Ottawa, Jan. 12—A deputation representing the Dominion Trades and Labor congress, including A. Verville, M. P., president, and James Simpson, will wait on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Messrs. Lemieux and Oliver this afternoon with a memorial, expressing appreciation of congress for the good work doen by the Department of Labor, and urging the government to create a portfolio of Minister of Labor.

The memorial also asks for the appointment of inspectors to inspect all gears and tackle used in the process of loading vessels in all Canadian ports; that elgislation making it compulsory for candidates at federal elections to deposit $200 should be repealed, and that election day be made a public holiday; that the government make such provision as will insure the strict enforcement of the fair wage schedule in every government contract; that immediate increase in salary be granted to letter carriers; and that assisted immigration and granting of bonuses be strenuously opposed; that undesirables be porhibited from emigrating to Canada, including Chinese, Hindoos and all other Asiatics; that a technical education commission be appointed to make a thorough investigation into the development of technical education in other countries, and report its effect on industries and commercial development.

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To those who have failed, who have no future, no hopes; to the abandoned, the broken hearted; to those who are only remnants and fragments of men and women, how consoling, how enchanting is the thought of death. Death at last is a welcome deliverer. Death is as natural and as merciful as life, when we have journeyed long, when we are weary, when we wish for the twilight and the dusk, for the cool kisses of the night, when the senses are dull, when the pulse is faint and low, when the mists gather in the mirror of memory, when the past is almost forgotten, the present hardly perceived, when the future has but empty hands, death is as welcome as the strains of music. After all death is not so terrible as a joyless life. Next to eternal happiness is to sleep in the soft clasp of the cool earth, disturbed by no dream, by no thought, by no pain, by no fear, unconscious of all forever. "For in that sleep of death what dreams may come when we have shuffled off this mortal coil."

In this world we all have a chance of meting with some pity, some tenderness, some charity. When we are dead, it is the living only from whom men's indulgence and reverences are withheld, like teh rain by the hardest wind. When the heart beats bruise it, it is your only opportunity; while the eye can still turn toward you moist, timid entreaty, freeze it with an icy unanswering gaze; while the heart, that delicate messenger to the inmost sanctuary of the soul, can still take in the tones of kindness, put it off with hard civility or sneering compliment, or an affection of indifference, while the creative brain can still throb with the sense of injustice, and with that love for brotherly affection, make haste to press it with your ill-considered judgments, your trivial comparison, your careless misrepresentations. The heart will by and by be still, the eye will cease to entreat, the heart will be deaf, the brain will have ceased from all wants as well as from all work. Then your chair, table and speeches may rest vent, then you may remember and pity the toil and the struggle and the failure; then you may give due honor to the work achieved; then you may find extermination for errors and may find consent to bury them.—A. M. Matulls.

CHRISTS COMING AND DEMOCRACY

(By the Rev. Chas. Stelzle.)

"Lift the stone
And thou shalt find me;
Cleave the wood,
And there am I."

Although not recorded in the Bible, this is a quotation attributed to Jesus Christ. Various interpretations have been put upon it, but whatever else is may mean, it indicates that the presence of Jesus Christ is with the man who toils. This thought dignifies labor as nothing else can. Men have sometimes made the distinction between "secular" work and "religious" work. Jesus never made such a distinction. To Him all work was sacred. Even before He performed a miracle, or had begun his career as a preacher, Christ had this testimony from his heavenly Father: "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." Jesus had pleased God as a carpenter. His daily tasks were sacred tasks. The swinging of a hammer or the pushing of a saw in the doing of a job for a neighbor was to Him as though it were done for God. When it is remembered that Christ was a carpenter at a time when the philosophers declared that a purchased slave was better than a hired one and when in accordance with this teaching of the philosophers half the world lived behind prison bars, the coming of Christ into the home of an humble artisan, and the living of His life for thirty years as a humble artisan, becomes all the more significant. He lifted labor out of the pit in which the so called upper class had placed it. He gave the workingman a place in human society which he had therefore never enjoyed. The principles which He taught have since made the workingman the equal of every other man, no matter what his vocation in life may be. This is one of the chief benefits of the coming of Jesus into the world, and for this service the masses owe to Him a debt of gratitude.

X-RAYS

By John Work in Daily Socialist.

The capitalists grab at every cent in sight. They get men to work for them at the lowest possible wages — without regard to the comfort or welfare of the men and their families.

They frequently compel their employes to work in vile and unhealthy quarters where their lives are threatened by disease and their wives and children often times lose their only support from that cause. They employ women and children and press them through the same process of dehumanization. They build hovels and tenement houses in the most undesirable places and rent them to the workers.

They take care not to have these hovels and tenements too close to their own beautiful mansions on the avenues. They contribute to the campaign funds of all political parties in the country that will accept their bribery. They treat poor men as inferiors and regard themselves as the lords of creation.

They do all these things because they have the power to.

They have the power to do them because they own the industries which the workers must use in order to live.

The remedy is the collective ownership and operation of the industries,—and that is Socialism.

But we cannot blame the capitalists They monopolize the good things because we permit them to do so.

Private ownership of the industries enables them to hold possession of the capital of the country and wrest from the toiler most of the value of his labor.

Whenever we see fit to abolish private ownership of the industries, that exploitation will cease. We will get the full value of our labor. We will guarantee ourselves a chance to earn a living.

Involuntary poverty will be a thing of the past.

We have only ourselves to blame. If we lived in a country where the workingman had no vote, it might be otherwise. But in this country the average workingman has as many votes as a capitalist. The workingman can bring exploitation and poverty and economic uncertainty to an end when ever they wish.

They can do this by voting for the collective ownership of the exploiting industries; by voting on the Socialist ticket.

If you dont vote on the Socialist ticket then quit growling; you are getting what you voted for.

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JEFFRIES WILL GO AFTER JOHNSTON

And Endeavor to Win Back World's Championship

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 9—A hum of excitement has been caused among local followers of the prize ring by the rumor that Jim Jeffries has privately expressed his intention of going after Jack Johnson and the heavyweight championship of the world.

It is no secret that the big boilermaker commenced light training in the gymnasium of a local athletic club a few days ago and this seems to give the rumor some reasonable substantiation.

The impression given to those who were inquisitive enough to ask reasons for his recent activity in the gym. were that he was becoming too bloated and was commencing a course of physical culture in order to reduce his weight and to benefit his health.

The impression that is fast gaining ground however, and one that is more readily believed, is that his intentions are to gradually work down to condition in order that he may not strain or overwork his consitution, and at the first opportunity accept the $50-000 offer of promoter McIntosh of Sydney to meet Jack Johnson in Australia.

He will not say anything regarding his intentions, and merely remarks that, as previously announced, his last battle has been fought.

He still believes that he could beat the big negro, and ever since Johnson's victory over Burns Jeffries has given evidence of showing the most intense feeling at the championship of the ring passing to a colored man.

It is also believed that his banking account can very well stand the reinforcement of $50,000.

Reno, Jan. 11—According to a despatch from Mazuma, a mining camp in the centre of the state, the athletic club of that city met last night, and decided to offer a purse of $100,000 for a fight between Jeffries and Johnson the fight to take place within the next six months at that place, preferably on July 4.

"Bill" Morrison, formerly prominent in British Columbia sports, and Joe Nichols, who has pulled off a number of fights in Tonapah along with a dozen others, are mentioned as being behind the project.

THE WAGE PROBLEM

(Chicago Daily Socialist)

The question of the social and personal relations of different races will always remain to be settled by likes and dislikes, in the same manner as individual relations of the same character. These relations are really no "problem." To attempt to inject them into a discussion of the position of the negro in America is simply a cheap effort to dodge the question.

The only "problem" that is up for consideration, the only one that can be solved is the economic relations of the races. At the present time the *vast majority of the negroes*, even more than the whites are members of the working class. The ruling class of to-day would make their color a permanent badge of wage slavery as it once was of chattel slavery. It would maintain the colored workers of the South in such a condition of industrial and political servitude that they can be used as strike breakers, and, if necessary, as military butchers to put down the effort of the white and black workers to throw off the yoke of exploitation.

So long as this condition exists it is impossible to consider any phase of *the relation of the races without at* once meeting this economic problem. Socialism will solve the race problem. It will solve it by giving all the workers without regard to color, free access to the means by which wealth is produced, and by assuring to these workers the product of their labor,—without any deduction for the benefit of not a class otnol shrdlu ETAOINO of a class of idle owners.

When this is done, when economic servitude is abolished, when there is no powerful ruling class interested in the maintenance of any particular phase of the race question, then it *will be possible to meet and solve the* other phases of that question.

To-day the interests of the members of the working class are identical without regard to color. The welfare of all depends upon the ending of class ruel and class exploitation. The welfare of all depends upon common ownership of the right to live, of the jobs, of the things with which the *work of the world* is done.

To allow the workers to be divided on race lines is to insure the continued subjection of that class.

An understanding of these simple facts will cast a flood of light upon *the "race problem" of to-day.*—Chicago Daily Socialist.

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.

CARD SHARKS' METHODS

A Timely Expose of the Methods Employed by this Social Pariah

MANY OF THEM IN OUR MIDST

Card sharks are divided into two classes; operators who can deftly manipulate a pack of cards in an open game, and men to whom a card game is simply a medium or separation employed upon the victim whose confidence has been secured by the persuasive suggestions and promises of the "steer."

The personel of the former class is composed of faro dealers, who can operate the "old thing"—a deal in faro whereby the winning card is "squeezed" under cover from the box and the "cases" made to show that the deal is "square"— draw and stud poker players who can "run up" a hand, deal from the "cellar"—bottom of the deck—deal seconds, use natural or mechanical "hold-outs" of cards and dispose of their surplus cards in the "deadwood" (discards) before coming in with the "hand" they intend to play.

"Readers" or cards marked in a combination form, are often employed in many supposedly "square" (?) poker games. Inasmuch as it requires a keen eye and a good memory to operate "readers" many gamblers do not employ them; therefore to-day, many card sharks and cheaters are themselves falling victims to their more adept "brother cheater", whose fraternal obligations are nil when the money is in sight. A "twenty-one" dealer who can "elevate" (the bringing back again of a hand once played for, a replay in natural order). As this is a very dangerous and difficult feat none but the more daring of "twenty one" dealers will attempt it; and then only when they are *turning* for some player whose "plunging" would cripple the "bank roll" if he wins one bet) is always in demand in houses where the policy is "get the dough." It would not be possible to explain in detail in the space allowed here, how all these hands are created and distributed to the victim; and such an explanation would not materially assist the average card player to protect himself unless he was capable of detecting all the *false* moves that exist in any "crooked deal." The only safeguard for the uninitiated is DON'T GAMBLE.

In the second class of card sharks are the operators who are known as "mitt peddlers" "cold deckers" and "tip offs."

The "mitt peddler" always works with one or more confederates, as do his brothers. To illustrate a "mitt peddler's" operation I recite the story of the "spread." Dad Masters, and his pal, Rus Clay, arrived in the village of Manton just in time to buy a bunch of checks in the game where in were seated the cashier of the bank, the owner of the box factory, the purchasing agent of the L. A. and W. road and a couple of "short horns." *"Dad" entered the room about an* hour before the advent of "Rus" and during that time he had managed to convey the impression that his knowledge of poker was only one grade above the kindergarten. But as he did not hesitate to play behind a nice "roll" upon which a few "century notes" were conspicuous, he was tolerated—nay, more, he was cordially received.

One of the "short horns" arose from his seat when "Rus" *entered.* With an air of indifference "Rus" took the vacant chair and bought $50 *worth* of checks, playing behind $150. Of *course he and "Dad" were absolute* strangers; they did not exchange any greetings. The bankers was about $800 winner when the deal came to "Rus." A close observer could have detected "Dad's" hand push the discards towards the centre of the table; and a KEEN observer would have seen "Dad" release a card which had been palmed, at the same time holding thumb and fore finger on the table and the other three fingers off the table, thus signifying to "Rus" he wanted an ace or a king to complete his hand.

When cards were called for the *draw the box factory man* drew two, the banker drew two and "Dad" stood pat. (Yes, sir, he stood pat on four cards!)

The factory man checked the bet; the banker bet $20; Dad "saw it" and raised $50; the factory man dropped out; the banker stood the raise and tapped "Dad", the amount being $645. When "Dad" called the banker "showed down" an eight full on fours. "Dad" said nothing but began to take in the money. Just then "Rus" exclaimed: "Here you, let's see what you are taking down the money with."

"Oh, I forgot," replied "Dad," tossing *his hand of four cards face down,* in front of "Rus." "Rus" turned them over and spread out the hand, when, lo and behold! "Dad' had an ace full on kings.

How did he get it?

Well, dear sir, when "Dad" signified to "Rus" he was in need of an ace or a king "Rus" proceeded to abstract one card, an ace, from the discarded *hands and this he palmed* with his right hand. He released this card when "spreading" "Dad's" four card hand, thus making the ace full.

If you do play poker do not allow anyone but the holder of a hand to *spread* it when you think you have captured the pot.

John Fray, an undertaker in the city of C— one night sat in a game with one Rudolph von Zeigler, an attache of the German diplomatic corps.

Rudolph had entertained Fray for a few days at his hotel; and his suave and pleasing voice, coupled with his evident disregard of the price of things, endeared him to Fray. So, therefore, when Rudolph proposed a game of whist with Hon. Percy Charlesworth and DeWitt Armiton as opponents, Fray readily acceded.

With the score standing four to one (a five point game) in Rudolph's and Fray's favor, the deal came to Fray. After shuffling the cards he placed them down for Hon. Percy to cut. Just at that moment Rudolph exclaimed: "Oh, Mr. Fray, who is that gentleman at the buffet?" Fray turned to look at the man in question when Hon. Percy was seen to suddenly place a duplicate deck of the cards they had been using upon the table and to "go into" his pocket with the original deck. The action was sudden and rapid in consummation for Fray turned again to the table to inform Rudolph that he did not know the subject of the inquiry. Picking up the cards Hon. Percy had cut, Fray proceeded to deal. He turned up the ten of hearts for trumps. Picking up his hand and sorting it he found the following cards: Ace, king, queen, jack and nine of hearts—and the ten turned up—ace, king, queen, jack, ten, nine and eight of spades. Not waiting to consider the hand he exclaimed: "It's no use gentlemen, Von Zeigler and I win!" He was on the point of showing his hand when Armiton said, "Why, how can you win, Mr. Fray, — when you cannot make the odd?" Fray was again about to expose his sure hand when Armiton said "It seems we differ on the value of our hands. Now I'll just wager $500 that you and Von Zeigler cannot make the odd!"

Rudolph said "Make it $5000 and we will go you."

"Done!" exclaimed Armiton, reaching into his pocket and taking out his purse from which he extracted five one thousand dollar bills and placed them on the table.

Rudolph looked confused as he murmured "Ah—er, Mr. Armiton, I was but joking. You see I never carry any money with me only a sum sufficient to meet incidental expenses. However if I had the money I would call your bet for my confidence in Mr. Fray's ability as a whist player is worth $5000. Mr. Fray, take the bet and I'll assume the obligation when we meet to-morrow if your judgment is in error." Fray was only too anxious to get his money down. They played the hand out and Armiton and the Hon. Percy won.

Fray looked rather anemic when Armiton picked up the money and remarked "Mr. Fray, that was the most peculiar whist hand I ever saw. You deal yourself six trumps and seven *high cards of a non-suit; you deal me* seven trumps and six high cards of a non-suit. You are over anxious to bet money on your hand. Mr. Fray, you have taught me a lesson. You perhaps have made an error some place. Good night, gentlemen; and, Mr. Fray, it might be well if you do not frequent these rooms in future, for men who can deal such peculiar hands in whist are not tolerated in here."

When Armiton and the Hon. Percy departed Fray said to Rudolps: "Von Zeigler, does that fellow think that I tried to cheat him?"

"Well, *you did deal a peculiar hand,* Mr. Fray, and one might think almost anything. I must hasten to my apartments. Good-night, Mr. Fray."

When Rudolph departed Mr. Fray was wondering at the perverse climax of the evening's pleasure; and perhaps he still continues to wonder. Rudolph, Armiton and Hon. Percy have sought new pastures. The foregoing anecdote illustrates the art of the "cold decker."

A "tip off" operates in a manner "steer" or procurer of the victim, finds some fellow ostensibly honest—but with enough larceny in him to *cause him to gamble when it is ex*plained to him how he can defraud his opponent and win some quick and easy money.

When such a victim is secured the "steer" tells him about the "inside man" (the confederate of the "steer") who is pictured as being easy, and "willing to go." Believing he is going to fleece a "mark" the "steer's" victim hears something like the following:

"I'll stand behind him (the inside man) and tell you what he has by signing up like this: thumb up, one pair; two fingers two pairs; three fingers, a straight; four fingers a flush; five fingers a full house; hand closed four of a kind.

Having instilled this into the victim the "steer" takes him to a saloon, — where the pseudo-victim (the inside man") is conveniently seated at a tabel playing solitary. A two handed game of poker ("freeze out") for the drinks is proposed. The inside *man suggests* a little money on the side "to make the game more interesting."

Four or five hands are played and the "steer" is tipping correctly. Mr. Victim has had a good convincer for he is about $20 to the good.

Finally he gets a hand to which he draws three cards, and finds himself holding a queen full on sixes.

He looks at the "tip off" and finds him with the four fingers of the left hand on his forehead and making a frantic effort with the first finger of the right hand that he has four fingers on his forehead. The victim nods an understanding acknowledgement, and commences to get all his money to the centre of the table, for does not four fingers indicate a flush?

Well, the "inside man" calls the bet when the victim is all in. He looks upon the victim's queen full and calmly lays down a small flush, at the same time taking hte money. The victim looks long and hard upon the flush and realizes that no provision had been made to designate probable straight flushes.

It does not require a very great period of retrospection and analysis for the victim to realize that he has been fleeced. But when he has this fact borne in upon him his "tip off" friend and his pal are in new fields.

I often wonder if the victims ever learn that their own cupidity and larceny made it possible for them to be *victimized?—and if they ever learn* that after all "Honesty is the best policy."

The card shark has left many weary and aching hearts, depleted purses, hungry women and children and sorrowful mothers along their course of withering and condemnable wanderings. They give naught to a community; their better natures are mere fancies of a perverted and ignorant brain—for the card shark is an egotistical, selfish being to whose ears the wail of the "suckers" is a symphony more entrancing than any ever created by the masters.

Go to the average card cheater and ask him for monetary assistance. He will either give you a hard luck story or tell you to get out and "get it" like he does.

As a general rule the shark is a coward at heart. Let the victim use force for the restoration of his money and Mr. Shark relinquishes very quickly. Among thieves who risk their lives in plying their reprehensible trade the card shark and average professional gambler is looked upon with contempt. The yeggmen, prowler, "Pete" man, "stick up man" and "dips" would rather walk into a police station than into a company of sharks.

The card shark helps to keep the fallen woman where she is, for when things are "breaking tough" the shark can always live on the proceeds of her shame. That is why thieves of the more daring type despise the shark. They look upon him as a "cadet" of prostitution, therefore cowardly, and a thing to be afraid of.

Perhaps they are right. Would it not be advisable for us to assume that the shark is too repulsive for us if he is for the highwayman and burglar and, acting upon this knowledge, expurgate him and his evil works from our community?

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The YEGGMAN

Some of His Methods

Students of criminology and many of the more brilliant minds of the constabulary are to-day up against the most difficult problem of the social and criminal world, i.e., the yeggman.

Whence he came and whither he goeth we cannot affirm with the positive assurance of knowledge; but that he is a distinctive type in the criminal world—and very dangerous to life and property—we know.

Multiple are the suggestions offered for his elimination; and multiple, also are the theories of his work and escape by men whose only conception of yeggmen has been obtained in their official capacity as police from hoboes, bindle stiffs and dings, whom they have "picked up", and tortured into confessions so that the office and the forec could make a showing.

If a native is "elevated" and robbed by some highwaymen in our cities, the yeggman is "pegged" or suspected—for the purpose of apoligizing to the public for their negligence—by the "Dicks" and the "Chief."

Perhaps the victim has lost fifteen or twenty dollars, a very small sum for a man to jeopardize his liberty for.

Believe me, the work was not that of a yeggman, for that type of criminal never operate unless they know beyond all doubt that the money will be there when they do a job; and twenty dollars to a yeggman is like thirty cents to some of our plutocrats of sporting proclivities.

These promiscous and small money "stick-ups' are the work of home thieves and and semi-desperate hoboes whose lack of strategy in selecting a victim proves them to be of that class of men to whom an empty stomach, and the want of drink will preach recklessness and dont careism of a temporary duration.

Hunger and cold and adverse conditions will never cause the yeggman to go forth for small money. He always has friends in various cities contiguous to the territory in which he finds himself—and he will endure much to get to them when broke sooner than make desperate plunges for short money. It has been given out by many police chiefs and detectives of famous private agencies that the yeggman is illiterate, therefore more dangerous than the ferocious beasts when it comes to a question of life and death.

Some few yeggmen are deficient in the simplest rudiments of knowledge, but they are gradually passing away, and giving place to the man whose knowledge of books and men and conditions enables him to conceive and finally execute those robberies which startle our sensational natures and defies solution by our police.

The yeggman of yesterday was an uncouth, savage itinerant, with animalism rife within him. Passions exploded from him in coarse detonations caused from too frequent consultation with "Dr. Demon" (alcohol) around the jungle fire; and human life was to him a condition to be blotted out if it proved an obstacle to the consummation of his plans of procurance and subsequent escape.

He was not only an anthropological but likewise a moral and social hybrid. Freight trains and cross country "hikes" were his mode of travel. His "go ahead" man was usually a "mush faker" (mender of umbrellas) whose duty it was to find out all about the place intended for pillage. He secured his "soup" (nitro-glycerine) by the slow process of washing it from dynamite and then conveying it in a bottle taking chances of it falling and blowing him to atoms. His "getaways" (escapes) were many times effected after a desperate battle and then the long wearisome "hikes" to some point where he could "jungle up" and squander his money on alcohol and some extra fine "jungle feeds."

That was the type of yeggman of yesterday, now almost extinct; but it is from that type many police analists and criminologists adduce their erroneous dicta anent the yeggman of to-day.

To-day the yeggman is a man with friends influential enough to "get to" the "front" if the trail becomes too warm and the "Dicks" are pressing too close.

His knowledge of banks, their contents and the topography of the country is wonderfully accurate. Absolute quiet and finesse of operation are things he is proud of. To have a rough getaway is a matter of deep chagrin. Automobiles and Pullmans, with an interlude of good hotels and a correctness of sartorial othics are as much a part of his success in "getting it" and getting away as is the "soup and btler" (drill) he uses as mediums of high finance.

These are the desiderata of the yeggman who specializes on safes and other receptacles of strength for the storage of wealth.

The same conditions govern the yeggman to whom matinee and nightly prowls of residence are a study.

When your yegg prowler enters a house at night he has but one fear—the awakening of some female member for he knows there is but one way to quiet a woman who is aroused and discovers a burglar in her room; that is by brutally choking or beating her into insensibility.

Your yegg prowler of to-day will not do this for he has a latent horror of brutality when the victim is a female.

Should he fail to quiet her by such means as threats he departs, knowing that he may have better luck in the next joint he goes after.

The yegg highwayman of to-day will not grab a victim on the street unless he knows from previous information that the job will pay. His forte is the "elevating" of crowded saloons and gambling houses. In this he may work alone or with confederates.

When our police begin to realize a few of these facts quoted above they will be more successful in their apprehension of the quarry. And our cities and counties and prisons will not be forced to pay the heavy expenses attendant upon trials of some wretched hobo who falls an innocent victim to the ambitions of those who must make a showing.

All men may be reduced to a state of public disapproval, providing Fate has a desire to reverse the wheel; and all wanderers may be susceptable to the voice of evil; but all hoboes, and tramps and strangers entering the town are not yeggmen.

Do not let the place become a repository for unemployed and unknown entrants; but do not abuse them through a fear of yours that they may be yeggs.

Send them on their way; and exercise prudence and justice before you permit your prejudices to allow one hapless wight to suffer for the work of the yeggman who so successfully eluded your police.

Beany Hendrix Of the Big Y.

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

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It was while he was riding down Little Bear trail that Beany Hendrix saw her. She was riding up the trail and they met at the narrowest point where the steep walls of the canyon shut out the sunlight, leaving a gloomy tunnel through which there was barely room for two riders to pass. Hendrix backed his cayuse against the rocky wall and tried to shrink his huge form into smaller compass.

She, Edith Van Tine, looked at him from the level of grave, gray eyes questioningly. She bowed politely and then smiled. All women smiled when they met Hendrix's genial gaze. They smiled in approval of the warm kindliness of his good looking face, at the strength of his great body and at the good heart shining through his honest brown eyes.

Miss Van Tine's smile faded, however, as she saw the narrow trail that became almost a footpath as it wound up the canyon, and her cheek paled. In spite of this formidable outlook she urged her horse forward, bravely determined not to reveal her cowardice to this big cow puncher, who sat, hat in hand, waiting for her to pass.

"You're not afraid, are you, ma'am?" he drawled as she hesitated.

"Not in the least, thank you," she replied crisply.

"I was about to say," he continued soberly, "that if you're a stranger in these parts this is a nasty bit of country for a lady to get about in alone."

"Thank you," she repeated, still more coldly, "but I—was only resting my horse."

Hendrix looked curiously solemn; indeed, his features assumed a rigid expression. One who knew might have said that Hendrix was suppressing a smile. He threw one leg over the pommel of his saddle, thus permitting his cayuse to hug the wall more closely, and looked amiably upon the pretty stranger. Pretty girls were rare in the Bear creek district.

She flushed under his frank, admiring gaze and dug her spurred heel into her horse's flank with angry impatience. The animal bounded forward, striking fire with his scattered hoofs. There was a faint cry from the girl

"LET US GO TOGETHER ALWAYS," HE SAID CONTENTEDLY.

as she dashed away, and instantly Hendrix turned his mount and followed her.

It was impossible for him to pass her on the narrow trail without inflicting serious injury to either one of them, but somehow he managed to extend his length along his horse and grasp the bridle rein of her terrified animal.

"Now," he said kindly, "just you let me follow you up till you get out of this hole. As I said before, this is a nasty bit of country for a lady to get about in."

"And as I said before," she began tartly, with eyes fixed toward the mouth of the canyon, "I'm not afraid."

"We won't quarrel about that, ma'am," returned Hendrix calmly. "There isn't room for two to quarrel here."

Edith smiled faintly. Beany Hendrix, riding at her horse's flank, could see the dimple in her cheek and the curl of her lip, and a troubled look came into his eyes, and a deep wrinkle found place between his brows.

As they passed out of the canyon and into the open she turned toward him. The smile had fled from her face, and there was a cold, hard look in the gray eyes.

"Thank you, sir, for your kindness. I believe I shall get along famously now."

Hendrix removed his hat and passed a bronzed hand through his shock of sunburnt hair. "If you will excuse me, ma'am," he said, with his slow drawl, "I'd like to say that you better ride home by the long trail; it's easy riding, and it's safer than the canyon."

"But I don't know the long trail. I have never been about here before," she returned blankly.

"I should be pleased if you will let me take you to the other trail. Oh, I'm all right," he added hastily as she turned a doubtful glance in his direction. "I'm Beany Hendrix, from the Big Y outfit."

"Beany Hendrix!" she repeated, suppressing a smile.

"You never heard of me before, I dare say, ma'am. I'm only a cow puncher," said Hendrix, with a dogged look about his pleasant mouth.

"Your name sounds familiar," she said, with a return to her stiff manner. "I will be very grateful if you will show me the other way around."

"Certainly." He fell into line at her side, and they rode in silence for several miles. Presently Edith became conscious that the cow puncher was observing her furtively, and her cheeks flushed. She turned indignantly toward him, but he was gazing fixedly away across the plain, although there was that tense line about his jaw which indicated some repressed feeling.

"I believe he is laughing at me," she thought angrily, and then, mindful of his gentle courtesy and of the fact that he was going out of his way to make her journey safe and pleasant, she turned a softened face toward him. "I am afraid I am making you a great deal of trouble," she said.

"Not at all," he returned. "I was out looking for some stray critters. If I don't round 'em up today I will tomorrow."

"That is what I like about this western country," she said wistfully. "There isn't the hurry and bustle of the east and the undying conviction that what isn't done today will never be done at all. Every day is so crowded with events that there is no time to really live!" She spoke bitterly now, and her eyes were turned away toward the low line of serrated hills before them.

"I thought you were from the east," he said quietly. "Where are you staying?"

"At Anderson's. You like the west better than the east?" she asked timidly.

He removed his hat and looked about the level expanse of country that was visible from the slight rise they had gained, at the bending blue sky, the gray green of the sagebrush and the greener slopes of feeding grounds dotted with cattle.

"Who wouldn't?" he replied briefly.

She sighed softly. "I didn't know it was so beautiful—out here," she said, rather sadly, he thought. "They said I must come for my health, and here I am."

"I came—because—somebody in the east was tired of me—said she never wanted to see me again," drawled Hendrix, turning his eyes away from her downcast face.

"Oh, no!" she exclaimed warmly. "Not that"— She blushed vividly.

"Something like that," he returned calmly.

There was silence for a time, she riding with drooping head and sad mouth and he watching her with tender pity in his eyes.

"Here is your trail, ma'am," he said at last, drawing in his horse with sudden energy.

There was a startled look in her face as she raised her eyes to his and then glanced at the well defined trail that led to Anderson's.

"It's easy to follow and will take you straight as a die to Anderson's." He pulled his horse to one side and removed his hat.

"It—it is safe for me to go—alone?" she faltered as she turned her horse into the trail and glanced appealingly at him.

Hendrix hesitated. She saw the red creep into the bronze of his cheek and a strange light invade his eyes. "Safe as time, ma'am," he said stubbornly, facing his horse about and preparing to leave her.

She rode a few paces away from him and then stopped. "Benforth," she said tremulously over her shoulder, "I don't want to go alone—any longer. I want you to come with me!"

He was at her side instantly.

"Do you mean it, Edith?" he questioned eagerly. "Do you mean it?"

"Yes," she whispered softly. "I came after you, Benforth. I wanted you! Will you come with me—now?"

"Let us go together—always," he said contentedly.

Gave Her Carte Blanche to Eat.

A woman who has been a victim of indigestion and is kept to a dyspeptic's diet most of the time was invited to a dinner which she was anxious to attend.

She went to her telephone, and, trusting to a somewhat unreliable memory, she asked to be connected by the ever obliging "central" with telephone 2304. When the connection had been made she began her plaintive query without any prefatory, "Is that you, doctor?"

"I want very much to go to a little dinner tomorrow night," she began rapidly, "and do you think it would hurt me if I ate just a taste of soup and perhaps a little fish or the least trifle of game, and a bit of salad or ice? I really think my stomach"—

Here she was interrupted by a voice from the other end of the wire.

"Madam," it said softly, "eat whatever you choose and as much as you choose. The more you eat the better it will please me. I am not your doctor, but I'm Burriam, the undertaker."—Exchange.

Harrow Etiquette.

Harrow is not strong in customs, but even the school on the hill has a few peculiar to itself.

One of the most singular is that which strikes every visitor—the hugging of the wall in the street by small boys, whether they are in flannels or out of them, whether they are covered with mud or immaculately clean and smart, whether other and older pedestrians are elbowed into the gutter or not.

Never do you see the younger Harrovians walking in the road. Why? Because that is "swagger," a crime of the first magnitude.

No; custom prescribes that the place for any boy who is not a "three-yearer" is as close to the wall as he can possibly get.—London Chronicle.

BIRTH OF ROYAL BABY

QUEER CUSTOMS FOLLOWED AT SPANISH COURT.

Diplomats and Nobles Wait to See That Changeling Is Not Substituted—Crowds Await Hoisting of Royal Ensign—Number of Guns In Salute Announce Boy or Girl—Queen's New Palace.

The birth of a Spanish prince is hedged round with many strange ceremonials, some of which must form a trying ordeal for a girl brought up amid the surroundings usual to a high-bred English family. Etiquette prescribes that a crowd of eminent personages shall be in attendance to await the birth. Representatives of the aristocracy and of the political and diplomatic world gather together in an adjoining apartment, and, accompanied by the ladies-in-waiting, wait to greet the latest addition to the royal family, and also to bear witness that no attempt is made to palm off a changling upon the nation.

When at last the child is born it is carried by the Mistress of the Robes, on a gorgeous crimson velvet cushion and covered by priceless lace, into the presence of the grandees and handed to the Prime Minister. The latter carries it round the room for all to see and then returns the precious burden to the Mistress of the Robes, who in her turn restores the mite to its royal mother.

Outside, on the Plaza de Oriente, a huge crowd of the people await expectantly but light-heartedly for the broad bands of red and yellow with the royal escutcheon to flutter in the breeze, and to count the number of guns which boom forth their salute. Twenty-one guns announce a boy. The news is flashed all over the kingdom, and the "Te Deum" is sung in all the cathedrals. One of the first of the numerous official messages is that dispatched to the Pope, asking him to act as godfather. The Catholic Church requires that the christening shall take place at the earliest possible moment, so that generally within four or five days at the most the royal baby has to go through its second public ordeal.

Some of the rules of ancient Spanish etiquette die hard. Among these is that by which everything in Madrid counts by nine days. For instance, after a death in a family, the Novenario must take place; the widow and daughters, or whoever the nearest surviving relations may be, are expected to hold the Drielo—that is, to close their windows and remain solemnly for nine days in their reception rooms to receive the condolences of their friends, who visit them in mourning. As it is the correct thing for all to repeat their visits daily during this period, though the first two or three times they are subdued, it is impossible to remain so, and the party insensibly glide into a degree of gossip and chatter which is not quite becoming to the occasion.

The advent of an English princess at the Spanish court has resulted in great improvements in the gaiety of the palace, where those in constant attendance had found the atmosphere somewhat dull. In the days when the Queen-Mother (Queen Christina) reigned as regent evening dress was unnecessary, but under Queen Victoria Eugenie a general brightening of social life has taken place. The smartest frocks and the best of family jewels only are displayed, while full dress is always worn in the evening.

Innovations are seldom popular, and the stately dowagers, recalling the different state of Queen Christina, complain of the disturbances to which their declining years have been subjected. Queen Victoria Eugenie, however, is quite the vogue, and her musical parties, card parties, and court dances are enjoyed very much by those members of Madrid society who are sufficiently sprightly to recognize the right of youth to social relaxation.

While music and bridge help to pass many evenings at the Spanish court, her majesty has also introduced the English custom of afternoon teas, and delights in paying surprise calls at four o'clock. At first this somewhat embarrassed the senoras, but now that they understand the amiable young Queen requires nothing more than a simple welcome they are delighted, and even enjoy the departure from the requirements of Spanish etiquette.

In the country no less than in the capital the English Queen has had a marked effect in each case, the modification or change establishing an improvement. At La Granja, where the royal family possess a beautiful palace and the accouchement has taken place, there existed a rule that the Queen had to spend two hours daily in the gardens of the palace accessible to any who cared to visit her. Happily for the safety of the young couple, Queen Victoria Eugenie has discarded the custom and made the famous palace merely the private pleasure ground of the royal family.

Many alterations have been made in the interior economy of the palace, which was exceedingly insanitary. Defects have been remedied and the electric light has been installed, and the residence, with its magnificent gardens, world-famous fountains, and many valuable treasures, is now a most charming retreat.

Varying His Method.

The porch climber hesitated.

"I'm only doing this," he muttered, "because getting in on the ground floor has never made any money for me in a business way, and it's up to me to get even with the world somehow."

Convincing himself by this specious reasoning, he softly pushed up the window and climbed inside.

How He Enjoyed It.

Briggs—How do you enjoy your motor cycle?

Griggs—Fine! All I need is a pound of tar and feathers to feel like a bird.

Why, of Course!

The editor of an agricultural paper was grumbling about a puzzling question he had received from a city man who had recently removed to the country. The inquiry was this: "Will you kindly tell me how long cows should be milked?"

The office boy, passing near, heard this superior repeating the question aloud.

"Scuse me, boss," he said, "but w'y don't yer tell him jes' de same's short cows?"—Judge.

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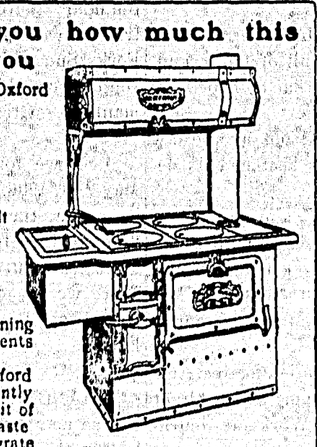

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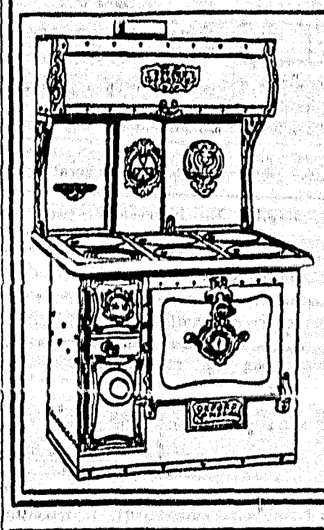

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A ROORBACK

With regard to the statement in the Frank Paper that all the District Officials are members of the Socialist pary, we beg to state that F. H. Sherman is the only Socialist on the District Board.

The Socialists as such took no part in the late District elections.

With regard to dissention in the ranks they were never more united than at the present time—statements of the Capitalist press notwithstanding.

JUSTICE WRIGHT'S DECISION

The decision of Justice Wright, by which President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison are ordered to jail for violation of the court's injunction, is at once the most astounding blow at free speech, a free press and constitutional liberty the country has known.

It is a blighting, black disgrace to our republican form of government. Nothing to exceed it was ever done under any of the old despotic governments of the old world

It is a blow at everything the American citizen holds dear and a blight on our American manhood. It is a subversion of everything pertaining to liberty granted us by the constitution and of which we have been proud to boast.

If the courts of the United States have the right to issue injunctions restraining free speech and a free press, and then send people to jail for violation of it, our liberties are a delusion and a snare—a mockery that laughs at our so-called independence and makes abject slaves to the courts of us all.

The case has been appealed to the Supreme Courts of the United States, and for some time the ultimate outcome will not be known, but if it is expected that this black action will deter others in the movement, there is bound to be disappointment. Instead of having that effect the decision will arouse the lion in the breast of every American citizen and give an impetus to the labor movement that is bound to make itself felt and feared.

The decision will but serve to give zest and impetus to the fight against government by injunction and will unite the forces of labor more thoroughly than ever before, and with this increased strength, activity and power the strongholds of the pernicious system will be assailed, its forts will fall and the rights of the people will be supreme.

Great is Justice Wright; the blow he aimed at organized labor will strike the wall of truth, and, rebounding, will slay the system that he hoped, by his decision, to make impregnable.

Government by the courts and not by the law must go, and Justice Wright has hastened its departure.

In the meantime the sympathy and support of every true hearted American citizen is with President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, and will support them to the last ditch against such high handed oppression, repression and wrong.

We enter a most vigorous protest against this unholy class decision. It's a shame and a blight on our boasted liberties.—Mine Workers Journal.

DONALD M'NAB was elected by acclamation in Lethbridge for the Provincial House.

We congratulate Mr. McNab on his appointment, as he is the first Labor man to be elected in that riding. McNabb has the chance of his life to make good, and if he does so he will remain in the House.

We sincerely trust that the title of M.P.P. will not be a burden to Donald's labor policy, but that he will rise to the occasion and be a unit in the forward progress of the great movement to which he belongs.

THE FREE PRESS has the audacity to call our special a lying, scurrilous sheet. Well, Mr. Wallace knows personally that not a lie was told. As to the lot deal he was there like a duck. He knows he did not own the lot on which he voted. Truth always stings though.

BARBARISM

The statement was publicly made on Saturday night last in Bruce's hall that one of the prisoners at the jail had suffered the inhuman ignominy of having the shackles frozen on his legs.

This seemed such a monstrous thing in the twentieth centuy that we were loath to believe it. However on making official inquiries we were told that while the tale was a little exaggerated, **THE MAN HAD HIS FEET FROZEN IN THE CITY LOCK-UP.**

Who is to blame for this atrocious state of affairs? Not the police, for they are but servants, and doing what they are bidden by their superiors. Not the council, for that part of the civic administration is out of their hands. To whom then can we attach the blame **TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR NOT PROVIDING A SUITABLE PLACE, AND TO THE MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER WHO WOULD SO FAR OVERLOOK HIS DUTY AS TO ALLOW THESE MEN TO BE KEPT IN SUCH A HOVEL.**

Go back to Russia of years ago, and traverse Siberia with all its horrors and you will not see much worse than what exists in Fernie, B. C., in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Nine.

Imagine, if you can, a shack with one ply of boards, where prisoners are attached to a long chain which runs from one end of the shack to the other, with loops at intervals for the offender of the law, who may be anything from a murderer to a common inebriate.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE HUMAN BEINGS—NO LAVATORY—NO COMFORT.

It is a hole where you would not keep a dog, let alone a human being, who has for the moment digressed from the straight and narrow path of right and has traversed the broad road of wrong. But they are nevertheless as much human beings as you and I.

Thank God, the year is over and the new council are going to take a hand in the matter, and if the Police commissioners fail in their duty they will be rudely jogged up, and the Medical Health Officer made to do his duty. We ask these gentlemen this question: Would you like to be cast into such a shack to freeze?

Are we still living in the dark ages—is this the twentieth century of enlightened Canada?

The police commissioners are Mayor Tuttle, J. D. Quail, James Broley. The Medical Health officer is Dr. Higgins, assisted by the Chief of Police.

In Fernie the Ledger and Free Press are firing paper bullets at each other in a merry war over labor, and the end is not yet. Over here in the Boundary there is a bloodless chasm dividing the trail between the Phoenix Pioneer and the Grand Forks Sun officer, while the little snowbirds are singing something about peace and goodwill to all mankind.—Greenwood Ledge.

Lest we forget—The Winnipeg Telegram of May 21st, 1906, says: " . . . The company through its organ, the Fernie Free Press, is making all kinds of threats of what will happen if its "great cinch' is disturbed by the vote of the ratepayers." Were we wrong in assuming that the Free Press was always found on the side of capitalism against labor?

CHANGES do not always mean improvements. Not so many people play guitars as formerly, but look at the increased number of bag-pipes.

DISTRICT NO. 18, U. M. W. OF A.

Official Count for the Recent Election of Officers

Detailed Returns from all Camps

The following is a detailed vote of the vote given by the locals in the recent election of officers for District 18 United Mine Workers of America:

FOR PRESIDENT

F. H. Sherman, Michel 63; Fernie 231; Bankhead 225; Cardiff 21; Royal Coll. 11; Frank 15; Corbin 2; Taber 80; Woodpecker 26; Lethbridge 78; Coleman 190; Bellevue 97; Taber 38; Carbonado 12; Lille 158; Maple Leaf 15; Canmore 82; Hillcrest 32; Kenmare 127; Taylorton 38; Roche Percee 41; Passburg 13; Hosmer 49; Lundbreck 39. Total, 1683.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

John R. Galvin: Michel 43; Fernie 180; Bankhead 205; Cardiff 7; Frank 3; Corbin 101; Taber 14; Woodpecker 15; Lethbridge 28; Coleman 30; Bellevue 12; Carbonado 2; Lille 135; Maple Leaf 6; Canmore 7; Hillcrest 4; Kenmare 103; Taylorton 38; Roche Percee 32; Passburg 5; Hosmer 69; Lunibreck 25; total 1016.

W. H. Evans: Michel 70; Fernie 180; Bankhead 7; Cardiff 2; Royal Collieries 0; Frank 3; Corbin 3; Taber 11; Woodpecker 4; Lethbridge 23; Coleman 17; Bellevnue 24; Carbonado 9; Lille 10; Maple Leaf 3; Canmore 7; Hillcrest 5; Kenmare 14; Roche Percee 1; Passburg 6; Hosmer 80; Lundreck 15; total 541.

Mike Joyce: Michel 810; Fernie 21; Bankhead 3; Corbin 7; Taber 5; Woodpecker 3; Lethbridge 8; Coleman 12; Bellevue 24; Carbonado 7; Lille 4; Maple Leaf 3; Canmore 2; Kemnare 10; Roche Percee 5; Passburg 1; Hosmer 22; total 947.

Harry Smith: Michel 11; Fernie 15; Bankhead 3; Cardiff 4; Frank 3; Corbin 6; Taber 7; Woodpecker 2; Lethbridge 8; Coleman 192; Bellevue 12; Taber 2; Carbonado 2; Lille 18; Maple Leaf 3; Canmore 19; Hillcrest 5; Kenmare 4; Passburg 3; Hosmer 10; Lundbreck 2; total 331.

Clem Stubbs: Michel 2; Fernie 20; Bankhead 6; Cardiff 13; Royal Collieries 11; Frank 27; Corbin 1; Taber 65; Woodpecker 2; Lethbridge 17; Coleman 10; Bellevue 46; Taber 32; Carbonado 29; Lille 3; Maple Leaf 1; Canmore 1; Hillcrest 134; Kenmare 2; Roche Percee 1; Hosmer 10; total 422.

Spoiled: Michel 21; Fernie 11; Bankhead 1; Cardiff 2; Frank 3; Corbin 1; Taber 3; Lethbridge 7; Coleman 4; Bellevue 5; Taber 1; Carbonado 3; Canmore 2; Kenmare 1; Taylorton 2; Hosmer 4; total 71.

SECRETARY TREASURER

J. A. McDonald: Michel 91; Fernie 178; Bankhead 214; Cardiff 25; Royal Col. 11; Frank 25, Corbin 116, Taber 63, Woodpecker 22, Lethbridge 41, Coleman 132, Bellevue 49, Taber 28, Carbonado 30, Lille 129, Maple Leaf 9, Canmore 63, Hillcrest 13, Kenmare 108, Taylorton 113, Roche Percee 35, Passburg 15, Hosmer 97, Lundbreck 42; total 1551.

A. J. Carter: Michel 855; Fernie 119, Bankhead 11, Cardiff 2, Frank 11, Corbin 3, Taber 29, Woodpecker 4, Lethbridge 41, Coleman 103, Bellevue 62, Taber No. 102, 9, Carbonado 15, Lille 30, Maple Leaf 5, Canmore 17, Hillcrest 136, Kenmare 24, Tayltorton 7, Roche Percee 4, Hosmer 83, total 1570.

Spoiled: Michel 7; Fernie 3, Frank 4, Taber No. 1959, 7, Lethbridge 7, Coleman 5, Bellevue 3, Taber 102, 6, Carbonado 5, Lille 8, Maple Leaf 1, Canmore 4, Taylorton 15, Roche Percee 1, Hosmer 8, total 84.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Peter Patterson: Michel 154, Fernie 107, Bankhead 202, Cardiff 6, Royal Col. 2, Frank 13, Corbin 4, Taber, (1959) 21, Woodpecker 12 Lethbridge 38, Coleman 136, Bellevue 55, Taber (102) 6, Carbonado 32, Lille 130, Maple Leaf 11, Canmore 58, Hillcrest 4, Kenmare 71, Taylorton 26, Roche Percee 32, Passburg 13, Hosmer 71, Lundbreck 30, total 1234.

Hopkin Evans: Michel 84. Fernie 34, Bankhead 8, Cardiff 5, Frank 2, Corbin 9, Taber (1959) 48, Woodpecker 7, Lethbridge 15, Coleman 45, Bellevue 19, Taber (102) 7, Carbonado 1, Lille 14, Maple Leaf 1, Canmore 9, Hillcrest 134, Kenmare 31, Roche Percee 5, Passburg 1, Hosmer 50, Lundbreck 6, total 535.

James Lancaster: Michel 33, Fernie 156, Bankhead 8, Cardiff 12, Frank 7, Corbin 96, Taber (1959) 3, Woodpecker 2, Lethbridge 14, Coleman 23, Bellevue 19, Taber (102) 1, Carbonado 2, Lille 2, Canmore 5, Hillcrest 4, Kenmare 10, Roche Percee 1, Hosmer 22, Lundbreck 4; total 424.

D. L. Miller: Michel 7, Fernie 15, Bankhead 5, Cardiff 2, Royal Coll. 8, Frank 2, Corbin 2, Taber (1959) 25; Woodpecker 5, Lethbridge 9, Coleman 8, Bellevue 10, Taber (102) 28, Carbonado 1, Lille 6, Maple Leaf 1, Canmore 6, Hillcrest 4, Kenmare 13, Passburg 1, Hosmer 12, Lundbreck 2, total 156.

James Sharp; Michel 672, Fernie 28, Bankhead 4, Royal Coll 1, Frank 11, Corbin 6, Taber (1959) 4, Lethbridge 2, Coleman 26, Bellevue 7, Carbonado 10, Lille 7, Maple Leaf 2, Canmore 2, Hillcrest 2, Kenmare 7, Roche Percee 1, Hosmer 22; total 814.

Spoiled: Michel 7, Fernie 10, Bankhead 2, Frank 5, Corbin 1, Taber (1959) 7, Lethbridge 11, Coleman 4, Bellevue 4, Taber (102) 4 Carbonado 5, Lille 5, Canmore 4, Kenmare 1, Taylorton 14, Roche Percee 1, Hosmer 10, total 95.

Rejected, no seal, 43.

SUB-DISTRICT NO. 1

David Paton: Michel 103, Fernie 302, Corbin 6, Carbonado 17, Hosmer 127, total 555.

William Whitehouse: Michel 819, Fernie 36, Corbin 84, Carbonado 34, Hosmer 64, total 1037.

SUB-DISTRICT NO. 2

John Johnson: Frank 10, Coleman 146, Bellevue 17, Lille 108, Hillcrest 3, Passburg 8, Lundbreck 10, total 302.

Robert Livett: Frank 27, Coleman 16, Bellevue 72, Lille 21, Hillcrest 8, Passburg 4, Lundbreck 3, total 160.

Thomas Thomson: Frank 3, Coleman 16, Bellevue 23, Lille 39, Hillcrest 140, Pasbsurg 2, Lundbreck 12, total 235.

SUB-DISTRICT NO. 3

James Boyle: Royal Coll. 8, Taber (1959) 77, Woodpecker 33, Lethbridge 10, Taber (102) 40, total 168.

D. H. Quigley: Royal Coll. 3, Taber (1959) 26, Woodpecker 1, Coleman 75, Taber (102) 4, total 109.

SUB-DISTRICT NO. 4

William Dunlap: Bankhead 219, Cardiff 23, Canmore 9, total 251.

Allan J. McKinnon: Cardiff 5, Canmore 74, total 79.

C. E. LYONS, Official Auditor

F. H. SHERMAN President.

ANOTHER HUNDRED LIVES SNUFFED OUT

By an Explosion in a Virgina Mine--Second Explosion Less than a Month

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 12—As the result of another explosion at the Lickbranch mine at Switchback about twenty miles from here, between 50 and 100 miners were killed at 8.30 this morning.

The number may be increased as at the time there were between 230 and 300 miners at work in the shafts and it has not been ascertained how many survived.

On December 8 last an explosion occurred in that mine which up to that time had been regarded as a model mine. On that occasion the cause was not ascertained and the death list reached fifty.

The last body in connection with that disaster was brought to the surface on Friday and the mining inspector had declared that the mine was again safe and that work could be resumed.

Most of the miners who were engaged to resume work at the mines were Americans with a few foreignors and some colored laborers.

It was stated that the mine was examined to-day by the new shift and was reported to be safe. After the work had been resumed the explosion occurred with a death list that will probably far exceed that of the December explosion.

UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL

There is no truth more apparent to the toiler than the above. It has been an axiom with the trades union ever since the inception of the movement. It is the bulwark of our defense and the power behind our offense. By it, and through it we assail the stronghold of oppression and wrong and defend ourselves from attack that, taken us individually, would bring about our defeat and downfall.

To be united we must be one in purpose, thought and action. There can be no success in our ranks without unity, and there can be no unity with the existence of factions. In all trades unions, as in popular government, the majority rules. It is right and proper for the minority to criticize; indeed, such criticism is very often beneficial if done in proper manner, because then it spurs onward the majority to greater deeds in behalf of the organization and its members. But when that criticism becomes vile and abusive, as was the case in the contest for office, it injures the organization more than those at whom the abuse is hurled and often predicates ultimate destruction.

Indeed the political methods adopted of late in the organization, if not entirely eliminated, are bound to result in vast injury to the progress of the movement, although we do not believe in the pessimistic ideas advanced by the officials of a certain district, in which destruction and disruption were predicted if such and such were done.

There is no one man can kill the U. M. W. of A. Neither can any one man save it. That is placing too exalted an opinion on the ability or lack of ability of the leaders of the movement. There was no man alone today who made it what it is in all its strength. There is no one man can unmake it without leaving out of consideration the rank and file. The latter will have something to say and in a very loud manner, before it is allowed to be disrupted by any one man or any one hundred men.

If we want to adopt the sure method of encompassing its downfall, a few more papers like the "Illinois Tradesman" in the hands or arms of men prominent in the organization circulating them will shake the confidence one should have in the other and disruption may follow.

If we decide by constitutional amendment to eliminate all political methods in securing election of an official, and let every candidate stand on his own merits, free from the rancor and clamor of a campaign that would disparage that of a contest for public office in any of our large cities that are reputedly corrupt and rotten.

Time was when we went to a convention we did not know who would be elected. The officers we had in that time are not inferior to those we have had since the adoption of the referendum. There was not the appeal to hate and prejudice then that there appears to be now. And the organization was conducted along harmonious lines.

Why should any candidate for office not be willing to allow his name to go before the locals, and let the members do the voting without having some one come around and tell them this brother of the organization is black, while the other is white, both literally and figuratively, destroying the confidence one in each other, and without which confidence we can have no success, and at the same time doing a wilful and wanton injury to a brother, all of which we have sworn to succor and support by our united action.

Electioneering for office in the organization must go for the good of the cause and the salvation of the reputation of its members who have ability to serve it with credit to themselves and to its members. If present methods are pursued, we'll neither have standing or reputation.—Mine Workers' Journal.

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IN NEWSPAPER BUSINESS

Winnipeg, Jan. 12— The following appeared in the Free Press last evening:—"The transfer of one of the city dailies to the C. P. R. and other corporation interests is one of the topics of conversation on the streets this morning. The Tribune is the paper involved and the deal has either been closed or will be within the next few days. What are claimed to be the details of the transfer are mooted. According to the report the consideration is $47,000 for the Tribune plant. R. L. Richardson the owner and manager, will retain the building and the editorship of the Weekly Tribune, and the new management will increase and improve the plant with the intention of bringing out a morning as well as an evening edition.

It will be an Associated Press paper of which organization the Canadian Pacific controls the Canadian franchises.

R. L. Richardson, owner of the Winnipeg Tribune denied that he had sold the Tribune, or that he was negotiating for its sale.

THIRTY BODIES FOUND

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 13—Thirty bodies have been taken from the mine at Lick Branch.

Three rescue crews of forty men each are at work. They report the most ghastly sights within the torn and fire swept corridors and workings of the mines, where bodies were found mangled and mutilated beyond recognition.

It is difficult they declare, to distinguish between white and black, because all the bodies were so frightfully burned.

It is stated that this is the first case on record where two explosions have taken place in such a short time in the same mine, and neither of the explosions has as yet been given a satisfactory explanation.

Some point to the fact that the thermometer fell fifty degrees in the mine on the morning of the disaster. Such sudden changes in temperature have a considerable part to play in mine disasters

DISCOVERED SKELETONS

Telegraph Creek, B. C. Jan. 13 — A party of prospectors arrived here direct from Napannie river, the north tributary of the Liad river, 300 miles northeast of Telegraph Creek. They left Edmonton last May. Charlie McLeod, who guided the party through, tells a startling story which is corroborated by the others of the party, of the finding of the skeletons of two men 90 miles up the Napannie river. He is positive that the remains are those of his two brothers, Frank and Willie, who, with Robert Weir, started from Port Simpson in the fall of 1904 and went on a prospecting trip up the Napaniee.

IN STATE OF RIOT

Bismark, N. D., Jan. 12—In spite of a court injunction an armed guard of state militia patrolled the capital last night, and it will remain on duty pending the settlement of the legal controversy regarding the relative rights of General T. H. Poole and Col. A. P. Peake. General Poole was refused by Governor Burke, but the Gen. refuses to give up the office. The militia was called out yesterday after General Poole had re-entered the capitol and taken possession of his office, from which he had been ousted on the previous day.

Poole was placed under military arrest by the Governor and is constructively confined to his quarters at the Northwest hotel.

The district court has granted an injunction forbidding Peake or other persons from interfering with Poole in the discharge of the duties of his office

LIBELLED JOHN D.

New York, Jan. 12—Bradford Merrill, S. S. Carvolho and Edward E. Clark, officers of the Star Co., which publishes Wm. R. Hearats newspaper the New York American were to-day found guilty of criminal libel on a charge preferred by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and technically committed to the Tombs prison.

NEW LABOR PAPER

Vancouver, Jan. 9—It was decided by the Trades and Labor council at their meeting last night to sever existing connections with the paper known as the Trades Unionist which has been hitherto accepted as the medium for expressing labor views. In its place a new publication to be known as the Western Wage Earner will appear during the first week in February. The paper will not in any way be connected with the Trades Unionist and will be the only publication acknowledged by the council.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH MURDER

Windsor, Jan 13—Jeremiah Jackson, a negro 36 years of age, was arrested at Puce, a village 15 miles from here on a charge of attempted murder. It is alleged that he burned the house of another negro, Thomas Carter, because the latters' fifteen year old daughter refused to elope with him.

Lame Shoulder Cured

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.

MORE EARTHQUAKES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12—Three distinct earthquake shocks have been recorded by the seizmograph at the Coast and Goodie Survey Magnetic Observatory at Cheltonham, Md., during the past twenty four hours.

San Salvador, Jan. 12— Several earthquake shocks were felt here last night. There have been a number of shocks in the eastern part of the Republic. No loss of life has been reported.

Florence, Jan. 13— Several earthquake shocks were recorded here this morning at intervals of two seconds.

Venice, Jan. 13. — Two earthquake shocks were experienced this morning and the people rushed out from their homes and gathered in the place of St Mark and other open squares

Milan, Jan. 13—An earth shock was felt here this morning and caused considerable alarm

A number of people rushed from their houses and congregated in the Cathedral Square.

Rome, Jan. 13.—A slight earthquake was experienced early this morning throughout Lombardy, Votia and Tuscany.

No damage was done and no one was injured.

THE DISTRICT LEDGER

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

Fernie, B. C., January 16th, 1909

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

A recent move has been made to draw the attention of Coal Creek people to the Public Health act and to compel them to carry out its provisions. The sanitary inspector is very active just now. He has already paid surprise visits to many houses in the town and made special inspection of the closets and all around the houses. Every householder should see at once to the sanitary arrangements in and about his house being carried out as the act requires. Ignorance of the law will not be taken as an excuse of non-compliance and the pelanties that can be inflicted under the act are very heavy. Some of our women folk have contracted the habit of throwing dirty water and other refuse right outside their doors. This in itself is an offence. Special attention is also drawn to the importance of keeping the closet itself absolutely clean and free from filth.

The day of the horse is not passed away yet. His services are sometimes useful for dragging frozen air dinkys out of a tight corner.

The dancing class held a practice on Saturday evening and had a good muster.

The wife of our respected townsman Owen Corrigan, passed peacefully away at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, January 8th. Mrs. Corrigan, who came from Bothwell Park, Lancashire, Scotland, just turned a year ago, had not enjoyed the best of health since coming to this country, and for the last six months had not stirred much from home In this time she was under medical treatment and advice but despite this and careful nursing she succumbed, as stated Her remains were conveyed to the Catholic church at Fernie on Monday morning, where the funeral service took place, after which they were interred in the cemetery. A temperature of 48 degrees below zero and verything around bearing a heavy mantle of snow, seemed to deepen the sorrow of the sad occasion Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband with his family of seven children, only two of whom are adults

A service of song entitled "The primrose Garth" will be rendered in the Methodist church at 230 to-morrow—Sunday afternoon.

Jack Appleby is out of the hospital, but that nasty cough sticks to him and he is compelled to stay in his room at the boarding house.

One of our officials remarked in the mine the other day that he wants to see the diggers making more money. This means that he wants an increased output. The diggers are at one with him and will help its achievement if he will stir up his department and get the car shortage problem solved.

A resident justice of the peace would be a great convenience to the people here. We have many old countryme nand other pensioners who periodically want the signature of a J. P. to their papers before they can draw their money. There are affidavits to be sworn and quite a number of matters crop up now and again which all come within the province of magisterial duties. We have been without one since Mr. Mitchell left the camp about fourteen months ago.

The Coal Creek Burns club, better known as the Jolly Beggars intend to celebrate Burns' anniversary on January 25 by holding a grand concert to be followed with a ball. The concert program is an excellent one and a professional band of four pieces has been engaged to supply music for the ball. It is intended that this night shall surpass anything ever held at Coal Creek.

According to last week's Ledger the Michel men have been kicking about having to wash in cold water and at times having no water at all, and it is reported that the general superintendent on being approached, had undertaken to have this grievance remedied. Coal Creek men have a similar grievance and if they have not approached anyone about having it put right, will Charley please take a hint and do something of his own graciousness.

Sam Davis has contracted a severe attack of rheumatic fever and was removed to the Fernie hospital on Tuesday.

Trivial cases of frost bite are numerous, but that of Tom Pugh, well known in Welsh Rugby football circles does not come under that category. Tom was overcome with the extreme cold whilst proceeding home the other night and fell on his hands in the snow. He was got home, but his state developed into such seriousness that he was taken to the hospital and it is feared that amputation of both hands may be necessary in order to save his life.

A fellow remarked to a few others that she was 45 below. One of the listeners doubted this, whereupon the fellow said "Well if it aint, that thing at the lamp house for telling the date of weather is telling lees." A very spontaneous if crude, idea of the uses of a thermometer.

The electric light is on the bum again.

Eager eyes are glancing up to the mountain peaks near the crack which caused such a consternation in the latter end of 1907. There can be seen little puffs of what appears to be smoke rising up; then now and again there is a sudden outburst and large volumes of black smoke shoot up. We would like some scientific explanation of this.

The Chink's laundry was clean wiped out by fire on Saturday morning. It was one of two houses constituting a block situated on the right side of the track running to No. 5 mine. The block stood at the extreme end of the town and luckily the nearest dwelling was some distance off. A little before 7 o'clock some men working close by noticed smoke issuing from the laundry, and suspecting danger, at once gave the alarm. The inmates were three Chinks, Sam Lee, manager for Ah Ling and his two assistants. They were aroused from their slumbers and two of them succeeded in getting downstairs and out of the house in safety, but the third, evidently loosing his head, opened the bedroom window and jumped out into the snow clad only in his night shirt. He was assisted to the nearest house, and has since been carried to Fernie hospital, suffering from fright and frost bites to both feet and one hand. The block was doomed from the very first. There was a good wind blowing and the flames were fanned toward the outhouses and chicken coops, all of which were totally destroyed. The constable was on the scene early and his presence acted as a deterrent to looting, although some are suspected of having lifted articles The fire is attributed to the boards of the wall near the stove igniting through the excessive heat from the stove The buildings were the property of the Coal Company and the other house was unoccupied

The ballot to decide whether the doctor's monthly dues should be increased was taken on Friday January 8th. The voting took place in the club reading room for the Coal Creek section, and the box was in charge of Tom Biggs and Jos. R. Moore. The result was against the increase.

MICHEL

Mr. William Whitehouse left on Sunday night for Lethbridge to attend the District and joint board meetings.

The Michel Burns club are going very strong this year. There is to be a great night on the 25th. Mr. Jas. Bennie, the local secretary, is kept moving these days getting things in form for the big event.

Messrs. Tom France and Jack Carter left on Thursday for Indiannapolis Ind., to represent the Michel Local Union at the National convention of the U. M. W. A.

The junior hockey team were very greatly disappointed at the non-appearance of the Frank team, who were billed to play here on Sunday. Another match was played between the seniors and juniors. The juniors won by 3 to 0.

Bert Smith, the well known Michel hockey player had the misfortune to have his two feet frozen whilst playing for the seniors against the juniors on Sunday. Several others complain of frozen toes.

Owing to the severe cold weather we have been having Nos. 3 and 4 mines are idle. All the air pipes are frozen.

Shortage of timber is likely to be a thing of the past now. The new lumber camps have started to supply the mines.

Mrs. Kempson left this week to join her husband who is stationed at Moyie.

Mrs. Routh, wife of our new constable has arrived in town.

A grand concert is to be held at the Methodist church on Tuesday night, the proceeds to be devoted towards forming a gymnasium club in connection with the above church. There is a long program and the best local talent will take part.

Superintendent Morse of the Nos Elk Valley mines returned to town this week from Idaho, where he had been spending his Christmas vacation.

General Manager Hurd was in town on Monday.

General Superintendent Simister has been in town most of the week.

Things are looking up in Michel—the new city bus service has started to run between the old and new towns. Mr. James Bennie is the conductor—prices are within everybodys means—ten cents single and fifteen cents the round trip.

Mr. G. G. Lindsey of Toronto was in town on Wednesday.

A skating match will take place at the rink on Sunday between Bill Porter and Roy Taylor, the two fastest skaters in Michel. The men will skate two races —one half and one mile.

The Michel orchestra held another of their popular dances on Thursday night, which turned out as usual, a big success.

COLEMAN.

H. N. Galer of Spokane spent Saturday and Sunday in Coleman leaving for Lethbridge on Sunday night.

Roy Hogarth of the Coleman hotel staff left on Friday for Dauphin, Man. where he will spend a couple of weeks visiting friends.

R. L. Elves of Cayley has taken a position as freight clerk at the C. P. R. depot.

Miss Ross, sister of J. H. Ross, book keeper for the co-operative stores, arrived last week from Calgary. Mr Ross and sister have moved into S Shones house on 6th street.

F. G. Graham has purchased the barber outfit owned by Clayton and Morrison. Mr. Graham thus gets the monopoly of the barber business in Coleman. R. Evans, of Vancouver, who arrived a few days ago to conduct Clayton and Morrison's shop has taken a position wiht Mr. Graham.

A. J. Jolly, who resigned his job as freight clerk last week is now a conductor on the electric railway over the coke ovens.

Harry Ward and C. S. Keating of Regina are auditing the books of the Coleman Mercantile Company.

E. A. Crawford of Toronto has accepted a position in the office of the International Coal and Coke Company. Mr. Crawford arrived from Toronto a few days ago.

Jim Burrows has purchased the Hillcrest hotel. The deal was put through last week and the new proprietor is taking possession at once. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows have both gone to Hillcrest.

O. W. Benedict visited Fernie on Tuesday.

B. M. Stitt returned Sunday morning from a trip to Calgary and Edmonton.

The recent storm and cold weather has somewhat interefered with the work at the mine. Still the company have been fairly well supplied w'th cars and the loss of time has not been very great.

Prof. Webster, phrenologist of Regina, Sask., has been in town for a few days and is giving people an opportunity to know if they have missed their calling. The professor is picking up considerable business.

The Coleman hockey club are advertising a smoker to be held in the opera house on January 23. An attractive program has been prepared.

The Coleman Recreation and Debating club which held forth at the club rooms every Tuesday evening last winter was reorganized on Tuesday night.

BAYNES

Mr. S. Morrow drove ot Elko Sunday.

Mr. Hobbins took dinner with D. W. Hart's on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lurges have moved into their new house on Kootonia tracts.

Mr. J. E. Young is preparing to move into his new house just completed.

The sleighing is good at Baynes now and from the way the logs are rolling in we judge that the milling prospects will be good for next season.

Dr. Routledge, V. S., of Cranbrook, made a professional call at Mr. Griffith's on Monday, to treat on of Mr. Griffith's pacers.

Dr. Routledge, as well as others, fell in love with our country, and expects to return soon to look over the land.

There were regular services at Baynes Sunday afternoon and Rev. Hobbins took a topic instead of text. His topic was the New Year. He spoke in part of the good resolutions of the New Year, that it was not only the making of such resolutions but that they must be kept. He dwelt on the importance of our being charitable in our criticism of others, and all those who heard the talk thoroughly enjoyed it. The discourse showed that Mr. Hobbins is not one of the narrow minded class, but his sermons can be listened to with benefit to all.

Mrs. David Hart received a Christmas letter fro Miss M. E. Robertson of Hertford, England where she has charge of a seminary. Miss Robertson spent last summer in our vicinity and writes "I cannot tell you how often I think of my happy days in British Columbia. I have laid up a store of vivid and delightful memories which are a constant solace. I remember with particular pleasure the delightful Sunday we spent with you—the flowers and the beautiful view of the mountains."

The Fortnightly Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Hart on Friday night, and although the night was cold there was an enthusiastic assembly, one of the young men walking four miles to be present. This is the kind of energetic spirit we need to make a success of our work. The program was a very interesting and entertaining one. The first number, an instrumental solo by Miss Adolph, was a real musical treat, and Mr. Howard's selection "Pigs is Pigs" brought peals of laughter from the whole company.

Mr. Lamb's rceitation, "The Fireman's Wedding" was also highly appreciated.

The next meeting of the club will be on January 22 with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. H. Stanley.

At the last meeting of the Laborers Protective union No. 12667 the following officers weer elected for the incoming year:

President: Samuel Hartley.
Vice president: Joseph Hartley.
Secretary treasurer: William Garbutt.
Recording secretary:— Frank Adams.
Warden: Geo. Curdy.
Guide: Sidney Hume.
Trustess:
James Longden.
Joseph Boulton
Charles Aushin.

FERNIE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1908

RECEIPTS—	
Membership fees and dues	$ 35.60
Nurse's fees	161.00
Proceeds of Easter Ball (net profit $197.05)	268.55
DONATIONS	
Mrs. Mutz's daughters	2.00
Proceeds base ball game, fat men vs. lean	77.80
Amateur Dramatic club	135.25
Fernie District Fire Relief Fund	30.00
Collected by Mrs. Macoun, Carman, Man.	63.80
Sundries	2.60
	$776.60
Balance forward from 31st December, 1907	$183.30
	$959.90
DISBURSEMENTS—	
Nurse's salary, board, etc	$361.95
Nurse's expenses for supplies, etc.	56.00
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Drugs	10.40
Furniture bought	29.00
Board paid	19.35
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Freight and cartage	9.25
Typewriting	2.00
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THE COMPENSATION ACT IN ALBERTA

COAL OPERATORS AND BUILDERS ASK GOVERNMENT TO REPEAL IT

Edmonton, Jan. 10.—A deputation composed of the coal mine operators lumber merchants, millers and manufacturers of Edmonton waited on the Alberta government at the parliament buildings to ask for the repeal of the Workmen's Compensation act which was passed at the last session of the Legislature in the interests of the workingmen of Alberta.

"The Workmen's Compensation Act is a bit of class legislation which favors the labor employees and is unfair to the employers," said George S. Montgomery of the Alberta Coal Company.

"In what respect do you consider the act a detriment to your interests as a coal mine operator?" Mr. Montgomery was asked.

"It entirely upsets the principle of insurance of our men. The amount of insurance which we can carry on our employees is limited to $10,000, and no man can be insured for more than $1500. You will see that this is not adequate, because according to the act the death of one man through accident calls for an employers liability of $1,800. If ten men lose their lives in a mining disaster the mine owner is liable for $18,000, and yet he cannot get insurance on his men for more than $10,000. Before the operation of the act the insurance rate charged by the companies was 84 cents per $100 of the miners pay roll. On January 1st 1909, the rate was increased to $3.02 per $100. The insurance companies think that the risk which they carry is increased in that proportion.

LINCOLN ON LABOR

(By Rev. George W. Slater.)

As Socialism stands for the good of the working people through which good it is hoped to better all, it doubtless will be interesting to know in this day what Lincoln thought on the Labor question:

On December 3, 1861, in his annual message to the Congress he said as follows:

"In my present position, I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning note against this approach of returning despotism * * It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with, if not above, labor, in the structure of government. It is assured that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital, somehow by the use of it induces him to labor. * * * Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior to capital and deserves the higher consideration."

On February 12, 1861 he said:

"The working men are the basis of all government for the plain reason that they are the more numerous * * I will simply say that I am for those means which will give the greatest good to the greatest number * * * * I am in favor of cutting up the wild lands into parcels so that every poor man may have a home."

On July 1, 1854, he said:

"As labor is the common burden of our race, so the effort of some to shift their share of the burden on the shoulders of others is the great durable curse of the race.

Labor is the great source from which nearly all, if not all, human comforts and necessities are drawn."

DECLARED A DIVIDEND

Advices from Wallace, Idaho, are to the effect that on the 19th instant the Hecla mining company at Burke declared regular dividend No. 66 for December. Stockholders will receive three cents a share, or $30,000. This make sa total distribution of profits to date of $1,710,000. Not a month was skipped in 1908 in making payments, although the amounts were reduced on account of the shut down the first of the year. The total paid out in 1908 was $190,000, as follows:—January to July, inclusive, $10,000 for each month; August $20,000; September $30,000; October and November, $20,000 each; and December $30,000. Several Fernie residents are fortunate enough to be stock holders in this property and it has proved to be an A 1 investment.

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.

HANK'S REPLY.

What the Initials That Expressed His Regrets Meant.

"I never see the letters R.S.V.P.," said the man who looked up from the invitation to a wedding supper which he had just opened, "that I don't think of Hank Skinner, who used to be the village postmaster back in the little burg I was raised in. Hank was a long, lean, lank individual with sad eyes and a moustache that drooped in melancholy. Hank was regarded as a very serious person, but after a certain incident in Hank's career in which the letters R.S.V.P. figured there were those who wondered whether our melancholy postmaster did not have a vein of humor somewhere in his makeup.

"It was a little village built around one of the state's colleges. Everybody in it knew everybody else, and when it happened that one of the professors gave a function the entire population was invited. Well, one of the professors gave an affair once upon a time and duly sent to Hank an invitation on which the usual letters, R.S.V.P., appeared. A day or two later the professor received through the mail a card on which was written in a scrawly hand:

HANK SKINNER,
H. H. N. C.

"The professor was nonplused. He was unable to determine whether by these mystic letters Hank meant to accept or decline, so the next time he called for his mail he approached Hank, exhibited the card and stated he couldn't understand what the letters H.H.N.C. stood for and would Mr. Skinner please pardon his stupidity and explain.

"Hank for reply spat out his chew of tobacco and withdrew from his pocket the professor's invitation.

"'Waal, now, p'fesser,' said Hank, 'before I answer your question, beggin' your pardon, will you kindly tell me whut them air letters R.S.V.P stands fer?'

"The professor smiled kindly.

"'Why, R.S.V.P. means "Respondez s'il vous plait," which is French for "Answer if your please." We put that on our invitations so that we might know whom to expect, you understand.'

"'Aw shucks,' said Hank shamefacedly. 'I axed a galoot whut them letters R.S.V.P. stood fer, and the son of a gun told me that they was put there because the space on the paper had run out and that they meant, "Right Smart Victuals Prepared." Now, I'm sorry, p'fesser, that I can't come to your party, so I axed this same fool what must I do. He told me to mail you my cyard, which would mean "regrets." Waal, after I had writ my name down I didn't have much space left on the cyard, so I jest put underneath, "H. H.N.C." It means "Hank has no clothes!"'"

The Prodigal's Return.

The prodigal son approached the ancestral homestead with a considerable degree of pleasurable anticipation, only to be met afar off by his elder brother, who straightway lifted up his voice, saying:

"Our beloved father begs me to inform you that, owing to the fact that he has but recently been invaded by a prodigal daughter and her titled and impoverished husband, he does not at this time feel equal to the task of providing for you the reception you doubtless expect and probably deserve. However, he bids me request you to repair to one of the plain but serviceable restaurants in the village and there sojourn until he can get the present incubuses, or incubi, as the case may be, off his hands, when, if there is anything left of the fatted calf and other comestibles, he will be delighted to share the same with you."

Laughing Plant of Arabia.

The seeds of the laughing plant of Arabia produce the same effect upon persons as laughing gas. The plant attains a height of from two to four feet, with woody stems, widespreading branches and bright green foliage. Its fruits are produced in clusters and are of a yellow color. The seed pods are soft and woolly in texture and contain two or three black seeds of the size of a Brazilian bean. Their flavor is a little like opium, and their taste is sweet. The odor from them produces a sickening sensation and is slightly offensive. The seeds, when pulverized and taken in small quantities, have a peculiar effect upon man. He begins to laugh loudly, boisterously. Then he sings, dances and cuts all manner of fantastic capers. Such extravagance of gait and manners was never produced by any other kind of dosing.

What He Felt Like.

It was the first time he had sung in an Episcopal choir, and he felt strangely out of place in the vestments he wore. The other choristers looked comfortable enough, but the new one was sure he would trip on the skirts of the cassock when he went up the chancel steps, and he knew that if he did not stop perspiring his clean linen cotta would be sadly mussed. The opening prayer had been intoned by the rector and the singers were in line waiting for the introduction to the processional to be played when one of the basses whispered in the new man's ear:

"You're a tenor, aren't you?"

"I suppose so," he replied, "but I feel like a two spot."

Protection of Steel.

A process for protecting iron and steel from rust has been invented and patented by T. W. Coslett of Temple Row, Birmingham, England. This consists in immersing the article in a hot phosphorized solution containing an iron compound. The surface of the iron is converted into a mixture of ferrous and ferric phosphates and presents a pleasing dull black appearance. This process makes the iron highly resistent to corrosion and is being applied to all kinds of light engineering work, such as cycle frames, gun barrels, stampings and press work.

Skilled.

"How did you acquire such skill?" asked the inquisitive one of the clever juggler.

"Why, I have a natural talent—hereditary, I might say. My father used to eat peas with a knife."

Just a Change.

"Poor man! Have you always been blind?"

"No, mum," answered Fired Fifi unthinkingly. "Last week I was lame, but dere wuzn't [illegible] in it."

PREACHER SAYS HE COMMITTED MURDER

But Acted in Self Defence—Was More Likely Crazy

Carthage, Ill., Jan. 11.—Rev. J. R. Carmichael, before suiciding made a complete confession of the murder of Gideon Browning near Port Huron, Mich., in letters to several people.

The preacher left a letter to the sheriff at Adair, Mich., giving details of the murder, the dismembering and incineration of Browning and attributed the act to self defence and moral cowardice because of the hypnotic influences which Browning, an illiterate carpenter had thrown over him. While the confession of the clergyman is long, and in some points minute, it leaves many questions in regard to the tragedy unsolved.

Admitting that the statements of the murderer are true, some parts of the letter tend to cause the impression that the confession is really the production of an unsound and unsettled mind.

The preacher does not explain how he and Browning came to go to the Rattle Run church or why both seem bent on keeping their presence secret except to say that Browning wanted the minister to officiate at Browning's wedding that night.

FIRE IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 12—Five stores damaged and a loss estimated at more than $20,000 resulted from a fire that broke out last night in the dry goods establishment of E. Bourdeau. About one half the loss is covered by insurance.

COLLISION AT SEA

Singapore, Jan. 12—The French liner Palynesien ran down and sank the Dutch steamer Djamdi at the wharf here.

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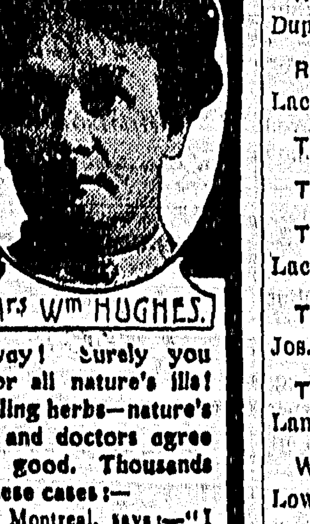

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Bad as this case was, Zam-Buk triumphed, and Mrs. Hughes suffers no longer.

Mrs. R. Boxall, of Scott Street, St. Thomas, says:—"For months without cessation I endured great pain from bleeding piles. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, dispirited and still suffering I gave in."

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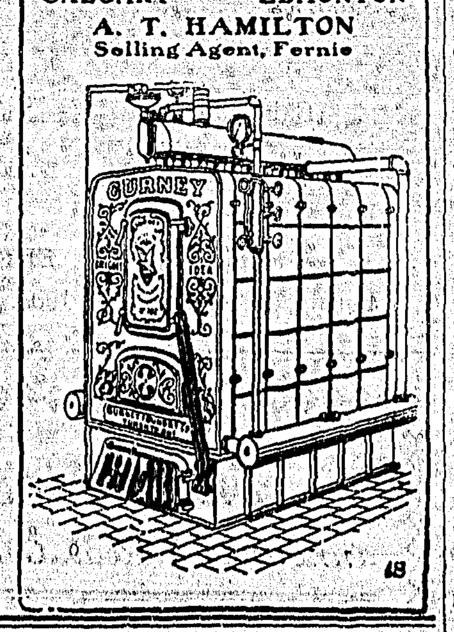

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periences which had so severely tried Elspeth's nerves. It would be hers but for a fortnight longer. She must go, and she did not know where.

How she had admired this room a week ago, and how proud she had been of it! How she had enjoyed the thought of all the nice books whose gilded covers winked at her from behind glass doors. How her courage had risen to the task of finding a solution for all the mysteries unassisted by any one. Now she would go away and never know the explanation.

Worst of all, what would Mr. Kenrith think when he heard, perhaps from Mr. McGowan, that she had behaved so foolishly that she had been asked to resign.

She had not dared let herself dwell upon this thought before, but now it overwhelmed her, and the long restrained torrent of her tears burst forth. She could eat no dinner, nor could she sleep that night, though she was undisturbed by any influence outside her own mind.

Her head ached when she rose in the morning, and she was glad to hear the knock which told her that the servant had arrived with tea and breakfast. She was not hungry, but the tea would do her good, she thought.

The man came in and placed the tray on the table, but having done so, he lingered. "There's been a terrible thing happened in the night, miss," said he, with that unctuous enjoyment of the sensational so often seen among persons of his class. "Lady Ardcliffe and Countess Radepolskoi have both been robbed of all their jewels."

C.D.A.

Elspeth stood still, watching.

CHAPTER XII.

Had Elspeth herself been in the plot and learned thus suddenly of its discovery she could hardly have been more startled than she was by the news of the robbery.

Yesterday Mr. Kenrith had lost his jewels in the most mysterious circumstances; and now Lady Ardcliffe and Countess Rodepolskoi had been robbed. It was at least a strange coincidence that these events had followed so quickly one upon the other.

Elspeth felt as if she were groping in the dark for a master key which could open all doors and lead her at length into the hidden place where the secret of these mysteries lay. It was as if she caught a glimpse of that key, shining through the twilight, and then, just as she put out her hand, it vanished again.

The servant could embroider his story with very few details. He knew only that the robbery had not been discovered until morning. The maid of the Countess and the maid of Lady Ardcliffe had given the alarm, and it was said that the two ladies must have been chloroformed, as the atmosphere of their rooms was still heavy with the drug.

When Elspeth discovered that the man had little real information, she did not encourage him to stay and gossip, but hurried through her breakfast, and went out to learn what he could for herself.

She was scarcely surprised to see Lady Ardcliffe and the Countess both in the great hall, talking earnestly to Mr. McGowan. No one else had appeared as yet, for it was very early, and there had scarcely been time for the exciting news of the robbery to spread through the hotel.

Elspeth had to pass near the group, on her way to the manager's room, and the three were so deeply absorbed in their conversation that they neither heard nor saw the young typist. She had no intention of eavesdropping, but some words uttered by Mr. McGowan reached her ears, and startled her so much that it was all she could do to suppress a cry of distress.

"I do beg that you will help me to avoid a scandal," the manager was saying. "If you publicly accuse Lady Hilary"——

He lowered his voice, and Elspeth heard no more; but it was enough. A glance at the Countess's hard, handsome face showed her that it would take persuasions more powerful than Mr. McGowan's to induce her to relinquish so choice a revenge. Both women hated Lady Hilary Vane, and though it was impossible — Elspeth told herself—that she could be guilty, circumstantial evidence must somehow point to her as the thief, or they would not dare threaten to accuse her.

Elspeth grew cold with fear at the sight of the pitfall prepared for her friend by these two jealous women. Even if Lady Hilary could prove her innocence, she would be made to suffer, and Elspeth could not bear that it should be so. How could she save the poor child? She asked herself.

Then, suddenly, she thought of Trowbridge and his passion for Lady Hilary Vane. From it had sprung the *malice of these who would ruin* the girl; but through it she might it be rescued.

There was not a second to spare, if Mr. Trowbridge were to be summoned to this task; and without an instant's hesitation Elspeth sped through corridor after corridor on her way to his sitting room. She had not had time to knock at the door, when it opened and he came out. "Miss Dean!" he exclaimed in surprise at the sight of her flushed face.

"I've come to ask you to save Lady Hilary," she burst out abruptly.

"Save Lady Hilary?" No one who saw him then could have doubted the sincerity of his love.

"From Lady Ardcliffe and the Countess," Elspeth went on, breathlessly. "All their jewels have been stolen in the night. For some reason or other they suspect Lady Hilary and are going to accuse her as a thief. They hate her, you know. They are downstairs in the great hall now, talking to Mr. McGowan, who is trying to dissuade them; but I know he cannot. You, perhaps, may. I think it's the only hope. Oh, do make haste. If Lady Hilary should come down, as she generally does about this time, there will be a horrible scene, unless you prevent it"——

The look on his face frightened Elspeth. "I will prevent it," he said. "Go to her. Keep her in her room if you can. Make any excuse. Give me a little time, that's all I ask."

Then he was gone, and Elspeth did not stop to look after him. She flew off in the opposite direction, which was that of Lady Hilary's room, but she had not gone far when she saw the girl approaching with her mother.

Elspeth paused, bewildered. What could she do now? After the miserable scene yesterday, when Lady Lambart had done what she could to ruin her, how would it be possible to accost the ladies and prevent them from going downstairs? Yet somehow the object must be accomplished.

Lady Lambart saw her from afar off. Elspeth could see the handsome face freeze into haughtiness. Though she could not hear the words, she knew that Lady Lambart was forbidding her daughter to speak in passing, and it did flash through Elspeth's head that, if she were revengeful, she could satisfy all cravings by letting the two go on to their fate. But at this moment she would not only have sacrificed a thousand revenges, but her hopes for her own future happiness, to save Hilary Vane, and careless of consequences to herself, she stepped forward, saying, "Don't go downstairs just yet, I beg, Lady Hilary. I can't tell you why, but—but if you'll wait—if you'll breakfast in your room, I hope you may save yourself and—Lady Lambart—a very disagreeable experience."

Elspeth expected an insulting answer from Lady Lambart, but, to her surprise, none came. Mother and daughter stopped abruptly, the girl turning pale, the woman flushing scarlet under her rouge and powder.

"Oh, mother," exclaimed Hilary. "It has come."

Instantly Elspeth guessed the thought in their minds. She remembered the words she had overheard yesterday, when Lady Lambart had said to her daughter that "to-morrow a summons would be served." They thought now that this dreaded thing had happened, and that, if they obeyed the warning she had given, they might somehow hide from disaster. Elspeth decided that, for Lady Hilary's sake, the best thing she could do would be to let the impression remain undisturbed for the present.

"I told you what would happen but I didn't know it would come quite so soon," half whispered Lady Lambart. "Now, will you be sensible and save us both in the only way you can? It isn't too late yet."

"I must—I see now that I must," said Lady Hilary. "If I could see him, I would say"——

"You can't see him now. You must write a note, and quickly," replied Lady Lambart, in the same low tone she had used before.

Hilary turned to Elspeth. "Miss Dean, will you come to my door for one moment, while I write a line, and then—as a great favor to me—take it immediately to the person it is intended for?"

As her daughter made this request without waiting for an answer in the affirmative, Lady Lambart turned and walked rapidly ahead of the others, in the direction of her own room.

Elspeth read her thought accurately and scornfully. In spite of her cruelty the day before, she was willing that its victim should be made use of, though she would not seem to notice the girl she had so deeply injured.

Hilary and Elspeth walked together along the corridor, but the one was too miserable, the other too anxious, to speak.

"Come in and wait," the former said when they had reached her room. "Sit down a minute, and the note will be ready."

Elspeth knew without asking what the note would be, and she was sick at heart. The door was open between this room and the adjoining one, where Lady Lambart could be heard moving restlessly about, therefore she dared not cry out as she longed to do. "Don't write to Mr. Trowbridge that you'll marry him. Perhaps it won't be necessary. Perhaps you may be saved in some other way."

Lady Hilary seated herself at a small writing desk in the window and began to write. As she did so Elspeth watched her wistfully, when suddenly with a start, her gaze focussed on something bright which sparkled in a lace frill of Hilary's dress. Quickly she took a step forward and bent down to see what it was which had caught her attention. Then she could hardly keep back a cry of astonishment, for tangled in the lace was a ruby and diamond hoop earring, which she had often seen the Countess Radepolskoi wearing.

For a second or two an odd giddiness came over Elspeth, but it was gone as soon almost as it had come, and she felt cold and calm, as if in the face of a great danger requiring all her reserve force and presence of mind.

"Look, Lady Hilary," she said, drawing no nearer, lest Lady Lambart should enter, "look at that thing caught in your frill. How very odd that it should be there."

Surprised, the girl stopped in the midst of her note, and following with her eyes the direction of Elspeth's pointing finger. "Why, that's an earring of Countess Radepolskoi's," she exclaimed. "How could it have got caught in my dress?"

"The Countess was wearing those earrings yesterday afternoon," said Elspeth.

"Yes, I remember. But I didn't have on this dress."

"Where was it?" Elspeth asked.

"Hanging up in the wardrobe. It was taken out only this morning. How queer it is. I must give the Countess her earring when I—when I see her. If she has missed it, she must be anxious, and I"——

"I'll see that it's properly disposed of, if you like," replied Elspeth, with a diplomatic meaning which seemed to convey nothing mysterious to the other's mind.

"Thank you," said Hilary. "That will be better, as—as I mayn't be going down for some time. Please explain to her how we found the earring, and perhaps in some way she may be able to clear up the mystery."

Elspeth did not answer; but Hilary, taking it for granted that she acquiesced, went on with her writing, instead of making the request again.

A moment later, she had finished her note, which consisted of but a few lines, and had given it to Elspeth. At the same time she put the Countess's ruby earring into her hand.

"You know what to do with both of these," Hilary said wearily.

"Quite," replied Elspeth. "You may depend on me." Then, at the door she turned, and said, "Lady Hilary, do you lock yourself in at night?"

"No, not always. Why do you ask?" returned the other girl.

Elspeth was slightly confused. "The—the key looks bent," she said. "I thought you ought perhaps to speak to Mr. McGowan about it. In a huge place like this, with so many strangers about, it isn't safe not to lock one's door at night."

Lady Hilary smiled bitterly. "I have nothing of value for anybody to steal," she said. "It's true the key is a little bent. I don't know how it happened, but it must have had a knock. I dare say the maid could tell how, if she would—but no servant will ever confess an awkwardness, if she can help it. I only know it's been like that for a day or two, and that the key won't turn properly. But it really doesn't matter for such a poor person as myself. With Countess Radepolskoi or with Lady Ardcliffe it would be different."

Elspeth felt herself blushing. Had Lady Hilary heard the story of the robbery yet, or had she not? The girl dared not ask, but went away, with much food for thought in her mind, and the note, and the ruby earring in her hand.

As soon as she was out of the room, and shut the door, however, she slipped the earring into her pocket.

She believed that there was a plot against Lady Hilary, and that Providence had sent her at the right moment to frustrate it.

"If they have other proofs against her, they've made them, as they tried to make this," she said to herself. "But is this only a part of some great scheme, or is it the whole? It's time I set myself to find out, and I will. There may be some work for me to do here before I go, for which I was never engaged, and will never be paid—except by success. If they have detectives to help them—those people who wish Lady Hilary harm—they will have one against them, too. And, oh, how hard that detective will try to beat the others."

Strange thoughts floated in Elspeth's brain. She began to weave them together, and her pulses beat with the weaving.

"What shall I do with this note?" she asked herself. "If I'd dared to tell Lady Hilary she was wrong—that no man had come with a summons—would she have wished to take extreme steps? Shall I wait before handing the note to Mr. Trowbridge, and give fate a chance? I could explain to her that I had delayed a little. I can't see how it can do harm, as he is trying to work in her interest at this very minute, without knowing that he's to have a reward—a reward a thousand times greater than he has deserved. Oh, I will wait, whatever happens."

By the time she had decided upon her course she was back again in the great hall. A quick glance showed her that neither the Countess nor Lady Ardcliffe was there, but Mr. Trowbridge, who had evidently been expecting her return, came forward to meet her.

"I think that Lady Hilary will be safe from annoyance now," he said; and Elspeth saw that he was very pale.

"You persuaded them both to do nothing?" she asked.

"I have persuaded the Countess; and so far as I can make out, Lady Ardcliffe relied for proofs upon the Countess. Without her, she's harmless, except for spiteful gossip, perhaps."

"You're sure the Countess won't help her in some secret way?"

"I am sure," said Trowbridge grimly.

Elspeth was assured; but not comfortable. "They had told Mr. McGowan their suspicions, you know," she reminded him.

"Yes, but I have spoken with Mr. McGowan. I told him that the Countess Radepolskoi didn't intend, after all, to drag Lady Hilary's name into the affair; that she had come to see, on second thought, that she must have been mistaken in her suspicions. I said that there were no proofs at all against Lady Hilary, and that, if Lady Ardcliffe persisted in her accusations, he would bitterly regret afterward having paid any attention to them."

"I'm sure it must have been a relief to him to hear that."

"I think it was."

"But I suppose there's already a detective in the house, or soon will be. Suppose that Lady Ardcliffe should direct his attention to Lady Hilary"——

"She won't do that at present. Lady Hilary is safe enough from her for a few days. By and by it may be different, but then, I hope, the real thief may have been discovered; or at worst, nothing can be proved against Lady Hilary unless these women have plotted against her more cleverly than I think."

Elspeth reflected for a moment and

(To be continued.)

Silence!

The instinct of modesty natural to every woman is often a great hindrance to the cure of womanly diseases. Women shrink from the personal questions of the local physician which seem indelicate. The thought of examination is abhorrent to them, and so they endure in silence a condition of disease which surely progresses from bad to worse.

It has been Dr. Pierce's privilege to cure a great many women who have found a refuge for modesty in his offer of FREE consultation by letter. All correspondence is held as sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard gauge from a point on the international boundary line between British Columbia and the United States in East Kootenay, where the said boundary is intersected by the Flathead River; thence northerly by the most feasible and practicable route following the Flathead River and to the boundary between British Columbia and the Province of Alberta where the said boundary is intersected by the North Kootenay Pass, with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point on the proposed line or lines not exceeding in any one case fifty (50) miles in length and with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves, and docks in connection therewith, and to construct, acquire, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same in any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of the said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith; and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor; and to acquire and receive from the government, corporations or persons grants of land, rights-of-way, money bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaing with power to use, own and operate, water power convenient to the road for railway and other purposes, and to exercise such powers as are granted by parts IV and V of the "Water Courses Consolidation Act" and to connect and enter into traffic or other arrangements with railways, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1908.

Wilson, Senkler & Bloomfield.
Solicitors for the Applicants.
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MAIL CONTRACT

Sealed tenders addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday the 15th of January 1909, for the conveyance of his Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week, each way between Coal Creek and Fernie from the 1st of April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to the conditions of proposed contract may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the post offices of Coal Creek and Fernie and at the office of the post office inspector.

D. A. BRUCE,
Post Office Inspector

Post Office Inspector's office, Calgary, Dec. 4, 1908. Jan. 16

NOTICE.

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

Roderick James MacDonald
Elko B.C.

Dated this 19th day of Dec. 1908.

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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.

A SCIENTIFIC WONDER

THE SECRET OF A FAMOUS HEALING BALM

The re-discovery of a sacret that has lain hidden in the dust of twenty centuries is an event full of fascinating interest, and the story of Zam-Buk, the world famed first aid and skin-cure will always enlist attention. Zam-Buk is the vital descendant of those mysterious herbal balms by the use of which the manly athletes of Ancient Greece and the stalwart gladiators of Rome ensured the healthiness and ready healing of their skin.

Many are the attempts that were made to produce a perfect balm for the skin but in Zam-Buk has the ideal been realized. Since its discovery Zam-Buk has been welcomed in mansion and cottage and the people of two hemispheres realized that they have been placed in possession of an absolutely unique cure for skin complaints.

The reasons for this triumph of science are simple and few. Taking a lesson from the Ancients, the proprietors of Zam-Buk first of all wisely decided that the ideal balm must be purely herbal and contain not even the slightest trace of rancid animal fats or poisonous minerals. Thus Zam-Buk is made solely from rich and pure essences obtained from certain medicinal herbs. These juices and extracts are prepared and refined by ingenious scientific processes, and then so skilfully blended that a unique effective and yet perfectly natural preparation for dispelling skin disease is secured.

Zam-Buk has an affinity for the human skin such as no ordinary ointment or liniment can possible possess. Besides soothing pain and allaying irritation it possesses unique antiseptic and germicidal qualities which virtually chase disease germs out of the skin tissues; at the same time it purifies the pores and invigorates the natural functions of the skin in a way that no other preparation can.

Zam-Buk solves in a perfect manner the problem of always having handy at home or at one's work an ever-ready and reliable first aid for cuts, burns, scalds, bruises, lacerations, etc. Zam-Buk is without equal for eczema, ulcers, piles, bad leg, ringworm, scalp sores, festering sores, sprains, stiffness, poisoned wounds and face sores, chafing, chapped hands, cold sores, frost bites, sore feet, diseased ankles, an dall itching, irritation and inflammation.

Zam-Buk is a daily need in every household and is sold by all druggists and stores at fifty cents a box. Refuse harmful and dangerous substitutes sometimes "pushed" as being "just as good."

GO UP HEAD JOHNNY

Once upon a time an inspector was examining a very youthful class of Scotch boys, and among other subjects he requested the teacher to ask his pupils a few questions in nature knowledge. Desiring her class to do her honor she decided upon a very simple subject, chickens.

"Now children," she said, "I want you to tell me something very wonderful about chickens."

"How they get out from the shells," responded one little fellow in the back seat.

"Well," said the teacher, "that is wonderful, but I want you to tell me something more wonderful."

There was silence for a few seconds. Then up spoke little Johnny: "Please, ma'am, it's mair wonderful hoo they ever got intae their shells!"

EARTHQUAKE AT THE COAST

Is Felt in all the Cities--Bad Scare for Some People

Victoria, Jan. 11—Some excitement was occasioned here by a slight shock which was generally felt over the south end of Vancouver. No damage was occasioned with the exception of the breaking of some crockery in a few homes.

Vancouver, Jan. 11—At 3.52 this afternoon a distinct shock was felt in Vancouver and immediately thereafter, flash messages from Victoria and Seattle and other points came in reporting similar shocks.

The first shock was distinct and sharp and was followed by heaving motions, the whole lasting from fifteen to twenty seconds. In some parts of the city on the higher levels the shock was more pronounced and caused the people to leave their homes in alarm.

No damage was reported but residents in various parts of the city report the moving of furniture and a distinct personal effect.

Nanaimo, aJn. 11—A slight quake shock was felt here at 3.55 p.m. today. No damage was done.

COAL PRICES SOARING

Edmonton, Jan. 9—Coal is up to $4 on the market to-day. The reason given for this is that the cold weather has increased the demand for coal, and at the same time it has decreased the production from the mines.

The Workmen's Compensation act, which went into force on January 1st, requires that all mines have air shafts and some that have not have had to close down.

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

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

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.

Good Beef Good Blood; Good Blood Good Health; see the 41.

J. R. Pollock is in Portland on a business trip.

Rochon, that's all—the Candy King

The ballot will have its crosses to bear to-morrow.

Pat Miller is away in Spokane on a short vacation.

R. W. Wood was in Coleman last week on business.

Mrs. Young of Howland avenue is on a visit to friends in Spokane.

Mr. John Lundie is not improving as fast as his friends would wish.

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

Miss Marion Corsan left on Sunday night for Calgary, to attend school.

G. G. S. Lindsey, president of the C. N. P. Coal Company was in Michel on Wednesday.

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

President F. H. Sherman arrived in town yesterday morning. He will leave on Monday to attend the convention of the W. F. M.

Rev. I. W. Williamson left on the Flyer for Vancouver to bring back Mrs. Williamson and family.

Sec.-Treas. A. J. Carter arrived in town yesterday morning. Mr. Carter left the same evening to attend the U. M. W. of A. convention at Indianapolis.

If we were asked who was the finest man in Fernie, who do you suppose we would say? Why George Dorenbecker, of course.

Did you visit the 41 Meat Market yet? If not, why not?

Bobbie Burns anniversary will be celebrated in true Scotch style in Hosmer on the 25th inst., by way of a banquet and a Scotch dance.

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 members of the local lodge I. O. O. F. are meeting this evening in their new lodge rooms in the Pythian hall. Degrees will be conferred and officers elected.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited to advise your friends to get the best of meats by buying at the 41 Meat Market Limited.

We read from the columns of a "Bruce" paper that last week several farmers were plowing. That's nothing—we have been plowing through snow and slush for two months past.

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

Mr. Pat Kennedy has been sent to Vancouver to lay before the Catholic administrator that Father McCullogh having been instrumental in doing so much good, they want him to remain here.

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

Fire broke out in one of the Chinese laundries at Coal Creek at 9 o'clock on Monday morning and in spite of the strenuous efforts of the local brigade the building was burned to the ground.

Ingram's Cigar Store contains all the best brands of tobaccos and cigars.

Invitations are out for a banquet under the auspices of the Local Brotherhood of Teamsters to take place in Bruces hall. This promises to be the event of the season and is announced for Tuesday next the 19th.

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.

Beef, mutton, lamb, veal, pork etc., only of the very best to be had at the 41.

The Rev. A. B. N. Crowther, church of England clergyman for Hosmer and Michel arrived on Saturday from the diocese of Qu' Appelle. The Rev. Crowther is from Oxford university, and holds an M. A., which should be a strong enough recommendation to the people of Hosmer and Michel.

A very serious railway accident which resulted in the loss of two lives occurred at Sidewood, Alta., on Wednesday evening. A way-freight train proceeding along the main line ran into the rear end of a train containing silk, resulting in the death of Fireman King and Brakeman Porter, both of the way freight, and in the injury of the conductor of the silk train.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Connell and Houlahan are a pretty hard pair to beat at electioneering.

The baths in connection with the Club Cigar Store Barber shop are a great convenience to the public.

Mr. H. Douglas of the C. P. R. freight department of Fernie goes to Winnipeg on the 19th inst. for about two weeks vacation.

Mrs. (Rev.) Wilkinson and baby, accompanied by Miss Moutray, are leaving next week for Kingston, Ont., to spend the balance of the winter.

It's not how cheap but how good—41.

The annual Sunday school entertainment and tea of the Church of England will be held this Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 in Bruce's hall.

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

At Washington, before the Ways and Means Committee of the 60th Congress of the United States, "Salada" Tea was spoken of as the "King of Teas."

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

Messrs. Whimster, Ross and Keeley are going to hold another informal dance on Thusrday, January, 21st in Bruce's Hall. Standing invitations have already been sent out.

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

Along the Kenebec Co. returns to play The Convict's Daughter at the Bruce Opera House on Saturday night This is one of the best plays ever written and is handled by an able Co. of artists, assuring every one a good time.

Bills are out announcing a tea and concert in Bruces' hall on January 27 by the Socialist party of Fernie. This is bound to be a good affair and will no doubt be well patronized. The tickets can be had from any member of the party.

The Bowling Alley and American billiard table are doing a great stroke of business these times Call up and watch them bowl.

The hospital has been completed, and opened its doors for patients last week. It is now one of the most up to date and best equipper in the interior of British Columbia. Two new nurses arrived on Saturday from Winnipeg to accept positions on the staff.

The following were awarded prizes at the carnival last night:
Best dressed lady: Mrs. Crawford.
Best dressed gent: Mr. Bell.
Best dressed girl: Miss A. Andrews.
Best dressed boy: Billy Ross.
Best comic: W. S. Stanley.
Mrs. N. E. Broley was the judge.

The "41" Meat Market is the latest business enterprise to enter the field of commercialism in Fernie. The new firm aer doing business in Lockhart & Gillespie's old stand, and carry a full supply of fresh and salt meats as well as produce. Their ad appears on another page.

The Ladies Benevolent Association present their financial statement in this issue. This is a really good showing. This organization does more charitable work than many people understand, and should receive the very hearty support of the citizens in general. The ladies are a little short of money at present and when they call upon you unloose your purse strings.

Pasta's opera house opened to the public for the first time last night with moving pictures. This latest addition to Fernie play houses is well accommodated, and is provided with every convenience including a steam heating plant and its own electric lighting plant. Mr. Pasta promises to provide the citizens with the very best attractions.

Word was received in the city this week announcing the death of Pearson Elliott, at Spence's Bridge, B. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Elliott, at one time well known residents of Fernie. The young man was in poor health for some time, and although the end came not unexpectedly his demise will be greatly felt by the family. Interment was made in Vancouver.

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

Three drivers of the P. Burns Co. had a close call from death on Tuesday night by asphyxiation. It appears that they had set up an open stove in the stable over which they slept, and the escaping gas poured into their bedroom all night with disastrous effect. When the men did not turn up at the usual hour in the morning an investigation was held and they were found unconscious in their beds. They are now none the worse for their experience.

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

$60,000 FIRE AT TABER

Business Section of Thriving Town Almost Wiped Out. List of Losses

Taber, Jan. 9—This town thought the destruction of its business section was certain at 8 o'clock last night, when a fire which began in the basement of the Taber Trading Co. store promised to wipe out that part of this thriving town.

Fate and the magnificent work of the men of the town ruled otherwise, and the fire was confined to the Taber Trading company and the Douglas stone block.

The fire originated in the basement of the Trading Co. store, and the cause is believed to have been from an overheated furnace. The alarm was sounded about eight o'clock by a number of children who espied the flames in the basement. Soon the town's fire equipment and a big crowd were on hand but the engines would not work satisfactorily and by the time the volunteers were thoroughly organized, the Douglas block, which was looked upon as fireproof, had taken fire, and all efforts were directed toward preventing the spread to other buildings. The men used chemical hose for a time and then formed a bucket brigade hauling the pails of water by means of a rope to the roof of adjacent buildings. The roof of the Douglas block was forced in so as to confine the fire within the stone walls and that precaution had considerable to do with staying the flames.

All the merchants in the blocks adjoining, Potter-Taylor Co., Campbell and Anderson, Westlake Bros. and R. P. Wallace, barrister, succeeded in removing their stocks, safes and valuables. Fortunately the fire did not spread to the buildings which they occupied.

The Douglas Block and the Taber Trading Co.'s store were completely destroyed, the latter with all its contents.

The Taber Trading Company's establishment was a frame building and was the property of W. W. Douglas, mayor of the town, who also owned the stone block adjacent. The tenants of the Douglas block were:

Post office
Eastern Townships bank
R. P. Wallace, barrister
Knights of Pythias
Monarch Coal Co.

Nearly every article of value including the safe and all letters were removed from the postoffice. Mr Wallace saved practically all of his valuable papers and furniture. It is feared that the Eastern Townships bank is not going to safeguard its contents as this morning smoke was seen escaping from it.

Mr. Douglas is practically the only loser, as he is not only the owner of the two buildings but the Tabor Trading Co. as well.

He estimates his loss at $60,000 and is insured at $38,000. Mr. Douglas intimated that he would likely build in the spring if he found the contents of his safe in good condition so that he could have his insurance adjusted without delay.

The Chinese laundry, Miller's real estate office and Hammer's real estate office were moved away from the fire zone with ropes.

An attempt was made to get a hose attached to a C. P. R. engine but it was found that the hose was not long enough.

If the water carriers had not ceased work for the day the fire might have been confined to the Taber Trading Company building as it was the absence of water that caused the fire to gain such rapid headway.

The electric light system was put out of business owing to the wires being cut off on account of the fire.

Mr. Douglas owns two other buildings and he will be open for business again on Monday.

The post office opened up this afternoon in one of the sample rooms of the Palace hotel.

E. A. Cunnigham came down from Lethbridge on the flyer this morning fearing that the Rogers-Cunningham lumber yard might be in danger of destruction.

Some pilfering is reported to have taken place during the fire and one arrest was made.

Lethbridge Herald: At 9.45 last evening a message was brought to the Council Chamber where the council was in session. It was from Taber, and contained the alarming intelligence that the town was burning. It asked the city to send the fire engine, the firemen, hose wagon and policemen. Immediately Chief Fowler and Supt. Wilson of the Mounted Police were phoned. Inside of ten minutes the drivers had their wagons outside, and several firemen had come. The news spread rapidly over the city, and in a short time quite a crowd had gathered at the station.

By ten o'clock a crew had made up a train, and the proposition of getting the big engine loaded confronted the brigade. After some little delay the engine was gotten up on top of the planks by means of block and tackle. At this critical stage all of the slack was pulled in, and another delay proved too great a strain on the rope and it broke. Everybody gave the engine a clear passage—one man by a very narrow margin—and down it came.

The planks were planed on one side, and this with the snow on them, made them quite slippery. While the front of the engine was not yet to the ground it slipped off the planks, and the fall broke the front axle. More material had to be secured and the axle chained up. Then the derrick was brought up from the yard, and taken back again as it was not suitable.

CANNED GOODS

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

W. J. BLUNDELL
PAY CASH

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

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

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

OBITUARY

It was with deep regret that the many friends of H. G. Lockhart received word on Tuesday of the death of his wife, which sad event took place in Toronto on Monday. Mrs. Lockhart had been an esteemed resident of Fernie for the last five years and only left here on a visit to her parents in Toronto shortly after the fire. Her husband, who had been hastily summoned only reached her bedside a few hours before she died. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to Mr. Lockhart in his terrible bereavement.

NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEES

The following school trustees were elected by acclamation for 1909, and 1910 respectively. G. L. Pedlar 1909, W. R. Campbell 1909-10, G. H. Boulton 1909-10; Robert Dudley 1909; W. S. Stanley, 1909-10.

We trust that these gentlemen will rush matters along and see that proper schooling facilities are immediately available.

COURT NOTES

T. Wilson, who was working in the bush for about two weeks forged some cheques which he succeeded in passing. He was arrested and sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment on Monday.

W. Hammond, proprietor of the Imperial hotel was charged with attempted rape on a Slav girl, but was acquitted owing to lack of evidence.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

What might have been a serious accident took place at Coal Creek on Wednesday afternoon. One of the new air dinkeys and a steam dinkey were coming down from No. 5 mine, the air dinkey being in front, and when turning the corner near where the Chinks laundry was, met a horse pulling a car of rails up to No. 1 Mine. The dinkeys were travelling at a pretty fast rate of speed and crashed into the horse and knocked it completely over, burying it deeply in the snow. The horse had to be dug out and was very badly hurt. The air dinkey sustained serious damage, in fact everything except the boiler was knocked off. The motorman, H. Baker, had a narrow escape, having to jump for his life.

Miss G. Seaton of Calgary is relieving in the C. P. R. local telegraph office this week.

Miss J. Tippings of Coleman is spending the week visiting in Fernie.

The Fernie glee party intend holding a supper and dance at the Northern restaurant on Wednesday next week.

The C. P. R. train service is a little better this week.

D. McNeish has succeeded W. Hammond as the manager of the Imperial hotel.

D. J. Elmer of Moyie was in town on Wednesday.

T. E. Phillips, auditor of the C. P. R. is in town this week checking up local station accounts.

Chief Gook has handed in his resignation to the council.

H. F. Hicks, manager of the Co-operative store has received a cablegram announcing the death of his father at London, Eng.

Five Russians with unpronouncable names left on Wednesday via the C. P. R. for St. Petersburg.

Constable Fred Varlow went over to Nelson on Thursday with Wilson, the man sentenced for forgery.

T. E. Oakley, chief clerk of the C. P. R. freight office spent a few days at Lethbridge this week.

Did you say anything about a snowslide?

Murphy says hauling coal is right in his line—nit.

What do you think of the influx of foreign immigration?

John Harrington was appointed by the Gladstone local to attend the convention of the U. M. W. of A. convention at Indianapolis.

Charles Simister returned from Michel on Friday morning. Mr. Simister has been at Michel since the cold snap looking after the affairs of the company.

The dog races last Saturday afternoon resulted as follows:
David Anderson 1st.
Jimmie White 2nd.
James Larner 3rd.

A derailment took place at Lundbreck, Alta., on Thursday evening, a freight train being delayed five hours. Luckily no one was hurt, traffic being delayed several hours.

The Convict's Daughter will be presented at Bruce's opera house on Saturday night. This is a powerful melodrama full of sensation and will afford opera goers a splendid evening's entertainment.

One of the main air pipes burst, which supplies air to the district known as 47, or the 2nd incline in No. 5 mine on Wednesday morning, necessitating the stopping of that district for two days.

McNAB ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Will Represent Lethbridge Riding in Closing Session

Lethbridge, Alta. Jan. 13—The nomination for by-election to fill vacancy in the representation of Lethbridge in the Alberta Legislature resulted in the return of Donald McNab, Labor candidate, by acclamation. The Liberals and Conservatives will reserve their egorts until the general elections.

The Liberals held a largely attended convention yesterday and decided that a candidate was not advisable, as there remains but one session of the Legislature and the Labor men of the riding were entitled to an acclamation.

While they reached this decision it was decided to prepare for emergencies as Mr. W. B. Ives had announced himself as a candidate. The announcement was regarded as a bluff, although there was no telling what would happen so the convention, while opposing a contest against the Labor man, decided to prepare for Mr. Ives should he be nominated.

Mr. W. A. Buchanan, editor of the Lethbridge Herald was tendered the unanimous nomination but declined on account of business reasons.

Mayor Rivers of Raymond was then proposed and would have been formally placed in the lists had Mr. Ives been proposed.

Favor Telephone Commission

The convention passed a number of resolutions, the most important of which was a declaration that the provincial telephone system should be put in charge of an independent commission.

The resolution was not intended to reflect upon the public works department, but rather declared that as that department had such a tremendous amount of work ahead of it in the construction of roads and bridges that it would be unfair to saddle upon it the telephone system.

Another resolution was a demand that a southern lands title district be created and that the lands title offices be erected in Lethbridge.

ACTIVITY AT TABER

Taber, Jan. 12—S. J. Wing, weighman at the Scranton, Rock Springs, and Central coal mines at Coal City, said to-day that these three mines are now producing on an overage of 60 tons daily.

This morning they will have installed three electrical punching machines and when in thorough running order can produce 200 tons daily.

Mr. W. W. Douglas received this morning a large consignment of fresh groceries, flour and bacon from the firm of Bentley and Co., Lethbridge. His place of business is on Hough St., one block north of his old stand.

The town authorities should see to it at once that a fence is erected around the east and south fronts of the ruins of the late Trading Co.'s store and the Douglas block to prevent relic seekers from instant death. The east stone wall of the Douglas block is in an unsafe and tottering condition. A west wind would surely bring it to the ground.

Coming to See You Again

"Along the Kenebec Co."
in a new play
Bruce's Opera House, Sat. Jany. 16th
The Powerful Melodrama
The
Convict's Daughter
The Grandest Play Ever Written

6 Big Vaudeville Acts 6 Splendid Band & Orchestra

Watch for Street Parade on Day of Show
SEATS ON SALE AT SUDDAYS

Crows Nest Trading Co.
GENERAL MERCHANTS
Fernie's Cheap Cash Store
Victoria Ave. Fernie, B.C.

MAY WE ASK YOU A QUESTION?

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

W. R. McDougall

MUSIC

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

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

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

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

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

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CHOICEST MEATS

of all kinds. We keep a choice selection of hams, Bacon and Lard (the well known Armour Brand) and Fresh Fish daily.

All our Meats are Specially Selected from our own Ranches

Hotels, Boarding Houses and Camps supplied at the lowest possible prices. We respectfully solicit your patronage.

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Always a choice supply of Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, and Lamb on hand. Hams, Bacon, Lard, Butter and Eggs

Our Specialties

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