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DISASTROUS FIRE VISITS KENORA

Hilliard Hotel and Opera House Consumed--No Loss of Life

KENORA, Ont., Oct. 28—The Hilliard hotel with the opera house adjoining caught fire about 11.30 last night and is now a heap of ruins, the structure being almost entirely gutted despite the efforts of the fire brigade. Louis Hilliard is the proprietor, having built the hotel in 1898 on the site of the old Hilliard hotel which was burned to the ground in the spring of that year. It is thought that the fire broke out through the scenery on the opera house stage becoming ignited. A vaudeville company gave a performance here tonight and about three quarters of an hour after the conclusion of the performance the fire was discovered.

There was a high wind blowing from the south, and fanned by this the flames quickly spread until the fire practically enveloped the whole structure. The loss will be total although it is understood that it is mostly covered by insurance. The Hilliard hotel was one of the best and most modern in town, and was situated in the centre. The opera house annex was erected at considerable cost and it capable of seating about six hundred people. A large quantity of the belongings of the hotel were saved.

FATALITY AT REGINA

REGINA, Oct. 28—The mangled body of a young man was foud lying alongside the track near the C. P. R. water tank this evening. There was nothing on the body by which it could be recognized and the head was so badly mangled that it was not recognizable. Although not definitely settled it is believed that the young man was run down by an extra freight and an enquiry is being held at Moose Jaw to ascertain whether the train shows marks to bear this out.

The body is that of a young man about 25 years, clean shaven with dark hair, five feet eight inches in height and weighing 140 pounds. At a late hour tonight the body was seen by the conductor and brakeman of a C. N. R. train. They believe that the body is that of Ingram, who was a stranger with no friends in the city. He is said to have a brother in Winnipeg and steps are being taken to get word to him.

GAS WELL CLAIMS VETERAN'S LIFE

VETERAN OF BOER WAR COMES TO UNTIMELY END IN GAS WELL.

MEDICINE HAT, Oct. 28—W. Moore an Irishman, who fought through the Boer war and afterwards came to Canada, was asphyxiated in a well 120 feet deep this morning in Central park. G. Prizer and Fred Scott heroically went down to aid him but were themselves overcome and rescued with difficulty.

The hole is not over two feet inside and the body has not been recovered although grappling irons are being used.

TO THE WORKERS

Fernie Oct. 29 1909

Fellow Workers:

The Fernie Electoral Riding has been for the past eight years a strenuously contested seat. At the provincial Election the workers lost the seat by some 60 votes through the Liberals deserting their own candidate at the eleventh hour and supporting the present member.

The Fernie Free Press, the organ of the Conservatives is at present emitting frantic squeals of the most pitiful character for the Liberals to again come to the rescue of distressed capital.

It is admitted that the seat must fall to the workers. The capitalists will combine forces to prevent a consummation so undesirable to them. They have money without end; we lack that essential weapon to success. We therefore ask all workers who can afford to do so to send their contributions, however small, to Oscar Erickson, Box 70, Fernie B. C.

The combined forces of capitalism are arrayed against us; let the workers show that they too are ready to obey the call of the class.

Independent of defeating the tyrant capital at its own game we can and will use your money to the following ends:

An educational campaign to show our class the robbery perpetrated upon them by the present industrial system.

As an example to capital of the political power of the class conscious workers.

In an endeavor to send a toiler to fight the battles of the toilers in the legislative halls.

Signed, on behalf of the Campaign Committee.

Oscar Erickson
Secretary.

SOCIALISTS WON OUT

Captured Large Number of Seats in the Local Elections in Badon and Saxony

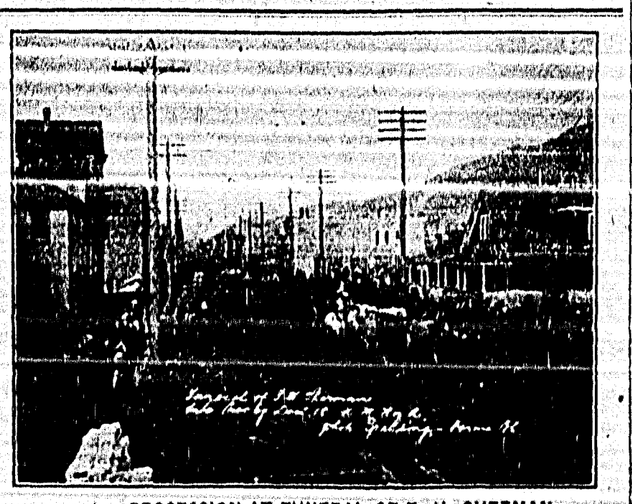
DRESDEN, Oct. 24.—The Conservative party in the Diet has been defeated by the sweeping victory of the Socialists at yesterday's election. Out of 34 definite elections in the Diet 16 are Socialists while the Conservatives have 14 and the Nationalists and Liberals four.

The Conservatives are entitled to take part in only 17 re-ballots. The Socialists will take part in 53 ballots. The National Liberals 29 and the Radicals 9.

LOCKHART NOT GUILTY

H. G. Lockhart was honorably acquitted of the chargo of theft of relief funds on which he appeared at Nelson last week. The jury considered the evidence so ridiculous that they did not even have to retire before their verdict of acquittal was arrived at. The case aroused considerable excitement all over the country and great interest was centred in the verdict. Mr. Lockhart's many friends throughout the Pass were convinced of his innocence all the way through, and they were doubly pleased when the verdict was given in his favor. It is a regrettable thing that a man can be placed in such an awkward and embarrassing position as some of the witnesses were in this case, and have no redress. It hardly seems fair that a defending or a prosecuting lawyer should be allowed to villify one man's character in order to bring further proof of another's innocence, and in this case the remarks of Mr. Lockhart's lawyer were certainly uncalled for.

From the outset it was evident that Lockhart had not touched any of the relief money, and half of his witnesses were not called at all. The fact that the jury gave an instantaneous verdict of acquittal was conclusive evidence that he was an innocent man. That being the case, it was very bad decorum for his lawyer to blacken the other men's character the way he did. The judge's remarks were pointed enough, but we won't say anything about the judge—we did that once.



PROCESSION AT FUNERAL OF F. H. SHERMAN

REV. W. F. SPIDELL THE NEW PASTOR

BAPTIST CONGREGATION HAVE A NEW MAN TO TAKE UP THE WORK

Rev. Mr. Spidell conducted the services both morning and evening at the Baptist church on Sunday, delivering two splendid discourses. At the conclusion of the evening service a meeting of the members was held at which a unanimous call was extended to Mr. Spidell to permanently settle in Fernie as the pastor of the church. In the short time that Mr. Spidell has been in the city he has seen vividly the urgent need for men in his work, and the possibilities of Fernie have appealed to him in a particularly strong manner. The outcome of the meeting was that the call was accepted. Mr. Spidell left for the East early in the week, to make preparations for moving his family west before the advent of the winter months. Seldom have pastor and people come into such pleasant relationships on such short acquaintance, and the membership of the Baptist church are gathering their forces for aggressive work. Mr. Spidell understands western life and ways perhaps better than any other man who could have been chosen. Born in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, in 1866, he spent his early days in that land, coming to British Columbia in 1888, where for four years he followed with considerable success the calling of timber cruiser and mining prospector. Even at that time he had his mind on the ministry, to which he always felt called, and in spite of alluring prospects, he left in 1892 to study for his life's work. He entered the Woodstock College at Woodstock, Ont., in 1892, completing his course there in the year 1896. Following up his studies, he entered in 1896 Newton Theological Seminary, at Boston, Mass., in which institution he remained until the year 1900. He was finally ordained into the ministry in 1900. His first pastorate was in West Townsend, Mass., from which he turned to his native land, taking up the work at Boston, Ont., and later at Ailsa Craig, Ont., in all of which fields he has met with deserved success. Mr. and Mrs. Spidell and their little daughter of three years can be assured of a warm welcome in Baptist circles in Fernie, and the Ledger joins in congratulating the denomination in this city upon such a happy choice as pastor as has fallen to their lot.

RETURNING OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED

LIST OF MEN WHO CONTROL THE COMING BATTLE OF BALLOTS

The following returning officers have been appointed at interior centres:

Cariboo—John Stevenson, Barkerville.
Lillooet—C. Phair.
Yale—Richard A. Fraser, Nicola.
Kamloops—A. P. Morris.
Okanagan—L. A. Shatford, Vernon.
Similkameen—Joseph A. Brown, Keremeos.
Greenwood—W. B. Fleming.
Grand Forks—Herbert C. Kerman.
Revelstoke—J. D. McDougall.
Slocan—Denis St. Denis.
Ymir—Robert Perdue, Trail.
Nelson—George Horstead.
Rossland—R. T. Evans.
Kaslo—W. G. Robb.
Columbia—J. C. Pitts, Golden.
Cranbrook—A. C. Shankland.
Fernie—A. W. Blensdell.

HUNGRY OPPOSUM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—A practical joke with an opposum as the chief factor is likely to get some prominent people into trouble with the United States government. On the night of Oct. 15 a party of about 25 well known people of Leesville, La. placed an opposum in a package in the local post office building. The next morning the subordinates opened the package and found the opposum. The mail in the bin had been chewed to fragments by the animal. The names of the jokers have been obtained by the department and action against them will be instituted in the near future.

INVENTOR KILLED

LAPORTE, Ind. Oct. 29—Harry H. May, an inventor who came recently from New York, was killed today by the accidental explosion of a secret waterproofing compound used in the manufacture of artificial stone. Elmer E. Harding, owner of a cement block works and to whom May had sold the patent on the compound, was severely burned but will recover.

ARE YOU SATISFIED?

On Thursday November 25 you will have to cast a vote for the man you think can best represent your interests in the Provincial House. The present system of robbing the workingmen to fatten the purse of the tyrranizng capitalists and grafters is getting worn out, and the workers have at last decided to put a stop to this style of thieving. If you are satisfied with your lot vote the old foolish way—if not vote for Harrington and you can count your vote as a vote to down the present grafting.

RECOVERY DOUBTFUL

Old Timer Badly Injured at Blairmore--Kicked By a Horse

BLAIRMORE, Alta., Oct. 28—Last evening the livery stable was the scene of a very nasty accident, the victim being "Old Mark Halloway," one of the oldest of the old timers in this western country.

Nobody being around the barn when "Mark" arrived to put up his team, he proceeded up in the loft to push down hay for his horses, but pushed it down to the wrong stall. He however descended to rectify his mistake, finding he had to take it from a stall occupied by a black mare whose heels the victim had repeatedly been warned about. As was expected the mare lashed out with her heels, catching old Mark right over the heart. He was taken into the Dan Drain's hotel and Dr. Malcolmnson was summoned. The victim is 76 years of age which tells against him, and he has peddled vegetables every week from his ranch for a long time.

Last night he was not expected to live and made his will accordingly, but this morning some slight hopes are entertained for his recovery, although the chances are small owing to his old age.

Much sympathy is felt for the poor old chap.

The above interesting photo is one of the many unique illustrations to be found in Progressive Fernie, which will be offered to the public in less than two weeks time. The picture is from a photo obtained by Spalding in the vicinity of Fernie. The book is almost completed and a few extra pages may be necessary to include all the engravings and ads. on hand. It will be, however, when finished, the biggest fifty cents worth ever offered to the Fernie public. We would again urge early orders being placed at this office. Many people are buying them and having them kept for Christmas souvenirs, and we know of no better way to give your friends in the east a thorough insight into the surroundings of this city than by sending a copy of Progressive Fernie.

NOTICE

All Socialists in outlying points of the Fernie Electoral District are requested to communicate with Mr. David Paton, Box 101, Fernie B. C.

RUNAWAY CARS CAUSE ACCIDENT

C. P. R. FREIGHT TRAIN COMES TO GRIEF—CREW BADLY HURT

A bad wreck occurred on the C. P. R. near Hosmer last Sunday morning when seven cars, which broke away from Michel, came dashing down towards Fernie at an awful rate, and crashed into a freight that had left this city about 8 o'clock. The fireman, Alexander, was the most seriously injured, although at last reports he is doing as well as could be expected at the local hospital. The engineer and head brakeman were also more or less injured. The regular and the Flyer had to proceed to Fernie via the G. N. tracks. The wrecking train was soon at work and cleared up the debris. It was reported on Sunday that the brakeman who was responsible for the runaway train at Michel, had left the country.

CHILD'S PLAY

In Prince Rupert Fred Stork is opposing the entrance of the B. C. Telephone company into that city. In Fernie Fred made a bitter fight against the same company in favor of a local monopoly. The local company won the fight but in time grew tired of the business and sold out. G. R. Naden, the member from Greenwood, holds the same opinion as Stork.—Greenwood Ledge.

THE KINRADE CASE

TORONTO, Ont. Oct. 27.—Papers in regard to William Bedford, the self-confessed murdered in London, England of Ethel Kinrade, reached the attorney general's department today from the secretary of state at Ottawa. The papers are being turned over to Inspector Miller of the provincial force and largely upon his report after reading them will depend the decision of the authorities as to the action that will be taken in regard to Bedfort.

BELIEVES IN COOK

HAMILTON, Mont., Oct. 29—Queen Alexandra through a message received tonight from Maurice Francis Egan, United States Minister to Denmark, conveyed her greetings to Dr. F. A. Cook and expressed absolute confidencence in his polar achievements.

LAID DOWN TO REST AND COME TO DEATH

BOWELL MAN LOST HIS LIFE AT MEDICINE HAT BY SLEEPING ON TRACK

MEDICINE HAT, Oct. 28—L. Wigfield, a C. P. R. extra gang man, working at Bowell, Alta., came into Medicine Hat yesterday and at night laid down to sleep on the freight shed siding, when the yard engine came along and ran over him at midnight.

He died at the hospital two hours later.

He came to this country from Ontario.

NO CHANGE AT ALL

OTTAWA, Oct. 27—Minister of Labor King denies emphatically the report emanating from Vancouver to the effect that the government has received application for Chinese labor being allowed on the Grand Trunk Pacific. "We have received no request and the matter has never been considered by the government, which he states has given no intimation of any intention to change its policy.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

BOSTON, Mass, Oct, 28—Prompted by jealousy, Irvin W. Fletcher, 29 years old, a conductor in the employ of the elevated road, shot and killed his wife Beatrice, aged 18 in the apartments of Mrs. Diana Sabourin in Batavia street late this afternoon and ended the crime by shooting himself through the mouth.

The Fletchers lived in Roxbury. Their two year old daughter was in the room at the time of the shooting and witnessed the affair. Death was instantaneous in both cases. The child tells a comprehensive story of the whole affair and also says that her mother had been knocked down by her father on previous occasions and had been beaten.

Wanted: Servant girl to assist in housework. Apply to Mrs. E. F. Ambery, corner Macpherson and Jaffray streets, morning or evening.

AN APPEAL

Fernie B. C. Oct. 30

To the Officers and Members of Local Unions District 18 U.M.W. of A.

Greeting:

We desire to draw your attention to the appeal which was sent out to all Local Unions on the 28th of September, for assistance on behalf of late President F. H. Sherman. At this time we all know too well that the object for that appeal no longer exists. But there is just as much necessity to consider the matter in a new light, and that is to raise a fund for the benefit of the widow and children that he has left to mourn his loss, whereby we may show our sympathy in a substantial manner.

We do not wish to dwell on the qualifications of our late esteemed brother, as the good work he did for the members of district 18 is too well known to need any comment, but incidently we would ask you to weigh the good work with what you may think the bad, that he in his duties as District President was instrumental in performing in this District, and we feel confident that you will recognize that this appeal is worthy of your most earnest consideration.

Whilst not in any way desiring to dictate as to what extent you should meet this deserving appeal, we feel it our duty to point out to you what steps have been taken in some of the largest locals, and we think that you, will then take this matter up in the same spirit, that is: It has been decided to place a levy of one dollar per member for this particular object.

We would again appeal to you to look on this request with a broad-minded view, and if you have not already taken up the question, urge you to take immediate action so that we can demonstrate our appreciation and respects by rendering assistance to the helpless ones that he has left behind.

We would advise that all donations be sent to the district secretary which will be placed to the credit of what shall be known as the Sherman Testimonial Fund, and in due course handed over to Mrs. Sherman.

Yours fraternally,
W. B. POWELL, President
C. STUBBS, Vice-Pres.
A. J. CARTER, Sec.-Treas.

BACK BROKEN

YORKTON, Sask. Oct. 28—Word has just reached town of a fatal wrestling bout at Shillingthrope, last week.

William Lakey, a farmer aged 70, was wrestling with a member of the threshing gang, when his foot slipped and he fell to the ground with his opponent on top of him. Medical aid was summoned and it was found that Lakey had broken his back, and he died four hours later.

G. N. R. WRECK

FARGO, N. D. Oct. 28—The G. N. northbound passenger No. 9 jumped the track near Finkle, Minn., five miles east of Fargo this morning. Everything but the locomotive and the rear sleeper is in the ditch and the tracks are badly torn up. The passengers were in a panic but none of them were seriously injured in any way.

The accident occurred about five o'clock and an emergency train was sent out for the passengers but the track was blocked for several hours and all the twin city paper mail held up.

NARROW ESCAPE

WINCHESTER, Va. Oct. 29—While running at 50 miles an hour through the village of Middleton automobile No. 53 of New York Herald tour, was wrecked and the occupants narrowly escaped with their lives.

The collapse of a car wheel which caused Wells to lose control of the machine was the trouble and the car dashed into another machine that was standing on the road. The Wels machine was badly wrecked and put out of the race. The automobilist escaped with a severe shaking up.

A FREIGHTER HITS ON LEDGE

Many Lives Were Lost When Donaldson Liner Struck

EASTPORT, Me. Oct. 28.—A list of 35 persons missing and believed to have been lost by the wreck of the Donaldson freight steamer Hestia on a ledge at Grand Manan yesterday, was made up.

It includes: Captain Newman
First Mate D. McNair
Second Mate Phelan
Boatswain Ganning.
Carpenter Colwell

The names of the others are not yet known.

Beyond a shadow of doubt in the opinion of the survivors and Grand Manan people, Captain Newman and 34 members of his crew who put off in their boat after the steamer struck the ledge, are lost. All seemed certain that they must have sunk by the many dangerous ledges or were upset in the rough sea before the break of day.

A search for the bodies was begun today but it is more than likely that none of the bodies will be recovered here. The direction of the wind was such that anything afloat would be carried to the Nova Scotia Coast. It was learned that when the second boat which capsized and threw the occupants in the sea, righted and floated away in the darkness, one man was seen on it.

A recapitulation of the steamer has shown that besides a crew of 36 including Captain Newman two boy passengers were in the first boat, which was successfully launched, but probably they were also lost before daylight arrived.

The second boat was being filled, 11 of the 15 intended for it having taken their places when the rope holding it in the davits broke and all were thrown into the sea.

The four members of the crew thus forced to remain on board succeeded in pulling two struggling men from the water with ropes.

These six men were the ones taken off late yesterday afternoon by the Seal Cove life savers. Two more of the drowning men were rescued by Captain Newmans boat which had righted itself. Six men and boys were drowned at the side of the ship.

Some hope was entertained today for this lone man drifting at the mercy of the wind and the waves as his boat was light.

Captain Newman's craft was heavily loaded with its 28 people.

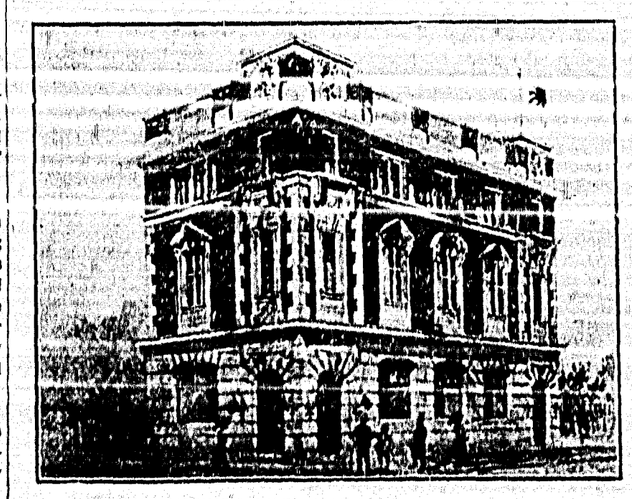
WOMAN CHARGED WITH THE KILLING

PHILIP P. HARDY WAS THE VICTIM OF A CHICAGO TRAGEDY

CHICAGO, Oct. 28—Philip Hardy, who came from Toronto, Ont., was shot and killed last night, and Mrs. Anna VanEyck, 28 years old is under arrest charged with the crime. Hardy who was a boarder in the VanEyck home, angered the women when he went to the kitchen to wash his clothing.

According to the police the woman ran to her room and procured a revolver. When she went into Hardy's room he exclaimed: "You wont dare use that!"

Thereupon she shot him through the heart.



WHAT THE HOME BANK WILL LOOK LIKE

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

Conducted under the direction of "Proletiaran"

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

Prof. Ferrer

(By W. F. H. in Winnipeg Voice:)

It seems strange that so important an event as the recent murder of Professor Francisco Ferrer by the misguided government that holds sway in Spain should be allowed to pass almost unnoticed in the press of this country. Such an event should have called forth world wide condemnation upon the heads of those responsible for so gross an outrage. Had it been the execution of the least notable among capitalists, what columns of indignant protest would come from the press. But Ferrer is different. He is only a crank. Just one of those foolish hated persons, who work their very lives out for the moral uplift and intellectual enlightenment of the masses. By pursuing this noble course Ferrer has rendered himself objectionable to the ruling class in that country. So his work must be suppressed. Aye and he himself must be wiped out if the powers of bigotry and religious hatred backed by ill gotten money and political intrigue can accomplish it.

Francisco Ferrer at the time of his death was forty-nine years of age and a native of the province of Barcelona, Spain. In the year 1886 he was occupying the position of superintendent on one of the lines of Spanish railway and had to seek refuge in France owing to the abortive attempt on the Republican General, Villacampa, that rendered the residence of persons in Spain holding advanced political views unsafe. During this period of political exile he lived in Paris as the friend and secretary of a former prime minister and party chief of the Spanish Republicans. At the death of his friend Ferrer became the professor of Spanish language and literature at the Philotechnic association at Paris. It was about this time that he threw over his old belief in the utility of armed force in revolutionary work, and turned all his energy and attention to the establishment of a school to form a model for the institutions already started by the Radical, Rational and Progressive parties in Spain. At this time also one of his pupils, Mademoiselle Meunier became anxious to convert her professor to Catholicism. In the ensuing discussions however, she herself found salvation in the Rationalism of her friend. Being without relatives she bequeathed to Ferrer some house property in Paris, producing an annual rental of some 35,000 francs for the purpose of providing him with the necessary funds to carry out his educational plans in his native country. To the faithful discharge of this trust his lamentable death will ever bear testimony.

The commencement of work based upon the principles formulated by Ferrer was made in August, 1901. The school opened with 30 scholars—12 girls and 18 boys—and by the termination of the school year this number had been increased to 70 A printing house was established, and primers and text books written in simple language were printed and found a ready acceptance in many schools throughout Spain. In a short time they came to be recognized by many as the standard text book.

All was well. Success appeared to be easy to achieve but then arose the demon of religious intolerance, bigotry and intellectual stagnation—the church of Rome—and in her hands she held the trump cards of political intrigue and influence.

For five years more the good work went on, and then occurred that unfortunate attempt upon the life of King Alfonso. Clericalism had now a rope to hang their enemy with. Ferrer was arrested upon a trumped up charge of complicity in the plot. The most nefarious methods were resorted to in order to procure conviction but without avail. He was held a prisoner for some thirteen months suffering bodily and mental torture, and was then discharged after having obtained a verdict of acquittal upon every charge His liberty gained he at once continued his noble work, founding new schools and publishing important works and kindling the spark of knowledge not only in Spain, but in the Spanish Republics across the seas.

Frustrated in their first attempt to wipe out their hated antagonist they waited patiently for a further opportunity. Three short years gave them wealth of the land from its rightful dirty work of wrestling the natural yet another and better chance. There were mines in Morocco, rich mines. The rightful owners of these money pots were Moors, an ignorant, half civilized race. So they reasoned why could not Spain transport some of her ill-fed and illiterate peasants to do the owners and place it in their hands? No sooner thought of than done. War broke out—one of those un-Christian conflicts which will always be possible until the capitalist class as a dominating power ceases to exist. The course of this unjust conflict is current news; not yet has Spain found a way out of a war of injustice and of greed.

The more enlightened Spaniards saw through the flimsy veil which covered the proceedings and protested against the unnecessary sacrifice of the poor peasants' lives for the gratification of a greedy few. The feeling grew and the workers of the land banded themselves together to protest against the war, and to demand the cessation of hostilities. Angered because their rulers turned a deaf ear and ignored their just demands some of the more venturesome resorted to acts of violence and revolutionary methods to attain their end.

As a result martial law was declared and under the slightest pretext all those who had stood for enlightenment and advancement were cast into prison. Amongst them was Ferrer. He had taught the people to see what were their social rights and duties; he had torn down the blinds of ignorance; he had taught a simpler and a grander religion; he had established schools throughout the land; ergo, he had been the chief instigator of the revolution. He must be tried, yes, and to the death.

One hundred schools founded by Ferrer have been closed. The excellent books published from the press of the Escuela Moderna have been seized and the plant and machinery destroyed. Reports received state that the prisons contain some nine or ten thousand prisoners ranging from mere children to old men and the land and people of Spain are rendered subject to the relentless hand of the successors of Ferdinand II. and Thomas de Torquemada. At the last census in 1906 out of a total population of 18,618,086 there were 5,086,056 men and 6,806,834 women, almost two thirds of the population—who could neither read nor write. This is the state of affairs which Ferrer strove to remove and which his oppressors strove to preserve. The first denouncement of Ferrer appeared in a Madrid religious paper. This was followed by a letter of the Bishop of Barcelona sent "in his own name and in the name of all the prelates of Catalonia, to the head of the government as a respectful protest on our part against the evils of Italy of July last and against the individuals who, as we maintain are responsible therefor; that is to say, the partisans of Godless schools, the radical press and the anarchist groups. Unless these people are suppressed there can be no peace among the nations. We appeal to the religious sentiments of the government to stamp them out, and we hope that its love for the country and its compassion for the misfortunes which have overwhelmed the church will bring suppression about" —(L'Action Sept. 8)

A baser or more envenomed appeal could never be made than to their "religious sentiments." It was the insidious master stroke of a revengeful ecclesiastic. This appeal it was which condemned a just man to death, and placed another thorn in the crown of Jesus whom they pretend to serve.

O, ye priests, ye have rooted up the herb of liberty of thought; but in your desperation you have shaken the seeds from the plant and ere you can recover them the beneficent wind of progress will have scattered them throughout the land and ye shall reap ere long the harvest of your iniquity. The friends of advancement whilst lamenting the untimely death of their comrade will rejoice in the thought that what has meant death to the body means new life to the Cause! Ferrer is dead, but his Spirit survives!

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

By Joseph E. Cohen: The other day the Philadelphia North American, a Republican organ, had an editorial, bearing the caption, "Is History Repeating Itself?"

Beginning with an unimportant quotation from Abraham Lincoln, it drew a parallel between the administration of Presidents Buchanan and Taft. The editorial pointed a moral to the effect that after fifty years, history is repeating itself.

The editor failed however to carry the comparison to its logical conclusion. He failed to indicate what is the present struggle for human freedom. He also failed to indicate the cause to which Taft is acting as Buchanan acted toward the movement for the abolition of negro slavery.

The editor also failed to show what Taft's conduct may have for its consequences. In short the editor completely ignored the present social movement that is beginning to shake this country from coast to coast, as it is already shaking nearly every important European country.

The editor might also have quoted from Lincoln some thoughts more to the point. He might have called attention to the fact that Taft is trying to secure peace between the hosts of capital and labor by compromise, just as in ante-bellum days men tried to dispose of the slavery question by trying to compromise when, as now, the country was "part slave and part free," and "cannot forever remain so."

The editor might have quoted from Lincoln to the effect that the fundamental point at issue in the question of the black man's servitude is the same fundamental point at issue in the question of wage slavery, the attitude that declares "you work and earn bread and I'll eat it."

But especially might the editor have called attention to the following incident, which happened in 1855, less than five years before the Civil War began. It was at a mass meeting arranged on behalf of the black man's cause at which Lincoln was to speak. The meeting was duly advertised but no man came besides Lincoln, his law partner, Herndon and John Pain. Lincoln's speech consisted of these words "These are sad times and seem out of joint. All seems dead, dead!"

This was in 1856, when Lincoln hoped the slavery question could be adjusted by peaceable means. As late as 1859, in his fourth debate with Douglas, Lincoln said "I do not suppose that in the most peaceful way ultimate extinction would occur in less than a hundred years at least."

That was two years before the Civil War began and less than a decade before the Constitution was amended to make chattel slavery impossible.

A hundred years has not passed as yet, and conservative editors are now drawing comparisons between conditions prior to the civil war and those of the present day.

To every one who has spent some years in studying the social question and in carrying on the propaganda for the new abolition, it appears impossible that within four years the great change to which we look forward may be consumated. Most Socialists have dedicated their lives to the work of social regeneration, and eevn though it may come only after a hundred years, recalling Lincoln's words, will die satisfied that they have not lived their lives in vain.

To those, and their number is legion who expected a million Socialist voters in 1908, and who are grieved at the thought that the two English Socialist dailies are struggling for their very existence, who cannot penetrate to the heart of the social heart even so well as did Lincoln in 1856, things indeed seem "dead."

And yet to the calmest observer the fact is patent that the mass of the American people are not only steeped in slavery, but that the few money lords who hold sway in this land of ours have a firmer grip than ever did the slave oligarchy of the South. Their rule is much more despotic in the face of a greater general intelligence.

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Look at our workingmen today, with their white, unhealthy faces, their children crushed of health and spirit in the fearful grind, their wives driven to hellish drudgery and spiritless, premature old age, girls exploited of their virtue and their purity. Look at the workers old at forty, exhausted, depleted, tossed aside like sucked oranges!

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CONCERNING ELECTIONS

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Sir: Your cotem advocates a fusion ticket of Conservatives and Liberals; I presume that it is intended thereby to defeat the labor party, under whatever name that party may travel. The Liberal party has always claimed identification with labor interests. Whilst some may argue that this claim is not clearly established yet one of the basic principles of Liberalism is its support of the laboring class.

Whatever views Liberals may take in regard to a third party it is extremely doubtful if the time will ever come when a fusion such as the Free Press speak of will take place. For the Liberals to come out and fight labor would be a serious blow to the first principles of that party. The Liberals of Fernie may be numerically weak, but weak as they are I shall be much surprised if they will crucify their hopes by joining the Conservatives in this or in any other election to defeat a labor candidate.

Yours faithfully,
L. P. ECKSTEIN

SOCIALIST WRITES

Editor Ledger:

Dear Sir: The Fernie Free Press of last week informed its readers: "The gong has sounded and the fight is on," etc. Under its editorial notes it says others things which were received with thanks by every member of the Socialist party of Fernie. Sure it is important to have a government representative in Fernie. "Hardly a Liberal," etc., is well understood by the Socialist members. They are well satisfied that Conservatism and Liberalism are identical, hence their anxiety to have a member who will represent their interests, as well as the whole of the working class in general, which is more than can truthfully be said of our present M. P. We are told to drop all personal feeling, petty jealousies, party strife. Now Mr. Free Press editor, the two former we will leave out of the discussion, the latter is the Alpha and Omega of our fight. If we leave that out too, Socialism would be doomed. The Socialists want their party represented, the Conservatives ditto. We agree with the Free Press that the election of a Socialist would be a "severe blow" but we fail to see that it would retard the development of the district. The Socialist party represents the working class in every sense, and the working class is the backbone of this or any other riding. Touching on the last phrase of the said editorial notes, some men may feel complimented if they are offered a drink or a cheap cigar, but if there is a spark of intelligence or reasonable thinking power, no man will let that (excuse the term) bribe, rob him of the vote, which is to his best interest.

Speaking of the provincial government's expenditure in this district, it would be interesting to know the exact amount of influence that W. R. Ross used to get that assistance. Was it not rather their ability to see the necessity of that assistance through the destructive fire. That is as it looks to

Yours Truly
A SOCIALIST.

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Dear Sir: I have been instructed by Lizard Local General Teamsters to write and ask you to publish in your paper stating that J. E. Gravett is no longer a union teamster, also putting him on the unfair list. Trusting this will meet with your approval, I am yours sincerely,

WM. LONG
Rec. Secretary

THE INCONSISTENT "MINER"

Fernie Oct. 20.

Editor Ledger:

Sir: An intellect that scintillates with a brilliancy comparable to the slime on the river Thames, a process of reasoning (sic) that would paralyze a Hobbes, rout a Bacon and surpass the profundity of wisdom possessed by a chronic Beldamite is a partial delineation of the character displayed by the writer of divers articles in the last issue of the Coleman Miner.

On the first page is a suggestion that Coleman should take note of Germany's civic designs and incidentally criticising the bureaucratic methods, methods which are the direct outcome of Teutonic militarism, twin brother to sordid mammonism, yet despite the fact that every intelligent editor knows that Germany is in the forefront of education, less than two per cent of illiteracy, also numbers among her citizens a vast preponderance of Socialists, the intellectual degenerate who holds the reins of office in the sheet alluded to may be justly regarded as an atavistic reproduction of Ananias graduated in geometrical progression since that marvellous progenitor of falsehood passed away. Were it not so he would realize that his strictures are inane as even the intelligent apologists for the present system are reluctantly compelled to acknowledge the force of daily happenings in the Kaiser's realm. Last week's press contained the headlines "Saxony practically a Socialist province" and in the Daily News, October 25, Nelson B. C., page four is the following item:

"Cobourg,—The Socialists won another seat in the reichstag * * * in this city, which had been regarded as a stronghold of the national liberals."

These repeated successes in face of gerrymandering and the fulminations of Divine Right Bill such as "Vaterlandlos" and other endearing epithets stupify the supporters of the bureaucratic regime who are at a loss what policy to pursue in order to down their bugbear Socialism.

Crass ignorance is by no means incurable, but any attempt to poison the springs of truth should have the emphatic condemnation of all right thinking minds, and although we might like to throw the mantle of charity over this inkslinging wage slave, yet the position he occupies prevents, and we call attention to the fact that his knowledge of conditions in other countries may be the result of ignorance hence unreliable, but not so with what obtains on this continent, therefore we should put a brand on him whereby he would be tabooed by every self respecting newspaper man.

There are Socialist locals both in Japan and Chili, in the former only recently one of its journals was confiscated by the authorities. In the Argentine Republic there are Socialist locals at Junin, Tucuman, Bahia, and at other and smaller places, whilst in the city of Buenos Ayres besides five Socialist locals, there are two publications "La Vanguardia" a Socialist daily "La Revista Socialista Internacional" a monthly containing articles which for erudition and cogency of reasoning compare with such English publications as "The Fortnightly Review," the English Review, etc., also there is a library kept up by the party and patronized by the working class, containing 5000 volumes.

Take the last two sentences and to anyone who is willing to make a fair and square investigation of Socialist philosophy, but one conclusion can be reached and that is that this is the jaundiced emanation of an intellect so sadly atrophied as to verge upon a zero quantity.

Abuse is not argument, 'tis true, but when you know it is unappreciated a rhetorical club is the only weapon.

"One of the U. & U's"

A MICHEL OPINION

Michel, B. C. Oct. 27

Editor Fernie Ledger:

Sir: As a resident and voter of the Fernie riding I was somewhat struck with the interview given W. R. Ross to the Fernie Free Press, with respect to his candidature at the forthcoming provincial election, and would respectfully reply to some of his statements. It would appear that Mr. Ross, like others of his ilk, indulges in a lot of blatant bluff, immediately prior to an election, with the hope that he may successfully mislead the "great unwashed." It is astonishing how at this time Mr. Ross, with an almost superhuman forensic foresight, would appear to have at his disposal a balm for all the ills of human nature, and it is astounding that his fertile head should only develop into practicability the momentous reforms in conformity with a dissolution of parliament. It would be amusing, if it were not sad, to see Mr. Ross trying to comfort himself into serving two masters. The fact that Mr. Ross occupies the attorneyship for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company and must of necessity, that is, if he would retain his job, servo their interests, and at the same time attempt representing the mineworkers from whom the Coal Company revenues are derived. That would lend an air of versatility to him if it were not so glaringly foolish. Mr. Ross as an humble follower of Mr. McBride, tells us in his interview that the question before the province is clear cut. If we examine this proposition carefully, with the meagre details to hand, we would not be long in discovering the party that is clear cut, and that is the people of British Columbia.

The chief issue at stake is stated to be an arrangement with the Canadian Northern Railway. By this agreement thousands of acres of the most valuable lands in B. C. are to be handed over to the said Railway Co., and not only that but to insure prosperity (for the railroad company) we are also informed that these thousands of acres are to be held exempt from taxation for ever. Now will Mr. Ross at his pleasure, kindly explain to the electors of the Fernie Riding by what right, moral, legal or divine, the Conservative government of B. C. assumes the power to mortgage posterity forever. Is it not a fundamental principle in democratic government that the people can only be governed with the consent of the governed. If Mr. Ross wishes to earn eternal gratitude from his party, will he kindly explain this: If Mr. Ross is conversant with history he will no doubt remember that upon the occasion of William and Mary taking the throne, the English parliament handed over the English crown, to them and their heirs forever, also, but if he continued his studies he would find that it did not work out. We, today, viewing these things, think that political imbecility has reached its apex on that point; but in view of the situation in British Columbia, we are obliged to halt until we hear further from Mr. Ross.

With a paternal feeling Mr. Ross expresses his sympathy for the unlettered men and boys in the coal camps; and assures us that he has supplicated the proper quarters for remedy, but that it needs HIM in parliament to insure the additions of the necessary machinery to place this tremendous reform in motion. I wonder if 'Billy' ever read that before a snake swallows a victim it covers it with its saliva. He should heed the moral in Michel and New Michel for the past year or more, there has not been near seating accommodation for the children, not heeding the adults, and in education as in most matters, it is wise to start at the beginning, there is more likelihood of success anyhow. In both schools the children are on double shift, to use a common term. In other words there is not near enough accommodation for the whole of the children so that those who attend mornings, stay away the afternoon to make way for their mates. In New Michel where there is one lady teacher, there is approximately eighty pupils, and some of them carry soap boxes to enable them to digest their lessons more comfortably. In Michel proper the public school is situated on the back step of the Coal Company's hotel and language fails me to convey the disgusting sights these children are subject to. However, as rent collector for the Coal company Mr. Ross evidently sees no harm in this. One feature is however, noticeable, and that is that none of Mr. Ross' children attend these schools, nor as a matter of fact any children belonging to the Coal Company directorate. It seems funny maybe, but it is so, that only mineworkers children attend, and all this with the wonderful machinery of the school act to prevent it. Surely Mr. Ross can explain these things —we await his answer.

Mr. Ross mentions about the automobile road and bridges that are to be constructed, provided of course, he goes back to Victoria. The thought that the mine workers can run their autos through the Pass will most surely send them into realms of bewildered delight—after this none can doubt but that Mr. Ross is a benefactor to humanity. Strange as it may seem, however there is one more little explanation we would like. Of course its human nature to be jealous anyhow, but how does it come that by a wonderful coincident the Crows Nest Coal Company wished to have a road made to their timber claims and they had it, and it was built and constructed by government workmen, and today the Coal company have a very much better road to their timber claims than the citizens have for public roadways. Is it because the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company are also exempt from taxation. It may not be nice to suggest it, but it strikes me that it is very convenient for the Coal Company's barrister to be the local member.

Amongst other things it is Mr. Ross duty as Coal Company servant to oppose as vigorously as is possible an injured mine worker from receiving his compensation money. In fact Mr. Ross has taken the position that the compensation act does not cover mine workers dependants who might happen to reside outside of Canada. Family betrayals may be prevalent in the class that Mr. Ross moves in; he should however confine himself to that particular class, but as for the mine workers, they have no desire to shirk their moral responsibilities when well, and cannot afford to do so when sick. This being so, it is dangerous to the mining element that he should "misrepresent" them in the next parliament, and for that and other reasons equally good he will be returned on the 25th of November, not to Victoria, but to political oblivion, from which he should never have emerged. The workingmen of Fernie riding will pay their best respects to the Conservatives here, which in essence, is only an amalgamation of barristers and of bartenders. Hoping I have not intruded too far upon your kindness,

I am, yours very truly,
CHAS. GARNER
Secretary Michel Miners' Union.

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Editor Ledger:

I read with much astonishment a paragraph in your last editorial regarding water in the Annex. Can it be that the council has done nothing? Surely the excuse of want of money cannot be made. Go to the council chambers and view the chairs that cost about $400—sleepy, dreamy sort of things such as a man of business would cast aside if he wanted to work. Go thence into the city clerk's office and count the heads there; examine the pay roll and witness that Fernie pays extravagant salaries; note the officialdom charactistics of the city, and then do you wonder why it is that necessaries go unsupplied.

Verily we live in an era of municipal tinsel and glitter. The poor man pays the piper. The "business" council looks carefully, oh yes, after the luxuries but the actual wants seem to be of secondary consideration. But have we not been told that a workingman is good at football and out of place in anything where business comes in. Examine the magnificent city hall, the extravagant fire hall, etc. and say, won't you, that we have a gaudy showing. We poor fellows can pay the cost while the superior 'business' class can do the spending, albeit that a few deaths from want of water supply have to occur. What are lives compared to an easy chair at the council board? Why not supply pillows or cushions for the nether parts of officialdom so that the poor creatures may not suffer the painful contact with hard chairs, etc.

Yours truly,
RATEPAYER.

RE WATER SUPPLY TO ANNEX

Editor Ledger:

Sir: I notice in your last issue that strong comment was made in your editorial with regard to the water situation in the Annex, and it would appear that although you strongly urged upon those responsible the importance of the matter, little notice, if any, has been taken of same.

There is an old time saying applying to law, that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor, and I am beginning to think that these tactics are developing in municipal affairs so far as we are concerned. For instance what benefit, or properly speaking, what immediate benefit is meted out to the working man by the institution of a park or some such unnecessary expenditure. If you are to ignore the poorer grade, do so in matters that do not directly bear upon their dire necessities. If nothing is done within the next few days to supply the Annex with water, either from stands erected temporarily along the line or from some other means which may be decided on, the question of seeking a government inquiry into the matter will be resorted to, as, I presume that is the only course open when a municipal body fails to respond to the appeals of the people. I am sure, if statistics were compiled to show the number of cases of typhoid, if not all, directly the outcome of the water question, and the deaths thereby, one would readily see the gravity of the situation.

The question of sanitation too, is just as important. We find that only certain houses in the Annext have the scavenger making his nightly call, while other places still keep up the old style dump pits. Coming from the G. N. depot and turning to the left one immediately comes across a foul smelling cesspool, an undisputed habitation of the deadly germ of typhoid. These I understand are quite common in certain quarters of the Annex., These should be done away with at once.

In conclusion I would say that we are all aware that diseases caused by bad sanitation etc., are essentially contageous, and if it were only for the reason that the inhabitants of these low lying places have to intermix with the remainder of the citizens this should be sufficient to warrant a proper inspection and protection.

I hope the matter will receive the attention it deserves and that immediately.

Yours, etc.,
Sanitas

APPRECIATION

Hosmer B. C. Oct. 27

Editor Ledger:

Sir: Your editorial last week was most opportune, and will show the workers that no matter how subject they are to the iron heel of capital there is one not afraid to speak out, some one for whom petty favoritism has no lure. The particulary petty boss referred to, however continues in business, and he is not the only one who stoops to low and mean actions. We have a fire boss, who "rustles" he calls it, the Italians and Slavonians, and others if he can. He is in the picture business, and you can imagine his style of moral suasion. In fact he has made the boast that it is worth $50 to $75 per month, and this remark was made to another shift boss who, I understand, is going into the real estate business. I hope this matter will come to the notice of Bill Powell, who can easily ascertain the truth, for my days would not be long in Hosmer if they know that I dared to kick.

Yours truly,
JUSTICE

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Whoever the temporary occupant of the chair of wisdom may be he is certainly entitled to a hearty vote of thanks from all members of the Socialist party because of his outspoken corroboration of their contention that Liberal and Conservative are merely a pair of blinkers on that old horse Capitalism.

From the viewpoint of the windjammers of that dual label Lib-Con. (emphasis on "Con." in this constituency) the "unthinking" action of this pen wielder and thought moulder is decidedly reprehensible and no doubt will bring down upon his devoted head the unstinted wraths (allopathic doses) of those who are playing the game of politics, somewhat after the style of the Irishman who was driving pigs, and when asked by a passer by where he was taking them to replied: "Cork," This caused the questioner to remark "Why man, you're on the way to Belfast," whereat he said: "Whisht will yez, I don't want the pigs to know where they are going."

Shades of John Oliver and Stuart Henderson! How can they sally forth like Goliaths of old, and swinging high their rhetorical slings, smite in the solar plexus or some other vulnerable part those bad, wicked and office loving and holding Conservatives, when the "Shining Light" of Kootenay journalism has given away the snap completely?

How can the noble Richard Coeur de Lion of Dewdney become himself again on the public platform, and with arm outstretched and scorn finger pointing, declaim against the wiles and sophisms of the opposition gang, when the sage of the Elk positively states that they are comrades?

"What can poor Dickey do then?" Well he might practice that touching little ballad "Twixt tweedledum and tweedledee" or else paraphrase that old song of Gilbert and Sullivan:

"And every boy and girl that's born into this world alive
Is at the same time a little Liberal and also a great big Conservative—Fal-lal-lal—

(P.S. The Oliver chorus will variate Liberal for Conservative.)

"The intelligent and thinking people of this district have twice carried the Riding against a heavy Socialist vote, and can easily do so again if they stand united."

These words should be printed in large type upon hand bills (might get quotations from the F. P.) and distributed at every meeting where representatives of the Con-Lib. Lib-Con. are engaged in a wind pudding contest of words! words!——

Read this paragraph carefully, weigh it justly (you will find it closely approximates imponderability) and this is the conclusion arrived at—that:

Those who did not vote at the last election for the present incumbent are both unthinking and unintelligent. In the forthcoming election the "unthinking and unintelligent" people of this district are going to show the Janus headed gang that it is high time to elect one who will lend every support to the "unintelligent and unthinking" three working class representatives at Victoria and thereby allow the legal gentleman every opportunity of looking after his clients' interest without prejudice.

During the life of this campaign we would urge the "unthinking and unintellient public" to read the sapient sayings of this journalistic salon, and realize for themselves the significance of Pucks observation: "What fools these mortals be."

Mr. Ross says, according to an interview, that he will endeavor to enlist the aid of the government on behalf of many of the children of these same "unintelligent and unthinking" voters and establish night schools. This is certainly a laudable project and would have the hearty co-operation of every citizen, both "intelligent" and "unintelligent" (unless peradventure it made a sensible increase in his taxes) were it not for the fact that coming at this stage of the game, and recalling the pie crust promises of the past it has all the earmarks of a transparent bid for a vote that is essential if this gentleman is to be a reseated Bill, that the "unthinking and unintelligent" parents may possibly ask the question:

Is it not very likely that such a bill would meet the same fate as did the bi-weekly payment bill? Receive the solid support of both Liberals and Socialists, and also the only one Conservative vote of W. R. Ross, which in itself should indicate to any but a par-blind partisan that even his own party regarded this as freak legislation and by their condemnation showed their disapproval of such measures?

Honestly it is to laugh at the remarkable naivete of those who are classed as intelligent and certainly any unfortunate individual who is gulled with such promises deserves to be regarded as unintelligent and unthinking minus the quotation marks.

A word to Mr. Ross on the subject of education. We may say without reserve, and in all sincerity, that any attempt to improve the education of the children has our hearty co-operation, but to grow solicitious so abruptly inclines one to think of the Latin quotation "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts."

To those whose knowledge of Socialist philosophy is below par and their knowledge of the movement ditto, we would call attention to the fact that Bismarck with a view to stemming the tide of Socialism decided to give every aid to education, with a result that Frankenstein like the Germans, who stand in the can of education, despite the "unintelligent and unthinking" editorial opinion, are giving the Kaiser many sleepless nights, and he is already troubled with visions of what may happen in 1912. Let the working class become educated, either by continuation classes, night schools, or the correspondence methods, thus equipping themselves to take complete control of industry and then the exhortation of Marx "Workingmen of all Countries Unite," is no longer required because it will be an accomplished fact.

Just at present the Liberal press are calling the Conservatives all kinds of things, and vice versa. In the majority of cases the bombs hurled at each other are labelled with "Truth" and the receivers of such are always anxious to clap on the cap. The fact of the matter is that both the Liberal and Conservative parties have been swindling and beguiling the workers so long that they think they have them just where they want them. However, the old trick of Liberal labor has been used so much that the simplicity is apparent to the blindest of the workers. What we want is a Socialist out and out and we are going to have one for this riding in spite of the combined and trembling forces of the opponents of labor.

The stand we took on the water proposition meets with the approval of all. In fact one of the aldermen admitted that we were right. We are here to look after the working people—the other class can look after themselves.

The fact that Mr. Ross, if elected will try and rush the automobile road in this district will be very interesting indeed to the working man who at the present stage has his own troubles getting food enough for his family.

The civic elections will be next thing after the provincial. Let's get out and see that two or three of our own class are put in this year just to show what we are made of.

With John Harrington representing Fernie the working class can depend upon getting something better than at present, and something more to the point than automobile roads.

"Workers of the World Unite." John Harrington, M. P. P., on Thursday, November 25.

Stray Shots

The election of a Socialist in this Riding means a severe blow to the future development of the district, therefore Liberals and Conservatives unite to protect the growth of your community.

* * *

The intelligent and thinking people of this district have twice carried this riding against a heavy socialist vote and can easily do so again, if they stand united.

* * *

Just at this time the Liberals of Fernie can show true patriotism to their district by uniting with the Conservatives in the support of W. R. Ross. We do not think that the majority of the electors of this Riding desire a Socialist to represent them, which will certainly happen in the event of a three cornered fight.—Fernie Free Press.

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Evidently the "intelligent and thinking" people referred to above had nothing to do with the production of these ill-timed remarks, because their "intelligence" would have prevented such an exhibition of foolhardiness, and their "thinking" apparatus would certainly have forbidden the appearance of such sentiments in print.

The Free Press, on the eve of an election, is having one of its periodical "Tory organ" seasons, when with the election fever running past normal in its make-up, it proceeds to make a great stand for the Conservative party hoping thereby to gain some few patronage crumbs which may be handed out to such hirelings.

At nearly every other season this same Free Press strives to assume an attitude of indifference, nay even at times smiling on the Liberals, and meting out to the Conservatives, whose principles it is supposed to champion, "that faint applause which doubly damns."

That some such frame up to defeat the Socialist candidate is deemed necessary by the Conservatives is in itself a decided tribute to the Socialist organization, and the very fact of the Tory organ pleading for a fusion ticket to win out in this riding shows a very decided weakness and a large area of yellow at the very inception of the campaign.

The reference to the intelligent and thinking people having defeated the Socialist candidate on former occasions is on the face of it so absurdly childish as to scarcely call for comment. This intelligent and thinking gag is worn thread bare in this land, and any attempt to contrast one element in the community against the other, thereby hording all the working people together under the caption of "Non-Intelligent and Non-Thinking" meets with so solid a resentment as to foretell a dull sickening thud for the perpetrators.

The merest knowledge of political warfare would teach "an intelligent and thinking" newspaper that deals for the calling off of a candidate, as the Free Press suggests to the Liberals, are put through in the back room and the bungling publicity given to the move in this riding cannot be a cause for congratulation.

However, the working people can now have no doubt as to the opinion the Free Press has of them. The inference is too strong to be missed. The "intelligent and thinking people" have defeated the working people—therefore it's as plain as mud that the Free Press says that the Socialists, or the political party of the working people, are void of intelligence or power to think.

The election of a Socialist in the event of a three cornered fight is admitted.

The election of the Socialist candidate is just as certain, be there two, three or a dozen in the field, though the admitting of this fact would not be a very palatable mouthful for our cotem.

Let it be hoped that the campaign may be conducted along sane, clean lines, which will of course include the elimination of the innuendo style of attack so popular with the Free Press. If the campaign is to be one of dirt, the past record of the Free Press will provide plenty of ammunition. Call your style, Mr. F. P., whether it be dirty and low, or clean and above board.

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.

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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

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.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1909.

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Oct. 16 Dec. 17 G.V.

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Fernie, B. C., October 30th, 1909

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

An address was given in the Presbyterian church on Thursday last by a Mr. Whatmough, his subject being The Church and its attitude Toward Socialism. While we do not accept all that was said, nevertheless the address was an earnest and thoughtful one. A discussion followed which was most interesting and helpful. A fair attendance was present.

Mrs. Walley and Mrs. Fawley and baby visited Mrs. J. E. Smith on Saturday afternoon and partook of tea. Needless to say that many matters of interest were discussed, which can only be talked of on occasions of this kind.

W. H. Evans, John E. Smith and John Harrington journeyed to Fernie on Sunday afternoon to attend the special business meeting of the Fernie branch of the Socialist party. There was a large attendance of members, and the proceedings were most enthusiastic. A strong working committee was selected, and Dave Paton appointed as agent for Jack Harrington (the right man in the right place.) Some useful propaganda is going to be done in this election which is the main consideration, but we are going to show our strength as well by electing our man. The campaign is on. Harrington addressed his first meeting in the Miners hall on Sunday evening.

Monday last being Thanksgiving day all the mines were idle on that day.

Mr. John McCourt has built an addition to his residence, which will add materially to the comfort of the building during the coming winter.

On account of the enormous increase in the sales of the Fernie Co-Operative Society it has been found necessary to advertise for another salesman—which will be found in another column. Messrs George Monks, Henry Fox and John E. Smith have been added to the committee from Coal Creek.

Mr. Percy Heskett of Blairmore arrived here on Saturday and stayed over Thanksgiving day with his brother, Mr. Erward Heskett.

Mr. W. McPherson of Michel spent the week end here with his brother Mr. J. McPherson the well known fire boss.

A grand Thanksgiving concert was given in the Methodist church on Monday October 25th. The church was packed to the doors. The Rev. D. W. Scott presided and in his opening remarks explained that the object of the trustees in getting up the concert was to raise funds towards the cost of the improvements to the ministers residence. The programme was an excellent one and was splendidly rendered, many of the items being deservedly encored.

Those taking part were Miss Alice Tyldsley, Mr. M. G. Sampson, Mr. Foster, Mrs. G. Booth, Mr. S. Walley, Mr. W. Atkinson, Mr. W. Joyce, Mr. J. Cartlidge of Fernie, Miss C. McCourt, Mrs. D. W. Scott, Master Worthington, Miss A. Jones, Mr. Miles. The accompanists were Miss A. Tyldsley and Mr. J. Cartlidge.

Mr. George Smith, late of Coal Creek passed through Fernie on his way to Michel on Monday evening. George has been to Nanaimo and does not consider it to be the paradise it is claimed to be.

Three amateur sportsmen went out hunting in the mountains last week end. They were Mr. Syd Horton, Mr. A. Clarridge and Mr. E. Lynn, the later sportsman being from Michel. The trio started off in up to date style viz., high boots, khaki shooting suits etc., each man carried a gun and a plentiful supply of ammunition, as well as a goodly supply of provisions. Their friends naturally expected big things of them and if appearances count for anything there certainly ought to have been at least a couple of bears as well as smaller fry. However the best laid schemes aft gang aiwry, and their friends received a grievous disappointment. The party returned on Monday night, footsore and weary having spent two whole days on the mountains, the only animal they shot being a poor gopher which by appearance was too young to understand the evil intentions of the great hunters.

An accident which might have had serious results occurred on the tipple on Saturday night. A trip of cars left the track and went against the weigh cabin doing considerable damage. The cars did not strike with any great force but the weight behind was such as to shove one side of the cabin up against the other. Curiously enough not a window was broken. Both weighmen were fortunately out of the cabin at the time of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington and family visited their many friends in Michel last week end.

Billy Alexander returned home (?) on Wednesday after having had two months vacation.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridge the popular mine boss of No. 1 South to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Miss Bridge, to Mr. Marlatt of the T. Wood & Co. Mrs. Bridge had provided supper to which a number of invited guests did justice, in spite of the dog having sat down earlier in the evening and demolished four chickens. Mr. Bennett of I. C. S. fame added to the mirth of the supper hour by his funny stories and toasts. Mr. George Johnston and Mr. Atkinson recited. Mr. Ford, Mr. Claridge and Mr. Horton sang. Mr. Marlatt did some conjuring. Master Worthington gave several selections on the violin. Two or three round dances were indulged in, in fact a more pleasant evening would be hard to imagine. Great credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Bridge and Mr. and Mrs. Marlatt for giving such a pleasant time.

A report was current in the Creek on Wednesday that a well known Creekite had gone off on the sly and got married to a certain young lady who hails from the States. Certain it is that the couple disappeared on that day and returned on the last train at night. We give the report for what it is worth, not having been able to ascertain as to the correctness or otherwise at the time of writing. However, the Creek youngsters took it for granted that the report was true and turned up at the parties concerned residence, armed with the usual implements of war, with which they created a terrible din. If there is anything in the report the Ledger begs to offer congratluations.

We regret to report the death of Harold William, the six months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, which occurred on Thursday. The funeral took place on Friday, the Rev. D. W. Scott officiating.

On account of the election coming on somewhat sooner than was anticipated Comrade Jack Harrington quit work on the club on Wednesday night and proceeded to Hosmer on Thursday. He will visit Michel and Corbin and be back in Fernie for a special meeting of the Socialist party on Sunday evening.

An extra weighman and checkweighman will be placed on the tipple on Monday on account of the continued increase in the output of the mines.

First class Board and accommodation at Fairclough's Boarding House, 179, 180 Coal Creek, opposite Football grounds.

FRANK

Mr. N. Frazer, superintendent of the Michel mines, dropped off the night passenger on Saturday, the 23rd.

Mr. Albert Bastian of Michel has taken up the position of accountant to the Maple Leaf colliery.

Monday last being Thanksgiving day, all stores were closed, and the mines were idle.

Blairmore will, in the course of a week or so be illuminated with electric light supplied from the Cement Company.

Large audiences have been visiting the school house two nights this week to see that great show entitled The Remittance Man, which was a great success.

A representative of the Kootenay River Land Company has been conducting a series of illustrated lectures in the miners hall on the land proposition at Baynes Lake, which was very interesting.

J. W. Bennett of the I. C. S. was in town this week as per usual.

UPPER WALDO

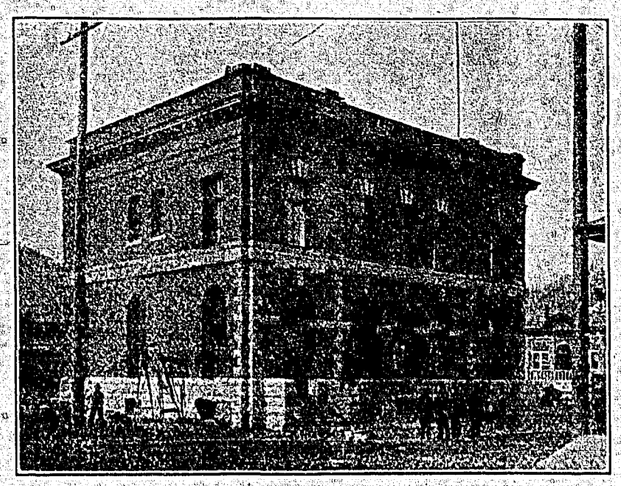
The saw mill of the Baker Lumber Company closed down on Friday, Oct. 22.

N. E. Suddaby was a Waldo visitor on Friday.

Miss Black of Fernie came down to be present at the ball and remained to visit with her friend, Mrs. Roby.

The ball given by the ladies of Waldo to raise funds for the erection of a hall was a pronounced success. The proceeds amounting to $90.25 have been placed in the treasury and building will be commenced at once.

Mr. Baiseau, the mill superintendent left on Monday. He will visit the southern states, and then take up his abode in Vancouver. Mr. Frank Baiseau, his son, left last week to attend the university in Missouri.



THE POSTOFFICE—NOT YET—BUT

CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the municipal council of the corporation of the City of Fernie held in the council chambers October 26 1909.

Present Mayor Herchmer, Ald. Duthie, Johnson, Gates, McDonald, Barclay.

Moved by Ald. Johnson and Gates That recommendations of W. W. Brown for second engineer and fireman be approved, the wages for engineer and firemen to be regular scale.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson—That W. W. Brown be appointed stationery engineer, the wages to be $125 per month to take charge when the plant is ready for operation.—Carried.

Gates—Duthie—That the mayor and Alderman Barclay be appointed as a committee to interview the Coal Co. re the arranging to take over water works.—Carried.

Gates—Duthie—That S. F. Wallace be granted permit to complete Fernie hotel subject to the approval of the building inspector.—Carried.

Barclay—McDonald—That we adjourn.—Carried.

Minutes of meeting held on October 28th, with all members present.

Ald. Duthie—McDonald—That Ald. Barclay and Gates be added to the Water and Light committee.—Carried.

Barclay—McDonald—That the city water works be opened under the supervision of the city engineer.—Carried.

Cree—Gates—That a superintendent be appointed to look after the electric light, waterworks and sewerage systems.—Lost.

Barclay—McDonald—That R. B. C. Hammond be appointed city electrician at a salary of $135 per month, his duties to commence November 1st.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson—That the 41 Meat Market be granted 30 days extension in temporary building.—Carried.

Johnson—Gates—That tender of Depew, McDonald & McLean for extension to rink property and park be referred to water and light committee with full power to act.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson—That Depew, McDonald & McLean Co. tender for wiring power house be referred to Light committee and committee be authorized to arrange for heating power house.—Carried.

Barclay—McDonald—That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers to the effect that the city will be prepared shortly to supply electric power and light, and that all parties requiring such service make application so that meters can be installed without loss of time.—Carried.

Gates—Johnson—That we adjourn to Tuesday, Nov. 2.

AN ULTIMATUM

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons that on November 5th he would move for the rejection of the House of Lords amendments to the Irish Land Bill.

The Premier also stated that the House of Commons would adjourn on Nov. 5 until Nov. 23rd. This precludes the possibility of a general election before the new year. During the adjournment of the lower house the budget will be in the hands of the House of Lords.

SUPREME COURT SITS

Docket Extremely Light Which Speaks Well For District

The fall assizes court opened in the opera house here on Tuesday. The following petit jury was empanelled, and from these the grand jury was picked:

Robert S. Aikins, Cranbrook, Merchant.
G H. Ashworth, Cranbrook, Accountant.
John S. Bean, Fernie, Foundryman.
John Blaney, Fernie, Clerk.
Thomas Chippendale, Fernie, contractor.
Lester Clapp, Cranbrook, manufacturer.
J. R. Cole, Hosmer.
W. A. Connell, Fernie.
H. E. Connolly, Cranbrook.
G. S. Grossman, Fernie.
Warren Debeck, Cranbrook.
William Dicken, Fernie.
Robert Dudley, Fernie.
A. McL. Fletcher, Hosmer.
Cecil Garrett, Cranbrook.
Robert Gourlay, Hosmer.
Richard Hertz, Elko.
W. J. Hicks, Fernie.
Alexander Ingram, Cranbrook.
A. E. Ingam, Elko
Patrick Kennedy, Fernie.
Richard Letcher, Fernie.
C. E. Lyons, Fernie
James Miller, Cranbrook.
A. J. McCool, Michel.
J. L. McIntyre, Fernie.
Archibald McKinnon, Cranbrook.
E. C. McKinstry, Cranbrook.
Archibald McLean, Fernie
F. D. Patton, Cranbrook.
John Podbielaneik, Fernie
William Rush, Cranbrook.
Charles R. Ward, Cranbrook.
F. G. Waters, Fernie
H. E. Weber, Michel
F. G. White, Fernie
W. A. Widdington, Fernie.
John Wilde, Fernie
William Wilmot, Fernie
Frank Worthington, Cranbrook.

Grand Jury

H. H. Depew, Fernie.
R. Duthie, Fernie
Edward Elwell, Cranbrook
J. L. Gusty, Fernie
D. J. Johnson, Cranbrook
J. R. Lawry, Fernie
A. C. Liphardt, Fernie
W. C. B. Manson, Fernie
G. G. Moffatt, Fernie
J. D. McBride, Cranbrook
J. G. McCallum, Cranbrook
H H. Ross, Elkmouth
C. B. Winter, Hosmer

The grand jury inspected all the public institutions and made suggestions in some cases.

The docket which Chief Justice Hunter was presented with was very light and the cases did not last very long.

The grand jury brought in true bills against Cooper for obtaining money under false pretense from a merchant at Cranbrook, named Dunlap, and also in the case of three Hindus from the same section, charged with robbing another man of the same nationality.

The case against Cooper was proceeded with before a jury but at the close of the evidence for the Crown His Lordship dismissed the case as there was no evidence against the defendant.

The defendant Cooper, had sold to Dunlap a ring with a diamond setting and the prosecution tried to establish the fact that Cooper had changed the good setting for a spurious one after showing it to Dunlap, but there was no evidence to connect Cooper with the change and he was discharged.

He was defended by M. A. Macdonald of Cranbrook, while the crown was represented by H. W. Herchmer, Fernie.

The case of the three Hindus, who were charged with theft was next taken up. The men were found guilty and sentenced to 9 months each. M. A. Macdonald of Cranbrook defended and H. W. Herchmer acted for the crown.

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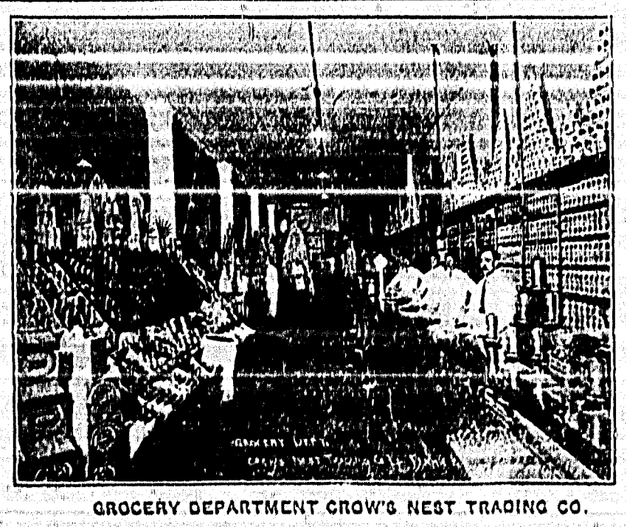

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DOCTOR WAS THE SLAYER

So Says Jos. Leache's Evidence--Saw Doctor With the Body

DETROIT, Mich. Oct. 26—Chauffeur Joseph W. Leach yesterday at the examination of Dr. George A. Fritch on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the mysterious death of Miss Mabelle Millman testified that he took the physician to Ecorse creek in his automobile and that Dr. Fritch threw into the creek three sacks which they had brought from his office.

It was after Leach had made a confession to the police several weeks ago that Dr. Fritch was re-arrested in connection with the death of Miss Millman. Leach testified that on August 27 Dr. Fritch telephoned to Mrs. Leach that he wanted to see her husband. Leach accordingly went to see the doctor.

He testified that Dr. Fritch told him he was in trouble, that he wanted a friend to help him. Then said Leach, Dr. Fritch asked him if he knew of any deep water readily accessible.

"Have you been killing somebody?" Leach asked.

"You are not supposed to know," was the answer, Leach said. Leach then arranged to come back to the doctor's office later in the night.

When he returned according to his testimony, Dr. Fritch brought out to the automobile three sacks. Then they drove to the physician's house where bricks were secured and placed in the sacks by Fritch.

Leach said that the doctor stood on the running board of the machine as they drove over the Rouge bridge and opening the door of the tonneau he lifted out the sacks and threw them over the railing into the river below.

The dismembered sections of the body of Miss Millman were found in Ecorse Creek and the lower Detroit river in three sacks which had been weighed down with bricks.

After Leach had testified in the police court that on the night of August 27th he drove Dr. Geo. Fritch from the physician's office to Ecorse creek, where the doctor threw into the water three sacks, which they had taken from his office. Dr. Fritch was held for trial in the recorder's court on the charge of manslaughter by means of a criminal operation in connection with the death of Miss Maybelle Millman, of Ann Arbor.

Dr. Fritch's bail was fixed at $10,000 with two sureties.

EASTERN B. C. SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Call for Provincial Convention:

Dear Fellow Sunday School Workers:

Time and Place

The Third Provincial Convention is to be held (D.V.) in the city of Nelson November 2-4, 1909.

Programme

A splendid programme is being arranged. Questions of vital importance in the modern Sunday school will be discussed and every school in the province should be represented.

Specialists

Mr. Marion Lawrence, general secretary International Sunday school association, will be present and take part in each session. Mr. Lawrance is the leading Sunday school expert in the world and it will be the opportunity of a life time to hear him speak and catch his enthusiasm.

Mr. E. O. Excell, the great singing evangelist, will have charge of the music throughout the convention, and this ensures the best possible results obtainable.

Representation

The following are delegates: Members of the Provincial Board, Pastors and Superintendents of all Evangelical schools and each school can send one delegate for each fifty of the enrolment or fraction thereof.

Entertainment

The Sunday school friends of Nelson will provide free entertainment for all certified delegates. Full directions as to when names should be sent in will be given later.

Railroad Rates

The usual reduced rates will be granted by the railroads, viz., 100 present, return free. We hope to have one hundred at the convention.

Important matters will be presented to the convention for discussion. We therefore suggest that much prayer be offered by all workers for this convention, and that all pastors, superintendents and district officesr put forth special effort to secure a full delegation from all schools.

On behalf of the provincial board.

I. W. WILLIAMSON,
General Secretary

DIFFERENT.

She—Did you ever take your auto apart to see how it worked?
He—No; but I've taken it apart to see how it didn't work.

REVENGE WAS SWEET

Japan's Foremost Prince Bites the Dust--Went On Purpose

HARBIN Manchuria, Oct 26—Prince Hirobum Ito, former Japanese president general of Korea, and probably the most foremost statesman of Japan was assassinated here Tuesday afternoon by a Korean, who had followed him here for the express purpose of killing him.

The motive of the assassination was revenge. The assassin was arrested almost immediately on his arrival here, and just as Prince Ito left the railroad car at the station the attack was made upon him. The venerable statesman, accompanied by the Russian minister of finance, Mr. Kokovsoff, was starting to inspect the guard of honor drawn up along the platform when a pistol shot was heard.

Several more shots were fired in quick succession, the bullets striking the prince in the back, and he fell where he stood mortally wounded.

The assassin was promptly seized. On being questioned he said he was a Korean.

"I came to Harbin for the sole purpose of assassinating Prince Ito to avenge my country,' the slayer told his captors. He also said he had a personal account to settle with the great Japanese statesman who during his stay in Korea had ordered the execution of several persons closely connected with the assassin.

RECOMMENDS CHANGES

TORONTO, Oct. 26—Grand Jury in presenrment to Mr. Justice Magee said in part:—"We recommend that consideration be given to abolishing of trial by jury in casse where capital punishment might apply in order that evidence may be weighed by the men most capable of judging guilt or otherwise of accused, thus furthering proper ends of justice."

REBUILDING

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 26—The estimated cost of the reconstruction of fire proof buildings of the burned section of the parliament buildings is $250,000.

The announcement was made by Sir James Whitney at the conclusion of today's cabinet session.

SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS

TORONTO, Oct. 26—Walter Blythe who killed his wife, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 18 years in penitentiary on Saturday by Judge Magee. Blythe had at a previous trial been sentenced to be hanged. His defence was that he was drunk.

Sunday School Suggestive Questions

On the Lesson by the Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Olub.

October 31st, 1909

Paul a Prisoner.--The Voyage, Acts 27: 1-26.

Golden Text.—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Ps. 37:5.

Verses 1-8—The writer of this narrative appears to be a companion of Paul on his journey—who was he?

Who were the others that sailed with Paul?

What results are likely to follow, when a man of God is compelled to be in the company of criminals?

Who was this man Julius, and what probably induced him to treat the prisoner Paul with such leniency?

Is there any position in life, however undesirable, in which God does not give his children special comfort, even when in prison, and can you give some examples of this?

Julius gave Paul his freedom to visit his friends when the ship touched at Sidon; would it have been honorable of Paul to have made his escape and not to have returned to the ship, seeing he was an innocent man on parole?

Can you tell, or point out on the map, where Sidon, Cyprus, Pamphylia, Myra and the other places here mentioned are situated?

When the winds are against us, or we are becalmed on the voyage of life, and making but little headway, is it a hinderance or a help to the soul poised on God?

Verses 9-11—Why is the advice of a man of God, other things being equal, more to be trusted than that of a non-believer?

Did Paul give the advice for them not to proceed, but to winter at the "fair havens," from his human judgmen or from God's direction?

Why may, or may not, a true Christian always depend that the judgments he forms in the great crises of life as well as in ordinary affairs, are really inspired of God and can therefore be depended upon? (See John 14: 26 et seq.)

Verses 12-20—When we are faced with a great problem as to the way to take or the thing to do, is there always in the mind of God the thing we ought to do, and is ther a possibility for us to find out with certainty what it is? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Why is it that God sometimes leads us contrary to what the circumstances would suggest?

When we are irresistably driven by a "euroclydon" and appear at the mercy of the wind and sea, is there reason to believe that we are just as safe, and as much in Gods keeping, as when the south winds blow softly?

When in stress and strain, in wind and storm, and we appear to be driving into disaster and death, will the consciousness that God is with us, quicken or deaden our activities to save ourselves?

Verses 21-26—Is there ever any use in crying over spilt milk?

What reason is there to believe from this narrative, that when we fail to use, and it is too late to adopt God's best plan, he will still graciously provide a good one which we may adopt?

What did these people miss, and what did they suffer, for having failed to use God's first best plan for their safety?

Lesson for Sunday, Nov. 9th, 1909. Paul a Prisoner—The Shipwreck, Acts xxvii:27 to xxviii:10.

NOVEMBER 7TH 1909

Paul a Prisoner—The Shipwreck, Acts 27.27 to 28:10.

Golden Text: The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Ps. 34:22.

Verses 27-29—Why does Got permit storm and stress sto come into most lives, and sometimes permits them to continue until all human hope is abandoned? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

What is the Christian's anchor which never fails him, no matter what danger his ship may be in? (See Heb. 6:19.)

Verses 30-32—Are all God's promises of help or deliverance conditional or are some of them absolute and unconditioned?

If these men had forsaken the ship, as they planned how would that affect the saving of the rest of them?

Here is a case of casting away a boat to save a ship, what principle does that suggest in human life?

Verses 33-38—There are two things, at least, possible no matter how great the distress; one is to wring your hands and bemoan your fate and give up hope; the other is to be cheerful, and see how best to save the ship; which is the better and how can it be accomplished?

Why is it that the courage and good cheer of one man can save an entire crew from despondency and defeat?

May praying and fasting when you ought to be eating and working, be as great a practical crime as scuttling the ship?

Why does God generally need our help when he would save us from any impending calamity? (v 38.)

Verses 39-44.—To a true man is it always so, that after the night comes the day, after sorrow comes joy and after so called defeat comes the victory?

Does God in these days, even save a family, a business, a community, or a nation for the sake of one man, as he saved the passengers and the crew of the ship for the sake of one man—Paul?

Julius prevented the killing of the prisoners for the sake of Paul; is there any analogy between that and the saving of sinners for the sake of Jesus?

God told Paul that all hands should be saved, and the ship lost and this is what happened; speaking from your own experience are all God's promises equally dependable, whether of a general character as in the Bible or given to the individual soul?

Chap. 28:1—Where is the island of Melita where this ship wreck occurred?

Verse 2.—Are uncivilized people before they have had experience with white men, generally kind to strangers?

Verses 3-4.—When an accident, or sickness, or other natural calamity, comes to a man is it any sure sign that he is a sinner?

Verses 5-6.—If a poisonous viper should fasten on a good man's hand today God would probably not prevent the poison from taking effect; is that a fact to be regretted or otherwise?

Verses 7-10—Is there always "a silver lining to every dark cloud?"

Are there any circumstances in which a good man cannot help his fellows?

Lesson for Sunday Nov. 14th, 1909 Paul a Prisoner in Rome. Acts 28. 11 31.

PALMERSTON STATION BURNED

PALMERSTON, Ont. Oct. 28—The G. T. R. station here took fire last evening and burned to the ground with most of the contents. The cause of the fire is unknown. It is thought to have started in the heating apparatus. The building was a comparatively new one and the damage will be heavy.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT

Take Notice that I have received objections in writing to the following list of names being retained on the Voters' List for the Fernie Electoral District.

And take notice that at the Court of Revision to be held at the Court House, Fernie, B.C. on the 1st day of November 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall hear and determine the same and unless you or some other Provincial voter on your behalf satisfies me that the said objection is not well founded I shall strike your name off the said list.

W. H. WHIMSTER, Registrar of Voters for Fernie Electoral District.

Adamson, Alexander, Coal Creek hs No. 111, Miner.
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Banks, James, Coal Creek hs. 142, Carpenter.
Barclay, Mathew, Coal Creek hs 192 Miner.
Bass, William, Coal Creek hs. 153, Fireman.
Berridge, Arthur, Coal Creek hs. 160 Clerk.
Bertoux, Elleme, Coal Creek Palmer Bdg. hs. Miner.
Bullen, William, Michel hs. No. 207 Miner.
Bullock, William E., Michel, Miner.
Bunn, Thomas, Coal Creek, No. 195, Miner.
Cadman, Wm., Coal Creek Miner.
Campbell, Maurice, Coal Creek hs. 153 Miner.
Campbell, John William, Coal Creek hs. 139, Lumberman.
Campbell, Daniel, Coal Creek hs 139 Teamster.
Campbell, Angus, Coal Creek Palmer Bd. house Miner.
Clapham, Jonas, Michel hs No. 1, Laborer.
Clough, Edwin, Michel hs. No. 121, Miner.
Congdon, Marshall, Coal Creek hs 297 Clerk.
Cross, John, Coal Creek hs. 193, Miner.
Crunin, Thomas, Coal Creek Palmers bdg. Miner.
[illegible] Miner.
Davis, Marshall, Coal Creek hs 203, Miner.
Derbishire, James, Coal Creek, hs. 215, Miner.
[illegible] Walter, Motorman
Dixon, Charles, Coal Creek, Underwood bdg. hs. Miner.
Dickson, John, Coal Creek, West End, Teamster.
Dodd, Joseph, Coal Creek hs 224, Miner.
Duncan, Thomas H., Coal Creek, hs 184, Miner.
Duncan, M., Coal Creek, house 179, Miner.
Evans, David, Michel hs No. 121, Miner.
Fearson, James, Coal Creek hs 230 Miner.
Finlayson, James, Coal Creek hs 172 Fireboss
Gambold, Frank, Miner.
Gibson, Coal Creek hs 139, Miner.
Gorrie James, Coal Creek hs 121, Miner.
Gorrie, David, Coal Creek house 121 Miner.
Grant Charles F., Coal Creek house 153, Carpenter.
Grant Robert, Michel hs.—
Greyson, Norman, Coal Creek, salesman.
Harrold, William, Coal Creek house 154, Miner.
Henderson, William, Coal Creek hs. 160, Machinist.
Huby, Norman, Coal Creek house 154, Blacksmith.
Jinkinson, Joseph, Coal Creek house 197, Miner.
James, John, Coal Creek Palmers Bdg. house Miner.
Jones David, Michel house 27, Miner
Lamb, James G., Coal Creek house 176, Miner.
Langford, William, Michel, Co. Bdg. house, Miner.
Llewelyn, William, Coal Creek Miner
Logan, David, Coal Creek house 201 Miner.
Maxwell, William, Coal Creek Stewarts bdg. house, Carpenter.
Miller, John P., Coal Creek Stewarts Bdg. house, Engineer.
Milner, Ralph, Michel hs. 85, Miner.
Morris, Albert, Coal Creek Taylor's boarding house Miner
McFeegan, Alex., Coal Creek house 198, Miner.
McGichie, James, Coal Creek, house 101, Miner.
McNeil, Joseph, Coal Creek house 101 Clerk
O'Brien, James, Coal Creek house 114, Rope Rider.
Pounder, Geo. Coal Creek house 153 Miner.
Ridyard, William, Coal Creek house 220, Miner.
Scott, William, Michel, Miner.
Shorrosh, William, Michel house 14 Carpenter.
Smallnor, William, Michel house 216 Miner.
Smith, John, Michel house 49, Miner.
Stelle David, Coal Creek house 325 Miner.
Taylor, Albert, Michel house No. 8, Miner.
Vicker, William, Coal Creek house 193, Carpenter.
Vicker George, Coal Creek house 195 Carpenter.
Watson, Adam G., Coal Creek Palmer Bd. house, Miner.
Waugh, Andrew, Coal Creek Dooleys Bd. house, Miner.
Wilson, George, Michel house No. 6 Miner.
Wright, William, Michel Potons Bdg. Miner.

Revision May 3rd 1909

Cummins, Harry, Michel Kootenay hotel, Carpenter.
Collister, Charles, Michel house 190 Miner.
Carmelo, Nicole, Michel house 10, Laborer.
Butler, George, Michel New Town, Contractor.
Digby, George, Michel, Kootenay Hotel, Carpenter.
De Alroy, Arthur C., Coal Creek hs. 15, Miner.
Fingzies, David, Michel house 79.
Ferano, Eminco, Michel, shack 38, Laborer.
Guest, James, Michel house 151, Miner.
Lawrella, Salvatore, Michel shack 30 Laborer.
Lawrella, Thomas, Michel house 188 Laborer.
Miller, Charles Michel Kootenay hotel, Miner.
Moon, Robert, Michel New Town, Miner.
Montelbetti, Andy, Michel house 88, Tracklayer.
Merner Henry, Coal Creek Hudsons Bdg. house, Miner.
Moore, John, Coal Creek house 17, Miner.
Morris, Joseph, Coal Creek house 117 Miner.
Parker, Levi, Coal Creek, Miner.
Phillips, Thomas, Coal Creek house No. 173, Miner.
Pratore, Tuggi, Michel Shack No 52 Laborer.
Rossi, Francisco, Michel shack 52 Laborer.
Fortarelli, Tuggi, Michel Shack 174 Miner.

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. JORAND,
District Registrar
Land Registry office Nelson, B. C.,

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate certificate for Title for Lot 3 Block 2 of lot 5455 Group One 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 lot in the name of Eder Harper which certificate is dated the 19th of March 1906, and numbered 7495A.

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AT THE WINDOW OF PARADISE

Complete in this Issue

(By Ralph Henry Barbour in "The Western Home Monthly.)

They sat in a third story window of Hollis. Her name was Grace; his was Hugh; they had other names but those don't matter. They were cousins—in a way; the connection was difficult to trace offhand; he couldn't have done it nor she. Her mother would have explained at once, but at present she was conversing with his mother at the other window, and when two mothers get together on Class day evening they dislike being interrupted. The room belonged to Jack and Billy. Billy was Grace's brother. Both hosts had class day duties and ever since noon they had been coming and going with flowing gowns and rakishly tilted hats, very red of face and rather breathless, but infinitely important. Jack's mother said they made her so nervous she didn't think she could last out the day. Just now they were absent and as a result the study was very quiet and peaceful. The gas gets were turned down to mere pinpoints of yellow flame. Over by the door the cut glass bowl and tumblers caught the light in their facets and glowed wanly.

Grace sat on the window seat propped up with innumerable cushions. One bare arm rested upon the sill, and the palm above it afforded a nestling place for her chin. None had ever called Grace pretty; it would have been sacrilege. She was beautiful, with a beauty that embraced not only ideal regularity of feature, but life and warmth as well; it was no wonder that the man at her side loved her; he would have felt himself disgraced if he hadn't. He had loved her since he had been a first year student in the law school and she had been a pink and laughing atom of humanity in ridiculously long garments that were forever getting in his way any time he went to take her in his arms. Just when his love had changed and intensified to the secret adoration of the present he could not have told; he believed it was that never to be forgotten moment, when glancing idly into the ballroom of the summer hotel he had seen her swaying over the floor in Jack's arms. He had stolen away into the darkness and counted bitterly the years separating him and Jack. Afterwards he had steeled himself to see her surrounded at all times by suitors, realizing the hopelessness of his case and doggedly repeating to himself, like a litany of renunciation, that so long as she was happy, the rest didn't matter. During three years he had found it necessary to repeat it very often, sometimes without much conviction. Tonight, seated beside her breathing in the charm of her presence and feasting his eyes recklessly upon her face, the litany had entirely lost all its effectiveness.

Below them spread a paradise of soft, swaying lights and stirring and sighing branches, a fairyland of joyous sound and changing colors. From their aerie they looked down upon thousands of many hued lanterns all dipping and trembling in the breeze, whose ranks crossed and recrossed in beautiful geometrical precision. The air was filled with a golden haze that softened distant outlines and with the laughter and chatter of many voices mingled with the strains of music.

"Class Day was rather different in my time," the man was saying with a touch of regret in his deep voice. "Things were a good deal simpler then. We had one band instead of three. And we didn't light up over there back of Weld or in front of Sever. We had a lot of old fashioned Chinese lanterns and a lot of buckets that caught fire every now and then and smelled awfully, but we were rather happy. The dance was in Massachusetts then and the old building used to shake so we could scarcely keep step. We had fireworks too, you know. After that we went home to bed. It was a great deal simpler Grace and—primitive— but it was awfully jolly and comfy."

"And how many centuries ago was that?"

"Twenty years," he answered, "Tonight is a sort of an anniversary you see."

"Only twenty years," she repeated with a trace of irony. "To hear you Cousin Hugh, one would think you were speaking of things that happened in another existence!"

"It was another existence, my dear," he answered ruefully. She lifted her hand with a little gesture of irritation and smoothed her black hair from her forehead. "I realize that fact very clearly tonight," he added. "Listen!"

In the centre of the yard the band had started the Blue Danube waltz. The man leaned forward until the upward thrown light from the myriad swaying lanterns bathed his face in the mellow radiance. The music stirred old memories and present regrets, and the feeling of melancholy which had haunted him all the evening grew suddenly stronger and brought a crease to the broad forehead and a little droop to the firm, well formed mouth. He turned to see her, warm with the glow and clear cut against the dark drapery at her back. Her gray eyes were looking rather dreamily down from under her half closed lids, and her lips, wont to smile in curves, were thoughtfully straight. Hugh thought he had never seen her more beautiful, and he knew that he had never found his secret so hard to keep. He turned his gaze from her by a supreme effort as the last strain of music died away on the soft night air. Grace gave a little sigh and faced him.

"Wasn't it sweet?" she asked, gently.

"Yes," he replied. "They played that twenty years ago."

She gave a little laugh that didn't sound quite true.

"Oh, hear," such a doleful Cousin Hugh as it is. Did the music make him sad? Come now tell me all about it; who was she?"

"She?"

"Of course! The girl of twenty years ago; the one you think of when you hear the Blue Danube. I fear you bachelors are a sentimental lot.

"There was no girl twenty years ago," he answered gravely. She shook her head as though she was not at all sure.

"Is the memory too sacred?" she asked in a mocking whisper. "Very well, he shan't be teased." Then, turning again to the window. "Isn't it beautiful?" she asked.

"Very." He fancied he detected something of boredom in her tones. "Perhaps you'd rather dance, Grace? I've a card for Beck you know, and I'm sure your mother would trust you to me unchaperoned."

She shook her head slowly without turning. "No, I don't believe I care to dance tonight. But don't let me keep you. Jack said he would be back at nine."

"It's a quarter of," he said holding his watch to the light. "If I am not boring you too much I will stay until he returns."

She frowned slightly, then laid a slim, cool hand on his. "What is it?" she ased wistfully. "You're not—the Cousin Hugh that I like tonight."

His hand trembled under hers, but he answered steadily, though: "I'm sorry, Grace; don't mind me please, It's just that I'm feeling so awfully out of it tonight. Perhaps when you get to forty three you'll understand, though I hope you won't my dear. I think I am a little jealous, jealous of those big happy youngsters, and of Jack especially. May I smoke?"

She nodded and watched him light a cigarette. "Jealous?" she echoed, questioningly.

"Yes." He blew a cloud of smoke out of the window and watched it melt into the golden haze. "Yes, I am jealous with the sour jealousy of a middle aged party of forty three, whose hair is getting thin about the temples, who has a bout now and then with the rheumatism, who can't dance any longer, who don't know enough slang to talk to a pretty girl, who has no business to be here at all getting morose and grouchy, but should be back in town priming up for tomorrow's law suit. My dear, I am a back number and tonight I realize it thoroughly for the first time. I have been trying hard to deceive myself into thinking that I am still a gay young Lothario, but tonight it won't do, Grace; I'm shown up in my true colors."

"Ah, please don't!" she cried. "It isn't so, Hugh Dear. You're not old a bit; you're lots younger than some of the boys I've met here today; it isn't years alone, Cousin Hugh. And you dance beautifully—"

"Like a bear on a chain!"

"And anyone might have a touch of rheumatism—"

"Two weeks straight of it the last time!"

"And girls don't like slang; nice girls, at least. And as for Jack—"

"He's the best fellow in the world," he interrupted heartily. "As clean and healthy and whole souled as the old college ever turned out. If I am jealous of him it's because—"

"After a moment of silence, "Because'— she prompted.

"Because I'm a regular old dog in the manger, Grace; because of his good fortune."

"Good fortune? You mean about Uncle Nat's taking him into business?"

"No, no that. The fact is that I'm not sure that I have any right to say anything about it. Just shut me up if you like."

"But I don't know what you are talking about," she said despairingly. "Don't be mysterious, Hugh. "What good fortune?"

"Well, perhaps I am making a fool of myself, Grace," he answered uneasily. "But I gathered from something your mother said this afternoon that —it was understood—settled—that is —you understand?"

"Not the least bit in the world."

"Why that you and Jack were to be —"

"Ah! To be married, Hugh!"

"Yes."

"So mother said that, did she?" She glanced toward where the two older ladies, hidden from her sight, were still talking sibilantly at their window. She smiled, but the smile was hard.

"I don't think she quite told me," he answered judicially, "but she gave me to understand it."

"I see." She turned back to the window and lantern gemmed twilight, without. "Well she was—premature Hugh."

"I shouldn't have mentioned it anyhow," he answered slowly.

"I'd rather you didnt yet," she said. I don't quite see why that should make you jealous?"

"Don't you?" he asked in tones that sounded tired and discouraged. "Well, ever since you were two or three months old and I used to carry you in my arms and pretend I didn't like it—I've always felt—felt a sort of proprietorship, considered myself a kind of self appointed guardian. No one likes to have his occupation taken away of course, and after you are married, why then I shan't have any purpose in life, you see. I suppose that's why I can't help feeling a little jealous."

"Is that all?" she asked.

"All? he faltered. "Why, I think so.'

"Oh," she said. She was looking out of the window. He watched her a moment in silence, then stirred uneasily and turned a troubled gaze to the green banked stand whereon the band was still sending forth the rollicking two step. A minute passed, He drew a deep breath such as a swimmer draws before he plunges into the water.

"No," he said gravely, "not all—Grace—I lied to you there—I—love you."

He thought there was a tremor of her shoulders, but his sight for the moment was untrustworthy. At all events she did not turn, but only asked after an instant and very quietly, too:,

"Much, Hugh?"

"Very much, little girl." His voice trembled. "Perhaps I shouldn't have told you, but it can't matter, can it? You won't let it trouble you, will you? I think the lights and the music and your beauty, dear are to blame. Heaven knows I tried hard enough to keep still, just as I have for three years past, but it would out. Well, my dear I want you to be happy, that's all I ask. And—don't mind what I have said; try to forget it all Grace, try."

"I'm afraid I can't" she answered softly.

"But you must," he cried, genuinely distressed. "It's all my fault, you know. And besides, after a while—perhaps I won't mind, very much. Any how I am old enough—"

"Oh, stop!" she cried in a sudden passion of anger. "If you say old to me again—I'll—" His look of amazement and idsmay turned her anger to soft laughter. She clasped her hands in her lap and leaned toward him. "Cousin Hugh," she said, severely, "you have dinned your age into my ears until some times I wanted to scream—or pull your hair. You are not old and if you were do you suppose that I'd care for a moment—if I loved you? You are forty three and I am twenty one—almost but if you were eighty and I loved you and you asked me to marry you I'd say yes! Do you understand? Yes —yes—YES."

"Thank you," he said simply. "I think now I am glad that I have told you."

"So am I," she answered.

There was something in her eyes, a look that was almost a challenge, that sent the blood rushing to his heart. He seized her hands.

"Grace!" he stammered hoarsely—"if it wasn't for Jack—"

The door opened noissily. He drew back with a sigh. The rosy glow had faded from the room. Jack was beside them and was leaning over her.

"It's all right!" He laughed exultantly. "I've been and gone and done it Grace and—and it's all—right!"

"Oh, Jack," she cried. "I am so glad! When? Where? How?"

"Ten minutes ago, between the Yard and the Gym Horray! He wrung her hand and seized Hugh's and squeezed it madly and hurried across to where Billy had joined the ladies at the other window. Hugh turned a bewildered gaze upon Grace.

"I—I don't understand."

"Don't you?" she asked, with elaborate carelessness. "Jack has proposed to Madge Hillyard and she has accepted him.' She turned her eyes away.

"Then—then!" He seized her hands again, "Grace did you mean what you said, dear? Did you? That you were glad I told you?"

She nodded her head, her hands in his trembling.

"I can't believe it!" he whispered. "Are you sure, dear? If you are only sorry for me—if it's only that that makes—"

She turned her face to him, and the soft glow of the lantern made her eyes wonderful. With a little gasp he leaned toward her and their lips met.

"If I were only younger, dear, for you—only a little younger!" he murmured incoherently.

"Hugh! Hugh!" She laughed softly, happily. "Don't you understand if you were younger you wouldn't be the man I—love!"

"God bless you, dear!" he whispered.

With clasped hands, silently, they sat looking through the window into Paradise.

CURE THAT OBSTINATE SORE

WHERE ORDINARY SALVES FAIL ZAM-BUK SUCCEEDS

Chronic sores which cause trouble by "breaking open" may be cured by Zam-Buk, as well as recent injuries and diseases. If you suffer from some old sore—hidden perhaps, but none the less painful for that—don't dally, apply nature's healing essences as provided in Zam-Buk. Mrs. I. E. Ashton of 111 Vickers street, Fort William, tells how valuable Zam-Buk is as a family balm. She says: "We first used Zam-Buk for cuts and for bruises etc., and found it so satisfactory that my husband started using it for a chronic sore. For a long time he had been bothered with an old sore on his leg and had used various preparations, yet nothing had permanently cured it. He began applying Zam-Buk balm and was very soon agreeably surprised to notice a great improvement.

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"Since then my baby, eighteen months old, has been cured of eczema on the scalp by Zam-Buk. This eczema came in red pimples, and if rubbed or scratched, formed into sores. The child was very fretful from the irritation of the scalp, but whenever Zam-Buk was applied it seemed to bring the geratest relief. Frequent applications were effective in clearing all traces of the disease from the baby's scalp in a short space of time. I feel it my duty to give the credit where due and I cheerfully recommend Zam-Buk to all sufferers from chronic sores, bad leg or eczema."

Zam-Buk is nature's own healing balm, being composed of purely herbal essences. It is a sure cure for eczema, ringworm, ulcers, cuts, burns, bruises, poisoned sores, chronic wound bad leg, piles, festering sores, chapped hands, cold sores, frost bite and all skin injuries and diseases. Druggists and stores everywhere sell at 50c a box, or post free for price from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto; 3 boxes $1.25. You are warned against harmful imitations represented to be just as good.

An alert little five year old was visiting a city park with her mother for the first time. She had noticed the beautiful red and white swan boats, as they passed through in the morning, and her mother had promised they should come back before the shopping was done and have a ride. Shortly after dinner they stood on the bridge over the lagoon watching the boats below and listening to the cry of the barker as he tried to induce the passing crows to patronize his swan boats.

But when her mother started toward the boat landing little Elsie declared very vigorously that she did not want to go at all, and as her mother urged her, broke in tears.

This sudden fear was so different from her former eagerness that her mother could not understand it until she noticed the boatmans call.

He was crying: "Come along, come along—ride clear around the pond—only five cents for ladies and gents—children thrown in!"

GOD KNOWS

By W. Thomas Withrow, with no apologies to Taft.

The shades of night were falling fast,
As through the workers world there passed
A monstrous shape, with fearful noise
And mountainous avordupoise,
Who purposed by his wisdom great
To save the sinking ship of state.
Though great his size, his spine was weak,
Two words alone he dared to speak;
"God Knows"

Upon his massive brow there sat
A look of wisdom, smug and fat;
Six feet above the floor he rose,
A towering mass of adipose,
But when he got his jaw unhooked,
He failed to act the part he looked;
No ringing message did he utter
But only stood in shame and muttered
"God Knows"

Before him sat a mighty throng,
Who struggled with triumphant wrong;
Whose backs were bent, whose forms were gaunt,
And faces scarred with work and want
And when they cried "Oh tell us true,
What shall we hapless mortals do?"
Flashed from that fat, befuddled brain
No answer but these words inane
"God Knows"

Oh blind, deluded mortals! when
Will principles instead of men
Govern the world from Reason's throne
And yield to every man his own?
When will we wake and cease to yield
Tribute to fools, who scepters wield?
When will the race its manhood find
And claim the earth for all mankind?
"God Knows."

AUTOMOBILE RACE

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Oct. 28—After a run of 128 miles from Philadelphia the New York Herald and Atlanta Journal good roads automobile contestants arrived here this afternoon and will remain until tomorrow.

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Thence running west 80 chains;
Thence running north 80 chains;
Thence running east 80 chains;
Thence running south 80 chains
to a point of commencement, making 640 acres more or less.

Located this 1st day of September, 1909.

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

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EDMOND BOISJOLI, Locator
J. RAVEN, Witness

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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 these days may be anxious to know what names of firms the A. F. of L. "Unfair List" contains.

Under these 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?

Cigars: Carl Upman of New York City; Kerbs, Wertheim & Schiffer of New York City, manufacturers of the Henry George and Tom Moore cigars.

Flour: Washburn-Crosby Milling Co. Minneapolis, Minn.; Valley City Milling Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Whisky: Finch Distilling Co., Pittsburg Pa.

Clothing: N. Snellenberg & Co., of Philadelphia Pa.; Clothiers Exchange, Rochester N.Y.; B. Kuppenheimer & Co., Chicago.

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

Gloves: J. H. Cownie Glove Co., Des Moines, Ia.; California Glove Co., Napa, Cal.

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

Shirts and Collars: United Shirt & Collar Co., Troy, N. Y.; Van Zandt, Jacobs and Co., Troy, Cluett, Peabody and Company, Troy, N.Y.; James R. Kaiser of New York City.

The Butterick Pattern Company of New York.

Cement: Portland Peninsular Cement Co., Jackson, Mich.; Utica Hydraulic Cement and Mfg. Co., Utica, Illinois.

Stoves: Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo., United States Heater Co. Detroit, Mich., Gurney Foundry Co., of Toronto Ont.; Home Stove Works, of Brooklyn Watch Case Co., Sag Harbor Indianapolis, Ind.; Buck Stove and Range Company, St. Louis.

Bags: Gulf Bag Co., New Orleans, La., branch Bemis Brothers, St. Louis, Mo.

Brooms and Dusters: The Lee Broom and Duster Company, Davenport, Ia.; M. Goellerfs Sons, Circleville, Ohio; Merkle-Wiley Broom Company, Paris Ill.

Watches: Keystone Watch Case Co., of Philadelphia; Jos. Fahy, Brooklyn, T. Zurbrugg Watch Case Co., Riverside N. J.

C. W. Post, Manufacturer of Grape Nuts and Postum Cereal Battle Creek Mich.

Fibreware: Indurated Fibre Ware Co., Lockport, N. Y.

Furniture: American Billiard Table Co., Cincinnati, O.; O. Wisner Piano Co., Brooklyn N.Y.; Krell Piano Co., Cincinnati O; Derby Desk Co., Boston Mass.

GUESS HIS NAME

LONDON, Oct. 26—The Times says that when a successor to Earl Grey is named he will be taken from the members of the present cabinet.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE

	Arrive Fernie
No. 213 West	8.45
No. 214 East	17.55
No. 236 Local East	8.45
No. 235 Local West	20.50
No. 7 West Flyer	10.40
No. 8 East Flyer	20.05

Change takes effect Sunday June 6.

G. N. TIME TABLE

NO. 252		No. 251
10.55	FERNIE	1.00
11.45	HOSMER	12.25
11.25	OLSON	12.27
11.50	MICHEL	12.05

For sale: Pure bred Irish Water-Spaniel pups. Apply to B. F. Lester, Hosmer, B. C.

Furnished House to Let. 6 roomed cottage. Apply Ledger Office.

Ten Cows and a Bull for sale—M. Tully, Fernie Annex. 16-2INP

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

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.

For sale: Team of horses, apply to A. Macdonald Co., wholesale grocers, Fernie.

Lost: Bunch of Keys: Finder will be rewarded by returning to Pollock Wine Company.

Agent wanted in Fernie for the Pion Clothes Dryer for outdoors. Liberal commission. Write L. Arsenault, Edmonton, Alta. 3t30NP

For Sale: House and 30 foot lot. Corner Jaffray and Chapman streets. Lawn 30x40, other improvements—$400, easy terms. Apply L. Robertshaw, Annex. 2t p

Grocery clerk wanted. State experience and send references. Wages $75.00. Apply box 164 not later than Monday.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Ahem, have you tasted Michel beer? Isn't it good?

Electric Fixtures, Depew, Macdonald & McLean, phone 61.

No place in town just like it. Ingram's pool room.

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If you are a particular smoker get your smokes at Ingram's.

Don't forget to ask for Michel beer—the best beer made.

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

If you want the best—call for Elk Valley beer.

You will find the best values in cooking and heating stoves at the Trite Wood Co., Ltd.

When thirsty nothing but Michel beer for me.

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

They are still selling window shades from 20c up at the Trites-Wood Co., Limited.

Try a case of Elk Valley Bottled beer. $2.50 per dozen delivered. Phone 79.

Nothing to equal the furniture values offered by the Trites-Wood Co., Limited.

First class board and accommodation at Fairclough's Boarding house, 179—180 Coal Creek, opposite to football grounds.

First class lessons given in the Pianoforte (German method) and singing (pure Italian method.) Apply to Mr. H. G. Evans. Post office, Fernie.

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

Elk Valley beer popularity known as Michel, always on top at the leading hotels.

Up-to-date billiard and pool room for sale. Easy terms or to rent to responsible party. Enquire J. Seigle, New Michel.

Advertising space on the new drop curtain in the Miners opera house is now available. To arrange for special position see D. Rees, secretary, or address box 361, Fernie.

Only a few more left. Sewing machines, ball bearings, fitted with automatic lift, guaranteed for ten years. Nothing better on the market. $26.50 at the Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.

A sample order of Elk Valley bottled beer will convince you of the superiority over all others. $2.50 per doz. delivered at your door. Call up phone 79 and we will do the rest.

Local News

A Visitor

A. J. Mott was in the city over Thanksgiving.

Will Receive

Mrs. J. H. Weatherilt, Pellatt Ave., will receive on Wednesday, November 3rd.

Here from Warner

Mr. Burnside, of Warner, Alta., was the guest of friends in the city over the holiday.

Another Case

Harry Cornett was taken to the hospital on Wednesday suffering from typhoid fever.

In Town for Holiday

R. Crulthard, formerly with the C. N. P. Coal Co. here, but now manager for the Canada West Coal Co., was in town for Thanksgiving.

Bought the Outfit

The stock of A. A. Gillespie has been purchased by the Trites-Wood Company and will be put on sale as soon as they occupy their new block. Watch for snaps.

Back to Work

James McLean, superintendent of the Fernie coke ovens, who has been visiting the coast cities for the past two weeks, has returned to the city and resumed his duties.

Monthly Tea

The regular monthly tea of the Methodist Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Hamilton, McPherson avenue, on Tuesday, November 2 from 3.30 to 6 and in the evening at 8.

Meet on Monday

A meeting of the Fernie Trades and Labor council will be held on Monday night at 7.45 sharp in the Ledger office. All delegates are requested to be on hand promptly as business of importance is to come up.

Waiting for Stacks

Everything is now in readiness to supply the city with an electric light and power service with the exception of the smokestacks for the power house. These are expected to arrive in the course of a day or two, and the current will then be turned on.

Seats Are Here

The seats for the Miners Opera house are now being installed, and add much to the beauty of the place. Some good shows have been secured by Manager Rees, and when this house opens officially with a good company there will not be a vacant seat.

Laymen's Missionary Movement

Don't forget the Laymen's Missionary meeting in Bruce's Hall on Thursday November 4th. Afternoon conference commencing at 3.30. Public meeting at night at 7.30 to be addressed by Mr. F. W. Anderson, Mr. C. E. Manning of Toronto, Dr. S. Gould of Jerusalem and Mr. H. M. Clark of China.

Good Company

The Kerry Gow company played The Remittance Man in the Fernie Opera house on Thursday night. The show was real catchy and good. The company are going to play a return date on November 10th with four additional members, and should receive a bumper house, as their work is worthy of patronage. They go from here to Nelson, and then back to Lethbridge to open the new Lyceum theatre there on the 15th of November.

Musical Treat

The violin recital by Master Wilfrid L. Small, the boy wonder at the Miners beautiful new opera house this week, was a treat. Percy Hook gave some nice selections on the piano and Mrs. George Stevenson sang three solos with beautiful taste. Mrs. Stevenson is a fine singer and everyone was more than pleased with her on that occasion. Master Wilfrid Small is an artist at the violin and can always command a good house.

New Church Opening

It is expected that the new Methodist church will be opened on Sunday, November 14, and arrangements have been made with that end in view. It is understood that Rev. Geo. Keeby of Calgary will conduct the opening services, along with the pastor. Further announcements will be made next week. On Sunday evening Oct. 31, Rev. Lashley Hall will take as his subject, Jesus and the Temporal Power, with some references to Rome, ancient and modern.

On Business

O. S. Frizzell was at Cranbrook this week on a business trip.

He Came Back

Harry Handley is back in town and is assisting his brother Fred in the cartage business.

Attending Court

Mr. Ashworth of Cranbrook was in town during the week attending the supreme court sittings.

From the Village

H. E. Connolly, representing The Cranbrook Herald, was in the city a few days this week and called on the Ledger.

Into New Quarters

The Misses Euler expect to move into their new store in the Henderson block early next week. Next door to post office, Victoria avenue.

From Cranbrook

J. Ralph of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Cranbrook, and formerly of the Commerce staff here, was visiting in our city on Monday.

Ladies to Meet

The regular meeting of the Ladies aid of the Methodist church will be held on Friday November 5th at 3.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. M. Brown.

Appointed Arbitrator

M. A. Macdonald, barrister, has been appointed arbitrator in the settlement of a dispute in the supreme court between Broley and Martin, contractors of Fernie and the Fernie Rink Company over the construction of the Fernie rink—Cranbrook Herald.

New Firm Here

D. C. McMillan, of the photographic firm of Smart & McMillan, leaves on Monday for Edmonton to dispose of his studio there. He will return to remain permanently at Fernie. The firm are making arrangements for a good studio and will make a strong bid for business as soon as they are settled.

A Quiet Day

There were no Thanksgiving services of any kind held here on Monday and although the shops, newspaper offices and other business places remained closed, building operations proceeded as usual, as the season is drawing to a close. In the evening a grand dinner, national in character was given in Bruces hall by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. There were five tables, English and Canadian, American, Scotch, Irish and German and each of these was laden with the favorite dishes of the nation. The decorations were quite striking and each nationality was well represented. The arrival of the Haggis was quite a feature, a Highlander carrying the dish was preceded by a piper, and the hearts of all Scotchmen were thrilled as the pipes pealed forth. The Rev. Hugh Grant, the pastor of the church pronounced the blessing at the opening of the dinner. Fully a hundred hungry people were unable to get seats and had to go away disappointed.

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Hornets' Nest

All is not as serene in local Conservative circles as the shining light tries to make out. A caucus was held this week to elect delegates to the convention and to nominate a candidate. The present member of course was looked upon as a likely man, but another pillar of the party who had in the last year tasted of the joys of office in municipal circles had an aching void that nothing short of the M. P. P. handle would satisfy. His plans were well laid and his lines thoroughly and carefully drawn up, but when he came to meet his confreres in back room caucus he was as a Pharoah who knew not Joseph. The upshot of the pow-wow was that the Ross benchmen hold the fort, and the present member will once more shoulder the little Tory flag and lead the corporal's guard on to——?

BURNED TO DEATH

Two Very Valuable Horses Were Also Destroyed in the Conflagration on Saturday

PRESCOTT, Ont., Oct. 26—By a fire which broke out in J. Hollingsworth's stable at the end of Mayberry's grocery on Main street, John Flynn, uncle of the well known horseman, was burned to death. Two valuable horses were destroyed, one valued at $2,000, the property of Flynn, and a blood mare belonging to Sam Davidson. It is thought the fire originated from the explosion of a small coal oil stove which Flynn kept with him at nights when he slept in the stable.

Only about two hundred dollars in damage was done to the stable. An inquest on the man is going on tonight.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received up to 5 o'clock p.m. November 5, 1909, by the undersigned for the excavation of basement for Home Bank of Canada Building.

Particulars may be obtained at the Home Bank of Canada, Fernie, B.C.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tender must be accompanied by marked cheque for 5 per cent of amount of tender.

W. C. B. MANSON
Manager.

CRACK SAFE AND SECURE NEAT SUM

POLICE HAVE NOT YET LOCATED THE MEN WHO DID THE TRICK

The safe of the Revelstoke Sawmill company at the corner of Eighth avenue and Eighth street west was blown open early yesterday morning and upwards of $185 in currency obtained. About 7.30 a.m. the robbery was discovered and the manager, Mr. Ferguson, phoned the police.

Detective Sergeant Nutt and Officer McKay were detailed to make an investigation but up to the date of going to press no clue of the culprits had been found.

This morning Chief Mackie made a personal inspection of the scene of the robbery but was unable to locate any clues.

The safe was completely shattered by the charge used and fragments of the steel were hurled into the ceiling of the office.

Neighboring residents heard the report of the explosion, but the policeman on that beat did not apparently happen to be close enough to hear the noise.

Chief Mackie, who has just returned from the holiday trip to Edmonton, said that he had not as yet received the constable's report.

The crackamen had large chances to escape before the policemen were set to work on the case. In the haste of the rifling of the safe the robbers had carried away the money, drawers and all.

The entrance appeared to have been effected through the window of Mr. Ferguson's private office. — Calgary News.

NOTICE

Applications for electric light meters should be made to the undersigned at once, so that same may be installed without loss of time. The City of Fernie electric light plant will be running shortly and we will be in a position to supply light and power.

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