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That I can buy choice fruit lands with a good water supply, within 30 miles of Fernie, on the installment plan. Such easy payments are not offered by any other company. Write for circular on *"Kootenai Irrigation Tract"*

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

A. A. GILLESPIE

(Next door to Hotel Fernie)

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

At the coroner's inquest last Monday evening relative to the death of young Smith of Pincher Creek, a verdict of accidental death was returned. In the taking of evidence it developed that the deceased was standing on the lower step of one of the conches, notwithstanding the repeated protests of Conductor Tom Caven, and was noticed sticking one foot out striking the snow that was piled up several feet along the track. At the time he was supposed to have fallen it is said he was eating an apple, and in that case one hand only was holding on to the railing, and it would be an easy matter to be jerked from his position. It will be remembered that the train was several hours late and in that case would be running at extra fast speed to make up time. No blame was attached to the train crew. The disappearance of some $90 which Smith had in leaving Pincher Creek still remains a mystery.

BARBARISM

Editor Ledger:

Dear Sir: The public attention ought to be drawn in no uncertain way to the barbaric treatment of persons taken to the city lockup. Some of the unfortunates placed under arrest are innocent, others not. But whether innocent or guilty the arrested are human beings, and ought to be treated as such. The Russianic treatment of men taken to the shack and shackled formed a theme for discussion at the recent municipal contest. Things have not been remedied although I think the public will say that ample time has been given to do so.

On Thursday evening I was called to the disgusting place where they keep human prisoners. I found no keeper there; none was needed. My client, charged with what I consider a minor offence, could not get away. He was fastened to a chain. I asked him to go to the outer room to consult. His chain, like that of a chained dog, prevented him from travelling more than a few feet. A smoking lantern was the only means of illumination. A few years ago the keeper of a lockup at Chilliwack left a prisoner secure in a cell and went to town. The gaol caught fire and the prisoner was roasted to a crisp. Is there nothing to be said about this inhuman treatment of human beings? There is to my mind no excuse for tolerating an abuse that has existed ever since the fire.

The public should wake to the fact that something should be done at once to do away immediately with this crying disgrace to 20th century civilization.

Yours faithfully,
L. P. ECKSTEIN.

N. E. Suddaby has received a car of fixtures for his drug store of the most approved and up to date style, and they will be installed immediately.

CHURCH NOTES

The social evening held last Monday at the Methodist church was a decided success and was enjoyed by all present.

The programme, though not long, was excellent. Those taking part were Miss B. Hamilton, Miss Tilsby, Mr. Mark Guy St. John, Wr. W. Owen and Mr. Pearson. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Lashley Hall and Mr. Cook officiated at the organ. After the concert refreshments were served by the leaguers to the delight of all.

Epworth League at the Methodist church next Monday night will be consecration night and will be in charge of the president, Mr. Wetherilt. All are earnestly requested to be present.

The Fernie Methodist choir were at Hosmer on Thursday in a concert in connection with the new Methodist church.

On Sunday evening next at 7:30, Rev. W. L. Hall, will deal with the White Slave traffic on this continent. This has become a matter of alarming urgency.

Every Monday night there is a young people's meeting, and a reading circle on Thursday nights. Other evening meetings are re-arranged to fit in with the united prayer meetings now in progress in connection with the contemplated united evangelistic campaign throughout the Pass.

The Methodist church is open each day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the convenience of strangers who wish to write a letter or meet a friend, or for anyone who desires to spend a quiet half hour. Paper and ink on hand. The place is kept warmed and lighted and all are welcome.

The trustees have been busy of late going over plans and specifications in connection with the new buildings.

SCHOOL BOARD

The school board had a meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the city offices, and decided to open up a school in West Fernie, and also one in the Annex, as the present building was totally inadequate for the number of scholars. Two more teachers were written for and the new schools ought to be open next week some time. Parents of children attending school at present are requested to be a little indulgent until the permanent building is ready, which will be for the next term. The board will do all they can to further the interests of the scholars, but at present they, as well as the teachers, are working under difficulties. The board is asking for a $15,000 debenture as well as a grant of $8000 to enable them to complete the new building. The board meets every Tuesday and are doing all in their power to advance the school interests.

The management of the Opera house should expel the rowdies if they do not behave. The whistling and yelling is awful and should be stopped at once. It is very offensive to the ladies.

A STEAM LAUNDRY

For Fernie is the Latest Business Venture---Should Be Well Supported

Fernie is to have an up to date steam laundry.

That is some definite news that will afford satisfaction to everyone but the almond eyed rice eaters.

We are told on most reliable information that a certain business man of this city has been working on the steam laundry proposition with the above result. A man of very wide experience is going to manage the business, and we are assured that the prices will be right. It is to be a stock company capitalized at $10,000, and the public will have an opportunity of buying stock. The laundry will be opened within six weeks.

THE NEW QUEENS HOTEL

The new Queens Hotel, which has been under construction since the fire last fall is now fast receiving the finishing touches preparatory to the grand opening which is to take place next week. Our scribe, through the courtesy of Mr. J. Robichaud, one of the proprietors, was shown through this spacious and commodious hostelry early in the week. The structure is three stories with full basement, being built of cement and brick and presents an imposing appearance to the travelling public, commanding a good view almost opposite the C. P. R. station. No detail has been lost sight of in making this one of the leading and most accommodating hotels in the Kootenay, and reflects great credit on R. Kerr, our townsman, who was the contractor in charge. Twenty-four bedrooms are furnished in the most modern fashion, and on all three floors as well as basement, every convenience relating to toilet requisites are in order. The hotel is steam heated throughout, and wired for electric lights. As announced in their ad. on another page, the proprietors are catering to the workingman's trade, and in this respect have made ample allowance, as well as providing a large and well lighted reading room on the second floor, which will be much appreciated. The senior member of the firm is no less a personage than W. Robichaud who is so favorably known that he hardly needs any introduction at this date. In the hotel and boarding house line he has few equals, and in making his bow in the new Queens, we are sure he will not be found wanting. Associated with him are Messrs. W. A. and Jack Ross, who have a wide circle of friends who are glad to see the success that is attending their efforts. Here's to the Queens hotel and a successful career.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Estimated receipts and expenses of the city of Fernie, for 1909:

Expenditure

Fire department equipment, debentures	$5000.00
Fire depts maintenance	4000.00
Police maintenance	8000.00
City hall, maintenance	2100.00
Water flushing sewers	600.00
Street sprinkling	300.00
Street sprinkler	250.00
General improvements	1750.00
City Engineers Salary	1800.00
City Teamster	675.00
Keep of team	300.00
Repair old sidewalks	250.00
Stump puller	200.00
Drainage	750.00
Health department	500.00
Sinking fund	5140.00
School board debentures	15000.00
School board	8000.00
Care of sick and destitute	1000.00
Recreation ground 1st pay.	400.00
Donations	500.00
Printing	400.00
Legal	650.00
Unpaid salaries 1908	1178.00
Unpaid accounts 1908	10607.83
Bank overdrawn 1908	8060.00
Water fire hydrants	600.00
Election expenses	100.00
Insurance	250.00
Incidentals	500.00
Municipal building, debentures	13000.00
Fire hall building, debenture	10000.00
Sidewalks, debentures	10000.00
Sewer maintenance	500.00
	$112960.93
By sale debentures	53000.00
	$59960.93

Receipts

Government grant	10000.00
Government grant, school board	2000.00
Traders licenses	1900.00
Police court fines	6500.00
Liquor licenses	4700.00
Dog tax	175.00
Road tax	1500.00
Taxes 1909 and arrears	29435.93
Sewer connections	750.00
Sewer rentals	1000.00
Cash on hand January 1,	2000.00
	$59960.93

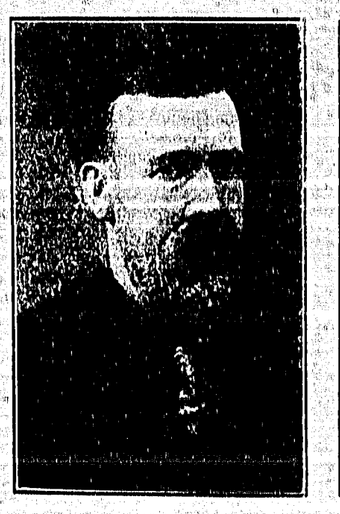
DISTRICT 18 U.M.W. of A. AND ITS EXECUTIVE

One of the Largest Districts in the Mine Workers Union---Will be Materially Increased Shortly--Harmonious Feeling Between Men and Officials

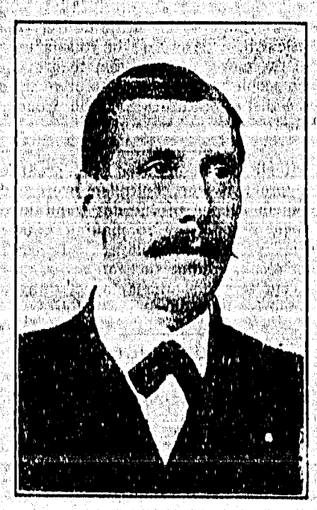
F. H. Sherman, President of Dist. 18.

District No. 18, U. M. W. of A. represents probably the largest area of any district of the United Mine Workers of America. There are at present upwards of 5000 members, and it is very probable that before long this number will be increased by taking in Vancouver Island and also the much talked of affiliation with the W. F. of M. District No. 6, which alone comprises a large membership and territory.

District No. 18 is only a very small unit of the United Mine Workers of America, which is the largest organized body of workers in America. The inception of District 18 dates back to May 23rd, 1903, when Fernie Local broke away from the Western Federation of Miners, and affiliated with the U. M. W. of A. As each camp throughout the pass opened up, the energetic officials of the District organized them, and increased the membership.



John Galvin, Vice-President



A. J. Carter, Secretary-Treasurer

The District now comprises the following Locals:

Bankhead, No. 29.	Lille, No. 1233
Bellevue, No. 431	Michel, No. 2334
Canmore No. 1387	Maple Leaf, No. 2829
Coleman, No. 2633	Merritt, No. 2627
Carbonado No. 2688	Metford, No. 2698
Cardiff, No. 2378	Royal Collieries, No. 2598
Diamond City, No. 2587	Roche Percee, Sask., No. 2672
Edmonotn City No. 2540	Taber, No. 1959
Fernie, No. 2314	Taber, No. 102
Frank, No. 1263	Taylorton, Sask. No. 2648
Hosmer, No. 2497.	Taylorton, Sask., No. 2519.
Hillcrest, No. 1085	Tasker, N. D. No. 2863
Lethbridge, No. 574	Woodpecker, No. 2299.
Lundbreck, No. 2275	

President F. H. Sherman, whose cut appears here has been President for five years, and is one of the best informed men on mining matters, as well as unionism in the country. Vice-President John R. Galvin has held the vice-presidency for three years, and needs no introduction to miners or others. John is well liked throughout the country, and when it comes to a fight is credited with being one of the best as far as executive ability is concerned.

Secretary-Treasurer A. J. Carter of Michel is also well known throughout the Pass. This is his first year on the District Board, but as he is a keen, sharp and energetic administrator, it is likely he will be returned to office.

Peter Patterson was once more elected on the International board and will make good.

The District offices have been removed from Blairmore to Fernie and we expect for District 18 a large amount of achievements this coming year.

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THE SOCIALISTS

What they Seek to Accomplish

THE SOCIALISTS—WHAT THEY SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH

The growth of the Socialist movement is phenomenal. In every country where machinery has ousted handicraft in the production of commodities, there do we find the Socialist.

The Socialist realizes the immense benefits conferred by machinery to society, but he realizes also that "society" is comprised of a small class which "owns" the machinery, and that there is a large portion of the human family who don't count at all, but are *merely parts* of the machine—"economic units". Now, in spite of the apathy of the people the Socialist movement grows and a feeling of alarm is abroad—the menace of Socialism continues to be held up to the view of those who never devoted one moment's thought to the social problem.

They have been told it was a scheme to make the workingman divide up his savings, and his snort of indignation might make an elephant trumpeting sound like a toy bugle in comparison.

Divide up, eh? Not on your life!

Yet he proceeds immediately to — divide up with Mr. Capitalist.

Another misconception of Socialism is that it seeks to destroy private property.

Liebknecht, a leading Socialist of Germany, remarks as follows: "Property is to-day a lie for the majority of men, a robbery for the minority. Socialism would make property the possession of every one. It would convert it into a truth and secure to the worker the full proceeds of his labor."

That fortunate workingman, with his modest house and lot, which he views with such pride and emotion, for it spells HOME to him, looks with suspicion at the Socialist movement.

He has been taught by the Capitalist press, which seeks to uphold the present system of exploitation that the Socialists will take away his home if they get in power and "divide up."

The same workingman has seen, time and again, the homes of his fellow workers taken away from them; men who were just as thrifty as he, just as temperate in habits, but owing to uncertainty of employment, and sickness, the "blacklist," and other conditions which go to make up the lot of a workingman, these men have lost their homes, the result of years of savings.

No! All this has not taught him anything, and he must needs rail at the Socialist who will isurely "break up the home."

Now, if the Socialists do NOT believe in "dividin' up" and wish to preserve for every member of the human family the right to enjoy private property, what is it that the Socialists do want?

Listen to this, taken from the platform of demands of the Socialist party of Canada:

"The transformation as rapidly as possible, of CAPITALIST property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into the COLLECTIVE property of the working class."

You can see there is no mention of PRIVATE property in that clause, but it distinctly says CAPITALIST property, and designates such as mines, railroads, mills, factories, etc., those means of production and distribution which are used and operated by a collective working class, but compelled to surrender to the owners of those social necessities every particle of the wealth produced, receiving in return something called WAGES, which mean on the average, a bare subsistence for the workers.

Statistics compiled by the U. S. government informs us that the workers last year produced on an average $3500 worth of work per head, but the average amount PAID BACK in wages was $437.

This means that the difference between these two sums of money was taken by the capitalists as profits.

The working class is its own market, and it is clear to be seen that since the wages received represents just one eighth of the wealth they produced, the working class can only purchase one-eighth back again with their wages.

The result is that owing to the limited purchasing power of the workers the remaining seven-eighths keeps piling up, and although the capitalist class do their utmost to consume the surplus by wasting in debauchery, reinvestment (which only intensifies), wars, etc., the wealth taken from the workers continues to accumulate until there comes a crash—panic, industry is thrown out of joint, workingmen are discharged the unemployed army grows into a huge mob of starving men. And why? Because too much food, clothing, machinery, etc., has been produced; the storehouses of the country are full to bursting, and they who helped to produce all these necessities go hungry.

This is the position of the workers in Capitalist society, and it is the wholesale robbery and degrading of the working class the Socialist is calling attention to. The Socialist points out that the only way to wipe out such idiocy is to inaugurate a system by which production will be for USE and not for profit.

This can be accomplished only by the workers themselves, forming as they do the greater portion of the human family; they have the numerical strength, but they must also be possessed of the "faith which moves mountains." They must become class conscious, send their own representatives to the houses of legislature to *interpret the laws already in existence*, so that they shall conform to the best interests of the workers; to rescind laws antagonistic and enact new ones; and all to the advantage of the only useful class in society—the working class.

PROLETARIAN

"OVERPOPULATION"

(By G. Bernard Shaw)

The introduction of the capitalistic system is a sign that the exploitation of the laborer toiling for a bare subsistence wage has become one of the chief arts of life among holders of tenant rights. It also produces a delusive promise of endless employment which blinds the proletariat to those disastrous consequences of rapid multiplication which are obvious to the small cultivator and peasant proprietor. But indeed the more you degrade the workers, robbing them of all artistic enjoyment, and of all chance of respect and admiration from their fellows, the more you throw them back, reckless, on the one pleasure and one human tie left to them—the gartification of their instinct for producing fresh supplies of men.

You will applaud this instinct as divine until at last the excessive supply becomes a nuisance; there comes a plague of men; and you suddenly discover that the instinct is diabolic, and set up a cry of over population. But your slaves are beyond caring for your cries; they breed like rabbits; and their poverty breeds filth, ugliness, dishonesty, disease, obscenity drunkenness and murder.

In the midst of the riches which their labor piles up for you, their misery rises up too and stifles you.

You withdraw in disgust to the other end of the town from them; you appoint special carriages on your railways and special seats in your churches and theatres for them; you set your life apart from them by every *class barrier you can devise, and yet* they swarm about you still; your face gets stamped with your habitual loathing and suspicion of them, and your ears get so filled with the language of the vilest of them that you break into it when you lose your self control; they poison your life so remorselessly as you have sacrificed theirs heartlessly.

You begin to believe intensely in the devil.

Then comes the terror of their revolting; the drilling and arming of bodies to keep down the rest; the prison, the hospital, paroxysms of frantic coercion, followed by paroxysms of frantic charity.

And in the meantime the population continues to increase!

—Fabian Essays.

BLATCHFORD AND THE WORKINGMEN.

There have been several articles running in the London Clarion written by Robert Blatchford in defense of the British workingman. The reason for his taking up the cudgels was owing to a "middle class" Socialist, a journalist by profession, named Niel Lyons, writing in the "Woman's World" who displayed his utmost contempt for the aforesaid workmen, and intimated he was a spineless creature and only fit to hold the horses "for his betters," and accept twopence with a thank you kindly, sir.

A number of hot replies to the "bourgeois Socialist" have been penned, but now Blatchford seems to have reconsidered his position and is of the opinion that Lyons is nearly correct in his sizing up the workingmen of Britain. The following is taken from Blatchford's article.

"Regard, my friends, the position of the "better classes" as compared with that of the "lower orders," regard the bearing of the rich towards the poor, and of the poor towards the rich, as exemplified in the church, in the press, and in parliament; and then ask yourselves whether or not the workers as a class are not holding their masters horses, and accepting his dirty twopence, and his caddish insolence, with a "thank you kindly, sir."

Why, your Labor leaders, your M. P.'s, your champions and advisers are paying the windy insincerities of the House the highest kind of flattery: imitation.

Your most popular newspapers insult you, defy, misrepresent you. You are flattered, abused, libelled, cheated and lied to every day, and a hundred times a day, and you do not resent it.

This last so-called Labor conference displayed more energy, interest, and cunning in opposing the influence of Socialism than in preparing to attack the enemies of their class.

Kier Hardie boasts of the harmony that prevailed at the Portsmouth conference. Why, it was the same kind of harmony that exists between the lion and the lamb he has devoured. The Labor section has got the Socialist section eaten and inside it; and the harmony is perfect.

And the great revolutionary, democratic, Labour group, with all its political sagacity in full blast, will return to Westminster to hold Mr. Asquith's horse and to take his dirty twopence, and to say "thank you kindly, sir."

These are not the men who make revolutions. They are the men who pass resolutions."

Blatchford eldently, does not believe with Sladden that the unskilled proletarian is revolutionary, but is reactionary.

The same idea of Sladden's was expressed in the Western Clarion by a comrade named Green of Ontario, and was also favorably commented on by V. D. Herron, one of America's leading Socialists. There is a question for the Socialists of this district to answer: Is the unskilled workingman revolutionary or reactionary?

FROM THE OLD "APPEAL"

The San Francisco News-Letter recently said: "Poverty is an evidence of inferiority of character, those who are poor generally deserve to be poor." This is a trifle hard on Jesus, Socrates Homer and a few others. But the poor fellows ought to vote for their own interest and then see.

DO YOU WONDER WHY?

A majority of the families on this, the richest nation on earth, has never lived in a comfortably furnished home.

They don't know what comfort is. The rich people have better furnished apartments for their horses and dogs than the average workers live in. And the workers, deceived from childhood as to the reason, vote promptly at every election to have this condition continue. The fellows who have been deceiving him and using him have prejudiced him against the study of Socialism, and so long as they can thus control him mentally they will have a fine old time while he lives his dismal life. The czar of Russia uses all the power of his realm to prevent the people from listening to or reading Socialist literature. Do you wonder why?

If all the unemployed who produce a "problem" for capitalism were to commit suicide in one day capitalism would at once go to making a new army of the unemployed. It can't get along without such an army, for except for the unemployed, wages would get beyond the profit line.

NOT GUILTY

When you read in history how the kings and nobles were surfeiting in plenty and wasting it in orgies while the common people were starving, how your blood boils at the injustice and horror of it all. But when you read about the same condition here and now, in every daily paper you pick up, it seems the most natural thing on earth! But then you haven't a history in your house and you never read a historical book. Excuse me!

THE MUCKRAKER'S INTERVIEW

The Muckraker, accompanied by the owner of a whole block of east-side tenement houses, slowly trailed his way out of the many alleys. In one hand the "Sampson of the pen" had a note book while in the other he held a fountain pen.

They had been spending the morning inspecting the tenements. Finally as they were leaving the Muckraker, in a tone of deep disgust, asked the following question.

"Mr. Squeezem, tell me truly, did you really put these traps up for *human beings?*"

An emphatic "nope" was the reply of the owner.

"You didn't! Ah, I see the point. You mean that you put them up for hogs?"

"Nope."

"Then, good heavens, man, what in the world did you ever put them up for?"

"I put them up For Rent."

Deep silence ensued.—Emanuel Julius.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24—Interests alleged to be friendly to the Dominion Coal company have been buying up big blocks of steel stock, and the Coal Company have made two offers to the Steel company as a compromise.

The Coal Company, it is said, will soon control the steel company.

BEST FED

"The English nation," said Mr. H. Little, president of the Manchester Wholesale Provision Association, at the annual dinner last week, "is the best fed nation in the world."

I met a living skeleton,
One of God's creatuers,
Grim Famine's blight had fallen on
His sunken features.
He cried for food in abject woe
And agitation,
Yet he belongs to, as we know,
The best-fed nation.

His shiv'ring wife and shrivell'd wean
Were with him, greeting;
It was, as will be clearly seen,
A dismal meeting.
And little comfort could I win
From this relation;
Such sights are all too frequent in
Our best-fed nation.

And if old England is the best,
My boastful brothers,
We're bound to say, 'twill be confessed,
"God help the others!"
For "best fed" simply means that scores
Die through starvation
Despite the granaries and stores
Of our rich nation. H.B.

THE MASTER TO HIS WAGE SLAVE

(By Val Ormond)

Put on thy chains! I care not for the soul—
'Tis something thou canst give to heav'n or hell!
Naught do I know of "freedom's sullied scroll,"
For freedom is a word I cannot spell
Thy soul is thine eternally—
Thy body thou has sold to me
Put on the chains:
My gold and brains
Scorn liberty!

Put on the chains! Thy little, helpless brain
Is only fit to teach thy hands to toil
To think of endless work and not explain
Why I perforce compellest thee to toil.
Sufficient that thy soul is free;
Thy body now is owned by me.
Put on the chains;
My gold and brains
Scorn liberty!

Put on the chains! Dry up thy foolish tears;
Retain thy overpride intelligence
Thy time, thy choicest house and years
Belong to me and not omnipotence.
Thy soul I glady yield to thee;
Thy body, fool, suffices me.
Put on the chains!
My gold and brains
Scorn liberty!

While Burbank has been laboring to produce a spineless cactus he has been too observant of the working class to try to produce any more spineless voters.

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Socialism will take from no man what he needs to make a living with. But Capitalism does take that.

* * *

Socialism believes in every man hustling for himself, and not for a boss, landlord or capitalist.

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The highwayman says "hands up," and the coal baron blows his hands up.

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The ending of poverty is not such a hard problem after all. It is all involved in the ending of stealing.

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There is always room at the bottom and most of the people are on their way.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

(By Robert Hunter)

We are all asked again and again what Socialism is.

Some say it is collective ownership. Others say it is the co-operative commonwealth, and still others say it is the ownership of the earth by those who labor.

Recently a young banker called upon me. He expressed great sympathy with Socialism and said: "We are all Socialists, you know. We all sympathize with the poor.

"But really you Socialists are going the wrong way about it. Why don't you get Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller and men of that type interested?

"They know how to do things, and I am sure they would not oppose government ownership if you could induce them to believe that it is really a good thing for the world."

A few days afterward I was talking to a young Princeton man, who is very quietly becoming a power in the Tammany Hall circle. He also said he was a Socialist.

"But," he said, "you Socialists are going the wrong way about it. Why don't you come into Tammany Hall? You could become a district leader in a short time and if you once got that great organization to stand for Socialism nothing could stop it."

Recently I was taking lunch with Lyman Abbot. He also believes in the Socialist ideal, but he wants Socialism to come in what he calls a voluntary way.

He really hopes and expects the big corporations to distribute stock among their employes, so that in time every wage worker will share in the ownership of industry.

These are types of men who nowadays think they are Socialists and it is perhaps well to ask: What is Socialism?

Is it only a dream of an ideal society? Is it only municipal ownership, or national ownership? Is it only the philanthropic division of the stock-holding powers of the corporations.

Is it any or all of these things, or none of these things?

To my mind it is none of these things.

Socialism is an aspiration and a determination of the workers to become masters of their own destiny.

Its aspiration is to establish an industrial democracy—the rule of the workers over the means of life.

Its determination is to establish an economic order of things in which the men who use the tools of industry shall rule industry, instead of the present order, in which the men who own the tools of industry rule those who use the tools of industry.

Exactly what form that economic order will take we do not know. No man can fortell what the workers will do when they actually become the masters of industry.

But one thing is certain, and that is: You cannot have political democracy where the people do not rule and you cannot have industrial democracy where the people do not rule.

The really fundamental and essential point in Socialism is the determination of the workers to become the power that rules the industrial world.

It is then chiefly a movement of the disinherited, a revolt against class rule.

Marx more than once said practically just that, and perhaps never more powerfully than when he wrote Liebnecht et al.: "A movement is worth ten programs."

What Marx really did was to give all aid to the growing determination of the workers to struggle, to suffer and to die if need be, to overthrow class rule and therewith economic and political injustice.

He was impatient and bitter when any of his friends formed a little sectarian society and called themselves Socialists. He had nothing but contempt for those pedants who called themselves Marxists.

He despised creeds; he wanted action.

The class struggle to him was a terrible reality which was now engaging the world of industry. It was and is a fact, not a creed to be mouthed by the saintly.

Marx cared little whether you believed in it or not. Here it was, and little by little it was forming the entire world into two antagonistic camps. And he asked Where do you stand? Are you with the capitalists or the workers?

He would have found more satisfaction in the Moyer-Haywood trial, or in a single tax strike, or even in the trade unionists endorsing Bryan, as foolish as that was, than in a ton of scientific studies on The Theory of the Class Struggle.

Don't misunderstand me. Marx valued books but he valued any manifestation of revolt no matter how small, as the essence of all.

You can find plenty of sympathy for Socialism as a vague, visionary, humanitarian, social transformation, more sympathy indeed than for Mr. Roosevelt's policies. No matter how little Mr. Roosevelt's policies hurt the capitalists, those Socialist fantasms hurt them not at all and they have an idea that they never will hurt them.

But the labor movement—ah, that is a different thing—that is a terrible, menacing fact!

The growing determination of the workers to be masters of their own destiny is the foreshadowing of the most tremendous change the world has ever known.

Bernard Shaw with his wit; G. H. Wells with his pretty fancies, Victor Grayson with his theatrical isolation, delight or amuse the capitalists of England, but the labor movement stupid and slow, without even a program, terrifies the entire upper class.

There is in that something real, something awful and majestic, something not to be ignored, by the wise, nor tittered at by the foolish. It is the beginning of the end.

REVIVING THE AUCTION BLOCK.

Daily Socialist: It was a clever and terribly striking way to celebrate Lincoln's birthday that was chosen by Rev. John D. Long of New York.

When he brought in those masked figures and "sold" them to the highest bidder he was doing just what is being done at a thousand factory gates every morning through the year.

But most people do not recognize a thing without it is labelled. They do not know slavery when they see it or even when they experience it unless it has all the stage trappings. The fact that these men were stood upon a block and that the buyers were grouped in front of them and made their bids openly did not make the persons sold any more slaves than if the sale had taken place quietly with no one present save the buyer and seller, and the result would have been the same had these been named employer and employe.

Nor is it any worse because these things took place on the centenary of Lincoln's birth, when a nation was pretending to celebrate the abolition of slavery. But because of these theatrical trappings attention will be called to the reality beneath. If an auction block were erected in front of every factory, and the unemployed were auctioned off each morning, and those remaining unsold were exposed to the public while they and their families slowly starved, the present society would not last a week. But because these things are done in secret they continue.

It is well that the light has been turned on, even though it be the calcium light of the stage.

HARK FROM THE TOMBS

Daily Socialist: Dr. Charles W. Eliot, who has been designated as the best educated brain in America. His speech before the society for Religious Education shows that his brain and his education belong to the last century and becomes sadly confused with twentieth century problems.

He moans because capitalism the does not call it that, but that is what it means) has destroyed the home and made of the working portion of the population a "nomadic, semi-barbaric tribe," but he sees no way out of it save by scolding employers and employes into being "good."

So he preaches strenuously at the wicked employers who do not properly ventilate their factories and who do not teach trades to their employes.

Then he reads a sermon to the very, very wicked trades unionism that objects to pace makers, that insists upon a minimum wage, thereby preventing the employers from placing the burden of industry on old men and children, and that objects to wholesale training of scabs under the guise of apprentices.

Having properly rebuked the two parties to the great class struggle he next proceeds to scold them for having struggled. He very much regrets that employers and employes hire spies, and says "except in war the employment of spies is unethical." This slap on the wrist ought to compel the Pinkertons to disband and shame the Employers' association into dissolution.

After all there is something pitiful as well as laughable in a man who stands as a type of the learning of today talking such silly rot. Shut up in the cloisters of his great university, walled in by the exploited wealth of his patrons, the great world has run on far past him.

To him the mighty battle of classes that spells progress to-day as in his spelled it through all the centuries is only a sort of naughty schoolboy's quarrel that will be stopped if the kind old gentleman comes along and repeats a nursery rhyme about the wickedness of fighting.

He has no vision of the wider meaning of this struggle no grasp of the fact that in the proletariat is bound up the destinies of the race and that progress is to be sought not in stopping the struggle but in the victory of the workers.

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LOOKS LIKE MURDER

Victim of Shooting Episode Makes Startling Charge Prior to Death

Lethbridge Herald:—The shooting of Richard Vadnais has developed into a murder, as Vadnais passed away at the Galt hospital this morning at an early hour.

Two weeks or more ago Vadnais was shot while sitting in his house at his ranch at Boundary Creek, near Cardston. His wife, who was with him at the time, claimed that the shots came from the outside, but Vadnais is reported to have said that the shooting was done by his wife. Anyway Mrs. Vadnais was arrested and committed for trial and is now at the barracks in Calgary.

Vadnais and his wife have had frequent quarrels and it was only last fall that the woman and her brother appeared in court on a charge of attempting murder but they were acquitted. Vadnais threatened after this episode to separate from his wife, but they came to terms again. The next that was heard of them was the shooting of Vadnais and the arrest of Mrs. Vadnais.

Vadnais was shot through the jaw in two places and it was known from the time that he was shot that his chances of recovery were very poor. He gradually weakened and died at 1 o'clock this morning in the hospital, to which place he was brought on the Monday following the shooting.

Vadnais was a French Canadian, of about forty five years of age, and had been ranching at Boundary Creek for about ten years. He was well to do, and his ranch is a very desirable property. Prior to coming to Canada Vadnais had roamed all about Western Canada and the States. He was a wild sort of character, and when he had liquor in him he was practically uncontrollable. The ranch was a scene of almost continuous quarrelling. The row last summer was due to a difference of opinion between man and wife over the presence in the home of relaties of Mrs. Vadnais and their families.

Besides his wife Vadnais is survived by a daughter who is a student at the convent here, and two brothers, both of whom have been here during the confinement of Richard in the Galt hospital.

An inquest will be held immediately and it is not unlikely that a murder charge will be laid without delay.

The body is at Addison & Son's morgue.

BUY AT HOME

A retail dealer a short time ago distributed a pamphlet giving the following reason Why you should trade at home.

1: You see, examine and are satisfied with your purchase before investing.

2: Your merchant is willing to correct errors or replace defective articles without cost to you.

3: When you need credit you get it. You are obliged to pay cash to catalogue houses.

4: When you get credit at home, be fair and spend your cash there.

5: Your home merchant pays local taxes and invests his profits in his business.

6. The catalog houses pay no local taxes nor do they increase the value of your property, but rather make your taxes heavier by driving tax-paying firms away.

7: Your home merchant cheerfully contributes to public demands such as libraries, parks, churches and charity but the catalogue houses do not.

8: If your town is good enough to live in it is good enough to spend your money in.

9: The best citizen patronizes home industry. Be a citizen; you will enjoy it.

10. Bring your catalogue house cash, plus freight, plus cartage, to your own merchant and he will certainly do as well if not better, quality considered.

11: Because you cannot buy the reliable —— brand of shirts, pants, overalls, jackets, sheep and duck coats, collars, etc., from the catalogue houses.

12: You lose your time in sending out of your own town, and you lose your temper when you see what you get. It is a losing game all around.

ADJUSTED THEIR DIFFERENCES.

The labor dispute between the Metallic Roofing company and the Sheet Metal Workers union which has been before the courts for nearly four years has been adjusted. Representatives of both parties at a conference on Saturday settled the differences. The terms of the settlement have not been made known but it is understood that one important result is the removal of the product of the Metallic Roofing company from the unfair list of the Sheet Metal Workers union. This saves a retrial of the action against the union for damages on the ground of boycotting, the privy council having set aside the award of $7,500 made by the trial courts against the union.

IMMIGRATION PROSPECTS FOR CURRENT YEAR

LONDON, Feb. 23—John Burns, president of the local government board, has granted $20,000 in order to emigrate Westham's unemployed to Canada and Australia. A Liverpool despatch says emigration prospects this year are not promising as regards Canada. The Allan liner Corsican sailed yesterday for Canada with a large number of second class passengers, also a big party of boys and girls for Mrs. Birt's sheltering homes.

COMMUNICATION

LETHBRIDGE, Feb. 23

Editor District Ledger:

Sir: Owing to the fact that a criticism of mine, re the "Macdonald incident," which appeared in the Southern Alberta Labor Bulletin, was copied by the Ledger, will you kindly find space for a letter from Mr. Macdonald in reply to me. I make no comment; Mr. Macdonald's letter is all the comment needed:

Yours truly,
W. SYMONDS.
"Proletarian"

The following is the letter:

Editor Labor Bulletin:

In a recent issue of your paper there appeared a letter signed "Proletarian" which letter I thought to ignore but as some papers are copying same, I will reply.

Proletarian accuses me of being at one time a Conservative, an accusation of which any person should be proud of in preference to being a thief, coward and liar, such as Proletarian is. I have never supported the Conservative party, though I look with pride on the efforts of that political party to better the conditions of our country. Proletarian then states that the incidents leading up to my departure from the Conservatie party were of political nature. But Mr. Editor, I have never yet been asked to sell out the people I represented for a senatorship such as some of the Proletarian office seekers claim in this section of the country. When a supposed representative of the people is approached by a buyer, then the seller of the people and their rights must appear to the buyer as the meanest class of a cur and must be guilty of such actions at times.

Proletrian also states that Macdonald tried to deliver the Labor vote to the Liberal party. Macdonald, or any other person cannot deliver the Labor vote at present, whatever they may be induced to do in the future. A few months ago politicians of a shady character tried to deliver the Labor vote, pleaded for the support of Labor and got it where the chicken got the axe.

Macdonald was elected by the rank and file of District No. 18 and stands to-day as the officer elected in District 18.

But, Mr. Editor, elections do not count with this great Socialist party, and in the future it is to be appointments such as has been done lately in District 18.

The Socialist party have many good men but it appears that they must keep quiet or lose their caste in the party and let the villians go on and perform their dirty work.

There are several Socialists in this part of the country who do not look with pleasure on recent happenings in District 18.

Proletarian finally winds up his dirty letter stating that the "mills of the gods grind slowly and small" but Mr. Editor if the above mentioned mills can grind anything smaller or dirtier than Proletarian, the public would like to see its initials to the next letter written by same to the Southern Alberta Labor Bulletin. MC

NOW OFFICIALLY OUTLINED

Hereafter Canada Must Control Her Own Forces

LONDON, Feb. 23—The text of the scheme for an imperial general staff is issued in a parliamentary paper. The following are the chief points:

1—All forces in the empire are to be organized for war on the same principles by a general stag, which must be an entity throughout the empire.

2—Uniformity in training officers for general staff is to be secured by recognizing the staff college at Camberley for some years to come as the central school of military education for the empire and sending its graduates to oversea dominions. Uniformly made curriculums and examinations to prevail.

3—Uniformity in carrying out staff duties to be attained by encouraging graduates of staff colleges to undergo further training in England or India, and systematically exchanging imperial general staff officers throughout the empire.

Sir E. Ward, permanent under secretary of state for war states that in an introductory letter the army council has kept in view the contingency of the dominions desiring to give help to the mother country in war, even if they only accepted definite responsibility for local defence.

The only reply so far received is from Canada which agrees to the principles, but safeguards its own control over local forces, and promises to pay for sending Canadian staff officers to Camberley.

LORD'S DAY ACT

EDMONTON, Feb. 24—"Moses founded the laws in the olden times, but Jesus found it convenient to break them, and he was more tolerant than people are nowadays," was the startling statement of Cornelius Hiebert, M. L. A., in reply to an address to the members of the legislature by W. M. Rochester, general secretary of the Lords day alliance, who was heading a delegation to protest against the running of Sunday cars in Calgary and Edmonton. This afternoon an act to amend the statute law came before the house, and section 16 of this act was the one taken objection to. It provides for a plebiscite being taken by municipalities on the question of Sunday cars. Mr. Rochester took the ground that every city should show a case of reasonable necessity before a vote should be taken. He claims that Calgary and Edmonton have not established such a case and in the name of the Alliance asked that they be not allowed to operate.

LADIES' COLLEGE QUARANTINED

SACKVILLE, N. B. Feb. 24—One hundred and fifty students at Mount Allison Ladies college here are in close quarantine as a result of an outbreak of scarlet fever. There are four students and one maid down with the disease, which is of a mild type.

HOLD-UP IS ONLY A KID

Sixteen Years Old and a Bold Bad Man--His Career as Terrorist Ceases

GRETA FALLS, Mont., Feb. 23 — Although he is only 16 years of age, Milbert Hatch stands convicted of a train robbery. After debating for 30 hours the jury that had listened to the evidence in the case brought in a verdict that branded the youth as a criminal.

The testimony showed that Hatch, in company with two other boys who are 17 years of age, held up a passenger train on the Shelby line of the G. N. R. a few weeks ago. While one of the youths held a revolver at the head of the engineer the other searched the passengers and secured about $100.

Wm. Ransall, one of the accused is now on trial.

SOME WILD STORIES

TOKIO, Feb. 23.—The special correspondence of the Ashai from San Francisco continues to repreesnt the situation as most alarming. The specials claim that anti-Japanese sentiment is rapidly spreading, and that the war feeling in America is general. The specials, widely circulated and copied, continue to sustain the feeling of uneasiness among the Japanese agitation by the California legislature in a lengthy editorial on the anti-Japanese sentiment in America, published to-day says:

"Americans continue to regard Japan with suspicion and this ill-feeling continues, notwithstanding the efforts of the Japanese government and people to prove the sincerity and cordiality of their feelings.

"This dispute extends throughout Europe. It is incomprehensible to our people why America and Europe continue to regard Japan as seeking for war. Two are enough. We want nothing but peace in the future. War with America could only be forced by the United States threatening the independence of Japan. It is unnecessary for America to fortify against the Japanese."

The editorial concludes by quoting the text of Roosevelt's communication to the California legislature expressing the belief that the passage of the bill would lead to serious consequences. The paper contends that this message shows that even the Federal government regarded it as probable, but that is was a mistake.

THE BOYCOTT STILL UNCERTAIN

Whiel everyone connected with the protracted litigation between the Metallic Roofing company and the Sheet Metal Workers union should be congratulated on a setlement out of court the result leaves the law in the same state of uncertainty as before the action was entered. It is in a measure unfortunate that after decisions from the lower court, the Divisional court, the Court of Appeal and the Privy council the people interested are still uncertain as to whether certain lines of action in industrial conflicts are legal or illegal. This is not as it should be. Every citizen should know his rights under the law and it is the duty of parliament to declare them. The Judges and law Lords of the Privy Council are quite justified in refusing to do the work and bear the responsibilities of parliament by making laws where none exist. In that refusal they give decisions on technicalities, thus causing the wearying repetition of legal proceedings. It is clearly the duty of parliament to state in the clearest language what acts are legal and what are illegal.

In this case a judgment for $7,500 was entered against the trades union. An appeal was made to the Divisional Court and the judgment was sustained. From this it was carried to the Court of Appeal, the finding of the lower court being again sustained. An appeal was carried to the privy council, and there the decision of the two appellate courts of Canada was reversed and a new trial ordered. So far as the case is concerned it is fortunate that a settlement has been secured. So far as the public are concerned no one knows whether the union did or did not transgress the laws of the Dominion of Canada. Any firm that was subjected to the same attack that was made on the Metallic Roofing Co. does not know whether or nor it has legal redress. Any union following the course of the Sheet Metal Workers does not know whether it is or is not transgressing the law. While the policy which should be adopted may be a matter for the widest differences of opinion, all will agree that the law should be made as clear and definite as the possibilities of language will allow.—Toronto Globe.

During the trial of a man who had made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide a lawyer had badgered the witness to an exasperating degree and evidently intended ot pursue the same course with a meek appearing little Irishman who next took the stand.

"You say you talked with the accused an hour after the attempt?" the lawyer demanded.

"Oi did."

"And did he give an reason for attempting suicide?"

"He did and it was a good reason too."

"Well, and what reason did he give?"

"Sure, an' he said he wanted to kill himself," Pat answered and upset the court.

OF INTEREST TO S. A. VETERANS

Toronto, Feb. 12, 1909

At a large gathering of Imperial S. A. Veterans held last evening the general secretary of the association presented a report of the interview with Sir Frederick Borden.

It was stated that when the deputation met the government last month Sir Frederick Borden was absent in England, and as an alternative proposal in the petition presented, was a subject of military organization, a reply to the petitioners could not be given until the return of the Minister of Militia. On the arrival of the latter, Mr. Hal. B. McGiven, M. P., for Ottawa, arranged an interview and introduced the deputation to him last Thursday which consisted of A. H. D. Hair of Montreal, Captain A. C. Webb and A. Parker of Ottawa, and Shelford Grimwood, general secretary, of Toronto.

Sir Frederick Borden was informed that if the government could not see its way clear to grant our petition on the first proposal, the association was prepared, in return for 320 acres of land freehold, to form themselves into a Canadian army reserve for a period of ten years free of all cost. The following statistics were handed in and showed the composition of the proposed reserve:

Cavalry	
Officers	18
Non-coms.	110
Rank	329
Unclassed	1118
	1575
Infantry	
Officers	8
Non-Coms.	97
Rank	399
Unclassed	913
	1417
Artillery	
Officers	
Non-Coms.	6
Rank	39
Unclassed	50
	95
R. E.	
Officers	
Non-Coms.	7
Rank	23
Unclassed	33
	63

Grand total 3150, subject to positive additions from returns not yet to hand.

Of this total number 110 men are Imperial reservists and in the event of our scheme being adopted it is intended to ask the Imperial government to allow these men to be transferred. About 12 men are suffering from disability such as the loss of a leg or arm and it was suggested that these should not be debarred from the reserve, as in case of hostilities they could fill positions such as clerks or storekeepers.

Major General Lake and General Otter as well as other prominent members of the Militia council and general staff, strongly support the proposed scheme.

Replying to a question of Sir Frederick Borden, the general secretary stated that 91 per cent of the men were prepared to settle on the land personally, and in order to offer every inducement possible for the grants to be taken up, arrangements were being made to grant loans of about $500 to each settler at a low rate of interest, and to spread over a number of years, thus giving a man a fair chance of becoming a most desirable settler and his own master. Though he knew of some cases where the men would sell their warrants, every endeavor would be made to prevent them getting into the hands of land sharks or devils,—which is their correct name.

Sir Frederick Borden, in his reply to the deputation, stated that he regretted his recent absence from Canada prevented him from expressing any definite opinion on the subject now, but he was very much interested in the proposed scheme, which was deserving and worthy of full consideration, and he could promise his most careful, closest and sympathetic consideration.

The general secretary was requested to furnish the Militia council by the end of the month with a complete nominal roll of the members of the association.

A general conference will be held in Toronto early in March and delegates from all over the Dominion will assemble.

THE STANLEY CUP

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—According to a decision reached to-night by the Stanley cup trustees, Albert Kerr of the Ottawas, Joe Hall and Steve Vair of the Wanderers, and many of the players on the challenging teams will not be allowed to take part in the coming matches for the Stanley cup. Mr. Foran will send letters to each of the challenging teams, viz., Renfrew, the Shamrocks of Winnipeg, and the champions of the Temiskaming league and the Ontario league, requesting them to forward at once a list of their probable players and also the date when they joined their present teams. The trustees intend to bar all players who have played in other league this season, or who were not with the challenging team on anuary 2nd, the date of the opening of the eastern Canada hockey association. It will also effect the defenders of the trophy, they being made to play without the men who have joined their ranks since January 2nd. It is one of the most far reaching decisions ever handed out by the trustees.

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HOWELL VS. TROTTER

The following is the reply of the Winnipeg Trades Council to the strictures made by Col. Howell on Mr. W. R. Trotter, which was recommended for publication at the meeting on Thursday night:

A matter of great importance to organized labor appeared in the daily press of January 30 in reference to Mr. Trotter, the Dominion Trades Congress representative to Great Britain. Col. Howell of the Salvation army said that from personal knowledge of Mr. Trotter he is forced to the conclusion that he is biased in his opinion, and further that Mr. Trotter has not the confidence of a large section of organized labor in Canada in his denunciation of the Salvation army and its method of emigration. The Winnipeg Trades Council after serious consideration, have decided to answer the gallant Colonel (in spirit and in truth) and the handling will be done without any gloves on.

The opposition on the part of the S.A. arose by reason of the Dominion Trades Congress sending Mr. Trotter to Britain to state the actual facts regarding the labor market, and as far as possible to prevent the suffering that would accrue to those who would break up their homes to come to Canada to an already overcrowded labor market. Mr. Trotter has met with opposition from a number of souces, among which the Salvation army has imputed want of faith in Mr. Trotter. Organized labor needs not the opinion of the Colonel regarding the integrity and veracity of Mr. Trotter. It totally denies the statement that part of organized labor is not with Mr. Trotter, concerning the principles and methods of the Salvation army, and the feeling after reading the Dominion Trade Congress report, is that the Colonel is guilty of a terminological inexactitude.

It is a serious reflection upon the wealth producers of this Dominion that a public man such as Colonel Howell, should cast reflection upon the representative of organized labor, and for that reason a few facts gathered from the report might make the public acquainted with the laudable work with which the Colonel is engaged, and which is dear to his heart. Organized labor in recent years has has good ground for complaint in that, seeing that the power to labor in the individual is bought and sold like other commodities, the market in which organized labor operates has become totally glutted even to unnecessary suffering; and on investigation one of the main causes was traced to the shady immigration policies of a number of associations engaged in pursuit of the dollar regardless of the consequences. While the report is startling in matter and detail, it is further supplemented by a statement from Mr. Trotter, in speaking before the Edinburgh Trades Council in Scotland on February 11th, in which he says:

"The Salvation Army has issued a booklet entitled 'Tto the Surplus,' and that it was full of mis-statements regarding immigration generally, and that the object of the S.A. was not to help the emigrant so much as to acquire the government bonus on agricultural laborers and the commission on steamship and railway fares. After the delegates at the Trades Congress at Halifax opened fire on the S. A. policy and methods of emigration, Col. Howell, who was present and heard the debate, remarked that he thought it was time he began to study the science of economics (evidently not before he needed the knowledge.) Try to imagine a pioneer of souls trying to handle the labor problem without a knowledge of economics. Col Howell admitted that the army was in the business for money, but not for himself but for colonization purposes, and if this be so the army comes under the same castigation as any other ruthless employer who seeks profit from the sweat of the toiler. It is a sad and a sorry spectacle to see the S. A. — which is out to pilot the drunkard and sinner to heaven—seeking to skin him for a commission on the road, for that is just what it means. The first lesson that the Colonel will learn in economics is that labor produces all wealth and that to labor it justly belongs. Vice-President James Simpson of Toronto, delivered himself very strongly on the evil of the S. A. policy of immigration. He said organized labor had long protested against indiscriminate immigration. He said organized labor had been much persecuted in this matter and had been charged with trying to create a monopoly in labor. The Army, he believed, was animated by a high spiritual ideal, they thought that emigration from England to Canada might work an economic improvement. He did not believe it would accomplish this, the conditions in the United States showed that no improvement had been wrought by bringing immigrants there to relieve congestion in the old land. Canada was showing the same thing. If the Salvation army would give more attention to property ownership they would be doing more good than merely helping men to go and compete with their fellows in the race for a bare existence, making only animals of them. Mr. Simpson objected to the army even bringing immigrants to the farm lands of Canada and he cited the recent harvest excursions to show that there are too many men in the country even for the farm work that has to be done. He condemned the S. A. for lack of conception of economic conditions in carrying on their immigration propaganda. He held that any religious organization entering into commercialism have to be mighty careful of what they do. In closing he said that the Salvation army would never have the sympathy of the wage earners so long as they are the instrument which makes it harder for the men to earn livelihood. It appears to me that were profit not the motive among the various immigration agencies they would soon disappear. The man with a home thinks twice, makes full enquiries, knowing full well that a false move means financial distress. But there are many who never become sufficiently industrious to possess a home in the true sense of the word, and it often happens that this class are ever ready to be on the move for they have little to lose, and come quite handy to the agency man who sees in them a commission or a bonus. Here is another extract from the Dominion Trades Congress report from Mr. Trotter's remarks: Recently the Army sought an agreement with the British S. A. company to inaugurate an emigration movement to Rhodesia, which, according to General Booth, was to be the biggest thing since Moses. As the B. S. A. company were not prepared to hand out as much money as he required the scheme was abandoned so that Canada will still receive the undivided attention of the Army. Mr. Trotter has been a Christian all his life, and—he stated on concluding his investigation that it was with great reluctance he submitted his findings, but he felt he would only be doing his duty to organized labor and the public in stating facts which still challenge contradiction. If Col. Howell continues to think that Mr. Trotter lacks the confidence of organized labor, Col. Howell can receive this intimation that the Dominion Trades Congress have given Mr. Trotter another year to carry on his valuable propaganda against profit, grafting emigration agencies. While it is not the desire to cast any reflections on the higher and better aims of the Salvation army, organized labor seeks first to protect the economic interests of the worker.

The substance of this matter along with further reports, are contained in the Dominion Trades Congress report, printed at Halifax, N.S.

WINNIPEG TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
(Winnipeg Voice)

Many Sleepless Night Owing to a Persistent Cough, Relief Found at Last

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvellous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

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 [illegible] 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 shall 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

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This offer holds good for one month after the transaction causing the complaint; that is we must have notice within that time. In all cases in writing to advertisers say "I saw it in The Ledger."

W. S. STANLEY, Manager.

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UNION LABEL TYPOGRAPHICAL FERNIE, B.C.

DRIFTING?

The ruling class in society, known as "business interests," not understanding the laws governing social development, are vainly attempting to sweep back the oncoming wave of Socialism with the "Partington broom." A yellow press is working upon the miseries of the workers in order to arouse race hatred between the "East and West," and jingo poets write banat verse hoping to mislead them by the "black magic of patriotism" what time the capitalists will loose the leash of the war dogs.

"Trade follows the Flag," is aa shibboleth of capitalism, which implies expansion of markets. United States is becoming acquainted with the fact that competition means death as well as life, and the numerous industries which have closed down in that country readily bear witness.

Japan in a few decades sprang from feudalism to an industrial nation, and is now demanding admission to the world's market, for like the rest of industrial nations, Japan has a surplus product to dispose of, similar to the products of other countries, but PRODUCED CHEAPER. The latter fact has enabled Japan to displace the "Stars and Stripes" from the trading ships to China, and the flag of the "Rising Sun" flies undisputed and supreme over commerce on the Pacific. One need not look far to see where the danger lies, and the capitalist fully realizes that an idle, hungry, working class is a menace to the existing regime; no markets mean no work—in short, revolution.

The declaration for Socialism by great labor organizations will cause some peculiar moves to be made on the political chess board. Members of the British ruling class have been heard to state that they would rather see England invaded and beaten beyond hope of recovery by Germany than see a working class party in power. The capitalist class controls every institution, education, political, religious and industrial. Already a press censorship exists which is moulding and preparing public opinion for the crises which the capitalist can foresee, and the clergy will not hesitate to arouse a blood-hunger in a war-maddened people in the name of the Prince of Peace. The future appears dark and danger looms ahead, but the increasing solidarity of the workers might prove the foil to the capitalists; yet, nevertheless, permanent peace can never be expected so long as one class possesses and controls the means of production use by another class.

AN OVERLOADED MARKET

A despatch from London, England, announces that John Burns has appropriated $20,000 to transport the unemployed of Westham to Canada. This will be welcome news to the hundreds upon hundreds of out of works in this land. The exact reason or benefit to be derived from such a move is not apparent. True, to a very menial extent it may relieve the congestion of unemployed men in that particular section of England, but what are these new arrivals to do when they arrive in this land?

Can they find employment in the mines of the west? Most certainly not, as can be attested by the hundreds of idle miners of District 18.

In the factories of Eastern Canada? Decidedly not, for thousands of the best mechanics and artisans are anxiously watching for the "Men Wanted" sign at the superintendent's offices in all the big shops and factories.

Can the western farm lands assimilate and provide permanent shelter and employment for them? The results of the farm laborers' excursions last fall demonstrated that this source of employment has been much over-rated. A rush of work for about a couple of months does not warrant a general exodus to the grain-producing areas of the west.

The answer is that there is absolutely nothing for the average old-countryman to do on arriving in this land. Probably if a correct census were available it would be found that Canada has as many unemployed in proportion to population as many parts of the old country.

Our cities, towns and villages are lamentably overstocked with all classes of labor, and the much boasted farm lands offer no inducement to a man with no capital.

Truly John Burns has failed to fathom the labor question. The shifting of a number of out-of-works from the old land to Canada is mere child's play in comparison with the statesmanlike and humane action necessary to bring a degree of redress to these same men.

However, John Burns seems to find favor in the sight of the class of men he is about to exile, when election time comes. The workers have the solution in their own grasp—it remains for them to apply it.

The Frank Paper, one of the "pull the string" kind, cries out for both parties to get together and support a man so as to try and defeat their supposed Socialist candidate. They are terribly scared lest Frank Sherman will run. It would certainly take a very strong combination of the two to beat him if he did. The Frank paper evidently concedes this much.

The Frank Paper, dealing with the political outlook for their district states that J. A. Macdonald is seeking to receive the endorsement of the Liberal and Conservative parties, and hopes by this means to be able to beat the Socialist candidate, whom he presupposes to be Frank Sherman, and Macdonald states if he could do so "he would feel that the greatest ambition of his life had been consummated." Poor fellow, that shows where his partyism has led him. Further on the Frank Paper says " . . . These do not forget that Mr. Macdonald opposed with all his might their party four years ago, and while he fell into line in the recent federal elections, they do not feel that that affords any warrant for placing him ahead of the old party men who have never deserted the party standard." They say again "What has Mr. Macdonald ever done for this district that he should be given preference over men who have devoted all their energies to the upbuilding of the district?"

Poor fellow, nobody wants to help him in the consummation of his greatest ambition— beating Frank Sherman. Even the old party men hate deserters.

Some of the Saskatchewan papers make a great noise about their wonderful government. About the progress, thrift and ability of their government officials. But there is a blot on the Saskatchewan government that can only be erased by a very large sum of money and that is **THE GLOBE FIRE INSURANCE SWINDLE**.

That any government in the realm of British fair play **WOULD BE SO LAX AND IGNORANT AS TO ALLOW A FAKER TO START UP A COMPANY WITH ASSETS AMOUNTING TO $300 OR $400 AND WRITE UP INSURANCE AMOUNTING TO $60,000** is beyond comprehension. Dean is certainly a fine specimen and should be watched wherever he goes.

We think that if the sufferers here were to band together and hire a good, smart lawyer, that the "wonderful" government of Saskatchewan could be held responsible, and surely they ought to be. The Dominion Statutes call for a deposit with the minister of insurance of the sum of fifty thousand dollars to guard against swindles of the Dean type, and his clique, but the "shrewd, thrifty, business-like" government of Saskatchewan can allow these self paying, high salaried sharpers to start up and **STEAL** the unsuspecting public's money through their ignorant and selfish agents, and do it all on lies and bluff. It is about time that the government of Saskachewan woke up and squared itself. The only feasible way of removing the stain that rests upon it is to "go good" to the policy holders in the Globe.

There are two, or perhaps three other companies in Saskatchewan that are in much the same boat as the Globe. They should be closed out.

This is a fair sample of the Capitalistic government. Yet the workingmen of the country will vote them back again next election. It is time for the workers to arise and control the government. There is only one way. **BUT THAT WOULD BE SOCIALISM.**

ESTIMATES FOR 1909

Elsewhere we publish an estimated statement of expenditures for the year 1909.

This estimate specifies several things, including fire department equipment, school board, municipal buildings, fire hall, and last but not least, a payment on a recreation grounds, which is one thing that is very essential indeed. The Finance committee, as well as the mayor and council, are to be congratulated on their stand in this matter, and deserve credit for the concise business-like way in which they have so far conducted the affairs of the city.

But to do all they wish they must get some money, and for this reason they are going to call a public meeting, and ask the citizens to vote on a by-law to secure the necessary cash through the sale of debentures.

We heartily endorse all of these estimates and hope the citizens will not turn down the council as they did last summer on that $10,000 proposition. Fernie now has an excellent future before it, and we should all be at the wheel together and boost her along. More anon.

THE annual report of the Brantford, Ont., Bd. of Trade, shows, among other things, that in 1907 here were 6000 men employed in the factories of that city, and in 1908 the number had fallen to 4644, a decrease of 1356 in one year. We have not heard of any general migration of mechanics from that city, hence we take it that the 1356 out-of-works are to be counted in the great army of unemployed. Evidently the great wave of prosperity which we heard about at the last elections has got side tracked in those parts.

The rival editors in Fernie have not taken a drink together for several shifts.—Greenwood *Ledge*.

Quite right, Corporal, as far as you go. But the editor of the Ledger and the gallant bowlers of the same paper expect in the roseate future to "heat boysters" supplied by the Free Press editor and his partners in crime.

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

In Railway Camp---All of the Victims are Swedes and Badly Mangled

FORT WILLIAM, Ont. Feb. 25—As the result of a premature explosion in a rock cut on the National Transcontinental railway, 108 miles north of Nipigon, seven men were blown to death.

The accident happened on Wednesday last but the bodies did not arrive in Nipigon until Saturday.

Details are meagre, and whether any were injured by the explosion is not known. All the dead men are Swedes. Their bodies were brought in to Nipigon in packing cases.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Feb. 24—A few details have reached here of a dynamite accident resulting in the death of seven Swedes, railroad laborers, on the National Transcontinental line 120 miles north of Nipigon, Coroner Brown and Attorney General M. Langworthy have gone down to conduct an inquest at Nipigon. They have not yet returned. The accident was the old story of a premature discharge while blasting in a rock cut. Foreman Nelson Hanson was one of the victims. A teamster and a dump man escaped with slight injuries, all the others being instantly killed.

COMPENSATION CASES

Laurella vs The Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.:

This was a claim made by the administrator of the late Gateano Laurella for compensation on account of the death of the latter, which occurred at Michel on the 28th of July, 1908 while working in connection with the company's stone quarry.

The company contended that the man was kileld while away from his place. The trial took place before his honor Judge Wilson at Michel on the 10th inst., and argument was heard on the 15th inst. at Fernie.

The arbitrators has found in favor of the applicant, subject to permission to the company to speak on the question of reserving a law point.

Profaizer vs the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co.

In this case compensation was asked on account of the death of Vittor Profaizer who was killed in No. 5 mine Coal Creek on the 11th of October, 1908.

The company charged that the death occurred owing to the serious neglect of the deceased. The hearing of the case took place at Fernie on the 9th inst., and argument was heard on the 15th inst. The arbitrator Judge Wilson, finds in favor of the applicant, reserving to the company the right to speak to the question of reserving a point of law.

In both cases Mr. Eckstein appeared as counsel for the applicants, and Mr. H. W. Herchmer for the respondents.

TOM MARKS, COMEDIAN

"The Irish Detective" Saturday evening; Saturday matinee "Buster Brown."

ORGANIZING U.M.W. of A.

In Nova Scotia Is No Snap---Much Opposition Shown International Officers

HALIFAX, Feb. 16—Peter Patterson Grand Organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, and H. Bonsfield a prominent official of the American union, have arrived at Glace Bay and intend to hold a series of meetings in the interests of their organization.

They were met at Sydney by a committee of the P. W. A. who asked for an interview. The P. W. A. committee stated that they were prepared to fight the U. M. W. of A. officers to a finish. The U. M. W. of A. men stated they were prepared to meet them and let the question be decided by the men of the various lodges in the section. It is said the P. W. A. refused to consider this and the meeting adjourned.

Messrs. Patterson and Bonsfield called at the general office of the Dominion Coal company to interview Mr. Duggan, general manager, but they were not granted a hearing.

'TWAS A FAMOUS VICTORY

Ledger Demonstrates Superiorty at Bowling in a Game with the Free Press

FREE PRESS	
Whimster	496
English	369
Volume	341
Robertson	343
Wallace	557
Total	2106

LEDGER	
Stanley	449
Couzens	462
Kennedy	481
Kirkpatrick	451
Buckley	361
Total	2204
MAJORITY FOR LEDGER	98

H'm!
Well! !
'Rah ! ! !
Once more 'Rah ! ! ! !
Guess we're there ! ! ! ! ! !
As bowlers we are ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Ever get a raise in salary without asking for it?

Ever have the boss tell you that you were workin' too hard, and let you off for a month with pay and expenses?

Ever have your best girl throw down your rival real hard?

Ever ride on the street car and the conductor didn't ask for a fare?

These, and kindred sensations, that prove to be the very exilers of life, were beaten to a frizzle on Saturday night at Ingram's great bowling alley, where the red sign lures on heavy bowlers to reach down the cash prizes. For some time past the bowling germ has inhabited the top storey of some of the misguided individuals who are responsible for the appearance weekly of the Victoria Avenue Literary Digest and Chronicle of Things Old and New, Principally Old. The microbe got the best of the aforesaid crew, and forthwith a bloodthirsty challenge was hurled into the very midst of our family circle, just as we were preparing something extra fine on "How to Cure Spring Halt in Pet Pigeons" and "How to Wear a Dickey and Not Have it Show under your Vest." So the expectant public will have to contain themselves until such time as we gather together the trend of our golden thoughts.—(Just here we had to stop to answer a question over our brand new telephone, if we could get out a few handbills for a strawberry social on the 1st of July. We said we would if we were not too busy, in which case that authority on lunatic asylums in Michel, Her Von Meikle by name, will get the job.)

But to return to Lundy's Lane—the Ledger prints never flunked yet—for we are used to Free Press Slush and very seldom are we forced to take them seriously. So we lined up five of our stalwards after pay on Saturday night, and started for the field of action. Sure we were there first, for we always used to go to parties first and look at the autograph album and help get the chairs ready for "Post office" until the rest of the guests arrived. Well, the F. P. (F.P. stands for funeral private) bunch filed in shortly after with their Sunday clothes and a half dozen of those smiles which bespeak eager expectancy, and as we had not to cash up before the game, it sure didn't take us long to go to it.

Well, we are too modest to specialize about the many hair raising and spectacular stunts pulled off by our own five beauties, suffice it to say that as the game grew warmer, we waxed stronger, until our muscles were as big and strong as the proverbial village blacksmith.

Oh, if mother could only have seen us then! The anxious days and nights of anxiety and misery when we used to smoke birch bark cigarettes and play hookey from school and hie to the swimmin' hole would have vanished like our dollars do, which is goin' some for these parts. (Interrupted again—our consulting engineer just stepped inside of our quarter cut door, and seated himself in our mahogany chair, and placed his feet on our Turkish rug, and his elbow on our rosewood desk to ask how many goose-power would be necessary to make J. R. go to the post office and back from the F. P. without going into the bowling alley. We threatened to discharge him for asking such questions, whereupon he dug.)

Say on the dead level, it was pickins for us, the way we mowed down those ten pins reminded us of how Bill Tuttle used to work the scoop shovel on Victoria avenue. It was just like throwin' washtubs at as many hairpins for our bunch, and the boys who set up the racks never had such a workout before.

John Wallace, stand up! You are sure the big fly wheel when it comes to ten pins. The languid ease, the manly poise of the head, the expanded chest, bespeak the qualifications of a great athlete. Good-day J. R. — you're there, but no so with the rest of your misfits.

John X. H. Volume, he who counts the Japs in B. C., he who theorizes on the extinction of the Chinks, he who figures all things in earth and heaven, and the other place, in goose power,—very soory, Johnny, but as a bowler you are a long, drawn out frizzle, with fringe on both ends. We admit one thing, you are sure strong in facial expression, but correspondingly weak in delivery. A veterinary surgeon might prescribe a suitable tonic.

Colonel English, of the 1175th Hussars, who recently made hash of the Boers down in South Africa, and now holds down a lucrative job on the F. P., was right there with the motions. He has ideas of his own about bowling, and if he could gather in the ten pins on two balls his theories no doubt would be O. K. He was under explicit instructions from the Financial Editor during the game. He also had his coat off.

James Sore Finger Robertson has been reading up a lot about bowling lately, and his method of attack is unique in the extreme. Two or three strikes came his way, but smelling salts were on hand and he was easily brought to on each and every occasion. We predict that the aforesaid James will be a good bowler if he practices hard for the next ten years.

Master Bertie Whimster did well, considering his age, and made the second biggest noise on the score board. 'Twas rather late when the game was drawing to a close and no doubt he imagined he should have been sitting on the edge of the bed with one shoe off. There were no ladies in the grand stand, else the efforts of the aforesaid Bert would no doubt have been doubled or thribbled. However, he's a good-looking chap and will be a great help to the family.

(Bothered again: A nifty young man wanted to know how about new styles in trousers. We told him they still were frayed around the bottom, and that spikes were used in place of buttons—for the braces of course.)

The powers that be at Ingram's did the thing up brown when they came through with two boxes of cigars, 25c brand. We are used to a corn cob and shag, but are still alive.

Archie Glendenning and Billy Baldrey chalked up for the performers, and the way they had to wade into the big figures wasn't slow.

Kirkpatrick, with his run hop step and bang, flattened out some pins till they looked like Aunt Jemima's pancakes.

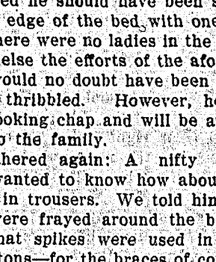
B. B. B. This stands for Buckley's Bruce Blood, which was just starting to boil when time was called.

Lest we forget—oysters on the half shell, turkey and cranberry stuffin' and—beg pardon, what's your opinion of the spring hats.

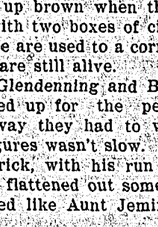
The thanks of the bunch are tendered to Ingram's for the way in which they kept the cops out.

Guess the prints could have a pretty fair team.

Our photographer has not yet returned from his last summer holidays so we cannot give many photos: However we secured the following:



JOHN VOLUME ON THE WAY TO THE GAME.)



JOHN VOLUME ON THE WAY HOME

Our spring poetry editor submits the following lines. He thought they were winners, As our musical critique is away tuning Fred Roo's mouth organ at Elko, we cannot give the tune, but the Free Press crew can hum them over softly to suit themselves:

Oh, juicy oysters on the shell,
Your mem'ry haunts me still.
Oh, oysters fried and oysters stewed
And the Free Press pays the bill!

The office boy just came in in a great state of excitement and said that "them there words jest hooked onto the tune of Auld Lang Syne." By heck, so they do, so p'rhaps we'll write some more sweet and touchin' music again.

A fur-lined deputation from the F. P. waited on us the other day, and said if we would only line up our bowlers again his assortment of daubers would soon show us where we got off at. We were busy at the time over a letter from a chap who owed us $1.50, and wanted to know if we would rather have 45 cents cash or his policy for $2500 in the Globe Fire Insurance company. We told him to send along the 45c, and get a receipt for $1.50. Well to return to the prize ring: We said sure, we're on for any old game, and next Saturday night is the time set for the slaughter. At the urgent request of the Free Press Mr. Ingram extends a hearty invitation to the ladies, and he will have the leather covered seats in the first row reserved for their special benefit.—(We just hustled the office boy to our house to get our white shirt with the big stiff bosom and take it to the laundry and get it through sure by Saturday night, for as the ladies are going to be present we will have to dust up.)

CREDITORS' TRUST DEEDS ACT

NOTICE is hereby given that the J. H. Reid Company, Limited, carrying on business as Furniture Dealers at Fernie, B. C., has by Deed of Assignment dated the 11th day of February 1909, assigned all its personal property, real estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, unto Cornelius E. Lyons of Fernie, B. C., Assignee, for the purpose of paying and satisfying all its creditors ratably and proportionately, without preference or priority.

All persons having claims against the J. H. Reid Company, Limited, are required to forward particulars of same duly verified, to the said Cornelius E. Lyons of Fernie, B. C., on or before the 1st day of April, 1909, after which date the said Cornelius E. Lyons will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and all persons indebted to the said J. H. Reid Company, Limited, are requested to pay such indebtedness to the said Cornelius E. Lyons at his office, Fernie, B. C.

A meeting of the creditors of the said J. H. Reid Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the said Company, Victoria avenue, on Thursday, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1909 at 2.30 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of February, A. D. 1909.

L. P. ECKSTEIN,
Solicitor for Assignee.

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

Fernie, B.C., February 27th, 1909

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

The Rev. Hugh H. Grant B. A. of Fernie will conduct evening service in the Presbyterian church to-morrow (Sunday.) The sacrament will be administered and the right hand of fellowship and a hearty Christian welcome will be given to all who care to take part in its observance.

George Ross returned from the coast and is looking as good as ever.

Bob Macpherson's moving picture show is drawing good audiences at the club hall. The pictures are as good as any ever thrown on the screen in Coal Creek. It is the intention of this enterprising local man to give a show every Monday and Thursday night with the interperation of musical items, at popular prices. It is now in order for you to bring your family or someone else's and patronize this effort to place good and instructive amusement right at your door.

Mr. Walter Harwood of Pollock's store, who dropped in last week, is always a welcome personage at Coal Creek.

We regret to hear that Allen Pearson, who left the camp shortly after the fire is in Cranbrook hospital suffering from the effects of frost bites to both feet.

City Constable Bob Clarke from Fernie was here and took in the boxing contest Monday night.

Tom Jenkinson, Joe Jenkinson and Bill Agnew came in on Friday, the 19th after a trip to Cumberland, England. All looked hale and hearty, and bore an appearance showing that there is still something more substantial than a vegetarian diet to be got in the old country.

Mrs. Hudson of the boarding house entertained a few friends on Wednesday evening, the 17th. Dancing was indulged in and much enjoyed. The hostess was assisted by her maids, Mary, who is always in gay trim for a dance, and Phyllis, whose presence itself is ever an enchantment, in looking after the requirements of the guests.

The boys never tire of seeing Mr. O. S. Frizell of Mutz brewery calling on them.

Whilst returning from work the other day Jack Myers slipped and fell rather heavily on his knee. There is nothing fractured, but he is consequently forced to use a stick to enable him to get about.

One day lately our Presbyterian pastor had occasion to reprove a gang of mischievous boys for unseemly behaviour about the church. There is good reason to believe it is more than a mere co-incidence that shortly afterwards one of the church windows was smashed. Really it seems opportune to ask if parental control is entirely dead in Coal Creek. This is clearly a case where the proper punishment ought to be the strenuous application of a stout birch rod or a weighty leather thong on the same old proverbial tender spot.

The winning number in the drawing for Edward Hay's Le-Enfield rifle was No. 9, and Steve Hall was the lucky holder.

Coal Creek Burns club, better known the the Jolly Beggars, had a social to wind up their session on Friday night, the 19th. There was a good assembly of members with a few invited guests. Judging from the happy faces around the tables the chairman Mr. Alex. McFegan was the captain of a merry crew. In a homely fireside manner he related some of the wonderful predictions of the immortal bard, which in these days are too apt to be overlooked. Above all he maintained that Burns was one of the people, and was bitterly opposed to the ruling class of the day. After these much appreciated remarks they fell to and changed the aspect of the many good things provided. The musical program consisted of songs by M. J. McGeckie, Geo. Hunt, R. Sampson, T. Douglas, N. Duncan, R. Hubberstey, J. Combe J. T. Puckey, W. Loudon, W. H. Evans, Joe Morris.

A special feature was the Highland march and sword dance. Mr. Bob Tucker wearing his bonnet, led with the pipes, whilst the dance was executed by Mr. Adam Cruickstanks.

More power to the Jolly Beggars.

The meeting on Monday between Doc Sanford and his long lost friend Bill Parker was most pathetic. Bill can't remember exactly whether his pal was formerly a station master or a tripe dresser.

David Evans, who was in Fernie hospital when the fire occurred, suffering from an injured foot, received in No. 5 mine, and who was removed to Cranbrook, was let out some time ago. He was forced to return to the hospital for a further operation. He is out once more and it is hoped that his recovery is permanent.

Adam Watson, fireboss in No. 9 until the time he went to the old country a few months ago, looked in last week end. He is making Hosmer his location for the present.

G. A. Lonnell of the International Novelty company was busy amongst the boys on Monday with a novel plan for the drawing of a gold watch.

Cyclone Kid of Coal Creek met Bill Cadman, a New Zealander, on Monday night. The agreement was that Cyclone was to put his man down and out, in 10 rounds, otherwise the fight would go to Cadman. Fighting was fierce while it lasted, but in the second Cyclone fouled Cadman and the fight was awarded to the latter. Preliminary spars were put on between Joe Dodd Jr. and Jack Pester, and Harry Baker and Arthur De Altrop.

Jim Seddon, who was struck in the eye wit a piece of wire a few weeks since, is an in-patient at the Fernie hospital.

The Welshman of the camp are observing St. David's day by holding a concert in the Presbyterian church on March 1.

Signs of improvement of work in the mines are not yet on the horizon and we are just holding on to the same old hope.

It is rumored that the stork is hovering ominously over Coal Creek. The puzzle is where will he light first?

MERRITT

W. Williams has moved into his new cottage.

Grant Wilson from Girard arrived on Monday's train and has taken the position as consulting engineer for the Diamond Vale.

Delegates from Nicola and Middlesboro Athletic clubs met Merritt Athletic club on Sunday to form a league for sports for the valley. It is the intention to have football, base ball, and tennis teams to play outside clubs.

The match between Nicola and Middlesboro on Friday at Nicola resulted in favor of the home teams.

R. Smith of Canmore, Alta., was a passenger on Monday's train.

Andrew Hoggan arrived on town on Saturday from the coast to assist his brother Alex in the hotel.

H. G. Grimes from Newcastle on-Tyne, England, was a passenger on Monday's train and is staying at the Grand hotel.

R. McFarlane of Butte, Montana, was in town on Monday on business.

The match between Nicola and Kamloops was postponed on account of the thaw.

The Diamond Vale are making preparations to work the Diamond drill. Jack McNeil will handle the diamonds.

W. Emerton of Kelowna arrived on Monday's train and is looking up fruit lands.

H. Cowby has moved into his new cottage on Nicola avenue.

Frank Bailey has opened a real estate office and is prepared to do all kinds of surveying.

A number of ladies are trying to form a whist club.

Mrs. McGregor of Vancouver arrived on Friday to join her husband who is opening up a paint shop.

The hockey match between Merritt and Nicola in the Middlesboro rink resulted 2 to 1 in favor of Merritt.

F. J. Smith intends planting 20 acres of peach trees on his ranch in the spring.

ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

The tears of a penitent are the wine of angels.

Mr. De Long of the Flunket and Savage company paid a short visit to Elko this week.

To dye or not to dye that is the question:
Breathes there a girl on earth to-day
With hair that's slowly turning gray
Who in the mirror scans her head
And ne'er unto herself hath said
As she puts out a soulful sigh
"I really think I ought to dye."

The Fernie Free Press stated last week that ex-Mayor Tuttle had placed $37.50 in the hands of Magistrate Whimster to be paid to the parties who captured the Black Hands. Now why in the name of Elijah's grandmother couldn't Bill Tuttle send it down to "Phil Leacey" and not give our Bill the trouble of going up to Fernie to collect it.

Mr. John Mott and daughter, Miss Katie, spent several days in Fernie last week. John returned home in time to save his bacon.

Anson Frost of Eureka and Miss Reeder of Cranbrook were Elko visitors this week.

Some people tell everything they know but this doesn't mean they talk too much.

If you are right you don't need to get mad, and if you are wrong you can't afford to.

A. J. Carter came down from Coal Creek on Saturday, returning Sunday evening.

It is mighty fortunate for a lot of people around Elko that they don't have to pay dog tax every time they growl.

FRESH FROM THE SOUTH FORK

When the light begins to lengthen
Then my heart begins to sing,
For I'm longing, longing, longing
For the coming of the spring.

Try boosting for that tired feeling this spring.

We received word from Fernie this week stating that Steve Manahan was selling baled hay and clover tablets for stomach troubles in Crows and Horses. Steve always did like to see dumb animals well fed.

Mrs. Dr. Gladwin of Corbin City is visiting Elko, the guest of Mrs. C. Burgess, Pacific avenue, North Star park.

Contractor Smith returned from the parties with several fine teams of Clydes for his bush work east of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Clark spent Sunday in Elko from Fernie. Dave thought he was down in California.

The Lord loveth a cheerful liar.

Mike Kelleher of the Great Northern left Elko for Kalispell, Montana, to attend the section foreman's convention. Mike will read a paper on Low Joints and High Centres.

The latest sensation, and one that is causing the people to sit up at night is that the Hoffman House is Haunted. This will no doubt be one of the summer attractions for Elko.

Hy. Oldlands buys a bunch of city lots this week.

Mrs. Fred Rae of Roosville, the big Red Apple country, paid a flying visit to Elko this week, returning with the stage Tuesday.

Tom Prentice was in Elko this week and Kootenay river points. He wears good clothes and brushes his hair in the middle, but his cheeks still are as fresh as pinks from the breezes of Loch Lomon.

Charlie Klingensmith wishes us to inform his many Fernie friends that he is back in Elko and doing business at the same old place.

Lack of credit prevents some people living beyond their means.

We firmly believe in giving everybody a square deal and will do so as far as we can even if we have to take a meat axe to push the game along.

Jim Corntossel was in Elko this week from the big Red Apply country with a load of fat capons and double yolked eggs.

"P. T. O."

E. H. H. Stanley, mayor of Baynes, passed through Elko on his way to Fernie on Wednesday feeling as good over the bright prospects you'd think his lungs reached clear down into his shoes.

Tracey, one of the old Crow Construction skinners, will have charge of Jim Fusee's trotting stock this summer at Baynes Lake.

Some people can see things when they look at them, but they can't ear song and wash with it.

The O Be Joyful, Come Again club of Fernie intend opening up a branch in Elko in the old Down by the River Side plantation. Ladies free, children half price.

BAYNES

Mr. Harry Chappy came down on Saturday night from Fernie to begin work on his tract in Kootonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Robey spent Sunday at the Adolph Home.

Mr. J. Fusee, foreman of the Adolph Lumber company bush camp, called the members of his camp together on Tuesday morning, gave them an elaborate breakfast of hen fruit and disbanded them for the season.

Mr. Fusee is one of the many successful poultry raisers of the country and the boys fully appreciated his kindness.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson of Waldo will be sorry to learn that they are to leave for Vancouver the first of March. Mr. Wilson has secured a position there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson and Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Newmyer of Grand Forks, B. C., took six o'clock dinner with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hart on Friday.

Mr. E. H. H. Stanley went to Fernie on a business trip on Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. McRea of Reid Hill, Alta., left for his home on Wednesday. He has been in the employ of the Adolph Lumber company during the winter. We hope to see him soon as he cinched the purchase of a Kootonia tract before leaving.

D. W. Hart sold a number of incubators to Kootonia settles in the past week. Poultry raising promises to be up to date in every way in this vicinity.

Mrs. Charles McNab gave a luncheon on Friday in honor of Mrs. Newmyer who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Robertson.

The Fortnightly club met in joint session with Waldo at the Adolph hall on Friday evening. Following is the program: Instrumental quartette: — Messrs. Saunders, Coffee, Ross, Reid, quartette: Come Where the Lillies Bloom, Mrs. Critch, Messrs. Adolph, Hobbins, Howard.

Reading: Mr. D. Curry.

Humorous: Mr. Henson.

Trio: Three Crows: Howard, Hobbins, Adolph.

Select reading: Mr. Howard.

Song: Coming Through the Dye: — H. Lamb.

Trio: Messrs. Ross, Rid, Hobbins.

Debate: Resolved that the Indians have had a square deal In North America.

Affirmative: Messrs. Hart, Howard and Adolph.

Negative: Messrs. Fitch, Curry and Hobbins.

Result: Decision withheld for fear of bodily harm from negative Indians.

Instrumental quartet: Messrs Saunders, Coffee, Ross, Ridd.

Reading: Miss Pithlado.

Comic song: Pat Malone forgot that he was dead: Mr. Ridd.

Trio: A little Farm Well Tilled: — Adolph, Howard, Hubbins.

Instrumental duet, Messrs. Saunders and Coffee.

Character sketch: Mr. Fitch.

Solo: The Deathless Army: Mr. Bailey.

The programme was a very good one and thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the Baynes Lake Literary club wish to thank the people of Upper and Lower Waldo for their prompt response to an invitation to join them.

Mr. Beetel of Ontario is now in charge of the culinary department of the Adolph dining hall.

Mr. J. D. Aye and force are opening up a new road across the Kootonia tract to the Elk river bottoms.

Mr. Hales Ross and Mr. Tellford left Sunday over the C. P. R. to be absent several weeks on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hart took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Regan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn left for Nelson last Thursday for a short visit. Mr. Dunn has been quite typhoid since last fall and we are glad to know that he is at last able to take a trip and hope he will return much improved.

COLEMAN.

The hockey match played here last night between Coleman and Moyie resulted in a tie, score 6 to 6. The game was the best by far that has been played in Coleman this season The teams were well matched, and the best of good feeling was the order throughout. Moyie showed a little the best combination. The issue between Coleman and Moyie is still unsettled as in addition to last night's game being a tie the one played between Moyie and Coleman four weeks ago at Moyie resulted similarly.

George Barner, a larry car man was slightly injured by letting his car come in too close contact with another. He will be around in a few days.

Charles Quimette is the choice of the Coleman village council for secretary treasurer, succeeding O. W. Bennett, who resigned on leaving for the Coast. The change came up at the special meeting of the council on Friday night. There were several applicants for the position.

The council's chairman, received word from Edmonton a few days ago to the effect that the council's application to the legislature for the privilege of borrowing $1000 over the amount fixed by the village act, will be granted. Coleman has already borrowed a thousand with which to build the present city hall; two thousand more will be required for carrying out the plans for enlarging the building and provide additional fire fighting apparatus.

The Knights of Pythias held a public installation of officers at the opera house on Friday evening. The attendance was very large, quite a number coming from Frank and Blairmore. The program was interesting, entertaining and informing. These are a few of the numbers. Duet by Messrs. Lyshon and Hayson; solo, When Knights were Bold, by E. Price, two solos by J. Bryn, recitations by Alex. Morrison and T. Haines. J. Bloom, Mrs. Critch, Messrs. of the page, illustrated by electric lantern slides which were kindly loaned by the Lethbridge lodge. The program was followed by a dance which continued until the wee small hours.

A special meeting of the Coleman Board of Trade was held at the club rooms last Wednesday evening. The main issue that came up for consideration was the application of the McGillivray Creek Coal and Coke Company for the construction of an aerial tramway from their mines down to the C. P. R. In building this line there was a possibility of polluting the water in McGillivray Creek, which is the source of Coleman's water supply. The board passed a resolution favoring the building of the line, but praying the government to carefully guard against the danger referred to. J. F. Povah, manager of the McGillivray Creek Company was present, and represented his company.

Mrs. Rogerson of Edmonton opened a millinery store last week in the building opposite the opera house. It is understood the quarters are only temporary. A larger building will be secured as soon as possible.

Charles O'Brien of Calgary, Socialist organizer, spent most of last week in Coleman. Mr. O'Brien has been under the weather with a heavy cold and found Coleman a good place in which to recuperate.

Dan James returned last week from Spokane where he had been undergoing treatment for his eyes. His sight is much improved and he is enjoying a quiet holiday before returning to work.

Duncan Smith returned to Lethbridge on Tuesday.

J. W. Bennett of Fernie, I. C. S. representative for the district, spent Sunday and Monday in Coleman. Mr Bennett believes thoroughly in his line. If you don't think so ask him.

Rev. A. E. H. Bott of Fishburn was in Coleman on Sunday and conducted Church of England services here.

R. P. Williams of Rossland registered at the Coleman on Monday.

M. Cooper and A. L. Davies of Lethbridge spent several days in Coleman last week.

A number of Coleman young people attended a dance on Tuesday night at Bellevue. The party went down in a sleigh and did some fast driving. A considerable mist and gravel was turned loose in rounding the corners in Frank. A good time is reported.

It is getting difficult to keep track of the numerous moving picture entertainments and shows of innumerable kinds that hold forth at the opera house for the amusement of the public. Among others to come are the Swiss Bell Ringers on Saturday night and the Tom Marks company who will be here on March 1st and 2nd.

Vice-President J. R. Galvin returned on Sunday form attending the International convention of the U.M.W. of A. at Indianapolis. John visited his sisters on the way back, and as he had not seen them for thirty years, it was a joyous meeting. Our Vice-President was credited with being one of the deepest thinking men at the convention and was put on two or three boards.

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In the meantime our fruit, confectionery and cigar departments are open as usual in the evening. We have just received two tons of D. L. Perrin's celebrated confectionery and have the best assortment of confectionery ever seen in Fernie at prices ranging from 15c to $1.00 per pound. We also have a nice assortment of cigars and tobaccos. Prices always the lowest at

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H. R. JORAND
District Registrar

Land Registry Office,
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Britain's Labor Struggle

Kier Hardie on the Progress of the Labor Movement in the Old Land

"The Labor movement has come to stay and will go on from triumph to triumph, until the reins of govern men pass from the hands of the rich, idle class into those of the toiling millions."

Lest some people might jump to the conclusion that these words were penned by Andrew Carnegie in a fit of remorse it might be as well to mention at the outset that the author of this article is Kier Hardie, M. P.

"I have crossed the Atlantic to set forth these facts in the hope that they may in some degree be found useful to the working classes of the United States of North America.

"If the results achieved in Great Britain, not only legislative but also in the way of creating a genuine working class party making for Socialism, be compared with what has been done this side of the Atlantic, there can it seems to me, be no doubt as to which is the wiser course to follow.

"So long as labor remains divided it is at the mercy of the capitalist class. In the ranks of the working class in my country political opinion is divided. The results of the Presidential election prove this most conclusively.

"The attempt to unite the working class vote under the banner of either of the existing parties is for this season foredoomed to failure. Experience has shown us that workingmen who were formerly Liberal or Conservative are prepared to come out from their old political associations and join their forces on a Labor platform common to both.

"They do so in the trade union movement; there is no reason why they should not do so in the field of politics. I am convinced however, that any movement for a Labor party is bound to fail unless it draws inspiration from the Socialist ideal. In the early struggling days of such a movement men don't vote for a party but for a principle.

"It is not a light matter to cut oneself adrift from old ties and associations and to undertake the Herculean task of building up a self supporting working class movement.

When, however, Socialism becomes the guiding rule and principle of men's conduct the difficulties become small in comparison with the devotion to the great religious ideal which is the main spring of Socialist thought and activity.

To win the world for eternal brotherhood; to abolish poverty with its attendant train of vice, crime and misery; to raise the race once more above the brute creation; to direct life away from the pursuit of sordid material things, and set it toward the realization of the highest and best, is an aim worthy of one's highest endeavor.

Labor in Britain

The day must come in the United States when Labor must either shape its own destiny or be content to sink into a condition in no degree removed form serfdom.

We in Great Britain have made our choice and are determined to work out our own economic and industrial freedom, remembering always that they who would be free must strike the blow themselves.

Upon the women of America almost as much as on the men rests the responsibility of bringing about a new order of things.

To those who are opposed on principle to women having the vote at all I have little to say. There I find it easier to pity than to reason with. But when they forsee the deluge following upon the enfranchisement of women I refer them to your own Western States where women vote and to the English colonies.

There women are real citizens and voters, but they have not because of that ceased to be wives—even housewives or mothers. Their outlook on life has been a little broadened by the possession of the vote, which forces them to interest themselves in political and social conditions.

They are thus in a fair way to become better companions to their husbands, and I say this with deep conviction. Women whose circle of interests is circumscribed by their pots, pans and scrubbing brushes, varied with occasional gossip with a neighbor or a quarrel with the husband, can never, however affectionate, be other than a curb upon the opening, and eager questioning of her children.

Women's Outlook Broadened

Broaden the outlook of the mother and you open a new world for childhood to grow in and bind many a wild, wayward youth to his home life who is now driven out into the hard world for lack of that sympathetic, intelligent companionship which an educated and enlightened mother can alone supply. Your western statesmen and social reformers all admit that women's influence in the sphere of politics has been healthful and quickening, and as it has been there so would it undoubtedly be everywhere.

The half-angel, half-idiot period is over in the woman's world. She is fighting her way into every sphere of human activity. Her labor is coming into competition with that of man in nearly every department of industry.

In the learned professions she is forcing herself to the front by sheer determination and strength of intellect in a way that will not be denied.

Sooner or later men will be compelled to treat with her and recognize her as a co-worker and they could not begin better than by admitting her as a co-worker. Those who prate so glibly of adult suffrage might surely learn something of men's opinion of women by taking note of the way in which lawyers and doctors are resisting her encroachment on their preserves.

The enfranchisement of women is not a party question. Its supporters and opponents are scattered over all parties. The measure of practical politics demands it and it is for women to see that it is kept there until it is settled. If they will, as I think they should make it, not a test, but the test question at elections, and absolutely refuse to work for or countenance any candidate who is not whole heartedly with them, they will certainly get the franchise.

A revolutionary change has come over the spirit of British politics in the attitude of women suffrage and in other ways. Not only is laissez faire dead and forgotten, but out of its ashes has arisen an entirely new creation. The old theory that the state was an unclean thing, to be kept as far away as possible from the lives of the people has given place to a new concept in which the aid of the state is being invoked for purposes which would have made the blood run cold in the men who were at the helm 50 years ago.

The English labor party was formed in 1899. Prior to that the relations between the Socialist and trade union movements were for the most part those of mutual antagonism. The trade union movement which obtained full legal recognition so late as 1875 was thoroughly imbued with the doctrainaire spirit of middle class radicalism. Occasionally it made hesitating incursions into the realms of legislation, but then only for reforms aimed at securing better sanitary conditions or more safety to life and limb in mines, factory or workshop.

Hours Shortened, Pay Increased

The strike was the only weapon upon which it placed any reliance. During the fat years which followed the [illegible] of free trade, in the middle of the last century substantial gain was won for labor by trade union effort.

Hours were shortened and rates of pay increased by this means, but the workers were content to leave the *legislatie machinery almost exclusively* under the control of their masters. In 1867 the parliamentary franchise was conferred upon working class householders living in large towns and cities and in 1884 the same franchise, with one or two minor additions, was extended to colliers, agricultural laborers and other workers outside the populous centres.

With, however, the trifling exceptions already named, organized labor made little if any use of the power the franchise conferred upon them. The battle cry was a "fair day's wage for a fair day's work," and that, with such improvements as could be secured in working conditions, represented its outlook.

In the early eighties a Socialist organization was formed in London and at once entered upon a vigorous campaign for the propagation of its doctrines and theories. At that time the Socialist tradition resulting from the teachings of Robert Owen and of the Christian Socialists headed by Charles Kingsley had become almost extinct.

Bit by bit, however, the movements made headway and in 1893 the Independent Labor party was formed in order to carry on Socialist propaganda on lines more consistent with British thought, feeling and tradition than those which were guiding the older organization.

The Independent Labor party has never troubled itself about the dogmatic, theoretic aspect of Socialism, but has confined its propaganda more to the practical application of the doctrines of Socialism to the requirements of modern industrialism. The working class under our industrial system is in a position of peculiar helplessness.

Change Caused by Machinery

Before the development of machinery and factory production, working upon the land was the chief source of employment, and even those handicraftsmen who plied their calling to supply the requirements of the community were also as a rule, cultivators of either a large sized garden or a little plot of land. The handicraftsman was also the owner of the kit of tools with which he worked and in many cases was his own master in that he obtained orders direct from customers to whom he handed over the finished article, receiving the pay from them direct.

Under such circumstances the accumulation of great fortunes was next to impossible, except for those engaged in oversea trading, while extreme destitution was almost uncommon.

With the incoming of the machine and the consequent development of the factory system all this condition of things was changed.

The worker, instead of working in his own cottage, with his own tools, was compeleld to enter a factory to work machinery which he did not own and instead of receiving the price of the article his labor produced he had to accept such wage as his employer could afford or hunger compelled him to accept. The individual employer gave place to the company, and in recent years the company has been fast developing into the Trust. Labor is now a commodity in the market and its value is regulated by those same laws of supply and demand which regulate the price of other commodities.

The coming of the age of machinery has thus changed the worker to the necessity of laboring in factories in which he grinds out money for the corporation.

Destitution the Result

The result is seen in the social and industrial condition of the people. In the year 1900 a government inspector of schools certified that in the city of London alone 120,000 children of school age were attending public schools in a state of destitution. Unemployment has become chronic and varies in skilled trades from three per cent in prosperous times to 15 per cent in certain trades in periods of great depression. The state of the unskilled was even worse.

The late Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, before he became Prime Minister, made himself responsible for the statement, which has never been disputed, that thirteen millions of the population, one third of the entire nation, was compelled to live at or under the poverty line, even when fully employed. By the poverty line he indicated that the income of a family in full work and from all sources would not provide a sufficient supply of the necessaries of life to maintain its members in a state of bodily efficiency.

Recruiting returns proved that physical deterioration had attained alarming proportions and that over sixty per cent of the recruits who offered themselves for enlistment in the army had to be rejected on this account.

"Clearly, this condition of things was beyond the power of trades unionism on the old lines to set right, and under the influence of the teachings of the Independent Labor party which has its branches scattered broadcast over the country and which by means of printing press and public platform carried on an unceasing Socialist propaganda to find increasing favor with the working class.

When, therefore in 1899, proposals were made that such a party should be formed, they found ready acceptance. The basis of alliance between the Socialist and the trade unionist was political independence of the older parties. At present 1,500,000 trade unionists are allied with the Socialists in the Labor party.

At the general election in 1906 50 candidates were run under the Labor party auspices. Twenty nine were won then and now the strength of the party in parliament is 32. In addition to these the Miners Federation which has 550,000 members and maintains fourteen members of parliament, has decided to affiliate with the Labor party, bringing the total strength of the party in the house of Commons up to 46.

The total number of votes polled by all parties in those constituencies in which there were Labor candidates was 859,518, the number going to the Labor party being 323,195, or thirty-seven per cent of the total vote cast. Had it been possible to run a candidate in every industrial constituency the proportion voting for labor would not have been materially different.

At the next general election the total number of Labor candidates will probably exceed 100 in the British Isles alone (inclusive of Ireland) out of a total of 567 constituencies, and I confidently predict that the result will be a considerale addition to the strength of the party in the House of Commons. Outside of parliament the number of Labor members on town councils and urban councils totals some thousands, and altogether the working class movement is now playing a very large and responsible part in the national life of the country.

"The workers are realizing that so long as they are the hirelings of another class their status can never be much improved and that it is only by transforming land and capital from private into common property and organizing industry on the basis of production for use and not for profit that economic freedom can be achieved.

"Liberty of conscience and political freedom already exist, but experience is showing that it is economic freedom alone which can give liberty to a people. Under the old conditions the work men were regarded as an inferior race.

"They are now taking their place on terms of equality in the political arena with the other classes of the community, and that of itself must inevitably led to the overthrow of the conditions which mark them off for a lot of penury and toil while their task masters accumulate riches almost beyond the dreams of avarice."—Vancouver Province.

A TALE OF THE NORTH

Relating the Incidents of a Double Tragedy--Police Will Not Act

FORT WILLIAM, Feb. 23—News of a wierd tragedy of northern wilds was brought in here from Lake Nipigon district by national transcontinental police to-day. An old Indian named Zeabo quarrelled with his best friend while on a hunting trip, the dispute arising over the possession of furs, which Zeabo claimed were caught on his reserve. The quarrel ended in Zeabo killing his companion.

The deed played on Zeabo's mind and on his return home he told his family that he had killed his best friend and asked several acquaintances to kill him, believing that his own death could alone atone for his sin. He could not kill himself as he believed that would be a double crime. One night he came into his home and handed his daughter a sharp axe and commanded her to kill him. At first she refused but on being told by her father if she did not he would commit more murders, she consented.

He bade an affectionate farewell to his two young sons and the girl, who then commanded him to stand over by the fire with his back to her.

She weighed 180 pounds, and after swinging the axe high in the air she brought it down on him full force and completely severed the head from the body.

Then she fainted away. The police, after investigating the circumstances, decided to leave the girl in her sorrow.

PASSED AWAY

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 24—A well known resident of this city passed away last evening in the person of James D. Rae of the Dominion customs staff. Mr. Rae has been ill for some time but was thought to be improving. His demise was a surprise to his many friends.

POOR NEWSPAPER MEN IN THE TOILS

BENCH WARRANTS FOR PROPRIETOR AND EDITORS OF NEW YORK WORLD

WASHINGTON Feb. 17—Bench warrants were issued late to-day for the arrest of Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb Vanhamb and Robert Lyn of New York, proprietor and editors of the New York World, and for Delevan Smith and Charles Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, for criminal libel in connection with the publication in those newspapers of charges of irregularities in the purchase of the United States government of the Panama canal property from the French owners.

The indictments on which the warrants were based were returned to-day by the United States grand jury sitting in this city, and the warrants were issued later by the clerk of the criminal court. The warrants are directed against all five of the defendants of the newspapers. The summons requires the corporate defendant, (the Press Publishing Co. of New York) to appear in court forthwith. Theodore Roosevelt, Wm. Taft, Elihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles Taft, Douglas Robinson and Wm. Cromwell are named in the indictments as the persons alleged to have been villified by the two newspapers.

"The indictments of the New York World and the Indianapolis News are not indictments of the press of the United States, as they would like to have it appear," said Mr. Cromwell, "but a part of the press of the country. I am in favor," he continued, "of a free and unmuzzled press."

AN ILL-FATED TRAIN

MURPHYSBORO, Ill. Feb. 24—Illinois Central train No. 205 southbound from St. Louis to New Orleans, was wrecked six miles east of here to-day. Four persons are reported killed and about 20 injured. Owing to broken telegraph lines details are lacking but a relief train has gone from here to bring the wounded to this city.

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In he matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of title for the East half of lot 10, block 30, Town of Fernie (Map 734.)

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of Title to the above mentioned land in the name of Ann Biggs, which certificate is dated the 21st day of May 1906 and numbered 3659 A.

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o the nearest large town—and suppose it should be put in his head to suspect Hilary?

It would almost surely be a stupid head, and therefore all the more dangerous. Some other pitfalls might have been laid, of which she and Hilary knew nothing—would know nothing until it was too late. What horrible, what irrevocable mischief some blundering "detective" might do.

Lady Lambart would fain have talked matters over with Hilary, but feared to tell her the truth in the girl's present strange mood. Instead she rang and ordered the servant who came to have Mr. McGowan informed that she wished him to come to her at once.

He did come, after the shortest of delays, which nevertheless seemed long enough to her, and before he had time even to ask a question Lady Lambart began to pour out her grievances.

She and her daughter had been outrageously insulted in his house. She wished to go at once and consult her London solicitor.

"But, Lady Lambart, in the present circumstances I fear it is impossible—that is, I mean that it will be best for you not to go."

"If you refer to the trifling debt I owe you for our stay here"— began Lady Lambart. But the manager respectfully cut her short.

"No, it is not that, indeed," he replied, "though I must confess I should be obliged if your ladyship could find it convenient to pay. But, you see, a certain suspicion is afloat; nonsense, and cruel nonsense, no doubt; and I have done my best to prevent your being annoyed. Still, there it is; and the affair has happened. Really, Lady Lambart, the only thing to do now is for you and Lady Hilary to stay exactly where you are, and as you are, until the matter of the jewels has been cleared up—as it may be, any minute."

"Is it true there is a detective in the house?"

Mr. McGowan raised his eyebrows. "Naturally there is—I may as well admit that, since the fact has been mentioned."

"And my daughter and I are being watched?"

"Everybody in the hotel is more or less under observation."

Lady Lambart bit her lip, and her eyes were full of a dangerous light. "I will not keep you any longer," she said, "since you do not intend to protect me."

"I am unable to do more than I have done, and am at present doing. I deeply regret to say."

"Then, at least, leave me."

He did not require the second bidding. And with what Lady Lambart suffered in that moment and other moments to come Elspeth Dean—if she had but known—was fully avenged.

CHAPTER XIX.

"I must see you for a moment on a matter of life and death." Elspeth had written to Kenrith, and had forgotten in her great haste and anxiety to name a place of meeting; but Kenrith knew, as he read, that he would be able to find the girl through the porter, who had furtively handed him the note.

In the new light thrown by Elspeth's words the scene just past took a new significance. They could have but one meaning; she had tried to warn him against an attempt upon Oxford's life, and perhaps his own, by poison.

Kenrith did not particularly like Trowbridge, and he had liked him less than ever after his brusque announcement of an engagement with Lady Hilary Vane; but he had not entertained the slightest suspicion against the man's character. Now, had the warning come from any other woman of his acquaintance, he would have regarded it as absurd; but there was something about the young stenographer which compelled his trust, even when reason argued against her.

He recalled the fleeting look of fury on Trowbridge's face when the dog had broken the glass of whiskey and soda which Oxford was in the very act of raising to his lips. If Elspeth Dean were right, Prince Charlie had saved his master's life.

"Let us try once more to have a farewell drink before we part," Trowbridge now suggested, laughing. "I always keep plenty of tumblers here," and he went to an old-fashioned wall cupboard, with a prettily-curtained glass door.

"No, thank you," Kenrith answered pleasantly, but decidedly, before Captain Oxford had time to speak. "My friend is looking rather done up, and as he's still more or less on the invalid list, spirits are not the best thing for him. Rest will do him more good than anything else tonight."

This hint was so broad that Trowbridge was obliged to take it. He apologized good-naturedly for his lack of consideration in keeping them up so long after the trying experience they had gone through, and, wishing them both pleasant dreams, left the room.

"What shall I do about Prince Charlie, sir?" asked the porter, who stood outside the door now, awaiting instructions. "Shall I try downstairs again, or"—

"We'll keep him here for the present, thank you," said Kenrith, anticipating his friend's answer. Oxford had been about to give up the dog to the night porter; but finding that Kenrith was willing to keep him in the room he let it go at that. Millar bade the two gentlemen a respectful goodnight, closed the door gently, and they were left alone.

Kenrith decided to say nothing to Oxford about the note from Elspeth Dean until he himself had seen the girl and learned upon what grounds she based her suspicions. Nevertheless, he did not neglect the precautions he would have taken if he fully believed in the warning.

While Oxford busied himself in caressing the excited collie, he selected from the waste-paper basket, where the glass had been thrown, a few of the larger fragments and put them in his pocket. He also rolled a big easy chair over the spot where the whiskey had fallen on the carpet.

"Now, I am going to leave you for a few moments," said Kenrith. "I have a little business downstairs with our friend the night porter, but I expect to be back soon, and if you don't mind I should be glad if you could stay awake till you see me again."

If Oxford's curiosity were roused he did not say so. Indeed, his attention was engrossed by Prince Charlie. The dog's behavior seemed odd to his master, for though the wild excitement he had shown in Trowbridge's presence was abating, he was still unlike himself. His beautiful eyes were extraordinarily bright and prominent. He kept up a continual whimpering quivering all over, and appearing to suffer in some inexplicable way.

"There's something very queer the matter with the Prince," said Oxford. "I don't understand him to-night at all."

"Watch him," replied Kenrith, remembering that some of the spilled whiskey had fallen on the dog's nose. Still, he kept his own counsel, as he went out to search for the sender of the warning.

No one was to be seen in the dimly lighted corridor. Guilty or not guilty, Trowbridge had no idea that he was suspected.

Kenrith went softly but hastily downstairs, meaning to inquire Elspeth's whereabouts of the night porter; but it was she, not the man, who came quickly to meet him.

"Thank heaven," she whispered. "I was afraid something would keep you—or that you would think I was mad."

"I should have thought any one else mad, who wrote such a letter," he said, "but not you. Now tell me everything."

How Elspeth got through her story she did not know; but somehow she made clear the strange history of events, of suspicions, and of actual knowledge.

There was not time to tell all, for she had a plan to propose; but she began with the fire, and what had happened to her in the corridor when she had tried to give the alarm. She told what she had heard in the secret room, and of the dead face her groping fingers had touched.

"It was Mr. Trowbridge's voice I heard, of that I am sure. Who was with him, I can't tell; but whoever it was, those two are in the plot together. They meant to kill Captain Oxford; it must have been they who tried to murder him before. When I heard that you and he were to sleep in Mr. Trowbridge's sitting room, I was afraid there might be still another attempt, since the fire had failed. But that was only part of my reason for sending you the note. Those two men must be taken together in the secret room, if at all. You see, they meant to go back there for me—and they will be going soon, if they haven't gone already, for they have no time to waste. If they find me gone, they'll know the game is up, and even if they don't try to escape from the house, they'll make it dreadfully difficult to prove anything against them. There'll only be my word, you know."

"They shall be taken in the secret room, never fear," said Kenrith, quietly.

"You mean you will go?"

"Yes, I will go."

"Not alone. They might kill you."

"I have a revolver which I've carried—since yesterday. But I shan't be alone. The man who brought your letter will go with me."

"The night porter."

"Night porter pro tem. He is a detective, and a smart one. No one knows but Oxford, myself, McGowan—and, now, you. Oxford must be with us, too. It's his right, as the plot was against him. He'd never forgive me if I left him out."

As he spoke he stepped to the door of the night porter's tiny room and gave a peculiar knock.

Instantly the man to whom Elspeth had given her letter appeared.

"She knows," said Kenrith. "We can trust her. Thanks to her alone, we are going to unravel the whole plot and kill two birds, or perhaps more, with one stone. While I get more particulars from this lady, fetch Captain Oxford, if you please—and—look here, you'll both want revolvers. Don't let him delay a moment. This may be a matter of life and death."

The man scarcely waited for the last word, but was off, his figure almost instantly swallowed up in the dark.

"Now, you must tell me the way into that secret room," said Kenrith.

"Tell you the way!" exclaimed Elspeth. "Why, I'm going to guide you there. Oh, please don't object! You couldn't get in without me."

Kenrith's eyes lit up with admiration of her courage as he looked down at her in the dim light.

"You're not afraid?" he asked.

"Not with you," the girl impulsively answered, then blushed deeply because she could not take the words back.

Dark as it was, he saw the blush and the look on her face which told him more than the words spoken inadvertently.

"Darling child," he said, "do you know I love you and want you for my wife?"

He had forgotten Lady Lambart and all his fancied obligations to her, even as Elspeth had forgotten all the world but him.

It seemed impossible that she had heard aright. Such happiness could not be, she thought, for her. But before he could speak again Captain Oxford and the porter came hurriedly into the hall.

CHAPTER XX.

There were two ways of reaching the secret room in the tower. Elspeth Dean had the best of reasons for being certain of this, but the only one to which she had a clue was the hidden entrance by the fireplace in her own old quarters.

Fortunately, this was the better way to take, as the men who were to be trapped would almost surely have chosen the other. Had they not intended to do so, they would not have left the door of the tower room locked, and this Elspeth knew they had done, as she had unfastened it when she made her escape.

The three men kept close at her heels, ready to protect her if need be, as she led them up the winding stairs, then to the door of the tower room which had been hers. It was still unlocked, as she had left it, and they filed in, noiselessly as shadows.

The room was in darkness, save for the pale starlight that filtered in at the uncovered windows, but Elspeth knew well where to find the place she sought, and no light was needed yet from the police lanterns which the detectives carried.

There was a moment of wild suspense when she feared that, after all, she had lost the secret of the spring which opened the sliding panel. But she touched it at last, with a thrill of triumph, and with a faint click as the sole alarm, the way was open.

Now Kenrith put the girl away, when she would have passed through. "You have done enough," he said in a whisper, "the rest is for us."

But she rebelled gently. "I can't leave you," she answered. "I daren't. I should be more afraid here, or going back, than with you near. Oh, I must stay and see it through."

It was true, as she said. He could not leave her behind. Who could tell whether Trowbridge and the other were already in the secret room, or whether they might not see the girl outside, and in an instant revenge themselves for the ruin she had brought upon them?

"Follow us then," Kenrith said. "But—you are to be careful, for my sake."

Never had the girl been so happy. If death should come to her in the

"You have done enough," he said.

next moment, she would not have missed that which makes life best worth living.

On the other side of the secret door they paused listening. There was no sound, and the detective opened his lantern.

When Elspeth had previously been on the other side of the secret door she had groped in darkness, seeing nothing. Now, by the lantern light, she saw a curious, narrow passage between rough walls of stone. The passage followed the form of the tower, and Elspeth told herself that it probably ran all the distance round between the embrasures of the windows in the tower room. The floor was covered with a strip of thick carpet, evidently new, and probably meant to deaden the sound of footfalls in case the passage had to be used while the tower room was occupied. Just at the turn the queer, ladder-like staircase was visible—that steep staircase down which she had hurried in fear and nameless horror but a short time ago. It was covered with the same new carpeting as that which protected the floor; a patternless green fabric, stained with dust and mud as if with a trace of every footstep which had passed up or down.

Elspeth pointed to the stairs. "It's up above where the dead woman lies," she whispered. "But they left me lying here. See, there are the bands of stuff that bound me, knotted still. They'll look here when they come"—

"Hush," murmured the detective, with a finger on his lips, and turned off the light.

They were in black darkness, darkness which in this cold and gloomy place seemed thick, as if it might be felt.

Kenrith laid his hand on the girl's shoulder. She had been trembling a little, but at his touch her nerves grew steady.

There was a slight sound in the distance. A sliding door had been softly pushed back, somewhere out of sight. Then came a muffled sound of footsteps on the carpet and voices talking in low tones together. An instant later a yellow light quivered along the dark wall. They were coming round with a lantern; and, Elspeth heard the same clinking noise which had frightened her on the first night in the tower room.

In a moment more they would know that they had been tricked; but the light had not found the intruders yet, and the four who lay hid waited, scarcely breathing.

Now they came round the turn of the passage, two tall, black figures, walking one behind the other; but the old-fashioned lantern which, with its clinking chain, hung from the hand of the foremost man, did not send its rays up to their faces. Their features were hidden still, as if masked by darkness.

"We're late," Trowbridge's voice said, in a hushed tone, yet audible to those intently listening ears. "You oughtn't to have gone so far off when this thing had to be done still, before dawn."

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"We're late," Trowbridge's voice said, in a hushed tone, yet audible to those intently listening ears. "You oughtn't to have gone so far off when this thing had to be done still, before dawn."

"We've time still," answered another voice, strange to Elspeth, save that she had heard it here before; but she felt the hand on her shoulder start.

"Where was it we left her?" asked Trowbridge. "Here, I think. Why"—and the light touched the woollen mufflers which Elspeth had thrown off. But his sentence was never finished. The detective leaped out of his hiding place and flashed the lantern in [illegible]

(To be continued)

SMILE

"I believe in the smile. But I claim that there must be something back of the smile. The smile that is enkindled by the right sort of brain stuff and soul stuff, and I might add body stuff, and which beams from the eyes, and lights up the face of the true man, is indeed an asset of much value in the factory, on the road, behind the counter and in all walks of life. But without this fuel I never knew a smile to be warm or cheering."—Arthur F. Sheldon.

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write to Dr. Pierce and receive free the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience—a skilled and successful specialist in the diseases of women. Every letter of this sort has the most careful consideration and is regarded as sacredly confidential. Many sensitively modest women write fully to Dr. Pierce what they would shrink from telling to their local physician. The local physician is pretty sure to say that he cannot do anything without "an examination." Dr. Pierce holds that these distasteful examinations are generally needless, and that no woman, except in rare cases, should submit to them.

Dr. Pierce's treatment will cure you right in the privacy of your own home. His "Favorite Prescription" has cured hundreds of thousands, some of them the worst of cases.

It is the only medicine of its kind that is the product of a regularly graduated physician. The only one good enough that its makers dare to print its every ingredient on its outside wrapper. There's no secrecy. It will bear examination. No alcohol and no habit-forming drugs are found in it. Some unscrupulous medicine dealers may offer you a substitute. Don't take it. Don't trifle with your health. Write to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Dr. R. [illegible] Buffalo, N. Y.,—take the advice received and be well.

BIG CUT ON ALL LINES OF

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You can save from 25 to 40 per cent. if you buy now.

MEN'S SUITS, FINE CLOTH $5.00 AND UP
MEN'S FLANNEL SHIRTS, $1.50 NOW $1.00
FIVE PAIR WOOL SOCKS FOR $1.00

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We can furnish you with estimates in anything in our line

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ORIGINAL CHARTER 1854

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of Six Per Cent. per annum upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the three months ending the 28th of February, 1909, and the same will be payable at its Head Office and Branches on and after Monday, the 1st day of March next. The transfer books will be closed from the 14th to the 28th of February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board

JAMES MASON, General Manager

Toronto, Jan. 23, 1909.

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100 tons of good

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Safety Deposit Vault

Safety Deposit Lockers can be rented at The Ledger Office. Most fireproof vault in the city. Reasonable rates. See the Manager for particulars.

CHAPPED FROM FINGERS TO ELBOWS

BOY'S AGONY RELIEVED BY ZAM-BUK

If you are suffering from badly chapped hands you will be able to comprehend a little of the agony which Henry Walker of 14 Manufacturres St. Montreal, endured before Zam-Buk gave him relief. His mother, telling of the case to a press representative, said:

"Henry works with his shirt sleeves rolled up above his elbows, and passing from a warm room to the biting cold, as he was obliged to do, he got the worst case of chapped hands and arms I have ever seen. From his fingers to his elbows was one mass of raw flesh, with bad cracks here and there. Whenever he washed, it brought the tears to his eyes, the pain was so acute. He tried several kinds of salve, but nothing relieved him really, until he tried Zam-Buk. This balm seemed to take away the burning and the smarting almost at once. The cracks began to heal and a few applications of the balm cured him. His hands and arms are now smooth and soft.

"We have used Zam-Buk for other purposes. I sustained a burn on one of my fingers. Zam-Buk took the fire out and healed up the sore. It really seems a wonderful household preparation.

"On one occasion my son Harry had his foot frozen. It was very swollen and discolored, but Zam-Buk both relieved the swelling and removed the discoloration. Zam-Buk is so handy and so effective that we shall always keep a supply handy."

Miss Hatie Bertrand of Salisbury, Ont., says: "Every winter I suffer from chapped hands, but I have found a cure in Zam-Buk. Applied at night it heals the cracks by morning, and takes away all the soreness."

Similar effects follow its use for eczema, scalp sores, blood poisoning, ulcers, ringworm, children's sores, cuts, burns and bruises. It also cures piles. All druggists and stores sell at 50c a box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL PASSED COMMITTEE

Alberta Central Receives Some Discussion—Bill to Abolish Special City Charters

EDMONTON, Feb. 23—The Election act was reported from the committee of the whole to-day and will probably be passed on Monday.

The provincial estimates for 1909 will also be brought down on that day and the premier will move at the afternoon session that the house go into supply at once.

The Alberta Central Railway bill, which will give the Canadian Northern a charter to gridiron the province by branch lines caused the lengthiest discussion of the session. Premier Rutherford introduced the bill and commented on the way the projected lines would tap hitherto untouched resources of rich sections of the new province.

The seven members through whose constituencies the lines will run, expressed the satisfaction they felt that settlers were at last on a fair road to get adequate railway facilities.

A long discussion upon legislation being sought to bring all cities in the province under one general act and have special city charters now in force abolished, was placed before the members to-day. The bill, however, will not be handled at this session. Copies will be sent to all municipalities to give them opportunity for suggestion or criticism.

Save Money by Buying Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

You will pay just as much for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as for any of the other cough remedies, but you save money in buying it. The saving is in what you get, not what you pay. The sure to cure you quality is in every bottle of this remedy, and you get results when you take it. Neglected colds often develop serious conditions and when you buy a cough medicine you want to be sure you are getting one that will cure your cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures. Price 25c and 50c a bottle. For sale by all druggists.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY

Companies Act 1897; Canada, Province of British Columbia
(No. 464.)

THIS is to certify that the "Pugh & Livingstone Lumber Co. Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at the Town of Okotoks in the Province of Alberta; the amount of capital of the Company is Seventy-five thousand dollars, divided into Seven hundred and fifty shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the company in this province is situate at Elkmouth, and William Stewart Herron, lumberman, whose address is Elkmouth aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this fifteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
(Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.)

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are: The purchase of timber limits, the manufacture and sale of lumber, including the manufacture of timbers, telephone poles, ties, shingles, laths, boxes and all other kindred products that can be made from timber; to purchase or sell other lumber industries or the stock thereof, and generally to carry on the business of manufacture and sale of the products of timber and lumber. Mch 6 6d

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at the present session thereof for an Act incorporating a company under the name of the Kootenay and Alberta Railway company, with power in behalf of the company to:

1. Construct, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway (a) From a point on the Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Cowley and Pincher Creek, stations in the province of Alberta, thence in a southerly direction passing through Beaver Valley to the North Kootenay Pass, thence in a southerly direction down the Valley of the Flathead river, in the province of British Columbia, to the International boundary. (b) From, at or near the aforesaid point on the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, thence in a southerly direction, passing at or near the town of Pincher Creek through the Fishbourn settlement, through the Blood Indian Reserve, down the Milk River Valley to the International boundary at or near Coutts. (c) A branch line from a point at or near the crossing of the Waterton river in the province of Alberta, thence in a southerly direction down to the South west corner of the Blood Indian Reserve, passing in the vicinity of Mountainview, thence down the Valley of Lees Creek to Cardston.

2. Acquire and utilize steam and water power for compressing air or generating electricity for any purpose and commercially dealing in the same.

3. Construct, control and operate telegraph and telephone lines.

4. Enter into agreements with other Railway companies.

SMITH & JOHNSTON
Solicitors for the Applicants
Dated at Ottawa this 25th day of January 1909

ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER

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 9.45
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

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

LOT FOR SALE—Lot 13 block 2, Hosmer, apply A. J. Limb, Coal Creek.

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

J. H. McMullin, inspector of provincial police, was at Nelson on Tuesday.

Fresh fish daily at the 41.

The ever popular Murphy of the Barber-Ellis Wholesale stationery Co. of Toronto, was here this week.

Lettuce and Celery at the Palm.

Boost for all you are worth. Everyone says Fernie is going to be the spot. Why not? Have we not all the requirements here?

You can get sweet cream any time every day at Rochon's.

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

G. G. Meikle of the Michel Reporter was in town on Wednesday booking orders for milk tickets and cigarette papers.

Call up Phone No. 77 for fruits and confectionery delivered at your home.

The Misses Euler, milliners, have moved to Suddaby's old stand, next to the Bank of Commerce on Victoria avenue.

For a birthday gift nothing more appropriate than a piece of fine jewelery. Wright has a choice selection.

The Fair received two tons of confectionery this week from D. S. Perrin Co., London, Ont. This is the largest single shipment of confectionery ever received by any retail firm in Fernie. The Fair is the place that has got the goods and sells them right. Ad 2-1-4

Monte Christo, the play that has stirred the hearts and lives of countless thousands will be Mr. Bruce's offering on March 11th.

J. Stubbins, the expert press builder from the firm of Miller and Richard, Winnipeg, returned to that city on Monday evening, having completed the erection of our No. 3 Optimus. We have now the most up to date outfit between Calgary and the Coast. We will be pleased to have a visit and show you around.

Pool or billiards are scientific games and Ingram has the tables.

At the last meeting of the Trades and Labor council the delegation from the Cooks union was admitted, and explained their position to the council. The council unanimously decided to go on record as endorsing the Cooks' union, and will help them as much as possible. It is up to the union men of the city to compel hotel proprietors to hire union cooks and rid the city of the Chinks.

The cuisine at the Napanee is the best in the city.

T. H. Radford, representing McFarlane, Son and Hodgson of Montreal and Winnipeg, one of the largest wholesale paper and stationery houses in the Dominion was in Fernie this week. Mr. Radford expressed surprise at the up-to-date outfit and building of the Ledger, saying that it was one of the best he had seen. Mr. Radford says that Fernie and Lethbridge are the two towns most talked of in the east now, and predicts great things for the future.

You can get sweet cream any time every day at Rochon's.

T. B. Struthers, proprietor of the Fair, informs us that the article which appeared in the Lethbridge Herald of February 26th is false and that he has never been summoned for breaking the early closing by-law, as he is observing the law at present, although he is not in favor of any such law, and considers it an infringment on the rights and privileges of the public. He informs us that he is only waiting for reliable information on the subject and if things turn out as he expects they will, there will be something doing. See his advt. in another part of this paper.

Stick pins and society emblems in all the latest designs at Wright's.

The equipment carried by the San Francisco Opera Company for The Strollers in a scenic way is a very large and massive one. It is also said to be very expensively and beautifully gowned, the wardrobe consisting of ten complete changes and representing an investment of more than ten thousand dollars. The company is the largest that ever toured Western Canada, numbering forty people and including a beauty chorus of twenty, while the cast embraces the names of last visit and many new people who will be seen for the first time.

Joe Thompson, the popular G. N. agent at Michel was in the city over Wednesday.

Cut flowers every Saturday at the Palm.

Jimmie Miller of Cranbrook was in goal for Moyie on Monday night's hockey match here.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

The new C. P. R. station under construction for some time will possibly be occupied by the staff early next week.

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

Ed. Kummer has been confined to his home during the week from an attack of la grippe.

Business lot and building for sale—Apply to W. R. McDougall.

Without being told we are quite aware that the snow is in great shape these days at the average school boys hands.

Try Ingram's for a bath. It's worth the money.

The Dreamland theatre, under the recent new management is receiving good houses and will soon be back to its old time popularity.

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

The plasterers are working on the Miners hall now and the finishing touches will soon be put on.

Military brushes make a useful gift and can be bought from Wright the jeweller, next Fernie hotel.

Rev. I. W. Williamson occupied his own pulpit last Sunday and will be in charge on both occasions tomorrow.

Oh Shoot, at the Fernie Shooting Gallery. Next to the Fernie Meat Market.

Ladies, do not forget that you are cordially invited to attend the great bowling match this evening. Enter by the side door next but one east of Suddaby's.

Talking of tobaccos and cigars reminds us that the Club Cigar Store has the goods.

Alex. Susnar was here the early part of the week, and left for the north again on Tuesday. Alex is one of the hustlers of District 18 and is there all the time.

Patronize the rink. The management are supplying a fine sheet of ice and every attention is given to the comfort of the patrons.

Tom Biggs, the energetic secretary of Gladstone Local, leaves for Macleod to-night to meet with the Joint committee there. Mr. Biggs will probably be away several days.

The Fair is distributing very pretty calendars among its customers; it's rather late now for calendars, but better late than never.

The Ross-Whimster and Whimster-Ross dance was held on Tuesday and proved another success. The music was excellent and as it was the last before Lent a good crowd attended.

Ladies' and gents' watches in the best movements at Wright's, next to Fernie hotel.

A Russian by the name of Steve Nicket was buried on Monday, having died at the Fernie hospital from typhoid-pneumonia. W. Scott had charge of the funeral arrangements.

For pure, unadulterated mirthful side splitting, rib tickling jollity, don't fail to see the splendid musical comedy presented by the San Francisco Opera company, Bruce's opera house March 5th.

The monthly tea of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. C. E. Tyons, Howland avenue, on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 3.30 in the afternoon and not in the evening as previously announced.

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

Fred Roo, the soap, sugar and rolled oats specialist of Elko and Roosville, sends us in a nice bunch of subscribers this week. Fred is a good judge of papers. He says the Ledger is the best what is.

If you want to feel like a new man bowl a couple of games at Ingram's alley.

Wm. Baldry got the first cash prize of $5 for bowling this week at Ingram's bowling parlors. "Bill" got 224 and was within one "pin" of getting the $10 prize. Wallace has been trying to sign him up for the Ledger-F. P. game ever since. So have we.

Just arrived at the Fair 1000 pounds of tobacco and 6000 high grade cigars. The Fair has the largest and best assortment of cigars and tobacco in town and prices always the lowest.

We are indebted to the Western Wage Earner of Vancouver for the information that Fernie printers have sent in a petition for a charter. To our certain knowledge Fernie printers have been working under their own charter for four months now.

It has been called a "hilarious sufficiency" and this title probably fits it better than any other for it is one continuous laugh set to music, and has the distinction of being the only one of its kind that has attained any degree of marked success.

Phone 41 for the best of meats.

The Moyie hockey team crossed sticks with the local puck chasers on Monday night and succeeded in getting away with the big end of the score by 10 to 5. What hockey was dished up was contributed by the visitors with the possible exception of one or two of the Fernie players. To have a successful hockey team it is first necessary to have the players and then faithful practice.

E. T. Fraser, representing the Dr. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto called at The Ledger office this week. He reports business throughout British Columbia exceptionally good. Sales of the well known Dr. Chase goods were never better.

The Strollers comes to us with the prestige of a metropolitan reputation, having played many different engagements in New York covering a period of an entire year. It was also seen for four months in Chicago, many weeks in Boston and in all the principal cities, where it scored the greatest success of any musical production in the past dozen years.

Calgary Herald: Mrs. J. W. Quinney leaves for Fernie to-night to join her husband, who was formerly accountant for The Herald, but now in commercial pursuits in the southern coal town. Last evening Mrs. Quinney was presented by Prof. Davis on behalf of his orchestra, of which Mrs. Quinney has been pianist, with a morocco portrait album, to which the members contributed their photographs. The presentation took place at the Quinney residence 413 Fifteenth avenue east, where the orchestra has held their rehearsals.

Valentine Post Cards at Bleasdell's Palace Drug Store.

"Dad" Bleasdell, the pioneer druggist of Fernie, will, if possible, open up his new store to-day. The store is situated on the corner opposite the King Edward hotel and is finished inside in the most approved and up-to-date style. Mr. Bleasdell has spared no expense in fixtures and we know of no city the size of Fernie that has such first class drug stores as Suddaby's and Bleasdell's. They would both be a credit to a much larger place than here.

Do you play pool or billiards. Ingram has the goods.

The wonderful nature fertilized volcanic soil of the island of Ceylon imparts to tea a delightful fragrance and delicious flavor. The uniformly excellent quality of "Salada" tea bears testimony to this fact.

Wright the Jeweler for bargains in ladies diamond rings from $10 up.

A meeting under the auspices of the Socialist party will be held in the basement of the Miner's Hall on Sunday evening at 7.30 to be addressed by Comrade Valmer, a speaker of some note from the United States. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

No other company that ever played Western Canada has gained such a reputation for itself as has the San Francisco Opera company, that plays Fernie, March 5th.

Laugh and grow fat. Well if there is any truth in that there will be a big bunch of "fats" here after Tom Marks and his bunch of heavy hitting side-splitting artists get through. There is no doubt that Tom Marks is a winner. This company are all artists and they are always on the job. Standing room only is the sign if you come late. They play "Buster Brown" as a matinee to-day and the "Irish Detective" to-night. If it was not for the world's championship bowling match would be there ourselves.

The following speaks for itself, and any lady desiring companionship will do well to answer. Remember it will be three very long years before Leap Year.—Ed.

COAL CREEK,
February 25, 1909

To the Editor of the Fernie Ledger:

Sir: Will you please advertise in your paper for a house keeper for me with a view to early marriage, a black one preferred. She will only have myself and the boy and the fowl and rabbits to look after, and the dogs and cats.

Yours truly,
E. YARBY,
Welsh camp, Coal Creek,
Fernie B. C. Canada.

NOTICE.

Applications for the position of auditor for the city of Fernie will be received by the undersigned upon March 3, 1909. Salary to be $75 per annum and audits to be made quarterly.

G. H. BOULTON,
City Clerk.

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With up-to-date Fixtures
Fresh Groceries and Right Prices
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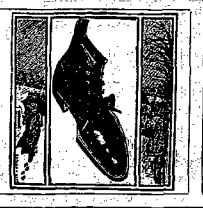

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Fri. and Sat., March 5 & 6
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Presenting "The Strollers" Friday; "The Toymaker, at the Saturday Matinee and "Dolly Varden" Sat. night.
Guaranteed the biggest operatic attraction ever offered in Western Canada.
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Methods during the many years of our dealings have proven the wisdom of trading with us. While working for a business we have been working for a reputation, we have gained it, and it will be upheld. Every deal with us is a satisfactory deal. We guarantee that.
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