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## LIBERALS AND SOCIALISTS UNITE

### TO FIGHT MEASURE IN THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LEGISLATURE

## BITTER DISCUSSIONS

### Attorney-Gen. Bowser Trying to Force Measure on the People of the Province

VICTORIA B. C. March 9—(Special) The Legislature has been sitting 24 hours in determined effort on the part of Liberals and Socialists to prevent Att.-Gen. Bowser forcing on the people a repetition of Roblin methods in Manitoba in connection with election act. The government is engaged in an iniquitous attempt to get franchise into their own hands notwithstanding protests of opposition members and telegrams from Labor and other organizations outside.

Bowser some time ago introduced bill No. 9 to amend the provincial elections act so as to permit striking off of names of persons who had ceased to reside in electoral district in which they were registered. Macdonald, leader of opposition, proposed amendment intended to safeguard electors and to clear up uncertainties in old act. This amendment contains proviso that the name of no one should be struck off list who had not ceased for a period of at least one year to live in riding. Bowser accepted amendment, but insisted upon striking out one year limitation. McInnis (Soc.) also moved an amendment that no persons name be struck from list unless he had ceased to reside in district for period of one year. In order to get his amendment McDonald consented to strike out one year's limitations in his amendment, but stated that he would insist upon McInnis' amendment being taken up after his (McDonald's) own amendment was passed, with change being indicated. McInnis' amendment came up for debate about two weeks ago, and was vigorously supported by Liberals and Socialists. Committee rose without completing debate and Bowser did not bring it on again until yesterday when debate was resumed.

## FERNIE CLERGY

### Will Be Responsible for Maintenance of the District Nurse

A meeting of the Fernie clergy was held in the Roman Catholic presbytery on Wednesday morning, March 10. All the local clergy on the committee appointed to administer the Nelson and Moyle relief fund were present, including the commanding officer of the Salvation army.

## "WOOD" COMPETITION

### Interesting Games Were Played near the Close of the Curling Season in Fernie

The Wood competition in curling resulted as follows: Harvey Brown vs G. G. Henderson, winner Brown; Ino. Wood vs Blundell, Wood won; Brown vs Wood, Wood won; W. R. Campbell vs E. Wright, Campbell won; H. Johnson vs Duthie, Johnson won; Campbell vs Johnson, Campbell won. The finals were therefore narrowed down to Wood and Campbell and in a close game Campbell won.

## BROUGHT BACK

H. G. Lockhart, who was arrested in Moncton, N. B., on a warrant sworn by the Fernie Fire Relief fund, arrived in town Friday. Constable Gorman left to meet him at Winnipeg, but an advice from the committee, Lockhart was permitted to come unaccompanied to town. Hall has been advanced to cover the full sum of the discrepancy.

## QUEBEC BRIDGE

### Will be Completed and Opened by Next Autumn—Many Engineers at Work

OTTAWA, March 9—In the House of Commons yesterday Hon. Mr. Graham announced that the plans for the construction of the Quebec bridge will be ready by next fall. The three engineers, Messrs. Vauitelet of Montreal Fitzmaurice of London, England, and Modjeska of Chicago were being paid a thousand dollars a month and were now being compelled to give their entire time to the work.

The material for the building which fell into the St. Lawrence had been condemned by the engineers as useless and the work was being started on a new basis.

Mr. Lancaster suggested that the work might be done quicker and better if the men were being paid by the job instead of by the month. Mr. Graham said in reply that the engineers were engaged on their own terms. The government wanted a bridge that would stand the test and the engineers were being given every chance.

## JOIN U. M. W. OF A.

### And Men Claim that the Company are now After Them—Appeal to Authorities

OTTAWA, March 9—Because of their withdrawal from the Provincial Workmen's Association of Nova Scotia to become members of the United Mine Workers of America, employees of the Dominion Coal Company alleged that the company threatens them with dismissal, and have applied to the Labor department for a board of Conciliation and Investigation.

## SAD FATALITY AT NO. 3 SHAFT

## WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN NOT FAR FROM THE MINES

## LEAVES A FAMILY

### Husband Had Left for His Homestead only the Day Previous to Accident

The Lethbridge Herald of Tuesday contained the following:  
A fatal accident occurred at No. 3 shaft this morning, whereby Mrs. Strak was instantly killed. No one saw how the accident happened, nor knew it had happened until the carpenter looked down from the derrick and saw the body on the track.

The woman was carrying a sack full of coal, and just at this point there is a good deal of steam, which would hide her from the view of the train crew, as well as prevent her from seeing the train. The body was completely severed above the hips.

Dr. McBurn and a Mounted Police officer were soon at the scene and had the body removed to the office. It will be taken to the undertaking parlors to await the orders of the Mounted Police.

The deceased's woman's husband has worked at the mines but at present is homesteading fifty miles north of the city.

He left for his homestead yesterday. The family are Slavs. Four children, the oldest of whom is eleven years old, survive.

## WILL APPEAL

Mr. L. P. Eckstein acting as counsel for Leslie Mills, proprietor of the Central hotel, and who was convicted some time ago of selling liquor on a Sunday, has given notice of his intention to appeal the case.

## MASS MEETING

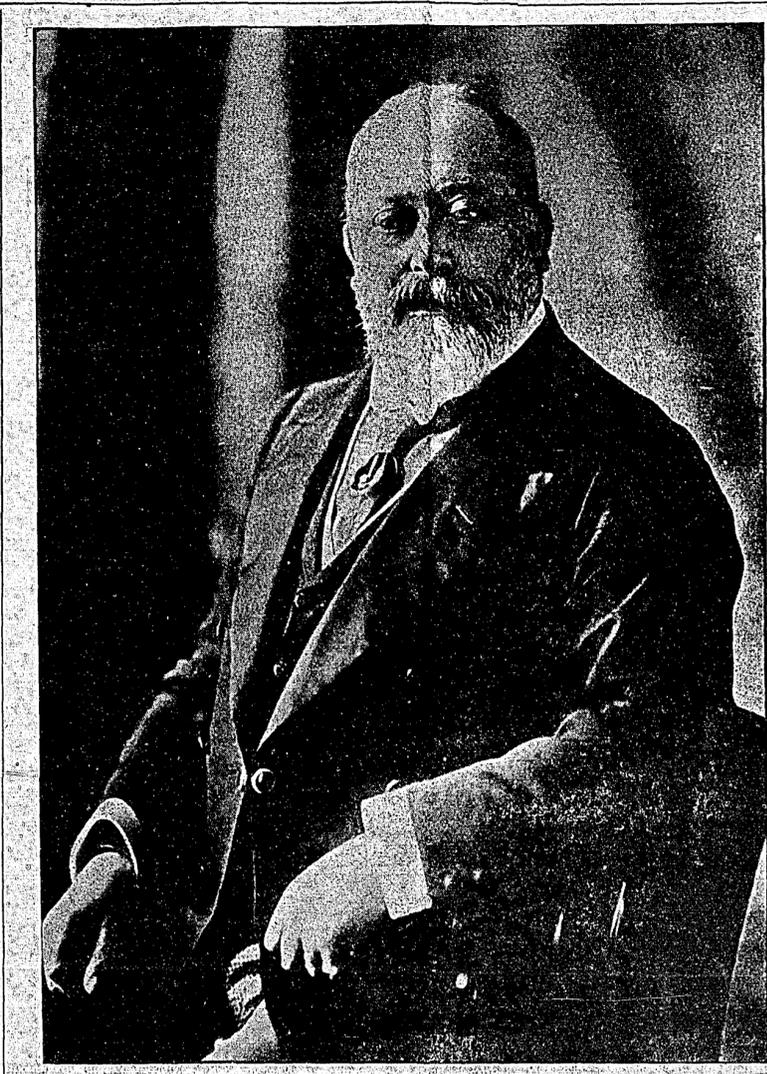
The miners held a mass meeting on Sunday last in Bruce's hall. A special train left Coal Creek at 2 p. m. and the meeting was timed for 2.30 to have the report of President Sherman and Seno committee re conference.

## \$20 MISSING

Mitcheom Quinow was charged with stealing \$20, and was tried before Judge Wilson. The judge said the evidence was pretty strong against him but there was a doubt in the case and he gave the prisoner the benefit of the doubt.

## Big Religious Campaign

The Chapman-Alexander campaign will be held in the city and surrounding towns during the month of April. At those meetings some of the best speakers and singers of Canada and also from the United States will take part, and no one should miss them. There are prayer meetings held twice a week, one on Tuesday night in the Methodist church and on Friday night in the Baptist church, to which all interested are invited, to ask for God's blessing on the coming campaign. Further announcements will be given in next week's paper, so keep a lookout for it.



His Majesty, King Edward the Seventh

A most malicious report was put into circulation on Wednesday which spread over the entire American continent, and which caused unprecedented consternation and surprise in this city as well as in other centres.

A despatch was received to the effect that King Edward VII had died suddenly, but no details were forthcoming as to the cause.

The report came from such reliable sources at first that it could hardly be doubted, but on the Ledger making a request for confirmation of the report before giving publicity to it, no reply could be received.

A message was sent to the Western Associated Press at Winnipeg for a rush message for confirmation or denial of the report, and at 12.33 the following was received at the Ledger office:

(Special to the Ledger)  
WINNIPEG, March 10—Rumor emanating from New York of King's death caused big sensation here early today; but cable from Biarritz says His Majesty is enjoying air and baths and looks more pale and careworn than usual. He is accompanied by his personal physician Sir Thomas Reid, and French specialist in throat diseases.

W. A. P.

Thus was the denial complete and effective, of one of the greatest wild-cat yarns spring for some time.

## THE NEWS IN FERNIE

The first report came from such an apparently reliable source, that the chairman of the school board sent word to the schools of the city, asking that the teachers dismiss their various classes as a mark of respect to the supposedly dead king. The children were therefore dismissed in the same good faith, and are a day's outing to the food.

Several of the stores soon had photos of his Majesty in their windows, and the flag on the old postoffice block was half masted, and flopped around as though it was doing duty in dead earnest.

## LOOKED FOR SPECIAL

Evidently the newsboys took it for granted that the Ledger Special would be out, and they were here bright and early, ready to "cash in" for the first supply. We were ready for the event but held back pending confirmation. However King Edward did not see fit to fall in with our plans, so he still lives and reigns and we were most enjoyably disappointed.

We received the first word at 10 a. m. and by 12 had a four page special ready for the press awaiting confirmatory reports.

## SHORT SKETCH

King Edward is a name common in English history for some generations. The first Edward to reign over any part of the British Isles was Edward I called the Elder, who was King of the Anglo Saxons, and who died in 1066.

Edward II King of Anglo-Saxons, and known as the "Martyr" was born in 1284 and died in 1327.

Edward III, also King of Anglo-Saxons, was dubbed the Confessor, and lived from 1312 to 1377.

Edward IV, lived from 1442 to 1483.

Edward V, King of Britain, the story of the untimely death of this monarch is well known to all students of history, as he was foully murdered in the Tower shortly after his coronation. His regime ended abruptly in 1483.

Between Edward VI and VII some four centuries elapse. King Edward is the first in the line of Edwards to bear the title of King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India and of the British possessions beyond the Seas.

## KIER HARDIE HAS HOT TIME

### Oxford Undergraduates Refused to Give Him a Hearing—Free Fights

OXFORD, Eng. March 5—At a meeting of the University Fabian Society in the town hall here James Kier Hardie, the Socialist member of parliament, who was to have been the principal speaker, was unable to gain a hearing owing to the hostile demonstration of the undergraduates.

Amidst scenes of the greatest disorder firecrackers were exploded, automobile horns were blown, eggs and oranges were thrown and the platform stormed.

Many free fights occurred. The proctor of the university appealed to the students to desist, but to no avail and the meeting eventually broke up in disorder.

## TROUBLE IN PENNSYLVANIA

### Miners and Operators are Reported to be Anxiously Waiting Outcome

NEW YORK, March 9—It was learned to-day that the Eastern Iron association had practically agreed to reduce wages ten per cent and that the notices will be posted on the 15th of March. It is said that similar reductions will be made on the part of all blast furnaces in the country and that between 70,000 and 75,000 workers will be affected.

WILKESBARRE, March 9—After the morning conference of miners, President Lewis said in answer to newspaper inquiries that he had only to say that there would be a conference between the operators and the miners representatives.

President Lewis left late this afternoon for Pittston, to meet J. L. Reak, coal operator, who is president of the Independent Operators Association.

## SETTLER HELD UP TRAIN CREW

### LONG DELAY IN SHIPPING WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM

## ARRESTED BY OFFICER

### New Arrival Used to Gun to Get What he Wanted—Horses Out in Cold

EMERSON, March 9—An exasperated settler from Indiana held up a switch crew with a gun here yesterday.

W. J. Veitch, bound for Saskatchewan with a carload of horses and settlers effects, unloaded at the quarantine yards and had undergone the necessary inspection and was promised that his car would be shipped out at 7 p. m. This was not done at 11 p. m. and he was again promised "shortly."

In the meantime his horses were shivering out in the cold. At 3 p. m. he became desperate and took his stand at the C. N. R. bridge, swinging his lantern to stop the switch crew. Boarding the engine as they stopped he held up the engineer at a gun point, demanding that his car be shipped without further delay. In the meantime a man was despatched to the police station, and an officer was soon on hand and marched the settler off to the police station. He pleaded guilty to the charge and owing to the circumstances was let off on suspended sentence.

## AND THEY NEVER CAME

### The Local Dollars and Cents Men Took to the Underbrush Wednesday Night

The Newspaper team of bowlers lined up at the bowling alley Wednesday night to meet an imaginary team of bowlers from the ranks of the local financiers. One of the recruits wobbled in about an hour after and informed the crew that "several of the chumples had engagements" so they could not be present at the slaughter. We recommend the local bankers to wear Sox and rubbers as they are a sure cure for cold feet.

## LEMIEUX ACT

OTTAWA, March 11—A deputation of the Canadian National association of Builders waited on Hon. Lemieux and requested the extension of the Lemieux act to cover industries other than public utilities, also the enactment of a federal law of government compensation for injuries and the enlargement of the proposed insurance account.

## THE TOLL OF ONE MONTH AT SEA

### 86 SHIPS WENT TO THE BOTTOM IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

## LLOYD'S REPORT OUT

### Overloading and Undermanning Given as the Causes of the Trouble

LONDON, March 8—Lloyd's report for the month of February shows a startling increase in the number of accidents at sea over the corresponding month of the previous year, and over January of this year.

No fewer than forty seven sailing vessels were lost during the month, and 39 steamers.

This frightful record is supplemented by the statement that in the great majority of the cases all on board were lost. It is further brought out that the report is only as yet partial, as 12 steamers and 9 sailing vessels are on the missing list and will not be reported lost until the customary two months is up.

## Overloaded, Undermanned Crafts

The record has aroused Lloyd's agents to investigate the cases of many of the steamers as it is claimed by the great insurance house that the old practice of sending out an overloaded undermanned vessel, with the idea of getting the insurance on the boat and the cargo, has been attempted.

This hideous practice is declared by seamen to be quite common in England, although it had been supposed that it had been generally stamped out after the famous Sandemar case eight years ago.

## Thirty-eight Steamers Lost

As usual the loss in sea vessels falls heaviest on the English. Among the sailing vessels 18 were English, 6 American, 8 French, 1 German, 1 Italian, 1 Danish, 1 Dutch, 4 Italian, 5 Norwegian, 1 Russian and 1 Swedish.

Among the steamers 19 were English, 2 American, 4 Japanese, 4 Swedish, 3 French, 2 Russian and one each Greek, Dutch, Norwegian and Austrian.

The total tale of lives lost is not yet to hand but will reach well into the hundreds. The weather for February was not reported as specially heavy in any part of the ship routes, which fact renders the huge percentage of lost vessels even more remarkable.

## PRESIDENT SHERMAN ILL

President F. H. Sherman has been quite seriously ill all week, and was so bad on Tuesday that Mrs. Sherman was telegraphed for and arrived on Wednesday morning's flyer. The doctor has been in daily attendance, and says he will have Mr. Sherman around in a few days. His many friends trust that his illness may not prove as serious as was at first thought.

## SOCIALIST CANDIDATE

### Organizer O'Brien is now in the Field for the Alberta Elections

Saturday, March 6, caused a little flutter among the boosters of the old parties in the Crows Nest Pass. The locals of the Socialist party held a convention in Blainmore on that date for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the Rocky Mountain riding.

The four locals of the S. P. in the Crows Nest Pass were represented by two delegates each in addition to which many of the party members were present. Only one name was placed before the convention, that of Organizer C. M. O'Brien, who received the unanimous endorsement of the delegates and members.

The general campaign business was then passed upon by the convention, Com. S. E. Drake being appointed as secretary. He was instructed to issue a general appeal for funds to help along the campaign work.

While we are only young as an organization in this constituency, this will be the second time that the Socialists of Southern Alberta have presented a candidate and that we are now a power in politics here is conceded by all.

We are calling on all sympathizers to help us financially or otherwise, and if we can raise sufficient funds to thoroughly organize and carry out our campaign work, we can carry this riding and elect a representative on a strict revolutionary Socialist ticket.

The time is short and the issue is of deadly importance to every voter. The issue is whether we shall rule property or be ruled by property, whether we shall be benefited or enslaved by the products of our labor.

S. E. DRAKE,  
Sec. Campaign Committee  
Bellevue, Alta.

## INTERESTING LOCAL ITEMS

### Don't Like the Bill

The miners at their meeting on Sunday protested against the Bill now before the provincial house. They protested against the clause where a person is away three weeks from a district, and if he is written to and does not reply, his vote is taken from him. Telegrams of protest were sent to W. R. Ross and J. Hawthornwhite, M. P. P.

### Too Bad to Print

The case against George Card for indecent assault against a number of little girls came up for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Whitman on Tuesday and was also continued on Wednesday and Thursday. The details of the case are sordid and in fairness to the little girls and their parents we refrain from publishing same.

### Beware of Bad Water

The council has issued a report from the medical health officer calling the attention of the inhabitants using water in the low lying park of the city and well water, that same is not fit for consumption and is the cause of typhoid, and calls upon the people to see that the water is boiled before being used.

### Good Shows

The San Francisco Opera company played to standing room only two nights last week. Their performances were excellent. The harmony of voices the general stage setting, and costuming were all of the highest order. The company certainly earned a good reputation as players.

### Drummond Recital

On March 24th Rev. D. E. Hatt, B. A. will give a recital of Dr. Drummond's famous French-Canadian sketches. In addition to Mr. Hatt's recitations there will be several numbers of music supplied by local talent. The proceeds will be devoted to the new building fund. The price of admission is 50 cents and the entertainment will be held in Bruce's hall.

### For Sunday Evening

In the Baptist church next Sunday night Rev. Mr. Williamson will preach on the subject: "A great Evangelist and his message." At this service the new revival books will be used, and Mr. Williamson will sing another popular revival song and teach it to the congregation. After the sermon the ordinance of baptism will be administered. All are cordially invited to attend the service.

### Much Preparation

In view of the near approach of the great religious campaign shortly to be undertaken in East Kootenay, Pastor Williamson has devoted much of his Sunday evening discussions to the theme of a revival, discussing it from various points. On Sunday evening last he made a strong plea for complete submerging of denominational interests, and a close unity between all religious interests to make the campaign a success. He cited several remarkable instances of the wonderful Spokane revival under the direction of Billy Sunday, and told the story of the song "Shadows," which was used with great effect.

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# OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

Conducted under the direction of "Proletarian"

Address all matter for this page to "Proletarian" District Ledger

### TELLING TRUTHS

Socialist: Do you believe all that the Liberal newspapers tell you about the Conservative party?  
 Anti-Socialist: No.  
 Socialist: Do you get correct ideas of the Liberal party from the Conservative papers?  
 Anti-Socialist: Of course not.  
 Socialist: And yet you believe all that the capitalist (Liberal and Conservative) press say about Socialism!!!  
 Go, friend and be fooled no more; get wise and subscribe to a Socialist journal.

### TEMPERANCE AND SOCIALISM

"I am a Socialist and not a prohibitionist, because I believe the appalling consumption of liquor and tobacco and other stimulants and narcotics is the direct result and not the cause of the strenuous struggle for existence, that forces man to welcome with outstretched arms the tempting if only temporary, relief, from his nerve racking toil and worry." This conclusion was reached by the eminent Frances Willard after a life long labor in the cause of temperance.

### MEN AND MULES

"Yes," said a plutocrat, "we only work them eight hours a day. We find it is all they can stand and be in perfect health."  
 A shabbily dressed man leaned forward from a rear seat and said:  
 "You old liar. I know some of your men work twelve and thirteen hours a day."  
 "Pooh!" said the plutocrat, "I was talking about mules."

### LAW AND ORDER

The capitalist class buys law as it does labor, using the one to fleece the other, and what is meant by "law and order" in the cringing submission to slavery.—Debs.

### RAILROADING UNDER SOCIALISM

Some day the working class will take hold of the railroads, steel mills and coal mines.  
 Then there will be no more rails made with flaws in them; telegraph operators, trainmen and engineers will not work overtime, and most of the terrible railroad and other industrial accidents will cease.

### PROGRESS ONLY THROUGH STRIFE

Did you ever consider what great achievements have been accomplished by science during the past fifty years. By research into the cause and nature of diseases, the science of medicine is slowly, but surely, overcoming those dreadful maladies which have caused so much suffering in the past.  
 The science of mechanics has performed miracles. We can now travel in comparative safety on a train running sixty miles per hour. By the pressing of a telegraph key it is possible to signal the dots and dashes of telegraphy and with such convey our desires and thoughts to people living on another continent.  
 We can trace the evolution of boat building from the dead tree floating down the stream to the giant palaces propelled by steam; the Lusitanias.  
 From the time of primitive society when human kind knew of no other method of crossing a river than by walking to its sources, there is a vast change; society has so advanced that great structures are built across wide rivers.

In Lethbridge a monster steel viaduct is being built. The engineers and draughtsmen with instruments and mathematical calculations measured, weighed and constructed the huge undertaking on paper, even to the calculating of the tremendous wind pressure which is prevalent in that district, before any part of it saw the steel works. And why? Because by following scientific formula they were able to accomplish the task; and now a small number of men with modern appliances are going along quietly, and yet rapidly, following out the plans and that giant structure is gradually assuming the form which the trained minds foresaw.

In agriculture, Kropotkin, tells us of the great possibilities even under present slished methods of farming, and what would happen if all the resources known to science were applied to agriculture.  
 One could go on indefinitely, and point out the path of progress along which industrial and ethical development has travelled, aided by the secrets wrested from nature.  
 But, there is a reverse side to the medal which shows that over half of the human family is haunted by the gaunt specter of "Want."  
 Why is this? The instruments of production and distribution of present day society are so powerful in the matter of wealth production that every individual having access to those means is not only able to produce sufficient for his needs but a surplus also.  
 This all seems peculiar to one who never studied deep enough to discover why such extremes should exist in society, and the general conclusion arrived at is that things do not "balance" right; all that is wanted is a common sense view of things, more of the spirit of brotherly love, and "all shall be

better than well." These well meaning Utopians, evidently, are not acquainted with the fact that all life is one incessant struggle for existence, and even human society is not exempt. The idealists would have us shut our eyes to the strife going on in nature and dwell upon ideals; Labriola, the Italian scientist, says "Ideals do not fall from heaven, and nothing comes to us in a dream." He is right, ideals are but the reflex of economic development; the ideal of the slave is to be free; the ideal of the wage earner is the co-operative commonwealth. All progress has come through strife.  
 Humanity was compelled to solve the problems of production and of transportation, for the existence of society depended upon the correct solution.  
 But, having solved those problems, there yet remains another: given that the social wealth produced is sufficient and above to satisfy the needs of every individual in society, how comes it that above half of the human family is in actual want?  
 All the pious wishes and the most altruistic ideals will never solve that problem; only through necessity, and through struggle will the solution be found.

Owing to the advanced methods of wealth production the struggle between the individual and nature has been overcome, but a new struggle has arisen between the "individual mass" against the "individual class," a conflict between the "mass" which uses the instruments of production in order to live, and the class which owns as private property, the social machinery and is enabled to appropriate every particle of wealth produced.  
 This form of property ownership is concentrating into fewer and fewer hands, and the mass of humanity is reduced to industrial servitude.  
 The fact that Capitalist society cannot account for unemployment, and does not produce to satisfy the wants of its integral parts stamps it unscientific and is therefore doomed.  
 Through Socialism, or industrial democracy, can humanity hope to regain its equilibrium; it is the next stage in the evolution of society.  
 The development of society up to the present time, has been through incessant struggle—and to this day the path of progress has been marked by the weary blood stained feet of the world's toilers. Labor has been sacrificed in the past in order that the society of the future might be redeemed.

Dear Proletarian: Like yourself, I admit that you cannot make the Socialist page the feature of the Ledger without co-operation, so I have sat down to give you a lift over the thorny path of letters. According to a recent publication the ruling classes of Great Britain are sitting up and taking notice of the flowing tide of class-conscious thought that is becoming more evident as each day succeeds another. A new theatrical play has been staged in London entitled "An Englishman's Home". The motive for such an exhibition is to encourage the bogey consumption and so continue as long as possible the present rule of capital.  
 Under our present military system the cry goes forth that we are in danger. Yes, the ruling classes are in great danger, indeed, of having to work and provide something useful for society, instead of at present society working for the ruling class to keep it in luxury and idleness. The rich cry aloud that the country is in danger of invasion, and that they want men—to fight their battles. Seeing that they own the country, along with the factories, railways, mines, shipping, commerce, banks and the government, they have everything to lose and the workers nothing. Under this condition one would naturally think that those who owned the spoils of war would be men enough to defend them but not so in this case, The masses must bleed and die for the sacred rights of the classes, so that the latter may indefinitely exploit the labor of the former and keep themselves in power. When one considers how the youth is finding knowledge in respect to the class struggle so vividly portrayed in history, his fancy for either of the services, army or navy, diminishes in proportion. So the voluntary practice of enlisting in the army has either become antiquated or unprogressive. In every struggle that has been waged between capital and labor the military has been called to protect the rights of the propertied class (ill the youth has got his eye opened to the false position in which he stands when in the ranks of either of the services. He finds when too late that he may be called to shoot down his own father or brother or even his mother, as witness the occasion in Balfast July, 1907, when a woman was killed during the dockers strike there.)  
 Conscription or compulsory military training, is the last stand of the capitalist class in their frantic effort to continue the game of robbery and exploitation attendant with its evils of unemployment, prostitution, starvation and child labor.  
 Let the great masses of the people know what these huge engines of destruction are made for and whom they are used against, and neither conscription nor its counterpart will find favor with them.

JOHN C. TURNER.

### BILLY WHEELSWORTH ON SOSHULISM

Ol'd just coom aht o' t'poast offis t'other day when who should shaat aht froo across t'street but mi ow pal Harry Hinchcliffe. Hey up Billy he sez! Ha are 'er owd chap an' ha is shoo cuttin' na? Not too bad of sez o'm vegnin' to get on me feat ageean aht t' fire an' t' typhoid fever but where's tha bean this long whole back?

Ol've ony just coom back froo t'owd Country whear of went right aht t' eleeshun when ahr man Davidson wor licked. Ahr man! of sez, what does tha' mean? Ol never knew tha wart a Soshulist, Harry? Ol'm not Billy, but of voted t' ticket because t' other chaps belong to t' solde as allus gies three to t' gaffer an' now to t' warld'n man ony aabait eleeshun tomes when t' candidates an' their agents is as full o' promises as some holles tha knoll is full o' gas.  
 Ol've voted for t' Liberals t' past but it seems (a me they are liberal enut to thersens an' t' ony liberality to us workin' chaps is a lot o' puff ba' promises an' as for t' Conservatives they beleave t' kapin' howdin' on to what they'n gotten an' grabbin aht for mooar.

When of fust coom to Canada ol wor fair capt one day to read a noats: "Liberal Conservative" an' ol axed a chap what soort on a wit blackbird it wor. He laffed hissen fit to brussen an' when he fate his breth back, sez "Tha sees tis' road."  
 "They are Conservatives what's liberal to thersens and Conservatory to t' Liberals." Ol told him ol didn't understand an he left me sayin' "Vooat t' facher fer ayther on'em an' tha'll find aht what ol've told thee is t' trewth."

Ol'm satisfied on that nah an' whilst ol'm not a Soshulist ol'm fair to gie 'em a trial on see what they'll do because we cannot be ony worse off than we are at t' same time tha' sez tha' art a Soshulist an' ol'm bahn to ax thee some questions an' of hoop tha waynt think ol'm a fatheed if ol don't understand all tha sez at first y' off. Ol did once ax a chap an' he began to talk aabait t' i' langwidge that sanded like t' jawbreakers they gie t' a spellin' match once t' Owlerton, an' when ol sez "Howd on a munit matey, whoas dishunary has ter swalleder?" he gate huffy an' went off chunterin to hissen summat aabait fools. Ol shoated aht him ol might be a fool but ol wahnt an eddicated fool. Eddication often makes a fool ten tomes worse ner if yoh left him as he wor boorn—a nateral. Oo t' Soshulists beleave t' dividin' up? Aht lad they doa tha' \* \* \* Nah Billy tha's what ol've heard afoor, then ageean another chap told me they didn't but wanted to put a stop to it, w' all these different tales ha' is a chap to know which on em is right?

That's same hopplin' Harry tha' allus wor, if tha'd ony wait a bit an' not be soa impashent of think of can proovae that boath him what said Soshulists wanted to stop t' dividin' up, an' me what started to tell thee they doa beleave t' dividin' up boath mean alike t' t' long run.

Ol mean, that all on us what can ought to work an' not some tew' an' sweet froo moornin' to meet an' gon hoam (if yoh can call t' place some on em lives in hoam) completely fagged aht, wholl others do w' t' gont and drop an' live on t' fat o' t' lond an' do nowt but gather in their dividin' froo businesses aabait which they often know nowt an' are care less, ol' beleave an' we shud divide up t' work an' everybody share t' t' result according to t' amount o' good produced. Nah doesn't tha see that this w'd be a case o' not dividin' up as w'd doin' nah coa tha has to work two for t'essen an' gie t' company eight besides before they'll gie thee thy two.

This of think is simple onuff t' olv sure of no used owt but t' plainest langwidge. Tha'd like ter know tha' this is to be done an' one o' the days ol'll explain it to thee, but ol'm feard his aabait time of went to t' train Harry, as t' whistle blowed five minutes sh—

So long, Billy, ol'll be on t' same shift as tha art next week an' then tha can tell me summat more aabait this subject.

### THE FUTURE STATE

Oh men and women true, once more take hands, Join hearts and hands and clear the crooked maze, Set love and justice up o'er these our lands, Let truth be honored, honest work have praise.  
 When each and all are workers, hand and brain Divorced no more; no toil to bear the brand Of degradation; when the common gain Is each one's good—fast then our state shall stand.

### WHAT SOCIALISM WILL DO

Socialism will free the world from want.  
 Socialism will free men from worry about making a living.  
 Socialism will free the world from war because Socialism is co-operation.

Socialism will free the world from child slavery, which is maintained for profits.  
 Socialism will make you free to express yourself. Now you are under rulers and bosses.  
 Socialism will end the pursuit of political refugees, because it will make the world a brotherhood.  
 Socialism will so free you that you may be able to go to college, travel, or develop your particular talent.  
 Socialism, by freeing mankind of material need, will enable them to develop their intellectual and spiritual natures.  
 Socialism will, by freeing men and women of economic necessity, make it possible for all to marry and have decent homes.  
 Socialism will free the earth of the burden of debt, because when every one can make a living by work and the industries are operated collectively there will be no occasion to go in debt.  
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and care free, trusting and loving, tender and pure, what an elevating and satisfying influence these little gods have upon our maturer years!  
 Childhood! What a holy theme! Flowers they are with souls in them, and if on this earth man has a sacred charge, a solemn obligation, it is to these buds and blossoms of humanity.  
 Yet how many of them are prematurely plucked, fade and die and are trampled in the mire. Many millions of them have been snatched from the cradle and stolen from their play to be fed to the forces that turn a workman's blood into a capitalist's gold, and many millions of others have been crushed and perverted into filth for the slums and food for the potter's field.  
 Childhood is the parting of the ways which leads to success or failure, honor or disgrace, life or death. Society is or ought to be profoundly concerned in the nature of the environment that is to mold the character and determine the career of its children, and any remissness in such duty is rebuked by the most painful of penalties, and these are inflicted with increasing severity upon the people of the United States.  
 Childhood is the most precious charge of the family and the community but our capitalist civilization sacrifices it ruthlessly to satisfy its brutal lust for power and self, and the march of its conquest is stained with the blood of infants and paved with the piny bones of children.  
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**District Ledger**

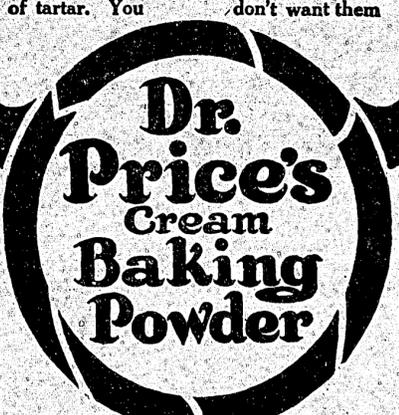
The workmen cannot get along without using the machines. But they do not own the machines.  
 If they owned the machines, they could still make the bread and the coats, and take them where they were needed, but they would not have to do it for the profit of some one else who does not do a part of the whole work.  
 Now, here is the answer, as every thoughtful man and woman must acknowledge.  
 The machines have grown so great that no one can use them alone. It takes the whole of society to operate them unsuccessfully. And their product is valuable because it constitutes the livelihood of the nation.  
 That is the machines are no longer individual, anything but their ownership and the benefit that individuals are allowed by law to get out of them.  
 We do not want to smash the machines. Not even the biggest ones, which are the basis of the road and permanent trusts, should be smashed. They are labor saving devices and we need them for the perpetuation of civilization.  
 But if they are allowed to be privately owned, it is certain that they will not be owned by more of the people, but always by less and less people. That is inevitably a part of private ownership.  
 Neither if they are privately owned are those who own them going to give up the benefits that naturally come from ownership. They will hang on to their sovereignty—just as rulers of ways have done. They will not give up easily.  
 If the trusts are not to own all the people, then all the people must own the trusts.  
 If we must have monopoly—and the big machines compel monopoly—then let the monopoly be owned by the people for whose life and comfort and civilization the monopoly is a necessity.  
 Collective ownership, which means national ownership of state utilities and municipal ownership of municipal

Prof. H. A. Howell of Havana, Cuba  
**Remedy**  
 "An long ago as I can remember my mother was a faithful user and friend of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but never in my life have I realized its true value until now," writes Prof. H. A. Howell of Howell's American school in Havana, Cuba. "On the night of February 3 our baby was taken sick with a very severe cold, the next day he was worse and the night following his condition was serious. He could not lie down and it was necessary to have him in the arms every moment. Even then his breathing was difficult. I did not think he would have until the morning. At last I thought of my mother's remedy, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which we gave, and it afforded prompt relief, and now, three days later he has fully recovered. Under the circumstances I would not hesitate a moment in saying that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and that only saved the life of our dear little boy." For sale by all druggists.

**One Doctor—Only One**  
 No sense in running from one doctor to another! Select the best one, then stand by him. No sense either in trying this thing, that thing, for your cough. Carefully, deliberately select the best cough medicine, then take it. Stick to it. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for throat and lung troubles. Sold for nearly seventy years. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J.C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.  
 Why try this thing, that thing, for your constipation? Why not stick to the good old reliable family laxative—Ayer's Pills? Ask your doctor if he approves this advice.

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**Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder**

**FREE PRESS WINS FINAL GAME**

Ledger Team Led all the Way But were Nosed out at the Finish--Another Series

**LEDGER**

Buckley	509
Kennedy	487
Stanley	426
Kirkpatrick	401
Woodhouse	358

**FREE PRESS**

Wallace	548
Whimster	494
Robertson	411
Volume	407
Gorle	328

Majority for Free Press 7.

Such was the result of the great big long-drawn out game between the great family journals of this progressive city.

Seven's a lucky number all right--for the other fellows.

The result doesn't make the most palatable reading for our thousands of admirers, but a few details may be in order. Well John Volume walked in with a pair of Fiji Island socks on, of a Siamese twin pattern, outside of which were a pair of real buckskin moccasins which he used to wear at college. This outfit was certainly the feature of the game. When the result was announced he threw a couple of fits and snice has been wandering around in a semi-comatose condition.

Our five dandies saw Archie Glen-donning swap down 230 in the evening of the great game. Archie looked pleased but somehow it was too much for our equilibrium, and when the great moment arrived we were weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The one crumb of satisfaction left to us is that it was mutually agreed that the five highest pin orders should constitute the Newspaper team, and the Ledger provides three of the five.

John Volume has the dinky Sox. They are a very "strong" pair; Bert Whimster has a winning smile; Jim Robertson has the hair.

And the crowd. Well, we sure played to a full house that had standing room only bent a mile. The game is catching on all right, and before long more alloys will be put in at Ingram's. Of course the prints including in the game gives it a grand standing and prestige in the community which otherwise it would be impossible to obtain. (With apologies to A. A. Gillespie et al.)

Several passers by were attracted

**LOAN TO G. T. P.**  
Dominion Government to Assist in Financing the New Road

MONTREAL, March 7--It is said here by members of the House of Commons that important developments are under way between the Dominion government and the Grand Trunk Pacific for a loan of ten million dollars to help the company over their financial straits.

The company for some time has demanded a modification of the agreement reached between the company and parliament, and the loan is said to be in the form of a compromise.

by the noise and came up to investigate. The game created about as much furore as the chorus girls of the San Francisco opera company did among certain of our young bloods on their recent visit.

The newspaper team want uniforms. John Volume wanted us to adopt a distinctive outfit, but there was a disagreement on the color of the Sox. We were after the Fernie Hockey team's sweaters, but one of them joined the opera company and has not been heard of since.

W. J. Blundell, the popular grocer, wishes it distinctly understood that he has no connection with the Free Press bowling team, and also that he never had St. Vitus' dance. We are sorry indeed that any reputable citizen should unwittingly be associated with such an outfit. However, the world's a big place and there are several Blundells.

Bun Sergeant English was too much engaged to attend the melee, and he didn't miss much either if it was fine points in the game he was after. His nits leaves shortly for the coast and the Free Press shufflers will be without his guardianship. There are some good bowlers in Vancouver so the old chawp will no doubt find his level.

On the occasion of making a strike John V.'s feet left the floor and he was flying in the air for several minutes. He finally landed in the spit box.

John Wallace, hitherto a bowler of unquestioned repute, was down with the rest of the wobblers, and reluctantly admitted that even the best bowlers hit the stubble at times.

The two unions of Carpenters and Joiners played on Tuesday night with the following result:

**BROTHERHOOD C. AND J.**

Burgess	571
Clarkson	516
Lunderland	510
Bruce	498
McLaughlin	420
McDonald	418

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**AMALGAMATED S. C. AND J.**

Clark	456
Wray	400
Bannan	377
Thomson	374
Dayoy	340
Cummings	329

2270

Majority for Brotherhood 627.

**LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
Sentence Handed out to Murderer

SEATTLE, March 8--James Holt, found guilty last December by a jury in the United States court of the murder of Henry E. Johnson at the Fort Worden military reservation near Port Townsend this morning was sentenced to life imprisonment at McNeil Island penitentiary by Judge Hanford.

A motion for appeal in the case will be filed.

**A NEW WORD**

Flemish has enriched its vocabulary by a new word for automobiles. It comes from "aencil, rapid; "paardveloc; horselless; zoondeerspoorweg," without rails, "pitrooltijung," driven by petroleum.

**50 WANTED--3000 GAME**

Big Crowd Storm Winnipeg Theatre for Jobs as Supers in Ben Hur

WINNIPEG, March 8--The customary Sunday quietude of Winnipeg was jarred some last night, when a crowd of 1,000 to 2,000 men and boys gathered in a howling mob at the rear of the Walker theatre bent on securing positions as supers in the production to be put on this week by the Ben Hur Theatrical company. The assistance of the police sergeant and three constables were necessary to quell the miniature riot and they were aided by the employees of the theatre.

The crowd had come in response to an advertisement which called for "50 men and ten little boys," to apply at the stage door of the Walker theatre on Sunday at 8 p.m.

The crowd gathered as early as five o'clock and at 7 the noise could be heard blocks away. Led by a hoodlum element it was not long before discretion was cast to the winds and the crowd surged around the rear portion of the building like bees. Some of the men secured ropes and entered. A call for police was sent from a church near by and relief came.

**WERE FOUND GUILTY**

Conductors Had Been Stealing Money from the Railway Company

TORONTO, March 9--Conductors Daniel Corrigan and Frank McCallum and Jos. Woods and Harry Rosenber were on Saturday found guilty of defrauding the Grand Trunk railway by means of bogus tickets on the Montreal and Toronto route.

Corrigan had worked 38 years for the G. T. and McCallum 20.

**MORE KNOWLEDGE**

Of Canada's Wild Land Necessary for Their Development

How much timber is there in Canada? A recent estimate gives 600 billion feet. This seems an enormous quantity but it would last only a very short time if Canada were generally drawn upon for a timber supply; at their present rate of consumption the United States of America would consume that quantity in about fifteen years.

As a matter of fact few reliable data exist from which it is possible to estimate Canada's forest resources. Even the number of acres of timberland in this country is not known with any degree of accuracy, and even the experts disagree widely, though they agree in placing it considerably below former estimates.

The present is just the time for Canada to "take stock" of her timber resources, not to mention her other natural wealth. Her natural resources have not yet been dissipated to a very large extent, and if Canadians now secure an estimate of their wealth in natural resources, they can, by economical use of them avoid much of the waste, such as other nations have made.

For many years the United States has lavishly distributed its national wealth. But during the past few years thoughtful men in that nation have begun to see that they must economize. As a result, after a conference of governors of the several states, scientific experts, leaders in commerce and transportation and others, in May last, President Roosevelt appointed a "Conservative Commission" to make a thorough investigation of the national resources contained in the forests, the mines, the soil and the streams (both for water supply and for transportation.) The commission has since then been at work and during the second week of December reported at a meeting similar to the one preceding their appointment.

In order to afford a fair chance for the economical administration of Canada's forests a similar inventory ought to be made. What is needed is a systematic exploration of the whole unexplored region, by men familiar with the work of estimating timber. Full and accurate reports of such explorations will serve to clear up much misconception regarding the extent, and the amount of Canada's forest land, just as the explorations made in Northern Ontario in 1900 cleared up the ideas formerly held as to the value of Ontario's hinterland.

**THE EDUCATED GROCER**

"Say, mister," said the small boy, breathlessly, "take down this order quick; I got to go to school. Two lbs. of coffee at forty-five cents; three and one half of sugar at seven cents; six boxes of cocoa at twenty-four; two dozen eggs at thirty two; and four lbs. of butter at forty cents. How much does it come to?"

"Four dollars and eighty cents, my little man," said the grocer. "What address, please?"

"Ooh! Thanks!" said the schoolboy as he made his escape. "That was the only one I couldn't do."

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**BURNS WILL BE MASTER**

In the Ring Again--Taking it Easy for a While--Is Johnson's Superior

"The last has not been heard of Tommy Burns as a fighter. He will keep out of the limelight for a year or more but after that it is his intention to pull on the gloves again. You may say that for me," said E. Brusso the youngest brother of the ex-heavyweight champion pugilist of the world, who arrived in Victoria from Oakland Cal., by the steamer Puebla yesterday morning. Mr. Brusso has been conducting a theatre in that city in which his belligerent relative has an interest and which he leased three weeks ago for three years. Now he is en route to Sydney, Australia, with Mrs. Keating and her three children, and will join Tommy and take up theatrical work. Just what their plans are to be he has not definitely decided as yet.

The younger Brusso thinks that his brother was the victim of a series of deplorable misfortunes, and that given another chance after a complete rest of from twelve to twenty four months, he would be able to take the measure of the huge mahogany colored pugilist.

Tommy, he said, had gone from the city of London, where the climate was moderate, straight to Australia, where he encountered sweltering weather. He sustained a slight sunstroke. The sudden change and the constant training put him altogether out of condition. Then just a week before the big fight his sister had died at Cash Bay on the Rainy River, the news of which was cabled to him. Doubtless that had worried him. To cap the climax of the historic fight, Johnson landed a lucky blow in the first round which unquestionably had dazed the Canadian champion, and Brusso did not believe that he had been able to recover until after the end, came in the fourteenth round.

While the younger Brusso (he is but 21 years of age, while his famous brother has reached the 27 mark) is not a world beater in the boxing line, he possesses some insight into its fine points, gained through practical experience. A little over a year ago he had two amateur fights, one against Ray Done which he won in 6 rounds, and another in competition with Jack Ryan, in which he lost the decision on points. Besides he has an intimate knowledge of Burns capabilities.

Therefore, the statement coming as it does from him that he believes his brother capable of out boxing and of whipping the big negro, carries more weight than coming from any other source.

**Can Beat Negro**

"I certainly think Tommy has it in him to beat that nigger," he remarked in a tone of conviction. "He would have to fight him in a different way. It was a mistake to rush at Johnson. That would give him the opportunity he wanted. He made his fighting tell terribly, and as I said, Tom was hit hard right at the start. His best plan would have been to wait for him, to play clever. The negro is fast but my brother is just as good. And the important point is that Johnson has not the punch to knock out Tommy under ordinary conditions. Johnson couldn't put Marvin Hart, and Burns made him look like a dub. That bears out my contention. However we may have an opportunity of seeing. My brother will fight Johnson again after a rest. Meanwhile, a letter from him informs me that he intends going into the hotel business at Sydney, New South Wales."

"Don't you think it would have been a good plan for Burns to have held to the color line?" was a question asked Mr. Brusso.

"Yes," was the hesitating answer. "But thirty thousand dollars looks awfully good, doesn't it? I would fight Johnson myself for such an amount as that."

Mr. Brusso went on to say that however the recent heavyweight championship bout was viewed, it was not discreditable to Burns. "Think of it," he exclaimed, "my brother went into the ring weighing about 170 pounds to Johnson's 210--forty pounds difference! After all Tommy is little more than a middleweight. He really went out of his class to capture that belt, and then he overlooked the tremendous handicap, valved the color line and made no complaint as to his condition. Even at that he went fourteen rounds and what is more the picture films show that he was always the aggressor. Of course you must always remember there was that \$30,000."

Worth \$250,000  
The reports circulated in regard to the Canadian's ability as a financier were corroborated by his brother. "He is worth \$250,000, if he possesses a cent," stated Mr. Brusso. "It wasn't his practice to throw his earnings away as the majority of other pugilists have done, and I am of the opinion that he'll roll up as much more before he's done."

"Tommy is a natural born fighter," went on his brother. "He was in the Hanover, Ont., where the family which comprised three boys and five girls, was raised, he used to be cock of the walk. He could lick any youngster of his own age and size and used to successfully take on many much older and bigger."

**MARCH HOME JOURNAL**

The Home Journal for March contains a most startling article on the "White Slave Traffic," by Hon. E. T. Sims of Chicago, in which the inner workings of this nefarious trade in young girls, is laid bare.

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Beware, also of him who explains how, if you do this job cheap, he will give you his catalogue later, for you to make a pot of money on. Tell him you'll print the catalogue first.

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Let the ink man carry the ink stock and the paper man the paper stock and you carry the money. You might want to buy an auto.--Board of Trade Printer.

**WORST CRIME OF ALL**

"Call the jury for the next case," said the judge.

"May it please the court" said the prosecuting attorney, "the prisoner at the bar is not entitled to a jury, he is."

"Why, even the ornate chicken-thief is entitled to a trial by jury," exclaimed the judge. "It is the inalienable right of every man charged with--"

"But this is a union man charged with having violated your order not to approach a strike breaker with intent to influence him."

"Prisoner, stand up! You have committed a crime which is much worse than murder, rape, incest, arson, bigamy, homicide, patrilicide, and you have forfeited all rights to a trial by jury. Solitary confinement for six months. Call the next case!"--Lincoln Wage Worker.

**RACE MEETING AT CRANBROOK**

The directors of the Cranbrook park Limited, held a large meeting and decided upon a race meeting this spring to be held on May 21 and 25. The officials have opened correspondence with the leading horsemen of western Canada and the Northwestern States and anticipate one of the most successful meetings ever held in this section of the country. Attractive purses are to be put up and the horsemen of the vicinity feel confident that there will be a large attendance.

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A man works for the government (whichever side is in power) for twenty years. He boosts for them and everything else, then they turn him down. He kicks, but what's the use. He would vote for them again if they asked him. When will men get wise?

The Council at the present time could do nothing wiser than putting on a gang of men to cut ditches through the snow, sloping towards the river. At present there are dozens of houses that are completely hemmed in and great damage will be done by water if the snow thaws quickly, which is most likely to be the case this spring. There is no outlet, no drainage, and if gulleys were dug every here and there it would give the water a chance to run down to the river and do away with the flooding. There are at the present time a very large number of idle men in the city and this would be a very wise way in which to employ them.

We are deeply sorry to have to apologize for the conduct of certain citizens during the last ten days. We have to mention this, as the matter has been mooted to us in sarcasm several times during the week. Of course in supporting certain people, we were supporting their public life, not their private. Far be it from us to go delving into anyone's private life, but facts have come to light during the last ten days that force us to speak on things we would fain have touched upon. We trust that decency and discretion will predominate in future, and that we will not have to be called to order for the actions of anyone we may hereafter support.

**THOSE AGREEMENTS**

The first of April is fast approaching, and some uneasiness is felt by our merchants and others in regard to the renewal of agreements for District No. 18. So far the operators have decidedly stated that they will stand for no increase in anything that will raise the cost of production of coal.

The miners have called special meetings to consider their position carefully from all points, and when the joint committee of operators and miners meet at Macleod on Tuesday next, the 16th, some final decision will be looked for.

The majority of the members of District 18 have worked very irregularly this past season, and the output of coal in the Crow's Nest Pass has been very small compared with other years.

This state of affairs leaves the miners in poor shape financially, but as soon as the new agreements are signed up there will be an immediate and very noticeable improvement which will treble the pay rolls in all the camps, and the merchants and miners alike will share in the prosperity.

We urge upon all members of the District, and upon all members of the joint committee to weigh very carefully the questions brought before them for discussion in connection with new agreements. Do not lose your heads, and thereby create bad feelings, but study every point pro and con, and if it comes to a decision and you are called upon to "fight" stand shoulder to shoulder and forget your petty differences. However, we hardly think there will be any fight in this agreement, as neither the operators nor the miners can afford to waste time and money in fighting each other.

**RELIEF MATTERS AGAIN**

In connection with the arrest of H. G. Lockhart we were told on most reliable authority that it was through some of the questions that the Ledger asked that the discrepancy was discovered. If so, and we have no reason to think otherwise, we are doubly proud of our efforts. There are several things that happened in connection with the relief matters that we are aware of, and as we stated before, we will show up everything until we get a reckoning of the people's money. What is a newspaper for (a proper, fearless, independent paper,) if not to protect the public against swindlers, and sometimes even against ourselves?

Of course these party, and other "paid" "string" sheets will take a seat on the top of the fence, and whichever side they see the most support and job work or advertising coming from, they will support. But what confidence can they expect to merit from the public who look only at the right and the wrong of the question at issue.

We understand that some friends of Mr. Lockhart's telegraphed to the effect that there was \$900 placed to the credit of the Relief committee in one of the banks to cover the shortage. But the committee are not after the \$900; they are after justice, and no amount of money should purchase that.

Since the first \$900 shortage was discovered, another \$600 has loomed up and further examination may reveal more.

The Emerald Isle has contributed its full share to those who have made history both within and without the confines of the British Empire. The sons of Ireland have won renown in art, literature, fighting for their mother country and everything that pertains to greatness. Wherever they have migrated "brain and brawn" have been predominant. Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the patron saint, and the green of the dear little Shamrock will be much in evidence.

The action of the city council in trying to secure for the city a plot of ground to be used for a Recreation ground cannot be too strongly endorsed, and should meet with the hearty approval of all classes of citizens. The completing of the purchase and the subsequent bringing of the land into shape for park and pleasure grounds will involve a lot of work, but work with such a laudable end in view should be entered into cheerfully by those in charge.

**A CROOKED DEAL**

The closing days of the British Columbia Legislature mark one of the dirtiest throwdowns to independent lumber mills that could be thought of. We publish elsewhere the particulars of the transaction as taken from the Vancouver World.

The statement there made that a fund estimated at about \$250,000, and with a lobby balance in proportion, agents of American combinations, have been quietly and discreetly working to get this perpetuity clause inserted instead of the twenty-one years lease, shows how terribly rank the B. C. government is. It is stated that the deal has even brought Premier McBride into direct conflict with his own party—poor chap. There is an old saying that "When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues," but this is evidently the exception to the rule.

We need not mention the effect this will have to the few independent millmen in the province. The state of affairs is too bald to need any comment, suffice it to say that when we find ourselves in the hands of such bare faced, measly-mouthed, robbers, who will sell their chance for the next world for a promise of support at the next election—which promise nine times out of ten is a false one, it is high time for a change. The only feasible change to offset this thieving is to elect more Socialists.

**UNWELCOME ARRIVALS**

Toronto Telegram: About 300 immigrants from the old land arrived at the Union station this morning. There was scarcely \$100 in the party that remained in Toronto, and one man had \$50 of this. The British Welcome League took charge of about 15 families and will provide for them until they are placed. A few friends who had been in Canada about a year met the party, and when they informed the strangers that there was no work here they appeared very much disappointed. **ONE MAN WITH A WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN WHEN TOLD THIS, WEPT BECAUSE HE HAD NO MONEY. HE CAME OUT HERE HE SAID BECAUSE THEY TOLD HIM IN THE OLD COUNTRY THAT HE WOULD NOT BE IN CANADA 24 HOURS BEFORE HE HAD LOTS OF WORK. THIS MAN DID NOT HAVE A DOLLAR.**

We reproduce the above for the benefit of the Cranbrook Prospector and any others who think that the mission of W. B. Trotter to the old land is not warranted. The Salvation Army has under preparation plans to dump 8000 more people into just such circumstances as related above.

The Salvation Army warns people against the dangers of hell. A man in a strange country, absolutely penniless and with a wife and six children, it seems to us, must consider that he is on the verge of that dreaded land. Would that there were 20 Trotters on the same mission.

**CHILD LABOR**

By Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York in Industrial Index:

The inclusive and inalienable right of children is to childhood, that is to the life of a child. The term child labor is a paradox, for when labor begins in the modern sense of that term the child ceases to be.

Childhood has a right to be well housed, and ought not to be compelled to dwell in death dealing tenements, which deny the child the chance to enter upon a life that shall be normal and healthful.

Child labor is to be fought positively and constructively and not merely negatively and obstructively. Child labor is to be overcome by better schools and by compulsory school laws that are honestly and diligently enforced. Child labor is to be fought by the industrial school that is coming into being, but the industrial schools that are to be must come under state control lest they become seash nurseries, kindergartens for strike breakers, workshops of citizens alliances which seem to be alliances to break down the citizenship of the nation.

Child labor is to be repressed and suppressed that justice may be done to the child.

Child labor ought to be abolished, not so much at the behest of the duty of safeguarding the republic, but rather because of the duty of the republic to safeguard its children. We are beginning to plan for the conservation of our natural resources. Let us conserve our most precious natural resources, the life and joy and privilege of childhood.

As the warm weather approaches, some stringent measures are necessary in Fernie for the disposal of the accumulations of garbage and other refuse now piled in the back yards of many residences. Ash heaps, and the slops and leavings from the kitchen in hundreds of cases are piled in a heap at the back door, this being accounted for by the fact that there is a lack of any better means, in many cases, of disposing of the same. Now that the snow is starting to melt the smell arising from many of these back yards is not at all pleasant, to say nothing of the sanitary aspect of the case. To properly cope with the situation the health authorities will need to act fast and often, and will need the co-operation of all classes of citizens. Complaints are made even now that in several places families have used old basements where houses have been burned down, for dump heaps, and in some instances they have been turned into veritable cess pools. It is to be hoped that the authorities will act in time, and that any danger of disease from this course will be prevented.

**INFORMATION WANTED**

Editor Ledger: Dear Sir: I was engaged working on bridge, when work was closed down by Mr. Cody; I was told that it would be only a few days before work would start again. After waiting for four weeks I went to work again, and after two days was laid off by orders from Mr. McNetley. I am twenty four years in the Kootenay, paying taxes for twenty two years, have had years of experience in bridge building. I would like to know if this is the treatment due under these circumstances?  
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ity arrived last Sunday with the Kerry Gow, and even the confidential managerial belief has been astoundingly verified, for practically all the week has been played to sold out business and a great advanced sale is already in for next week. It is only true to say that he lived up to the hopes of his friends and played Dan O'Hara, the Kerry Gow, or village blacksmith, with true Irish humor, that came and went easily and was naturally turned into more serious and sympathetic channels. Mr. Joseph Murphy, who is here, states that he is perfectly satisfied to call Mr. Swift his legitimate successor. The scenery was by far the best yet seen here and the performance was noticeable for the attention to detail." The Kerry Gow company will be at the Opera House on Tuesday, March 16.

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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 25th day of February, A. D. 1909 at 2.30 p.m. All persons indebted to 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. F. EGSTEIN, Collector for Assignee.

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**WANTED**

Application for the position of secretary of the Fernie District Fire Relief fund will be received by the chairman up to March 15th, 1909.

A. A. SHANTLEY, Secretary pro tem

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# THE DISTRICT LEDGER

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

Fernie, B. C., March 13th, 1909

## COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

At the time of writing we are in bewildering at Coal Creek. Soon in the morning the news went wild with fire that our king was no more. One version had it that he had dropped dead, and another that he succumbed whilst undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The Union Jack at the school was lowered to half mast on the strength of the information, based on a telephone message received at the Coal Company office. People coming from town tell us that flags there are flying at half mast and that some business places are closed. We do not know what conjecture to come to and we are quietly but anxiously waiting for official confirmation or denial of the report.

Clem Jones, who was cook at Hudson's boarding house, has pulled out. It must have been the irony of conviction that made Sammy stand on a hot stove and sing "Slavery Days."

Still another change of pit boss at No. 2. Billy Lancaster takes the place of Bob Middleton.

The winner of the Waterloo cup—the English-coursing Derby—was Mr. J. E. Dennis's "Dendropsis" and the runner-up was Mr. G. Mayall's "Such-a-sell." Hares were plentiful and in fine condition.

Another bunch of men have been laid off at Nos. 5 and 9 during this week.

General Manager Hurd and Charles Simister, with the men's nominees, have been through the mines this week.

A serious cave on the main incline No. 18 district No. 5 mine was the cause of a lot of men returning home on Monday morning.

In answer to the short notice of the performance of a sketch and the giving of a concert to help purchase an invalid's chair for patients in Fernie hospital, was a large gathering of Coal Creekites in the club hall on Tuesday night. The chairman, the Rev. Norman Macdonald, was in a humorous frame of mind and delighted the audience with his introductory remarks. He also told them the evening's entertainment was organized by a small band of our own townspeople who only asked in return the recognition and appreciation of their fellows. It was given them their intention is to give other performances, the proceeds to be handed over to charitable and needy cases as may be considered worthy. This was an effort by the people for the people, and constituted a true and practical form of Socialism, of which they heard so much in this camp. The cast of the sketch was as follows, and the comic situations caused much laughter, each artist carrying out his part to perfection.

### PROPOSING

Dick Dickson ..... R. H. Nesbitt  
Tom Tomson ..... D. Markland  
Jack Jackson ..... Syd Walley  
James ..... J. T. Puckey  
Margaret Trueman ..... Mrs. Nesbitt  
Stella Trueman ..... Miss Margery Mitchell

The concert programme which followed was well received. The recit-

## ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

Joseph Toes of Winnipeg, the immortal and ever refreshing, was in Elko this week selling pianos and pipe organs, gramophones and sewing machines, ice freezers and fountain pens. We knew Joe when Winnipeg was a suburb of St. Boniface. May his children have rich parents.

Never send to Warden if you want anything in a rush. Send to Fernie or Cranbrook.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thorpe will be pleased to welcome them back to Elko and the North Star Planning mill, where Mr. Thorpe will resume his old position as mill foreman. Glad to see you back, Martin, old boy.

The mills of the gods grind slowly but surely.

Bigger of Wm. Cope & Sons, Port William, was in Elko this week with bigger bargains in stoves, stove pipes and stove polish than ever before.

A woman who can talk on a hundred different subjects generally does.

John Mott was called to Fernie this week on business.

A personal friend of ex-President Roosevelt sent him a ten gallon keg of thirty year old rye. He evidently thinks that Toddy is coming out to Montana this.

It's a brave man who tries to stop a woman's runaway tongue.

The residents of Elko were notified by Chief of Police Leacey who received instructions from the health officer, not to use water from the Elk river until same had been well boiled, treated and roasted.

C. E. Ayre of Brandon, the wheat city of Manitoba, arrived in Elko this week to take up his position as manager of the North Star Lumber Company.

Invitations are out for a regular Erin go Bragh Seventeenth of Ireland dance at the Elk Hotel.

The Indian with his pipe of peace will soon have passed away.

But the Irishman with his pipe of pipe will last for many a day.

Everyone is invited. Come along and we'll see you righted.

Grand march at 9 o'clock March 17th at the Elk hotel.

It pays to advertise in the District Ledger. It reaches the buyers. Just watch for our ad to appear in this great family paper. It will be something for you to write home to your aunty about, and when you come to Elko just drop in if its only to see the elephant and to hear the story of little Johnny Poole or it pays to advertise.

The poet may sing "Oh for the wings of a dove," but we'll take the leg of a goose for ours.

They say marriage makes two people one, but we can prove several cases where it makes ten, she being one and he being nothing.

We mind our own business. We own our business. And we run our business.

The Hoffman house is still closed, while everything else is opening up like rose buds in the sun.

There's a big demand for cottages in Elko.

## COLEMAN

Born: On the fourth inst., to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. C. Macdonald, a son.

Deaf: On the fourth inst. to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dunlop, a son.

A. A. Gannon, dealing in Prince Albert real estate was in town last Saturday.

A boxing contest is billed to take place in the opera house next Tuesday night between Sam Woods, eight-weight champion of the British navy and Charlie Burrows of Frank.

Rev. A. D. Archibald of Ponoka was in this district last week, at Lillo on Sunday morning, Blairmore in the afternoon and at the Institutional church, Coleman in the evening. On Monday night he gave a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides on Sunday school work. The attendance was rather small and consisted mostly of children.

A fire occurred on Saturday after-

# BIG STEAL IN PROGRESS IN THE B. C. LEGISLATURE

## Last Days of Session Will See Immense Area Handed Over to American Lumber Interests—Serious Charges

Vancouver World: In spite of the official assurances that have been given prominent lumbermen of Vancouver and the coast to the contrary, this session of the Provincial House will see the repeal of the twenty-one year lease and the substitution of a clause in the act which will make leases perpetual. The session will end next week, but not before this demand, the first made by a new combination of lumber interests, which has the American eagle with elongated claws for its official seal, has been granted.

With a fund which has been estimated by one of its members to amount to nearly \$250,000 and with a lobby balance in proportion, agents of this combination of mountain and American lumber interests have been quietly and discreetly working to gain their end at Victoria. They have won a complete victory for, by a judicious disclosure of their hand at the proper time, they not only showed their organization to be a power paramount in their own business but also a political power that will be able to swing the upper country vote, split it or concentrate it as they desire, at the next provincial election.

### CAUSES SPLIT IN GOVERNMENT

When the subject of the perpetual lease was first mooted to the government the attitude of Premier McBride gave little promise of any legislation in that direction this session. Several government members had pledged their friends that such an amendment would not pass, and Premier McBride's change of attitude has brought him into direct conflict with his own party and even two members of his own cabinet are opposed to the granting of perpetual leases. The latter see that it is but the first step in a direction that will deliver the province into the hands of the powerful lumber section and even prophesy that it will eventually deliver the vast timber wealth of British Columbia into the absolute control of the big American trusts.

In the same manner members of the Opposition were approached. It was pointed out that whichever party was prepared to support the new organization would be able to count on a certain majority in the Interior. Certain seats were even named and leaders were invited to inspect the completeness of the plans laid by the timbermen. The inspection proved so adequate that to antagonize the new combination meant certain defeat. And so certain are the men who have been directing legislation that it will carry without opposition that they have returned to the interior and to Minneapolis.

### WILL DEplete FORESTS IN B. C.

That the interests of the organization are not confined to Canada is shown by tracing back the strings to a well known lumber firm in Minneapolis, who have been the prime movers in the fight to remove the tariff on rough lumber from the Dominion to the United States. These same interests are the holders of large reserves on the American side. When the tariff is removed it is planned to swamp the Pacific coast with the British Columbia product of the mills controlled here by American capital. With the logs delivered cheaper to the mill, and with Asiatic labor, they will be able to completely underbid the free independent mills along the border. On the plea of conserving American forests they have pointed out to American legislators that with the British Columbia limits depleted, the value of standing timber in Washington and Oregon will be doubled, and this view has been the main argument behind the fight for the removal of the duty.

noon in the red light district, destroying the "big white house." The fire had gained a firm hold before the fire brigade could reach there, and they had to devote their efforts to protecting the near by houses in which they were successful.

An accident occurred at the mine on Wednesday morning. Paul Shotes was spragging cars when some of them left the track and fractured his leg. He was conveyed to the hospital.

T. W. Davies and Miss Nettie Sample were married at the Anglican church, Fernie on Tuesday by the Rev. R. S. Wilkinson. They returned to Coleman on Wednesday where they will reside.

D. J. Hill slightly injured his right shoulder on Tuesday night by falling on the stairs at the Rebekeah's ball, necessitating his remaining in bed for a few days.

Mrs. D. J. Hill arrived home on Friday after a few weeks holidays in England.

A lodge of the Rebekeah society was instituted on Tuesday evening. This lodge is to be known as the Victoria lodge No. 6. About 80 members were enrolled with Mrs. C. Dunlop as N. G., Mrs. D. G. Stafford, V. G.; Mrs. Thomson, recording secretary; Miss E. Anthony, financial secretary. The instituting officer was P. G. M. Foster Brown of Macleod, who was followed by Bro. T. Hinton, Grand Conductor of Pincher, and H. Bates, P. G. of Macleod. A large number of visitors were present from Fernie, Pincher Creek and Michel.

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming evangelistic campaign. On Wednesday evening a meeting was held in the Institutional church, when several committees were appointed to arrange for the various departments. The campaign is to commence on the 4th of April.

timer, Dr. Neerew, was killed in California, which we regret to hear.

Howell Johns has rented his house to Lou Shearer of Middlesboro.

A meeting of the citizens was held in the Herald hall on Thursday to celebrate on the 24th of May. G. B. Armstrong was elected chairman and Frank Steele secretary. Delegates were appointed to meet those from Nicola to cooperate. Meeting was then adjourned till Tuesday.

The Junior members of the Merritt and Nicola hockey clubs played a game on Wednesday at Merritt, which resulted 2 to 0 in favor of the home boys.

A large meeting of the Middlesboro union, was held on Thursday, the back shift being laid off to attend.

W. Williams has been appointed as fire boss at No. 2 Middlesboro.

A quartette will sing at the Sunday service and following services.

### MICHEL

A big crowd of Michel folks went to Fernie to hear the San Francisco Opera Company on Friday night.

The Thursday night dances will continue to run during the season.

Tommy Shields, the well known motorman, left on Monday night for his old home in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Frank Campbell, checkweighman, has resigned his position. Tom France has been appointed pro tem.

The Molly Canons held a grand smoking concert on Friday night at the Dockery hall. Jack Benyon presided. Messrs. Plecton and Morgan's orchestra was engaged for the occasion. After a few remarks by the chairman the following program was carried out: Song: Fred Talbot; comic song, A. Allen; duet, Messrs. Plecton and Strudwick; speech Bill Morgan; song, Harriet Jones; comic song, Ted Conroy; song, Mr. Yorke; speech, Ed. Stacey; song, Ted Strudwick; song, Jesse Stockwell; violin solo, Mr. Plecton. At 2 a. m. the enjoyable time came to a close, the company singing the Maple Leaf.

The city bus is making a roaring trade these days.

Miss Emma Almond is a patient at the Fernie hospital, suffering with fever. We all wish Miss Almond a speedy recovery.

George Davey left on Wednesday for his ranch at Stella.

Miss L. Hall of Muskoka has been appointed 3rd teacher at our local school.

W. S. Bell of Cranbrook was here

### BAYNES

W. H. Pinson left for Pincher Creek Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNab left for Victoria last Saturday, where Mrs. McNab and children expect to spend the summer. Mr. McNab will return to Waldo the first of next week.

Mr. James Fuce, the hustling foreman of the Adolph bush camp left for Spokane Tuesday morning and it is rumored that he is to return with a bride.

The fortnightly club met Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hart. Waldo was well represented and the home gathering was also very satisfactory. The program was one of the most enjoyable of the season. It was decided to hold the closing meetings at Mrs. W. H. Griffith's on April 2.

The beholders of Baynes and Waldo will give a ball at the Kootonia club house Friday evening, March 12. All are anticipating a good time on that date.

Mr. Peter Hacks went to Fernie on business on Thursday.

Mr. Baynes purchased two cows from Mr. Engham this week.

Mr. B. J. Morrow is at work on J. D. Ay's house which will soon be completed.

There will be a church social at the house across from the school, a donation 25 cents. A good program and refreshments; all are invited and also their friends.

Mr. Arthur Barrat of Kootonia expects to go to Fernie on Monday to finish some plumbing in the new post office building.

Mr. Joe Ross of Waldo went to Cranbrook on Tuesday on a business trip.

Dr. Saunders, Mr. Curry, Mr. Fitch and Mr. Robinson were dinner guests of Mr. D. W. Hart on Sunday.

### MERRITT

The hockey match between Merritt and Nicola resulted two to one favor of Nicola.

A Dick mine inspector, arrived on Wednesday's train and inspected the mine, and left on Thursday's train for Ashcroft.

J. Campbell's house was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night and the fire brigade slept peacefully on.

The captain of the Kilmarnocks arrived in town last week and has left his card for Joe Williams and James Fairclough.

A lot of old timers are returning, and Lou Fourciner is smiling.

James Williams heard that an old

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on Monday looking over the Coal Co. horses.

Mr. F. L. Davies of Fernie was here on Wednesday.

Joey and George took their aunt for a cutter ride on Wednesday night. All aboard, so said Joe.

T. W. Storey of Winnipeg was in town on Wednesday.

The poor dirty faced clerk failed to have a locker—how glad I am.

The Coleman orchestra are coming down for the masquerade on Paddy's night.

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Every minute tears and smiles mingle like shower and sunshine to make a glorious spring of everlasting enjoyment. There is a heart throbbing and a shout of praise in every speech. Dan O'Hara the hero, sits manhood to the world and the crucial test of time and should be seen by everybody. Among the exciting scenes to be witnessed from the escape of Dan O'Hara from prison, the blacksmith at his forge, and the flight of the carrier pigeons. All seats should be reserved long in advance for this attraction at Saturday's. Prices \$1, and 75c.

We wonder if the editor of the Vancouver World's Labor page ever visited any Trades and Labor Council out side of Vancouver? He informs us that "Vancouver Trades and Labor Council is the only central body of organized labor in Canada which has cut out the drafting of resolutions and petitions. Heater read up a bit, and then go way back and sit down.

Advertise in Ledger

# C. P. R. BOILER BLOWS UP

## Killing two of the Crew—Accident at Farron—The Unfortunate Men Scalded to Death

Nelson News: An accident which resulted in the death of two employees of the C. P. R., occurred early yesterday morning at Farron, a station about half way between Nelson and Grand Forks. Freight engine No. 1381 was taking in water at this point, when from some cause which has not yet been explained, the boiler burst, and volumes of scalding steam issued forth fatally scalding Donald McQuarrie and Fireman Glover.

Messrs. McQuarrie and Glover were the only two men on the engine at the time, the engineer, J. P. McCormick, having gone to the engine house, and Conductor McKeown not being close by. McQuarrie was found between the tender and the first car and Glover back six lengths. Both were at once carried to the station, where Glover appeared to rally, and was then thought to be the least injured of the two.

Help was at once telegraphed for and Allan Purvis, district superintendent, E. E. Austin, master mechanic, and Doctors Rose and Hartin immediately left Nelson on a special train. Both men were unconscious on the arrival of the party. They were both brought to the Home hospital and everything possible was done for their relief.

The doctors however, felt from the first that their efforts would be futile, and at 3.30 in the afternoon Mr. McQuarrie passed away. Mr. Glover lasted on until 9.30 at night.

The engine was brought into the local depot yesterday, and glanced at casually appeared to be none the worse for the explosion which was of an internal nature. People living a few yards from the scene of the disaster state the explosion was so muffled that no sound of it reached their ears. At the time of the mishap Messrs. McQuarrie and Glover were the only men on the engine. Engineer McCormick was in the round house adjoining the water tank. The train was in the charge of Conductor McKeown who was fortunately not within the reach of danger.

The accident cast a deep gloom over the C. P. R. employees yesterday. Mr. McQuarrie has lived in Nelson since August last and has been with the railway for about the same length of time. He is survived by his wife, to whom he was married only eighteen months ago. Mrs. Cameron Fraser of this city is a sister of the late Mr. McQuarrie. McQuarrie was only 23 years of age and came from Yale, in which city his mother is now a resident.

Cecil Glover, the fireman, lived at Trail. His brother was wired for and arrived in the city to see the unfortunate young man alive. He is taking charge of funeral arrangements, and will leave for Trail with his brother's body this morning.

Mr. McQuarrie's funeral will take place under the auspices of the Nelson Branch of the I. O. O. F., assisted by the Trainmen's Association from the undertaking parlors of D. J. Robertson at 2 o'clock to-morrow. The deceased was a member of the Trout Lake I. O. O. F. The funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. J. T. Ferguson.

### JOHN ANGUS MacDONALD GOLD BRICK

"Politics make strange bedfellows," is a well known saying and that bunch of "worthies" connected with the Blairmore Times, the Frank Paper, along with "Johnnie Angus" ought by this time to have gotten over any unpleasantness by sleeping together; birds of this plumage do not mind the mere incident of "fouling their nest"—it was never clean.

John Angus Macdonald would "once more to the breach" and attempt to deliver the vote.

To that end he is posing as Mr. Facing Both Ways, a part in which he has never distinguished himself, and is calling heaven to witness that he will do the square thing to all classes in the Rocky Mountain district if they will but elect him.

He is prepared to swallow, holus bolus, any old platform that is in existence; the Conservative platform is just an entree; the Liberal platform a mere appetizer, a liquid refreshment, this wonderful performer will even go so far as to swallow himself; all this will he do and more, providing the electors of Rocky Mountain will vote for this political mountebank, the Gargantua of Blairmore.

Previous to the Federal election of October last, several prominent officials of Dist. 18 U.M.W. of A. were invited by the now instruction-by-mail school inaugurated by the government (but not mentioned when bringing down lists of appropriations) to give their weight of influence to the various Liberal candidates and use their best efforts to swing the voters their way.

Letters from the leading Liberal officials in the Pass and elsewhere were sent to the miners officials of District 18, and in one instance intimated that Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, would be "happy to discuss the political situation in the Macleod district."

John Angus Macdonald was not overlooked and like the proverbial oyster he rose to the bait cast, he came, he saw and was "conquered." "The price of his services was the candidature for that political district where he is now "solletting" the suffrage of the men he betrayed; that appointment with certain other considerations which a powerful Government alone knows about when "paying the cost." But, what is now become history, Johnnie Angus, instead of delivering the goods, has proved a veritable gold brick to the Liberal party—he spoils defeat.

The Hon. Frank has always held a reputation as being a shrewd judge of human nature and to think his officials could palm off as the real article the spurious stock in trade of the comedian of a decade ago; it is sufficient to make the general Hon. Frank weep, and right here let us pause while the Hon. gentleman indulges in his own, one-time, broozy vernacular.

The air now being sufficiently cleared from the surcharge of blue flur we will now resume the thread of our discourse.

Macdonald with his characteristic shallowness, not having the courage to stand out and defend the new political faith that is within him is like unto the gambler who hazards everything on the throw of the die.

The poor foolish fellow has sacrificed the friendship of men, tried and true, the fellowship of years and a few political hysteres in their paltry intrigue have made him their dupe.

One can respect a man for standing out affirming his principles, but to see a creature crawling and playing the double game to "all classes" thinking that by dubbing itself "Independent" will be sufficient to hoodwink the electors of

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

It is the grossest insult yet tendered to the electors of that district—and they will remember. This device calling a person seeking political preferment "Independent" is an all too thin attempt to cover up apparent cowardice.

John Angus Macdonald in an attempt to fool the wage earner of the "Pass" is posing as an "Independent," his backers in the political gamble are low down politicians of the most questionable type, for if those men had the least spark of the fire of Liberalism alive in them they would regard this miserable subterfuge of Independence as a vote catcher.

Macdonald is truly "Independent" he is free from the taint of honesty of purpose which yet marks the generality of mankind not afraid to stand by their convictions.

"The mills of the gods" are still grinding and John Angus Macdonald is doomed to utter extinction.

PROLETARIAN (In Southern Alberta Labor Bulletin.)

### LABOR NOTES

Stationary firemen at San Francisco have decided to establish a death benefit fund.

The Executive of the Miners Federation of Great Britain has decided to accept the Socialist Labor party's proposal for affiliation at a meeting at Crewe recently. The decision affects nearly 500,000 men.

An A. F. of L. department of union labor unions is to be established at a meeting being held at Washington this week.

Death benefits cost the cigarmakers' International Union \$203,500 in the last fiscal year.

By means of arbitration railway employees of the Pernambuco, Brazil, will get increases in pay of 10, 20 and 30 per cent, the higher rates applying to salaried employees who receive less than \$80 a month.

Hamilton, Canada, bricklayers, and builders have renewed their contracts for three years at 60 cents per hour.

Union granite cutters at Boston have not received a wage advance for five years.

"The great bulk of the working people are of this mind, that the sanctity of Sunday is to them a grand protection, that it is their only protection from having to perform seven days labor for six days wages—The late Lord Salisbury.

The Lord's Day is man's saving bank into it he gathers the resources upon which to draw all the week. The man who breaks the Lord's Day breaks his own heart, his own muscle, his own brain and his own bones. Every gland and pore and cell demand the weekly day of rest.

Men do not complain of the sixth commandment, which protects their persons nor of the eighth which protects their property; why, then, should they complain of the fourth, which protects their rightful heritage, a weekly day of rest? Eugene Stock.

At this time, before the floodtide of immigration pours in upon us, should not the work of the Lord's Day Alliance in preserving the Lord's Day as a rest day for the toilers, be heartily supported and earnestly pushed forward?—H.

The interests of the Sabbath are the interests of the poor; the enemies of

the Sabbath are the enemies of the poor.—Prof. George Adam Smith.

As we keep the Sabbath day, we nobly save or meanly lose the last best Hope by which man arises.—Abraham Lincoln.

Because Sunday is the scull's parlor day, the day for reason and imagination and conscience, our age, with its overwrought bodies, its overtaxed brains, its jaded hearts, needs it as our fathers did.

### HIDDEN TREASURE FOUND

#### Great Excitement Over a Box of Gold Nuggets—Buried Many Years Ago

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—A special from Portland that Richard Cornell unearthed \$2000 in gold dust and nuggets while he was spading in his garden path, has been received in this city.

The treasure which was in a rusty tin box is supposed to have been buried by an old Australian miner who died in a cabin on the property over 30 years ago.

After the box had been discovered it was found that the place had been marked by twenty two stakes driven in a log nearby.

They were driven in a row pointing to the treasure which was just twenty two feet away.

The old timer had confided to his neighbors that he was rich, but no one had believed him. Now that the treasure has been uncovered hundreds of residents are busy searching for more.

### MINERS IN TROUBLE

#### Five Hundred Men out of Work in Nova Scotia Mines—Trouble Ahead.

GLACE BAY, March 9.—The Dominion Coal company has closed down its mine at Dominion No. 6 and 500 men are out of work.

They are members of the United Mine Workers and threaten a strike in other collieries.

### NOTICE

#### CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF FERNIE BY-LAW NO. 78

A By-law to raise \$15,000 for the purpose of completing the Fernie Public school now under course of construction.

Whereas a petition has been presented to the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Fernie, signed by the owners of at least one-tenth of the value of real property in the City of Fernie (as shown by the latest revised assessment roll) requesting them to introduce such a by-law.

And whereas for the purpose of completing the Fernie public school it will be necessary to borrow the sum of \$15,000 and to issue debentures of the City of Fernie for the purpose of raising the said amount.

And whereas the amount of the whole rateable land or improvements or real property of the said City of Fernie according to the last revised assessment roll is \$1,291,500.

And whereas it will be requisite to raise annually by rate the sum of \$1065.29 for paying the said debt and interest.

And whereas this by-law shall not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Now therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Fernie enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Fernie to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation by way of debentures hereinafter mentioned from any person, persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum not exceeding the whole sum of \$15,000, and to cause all such sums so raised or received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purpose and with the object hereinafter recited.

2. It shall be lawful for the Mayor to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued each for the sum of \$500, as may be required for the purpose and object aforesaid, not exceeding, however, the sum of \$15,000, and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof.

3. The said debentures shall bear date from the 1st day of May, 1909, and shall be made payable in thirty years from the said date in lawful money of Canada at the office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Fernie aforesaid, which said place of payment shall be designated by the said debentures, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest and the signatures to the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed or lithographed.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent, from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable annually at said office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Fernie aforesaid, in lawful money of Canada, on the 1st day of May respectively in each year during the currency thereof, and it shall be expressed in said debentures and coupons to be so payable.

5. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said Corporation to negotiate and sell the said debentures, or any of them at less than par, but in no case shall the said debentures or any of them be negotiated or sold for less than ninety-five per centum of their value, including the cost of negotiating the sale, brokerage and all other incidental expenses.

6. There shall be raised and levied in each year during the currency of said debentures the sum of \$600.00 for payment of interest and the sum of \$872.30 for payment of said debentures by rate sufficient therefor on all rateable land or improvements or real property in the said municipality.

7. It shall be lawful for the said Municipal Council to re-purchase any of the said debentures on such terms as may be agreed upon with the legal holders thereof, either at the time of sale or any subsequent time or times, and all debentures so re-purchased shall forthwith be cancelled and destroyed, and no re-issue of the debentures so re-purchased shall be made in consequence of such re-purchase.

This by-law shall take effect on the 31st day of March, A. D., 1909.

This by-law may be cited for all purposes as the City of Fernie Public School By-Law No. 78.

Done and passed in open council this 4th day of March, A. D., 1909.

NOTICE

TAKE notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed by-law upon which the vote of the municipality will be taken at the City of Fernie on Friday, March 19th, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening, at the City Offices, situate in Johnson-Falconer block.

Fernie, B. C., March 4th, 1909.

G. H. BOULTON, City Clerk

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6. There shall be raised and levied in each year during the currency of for payment of interest and the sum of \$750 for payment of interest and the sum of \$315.29 for payment of said debentures by rate sufficient therefor on all rateable land or improvements or real property in the said municipality.

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LOCALS

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

No. 8 Flyer Eastbound	24.13
No. 7 Flyer Westbound	1.56
No. 214 Eastbound Regular	18.25
No. 213 Westbound Regular	9.46
No. 236 Eastbound 1st class	9.00
No. 235 Westbound, 1st class	20.16

G. N. TIME TABLE

NO. 252	No. 251
10.55 FERNIE	1.35
11.13 HOSMER	1.10
11.25 OLSON	1.02
11.50 MICHEL	12.40

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.

Piano for sale—\$200 cash. A bargain. Apply Ledger Office.

Phone 41 for the best of meats. The big elk near Hosmer station is dead.

Mrs. Todd has moved to her old stand.

J. G. McCallum was in Fernie on Monday.

Green onions and radish at the Palm.

L. G. Gales of Blairmore was in town Monday.

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Miss L. Larson of Hosmer was in town this week.

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

M. J. McGrath and wife of Corbin were in Fernie on Monday.

The Club cigar store for your tobaccos and cigars.

Dr. Barber has taken up his quarters in the Henderson block.

Miss E. White of Spokane has been visiting in Fernie this week.

For hotel accommodation the Napanee is the place.

Mr. Arthur Brown and wife are leaving Fernie for Moncton, N. B.

The most interesting place in town—Ingram's bowling alley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davies of Coleman were visiting in Fernie on Tuesday.

Watch for the date of our Millinery Opening. The Misses Euler.

The Hub cigar store and pool room has removed to the Henderson block.

Nothing so refreshing at the week end as a hot bath. Try Ingram's.

W. J. Mervyn was tried for conspiracy before his honor Judge Wilson on Monday. He was found guilty but was let go on suspended sentence.

While waiting your turn play a game of pool or billiards at Ingram's.

Lot for sale, Rierside avenue West Fernie: Lot A block V, 42 feet 6 inches frontage; 45 ft 3 in. back; 135 ft. 8 in. length. Price \$270 cash. Apply Ledger office.

Mrs. Todd has moved to her old stand.

Mr. C. I. Archibald of Nelson was in Fernie on Friday.

The roller rink in Bruce's hall will positively open Monday.

Found: A large bunch of keys on chain. Apply Manager Ledger.

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

R. Sinclair and wife of McGillivray were in town on Thursday.

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

Mr. Whitehouse of Michel was in the city this week on business.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel of Frank, Alta. paid Fernie a visit on Thursday.

Bargains in left over winter goods at sacrifice prices. The Misses Euler.

G. G. Jewell of the Jewell Lumber Co., Jaffray, is in town on business this week.

Mrs. Todd has moved to her old stand.

Young lady wishes room and board in refined home. Central location. Address P. O. Box 324.

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

The Catholic church have installed a new bell. This is the only church bell at present in Fernie.

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

Mrs. (Dr.) Bonnell and two children are leaving on Monday for a two months' visit to the Coast.

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

A. J. Carter, secretary-treasurer of District 18 went to Michel Wednesday morning on official business.

If your eyes are troubling you see Liphardt, the Jeweler and optician. Eyes tested free.

Mrs. L. P. Eckstein has been spending some time at Spokane, and returned home to Fernie on Monday evening.

Let us take your order for a new spring suit. Satisfaction guaranteed. The Misses Euler.

M. A. W. Wright, the mainstay of the Coleman Miner and Placer City News, was visiting in the city over Sunday.

Fine watch repairing at Liphardt's, who is the watch inspector for the Great Northern Railway.

J. A. Macdonald of Blairmore, late secretary treasurer of District 18, U. M. W. of A., was in town on Monday.

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

Mr. E. Miller, barrister of Grand Forks, who has been spending a few days with Mr. L. P. Eckstein, left on Tuesday morning for the coast.

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

Edwin J. Barratt of Baring Bros. was here as advance manager for Miss Marie Hall and party. Miss Hall is recognized as one of the great violinists of the world. Mr. Barratt is trying to arrange for an appearance here at an early date.

New spring goods arriving daily.

Ladies beautiful silk raincoats in latest effects. Spring Jackets, Skirts and underwear. The Misses Euler.

The local Rebecca's journeyed to Coleman the early part of this week. From reports they played havoc with that town and incidentally captured the hearts of some of the younger fry.

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

The roller rink will open on Monday. Mr. Bruce secured a quantity of roller skates from Calgary and has everything ready. Any one who likes roller skating should patronize this rink.

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

A naval seaman has once every day to salute the quarter deck of his ship, even if no officer is upon it. "Salada" Tea is in such popular flavor that many people feel like saluting a packet wherever seen.

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.

The fan at No. 5 mine was stopped on Sunday from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Monday. As a consequence the midnight shift was stopped on Sunday night and the district of 19 was stopped on Monday morning.

The pictures at the Fernie Opera House were exceptionally good this week. A series of scenes from the great Italian earthquake were shown. Miller's able orchestra presided, and crowded houses have been the rule.

The local hockey boys have decided to hold a dance in Bruce's opera house on the 17th of this month, St. Patrick's day. This is sure to be the best ever, and everyone should turn out, as the boys are sorely in need of the money.

The Board of Trade will meet on the 23rd in the city offices. All old members and anyone who is interested in the progressiveness of the city is invited to attend. The board is going to get busy and boost for Fernie, and we should all be with it.

Tenders are being called for the erection of the new Methodist church and parsonage. Plans and specifications and all particulars can be obtained from the secretary of the trustee board, D. V. Mott, or the pastor, Rev. W. L. Hall. See public notices. All tenders to be in by the 31st of March.

The production of "Monte Cristo" at the opera house was fairly good. Critically speaking the company needs some changes. The leading lady, Miss Willa Feour, as "Mercedes" is rather too droll. She fails to put enough life into her portrayal of the character.

Mr. Frederick Clarke in his many roles was really good, and is easily the best of the troop. Most of the other members of the company with the exception of Miss Virginia Elwood, Mr. Will F. Crockett, and Bruce Kent, (as Albert) were too tame. However the scenic effects and costuming made up for the other deficiencies. The touch of "Millerism" at the piano by our local orchestra relieved the strain between acts.

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Oranges, per dozen	25c
Granulated sugar	20 lbs for \$1.25
Whole Wheat Meal	6 lbs for 25c
Mother's Favorite Flour	100 lbs for \$3.50
Peanuts	1 lb for 15c
Deniston Tea	1 lb. for 35c
Mocha and Java Ground Coffee	1 lb. for 30c

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**PRICES: \$1.00 and 75c.**

As usual the Napanee hotel will give away Shamrocks on the 17th. They have received a large number this year.

The Free Press and Ledger bowlers start the 1st of another series of games to-night at 7. Ladies are requested to move their hats.

Mr. Fred Diek and Miss Maggie Donnington were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Wednesday, Rev. H. Grant officiating. The Ledger extends congratulations.

J. A. Barber, representing the Gannott Universal Anthology, was in the city this week, and corralled several orders for this great work. Mr. Barber has one of the best offers in the book line and is writing up hundreds of orders for his firm.

Our serial "The Ghost of Lochlain Castle" ends with this issue. We have secured a much better story for the next serial which will start next week. It is entitled "Sophy of Kravonia," and is one of the best serials published. Subscribe now and do not miss a cent.

Mr. L. P. Eckstein intends to erect a fine building as soon as weather permits. The building will be a storey and half high and will be erected on the lot occupied lately by Ross and Alexander. It will be a fire proof building and will have a large fire proof vault.

It is reported that one of Hosmer's fastidious newly married ladies kneads bread with her gloves on. The incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on, he needs bread with his pants on, and unless some of the delinquent subscribers of this old "Rag of Freedom" pay up before long he will need bread without a damn thing on and Fernie is no Garden of Eden in the winter time.

In connection with a communication last week we ascertained that the government practically control the sale price of periodicals. The druggists could sell more books and make more money by selling them at a lower price but they are forced to sell at the present prices. This action decreases sales, and while they get half a cent more on each book than formerly they only sell about one fifth of what they could at the old prices.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of missions, was present at the united prayer service in the Methodist church and gave a brief address.

On Wednesday evening Dr. White gave his well known lantern recital, "Here and There in B.C." which gives an idea of the extent and variety of this great province. The recital was greatly appreciated. On Thursday Dr. White left for Hosmer.

On Sunday next missionary addresses will be given by Mrs. Lashley Hall, the pastor being called away to Michel.

Tenders for the prospective new structure are being called for by the trustees. Plans and specifications to be seen on inquiry of Rev. W. L. Hall at rear of church.

Next Tuesday, March 16, the Ladies Aid will serve afternoon tea in the church to the ladies of the congregation, with a view to becoming better acquainted. All ladies of the congregation, especially those recently arrived, will be welcomed.

The church is open every day for the convenience and accommodation of strangers and friends. Paper and ink on hand. Special attention is called to the young people's meetings on Monday evenings, to the united prayer service on Tuesday, Friday evening the united prayer service is held in the Baptist church.

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**TENDERS**  
Tenders are hereby called for the erection of Methodist church and parsonage in the city of Fernie. Plans and specifications can be seen on application to the secretary of the trustee board, Mr. D. V. Mott, or to the pastor, Rev. W. L. Hall.

Tenders are required for:  
(a) Each building, separately, and (b) both together. Similarly, tenders are called for:  
(c) Brickwork and carpentry, separately and (d) in bulk.

Note: It is understood that bricks and cement will be supplied by the Methodist church, for which arrangements are already made.

Foundations will be completed ready for the superstructure by the trustee board so that the work called for in the foregoing tenders may commence about June 1.

Tenders will be accepted up till noon on Wednesday, March 31, addressed to the trustee board and left

**NOTICE**  
IN the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate of the Certificate of Title for Lot 7, Block 81, Annex Town of Fernie (Map 134A.) 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 in the above mentioned lot in the name of Vezel Vancoek, which certificate is dated the 11th of April, 1908, and numbered 8467A.

H. R. JORAND  
District Registrar,  
Land Registry Office,  
Nelson, B. C. Feb. 10 1909.

with the pastor at the church. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

On behalf of the trustee board of the Methodist church, Fernie,  
March 13 D. V. MOTT. 2t