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SUCCUMBED AFTER TRYING ILLNESS

The announcement of the death of Frank H. Sherman, ex-President of District 18, U. M. W. of A., though not entirely unexpected, came as a shock to the entire community, and with a sense of personal loss to many men in this district with whom he had been so intimately associated for so many years.

Mr. Sherman, through failing health was forced to resign from the position of president of district 18 during the spring of the present year, and ever since then, though fighting heroically for his health, the struggle has been a losing one, and on Monday morning, October 11th, as the first rays of the day were breaking over the hills, surrounded by his wife and family and a few faithful watchers, Frank Sherman slipped peacefully out from the moorings of his earthly temple to the broad ocean of that great beyond from which no traveller ere returned.

The deceased was born in County Gloucester, England, May 10, 1869, at the time of his demise being in his 40th year. In his early days he had to seek his livelihood in the coal mines of Rhodda Valley. During his spare time he was much given to self improvement and studied deeply the problems of his fellow workers and of his times. At an early date he began to take an active interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the miners.

Coming to America, he drifted to the coal fields of the Crows Nest Pass district, and soon afterward he interested himself, as was his custom in the old land, in the organization of the workers.

In the days of his advent into this country, Morrissey was looked upon as the coming coal mining town and it was here that Mr. Sherman made his first step from the inward workings of the mines on the road to leadership, for which position he was so brilliantly equipped.

He was elected as the first checkweighman at that place upon the inauguration of that system. As the mining industry grew and the unions developed numerically, district 18 was formed, of which Mr. Sherman was the first elective president, a position which he held through successive elections.

Mr. Sherman always aimed to uphold a high moral standard among the men over whom he for the time, presided. Anything shady or wrong unfailingly met with his strongest disapproval, while he was an ardent supporter of all temperance and moral reform movement calculated to lift the workers to a higher plane.

He was an aggressive and an advanced thinker; his advocacy of the principles of Socialism in no way narrowed his conception or appreciation of the views and beliefs of other men. Frank Sherman was essentially a fighter, a man of spirit and any campaign in which he was engaged could be counted upon to be interesting to all concerned.

His family life was most happy. In 1891 he was married to Miss Annie Benven, whose native land was in Wiltshire. To them were born seven children, the one and incident of the family life being the loss of the eyesight of his second son, who is now attending the Blind Institute at Brantford, Ont.

The members of the family are, besides, Mrs. Sherman, Annie, Willie, Lillian, Doris, Phyllis and Geraldine, at home, and Leonard attending school, as stated above, at Brantford. To them the whole community and district extends heartfelt sympathy in their dark hour of sadness and trial.

Mr. Sherman's prominent position in Labor circles brought him into the political arena on several occasions as a Labor and Socialist candidate. He contested on different occasions, Pincher Creek; Lethbridge and Calgary ridings.

The Funeral

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon which took place to the Miners hall, thence to Fernie cemetery, was in itself a splendid tribute to the esteem in which deceased was held by all classes of citizens, and especially by the miners.

The mines of the district suspended operations for the day, and representatives were present from many parts of the district to pay tribute to their regard for their departed chieftain.

The floral offerings were beautiful and included:

Wreath from Mrs. Sherman and family.

Members of District 18.

Fernie local

Coleman local

Hosmer local

Lethbridge local No. 574.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse, Michel.

Mrs. Lambert.

Dr. and Mrs. Corsan.

"From a few friends."

At the Miners' Hall the body lay in state at the entrance to the auditorium previous to the service, and was viewed by many of his old associates. Standing room was at a premium when Rev. Grant came forward to offer prayer. An impressive gathering it was—one that will not fade soon from the minds of those attending.

The gallery was filled with men—men used to the hard side of life, and who are not much given to tears. As the service proceeded a biting of the lips could be seen, a hardening of the facial lines, and finally in numberless cases big rough hands involuntarily went to the eyes, and tears trickled down faces that for years had been considered too hard for such expressions.

Rev. Grant spoke briefly and well. He eulogized the career of the deceased, enumerating the many fine qualities which made up his character and life.

He dwelt on the clear cut lines on which the deceased had carried on his life's work. He referred to the unflinching loyalty to the cause of labor. Mr. Grant had been intimately acquainted with Mr. Sherman for some years, more particularly in the last year or so, and a mutual friendship had sprung up between them, making it visibly hard for the rev. gentleman to speak on the occasion. He pointed out that now, day by day, is the time to improve our lives, to fill up each moment with kind deeds and tender words, so that when the time came to depart, the chapter would be filled with the record of a life well spent, and not vain regrets.

Mr. Grant in his prayer feelingly referred to the fatherless children and the widow, commending them to the care and protection of the Almighty. Familiar tunes were used, "Days and Moments Quickly Flying," "The Sands of Time are Sinking" and "Near, My God, to Thee." The audience joining as best their voices would permit, but from many quarters of the big building sobs and not songs were quite audible.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, those who had not previously viewed the remains were given the opportunity to do so, and one by one, slowly and reverently and with bowed heads, the line filed by many a tear dimmed eye glancing hastily for the last time on the face of one whom they had learned to love.



F. H. SHERMAN, LATE PRESIDENT DISTRICT 18

The Procession

Outside the hall the cortege formed in line as follows: Salvation Army band, Mayor and City Council, Representatives of the Police and Fire Departments, District Officers and Board Members.

Representatives from Locals Gladstone Local. The remains were followed by the mourners and other friends in rigs and on foot.

The pall bearers were John Wild, John Kent, Wm. Carroll, Wm. Rose, Thomas Saunders and W. Clarkston, all of whom were intimately acquainted with deceased.

Such a concourse of people as lined the streets on that day has seldom been seen in Fernie, all the stores and places of business in the city being closed from 2 o'clock until 4.30. The line of march was taken up toward the cemetery, the Salvation Army band leading with the impressive strains of The Dead March, the Italian band taking up its place farther back in the cortege.

At the grave a simple, yet impressive service was carried out by the Rev. Grant, and then by the miners, their rituals being read by Secretary Ross of Gladstone Local.

The journey back was then taken up. This was laid to rest a loving father and a kind husband, and a good citizen, who had commanded respect from all with whom he came in contact.

Mrs. Sherman, through the Ledger, wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks to the friends who came to her assistance while passing through the dark waters of affliction.

Wm. Carroll was unceasing in his attentions and spent almost every minute of his time ministering to the deceased during his last illness.

A Telegram

Edmonton Oct. 12. MR. DAVID REES, Miners Hall Fernie. Accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of our late president, F. H. Sherman, our dearest friend and brother. Regret being unable to attend funeral, information late.

A. C. Brovey

T. E. James

The following tributes from outside papers show the marked esteem F. H. Sherman enjoyed:

Lethbridge Herald

The death of Frank H. Sherman removes one of the most striking figures in the industrial and political arena of Alberta and eastern British Columbia. Few men in the west have the honor of being beloved and idolized by their friends and hated by their enemies as was Frank Sherman.

For many years president of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America, he had an influence over the miners that no one could question or usurp. To the day of his death, although he had relinquished the reins of his office his influence was paramount in this district. There was good reason for this. People may question the right or reason of many of his actions, and the course he pursued in the interests of the miners, but no one can say that he ever spared himself or that he did not put his whole soul into his work. His death at this time is, beyond a doubt, due to his getting up from a sickbed last spring to enter vigorously into the struggle which lasted so long. Not only did he give many years of his life in service to his fellow workers, but that service caused his untimely death.

To the general public, Frank Sherman was acknowledged to be a man of brilliant parts in many ways, an astute leader and a determined fighter. His views were often considered extreme and his actions ill-judged, but his striking personality and keenness of intellect were acknowledged by his bitterest enemies and because of these he was respected and feared by them.

He was for years the stormy petrel of the political sea in Southern Alberta and made every contest he entered decidedly interesting. His untimely demise is regretted by all, the more especially as it appears that he leaves behind him a large family in straightened circumstances, which might otherwise have been well provided for by a man of his ability, if he had not given the best part of his life to the service of his fellow miners.

Calgary Albertan

The death of Frank H. Sherman is a blow to organized labor in Alberta and Canada and a loss to Western Canada. He was a vigorous, active and honest leader in a labor organization that was not always easy to lead. He was a patriotic citizen whose life was given to an effort to improve the conditions of his fellow workers.

Mr. Sherman was an honest man. His opportunities to sell out his fellow workers were very great. Temptations were numerous, and were at hand all the time. But he never yielded, never wavered, never compromised. He was a careful, economic, saving man, with no expensive habits and he dies practically penniless, leaving a wife and large family with practically nothing. His prolonged illness ate up the small amount that was saved up for a rainy day.

Sherman was not an agitator. He urged the strike as a last resort. He usually counselled his men against resorting to that form of warfare. No strike that he was associated with was every accompanied by violence of any kind, which shows his principles and also the hold that he had upon his own people. However, he was up against active opposition, and had to meet forces which were always prepared to carry the battle to the end upon the slightest provocation and friction was never absent.

Sherman was ambitious but he died with his ambition unrealized. He always desired to become a member of a legislature and to have some voice in the making of laws that he might improve the conditions of his fellow workers.

Mr. Sherman was a very likeable, intelligent, vigorous, active and absolutely honest man. Western Canada miners will go many a day before they find as good a man to succeed him.

Calgary News

Frank H. Sherman, who for years has been the leader of organized labor in this part of the country, died at Fernie, as announced in the telegraphic report to the Daily News yesterday.

The death of Frank Sherman removes from labor ranks in this district its ablest and most intelligent advocate.

He was a labor man who, while true to the cause that he espoused, was not unfair in his treatment of those who differed from him in viewing economic and social questions. On more than one occasion he was the standard bearer of the labor party for parliamentary honors but was not successful in election.

He leaves behind him the record of a life spent in endeavoring to make the condition of the working classes better than he found it.

His wife and seven children who are not in very good circumstances, should have sympathy and assistance from those whom Frank Sherman so faithfully and unselfishly served.

A TRIBUTE

To the Life and Character of Frank

H. Sherman

Lethbridge, Alta. Oct. 11

Editor Ledger: Since receiving the sad news of the demise of our friend and brother, Frank H. Sherman, my thoughts have been busy recalling scenes of personal

association with him and personal observation of his life and conduct. It is very hard to embody these thoughts into adequate expression or to arrange them so as to correctly exemplify the sympathetic emotions of my heart and intelligently portray the true character of our deceased brother. Prompted only with a desire to place them before his fellow laborers in a great cause—comrades in arms in spirit and in principle—the sturdy men who have been truly the brothers and friends of his public and official life, to the end that some effort should be made to perpetuate that memory and at the same time show our love, gratitude and appreciation for his work and worth, that I have taken the liberty of finding these few lines.

I have known our departed brother for a number of years and have been intimately acquainted with him during those trying days of turmoil, anxiety and unavoidable strife into which he threw all the energies of his soul and the intellectual faculties with which he was graciously endowed. I have listened often times to the words of counsel, of wisdom and of admonition which he generously and zealously imparted to his co-workers and have always felt that what he suggested and what he advised was calculated for the best common good of the cause he represented and the principles he vindicated. I have known him to spurn and turn aside from the tempter who with bribing, jingling, coins sought to induce him to give up the fight, betray his men and hypothesize their principles for filthy lucre and this, mark you, at a time when he keenly felt the need of money for natural sustenance and family support. He was as true as steel, and in the hour of direst need, when weaker characters might have succumbed to the enticing bait, he chose rather to share the "wretched crust" in honor and spotless fidelity with his men than gain fame or profit in dishonor and treachery.

No doubt the incessant zeal which he manifested and which ever characterized his life together with the trying ordeals through which he was called to pass so weakened and impoverished the body that it could not sustain the dreaded disease which culminated in his death, and thus his love and labor for the cause hastened the end.

The question in my mind at the present time is "What can we do to perpetuate his memory and hand down to future generations some token of esteem and appreciation, some tribute of love and commendation?" I believe the sterling integrity of this man; his fidelity to the cause of labor his unflinching zeal and incessant toil for the laboring man, will bring forth a spontaneous response from every heart and hearty co-operation from every pulse when I suggest a suitable monument whereon the engraver's chisel shall cut deeply those expressions of love and gratitude which well up in our hearts at the present time. These words will not remain on the cold and lifeless marble but they will be transformed to the heart of every one who reads them and there will they live and pulsate, the same great essentials of true and everlasting character until the Scripture is literally fulfilled wherein it says "He being dead, yet speaketh." I am ready to perform my humble part, not only to honor the dead, but also to support and comfort the living, and start the fund with a contribution of \$100.

C. J. Eckstorm.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Carlo Maucous, a young Italian, aged twenty-five years, was horribly mangled on Thursday morning at No. 1 track at the coke ovens, and succumbed to his injuries before reaching the hospital. The young man was employed at the coke ovens and was adjusting the air brakes of one of the cars, according to report, when they got away on him and knocked him down, almost severing his legs from his body. A jack had to be used to lift the car off him, and this naturally delayed his rescue until too late. As soon as the unfortunate man was got out willing hands rushed him over to the hospital with the hope that his life might be saved, but the attack had been too long and just as he was reaching the hospital he expired.

He was an unmarried man and was well liked by those with whom he had worked. An inquest was held last night, the following jury having been sworn in:

- W. J. Blundell, foreman
- J. L. McIntyre
- J. C. Kenny
- H. Carille
- K. Whitmer
- W. Dicken

After examining several witnesses the jury returned the following verdict:

"That the deceased came to his death through the negligence of party or parties unknown in neglecting to set brakes, and recommend that some means be adopted whereby employees could stay in safety while the cars were in motion, also that some person be employed for the purpose of spotting cars."

The deceased was a member of Gladstone local U. M. W. of A.

Fred Smith, the popular paper traveller was here last week and booked some good orders.

J. A. Torney and J. D. Ayo gave a beautiful stereoscopic lecture to the Board of Trade members and their wives on Monday evening at the Miners' Opera House. On Thursday a public lecture was given at the same place and the hall was packed.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas, Deputy Grand Chief of Pythian Sisters, will arrive from Rossland tomorrow for the purpose of reorganizing the Crow's Nest Temple. Wives, daughters and sisters of Knights of Pythias are eligible, and are cordially invited to be at the K. P. hall on Monday the 18th at 8 p.m.

BRIDGE-MARLETT

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday last, October 9, at 8.30 p.m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, the contracting parties being Miss Minnie Bridge of Coal Creek, formerly of Walkley, Lancashire, England, daughter of Mr. Bridge, the well known pit boss here, and Mr. Ewart G. Marlett of Coal Creek, formerly of Hospeler, Ont. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie Johnston while Mr. Lloyd Horton acted as best man. The bride looked charming in a lovely dress of white silk. The Rev. Mr. Scott tied the nuptial knot, this being the first wedding he has had since coming to the Creek. A large number of guests were present, and the presents were both numerous and costly. The festivities will be continued this week end at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Marlett are both engaged at Triton Wood store, Mrs. Marlett as accountant and Mr. Marlett as salesman. The contracting parties are both popular in the Creek and carry the best wishes of a large circle of friends. After the

wedding ceremony the Rev. Mr. Scott christened the infant daughter (Minnie) of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, also the infant son (John) of Mr. and Mrs. Ford. Altogether a very happy evening was spent.

DON'T GO TO NOVA SCOTIA

Agents of the Dominion Coal Co. of Cape Breton N. S., are at work trying to induce miners of Wilkesbarre and other anthracite mine towns to go there and scab. District and local officers should exert themselves to prevent them from securing any men for such purpose.

A strike has been on in Nova Scotia and at these mines since July 6 with every prospect of winning.

Don't go there and try to defeat your brothers who are fighting for the right to organize and better conditions of employment.

Stay away. Due notice will be given in these columns when the strike is won. Labor papers, please copy.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—The news of the execution of Ferrer at Barcelona created a tremendous sensation when printed here today. The newspapers issued extra editions with glowing headlines some of them expressing the belief that King Alfonso had compromised his future by failing to intervene. Interviews printed show that many persons prominent in the scientific and political world are both indignant and pained at the events of the day in Spain.

A member of the Institute said he was stupefied at the execution which he characterized as an act of political cannibalism.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 14.—The People, a socialist organ, announced the death of Ferrer in a special edition today, and editorially the paper says:—"The awful news will include a tempest. We fear that in refusing to stop the execution Alfonso has signed his own death warrant."

ROME, Oct. 14.—It is believed that the execution of Ferrer at Barcelona was hastened by the fear that the pope would intervene. According to the theory, the Spanish authorities wish to prevent their sovereign being placed in a position where he might have to grant, or refuse a papal request for pardon.

LOCAL LEGAL

Blundell vs. Anglo-American—Blundell Wins Out

This action was brought to recover the amount due under an insurance policy.

Several defences were raised. 1st, as to the agency of Watson, who placed the insurance with the plaintiff, which defence was abandoned by Mr. Holland at the trial, and in regard to which I would in any case find for the plaintiff. A second defence was raised as to the date of the interim receipt.

The defence suggests that that receipt was not issued until after the fire, in the face of the evidence of the plaintiff and of Hans Hamilton I must find that the interim receipt was issued prior to the fire. It may well be that the stub of the receipt in the agent's book was not filled in until after the fire. This cannot affect the plaintiff. The third defence is that no action lies, but that the arbitration section of the conditions being statutory, condition No. 16 must first be invoked. It might be that if I thought the variation a reasonable one that section would bar an action prior to arbitration. I cannot find, however that the variation is a reasonable one.

P. E. WILSON

EXCURSION TO BAYNES

Do not forget to take in the excursion to Baynes Lake tomorrow. The train leaves the G. N. station at 9.30, and leaves Baynes to return about 5. A light lunch will be supplied free at the club house at Baynes. A free drive through the brigaded tracts will be given and a free launch ride on the Kootenay river will complete the days outing. Baynes Lake is one of the prettiest spots in B. C., and any who take in the trip will be more than repaid.

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THAT AWFUL REVOLUTION

Because Socialists talk of a revolution no one should get the idea that they mean war, fire and sword, blood and the ground torn up. Not by any means. Socialists advocate peace and the orderly way of doing things, and condemn war and the military way of doing things.

The revolution that the Socialists talk so much about will consist mainly in the change of persons of those who receive the rewards of labor. Under Socialism the rewards will go to those who do the work—in fact there will be no reward without service of some kind. At present the rewards go chiefly to those who do not render any service whatever, and to change this flow of rewards from an iller to a worker, as Socialists advocate peace, will be a revolution with more meaning to it than any that the world has hitherto known.

And there need not be much fear of confusion about this revolution, this change of recipients. When Harri-man died the other day the great industrial systems of transportation that had been under his control moved right on as though nothing had happened, but there was a change regarding the matter of who should receive the rewards or fruits of the industry. Harri-man could receive them, no longer, but they had no effect upon the operation of the transportation system. So far as any change in the service was concerned the flow of the transportation of goods might have been directed from Harri-man to the public just as well as from Harri-man to the widow who survived him. If the event had been the ushering in of Socialism, Harri-man's wheels would have continued to turn just the same, but the values created by the turning of the wheels would have stopped flowing to the idle heirs who own without working, and would have been given to the busy people who would own by working.

When the International and Great Northern Railroad in Texas passed under the control of the state through the appointment of a receiver, we do not suppose that a single engineer felt his engine lurch as though the ground was wobbling beneath it, or that the things were happening which the friends of capitalism tell us would be bound to happen on the advent of Socialism. All the things that went on right along just as if the Goulds and not the state had been receiving the revenues arising from freights and fares.

Some when the business of the Western Pierce Oil Company was taken over by the state. The Abbot agent for that company had his office at that time immediately across the hall from the editor's office, and if there was any just complaint on that side of the building as though the judgment day had come, we did not know of it. Neither did that agent know it. He did not know such a thing as his company was being taken over, for we watched the papers more closely than he, and frequently jolted him about the certainties or uncertainties of his job. But the day his job continued right straight along as though the only difference being that he began making reports and remittances to one Eckhart, the state agent instead of one Calhoun, a Western Pierce agent higher up the line of promotion.

No, the people who are predicting that when Socialism comes it will necessarily bring a revolution somewhat akin to the "week of matter and the crash of world," are going to be happily disappointed.

Material changes will be in due time be inaugurated in the methods of producing, especially the use of terminals; also the method of distribution as one state and one set of workers would be sufficient where there are now dozens; just as one post office is now sufficient where there were three or four; if there were private corporations serving the people with one hand and skinning them with the other.

But the greatest and most momentous change of all will be the changing of the current of compensation from those who work not to those who do work.

It does seem as if all the workers should gladly welcome, and even seek and demand such a change, such a revolution. They would if they understood it, and they are not afraid of losing their jobs or their credit at the source.

The important work at present is the work of getting them to read and listen and calculate, and understand it, so that they be in harmony with the economic system when the new system crumple itself upon the people that will result in its final overthrow.

Scatter the literature, keep the speakers in the field and hasten the process of revolution.—E.

SONG TO MY COUNTRY

My country, beautiful land!
I'll sing if you will stand
A song to thee!
My harp is neither coarse,
My voice is rather hoarse,
Yet will I try to force
Some melody.

Fair land that saw my birth,
Gem of the whole blest earth,
Hark to my screams!
Tell me, oh tell me why
Thy harp is neither coarse,
That man can scarcely buy
Things that he needs.

Things that a man must eat,
Lemons and prunes and meat,
Cost like Sam Hill,
Carpets and rugs and mats,
Neckties and shoes and hats,
Spiriting to idle life,
Empty his till.

All through the week I work,
Like an unshowered Turk,
For a few hours,
No odds how hard I try,
Of wealth I am always shy,
And when I travel I
Rise on the trucks.

They say that half a plank
Bought more and better junk
In the old days,
Than will two boxes or more,
In the big modern store,
Since prices learned to soar
Five hundred ways.

My country, hear my word!
You are a humming bird!
Also a peck!
Splendid in peace and war,
Thou most effulgent star—
Tell me why prices are
Clear out of reach.
—Walt Mason.

HALF-CENT COINS

The National Trades Federation met at Ottawa and passed a resolution that the government should put out a half cent coin for the benefit of the working class. This is a fine example of the punk resolutions passed by this federation. This federation is a special set of the bosses and can be guaranteed to act as a strike breaking concern. When the bosses whittle away at the wages and lock us up, they are expected to get the orders of the masters. It is patted on the back by the political lackeys of the financiers and the capitalist press keeps saying to the good old day.

Being the pet of the bosses it has to stand the kicks and cuffs that come the way of labor. Do its leaders think of rebelling against the slavish condition of its members? Not at all. They seek to temper the wind to the shorn lamb. Labor produces all and is the master class gets all it is worth the while, while the labor does get the scraps. Now the Federation dog has been looking at the scraps that are flung to labor. It does not growl for more but wags its tail and begs the scraps that the scraps that come its way may be divided into smaller portions so that they will last longer.

The master class spend hundreds of dollars for diamonds and automobiles and palaces. The laborer stands cents for the necessities of life. The master class feel ashamed to give a five cent tip to a lackey that will fawn upon them. The laborers are anxiously begging their masters the labor thieves, to kindly make a half cent coin so that they will not have to spend a whole bit cent all at once.

When labor votes to its own power, the whole parasitic class of industrial lord and banking magnate and corrupt priest and advocate and flunky will be then swept into the things of the past.

But labor must wake. It must get rid of the gang of traitors who are at the head of the national organization. These men are doing the dirty work of the master class. They are leading the laborers to their economic death. They are like the old hardened bold who in the slaughter pen of Chicago were the lords of cattle under the slaughter clubs.

Can't you working folks see farther than a blind bat? Can't you see that when your bosses the parasitic labor thieves, grow rich on what they steal from you, are the cunning brutes who will be only too glad to get you to divide your forces and get you to be divided up among them? Don't you realize? Study your own interests and their interests instead of fawning upon false officials who fawn upon your masters, and betray you into their hands, you will realize for your own economic liberty and you will be able to get all your own.

When you get all you earn the parasites who are doing the dirty work of labor power to their profit will be an order of the past.—Cotton's Weekly.

More and more the idea of revolutionary mobilizing is growing in the hearts of the workers. This has given the idea a great boost in America.

SOME PITHY SAYINGS

(Cotton's Weekly)

The crime of the poor is their poverty. . . .

The industrial middle class has gone and the commercial middle class is going. . . .

Socialism will prevent the workers from dividing up with the droves. . . .

Socialism will clothe the naked, and feed the hungry and give every man a chance to look the whole world in the face because he is doing honest work. . . .

Alderman Stearns of Montreal has been in Great Britain and was surprised to find how fast socialism was spreading among the common people. Wherever capitalism runs in course, Socialism follows. . . .

The king of Greece wants to abdicate and the international capitalist commands him to stick to his job. The rulers do not rule. They are mere lackeys of the financiers and industrial barons. . . .

The British government has done out the Macdonald system. This does not benefit the workers at all. It will probably profit the master class by giving them cheaper messages than formerly. . . .

China is atting at naval power. A vast fleet is to be created. Capitalism is working its will the world over. The east is waking, not to liberty but to capitalist modes of tyranny. . . .

Consolidation of industry is the order of the day. The capitalist form of society gives the benefit of that organization and consolidation to the few; socialism will give the benefit to the many. . . .

If you want to have a home that the landlord cannot take away nor make you pay for help bringing about social state. . . .

The master class force themselves weapons for repressing the working class by means of the surplus value they have robbed from the working class. . . .

The Japanese government has resolved to stamp out socialism from Japan as a pernicious doctrine. The Japanese government is biting off more than it can chew. . . .

Spain invaded Morocco without first lifting Spain got licked in the first round. Now Spain is going to make Morocco pay an indemnity for daring to smash her invading troops. The hypocrisy of the working class is astounding. . . .

The Tories and Liberals are but the two sides of the capitalist shield. . . .

A laboring man has nothing to gain and all to lose in supporting either of the capitalist parties. His only hope is to join his own party the socialist party and to get out and fight for himself. . . .

The critics laugh at the idea of buying goods by sample such as might occur under socialism. The very critics who laugh at this buy goods from the pictures shown in them in the catalogues of the big departmental stores. . . .

The will of the people is a foolish term. There is no such thing as the collective will of the people. The will of the people means simply the amalgam of the various antagonistic interests of the different members of society. . . .

The Tories thought that they had a catch. They served the plutes for 15 years and thought that the job was there for keeps. The Liberals allowed to the plutes and agreed to be just as subservient and the plutes tried the new political lackeys and found them satisfactory. Ever since the Tory politicians have been going around squealing about their lost jobs. . . .

Laurel would chance the studies of the young from Vigil in Latin to Shakespeare in English. The plutes are perfectly willing. Shakespeare was as much a plute thing as was Vigil. But let a laborer suggest that Karl Marx be studied in preference to either of them and see how quick the labor thieves of the province of Quebec would stamp on the idea. . . .

Another worker has come about. Three felt companies have amalgamated with \$2,000,000 capitalization. Competition is dead and the only vital question before the people is as to whether the labor thieves or the workers themselves shall get the benefit from the coming of wretched competition.

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In a word, when there is more regard of workmen's lives than for dividends, their explosions and their horrors will cease.—Seattle Socialist.

A CORRECTION

Port Arthur October 11

Editor Ledger:

Sir: Will you kindly correct one of the mistakes made in the report of my speech at Fernie September 20th. I am made to say while referring to the strike of '92 and the coincident arrests and bullpen:

"Among that number were 14 who were arrested for violence and injury and among them was your townsmen Tom Whelan."

What I did say was:

"Among the number were 14 who were arrested for violating an injunction, one of whom was your townsmen Tom Whelan."

The injustice to Mr. Whelan is such that it should be corrected. Violating an injunction in a labor dispute should be commended, while violence and injury may be condemned.

Respectfully,
Wm. D. Hayward

For Thanksgiving day, October 25, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company announcing a rate of fare third for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale October 22nd to October 25th and will be valid for a consecutive, final return limit, October 27th.

The Tenderfoot Farmer

It was one of those experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that if it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

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Questions You Should Know How to Answer

Candidates for examination held in Fernie B. C. on October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1909.

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T. K. Knox
J. D. Thomas
T. A. Spruston

Second Class:
Ed. Roberts
Thomas Thompson
F. D. Alderson
Tom Brace
W. McFegan
W. Wesnedge
N. Howells
G. Rankin
H. Massey
W. R. Foster
W. J. Macey
J. B. Thomas
T. Biggs
John Bagley

Third Class:
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W. Price
J. T. Mawson
W. Joyce
W. Shenfield
J. H. Smlster
F. Hutchinsom
C. O'Brien
T. McPhillips
R. L. Spruston
Andy Frew

MINING ACT AND SPECIAL RULES

First class candidates: Tuesday, October 12th 1909. Time 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 70 per cent required. Note: The candidate must sign each sheet with his usual signature.

1. Give the interpretation of the several terms as per section 2 of the act. —15
2. What are the duties of the Manager as set forth in the special rules? —5
3. What does the Act state in reference to the division of the mine into parts? —10
4. What does the act state as to "Certificated Managers and other officials"? —15
5. What does the Act state as to inquiring into the competency of the manager and other officials—holding certificates under the act? —15
6. What plans are required under the act? —10
7. What is stated in the general rule as to air being supplied at too high a velocity? —5
8. What is stated in the general rule as to the examination and testing of safety lamps? —10
9. What returns and notices are required by the act? —15
10. Fill out the accident form given. Suppose a serious accident to have occurred. Give rough sketch as requested in the form. —10

Mine Gases

1. Name and describe the several gases met with in coal mines. Give atomic weights, symbols, specific gravities and properties and under what conditions do they become dangerous to human life? —20
2. What is meant by the atomic weight, molecular weight and density of gases? Prove by computation that the specific gravity of C₂H₄ is .792. —15
3. In a mine giving off 1750 cubic ft. of C₂H₄ what amount of air must circulate through the mine so as to dilute this quantity below the point of detection with an ordinary safety lamp, which assume to be 1.76 per cent? —15
4. What effect has sudden concussion or compression upon a mine atmosphere where inflammable gas is given off, but which under ordinary circumstances would not be considered dangerous? —10
5. How would you deal with gas over falls in pillar working, or accumulations in abandoned workings? What principles in the method of ventilation would govern you in this case? What effect would the type of ventilator have upon these conditions? —10
6. Explain the principle of the safety lamp and the effect of the several illuminants used, and what principles control the dimensions of safety lamps. —10
7. What conditions in a mine would render the installation of safety lamps advisable or necessary, and under what conditions would you consider the prohibition of the use of explosives in the mine necessary or advisable? —10
8. What system of power transmission, haulage and signalling would you install in a fiery mine, and give reasons? —10

9. What changes take place in the atmosphere of a mine after an explosion? Give the approximate composition of the altered atmosphere and the dangers to be apprehended therefrom? —15

10. Give rule for Graham's law of diffusion of gases, giving one example by computation? —15

VENTILATION

1. Explain the principle of the ventilating fan, and compare the advantages or otherwise of forcing and exhausting fans, also of small high speed and large low speed fans? —15
2. What measure would you take to secure the best possible results from a fan, the capacity of which is limited and the demands upon which are close to its capacity? —15
3. How would you ventilate a gaseous and extensive pillar and stall mine dipping 1 in 10 where
 - (a) The pillars are allowed to remain.
 - (b) Where the pillars are being drawn and the rooms advancing? —15
4. What is the effect of a fall of the barometer upon:
 - (a) The workings generally.
 - (b) Freshly cut faces.
 - (c) The volume of the air current? —15
5. The quantity of air delivered at the foot of the down cast shaft is 170,000 cubic feet per minute, and is there divided into 3 splits, as follows:
 - (a) 7 feet x 6 feet, 4000 feet long.
 - (b) 7 feet x 7 feet, 5000 feet long.
 - (c) 6 feet x 8 feet 4500 long.
 What quantity will pass through each split? —15
6. If a water gauge of 1.8 inches produces 105,000 cubic feet of air per minute, what will a water gauge of 2.3 inches produce and what is the additional horse power required? —15
7. The quantity of air in a mine at the intake is 115,000 cubic feet per minute and the temperature 65 deg. The quantity in the return is 118,500 cubic feet per minute and the temperature is 72 deg. What per cent of mine gases are present in the return air when it leaves the mine? —15
8. Show by sketches what you consider to be a good overcast. Show also by sketches an air stopping suitable for squeezing ground? —15
9. Name and describe the instruments used to determine the condition of the mine atmosphere both intake and return. The quantity of the ventilation and the pressure due to resistance. —12
10. Ventilate the plan given, using the conventional signs shown. —20

GENERAL WORK

1. Describe the various systems of transmitting power underground for all purposes, comparing them as to efficiency, safety and economy. —15
2. In mining coal by the room and pillar system, give some rule whereby you would determine the relative size of pillars to the width of the rooms. —10
3. What is meant by the single, double and triple entry system of opening and ventilating a coal mine? —12
4. Show by cross section sketch how you would construct packs to support main roads in long wall workings and how you would timber such roads when necessary? —15
5. Show by sketches the various methods of drawing pillars, having regard to the greatest degree of safety to the miners and also to the recovery of the largest per centage of available coal. —15
6. What is the draw bar tension at the moment of movement where the load is 10 loaded cars of 3500 pounds each on,
 - (a) A level road,
 - (b) On an incline with a gradient of 12 per cent.
 - (c) What is the horse power required to haul this load up this incline if it is 2000 feet long. Weight of rope 1.4 pounds per foot at the rate of 9 miles per hour. Friction in all cases being 1-40 of the load? —20
7. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of high and low speed underground mechanical haulage as applied to general mining conditions in B.C. —12
8. State what precautions you would take in advancing towards old workings containing (a) a large body of water under high pressure, and (b) a large body of gas under high pressure, and which would you consider the most dangerous conditions to approach? —12
9. How would you lay out a mine to guard against the dangers arising from gob-fires in pillar and still work and in long wall work? —12
10. Show by sketches the various methods of timbering levels and working places. What relation should the diameter of a prop bear to the height of the working place? —15

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Thence running south 80 chains, Thence running east 80 chains, Thence running north 80 chains, Thence running west 80 chains, to place of commencement, making 640 acres more or less. Located this 19th day of September, 1909.

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NAT BABCOCK,
Agent for
HENRY BUGBEY, Locator.
Oct 15-5t W.R.R.

NOTICE

IN the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of Title to lot 15 block 21 town of Fernie (Map 734.)

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of title to the above mentioned lot in the name of Michael J. Casey, John Robert Ross and William A. Ross, which certificate is dated the 5th day of October 1907 and numbered 7649A.

H. R. JORANB,
District Registrar
Land Registry office Nelson, B. C.

TO BE RIED AT NELSON

NELSON, B. C. Oct. 15—After disposing of a brief list of civil cases at Rossland Chief Justice Hunter reached here yesterday and next Tuesday his lordship will preside at the fall assizes, civil and criminal, which will commence on that date.

The principal criminal case is that of Frank Kootenay, an Indian who is charged with the willful murder of another Indian named Antoine Baptiste, near Grassy Point on the Arviw Lakes on Aug. 15.

One Lockhart, of Fernie is charged with theft in connection with the Fernie fire relief fund of last year.

About a dozen civil cases are on the list for trial, but none of them promises to be of more than local interest.

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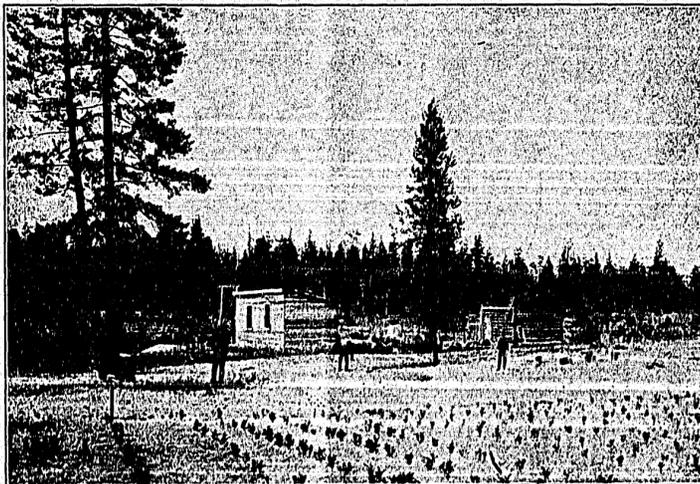
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THE PASSING OF FRANK SHERMAN

Not in the history of the Pass has the death of one single man brought forth such universal expressions of heartfelt sympathy and such volumes of sincere tributes from employer and employee as on the occasion of the untimely demise of Frank H. Sherman, ex-President of District No. 18 U. M. W. of A. Nor was the sorrow limited to the confines of the "Pass" country, for Frank Sherman was a man who had long since passed the stage of localism; he was fast approaching the status of a national character, and throughout the length and breadth of this great western country, his name was a symbol of the best and truest aims of a good man fighting with conscientious zeal the industrial battles of the men whose lot is cast deep in the bowels of the earth.

The ex-president of District 18 was a typical example of the men, who from time to time, from sheer force and strength of character and purpose, force themselves up from the ranks of the toilers, notwithstanding overwhelming obstacles, to grapple with the problems which have to do with the weal or woe of their class. Born of humble parentage, he came to this land from the Old Country, immediately following the vocation of a miner as was his custom across the sea. He was soon a marked man, his powers as a leader were unmistakably apparent, and though unostentatious and undesiring of undue publicity at any and all times, he soon found himself in the foreground of the labor disputes of his time, and a true champion he proved to be.

From the very nature of his position he was much in the public eye, yet at all times he carried himself with that aloofness from anything savoring of evil, and with that quiet dignity and candor, so becoming to the man whose every act mirrors an undying devotion to the cause so near and dear to his heart.

Frank Sherman was no quibbler; he was not a man easily set aside. Men in the same position of weaker or smaller calibre would many times have succumbed to the allurement of a large salary, many of them coming at times when he must have felt and must have realized that by the abandonment of principle, or by the altering of his course to suit the winds of the adversary, he could have enhanced his personal interests, and advanced his material position. But the deceased sought not for place, or power, though to a degree both were his; the great cause which he so ably espoused was at all times paramount to all other considerations, and the advanced stage to which the U. M. W. of A. has attained in District 18 is in itself a monument to his executive ability and his untiring devotion in its behalf.

The labor world needs just such men as ex-President Sherman. Theorists there are without number, day-dreamers are innumerable and fact-dice are continually springing up and as rapidly dropping out, but the great call is for men—men whose kinetic energy surpasses their power to theorize; men who can plan, executive and bring to successful issues measures fraught with benefit to the working people. Frank Sherman was in every detail just such a man. As is true of every sincere man in public life, he made enemies—many of them through fearlessly advocating lines of action which he thoroughly believed to be right; he was misunderstood, misrepresented, often times by the very men whose best interests he was trying to further, yet through it all he bore himself with that even, determined manner, the secret of which sprang from a clear conscience, void of all offence.

In his family life, Mr. Sherman was an exemplary figure, a kind and loving husband and a true

and lovable father. Mere words, though framed by fluent and silvery tongues, or uttered in broken sentences from a feeling heart, are poor mediums with which to extend the sympathy we all feel, to those left behind. To them we commend the watch care and kindness of Him who doeth all things well, though in the doing are caused many heart pains and sorrows.

Though gone in person, the memory of Frank Sherman still lives, and will continue to live and exist in the hearts and lives of many who knew him so well and so intimately. His life of some forty years was well spent, his days were full of labor, the stress of which no doubt had much to do with the shortening of his time. His activity and sincerity earned for him a large place in the entire community. His untimely demise, after a short, but painful sickness, has left a blank in our midst that few men can fill. After life's fitful fever he sleeps well.

BRAIN LEAKS

We are informed that the ladies hats of this fall are to be trimmed with apples and tomatoes. The next thing will be an outfit for killing of the worms on them and government inspectorship of the apples. Another style quite popular here has a large bird in front with the bill hanging over the side—which the old man is supposed to call in and liquidate.

When some of those labor enthusiasts who want a half cent coin turned loose on the Canadian public, find a few of them in their pay, they may see the folly of their legislation.

Reports to hand indicate that the eastern section of Canada is in the first stages of winter, while in this earthly paradise we have not as yet got the patches on our last winter underwear.

St. George's society wants to bring out 50,000 Englishmen to work on the transcontinental instead of having Orientals work on it. Why St. George's society wants to cause a further slump in the Canadian labor market is not known. The conditions in the construction camps are almost unbearable to Orientals, let alone Saxons. If the work was at all suitable and conditions at all tolerable, there would be no scarcity of men. Even the rich man in the Bible story of "The Rich man and Lazarus" displayed better judgment than the St. George society in wishing to bring their countrymen to a jobless country.

Few people realize the importance to Fernie and district of the opening up of the Kootonia tracts of fruit lands at Baynes Lake. Every dollar's worth of produce used there is purchased here. Every dollar circulated there comes back here. The banking is done here, the shopping is done here, and in every way we find that any place tributary to a city helps that city. The excursion there tomorrow is to show the irrigated land, the homes now established there, the beauty of the place, and to let the people judge for themselves what the land is worth.

"Put the workmen on an equality with their opponents in trade controversies and trade contracts," says President Taft. Why should there be any opponents to the workmen? On what possible ground can opposition to workmen be so much as recognized, much less tolerated by the chief magistrate of the free people? Work sustains the whole structure of civilization, and if there are people opposing the workers such opposition ought to be wiped off the map, so to speak. Mr. Taft, why don't you crush that pernicious opposition. What are you there for?

We trust the City Fathers will rush the day power question. We were informed that they were waiting to be absolutely certain that they could sell enough before venturing on the 24 hour service. This is rank folly. If every enterprise had to show returns before being started there would be no Fernie today. Start the service, you can sell the power then and as winter is approaching it will be an easier matter of experiment than any other time on account of the necessarily longer hours the service will be required. Several are badly handicapped at present trying to get along with gasoline engines, upon which they can never depend, and the electric power is what is required. More will use it as it is produced.

A new tribe of Esquimos have been discovered in the far north. What breed are they—Cook or Peary?

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NAT BABCOCK, Agent,
 A.S. FARQUHARSON, Locator
 J. RAVEN, Witness

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 EDMOND BOISJOLI, Locator
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Fernie, B. C., October 16th, 1909

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

Joe Combe from Michel spent the week end in the Creek visiting his many friends here. Joe is very popular and is always welcome.

A large number of Creek people attended the funeral of our late brother James Nell. A special train was run from here in connection with the funeral. Jimmy was well known here, and his many friends take this opportunity of expressing their sympathy with the bereaved ones.

The work on the Triton-Wood new building is not progressing so fast as we were led to expect. We understand some trouble is being experienced in getting really capable carpenters although the contractors are paying above the union rate. It is really amusing to watch some of the alleged carpenters at work, some of them could not drive a nail in. The contractors have our sincere sympathy.

James Lancaster, the popular manager of the Fernie Co-operative Society was wearing a big smile on Monday. On close questioning we found the reason to be an enormous increase in sales by the Co-Op. in the Creek. He informs us that the sales in Coal Creek for the month of September were \$700 ahead of any previous month and are still increasing. The store has had a hard struggle but the men at the head of affairs are made of the right stuff and the concern is now a paying one. Interest on all share capital will be paid at the end of the year. New members are joining every week over \$200 worth of shares being taken up the past month.

Jack Stephenson and his wife disappeared mysteriously last week. They are supposed to have gone to the coast but it was rather mean of him to go off like that without giving any particulars.

A meeting of the C. C. L. and A. A. was held on Sunday last, the president W. McFegan, presiding over a good attendance. It was reported that work would start on the new club next day. The board of management were authorized to appoint sub-committees, with power to buy the necessary furniture, fittings, books, etc., so as to have them here ready to put in as soon as the building is completed.

Work on the new club was commenced on Monday last. The present building is to be somewhat larger than the previous one. It is estimated to cost six thousand dollars. The work will be pushed ahead with all speed and it is expected that the building will be ready by the middle of next month, the contractor being John Wood of Fernie.

Something will have to be done to cope with the nuisance near to the boarding houses. In connection with the old boarding houses there was a wash house. At present, a room in the house is used and all the dirty water thrown outside where it runs and lodges on the footpath.

The Paton family have experienced lots of trouble since going to live in Fernie. First Tom Paton lost his wife through an attack of typhoid fever and has a little one sick with the same. Then Andrew has had a most serious time with the same complaint his many friends hearing with pleasure that he is improving. Now Alex. Paton is down with typhoid also. Very little is much truth in the old saying that trouble never comes singly.

Nineteen and 47 districts of No. 5 mine were idle best part of the day on Tuesday last through an air line burning.

The output at the mines continues to increase. Saturday was another record day, the output on that day approaching the 1000 mark. No. 1 mine on Monday sent over 300 cars down the incline, the best ever by a long way. They expect to go one better than that however.

The news of Frank Sherman's demise was received with many expressions of regret and much sympathy is expressed for the widow and children. The mines at the Creek were idle for the day of the funeral and a tremendous crowd travelled by the special to Fernie.

We noticed that Alex. McFegan and Hopkin Evans were visitors to the Creek on Wednesday. They both look old time.

Anyone who has received notice of objection to their being put on the voting list should communicate with John E. Smith house No. 173 immediately.

A fire which might have had serious consequences occurred on Wednesday afternoon at the house of Mr. W. Corlett. The fire occurred in one of the upstairs rooms where a bed caught fire by some cause unknown. Fortunately the inmates succeeded in getting

it out before much damage was done.

As usual the kids turned out in very strong force armed with tin cans, etc., with which they created a terrible din at the wedding on Saturday. They all came early too, being there by six o'clock two hours ahead of time. They kept it up until quite late. The noise did not matter so much but some of the rougher element commenced to throw rocks at the door. They could not have been mere children, either because one rock came with such force as to burst the door open and at the same time another came through and struck Mr. Johnston's little girl, with the result that they had to take her to the doctor. This is most serious and will surely lead to trouble if it is not cut out. Fortunately the child is not much the worse. That, however, is no fault of those who threw the stones.

COLEMAN

The Eagles will commence on Saturday the 16th, a series of a number of smokers to be held monthly, if they prove successful. These smokers are being held for the purpose of raising funds to build a large brick hall. The bills are now out and from past experience of Eagle smokers we predict success.

Martin Bowman, who had his leg crushed between the larry and rock car, had to have it amputated last Sunday.

Joe Kraka is in the hospital with a broken leg. He is getting along very well under the circumstances.

Scott Campbell, who has been in the hospital for a few days, is now out and will soon be back at work.

John Bulko, according to reports, has been on the prairie buying cows. Is the Bulko union going to start a dairy?

Where is McDonald? Was he weak kneed last Sunday, or does he realize that the Bulko union is all bunco?

President Powell, Vice-Pres. Stubbs, Organizers James and Brovey arrived in town last Saturday for the purpose of meeting McDonald on Sunday. They left on Sunday night for McLeod to attend a district board meeting and a meeting of the joint board.

C. M. O'Brien M. P. P. and Socialist organizer, spoke to about one hundred people in the miners hall and opera house last Sunday night. Charlie does not expect to see another government election. The manner in which the workers are awakening signifies that the workers will have hold of the earth before that time.

While Brovey was here about a week ago he took away about twenty more of Bulko's union men.

C. M. O'Brien met a committee last Monday night. Together they went through the eight hour law and the compensation law, with a view of having amendments to them placed before the house at the next session.

The football team have had their pictures taken with the cup they took. They look as fine as they played which was surely "Dobrey."

The bills are out for the social and dance to be given by the Flinn branch of the Coleman local S. P. C. on Oct. 19th at 8 p.m.

The miners of Coleman laid off on Wednesday the 13th, and sent representatives to Fernie to show their respect to their departed brother, F. H. Sherman.

J. Griffith the rustling secretary of Lillo local was in town last Sunday. He reports everything working very smoothly, and almost everyone in and around the mines as members of the U. M. W.

The residents of Slav town are wondering how much longer they are going to be humbugged between the Alberta Government and the Coleman Village council about the road between Slav town and Coleman. They would like to know how much longer they will have to send their children to school along the C. P. R. track. The road the children have to travel is very dangerous even for their own sakes and if the Coleman people won't take some action it is up to the people of Slav town to force the government to build them a school of their own.

Mrs. Dr. Westwood is back from her trip to the coast and Princeton.

It is rumored that Mr. Povah and Nattie have severed their connection with Carbonate mines.

FRANK

The miners around Frank District are experiencing a little slack time at present, but are expected to be in full work again next month.

The cement works in Blairmore is getting nearly completed, which when started up along with the new coal mine and the brick plant etc. will make

Blairmore one of the best towns in the Pass.

The Frank mine has started taking the ground out ready for more boilers and power house near the shaft.

Another yard engine is at work now making two in number.

ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

Tobacco Plains fruit and vegetables won twelve first prizes at the Helena State Fair, Montana. The fruit and vegetables were grown within three miles of Roosville, the big red apple country. Now will you be good! Bill Brown thrashed out five thousand bushels of grain on bench land, no irrigation, 2 miles north of Roosville. Just fancy land selling at \$15 per acre three miles from an orchard that beats the whole state of Montana for apples and Bartlett pears. So help my Josephine but you should see Roosville, the home of the big red apple and double yoked eggs.

Has any body in Fernie seen Kelly? Inspector of Schools Dean and Fred Roo spent the week end at Roosville.

Don't forget the big excursion to Baynes Lake on Sunday the 17th and don't miss it. If you have the price it will be time and money well spent. Some of the best people in Canada are located at Baynes and are Royal entertainers, and their cooking makes a palace car look like a lunch counter, and would put flesh on a fence post. The town will be yours to enjoy yourselves. Coffee, Fred Roo's celebrated Gilt edge with thick cream and loaf sugar, sandwiches and cake like your mother often tried to make will be served free. Boating and fishing and the Baynes Lake people will make you all as welcome as the Big Red Apples on the trees in the fall.

The Elko school board got the worst calling down they ever got from Inspector Dean last week, and report says there's still a smell of sulphur around the flag pole. One of the board said he believed that a teaspoonful would fire a jackrabbit into going right up and slapping a bulldog square in the face.

LOCAL MINERS' EXAMINATIONS

(Continued from page 3)

under a head of 850 feet, effective steam pressure 75 pounds, speed of piston 110 per minute, length of the stroke 3 times diameter of plunger. What is the H. P. assuming an efficiency of 60 per cent? —20

6. Sketch in longitudinal section, the water end of the pump referred to in the previous question. —15

7. At what moment in hoisting from a shaft does the greatest strain bear upon the hoisting rope, and what appliances may be interposed to minimize the strain at the commencement of the hoist? —15

8. Describe with sketches if necessary the various appliances for the prevention of overwinding, and of arresting the descent of the cage in case of breakage of the hoisting rope. —12

SURVEYING

1. Describe the various methods of plotting angles and courses upon a mine plan, and the several methods of getting out the areas. —12

2. Describe the instruments of precision used in mine surveying. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of Transit and Compass surveying, and state under what conditions the latter system may be advantageously employed. —10

3. To what meridian, magnetic or astronomical, should the bearings of a mine plan be referred to, and why? —10

4. In the following survey, the closing course and distance is required. Supply the course and distance by computation only.

North 20.00 East 520 feet
North 87.00 East 475 feet
South 12.00 West 390 feet
South 85.00 West 400 feet —20

5. Plot the completed survey in the previous question to a scale of one chain to one inch and take out the area by the most convenient method. —20

6. From the following level notes fill in the heights of instrument and the elevations, and from this data plot a profile to a vertical scale of 10 feet to one inch and a horizontal scale of 100 feet to one inch.

Station	B.S.	I.L.	F.S.	Elev.
0	3.20			10.00
1			4.40	
2			6.20	
3	9.15		5.00	
4			2.10	
5			3.15	
6			1.35	

Total distance 600 feet. Stations 100 feet. —20

7. Supply sufficiently intelligent field notes either in column or sketch of a small mine survey. —12

8. Describe how you would make a

preliminary topographical survey of a new coal field and the instruments—not necessarily instruments of extreme precision—you would use. —12

SECOND CLASS—MINING AND GENERAL RULES

1. What are the duties of the overman under the special rules? —10

2. What are the requirements of the general rules as to the use of explosives in mines in which inflammable gas has been found within the preceding three months? —15

3. What are the fencing requirements under the general rules? —10

4. What are the examinations required in or about the mine under general rule 30 and who in accordance with the terms of the special rules is the competent person there referred to? —10

5. What are the requirements of the general rules as to the examination and testing of safety lamps? —10

6. What are the requirements of the general rules as to ventilation and what is stated as to the ventilation being supplied at too high a velocity? —10

7. What is stated in the special rules as to miners and other workmen? —15

8. What are the requirements of the general rules as to the watering of dry and dusty mines? —10

9. What are the requirements of the general rules in shafts and about machinery used for the raising and lowering of persons? —10

10. What is stated in the general rules as to the inspection of the mine on behalf of the workmen? —10

(Concluded next week)

LOCAL NEWS

D. E. McTaggart of the firm of Eckstein and McTaggart has been gazetted a notary public for the province of British Columbia.

We have been requested to correct a slight mistake in regard to the implements of the late F. H. Sherman being burned. Only the cattle feed was destroyed by the fire. The report that we were given of his implements being burned was incorrect.

We are in receipt of the first copy of The Fruit Magazine, a monthly journal to be devoted entirely to the interests of fruit growing in B. C. The magazine will be issued monthly at Vancouver under the penmanship of Maxwell Smith, and if No. 1 is any criterion the venture is bound to be a success.

The Gay Parisienne, put on by the San Francisco Opera company was a decided success. This clever company has the Fernie crowd going and while one or two spots were rather high; the show was A. J. A little disagreeable mixup over some seats occurred which the management promise to rectify in future. The only people who were disappointed were the ones who could not get in.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

The following item is quoted from the Scranton, Pa., Times of September 10:

"President Seltz of the International Correspondence school of England, which is owned by the International Educational Publishing company, and which in turn is controlled by the International Text Book company, has reported to the general headquarters in this city that the business of the English branch for the month of August exceeded \$60,000. The organization has been in operation only about a year and under the circumstances the business is phenomenal. It is stated that the solicitors employed averaged 11 new enrollments for the month, and this is fully up to the work of the American solicitors during a term of years. The managers of the home company from President Foster down are congratulating themselves upon the result.

It bears out their judgment in the broadening of the work of the schools.

The bulk of the stock of the International Educational Publishing Company is held in this vicinity and the holders will be glad to hear the good news.

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of Title to the south west 55 feet in width by 132 feet in depth of lot 8 block 2 of lot 5455 group 1, Kootenay district (Map 735.)

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of Title to the above mentioned land in the name of Thomas Bullen which certificate is dated the 26th of July 1906 and numbered 5906A.

H. R. JORAND,
District Registrar
Land Registry Office,
Nelson B.C. Oct. 13, 1909.
Oct. 16-5t

APPLICATIONS WANTED

For the position of janitor for the Miners' Hall, Fernie. Applicants to state wages required. All applications to be in not later than Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Address D. Rees, Box 361, Fernie B. C.

NOTICE

60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief of Provincial Police for a transfer of the retail liquor license of Simon Dragon to George Vincent of the Royal Hotel, Gateway, B. C.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1909.
GEORGE VINCENT
Oct 16 Dec 17 G.V.

NOTICE

60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief of Provincial Police for a renewal of the retail liquor license for the Royal Hotel of Gateway, B.C.

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DEATH LIST NOW UP TO FIFTEEN

Terrible Storm in South Causes Many Deaths—Martial Law

KEY WEST, Fla., Oct. 14.—Mrs. Pheme Thompson-Pinner and her infant daughter died here yesterday from injuries received during the storm. This, with the loss of the crew of twelve of the tug Sybil, wrecked at Nahia Honda, and of Timekeeper Murphy, drowned at Marathon bridge the total death list comes to 15.

The British steamer, Pleroma, arrived here yesterday, bringing the crew of the schooner, Florence R. Hewson, which was so badly wrecked by the storm that she was abandoned by her crew when she became water-logged. The schooner Hewson encountered the storm off Havana about 25 miles. Her decks were swept clean and her rigging carried away. Finally when all hope of saving the vessel was gone, the crew embarked in small boats, managing to keep afloat until picked up by the Pleroma.

The Pleroma was anchored when she encountered the storm off Marquise. Two of her anchors were carried away and she was otherwise damaged. Both crews escaped but tell harrowing stories of hardships suffered.

Martial law still prevails here but it is reported that United States regulars will relieve the state militia, which has been patrolling the storm swept area.

Scores of workmen are working night and day clearing the debris and it is expected by the end of the week most of the damage done to electric light and telephone system will be repaired. The large cigar factories are making arrangements for temporary quarters and hope to be in operation by the end of the week.

The Jealousy of Pepe

An Adventure in the Pyrenees

(In this exciting story a Spanish gentleman relates the nerve-racking experience that befell him among the mountains of Upper Aragon, where he was spending a holiday. The hillmen were smugglers almost to a man, and suspected him of being a police spy. Furthermore, a rejected suitor of the innkeeper's pretty daughter took it into his head that the girl had fallen in love with the stranger, and vowed vengeance. The upshot was that the author underwent a particularly unpleasant ordeal, from which he barely escaped with his life.—Wide World Magazine.)

In the summer of 1902 I turned my back on Madrid, bound for the north or Aragon, where I intended to spend my annual holiday. It had been, and still is my custom to spend my vacations in those regions of Spain with which I am unacquainted; thus I have been able to gradually add to my knowledge of my country and countrymen, and to study history, geography, folk-lore, and archaeology on the spot instead of out of books.

On the particular occasion on which I am going to write I had chosen as the field of my research that part of Upper Aragon which lies to the north of Saragossa and Lerida, in the heart of the Pyrenees.

After spending a few days in the old world town of Jaca, I wandered farther afield, the call of the mountains being too strong to resist, and one morning took my seat in the rickety old stage coach which, if the mules and their driver be willing, rattles the traveller from Jaca to a mountain village called Satarud.

I decided to make this picturesque hamlet—a congregation of huts surrounding a fortress-like church—my headquarters for the summer, and I, accordingly, engaged a room at the village inn, which was the strangest mixture of old fashioned ways and discomfort which it has ever been my luck to behold. I managed to secure the largest room in the house which had two magnificent views—one towards the west, up the valley in the direction of St. Beat, which is the first French village on the other side of the Pyrenees, the other towards the north, where the hills rise into the mountains, the cap of Mount Vallier being just visible in the distance.

Now, it is well known that these Pyrenean valleys and villages are infested with smugglers, who carry on their nefarious trade to and fro into France. The usual object of contraband is tobacco, though spirits also play an important part in the illegal transactions. Most of the mountaineers smuggling is not only a means of subsistence, but at the same time a form of sport in which one and all indulge, though they carry their life in their hands while engaged in it. Though it was by no means my intention to join in any of these expeditions and run the risk of a brush with the French Gendarmes or the Spanish guards, I nevertheless wished to learn as much about smuggling as a possibly could.

Thanks to the peculiar friendliness which characterizes my countrymen, I was soon on speaking terms with the most of the male inhabitants of the village. Though I found them more reserved than most Spaniards, we got on very well together and talked of all manner of rural topics, rarely however, broaching the subject of smuggling, which I perceived they avoided carefully.

During the first few days of my stay the weather was good, and I spent practically the whole time rambling about in the mountains. This was followed by a spell of bad weather which kept me indoors.

With the change in the weather it struck me that the attitude of the villagers toward me changed also; they seemed to avoid me, dislike me or my company, and to answer my greetings curtly, as though anxious to escape from my presence as quickly as possible.

It was on a wet July day towards evening that, somehow or other, misfortune came to an unaccountable impasse, as the French would say.

Leaving my room I walked downstairs into what, for want of a better term, I will call the assembly room—of the inn—the dining, smoking and visitors room and public bar combined. A wood fire was burning on the hearth, thick clouds of tobacco smoke hung in the air, and the room was full of men, vehemently discussing some topic or other. No sooner did I appear at the door than an inexplicable silence fell upon the gathering and I noticed looks of hatred and suspicion thrown in my direction.

To go back, closing the door behind me would have been folly; so, putting on a bold front, I walked into the room dropping some careless remark about the weather and lit my cigarette at the counter. The innkeeper's daughter—of whom more anon—was serving the men, and I ordered a glass of spirits, asking the man next to me whether he would join in, to which he granted a negative reply. I tossed

off my glass, feeling anything but comfortable and asked the girl if she thought that the village priest was at home.

"Yes, I think so," she answered and then I noticed that the smile which was the usual accompaniment of her words, was conspicuous by its absence.

Without more ado, and convinced that retreat was the better part of valor, I threw my horseblanket—which serves one as an overcoat in the mountains of Spain—over my shoulders and went out into the street in the direction of the church.

My reason for wishing to visit the curate was that I was longing to have a chat with some educated person. The kindly old soul who welcomed me into his stuffy old parlor, however, and offered me tobacco and spirits—both of them smuggled, I feel sure—belonged to that category of men who have forgotten either wilfully or unconsciously, what they have learned in their youth.

He was a garrulous individual, on all questions except smuggling. Whether he was in league with the men who practiced it I cannot say, but at any rate he evidently did not wish to disclose the secrets of his flock, and for this he must be admired.

In the course of our conversation I mentioned to him the scene at the inn asking him if he could give me any inkling as to its meaning.

"You had better not remain too long in these parts," he said, shaking his head.

"But why not? What harm am I doing?"

He shrugged his shoulders.

"You say you are here to pursue your studies but, well perhaps everybody does not believe you."

I could not get him to say another word on the subject, excepting a remark of the effect that I had been seen prowling about the Castillo. The castle was an imposing ruin on a hill not far from the village, and as a matter of fact, I had on the previous days visited the place. I now remembered that two individuals had emerged at my approach and had scowled unpleasantly at me by way of greeting, and that one of the men was the same I had invited to drink with me at the inn.

Wondering what on earth it all had meant I walked to the lodgings. The parlor downstairs was now empty but for Juana, the innkeeper's daughter, who stood behind the counter. Now, Juana and I had been the best friends. Had I not been so engrossed at the time in my own pursuits it is likely I should have noticed that she seemed rather attracted by me, no doubt due to the fact that I was a little out of the ordinary—that is to say a little less rural than the men she was accustomed to talk to. So she paid me small attentions on included in my bill, such as smiling with pleasure when I spoke to her, placing flowers in my room and chatting happily.

As I entered the inn I greeted her perhaps over warmly, for at the moment I was pining for a friendly word. Then I observed that her face was drawn and that a look of fear had replaced the usual happy smile.

"Hush!" she said in a semi-whisper.

"What's the matter?"

"Go up to your room now, immediately—and don't come down again. You have told me that you want your supper in your room and the servant will bring it up to you. Later I shall come up, but don't come down until I have seen you."

"But—"

"Go!" she whispered fearfully, and disappeared behind the counter into an adjoining room.

This mystery was beginning to be decidedly unpleasant. I don't think I am a greater coward than most people but there was certainly something uncanny about the whole proceeding. What on earth did the girl mean?

At a loss to understand the matter I crossed the room toward the stairs, resolved to take the girl's advice until at least she had told me what the danger was.

Just as I reached the stairs the door on the opposite side of the room creaked and opened ajar. From where I was it was difficult for me to be seen whereas I could easily observe anybody who came into the apartment.

But no one came in, and I was just going back to shut the door, thinking I had left it unlatched and that the wind had blown it open, when I saw a head appear around the edge and a pair of fierce black eyes gaze round the room as though in search of something.

In an instant I recognized the face. It was that of Pepe, the individual I had invited to drink with me a few hours earlier. I had often seen him as he was in the habit of hanging around the inn, attracted thither, I naturally thought by the charms of the innkeeper's daughter.

Well?" she asked, impatiently. "Has he gone upstairs?" "Do you see him here?" she retorted sarcastically. "The man did not answer. "And in case you want to know," continued the girl, "he's not coming down again today."

"How do you know?" "He told me to have his supper sent up to him."

"Then I suppose you will take it up to him?" sneered the man. "Look here Pepe, none of your cheek with me or you will repent of it."

Pepe seemed to cower before her wrath. "I say, Juana," he said, changing his voice to a whining whimper, "why are you always so cruel to me?"

"Is that all you have to say? If you had better turn around and go where you've come from. I've no use for lying."

He interrupted her passionately. "By heaven, you vixen!" he whispered hoarsely, "I know what's the matter with you. You're in love with that man upstairs, and he'll suffer for it, or—"

"Will he? You'd better take care that you don't suffer for your dirty tricks first," she retorted angrily.

"Thwart me, and you'll find out who Pepe the smuggler is," he hissed savagely.

She laughed, shrugged her shoulders and left the counter. For a moment Pepe stood baffled, glowering about him. Then he strode stealthily to the door, opened it and went out into the night and rain.

Bewildered, I made my way up to my room vainly endeavoring to unravel the mystery that surrounded me. Was it because this fool Pepe was jealous of me? Of course not; there must be something else in the air to account for the general hostility of the villagers. Perhaps Juana would explain to me.

Before lighting the greasy lamp with which I was honored I went to the window and looked out. Down in the street a solitary, half-drowned lantern with no thought of seriously challenging the blackness of the night, sent forth a dim ray or two, and on the opposite side hugging the wall I discerned a man wrapped in his horse blanket, and as the light fell on his face for a minute I recognized the evil features of Pepe. His black eyes were gazing up in my direction and I almost started but managed to hide my surprise by stretching out my arms and giving vent to a sickly yawn. Then I drew my blinds as though I had seen nothing and lit my lamp.

Supper came at last brought in by the servant, the only other female in the house, beside Juana.

"Juana says," she told me leisurely "that if your head is aching the light is very bad for it and you ought to go to bed early."

I grasped the meaning at once; she wanted me to put out my light as quickly as possible and pretend to retire for the night.

"Thank your mistress, I said, "and tell her it is my intention to lie down immediately after supper."

Hoping I should be quite well again in the morning—was the woman sneering? I wondered—she left the room and slammed the door behind her.

I got through my supper quickly and carried the tray out in the landing, and re-entered my room closing and locking the door with considerable noise and then unlocking it again as quietly as possible.

A few minutes later I put out the light and waited impatiently for Juana's arrival. As I suspected I had to wait a long time. To distract my thoughts I occasionally peeped out of the window to see if Pepe was still lurking in the street. At first he was but at last I caught sight of him sneaking away in the rain.

Suddenly "Don't make a noise," said a woman's voice beside me, and I started. It was Juana and so silently had she come into the room that I neither heard the door open nor her step as she came up to me.

"What is the meaning of all this?" I asked her.

"That fool Pepe is jealous because I speak with you," she replied. "He told the others that you are a police spy come to catch the smugglers and so they have decided to kill you the first time you go out into the mountains for a walk."

"But is Pepe anything to you?"

"Nothing; only he thinks I ought to love him. The fool! But you must not stay here for they are a dangerous lot and now that Pepe has set them against you it is not safe for you to remain."

"But I can tell them he's a liar."

"They won't believe you. They will not listen. I tried to tell them so myself but they said that likely I had hidden motives for shielding you. That was when you went out this afternoon."

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"Cannot I inform the police?" "No, no, not that! If you did you would not be safe even after leaving this place. As a police informer you would be tracked by every man in Upper Aragon. Besides my father would also be drawn into the net and—No; I cannot be guilty of that. Save yourself. Go away tomorrow and never come back here again."

"But what about yourself? They'll guess you warned me."

"They won't dare to touch me, although I shall be suspected. Then in about a month's time I shall leave the wretched place and go to Madrid. I am sick of the people round here. So don't think that you are—hush! I hear—!"

Surely there was somebody on the broad landing on the stairs outside. I could hear the boards creaking then someone moved.

Quietly with my revolver, without which I never travel—I made a movement in the direction of the door when Juana interfered.

(Concluded next week)

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UNFAIR LIST

Of the American Federation of Labor

The following is part of the unfair list of the American Federation of Labor. Many of the daily newspaper readers who hear as much about the "Unfair List" during those days may be anxious to know what names of firms the A. F. of L. "Unfair List" contains.

Under those circumstances it becomes the duty of the labor press to keep its readers properly informed. What are papers published for if not for the purpose of giving correct information?

Clothing: Carl Upman of New York City; Korba, Wortholm & Schiffer of New York City, manufacturers of the Henry George and Tom Moore cigars.

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Corsets: Chicago Corset Co., manufacturers Kabo and La Marguerite Corsets.

Gloves: J. H. Cowell Glove Co., Des Moines Ia.; California Glove Co., San Pa. Cal.

Hats: J. B. Stetson Co., Philadelphia Pa.; E. M. Knox Co., Brooklyn N. Y.; Henry H. Roof & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Obstinacy Of the Princess.

By Troy Allison.

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The princess stamped her foot as energetically as any ordinary person would have done. "There's no earthly use being born a princess," she said. "I want my own way occasionally, and I never get it!"

"The minister raised both eyebrows. "But, your highness, I was sent to reason with you."

"There's no reason in it," she flashed back. "There's anything but reason in my being trotted out like a horse to be inspected by his conceited person merely because he's decided to marry!"

"To think of the son of so powerful a throne being called a person!" The minister's eyes shone through his glasses, blankly dismayed.

The princess shrugged her shoulders in a noncommittal way; then she seized the minister by both lapels and continued her argument. "O minister, who is not plenipotentiary. If you feel too badly about not being able to reason with me remember even Napoleon failed once, and maybe you two will go down into history together. As for reason!"

The princess snapped her slender fingers disrespectfully close to the minister's nose and left the room and the man.

The sudden indisposition of the princess was an unexpected detail in the preparations for receiving the royal visitor, who arrived the next day.

She awoke when the first sunrise crept over the sky, yawning from the weariness of having spent twenty-four hours trying to be still. The gilt clock showed that there were at least two hours before the palace would awake.

She crept out of bed and dressed stealthily, threw a light wrap over her shoulders and went through the door that led from her apartments to the summer house that was her favorite retreat. She stopped on the threshold and stared at the young man complacently smoking a cigar on her own pet bench.

He hurriedly threw away the cigar and bowed low before her. "Good morning," he said, and the princess noticed the charm of his voice. "I scarcely expected any one else to be awake so early in the day. I hope I'm not trespassing."

The princess was startled, but determined at the expense of veracity to keep the household from learning that the condition of her throat was not so serious as the physician had vouched for.

"I didn't expect to find any one here myself," hedging for time to create ideas. "The fact is I have been awake almost all night attending the princess, and when she at last slept I slipped into the rose garden to be refreshed by the early morning air."

She looked charmingly confused, and the man, evidently a most polite young fellow, declared his intention to leave her in undisputed possession of the rose garden. But the princess was fond enough of an adventure to sweep away a few conventionalities in order to experience the unusual.

"No, no; by all means remain seated, sir," she said, seating herself on a neighboring bench. "I am not so selfish nor, indeed, so unsocial. I judge, sir, that you are connected with our royal visitor's retinue?"

The man hesitated, then smiled gently. "Yes, you are right, I generally—always, in fact—accompany the prince in his travels."

"Then tell me about him," she broke in eagerly. "I shall not be able to get a glimpse of him while he is here, and I must own to a certain amount of curiosity concerning him."

"Upon one condition"—he leaned toward her, evidently struck with an idea—"that you tell me about the Princess Constancia."

"A bargain!" she cried, and her eyes smiled again. "You take first turn. You are a visitor, you know."

He puckered his forehead in a thoughtful frown. "It's rather a good natured chap," he said at last doubtfully.

"Tooh! Of course he is—always has his own way and is never crossed in it. I haven't a doubt," she scoffed.

"There's where you are wrong," he said energetically. "The king has as strong a will as—or—as the prince has, and they are eternally clashing."

She traded her first bit of information with every indication of pride in it.

"Strong will! The combined powers of both your king and your prince couldn't equal that of our princess. And temper! You never saw any one with such a fiendish temper," she whispered confidentially.

"So bad as that?" feebly. "I—well heard that she was quite charming."

"Oh, I don't deny that she is rather nice to look at, but she—she has boxed my ears several times," beginning to take a delight in her creative imagination.

He leaned forward and grasped the arms of the bench, tense with indignation.

"And you have to submit to it? You poor little thing!" his eyes full of commiseration and admiration.

The princess put on the first meekly submissive air mortal man had ever seen her wear.

"What could I do?" plaintively. "These are times when she is really nice to me."

"There's one thing certain," he broke in vehemently. "such a vixen would not make a desirable wife for the prince." "I don't know that he's too good for her," she said defensively. "I don't

care much for the prince. He's too conceited. "I beg your pardon!" he exclaimed in astonishment. "I never heard—How on earth could you get such an idea into your head?" he demanded.

"Doesn't he go from one country to another, expecting all girls of suitable age and birth to be trotted out for his inspection; just like selecting a necktie?" indignantly. "If I were a princess I would positively enjoy having him ask me to marry him!"

He could not take his gaze from the flushed, pliant face.

"If I were a prince, I should be broken hearted if you treated my proposal with such scorn," he said fervently.

The princess rose hurriedly.

"I think I must see if the princess needs me."

"Won't you tell me your name," he asked, standing with his head uncovered, "and that I am to have the pleasure of seeing you later in the day?"

"I am afraid—I must not," she faltered, "and please, please do not mention that you have met any one here. I want to be free to come here again," she added innocently.

His face, suddenly lost its doleful look.

"Would I be much in the way if I happened to be smoking my cigar here when you come?" he suggested boyishly.

"Not in the least—if you can get away from the prince," she said as she started down the path.

On the last day of the prince's visit she came into the rose garden a trifle earlier, but he was there, just as she had found him for the last three mornings.

"You are leaving this afternoon, I hear," she said in greeting.

"And I am to leave without knowing your name?" he asked gloomily.

"The princess's eyes were wistful. "It's best to let it remain simply—an episode," she answered, with a reflection of his despondency.

"But I must know—I will know!" He seized both her hands and held them firmly.

"I can't tell you—now," she gasped, "but if the prince is to be at the regatta next month, perhaps I'll be able to see you then. I know your princess is going."

The gloominess lifted from his face.

"I'll see you—I'll find you—I'll defy all the powers that be—for you!" And he suddenly took her in his arms and kissed her.

For a moment the princess did not stir; then she gave a startled exclamation and slipped from his embrace.

Two days after the departure of the prince and his retinue she found herself well enough to go to the room that the minister considered his own special den. Her curiosity could no longer be restrained, and the minister, having always proved wax in her hands, could surely be induced to tell all he knew about the late visitors.

While talking her glance fell upon a small photograph lying on the table before her. Her eyes widened and her breath came faster.

"Who's that?" she demanded eagerly, stopping the minister in the middle of what he considered a well chosen remark.

"Don't you know?" he asked in astonishment. "I believe it is, though, the first photograph taken with a full beard. It's the prince, your highness, and he graciously put his signature on it for me."

The princess took the picture in her hand, looked at it intently, then gave way to a peal of hysterical laughter which caused the old man to lean over her anxiously.

"Shall I ring for one of the maids, your highness?" he asked her perplexedly.

The princess sat up and wiped her eyes on a dainty lace handkerchief.

"No, no! Don't ring! I never felt better in my life. I have an inspiration. I don't want to have a marriage arranged for me. There is no romance in such procedure. If you will only leave me free until after the regatta I promise to arrange for myself a marriage that will please every soul in the country. Give me freedom for one little month," she cried, standing before him and placing an eloquently persuasive hand on each shoulder.

He looked into her eyes hopefully.

"I shall never be able to understand the feminine mind," he said dolefully.

Shooting Stars.

Shooting stars are not real stars at all, but are small bodies which the earth runs into and which are made so hot by friction in the atmosphere that they are burned up. The real stars, as those of the Dipper, are very, very far away, so far that no one knows the distance. They are bright bodies like our sun, but seem like points of light because they are so far off. As the earth moves about the sun it frequently meets little bodies. It is moving so fast that when it strikes them the friction in the air is very great, and usually they are burned up. They seem like moving stars, but are really only a few miles above us in our atmosphere. Sometimes one is so large that it comes through the air without being wholly burned up and falls on the ground.—St. Nicholas.

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Change takes effect Sunday June 6.

G. N. TIME TABLE

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11.13	HOSMER	12.35
11.25	OLSON	12.37
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Local News

Furniture for sale: Entire lot of household furniture. Apply to Mrs. A. A. Gillespie.

Ernie Bodman has gone back to Spokane to undergo further treatment for his knee.

The moving pictures are as popular as ever here. Manager Taschereau gets some fine films.

Dr. Cook, Capt. Peary, Mr. Hauser and outfit have just arrived at A. W. Bleasdel's drug store.

First class board and table board; meal tickets \$5 at Fairclough's Boarding House, 179-180, opposite Football grounds, Coal Creek.

The long winter evenings are now coming on. You cannot do better than get a few nice games for the children at A. W. Bleasdel's drug store.

The police have stopped the Sunday moving picture shows, as it was creating a nuisance on the street. The noisy crowd that gathered around on Sunday evening to gain admittance was the cause of the stoppage.

Sunday night in the Methodist church, Rev. W. L. Hall will take for his subject "The Handwriting on the Wall," the social movement of the times, with some references to the late Frank Sherman.

Rev. Williamson arrived this morning from the east and will occupy his own pulpit here for the last time tomorrow morning. In the evening Rev. Mr. Spidell, the prospective successor, will have charge of the service.

Culligan & Hoekwald's Funny Negro Minstrels will hold the boards at the Fernie Opera House on Thursday evening. These people have some good advance notices and will likely prove interesting and entertaining. See the ad on page five.

General Manager Bury of the C. P. R. western line, was taken in his private car from Grand Forks to Keremeos over the Great Northern this week and will proceed by stage to Penikese. It is rumored that he is looking over the western district with an eye to further extensions, possibly the completion of this line to the coast. Jim Hill's proposed 8-mile tunnel has apparently worked up a competition.

Progressive Fernie will be out within a month.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Jennings is indisposed.

J. D. Moir, the popular Mosler safe rustler, is in the city.

Born: Letcher, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Letcher, a son, weighing 17 pounds.

We have ordered some very tasty special menus for Christmas and hotels outside the city can get a sample.

The Philharmonic Society will hold its next rehearsal in the Heintzman Piano Parlors on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss M. Q. Irvine of the Free Press monoline department was confined to the house for a few days but is now back at work.

For Rent: The upstairs portion of the Palace Meat Market, Victoria avenue. Would be suitable for lodging or boarding house purposes. For particulars apply to P. Burns & Co., Ltd.

The district board met at Macleod on Monday, but on receiving the telegram of F. H. Sherman's death, they adjourned and returned at once to Fernie.

John Hardman is in the city from Middlesboro. He came up to see Mr. Sherman when he was informed of his serious illness, but only arrived in time to attend his funeral.

C. J. Eckstorm of the Dallas Hotel, Lethbridge, was in the city for the funeral of F. H. Sherman. Mr. Eckstorm was agreeably surprised at the growth of Fernie, but he is all Lethbridge, and you can hardly blame him.

Messrs. Farquharson and Campbell gave an enjoyable dance at Bruce's hall last evening. These gentlemen have started the Elite Dancing Academy which will be run under the personal direction of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Farquharson.

On Thursday evening Oct. 21st at 8 p.m., Mrs. (Rev.) Lashley Hall is going to give a disquisition in her accustomed manner on the "Modern Doings of Women and Men," under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church. Silver collection.

The Kootenay Telephone Co. have moved into their new offices on Pell-at avenue, and in future all bills will be payable there. A new subscriber list is in preparation and any wishing to avail themselves of the list should get their phones installed at once. A new three position switchboard has been installed, and the office is open for public inspection.

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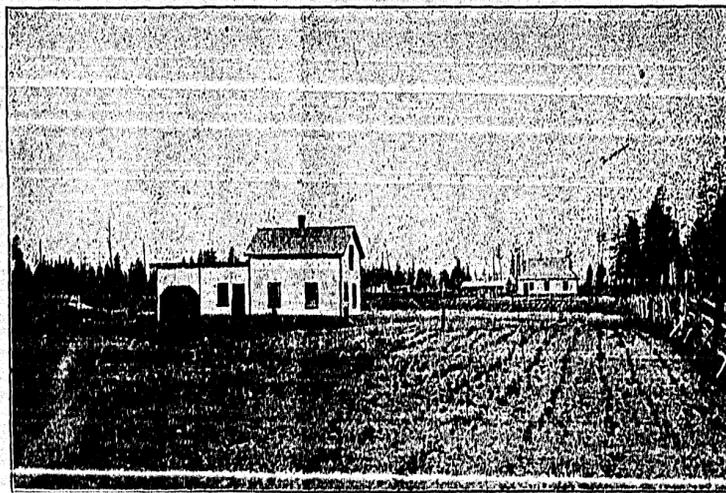
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