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CANOE UPSET DROWING TWO

Two Men Swim for the Shore--Third Man Hangs on

George Northern and Herbert Cole lost their lives, and Charles McIvor barely escaped drowning through the overturning of their canoe on the West Arm, opposite Proctor on Sunday afternoon.

All three men were employes at the sawmill of A. E. Watts.

The accident occurred at 4.30 o'clock. The three men named, together with John Chapman, took a canoe belonging to the mill and crossed the arm to a lower point on the other side, where there was ice sufficiently strong for skating. Chapman was landed on this ice and the other men proceeded back to the place of Dr. Devlin, where they procured some medicine for a sick man at the mill. They crossed back to Proctor, delivered the medicine and then started again for the opposite shore to pick up Chapman, intending to return to Proctor.

Just how the canoe was upset no one knows. One theory is that the nose of the canoe was thrown around by a current with the result that it was overturned. All that McIvor remembers is that he was suddenly shot into the icy water, the other men being at the paddles. Cole and Northern, being good swimmers, struck out for the nearest bank, which was the farthest from Proctor. McIvor, who could not swim a stroke, clung to the canoe.

Chapman, who was skating, observed that the canoe was heading towards him, and the next time he glanced toward the water the canoe was overturned and the three men were struggling for their lives. Marooned on the ice, without even a raft by way of craft, he was helpless to render personal aid. He shouted at the top of his lungs, however and attracted the attention of a group of people on the Proctor side of the water.

A man immediately put out in a boat, and reaching the canoe took off McIvor, who was chilled to the marrow, and on the point of letting his hold slip. He then followed the direction taken by the swimmers and recovered the body of Cole with the aid of a boathook in shallow water about ten feet from the bank. The search for Northern's body was unsuccessful. McIvor was taken to the shore to the residence of Dr. Devlin and given a rubbing and hot drinks which restored him to a normal condition. Unavailing efforts were made to resuscitate Cole.

A number of men took up the search for Northern's body yesterday morning and it was found in shallow water and raised with a boathook.

Dr. Gilbert Martin, district coroner, went to Proctor on the Kokanee yesterday afternoon, made an investigation and returned to Nelson on the Kuskanook in the evening. More depositions are to be made by the coroner today, but there seems no reason to doubt that the upsetting of the boat was accidental.

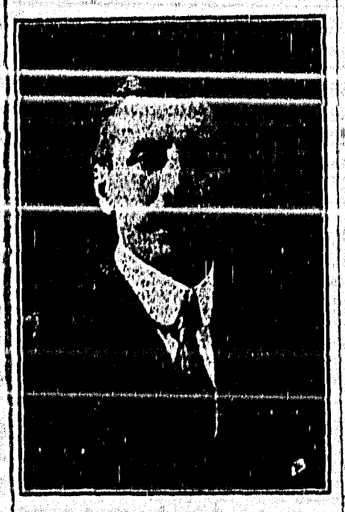
The men were apparently not under the influence of liquor.

Cole was 21 years of age and had been employed at the sawmill for some time. He was a single man, and his people live at Campbellton, N.B. Chief Constable Black wired his father John Cole, last night respecting the sad occurrence.

Northern was 23 years of age, unmarried, an Englishman, from Kettering, Northamptonshire, where his parents, aged 80 years, reside. He had been in the west for three years, for the greater part of the time being employed by Frank Head as a rancher near Medicine Hat. For a short time only he had worked at the sawmill. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Head came to Nelson for a visit, and learning of that fact Northern came to the city on Saturday to meet his former employer, returning to Proctor on Sunday morning. The meeting resulted in an arrangement being made for Northern to return to Medicine Hat with Mr. Head to resume his former occupation, but he thought he had better put in the intervening days in work at the mill rather than stay in Nelson with Mr. Head. This laudable purpose brought about his death.

The bodies of the two dead men were brought to Nelson on the Kuskanook last evening and are at present at the undertaking parlors of the Standard Furniture Co. awaiting instructions of relatives.

It is probable that Northern's body will find a resting place in the cemetery at Nelson and that Cole's will be shipped to Campbellton, N. B.—Nelson News.



SEC.-TREAS. CARTER DIST. NO. 18

SPOKANE APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE

To all sympathizers, friends and members of Industrial Unionism in the United States and Canada, greeting:

Fellow Workers:

At the present time in the city of Spokane, Wash., a situation exists that should bring the attention and assistance of every working man and woman that has a drop of red rebellous blood within his or her veins.

In an effort to forever squelch our organization in America the Chamber of Commerce and other capitalist institutions in Spokane, are using methods that would make a barbarian blush with shame.

In our effort to force from the city of Spokane freedom of speech and of press, we have incurred the enmity of our masters, and as a result over 400 men have been incarcerated in the jails schoolhouses and military prisons, in which they have been subjected to the most inhumane treatemnt by the shot gun men and police thugs who are guarding them. Men have their eyes blinded, teeth knocked out, jaws broken and otherwise maltreated, while women members of our organization have been cast into prison with prostitutes and have been insulted while thus confined by these law and order gents called policemen.

All officers of the I. W. W. are at present serving sentences of 6 months each on the chain gang in Spokane, being forced to do so by gun men. Three editors of our official organ, The Industrial Worker, have been arrested on flimsy charges, and are also sentenced to six months on the chain gang, and herded by thugs with shot guns. The official organ was confiscated by the olice yesterday as it was coming off the press. Hundreds of men are being slowly starved to death on two slices of sour bread a day. It costs the city just two cents to feed each prisoner a day. The men are so weak that they are unable to walk across the floor. They could have better food if they would consent to work on the chain gang, but the great majority refuse to scab by working for nothing. These men are all sentenced to 110 days each. They are charged with violence, and violence means saying "Fellow Workers' on the streets of the city.

Our hall is being raided almost every other night by the police and anyone who dares to make a speech on industrial unionism is immediately arrested and thrown into jail, and then taken off to the chain and ball gang or to bread and water.

Scurvy has broken out among the prisoners, and their gums are rotting in their mouths as the result of a poor allowance of sour bread, and they are not now able to eat the small morsel of sour bread which is offered to them in the prisons.

This is in Free America! The Chamber of Commerce is the law, and they are the economic power in Spokane. There are 30 editors, officers and speakers in jail charged with criminal conspiracy. Those of them who have been tried have been sentenced to six months hard labor, except one who is a girl 19 years old, and she was sentenced to three months. They are no more guilty of any crime than are the members of your union.

Out of 800 persons treated in the emergency hospital in Spokane in the month of November 681 of them were members of the I. W. W. As there are less than 400 members in the jails you will see that many were in for treatment more than once. This will give you some idea of what police brutality is and to what length our masters will go to suppress an organization that they are afraid to see grow.

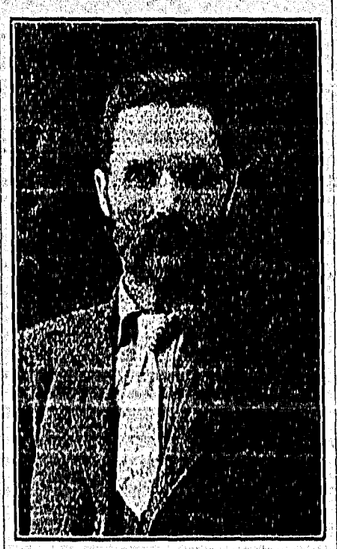
Twenty-eight of our members were thrown into a cell that was air tight, for 36 hours, with steam turned on until a great many of them fainted from excessive heat. Men were forced to stand in their own offal. These are but a few of the many tortures that are being inflicted on working men and women who are battling for freedom of speech and press.

We have several families to take care of while the husbands and fathers are serving long sentences. We are feeding hundreds of men every day who are either going to jail or just coming out. Several attorneys have been engaged to defend our men in the different courts. The cases will be taken to the supreme court of the U. S. to determine whether this country has such a thing as freedom of speech and press, or whether this bonsted liberty is a sham or not. To get a square deal in any of the local courts is impossible. The capitalist interests are opposed to the industrial form of labor organization as they know what it will mean to them when organized to stand together.

Freedom of speech and press is an important weapon in the hands of the working class, and if it can be denied us in Spokane it will soon be denied us all over the country. Education on industrial unionism is something we must have, if we ever expect to become an economic power against the exploiting class. Let us safeguard our weapons. If you are in sympathy with our fight for freedom, we invite you to assist us in every way possible. With best wishes to the members of your local organization, we are, yours for industrial freedom,

Central Executive Committee

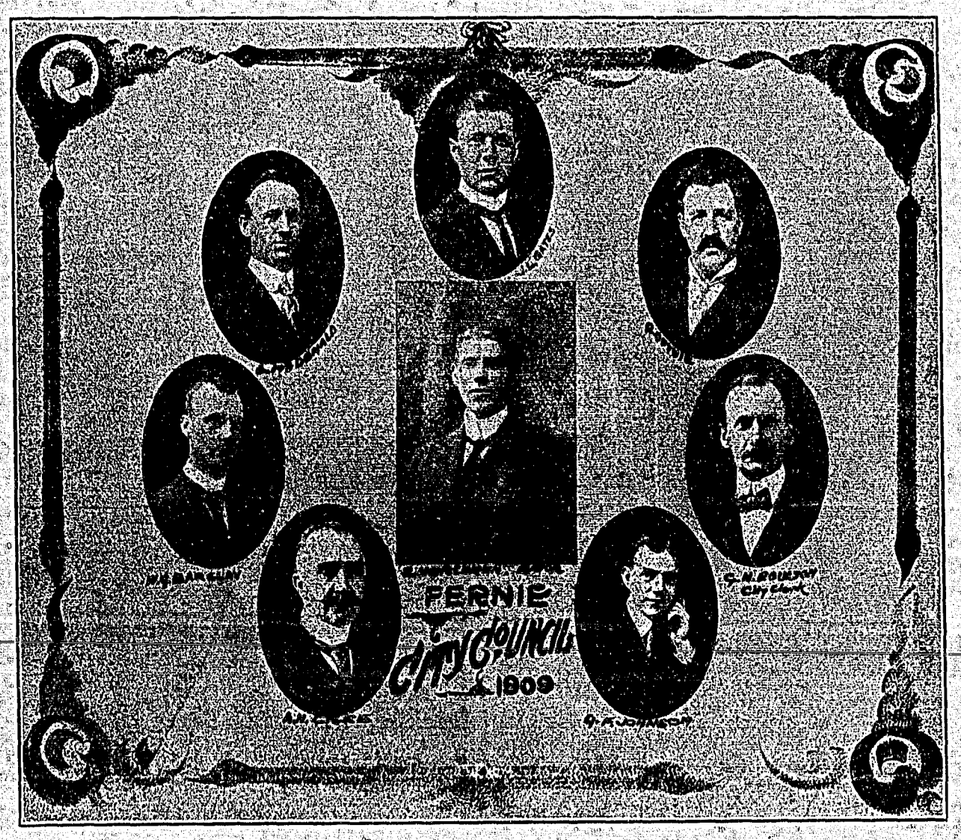
Send all contributions to Fred W. Heslewood, national organizer, I. W. W., Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



W. B. POWELL, PRESIDENT, DIST. 18

MYSTERIOUS FIRE TO-DAY

A mysterious fire occurred in the basement of the Fernie Co-Operative store this morning. At about 7.30 Mr. James Lancaster, the secretary and manager of the Co-operative store came down as usual. On entering the premises he detected a strong smell of smoke, and started to investigate. On going down to the basement he discovered that it was on fire. He immediately gave a hurried alarm, and the brigade responded promptly. The flames were confined to the basement, where a large quantity of oatmeal and flour, besides other groceries, are stocked, and the loss in that part will be considerable, through the fire and water. The smoke of course penetrated to the floor above where the store is situated, and went all over the hall and opera house besides, destroying much stuff. The mysterious part is that no one was known to be in the store or basement since nine o'clock last night, and it looks very much like an attempt at incendiarism. Several openly expressed the opinion that it was the work of some fiend who is not in love with the Co-operative store. That, of course, is only street talk, but the circumstances surrounding the fire look very queer. The damage done to the Co-operative stock alone will amount to over two thousand dollars, besides whatever damage has been done to the building. It is rumored that a strict investigation will be made to try and ascertain more particulars.



THE LAST OF A GOOD RACE

FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Told by The Man in the Moon on a cold night in December, 1909.)

"In that mine there," said the man in the moon, pointing with the forefinger of his right hand, "are 6 overworked horses, driven by 6 under paid men, at the rate of $2 per day. They commence work at 7 a.m., drop tools at 12 a.m., and restart at 1 p.m. finish at 6 p.m. That is one place on this earth where the English need not apply. Some nine work there, much to the sorrow of the manager, a man named Bill, who never did a hard day's work and never will. I call this clown Injunction Bill. The other 50 or 60 men are what he calls the foreigners. The output of the mines amounts to 500 or 600 tons per day. With proper up to date men and a few more horses it could be doubled. There are some thirteen men in this mine called day men, who get $2 a day for ten hours good hard work.

He Talks on Screens

"They make four kinds of coal. The company pays for one kind, that is the large or lump coal."

"Who gets the slack?" I asked the man in the moon.

"The company."

"Who gets the nut coal?"

"The company."

"Who gets the large or the lump coal?"

"Oh, the miner gets some of it.'

"Who weighs the coal when the Co. weighman is sick?"

"The mine manager—who did you suppose?'"

"When there is not any checkweighman, can the miners get one, is it lawful to be without one?' I asked the Man in the Moon.

"There is no law in these parts for the miners, the owners of the concern are the law of all things here."

"How many hundred weight make a ton?" I asked him.

'Our contract called for twenty hundred, but since the mines do not pay the company takes thirty hundred to a ton,' he replied.

The Man in the Moon on Ventilation

"The ventilation is rotten? Did I hear you say rotten?'

"Yes," he replied, 'and I say it again I have worked in more than one mining country, and I must say that this mine has a good fan, but the manager gives no thouht to details. The old crosscuts are not blocked behind us, sometimes as many as three, four or five are left open."

"How can the air reach the face—why not use brattice?'

"There is none to use, it costs money," he replied.

"What do you use?" I asked.

"Sometimes we use the grain doors,' he replied.

"What? Gran doors!"

"Yes, grain doors, I mean the railway car grain doors," he replied.

"You mean old doors?' I said.

"I mean nothing of the kind," he replied sharply. "I mean nice, clean, new grain doors, they are fine to handle, there are lots of them in Winnipeg where they come from. They are fine cogs, yes, sir, nice new grain doors."

The Man in the Moon made a kick about the large caves that fall through to the surface. He was afraid that it would disturb the main shaft and sink the old dirty bunk house, and he hated to think of the many lives that would then be lost. But he got no sympathy.

The inspector of mines may be lost, said a man, for I have only seen him once in the year, he may be dead, but I hardly think so, for I have not heard a report to that effect, but still he might have been in the mines twenty times and me not see him, for the smoke is so dense that you cannot tell a man from a horse or a horse from a tree."

The overman at this mine, said the Man in the Moon, is under orders that not an English speaking man is to find work here. If you want a man let me know, says the boss. I am the lord of creation, I can get a carload of those foreigners any old time from Winnipeg; again I say, remember that I am the great I am. I pay as much as any old Scott. I pay as high as $2 per day to all the day men in the mine.

"A good timberman is worth as high as $2 a day for ten hours work, and the diggers if they give me thirty hundred weight of coal I give them twenty or as near as my judgment will go in the matter.

The Man in the Moon says that they work in the mine on Sundays digging and shooting coal, also filling. If the shots are heard on the surface the manager does not know of it. He goes a hunting.

Is there no Lord's Day act in the province?"

There may be, but the police do not seem to know of it.

"Do you use timber in this mine?" I asked.

"Grain doors,' he replied.

"Do you use powder?"

"I should say so, for 250 tons of coal $44 worth of powder, eleven kegs in 31 days. It is good for the company—they like men in the mines who use lots of powder. 55 cents worth of powder for 25 cents worth of coal. Oh yes good miners these."

Men of Canada, this man must be brought to know that he should at least extend to other men the right to live. This man is only an ordinary man—nothing great or very wonderful about him to those who know his ilk. The Man in the Moon is one that knows him.

The Church of England and Baptist Christmas trees and concerts were held on Tuesday evening. A large number of young people were present at each and many children were made happy by the presents distributed to them.

BOATS LOST DURING GALE

Worst Storm off Coast of Newfoundland in Many Years

ST. JOHNS, Nfld. Dec. 29—Seven Newfoundland schooners and their crews of sixty men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard, while great destruction to property throughout the island colony has resulted from the storm. The storm, which reached its height on Sunday, raged for six days, but today has abated considerably.

All telegraph lines in the interior of the colony are down, and reports from inland points are slow in reaching here. The town of Placentia was flooded for three days and the principal business streets of the place resemble an ocean beach, being piled high with boats, and floats which have been cast up by the unusually high tide.

The village of Black Head, three miles from the city, was almost swept away.

Miss Cassie Cody is visiting friends at Blairmore this week.

Miss Leota Pollock is visiting at Lethbridge this week.

Mrs. L. P. Eckstein left for Portland and Spokane for visit.

Don't forget to send the ... to the Trites-Wood tomorrow morning at 10.30.

Mrs. G. H. Boulton leaves tonight for a visit to Ottawa and Quebec. She will be a few weeks away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Quinney returned on Tuesday from Calgary where they spent an enjoyable Christmas.

For Sale or Rent: Three Roomed plastered house with water. Good location, easy terms. Apply Palace Meat Market. 2t31p

The usual services will be held in Christ church on Sunday. Communion will be held at the morning services at 11.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. Blundell on Friday, January 7 at 3.30.

The longest long distance message on record was pulled off between here and Calgary last week. George is now wiser to the tune of 5.90.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. Dudley on Tuesday, January the 4th at 3.30.

The fire department desire to thank the public for their assistance in their recent dance. They netted over $100 for the furnishings of their new apartments.

Be sure to turn out tomorrow night to see the hockey match between Moyie and Fernie. This is the first league match for the Herchmer cup, and as both are good teams a fast game is assured.

The meeting of Gladstone local U. M. W. A. on Wednesday was the largest meeting ever held in the hall, over 700 members being present. A satisfactory meeting was held on all questions involved.

The Trites-Wood Company are going to give every youngster in the city a bag of candy tomorrow morning at 10.40. This firm only missed last year in the donations on account of their unsettled state.

The Baseball League are going to give a dance in January under the auspices of the Ladies Benevolent Society. The object is to raise enough money to defray the expenses that were not paid last season. This is a worthy cause, so turn out and attend.

Mr. J. H. Weatherilt, who has been connected with the Bank of Hamilton here fo rthe past two or three years, has left the banking business and has gone into the teaching profession near Moose Jaw. He left with his wife on Wednesday evening to commence duties after the holidays. Mr. Weatherilt had previously left the teaching profession to enter the banking world.

TELLERS' REPORT ON RECENT ELECTION IN DISTRICT 18

LOCAL	Clem Stubbs	Robert Evans	Spoiled	Carter	Hamilton	Julian	Spoiled	Garner	Patterson	Smith	Ryan	James	Evans	Crockett	Spoiled	Smith	Howells	Jones	Frodsham	Larson	Rayner	Spoiled
Blackhead, No. 29	215	50	3	140	86	42	1	78	84	21	20	19	25	17	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellevue, No. 431	182	38	15	127	34	35	3	45	37	55	48	15	17	8	16	..	..	115	30	..	..	..
Blairmore, No. 2163	21	8	1	15	13	3	..	3	4	12	6	4	..	3	2	..	..	21	11	..	..	..
Canmore, No. 1387	137	8	..	142	1	2	..	154	77	2	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coleman No. 2633	128	31	8	108	31	17	13	4	15	156	18	9	5	1	10	..	..	86	102	..	..	5
Cardiff No. 2378	34	6	..	20	4	18	2	8	6	2	1	24	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Corbin, No. 2877	51	13	1	6	56	3	..	14	6	2	39	1	4	..	..	31	31	..	..	..	..	..
Edmonton, No. 1329	12	3	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fernie, No. 2314	209	110	5	281	127	44	16	80	117	20	33	31	211	8	28	418	86	..	..	..	..	13
Frank, No. 1263	44	49	1	58	32	15	6	9	21	23	33	12	13	4	13	..	..	62	58	..	..	6
Hosmer, No. 2497	120	65	..	120	47	21	..	22	33	66	47	7	12	6	..	115	75	..	..	..	..	..
Hillcrest, No. 1058	83	113	..	34	172	13	..	4	5	7	193	2	10	1	2	..	..	211	14	..	..	..
Kenmare, N. D. No. 2850	2	38	..	22	12	6	..	1	5	3	2	24	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	31	9	..
Lethbridge, No. 574	141	19	1	142	11	8	4	31	24	7	5	77	10	7	5	..	..	..	..	161	5	2
Lille, No. 1233	84	47	4	48	46	33	2	25	23	23	25	20	20	6	3	..	..	83	60	..	..	..
Maple Leaf, No. 2529	26	2	2	18	8	1	1	1	9	4	3	1	1	2	..	..	..	20	10	..	..	..
Michel, No. 2334	654	162	17	734	81	45	64	839	27	16	11	11	15	3	15	149	766	..	..	..	..	19
Passburg, No. 2352	7	20	..	10	8	3	..	2	..	2	19	..	2	2	..	..	..	21	6	..	..	..
Royal Coll. No. 2539	30	8	..	28	7	3	..	5	8	9	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	7	..
Taber, No. 102	26	2	..	15	9	5	..	15	4	1	1	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	16	13	..
Taber, No. 1959	85	49	2	97	24	16	2	28	74	6	3	7	3	23	4	..	..	..	..	32	110	..
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We, the Tellers appointed to count the Ballots for the election of District Officers, hereby certify that the above is a correct record of the votes cast in the different Locals. (Signed) HENRY JAMES, (Coleman); JOSEPH LYON (Fernie); JAMES SHARP (Michel.)

C. STUBBS, VICE-PRES. DIST. NO. 18

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

Conducted under the direction of "Proletiaran"

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

A. Percy Chew in Winnipeg Voice: Socialism stands for the complete regeneration and reorganization of society. And that it may build up it would destroy. The whole structure of capitalism would be destroyed. Nothing of its corroding influence that might conceivably influence the bright lustre of our new Co-operative Commonwealth may safely be permitted to survive.

Moreover the security of the master class is doubly assured when the workers do not doubt that social conditions and inequalities are ordained of God; under this delusion they will not strive to adjust things more equitably, but will continue uncomplainingly in that state into which it has "pleased God to call them."

With all that is essential in real religion socialism has little quarrel. Myself I d not believe in the immortality of the soul. But I do not know without a shadow of doubt that I am right in this disbelief. Therefore if another should avow his convict on that when we die we do not perish utterly I am in no position to call him a fool without the proofs of my case in my hand. Similary with regard to the idea of God.

I think that the conception of a personal, diety, carefully and separately guiding the lives of each of his creatures is untenable in the light of modern science.

But I cannot affirm with certainty that such a being does not exist. Until I can do this I am not justified in denying to another that freedom of thought which I must claim for myself.

But it is far otherwise with that contrivance of cunning minds known as theological christianity. That is a mass of snow which at once disists from its work to the confusion of [illegible] and the destruction of their [illegible] the influence of the Christian religion has always been inimical to the welfare of the working class; its dictrines have been particularly calculated to insure the submission of the masses under the different forms of exploitation which have existed during the Christian era. Slaves toil more contentedly, produce more surplus value, when the belief is firmly instilled into their minds that they will receive, hereafter, ample compensation for every misery inflicted on them here below.

Occasionally members of the capitalist class appear who are foolish enough or courageous enough, to tell the world this reason for this vast expense in priests and churches. Religion is losing its hold upon the working class. Parsons are exhorting us to repent in vain. We will not repent for we do not see why we ought to. We think it is their turn to repent now, having deceived us for so long. Dr. Goldwin Smith is one defender of capitalism who has rashly revealed to us his inmost soul. He has lost his faith in christianity, and has been telling the world so. It is a pity he has become a sceptic, for he is old and might easily have "wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and lain him down to rest" without his reclining years being embittered by vain religious strivings and uncertainties. And he has given us the truth in one passage at least: Classes which have hitherto acquiesced in their lot believing that it was a divine ordinance, and that there would be redres sand compensation in a future state, are now demanding that conditions should be levelled here. The nations quake with fear at the change. The leaders of humanity, some think, may even find it necessary to make up by an increase in the powers of government for the lost influence of religion."

However the workers need not be alarmed at this, for just as soon as they desire it, these same powers of government may be captured by them and made to subserve their own ends. There is the weak spot in the armor of capitalism. The capitalists have been foolish enough to give us the ballot, and we are fast learning to use it, but in their interests but in our own. Let it be again repeated that the mission of the working class is to seize the powers of government.

SOCIALISM IN BRIEF

(Cotton's)

We are often asked for a brief statement of Socialism. Here is a very fair one from the columns of a non-socialist publication. It shows the influence that Socialist agitation is having on the editors of non-Socialist papers:

Because socialism is in its infancy and the true principle of the socialistic movement has not yet entirely emerged from crude ideas and passion, its effects are perhaps not understood or fully realized by many people.

We give below a brief summary of what true socialism would accomplish as set forth by one well acquainted with the socialist movement and its aims:

Briefly:—Socialism will accomplish this:

It will give every worker the full value of the product of his labor.

It will reduce the hours of labor in proportion to the increased power of production.

It will entirely do away with child labor.

It will do away with the landlord and the capitalist.

It will give employment to all who desire it at remunerative pay.

It will pension the old.

It will do away with charity and give the people justice.

It will abolish poverty, want, destitution and the poorhouse.

It will permit every member of society to develop the highest and best there is in him.

It will do away with class legislation.

It will prevent all strikes and lockouts.

It will make it possible for the people to make or reject laws for their government, according to the principles of the initiative and referendum.

It will do away with trusts by making them the property of all the people, to be operated for the benefit of the whole people instead of for the benefit of a few.

It will do away with the private ownership of street railways, coal mines, iron mines, oil wells, gas wells, the ships, the forests, the lakes, the rivers the canals, the telegraphs and telephone systems.

It will make labor saving machines a blessing to man kind instead of a curse.

It will eliminate not only the poor idler, but the rich one, both of whom are now supported by society in general.

It will introduce a social and an industrial system that will put an end to rent, and interest and profit and all forms of usuary.

It will do away with armies organized for destructive purposes, and organize armies for constructive purposes.

It will remove the fear of want and poverty and make the earth a paradise.

It will largely prevent crime and criminals.

It will encourage study, exploration, invention and art.

Socialism is what everyone wants just as soon as they know what it is.

The very reason that it is opposed by so many at present is that they won't read.

It is peculiar how some workers love to hug their chains.

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Men need space to live. Men cannot afford to occupy much space where they have to pay rent. Therefore in the cities the race becomes deteriorated.

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The Canadian surplus is $16,000,000. The workers can bet their lives that the plutes will not allow it to be spent in giving labor a chance to employ itself.

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The hope of the future lies in the Socialist movement. With the Socialist movement out of modern life we would be heading straight for the extinction of the human species.

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Do you notice how all the capitalist papers are talking about Socialism? Socialism is to the front in all the civilized countries of the world and will not go down.

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First grew the family, then the tribe, then the nation. Now the national bonds are disappearing and the great struggle is ceasing to be national and is becoming a class struggle.

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Many opponents of Socialism declare that the Socialists want to change human nature. This is incorrect. Socialists want to have humanity live in accordance with human nature.

Montreal has had an investigation of its rottenness in municipal affairs. The big interests did not need corrupt aldermen just now, so the little bourgeoise has been allowed to play at reform and municipal housekeeping for a while.

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Eight Montreal aldermen have been named by Judge Cannon as grafters, and they are all as indignant at the term applied to them as capitalists are when dubbed labor thieves.

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Sir Thomas Shaughnessy wants to have Canada build a couple of Dreadnoughts and rent them to Britain at a dollar a year. Sir Thomas thinks it is a good plan to inject high finance into statesmanship.

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In 1904 the desertions from France's army numbered 2316. In 1907 the desertions numbered 3487. Last year they numbered still more. The French youths are getting tired of being war slaves for the protection of the privileged few.

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In Spokane the workers are arrested and jailed for reading the declaration of independence on the streets of the city. The plutes are frightened to let the American workers know that the Constiution guarantees them liberty and free speech.

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The bill to do away with the necessary two hundred dollar deposit at election times has been knocked on the head and gently laid away to rest. It would not do to remove the disability. Why some penniless worker might be elected and try to get back through legislative means what he and his fellows have been robbed of by the plute laws.

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The political state is going and the industrial state is coming. Shall the coming state be managed by the people for the benefit of the people, or shall it be managed by the few for the benefit of the few? That is the great question now before the people of the various countries.

FERNIE—DEAR—FERNIE

(Result of reading last week's verses in the Ledger.)

For thee O dear Fernie,
I'll sing my song of praise,
For thou has proved so very dear
The coin I'm unable to raise,
Thy scenery is just lovely
Thy streets even so
And when I think of strolling out
I don't know where to go.

I'll praise thee long and often
For thou are worth the praise
And stay with thee till life shall end.
In memory of by-gone days,
I'll never part no never
From Fernies thriving town
For long I tried—'tis useless—
I go further, further down.

I'm frozen in the winter,
The summer raised my ire
I've never had a decent warm
Since the recent disastrous fire.
The floods will come in spring time
But not to swell the grain,
And if I do not alter
I'll still remain the same.

There's frost upon the windows
And ice upon the door
With beautiful skating
Upon the kitchen floor.
There's icicles on the teapot
The spuds are frozen hard,
While the motto "A Warm Welcome"
Shows from a chilling card.

I'll stop my praise of Fernie,
As I'm feeling pretty sick.
No, 'tis not with thoughts of Fernie
But rather the editor's stick,
I know he's not responsible
For this rather lengthy poem,
And rather than interview me
I'd prefer he'd stay at home.

N.B. Will the editor please remember the directions given in the last two lines.

W. S. Annex

SHUFFLE OFF INTO THE BEYOND

Policeman Shoots Head Off--Another Dies In Runaway

INNISFAIL, Dec. 28—Two tragedies which had their beginning in Innisfail and were in some remote way interwoven one with the other, marred the Christmas joy and happiness of this season.

One death, that of Constable Wilson of the R. N. W. M. P., which was self-inflicted, happened some time about midnight, while the other death that of Mr. Johnson, Penhold, which was not so closely associated with this city, occurred at Red Deer hospital later in the day.

Constable Wilson came to this town a few months ago. He had been stationed at Red Deer, but was reduced in rank for the same cause which led directly to his death. He was well liked here and was apparently a very efficient officer, but for the failing of drink.

He had been drinking during the past week.

He went to his bedroom in the barracks in Innisfail Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. This morning when his room was entered he was found dead with a revolver clutched in his hand. He had placed the revolver in his mouth and blown out his brains. His death must have been instantaneous.

Penhold Man Killed

A Mr. Johnson, a hardware merchant of Penhold, passed through the town on Saturday on his way to Markerville to visit some relatives. When on his way and some few miles west of Innisfail he was overtaken by a runaway team, which ran into him and threw him under the feet of the horses. That he was seriously ill was seen at once. He was taken to the station and sent to Red Deer hospital. He died there this afternoon.

The Tragedies Related

The two tragedies are related in one respect. The men who ran into Mr. Johnson one of whom is named Coffin, had borrowed Wilson's horse and were driving it.

It is believed here that Wilson took the accident so much to heart though he himself was not in it, and knowing that his loaning the horse would bring down punishment, decided when under the influence of liquor, to take his own life. An inquest will be held today.

"Yes," Mr. Lloyd-George is reported to have replied. "I have suffered from being misunderstood, but I haven't suffered half as much as I would have if I had been understood."
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Editor Ledger,

Sir:—I hereby advise you that application for transfer of liquor license held by me in respect to the Royal Hotel, Fernie, B. C., to John Podbielancik, dated May 14th, 1909, as published in the Fernie Free Press, dated November 6, 1909, is null and void, as conditions of agreement concerning said transfer were not complied with. This application of transfer was published without my knowledge or consent.

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WHY NOT AT FERNIE

Building of a Zinc Smelter in the Kootenay Talked of---Can Fernie Secure It

SPOKANE, Wash. Dec. 28—G. Weaver Loper of Spokane, managing director of the Lucky Jim zinc mines, one of the fifty mine owners in the Kootenay district of British Columbia, interested in the project to erect one of of the largest zinc smelters in the west at or near Nelson, B. C., believes that the plan will be carried out successfully. Mr. Loper is a member of the committee which drafted a petition to the Dominion government, asking for assistance. Other members are Jno. Keen of Kaslo, B. C., chairman; S. S. Fowler of Ainsworth, Charles Greenestreet of Burton and N. K. Beeston of Nelson.

The movement, quietly under way for months has been made urgent by the rapid increase in the production of Canadian zinc mines. A vast amount of low grade ore, which can not profitably be shipped far, is being wasted, and with the growth of the industry the quantity is necessarily being multiplied rapidly.

It is urged by the mine owners that an investigation be instituted at once to determine the best possible process of treatment. Up to the present time relative merits of the electric chemical and the electric thermic process for the treatment of the ore have not been determined.

The mine owners say in their petition that the smelter of the Canadian Metal Co. at Frank has been pronounced a failure in a commercial way and that its operation as a zinc smelter has been abandoned, and that the plant of the Canadian Zinc Company at Nelson has met a similar fate.

They also say that 11,000 tons of zinc ores with average contents of 50 per cent zinc have been shipped from Kootenay points during 1909, also that the development work particularly on the property known as the Big Ledge on Arrow Lake indicates that the supply of zinc ores in sight calling for treatment is much larger than has been supposed.

Speaking of the possible success of the mine owners in this movemnt, Mr. Loper said:

"I believe there is no question but that the government will back the investigation and at its conclusion contribute to the erection of the smelter."

COMPENSATION CASE

Act Upheld—First Case in Alberta Under New Act—Important Decision by Judge Taylor

An important decision has been just handed down by Judge Taylor in the arbitration under the Workmen's Compensation act between Allan Murray, of Edmonton and the railroad construction contractors, Foley, Welch and Stewart. Murray was employed as a carpenter on the G. T. P. construction. While working on a trestle bridge he was knocked off the structure by some moving timbers and sustained injuries to his foot.

He claimed $9 a week since the accident happened.

Particulars of Defence

The respondents, Foley and Stewart denied their liability to pay compensation under the act, contending that as contractors on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company in the construction of that railway they were consequently subject to the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada.

That in pursuance of such legislative authority, the parliament of Canada had made applicable to such work the rovisions of the Public Works Health act, being chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1906, and the applicant came under the provisions of such Act and received medical attendance in pursuance of its regulations. The Workmen's Comensation act under which the proceedings were taken, it was therefore held, did not apply to the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Company or to the respondents as its contractors.

This ingenious reasoning was not upheld by the arbitrator, Judge Taylor, as the following judgment given by him shows:

What the Judge Said

"In the matter I am of the opinion that the Workmen's Compensation applies.

"The Public Works Health act does not in any way cover compensation for injury that may be incurred to any workman. It is for the purpose of compelling certain contractors or companies engaged in public works to properly care for the health of the workmen and make the camps sanitary. It is also for the purpose of compelling them to have within reasonable distance of the workmen proper medical men and hospital accommodation to care for any of the workmen who may become sick or injured, as it is well known that most of these works are carried on at great distances from the places where medical care or accommodation for the sick or injured is to be had.

"The health regulations permit the contractors or companies to levy a certain contribution from every workman to meet the expenses incurred. This no doubt in many cases reimburses the company for their outlay.

Act is not Ultra Vires

"The Workmen's Compensation act is for a different purpose. It is to reimburse the workmen to a certain extent for his loss of time if he should suffer an injury which incapacitates him from work. He might not even be confined to the hospital or require the doctors care.

"While in some cases the two acts might overlap I do not see that they in any way conflict. In my opinion therefore, the Workmen's Compensation Act is not ultra vires and does apply to such construction works as that in which the claimant was engaged."

TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST

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COAL MINING IN SASKATCHEWAN

(Monetary Times)

The output of bituminous and lignite coal in Saskatchewan from March 1, 1908 to February 28, 1909, amounted to 169,732 tons. The average number of employees in the coal mines in this period was 357, and of these 247 were employed under ground.

Only seven accidents were reported and of these 2 were fatal, one of them being due to carelessness in not following out instructions, while the other was due to a fall of clay from the coal face. In addition to the above there were several minor accidents which were not reported.

Coal operations in the province in the last two years were fairly steady; new and more modern machinery was installed and a number of new mines were opened.

Most of the new mines are small and were opened for the supplying of local demands.

The following figures will show the general standing of the Saskatchewan mines:

Mines in operation, in February 1909—27.

Tons produced in twelve months—169,732.

Persons employed inside mines.—247.

Persons employed outside mines—110.

Fatal accidents—2.

Accidents (reported) but not fatal—5.

Coal production is likely to increase in that province.

LIBERALITY OF RAILWAY CO.

Passenger Train Saved by Boys--Large Sum For Heroism

OLYMPIA, Wash. Dec. 28—Harry Hunton, a 12 year old boy, saved a heavily loaded Northern Pacific passenger train from a disastrous wreck shortly past noon yesterday.

Hunton and a companion of the same age, Sam Burrows, were gathering Christmas decorations along the right of way two miles from Olympia when they discovered a broken rail which left an opening in the track several feet long.

Knowing a passenger train was due to pass soon the boys determined to give warning.

Hunton started up the track in the direction of Tacoma and Burrows set out for Olympia both running at top speed.

Hunton had proceeded a short distance when he found the train bearing down on him at the rate of forty miles an hour. Seizing a handkerchief he waved it frantically. For a time it appeared that the engineer would not heed the signal but the train eventually began to solw down and was brought to a standstill within five feet of the broken rail.

Passengers and engine crew lionized the boy and took him on board the train. The broken rail was temporarily repaired to permit the passage of the train and a wrecking crew was dispatched to the scene.

The railway company presented the boys with a cheque for $25 each for saving them a terrible loss of life and unmeasurable expense.

"He Laughs Best——"

Tommy came out of a room in which his father was tacking down the carpet. He was crying in a particularly hard way.

"Why, Tommy, whats the matter?" asked his mother.

"P-p-p-papa hit his finger with the hammer," sobbed Tommy.

"Well, you need not cry at a thing like that," comforted the mother, 'Why didnt you laugh?"

"I did," sobbed Tommy disconsolate.

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THAT DANGEROUS FOREIGN ELEMENT

The following is reprinted from an editorial appearing in the Seattle Star, a capitalist sheet. Any comment on the same would be superfluous, as the article strikes direct at the point. We have no record as yet of the editor being charged with being an anarchist:

With what a complacent sense of superiority we read of the general cussedness of the "foreign element."

We use every inducement, every argument barely short of kidnapping and shanghai methods, to induce Europeans to come to the United States. We support giant corporations and steamship companies, whose life blood is a steady stream of the peasantry of European countries.

They come over in the steerage, spending all or nearly all their savings in the passage, as a result of the earnest endeavors of the steamship agents, who tells them "Yes, it is really true that you can pick up gold on the streets of the United States."

The foreigner finds that the closest he can come to picking up gold in the streets is a job in a coal mine, a factory, a mill or a sweat shop. He makes a bare living. He simply exists as he did in Italy, in Russia or in Hungary, or any other place.

But anyway, this is a free country. That was another thing that the foreigner had heard. He and his neighbors and fellow workmen can at least get together and talk things over and and try and find out what's wrong with conditions. Can he? Well, hardly, if the "business interests" don't like it. Being a foreigner and unable to speak passable English, he finds that there is nothing in the free speech line. He is an anarchist, an alien a, disturber, a conspirator, an agitator, a foreigner.

If he is out of a job he is a hobo. In short he finds that he has exchanged a Cossack for a policeman.

An exaggeration? Not at all.

In Spokane there are three hundred and fifty half-starved, and effectually clubbed "revolutionists" in jail for trying to speak on the public streets.

Twelve others—two of them women—are in jail for "criminal conspiracy"—that is for trying to break an anti-free speech law that was declared unconstitutional by the Spokane court. Little newsboys have been locked up and sweated by the police. The officers state that the the boys were attending meetings of the revolutionists and "it is no place for them." The revolutionists say that the real reason for arresting the boys was that they sold the Spokane Press, a newspaper that has told the free speechers' side of the story as well as the officials and "business interests" side.

The police are now threatening to arrest Socialist leaders who are circulating an initiative petition which has for its object the passing of a free speech ordinance of the sort in use in several large cities. A "prominent citizen" has offered to supply one thousand pick handles to volunteers who will drive the agitators into the river.

Not all these "agitators" are foreigners by any means. Many are American born, but enough are from abroad to make the phrase "foreign element" stick. Some of these men, it is true, are ignorant and violent, and are beginning to see "red." But many others are men of experience and education. These are the leaders. They counsel continually "no resistance," and that is the spirit that has ruled their side of the contest thus far.

And so the fight goes on.

Meanwhile we, who have induced to our shores those "agitators" who are foreigners—because our masters, the great corporations, need them to keep down the price of labor—regard with fierce patriotic hate the "foreigners who come over here to break the laws of the country."

UPHOLDERS OF THE SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH

It may suit the purpose of some people in advertising their own uprightness to cast reflections on the sincerity of others, but all true lovers of the Day of Rest will be inclined to regret that an attempt should be made to reap political capital out of what is a purely moral, non-party question.

At a recent Social and Moral Reform banquet Hon. Mr. Motherwell expressed his deep regret that the contractors for the parliament buildings should have openely violated the Lord's Day Act by carrying on the work of construction on Sunday, and in the presence of the attorney general he further expressed the hope that those specially entrusted with the proper observance of the Sabbath would take steps to lay a complaint before the Attorney General in order that action might be taken against the offending contractors and preclude a possibility of a recurrence of the offence. This was on Thursday, December 2.

Before any action such as Mr. Motherwell suggested was taken another Sunday came round and again work was proceeded with on the buildings. Thereupon the local Opposition paper proceeded to sneer at Mr. Motherwell and to call in question his sincerity.

On Wednesday last a formal charge against the contractors was laid before the Attorney General, and without a moment's delay he issued a fiat, rather not one, but two, one for each offence, and instructed an officer of his department to conduct the prosecution of the charge. This action was reported to the Legislature the same afternoon. The local opposition paper which is so righteously indignant that the Sabbath should have been broken, and which questions the sincerity of Mr. Motherwell, who likewise indignant, had a reporter in the Legislature, but not one word is published on the action taken by the R. N. W. M. P. and the Attorney General.

Mr. Motherwell declared that action to punish those who had openly violated the Lord's Day act should be taken. That action has been taken. Yet we are asked to regard Mr. Motherwell as an insincere man.

The Opposition paper condemned the Government for inaction, sneered at the Commissioner of Agriculture, and declared that the government was indifferent to the breaking of the law, if not actually a party to it. The government gives the lie to all this by taking action.

Then this opposition paper deliberately suppresses all mention of the Government's action, and so far as it is concerned the public is allowed to remain under the impression that Mr. Motherwell is insincere, the government indifferent: in fact that it is in sympathy with the breaking of the law.

As between the two it is not difficult to reach a conclusion as to which party is really sincere, and the friend, supporter and sinceer believer in the sanctity of the Sabbath.—Regina Leader.

The above article shows that in some matters at least there does at present exist in the Province of Saskatchewan a Lord's Day Act. But why is it that it is meant to cover, or does cover only certain lines of trade. Why should the poor miner be forced to work on Sunday, if others are arrested if they do work?

The government of Saskatchewan is very loose in several things. We had some experience of its looseness in connection with the Globe Fire Insurance Company, and there are other companies holding a charter under the Saskatchewan government that are very nearly as useless as the Globe company was.

But will the Premier see the reasonableness of protecting the miners? We hope so.

In Saskatchewan there is at present no Compensation law. A man working at any trade there is liable to get hurt for life without getting any returns from the people who are responsible for his accident. In the coal mines this is especially brought to notice. At Taylorton, a young man in the prime of life, but 27 years of age, was maimed for life, just twelve months ago. The Company for whom he was working and who should be responsible for his accident, have so far refused to give him any compensation for his injuries.

In this same district at the recent elections the present member, Bell by name, made all sorts of promises to the miners of what he would do for them in the way of compensation law, 8 hour bank to bank law, better homes, better light, better conditions, etc., but so far they have received nothing. The premier has also switched the question of doing anything in this regard for another twelve months. A system of mining inspection is certainly needed in the province of Saskatchewan along the same lines that are followed in British Columbia. According to reliable reports the conditions in some of the mines in Saskatchewan at present are deplorable. Ventilation is a joke; timbering a farce, the use of powder entrusted to those who are not careful, and the general conditions in which the men have to work are about as bad as could be imagined. As stated before in this paper, in a recent speech outlining the work that was to be undertaken by the legislature of Saskatchewan, the premier expounded a long list of public works and legislation that was to be undertaken, but not one word had he to offer for the miners, who are working under worse conditions in Saskatchewan than in any of the three coal mining provinces of the west. The voters will not be liable to forget the deal they have received.

A TREAT COMING

It will be great news indeed to all of us to learn that the Bonnie Briar Bush will be given heer on January 18 at the Miners Union Opera House. This Scotch comedy drama which so well combines several of Ian McLaren's best known stories of life in Drumtochty, is sure to please all theatre goers, especially our Scotch populace, as it is full of the atmosphere of the thistle, the heather, and Dear Auld Scotland. The play is wonderfully true to life in its delineation of Scotch character, such characters as may even now be found in country towns in Scotland, where the Calvanistic doctrines of redemption and damnation are lived up to so closely that domestic ties are apt to become sacrificed on what the "unco guid' consider the altar of religious duty. In Lachlan Campbell is shown one whose heart is overflowing with tender love for his motherless daughter, yet he in a moment of what he deems righteous wrath, drives her from his home, and struggling against his fatherly affection tries to make himself believe that this act was that of a just and a God-fearing man. He is transformed from an ascetic and literal believer in the Calvanistic interpretation of the scriptures to one who after all sees some good in the Golden Rule. All this is very beautifully brought out in the play. The comedy element in the piece is strong and persistent. Its chief exponent is Postle whose droll philosophy and wittiesisms are an excellent foil fo the more serious portions of the play. The company this season is all that could be desired, while a quartette of male singers and William Meikle, a Scotch bag piper, will add to the general effectiveness.

The Trites-Wood Company and staff presented Mr. Ernest Bodman, a former member of their staff, who is at present undergoing treatment in Spokane, with a cheque for $100. The recipient wishes to publicly extend to the donors his thanks for this much-appreciated gift.

As Others See Us

Progressive Fernie, published at the Ledger office in the coal city is a literary and typographical victory. — Greenwood Ledge.

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The Herald is in receipt of Progressive Fernie, an illustrated booklet published by the Fernie District Ledger. It commemorates the destructive fire of August 1908, and the remarkable progress the town has made since then in rebuilding. A racy story of the fire is given with many good illustrations, and the work of restoration is a credit not only to Fernie but to the whole of Canada.—Nanaimo Herald.

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Progressive Fernie is the title of a handsome illustrated booklet issued by the District Ledger at Fernie. The issue shows the miraculous progress that has taken place in Fernie in one short year. The terrible fire occurred in August 1908 and the illustrations show conditions as they are in August 1909. Altogether the issue is one which reflects much credit on the publishers.—Portage la Prairie Liberal.

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The Fernie Ledger has issued a very attractive booklet showing the progress than has been made in the chief coal mining town of the interior of British Columbia since the great fire of 1908. Within the compass of a single year the city has risen from the ashes of its former self and is in a more prosperous condition than at any previous time in its history. The work in question was printed in the Ledger office and bears upon its face most convincing evidence of the fact that in the printing business and in every other businss Fernie is thoroughly up to date.—Victoria Times.

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The town of Fernie in British Columbia, which a year ago was practically obliterated by fire, has again been rebuilt, and has now regained almost the full measure of its former greatness and importance. This at any rate is the announcement made in a large, illustrated booklet entitled Progressive Fernie, which has just been issued by the business men of that community. Fernie is situated in the rich coal mining country of the Crows Nest Pass, and the booklet serves to show that it is reaping great prosperity from the coal mining industry. It is described as the city of homes, the Pittsburg of Canada, the industrial beehive of Southeastern British Columbia. The object of the booklet is to show that the city possesses advantages as a distributing and manufacturing centre, and the letter press and illustrations certainly seem to bear this out.—Montreal Witness.

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The District Ledger, Fernie B. C., has our thanks for a copy of Progressive Fernie, a book of over one hundred pages, wherein is contrasted the growth of that flourishing western town since the big fire in August, 1908. Many views are portrayed of the destruction wrought by the fire fiend, as are also views of the progress since made. The publication is a work of art throughout, a really creditable piece of letter press and half tone work. In looking over its pages we find a Westville boy portrayed in several places. On one page we find the individual photo of James Marshall, chief clerk accounting department of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. We also find him in a group of the clerical staff of the C. N. P. C. Co. We also find him in another group as a member of the Fernie Board of Trade, 1909. James H. is a son of our worthy townsman, Mr. James Marshall, Acadia street.—Free Lance, Westville, N. S.

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Fernie, risen from its ashes is today one of the busiest, brightest, best built and most progressive of the prosperous cities of the interior of British Columbia. Progressive Fernie, a handsomely illustrated, cleverly compiled and well printed book of views and letter press, just issued by the Fernie District Ledger, gives an admirable idea of the wonderful transformation that took place within 12 months of the great disaster that converted one of the most flourishing cities of the Crow into a heap of smouldering ruins. The amazing work that has been accomplished by the indomitable citizens of the coal metropolis within so brief a period is graphically portrayed in the publication. Views show the city as it was before the fatal August 1, 1908, the scenes of ruin and desolation that the devastating fire left in its wake are depicted, and finally, there are illustrations of the handsome city as it exists today and of many of its most noteworthy buildings. The book is a remarkable memento of a chapter in the history of Fernie that can be paralleled nowhere on the four continents. It tells a story of catastrophe and recovery that is a credit to the spirit and perseverence of the west, and it is a souvenir that is of interest not in Fernie alone, but wherever pluck and admiration are admired. The illustrations first attract the attention of those who make a cursory examination of the publication, but the letter press is appropriate and equally interesting, and the advertisements which are also published give a vivid impression of the businesslike and progressive spirit of the city that is well named Progressive Fernie.—Nelson News.

A Solro was held in the basement of the Methodist church on Monday evening. A good number were present and a most onjoyable time was spent. During the evening a present of a solid silver tea set was made to Mr. and Mrs. Weatherilt on behalf of the church on the occasion of their departure from the city.

Prof. Myer announces that he will start next week a French conversation and reading class. Three hours a week is the time and success is guaranteed in four months. He will give also strictly private lessons to ladies and gentlemen in German, French or Italian three times a week, every twelve lessons paid in advance. These courses will be held in the afternoon and will not interfere with the regular courses or preparation for junior and senior matriculation in classics and mathematics. For terms please apply at Fernie opera house.

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Fernie, B. C., January 1st, 1910

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

A grand smoking concert was held in the new club hall on Christmas evening. Owing to the absence of the president through work, the chair was taken by W. Larder, better known as Yorkie, who performed his duties in fine style. The following gentlemen aided considerably in producing a most enjoyable evening: D. Archibald, W. Evans, J. Dooly, H. Baker, T. Davies, J. Hewitt, R. Hubbertsey, D. Slavin, T. Davies, T. Steele, T. Stowe, J. McFarlane, A. Harrold, A. Smith, W. Atkinson, T. Douglas, J. Dodd, D. McGregor, R. Tucker, the Highland piper, and A. Allan, comedian from Michel. The accompanists were M. J. Hewitt and B. Barnes. The refreshments were supplied free by Mr. Cox of the Elk Valley Brewing Company. Everybody present had a real good time.

Mr. James Finlayson, wife and family from Frank, were visiting friends at Coal Creek for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Crabbe entertained a number of their friends to a party on Tuesday evening and all had a good time.

H. Fowler, a driver in No. 9 mine, had the misfortune to lose the little finger of his right hand on the 23rd inst. by getting it caught between a car and a post.

Mr. Fullerton of Winnipeg, is now in charge of the company's warehouse at Coal Creek.

Jack O'Brien pulled out last week for a trip to the coast.

Herbert Lanfear and family are again residing at Coal Creek.

The first dance this season was held in the Club Hall last Wednesday night. The Company present was not a very large one owing to the short notice, but those who were there had a right good time. The floor was just fine and the music too. Piano, Mr. Claridge; violin, Mr. Foster. Floor master, Mr. T. Wakelem.

Among the visitors at the Creek for Christmas were some old timers in J. Combe, T. Branch, J. Logan, T. Leech W. Quail, T. Wilson, N. Duncan, A. Cruickshanks, A. Allan, E. Purcell, E. Lynn, G. Smith.

Yorkey took a trip back east last Sunday night.

The concert for the benefit of Chas. Allstead on Monday night was a grand success financially, and the talent was exceptionally good, as the following program will show: Musical selection song, Minute Past Seven Last Night; Miss Jones, song, Just Like the Ivy I'll Cling to Thee; Miss Alice Tyldsley The Choir Boy; Mr. J. Foley, cornet solo; C. Claridge, humorous song, The Song Without a Name; encore, What Would the Congregation Say?; Mrs. F. M. Porteous, song, Sing Me to Sleep; encore, Love Me and the World is Mine; Master Worthington, violin solo Mrs. Elly, song, Sweetheart Days; J. Puckey, character comedian:— Run Away, Mounted Foot; encore, Yarns; Miss Cissie McCourt, song, The Tollers; G. Finlayson, comic song, Patter, a Different Girl Again; Miss Alice Tyldesley, recitation, The Road to Heaven; Miss Cissie McCourt, The Dear Home Songs; Mrs. Elly, song, selected. After the program the president, Mr. W. McFegan, moved a vote of thanks to the artists for the kind services rendered also the audience for their kind atronage towards such a charitable cause. The board of management was also heartily thanked. Mr. J. Claridge seconded the motion. The sum received by the concert was $131. The singing of God Save the King brought a good entertainment to a close. The accompanists for the evening were Mr. Elly and Mr. Evans.

Don't forget the dance on New Years eve. Tickets. Gentlemen one dollar and fifty cents. Ladies free. Lunch to be served. Secretary C. Claridge.

The boys at the big batch had a fight on Christmas day (snowballing.)

Who harnessed the team that went to Fernie on Christmas morning.

George Smith is back at the Creek again. Can't stay away can you, George.

Entertainments and Christmas trees were held in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches respectively last Wednesday and Thursday evenings for the children and friends and everyone had a good time.

Quite a crowd of men went to Fernie for the special meeting Tuesday night and Wednesday. The mines were idle in order to get all the men there possible. A special train was run from the Creek.

An Italian was fined ten dollars and costs at Fernie police court on the 15th inst. for having stuck his lamp with a pick in No. 5 mine and not reporting it to the fire boss. This is a very serious offence and men working in these mines cannot be too careful with their lamps.

Have you paid your subscription to the Ledger yet? If not, why not. They need the money in the business.

We wish all readers of this paper a bright and prosperous New Year.

Alf. Smith, a coupler in No. 2 mine had his leg badly crushed by being caught with a runaway trip on Tuesday night.

WALDO

(Too Late for last week)

The masquerade ball held by the ladies of Waldo on Thursday evening was a pronounced success in every way. Lower Waldo, Baynes, Elko, Jaffray and Wardner were well represented. The floor was in perfect condition and dancing was much enjoyed. At 12 o'clock an excellent supper was served. When the guests unmasked a flashlight picture was taken. Following are some of the characters represented.

Mrs. Griffith, nurse.
Mrs. Hart, Indian maiden.
Mrs. Verhoef, night.
Mrs. Joe Ross, Queen of Hearts.
Miss Smith: Queen of Diamonds.
Mr. and Mrs. Hales Ross: Uncle Sam and Wife.
Mrs. Charles McNab: Plain old woman.
Mrs. Walter Robertson, Dutch girl
Mrs. Gironde: Night.
Dr. Robertson: Red domino.
Miss Saunders: Greenaway girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Flemsburg, sailor lad and lass.
Mrs. Roby: Flower girl.
Mrs. Dunn: Japanese girl.
Mrs. McDonald: Dancing girl.
Mr. Walter Robertson: Baby.
Mr. Dupont: sailor.
Mr. Robertson: Highland chieftain.
Dr. Saunders: Red domino.
Mr. Booth: Green domino.
Mr. Joe Ross: Cavalier.
Mr. Pickard: Cow woman.
Mr. Muir: Knight.
Mr. Irvin: Double clown.
Mr. Barter: Clown.
Mr. Roby: Mephisto.

Excellent music was furnished and dancing was kept up to the we sma' hours of the morning.

Service will be held in the Waldo hall on Sunday.

FRANK

(Last week's items)

Mr. and Mrs. Holcroft and George Whiting of Michel went through here on Saturday last on a visit to Burmis.

All the children of the day school were visited by Father Christmas,—alias A. V. Lang—on Wednesday and were presented with a bag of candy, and nuts.

Mrs. Darbyshire and Mrs. Smith of Burmis were visitors here on Thursday.

The Christmas tree which ought to have been held this week will be held on Friday next when there will be a concert and every child rich or poor will receive a present.

Percy Hesketh of Blairmore will visit Coal Creek this week end to spend Christmas with his relatives and friends.

A grand smoker was held on Tuesday evening last in the school house and all had a good time.

Mr. Blair, an old timer through the Pass, has taken up a position as engineer at the cement works at Blairmore.

Another smash up occurred at Bellevue this week when a freight pitched into the rear end of a standing freight, smashing the caboose and dismantling the engine of the stack and several other parts. The front of the engine caught fire and burned off all the wood work clean to the engine. This is the second smash at Bellevue in the last three weeks. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Mike Kindret of Passburg laid information against Billy Mosteca to the police for assault, but later Kindret withdrew the charge, Mosteca paying the costs.

Pete Morris also of Passburg was fined $5 and costs for assaulting Jno. Gregovich of Passburg.

Mrs. McFarland of Hillcrest laid information against her husband for assault. He was sentenced to two months hard labor at Macleod without the option of a fine.

Carl Bansmer was committed on the 27th for stealing a horse belonging to W. Chappel of Bellevue. He borrowed the horse to come to Frank, but instead of returning he skipped out across the line taking the horse with him. He was turned back by the U. S. customs and arrested by the Mounted police at Twin Lakes. He was sent back to Frank and was committed by Mr. T. S. Belcher, J. P. He will be sentenced later.

The Christmas tree which ought to have been held before Xmas, will be held New Years eve in the church, when it is hoped that every child in Frank will receive a nice present. All tradesmen and the general public contributed generously to the scheme.

Mr. Somerton of New Michel was paying his brother a visit here this week.

TORONTO EXPRESS WRECKED

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Part of the Toronto-Winnipeg express which left Winnipeg on Wednesday night was derailed seven miles west of Chapleau.

Several coaches in the middle of the train left the rails, and two of them turned over on their sides. About 20 persons received slight injuries and of these the following are said to be the most seriously hurt:

M. Moquil, Amsterdam, N. Y., back injured.

D. A. McLean, Moosomin, Sask., internal injuries.

Mrs. Hugh McMahon, Newdale, Man. back and side injured.

Mrs. S. Dickson, Winnipeg, body injured.

The cause as far as is yet ascertainable, was a broken rail, the engine having passed over safely.

Later.—B. Campbell of Lethbridge was among those who were slightly injured.

The Hogmannay supper and dance of the Scotch folk is being held in Bruce's hall tonight (Friday.) A good time is assured. Supper is on the tables at 8.30 o'clock. The price of admission is gents $2; ladies free.

That beautiful Scottish drama The Bonnie Briar Bush is to pay us a visit in the very near future. This will be welcome news to all lovers of this delightful interpretation of Ian McLaren's widely read stories of Drumtochty. The story is so well and favorably known here that it is unnecessary to detail the plot. Lachlan Campbell, Postie, Tammas, McLure and all the other lovable characters will be well presented by a thoroughly capable company of players. An entirely new and beautiful scenic production has been built for this season, the former one having been destroyed this summer in a fire which burned up one of the largest storage warehouses in New York city. The play will be given here on January 10 at the Miners opera house.

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Rubber Animal
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Mug
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Doll
Blocks
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Toy Dishes
Sleigh
Mug
Chatterbox
Rocking Horse
Toy Train
Paint Box
Juvenile Notepaper
Mechanical Toy

FOR A SON—
Wallet
Collar Box
Smokers Set
Ash Tray
Poker Chips
Pipe Rack
Knife
Writing Material
Brushes
Cuff Box
Cigarette Case
Playing Cards
Handkerchief Box
Parlor Croquet
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Hat Pin Holder
Paper Knife
Toilet Case
Purse
Penholder
Papeterie
Photo Easel
Portfolio
Brush
Work Basket
Music Roll
Paper Knife
Glove Box
Bridge Set

FATHER—
Brushes
Cuff Box
Cigar Case
Travelling Companion
Shaver's Requisites
Den Decorations
Wallet
Bill Book
Match Box
Letter Case
Flask
Smokers' Sundries
Shaving Mirror
Writing Material

MOTHER—
Tea Set
Clock
Salad Dish
Pickle Dish
Platers
Crumb Brush
Card Receiver
Picture Frame
Pudding Form
Jardiniere
Waste Basket
Honey Jar
Copper Kettle
Napkin Ring
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INVESTIGATE GRIEVANCES

Grand Trunk Employees and the Bosses Chewing the Rag For Better or Worse

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—For some time there has been a dispute between the G. T. R. and its station agents and operators regarding the hours of work. A conciliation board has been appointed consisting of J. E. Atkinson of Toronto, chairman, appointed by the minister of labor; Wallace Nesbitt, K. C. representing the railway and W. E. Lees of Toronto for the men. The dispute effects all the lines east of Detroit.

Evening Citizen says: "It is stated that a number of disputes as to classification of excavation of the lake Superior section of the Transcontinental railway have been adjusted as between Mr. Kelliher of the G. T. P. and G. Grant, chief engineer of the commission. This has been done without the necessity of a reference to Collingwood Schrieber. The third arbitrator was appointed on November 11. Other sections will be gone over in the spring. The correspondence and other matters relating to classification on the Transcontinental will be the subject of enquiry when parliament reassembles, but it is said that the attitude of both the commission and the G.T.P. will be to sit tight, pending the completion of the work of the newly appointed arbitration board.

The railway commission heard a long argument today on the complaint of the Manufacturers association against the new tariff on code messages proposed by certain telegraph companies.

The amalgamation of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees with the Canadian Federation of Labor which has been pending since the convention of the latter held here in September has at last been completed.

Final arrangements were made for taking the railway men into the Canadian Federation of Labor at a conference held here between J. W. Patterson, president of the Federation and A. R. Molscher, grand president of the Brotherhood.

It is understood that the terms on which amalgamation is made are satisfactory to all parties concerned. The railway men will continue their organization under the old name but will pay a per capita tax on the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees—numbering 3000 men—who are mainly employed on the Intercolonial and the other lines of Nova Scotia. Their head office is in Halifax.

President D'Arcy Magee of the Ottawa hockey club received a wire from Manager Jack Winchester of the Edmonton team asking him to hold Edmonton's cup dates open. Mr. Magee says that the Edmonton team will most likely come. They will doubtless be given the dates of January 1 and 3 if they come.

COUNTY COURT

Sittings in East Kootenay for Year To Come

January 11th, Tuesday at Wilmer.
January 14th, Friday at Cranbrook.
January 20: Fernie
January 27: Golden.
February 10: Cranbrook.
February 17: Fernie.
March 10: Cranbrook
March 17: Fernie
April 7: Golden
April 9: Wilmer
April 14: Cranbrook.
April 21: Fernie
May 12: Cranbrook
May 19: Fernie
June 9: Cranbrook.
June 16: Fernie
June 23: Golden.
June 25: Wilmer.
September 1: Golden.
September 3: Wilmer
September 8: Cranbrook
September 15: Fernie
October 13: Cranbrook
October 20: Fernie
November 3: Golden.
November 10: Cranbrook
November 17: Fernie
December 8: Cranbrook
December 15: Fernie

Chambers will be held at Fernie on Tuesday in each week excepting the weeks when ther is a sitting of the court. Chambers in Cranbrook each Monday and all other days the Judge is in town.

P. E. WILSON
Judge

THERE ARE OTHERS

A big hearted Irish politician in a western city had just left a theatre one night when he was approached by a beggar who said:

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1 Bottle H. B. Old Sherry
1 Bottle H. B. Old Port
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1 Bottle H. B. Jamaica Rum
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Convention Call Issued

To the Local Unions of the United Mine Workers of America, Greeting:

You are hereby notified that the 21st annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America will be held in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., commencing at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1910.

A careful examination of the following extracts from Article Five of the Constitution will show the basis of representation and the manner of the election of delegates:

Section 2: Representatives to the International Convention shall be elected directly from Local Unions and shall have one vote for each one hundred members or majority fraction thereof, but no representative shall have, or be credited by the Credential Committee with more than five votes, nor shall said Credential committee transfer votes to any delegate not duly authorized by the Local Union, and no person shall be eligible as representative who is not a mine worker or employed by the organization, and is a bona fide member of a local union in the district which he is said to represent.

Note: The term "Miner or Mine Worker" includes any one working in or around the mines and a member of a Local union.

Sec. 3: No local union shall be entitled to representation in the international convention that is in arrears for dues or assessments for two months preceding the one in which the international conention is held, and which has not in every particular complied with the constitution of the district in which said local union may be located, or which has less than ten members, and any mine within the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers, having been once organized for a period of three months and allowing itself to become lapsed, defunct, or refusing to pay dues or assessments to the organization, shall pay a sum equal to three months dues and assessments on all members to the international and district unions, before it can be reinstated or reorganized, and must be in good standing for four months previous to the month in which the international convention is held before said local union shall be entitled to representation in the annual or special conventions.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon investigation that any local union has lapsed in order to evade the payment of tax or assessments, the international executive board shall insist upon the payment of all back taxes and assessments.

Sec. 5. All newly organized locals must be organized at least three months, and have two months dues paid prior to the month in which the International convention is held before they will be entitled to representation, unless said new locals are composed of members from old locals in good standing at time of organization; the fact that a new local is composed of members of an old local must be attested by the district secretary.

Sec. 6. Representation shall be based upon the average membership of the Local union for the last three months upon which payment has been made, previous to the month in which the International convention is held.

Delegates to the International convention shall be elected at any regular meetings after the call for the convention has been received and a notice shall be posted at the mine at least three days previous to such meeting, stating that delegates are to be elected. Delegates to the international convention shall receive a majority vote of the members present at meeting when such delegates are elected.

Sec. 7. Any member of the United Mine Workers of America accepting a position other than that of a miner or mine worker shall not be eligible to act as representative to any sub-district, district or international convention, or represent the United Mine Workers in a central body or State Federation of Labor convention, while holding such position; but accepting a position with the United Mine Workers or any other affiliated organization shall not be construed as making a member ineligible to act as representative.

Sec. 8. The books of the secretary-treasurer shall be closed for the year on November 30 and no credentials shall be received after January 8, nor shall any delegate be entitled to a seat in the International convention unless their local union was in good standing on December 1, preceding the date upon which the annual convention is held.

Sec. 9. Delegates to the International convention shall be paid railroad fare to and from the convention on the following basis: Delegates shall represent five locals if said locals contain not more than 500 members. When there are 500 members in one local or a less number than five locals, such locals shall be entitled to send a delegate, and any local union situated one or more miles from any other local union shall be entitled to send a representative and should there be more than five votes in any one local or group of locals, they shall be entitled to a representative for the additional members as provided for in this constitution. The Executive Board shall have power to levy on the members to carry out the above provisions provided said levy be necessary.

Sec. 10. Where railroad certificates cannot be obtained by delegates attending the International Convention they shall furnish receipts for the fare paid.

Delegates to the convention should be elected sufficiently early to enable the Secretary of the local union to forward the duplicate credentials in time to reach the international secretary's office not later than January 8, 1910.

Negotiations are now being made to secure special rates of transportation. Instructions to delegates concerning the purchase of tickets will be published in the United Mine Workers Journal together with the rates obtained at various hotels.

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Sunday School Suggestive Questions

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

January 2nd 1910

John, the forerunner of Jesus.—Matthew iii:1-12.

Golden Text.—The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matt. iii:3.

Verse 1.—What were the days referred to in vese 1?

What are the facts concerning John the Baptist, his paents, the time and place of his birth, his early training, the commencement of his ministry, his characteristics and the nature of his preaching?

Where and what was the wilderness of Judae?

Verse 2.—What did John want the people to do when he urged them to repent?

Why was it then and why is it now impossible for any person to enjoy the favor of God without first having repented?

What did John mean by saying The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand?

Has the kingdom of heaven been established on earth and if so, what is that kingdom, and who are its citizens?

Verse 3.—What did Esaias (Isaiah) foretell concerning John and where is the passage to be found?

In what sense did John prepare the way for Jesus?

Verse 4.—Why did John dress in such a plain way and eat such simple food?

To what extent should good people, today, take John for an example in the matter of food and clothing?

To what extent does God care what we eat and what we wear?

If all you know of a man is that he is fastidious in the matter of dress and an epicure in his food, how would you be apt to rate him in regard to personal piety?

Can men work as hard, think as hard and accomplish as much or more in all departments of life on a vegetable, as on a meat diet?

Verses 5-6—How do you account for the wonderful interest which John's preaching created?

If John were the permanent pastor of a church in this town do you suppose that he would be able to constantly keep up such a great revival as this story records?

What did John's baptism signify?

Was baptism then, and is baptism now for adults of any avail without a full confession of sin?

Verse 7—When a member of the church is not a devoted man is he any better or worse than any other sinner?

If a minister of the gospel is not a truly good man, whose word is as good as his bond how would you compare him with a layman of similar character?

What is the tendency of the office of a pastor or of a Bible class teacher as to making its incumbent a truly noble and an all-round morally and financially, trustworthy man?

Is a patsor of a church under any greater obligation to be a truly devoted man than his members? Why or why not?

These scribes and pharisees were in those days what our pastors and church officials are in these days. How do you account for the fact that they were such bad men?

Verses 8-9—What are the fruits which prove genuine repentance? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

To what extent does the fact that a man has a noble and devoted ancestry recommend him to God?

Can any person be saved because of his parents' goodness?

Verse 10—Is it the fact, and why, that incompetent men fail and that bad men always come to grief?

Verse 11—What is the difference between the personal results of John's baptism and that of the baptism of the Holy Spirit from Jesus?

Verse 12—What reason is there for the belief that men and women make their own hell or heaven?

Lesson for Sunday, January 9, 1910, —The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. attM. iii:13-17; 4:1-11.

January 9 1909

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.—Matthew 3:13-17, 4.1,11.

Golden Text—In that he hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. 2.18

Verses 13, 14—Why did Jesus want to be baptized?

What reason is there for the opinion that John's refusal to baptise Mesus was a reasonable position to take?

Verse 15—Is baptism essential to salvation and if not, what is its purpose?

Repentance seems to have been a necessary step to John's baptism, did Jesus need to repent?

Verses 16, 17—What evidence is there that any person but Jesus saw the opening heavens, the Holy Spirit, or that they heard the voice from Heaven?

If a few of those present, who were spiritual, saw and heard these things, is there any elvdence to show that the multitude did also?

Verse 1.—Why did the spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness? .. .. ..

What reasons are there to believe that temptation was or was not, essential for the spiritual development of Jesus?

Is temptation necessary or a part of God's educational process for all of us. Give your reasons for your belief?

How much virtue would there be in doing right if there were neither temptation nor opportunity to do wrong? (This question must be answered in writing by the members of the club.)

Verse 2.—Why did Jesus fast, and what is the general effect of fasting upon spiritual life?

If Christians follow the example of Jesus in the matter of fasting, what results would you expect would probably follow?

Give a reasoned opinion as to whether Jesus would probably feel the pangs of hunger during the ecstacy of the fast?

What are the limits of the rule that reaction generally follows exaltation, and state whether Jesus was likely passing through this reaction when he was an hungered?

Verse 3—To what part of the nature of Jesus did the devil make his first appeal?

Give your reasons for your opinion as to whether physical temptations are as numerous or dangerous as spiritual temptations?

Verse 4—What would have been the moral quality of the act if Jesus had made bread out of stones?

In what sense do good men live by the word of God?

Verse 5—Did Jesus go bodily into the city, and if not, what did take place?

What are the reasons to believe that the mental temptation would be as powerful as if it had been physically performed?

Verses 6, 7—What does this second temptation appeal to?

Are there any exceptions to the rule that a man of God will never go contrary to God's established laws?

What is it to tempt God?

Verses 8-11—What method did the Devil adopt to give Jesus the most extensive view of his kingdom?

What are the "kingdoms of the world, which the Devil controls?

How could the edival have given Jesus what he promised?

Do angels always minister to those who successfully oppose the Devil?

Lesson for Sunday, January 16th, 1910.

The eginning of the Galilean Ministry.—Matthew 4:12-25.

"John!" she exclaimed, jabbing her elbow into his ribs at 2:17 a.m., "did you lock the kitchen door?" And John, who is inner guard, and was just then dreaming over last evening's lodge meeting, sprang up in bed, made the proper sign and responded "Worthy Ruler, ou rportals are guarded." Oh, he hit the right title even if he was asleep.—Presbyterian.

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20	Bankhead	T. Bradley, Bankhead, Alta.
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	G. Kelly, Blairmore, Alta.
1987	Canmore	Wm. Angell, Canmore, Alta.
69	Coal City	A. D. Altroy, Coal City, Taber, Alta.
2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	P. Lennon, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
2378	Cardiff	J. Aplin, Cardiff, Alta.
279	Cardiff	F. K. St. Amant, Cardiff, Alta.
2877	Corbin	A. Hamilton, Corbin, B. C.
2178	Diamond City	Pat Kelly, Diamond City, Lethbridge, Alta.
2540	Edmonton City,	C. F. Larrier, 154 Bellamy St. Edmonton
1329	Edmonton	A. S. Julian, 2 Frazer Flats, Edmonton
2388	Edmonton	V. Holub 121 Lorne St. Norwood, Edmonton
2314	Fernie	D. Rees, Fernie B. C.
1263	Frank	G. Nicol, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	J. W Morris, Hosmer, B. C.
1058	Hillcrest	J. O. Jones, Hillcrest, Alta.
2850	Konmare	R. Evans, Konmare, N. D.
574	Lethbridge	M. Pilshack, P. O. 113, Lethbridge, Alta.
1233	Lillo	J. T. Griffiths, Lillo, Frank, Alta.
2329	Maple Leaf,	F. Bonacci, Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Alta.
2334	Michel	Chas. Garner, Michel, B. C.
2352	Passburg	A. Covatch, Passburg, Alta.
2589	Royal Collieries	Chas. Smith, Royal Coll., Lethbridge, Alta.
2672	Roche Percee	L. McQuarrie, Roch Percee, Sask.
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RUSSIA AND THE BROWNIE

Massing Troops in Siberia--Fear a Second Scrap With Japs Over Manchuria

VICTORIA, Dec. 28.—Russia is now massing troops in Siberia, according to statements of travellers from North Manchuria and Siberia published in Shanghai newspapers received by the Holt liner Ningchow which arrived today from Liverpool and the Orient with a large cargo of general merchandise.

Half a million troops are said to be encamped in the vicinity of Lake Baikal and fifteen submarines are said to have been sent to Vladivostock. The rebuilding of the Amur railroad, 1530 miles long at a cost of $150,000,000 is being hurried owing to representations of Russian officers to the effect that there is menace of a second war with Japan in consequence of the struggle for dominance in Manchuria, which one returned traveller has dubbed the tinder box of the Orient. He says the Siberian border is the scene of great activity by Japanees spies and Vladivostock and Harbin papers make complaints that the Japanese gunboat Hiyei has been scouting the coast. Chinese newsapers allege that Japanese intrigue is growing at Peking and statements are also published that the recent attacks by Hung Thuntz brigands on the railroad coolies building the Antung Mukden railway, were engaged by Jap troops and as railway guards.

China has sent several squads of cavalry to guard the road. Japanese correspondents at Port Arthur tell of touching scenes in connection with the visit of General and Countess Nogi to unveil the great monument erected to the memory of the Japanese troops who fell in the attack on Port Arthur. Countess Nogi ascended 205 Meter Hill in a heavy downpour of rain to bid farewell to the soul of her son, Lieut. Nogi, who was killed there. She then went to Nahanan to take a similar farewell of her younger son who fell there.

News was brought from Ningchow of sensation during a murder trial at Tokio. Tsunkeichi Asama on trial for alleged murder of four Japanese denied an alleged confession made a circumstantial statement of tortures of himself, his wife and children in brutal manner by the Tokio police under which he made a confession.

The Hochi-Shiabun says that it is considered that Asama is innocent and that the whole case is a fabrication of the police.

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.

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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.

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"Let one man stand at my right hand," Horatius quoth, quoth he. "Let one abide at my left side and keep the bridge with me. Three men, I wot, can make it hot for caitiff foes like these; and when we write about the fight we'll share the royalties."—Ex.

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.

PRESENT SITUATION IN NOVA SCOTIA

THE BIG STRIKE STILL ON IN EARNEST—THE U. M. W. A. MEN STAND PAT

The following letter is reproduced from a recent issue of the Mine Workers Journal:

Springhill N.S.

The strike in Nova Scotia is a subject of interest throughout the entire field of the U. M. W., and some reference to the fight and the men who are conducting it may be of interest to the readers of the Journal.

For many good and sufficient reasons the miners in Nova Scotia took a referendum vote to determine whether they would amalgamate with the United Mine Workers of America, or continue under a remodelled P. W. A. There was a substantial majority in favor of amalgamation, and I believe the result was accepted by the great majority—I mean the majority of the minority, if you will—and that it was generally agreed that the transfer was to be made forthwith. But the powers that be got after the weak ones, with the result that a number were induced to break faith with their fellow members and go back on the vote they had taken—hence the present industrial conflict.

The mine employes at Springhill, who were organized in two lodges of the P. W. A., had voted almost unanimously for amalgamation. They stood on their principle as honorable men should do, and were organized into local union No. 469, U. M. W. of A., by International Board Member Peter Patterson in December of 1908. Shortly afterwards several locals were organized amongst the Dominion Coal Company's employes, then almost immediately the company discharged over 1,000 men, who had asked for nothing from the company, but had quietly affiliated with a union of their choice. The corporations sat up and took notice; they could see that if the United Mine Workers got a foothold in Nova Scotia they would shortly have to concede to their employes a little more of the wealth which they were accumulating out of the toil of these men, and would have to agree to many little improvements in the general conditions connected with industry.

The operators, together with their hand maidens, the lawyers and military, national, provincial and municipal servants, have arrayed themselves against the United Mine Workers in Nova Scotia with the sole object of crushing unionism, to enforce the open shop and then dictate whatever terms they please to the men who work in their mines.

Capitalist writers constantly preach that it is a fight between the two rival organizations, the P. W. A. and the U. M. W. of A. It is nothing of the kind. Can it be pretended for a moment that a few hundred P. W. A. backsliders, whose membership has been swelled during the last half year by scab labor forced into its ranks, whether they wanted it or not, is the only thing fighting the U. M. W. at the present time?

This is not merely a fight between the operators and workmen in Nova Scotia. It is a big and far reaching attempt to strike a blow at unionism, particularly international unionism.

However I am pleased to see that the international unions are alive to the situation, and that there is something behind the striking miners in Nova Scotia which the local corporations had not figured on.

The military was sent post haste to Cape Breton on the merest pretext, and against the mayor of Glace Bay's declaration that nothing had occurred to justify this step. It is well known that these soldiers had received orders long before the receipt of the final despatch. I wonder if the operators had insisted on the miners taking a reduction, locked them out because they refused, then tried to bring in scab labor, and the locked out employes appealed to the government for military to protect their rights, would the government have responded so readily—or at all?

Circumstances often arise to justify such a request from workmen, but you will never see it granted till the wage earners become wise enough to go into parliament and do their own legislating.

In Nova Scotia since the strike began, some queer things have been done under the name of the law which makes one curious to know how much freedom there really is in this free country after all.

If two men stood on the streets of Glace Bay talking together they were apt to get run in for unlawful assembly. Many were whisked off for little else. Women were prosecuted for making the simplest remarks. One man who stood at his own door waiting for the doctor to visit his sick wife was summoned—for nothing except to please the Dominion Coal Company. Three thousand strikers organized a march from Glace Bay to Dominion.

There was not a single case of rowdyism—everything was peaceable. Several bands of music led the way with a marshal ahead carrying a union jack on horseback.

When the procession reached the border line a friendly councillor rushed forward shouting to President McDougall "For God's Sake Turn back; they have orders to shoot you in the legs." He referred to the soldiers who were drawn up across the streets to block the procession.

Right here, I am informed, stands a temple erected to the glory of God, the Creator of all men, and the authorities had placed two Gatling guns on the grounds of the sacred edifice—what for? why, to mow down those peaceable marching men if you please.

How much do you suppose those authorities cared for God, or the union jack or patriotism? They don't care the least bit for those things, but push it down the throats of the toilers when it suits their purposes. I am a bit of a patriot myself but I want to be saved from the kind exhibited by those soldiers of the king on the occasion I refer to. The controlling forces of Canada have been playing a game of battledore and shuttelcock between Glace Bay and Montreal (1000 miles) during the last few weeks, with President McDougall, Harry Bousfield, Peter Patterson and other international men, presumably to keep them off the fighting ground and harass the organization. The specific charge is one of criminal libel. The accused is supposed to have said something in a press notice about the conditions in Glace Bay which the coal company is taking exception to. The case comes up again next March.

If the above case contains a sufficient basis for a charge against U. M. W. men there is little doubt that the U. M. W., have enough of grounds to put 75 per cent of the editors of Nova Scotia and dozens of other people into the hands of the law for precisely similar reasons.

Through it all the United Mine Workers in Nova Scotia are standing firm as a rock. The more they are prosecuted and persecuted the more determined are they to fight until fair play is conceded to them by the operators. Springhill mines have been tied up solid for seventeen weeks and not a man dreams of going to work without a reasonable settlement with the union and the company. Peter Patterson of District 18, Harry Bousfield, District 11, Con. Kellihor, Dist. 25, Vice-President E. C. McDougall and President T. L. Lewis have done good work down here, and the fact that they were selected to carry on the work in Nova Scotia is a guarantee of their ability and trustworthiness in the high position they hold in the organization.

Every one of them is popular here, and any announcement of meetings is sure to meet with packed houses.

There is a rumor that Brother Patterson would not be returning to Dist. 18. That is not true. He is here for the organization and the sterling services which he together with Harry Bousfield, Con. Kellihor and the other leaders have rendered to Nova Scotia will bear fruit in their own respective districts. Therefore, I say to the districts represented by these men on the International board, there are good reasons why you should be proud of them as Nova Scotia is proud of them today.

William Watkins.
Sec. Local union 469

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.
GEORGE VINCENT
Oct. 16 Dec. 17 G.V.

NOTICE

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

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

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

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.

G. H. BOULTON,
City Clerk.

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.

H. R. Jorand,
District Registrar

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands situate in South E. Kootenay, British Columbia, Block 4593, commencing at a post planted at or near 1 mile east of the 31st mile post of the present C. P. R. surveyed line and being the south east corner of A. S. Farquharson's claims;

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

Located this 2nd day of September, 1909.

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

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

Located this 3rd day of September, 1909.

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

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NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands situate in South E. Kootenay, British Columbia, Block 4593, commencing at a post planted at or near 4 miles east of 30 mile post of the present C. P. R. surveyed line and being the north west corner of P. A. Farquharson claim;

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

Located this 2nd day of September, 1909.

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

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands situate in South E. Kootenay, British Columbia, Block 4593, commencing at a post planted at or near 3 miles east of 30 mile post of the present C. P. R. surveyed line and being the north west corner of Nat Babcock claim;

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

Located this 2nd day of September, 1909.

NAT BABCOCK, Agent,
NAT BABCOCK, Locator
J. RAVEN, Witness

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands situate in South E. Kootenay, British Columbia, Block 4593, commencing at a post planted at or near 4 miles east of 27 mile post of the present C. P. R. surveyed line and being the south east corner of Nat Babcock claim;

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 3rd day of September, 1909.

NAT BABCOCK, Agent,
NAT BABCOCK, Locator
J. RAVEN, Witness

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.

SIMON DRAGON
Oct 16 Dec 17 G.V.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE

	Arrive Fernie
No. 213 West	10.00
No. 214 East	17.55
No. 236 Local East	9.12
No. 235 Local West	19.27
No. 7 West Flyer	10.40
No. 8 East Flyer	20.08

Change takes effect Sunday June 6.

G. N. TIME TABLE

NO. 252		No. 251
6.55	FERNIE	11.05
7.13	HOSMER	10.40
7.25	OLSON	10.32
7.50	MICHEL	10.10

Arrives Spokane 8.30 p.m.
Arrives Seattle 10.15 a.m.

BUSINESS LOCALS

For Sale.—Small sized violin 'cello, Apply J. W. Wright, Cox street, Annex.

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

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

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

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

Wanted: Nursing, over 20 years experience, apply to Mrs. J. Howbrook, Fernie Annex, or box 336, Fernie.

Wanted: A good handy girl, who can do cooking, etc. Apply C. C. Wright.

Found: A black pony. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses to date. Apply at Ledger office. 5t

Furnished boarding house for rent, a snap, apply to Ross Brothers, P. O. box 213.

Furnished and unfurnished room to rent in modern house. Telephone, electric light and bath. Apply B. S. care Ledger. 3tNP

For Sale: Ten acres good land covered with tamarac and cedar, close in. Apply Ledger office. 1m

Local News

Hot tea or coffee served at Ingrams pool room.

For boys and girls sleighs try the Trites-Wood Co.

Always ready: ham sandwiches and coffee at Ingram's.

Furnished rooms, bath etc. Mrs. Miller, North End Macpherson avenue. 2tp

Wanted: Private board for miner and little girl. Apply by letter to 999 Ledger office.

Just the thing early in the morning or late at night: a hot lunch at Ingram's.

If you want the best buy a McClary Stove. They don't cost any more at the Trites-Wood Co.

Furniture, pictures, window shades etc., a large and well selected stock, get our prices. The Trites-Wood Co.

To Let: During the winter, my residence, furnished. Apply L. P. Eckstein.

John Todhunter was in the city over the Christmas.

The Colonial Tourists tonight in Academy Girls.

If you saw the Rajah you'll see the Academy Girls.

See Academy Girls tonight, funnier than the Rajah.

George Pickering of Wardner was here on Monday.

Miss Ross of Blairmore was visiting here on Wednesday.

Miss Gogland of Hillcrest was in Fernie on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. B. Roalf gave a children's party on Wednesday afternoon.

Charlie Klingensmith of the Elk hotel, in Elko, was in Fernie on Tuesday.

Ed. Stubbs, a well known character in the Pass, died in Fernie today of heart failure.

Pretty Girls, Clever Comedians in Academy Girls. New Years Eve at Miners Theatre.

Buy the Standard Sewing machine there is nothing to equal it on the market today. For sale at the Trites Wood Company.

The next meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Klauer on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at 3.30.

The mines were idle on Wednesday, the miners having a meeting in the hall at 2 o'clock.

George Doyle, who was local manager for P. Burns, but who is now at Lethbridge, spent Christmas at Fernie.

Miss Alexander gave a dance on Christmas eve. A large number were present and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Norman Broley left for the east on Tuesday night. He goes to Toronto to meet Mrs. Broley who is returning from Ireland.

Wanted: Woman for household work Mornings 8 till 11; afternoons 3 till 5. Wages $30 per month. Apply Miss Barclay, residence near English church.

The tea, concert and dance to be given by the Co-operative society on New Years day is sure to be a great success. A varied program has been arranged.

All lovers of the dance should be sure and turn out on New Years eve to the dance to be given by the Wee Scots at Bruce's hall. A good time is assured and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. W. Coles and two children returned to the old country on Friday last, Mr. Coles having received the sad news of the death of a sister through burning, and the illness of his mother.

H. H. Ross and Miss Ross of the Ross-Saskatoon Lumber Company, of Wardner, together with Mr. F. W. Adolph of Baynes Lake, weer visiting in Fernie on Monday.

The employees of the Crow's Nest Trading Company store received handsome—Christmas—remembrances—this year, the total aggregating $500. This company has always given generously to its employees.

The first of a series of informal dan, by the Ladies' Benevolent Society will take palce in Bruce's hall on Wednesday, January 5th. The entire arrangeemnts will be in the hands of the following committee: Mrs. Bonnell, vice-president; Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. Liphardt, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Ambery. Music will be supplied by Mrs. Judson. Gentlemen's tickets:—$1.00, ladies 50c., to be had at the door of the hall.

J. F. Wilson of Coleman gave Fernie a visit on Tuesday.

Miss Davidson of Coleman gave Fernie a visit on Wednesday.

C. J. Lewis, game warden of Elko was in town on Monday.

Hugh McInnes of Elkmouth gave Fernie a visit on Monday.

The best musical comedy company en route, Colonial Tourists.

If the Rajah was good last night Academy Girls tonight is better.

Tonight Academy Girls by the Colonial Tourists at the Miners Theatre.

W. A. Oakes and wife of Maple Creek were in the city on Tuesday.

A. J. Burnside, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Warner, Alta., spent Christmas in Fernie.

120 laughs in 120 minutes. Colonial Tourists in Academy Girls tonight at Miners' Theatre.

The Colonial Tourists established a reputation last night in Fernie with the Rajah; tonight Academy Girls.

The miners expect to have the steam heat installed in their hall the latter part of this week or next week.

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the municipality of Fernie that I require the presense of the said electors at the City Hall, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH 1910

at 12 o'clock noon (1 p.m. local time) for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the municipal council as Mayor and Aldermen.

MODE OF NOMINATION

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to me at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on

JANUARY 13TH 1910

At the Council Chamber in the City Hall, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MAYOR

Must be a male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry office of land or real property in the city of the assessed value of one thousand dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise qualified as municipal voters.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALDERMAN

Must be a male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months preceding the day of nomination the registerd owner in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property in the city of the assessed value of five hundred dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who are otherwise qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Fernie, B. C., this 31st day of December, 1909.

G. H. BOULTON
Returning Officer

CHRISTMAS CAKES

You furnish the Cook. We can supply the goods to make it. Chocie Raisins, Currants, Peels, Nuts Etc. and Robin Hood Flour.

Pay Cash and Just Smile

W. J. BLUNDELL Give us a call

Are You Connected?

Are you ready to receive the power and light from the new system? Now is the time to have connections and wiring done. We can save you money. We have all styles and makes of fixtures motors and generators. See us at once. The power will be on soon. Estimates and expert advice cheerfully given.

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TO MAKE ROOM FOR SPRING ST CK

Mrs. Wagget is reducing her entire stock of Millinery consisting of Ladies' and Children's dresses, and Ready-to-wear Hats, Velvets, Ribbons, etc. at cost and in some cases below cost.

Velvets, all shades, origidally $1.50	Now $1.00
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Line up all you Kids and Kidlets and get your usual New Year's Package at 10.30

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To The Electors

Concrete Fence Posts
7 foot long -- 70c each

W. M. DICKEN -- FERNIE

A Happy & Prosperous New Year to You & Yours

AT the close of another year we take this opportunity of thanking our customers and friends for their continued patronage. The year's business has been the biggest in our history, all departments having broken all previous records and made the above result possible. Our constant endeavor has been to supply the highest quality of merchandise at the lowest possible cost. We purchase for cash from the manufacturers, and as we have no bad debts or the heavy expenses of a credit business are able to place within your reach the best quality of goods for the least amount of money. Owing to the steady of our business we have already outgrown the building erected last year and are now planning for an extension and addition to enable us to more satisfactorily cater to your future requirements. Our customers we again thank for their patronage and offer our assurance that they have received in exchange the biggest and best values in British Columbia. To the many who we have not had the opportunity of serving, we look forward to so doing during the coming year, and in conclusion would say that their loss has been very considerably more than our gain would have been.

Respectfully yours,

The Crow's Nest Trading Co. Limited
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