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TWO CAN PLAY AT THIS GAME

The Operators Try to Enforce New Conditions On Agreement

What looked very much like developing into a serious question during the last few weeks at Michel was settled on Thursday to the satisfaction of the men.

It would appear that during the temporary absence of the District Officers, whilst attending the International convention at Indianapolis, the agent in the Land Department of the C. N. P. Coal Company took upon himself to interpret the agreement, which the Coal Company and its employes are now working under, in a manner which suited his own particular aims. At a largely attended meeting in Michel on Thursday evening, at which District Secretary Carter was present, it was demonstrated in a most decisive manner that the miners did not intend to allow either the land agent or any other official of the Coal Company to violate the contract without retaliation, which can be shown in Michel, perhaps, a little stronger than in some other camps.

This particular official of the Company saw fit to increase without taking into consideration what the men may think of the matter, the rents of certain houses, a matter of 50 per cent—not a bad stroke of business if he could have made it stick, but he undoubtedly lost sight of the other side of the question, when adopting such tactics, that is, would the men stand for it.

According to the feeling of the meeting there is no room to doubt that the men will not permit any such conditions to be forced upon them.

However, as previously stated, the matter has been settled, and the Co. state that where such stoppages have already been made, they will refund the same. It is to be hoped that the Company will be more discriminate in the future and not desire to place a false interpretation on any part of the agreement.

BAD FIRE AT NAKUSP

Volunteers Make Brave Fight and Save The Town

NAKUSP, B. C. Feb. 10—A disastrous fire started here at 11.20 a.m. in the block of buildings next to the Leland hotel, owned by Ogilvie & McKitrick, and occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Lindsey Brothers office, W. Wagstaff's tin shop and J. Crowell, carpenter. The block was entirely wiped out by the quick spread of the flames, and it was only by the hard and incessant work of a large volunteer bucket brigade that the big hostelry, the Leland, was saved from a like fate.

The origin of the fire is uncertain, but it is said to have started from either Lindsey Bros.' office or Crowell's shop from stove pipes. Smoke was seen on the hill and whistles from shipyard, engines and steamer quickly gave the alarm, and 100 volunteers immediately responded and set to work to save the town. Efforts were made to save the bank building but to no avail. All the contents, books, etc., were saved.

Heroic work was performed on the hotel, and although it actually had caught on fire a continuous stream of water quenched the flames. The hotel furniture was thrown out and some damage done.

Excitement was at a high pitch for over an hour until the town's safety was assured. Thanks are especially due the officers and men of the steamer Kootenay, then at the dock, for their assistance in the fight before pulling out.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce immediately opened up business over the street in the afternoon. The loss is about $3000, which is partly covered by insurance.

FIRST MEETING

The Kootenia Nursery and Greenhouse Company Limited, of Baynes Lake, B. C., hold their first general meeting under their charter in the office of Messrs. Herchmer & McDonold on Friday morning, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected directors of the corporation, and to fill the various offices:

Sherwood Herchmer, President.
R. Reading, vice-president.
Fred Adolph, Sec.-Treasurer.
Dr. Corsan and E. H. H. Stanley, directors and committeemen.

C. E. Lyons was appointed auditor, and the Bank of Hamilton adopted as the Company"s bank.

The objects of the company are to supply this city and neighborhood with fresh vegetables in the scarce season, as well as blooms and flowering plants in season. They have 3400 square feet of glass erected and heated, and will soon be in the market with early vegetables.

Shares can be subscribed for at the Bank of Hamilton or with any of the directors.

WAS 113 YEARS OLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 11—Mrs. Pauline Brooks, the oldest resident in New York cities, who had lived in three centuries, is dead at her home here. She was 113 years old.

Mrs. Brooks never wore glasses and had never been seriously ill.

NOTICE

Miners will please stay away from Bankhead as men are being laid off. No use coming here looking for work.

TRAGIC ENDING

Toronto, Feb. 11—Lying in a cot in a ward in the Toronto General hospital surrounded by other patients, and but a few feet from the table where the nurse in charge was sitting, Geo. Bones, aged 21, stabbed himself to death with a pair of scissors yesterday afternoon.

Bones was suffering from typhoid fever and had been delirious for several days. Phlebitis, a complication of the disease, had attacked his leg, and it became necessary to dress the affected part. About 4.30 p.m. the nurse attended to the leg. While she was working Bones got possession of the scissors and managed to conceal them under the clothes.

When she left his side to go to the table but a few feet away he grabbed the sharp pointed instruments in his right hand, threw the covers from his chest and plunged it into his heart. Then he pulled the covers over himself and lay with the hand that held the improvised poniard on the coverlet.

None of those in the ward noticed anything strange. They were accustomed to see Bones move about and mutter and groan in his delirium, so that his actions did not cause them to turn their heads.

Several seconds later the nurse got up to walk through the ward. When passing the cot in which Bones lay she noticed that the scissors were in his hands. Going over to him she asked him if he had been cleaning his finger nails with them but he did not reply.

Then she noticed blood on them and hastened to examine the patient. Seeing the wound she applied first aid and called the doctors. Their efforts were of no avail and Bones died at 6 o'clock.

Bones came to Canada from England only a year ago. For some time he was in the employ of A. G. Strathy, 100 Beverly street, in the capacity of man servant. He was taken to the hospital January 10.

As far as is known he has only two relatives, a brother and sister in England.

His sister's name is Mary Bones, and she lives in Crouch End, London. The address of the brother is not known.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

WINNIPEG, Feb. 11—A double tragedy occurred yesterday when Henry Schwartz, a German, aged 46, shot and killed his wife at her home 759 Stella avenue and then shot himself, dying instantly.

Schwartz, who had been separated from his wife for some time, only returned from the old country last evening and tried to effect a reconciliation, but failed.

The moving pictures at the Fernie opera house these days are away above the average, and the management are deserving of much patronage. The house is well heated and the films are not shaky, and therfore do not bother the eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Herchmer gave a masquerade ball this week, which was, from all accounts, the best affair of the kind ever held in the city. The costumes are reported as being beautiful and varied. We regret that we were unable to get a complete list in time for this issue.

Jep Scott, the baseball patentee, and ever smiling tonsorial artist, has moved with F. Armstrong into their new quarters in the Hotel Fernie block. Jep and Fred with their assistants are a hard pair to beat, and whether you want a shave, a smoke, a game of pool or billiards, they will use you right.

COAL COMPANY TO THE GOOD

In the fight for the possession of the Ross Cup in the city league the bankers were rather easily handled by the Coal Company septette on Monday night at the auditorium. Only a handful of spectators payed the two bit assessment to Doorkeeper Corsan and they waited patiently some 25 minutes before the game was started. Con Whelan was master of ceremonies and the in the corral the teams lined up:

Bankers	Coal Co.
Goal	
Todhunter	Doberheiner
Point	
Dill	Kirkpatrick
Cover	
Doran	Gibson
Rover	
Mason	Edgcomb
Centre	
Gallon	Meaghen
Left	
Ross	Gates
Right	
Miller	Brown

Play started at 7.55 with a strong rush on the part of the financial forces, who, while they were fresh, put up a fine line of the national winter sport. They made a number of unsuccessful shots on the goal of their opponents before the coal barons got them sized up. They however, got their surroundings and carried the puck to the lower end of the rink and were most successful in their efforts to keep it in that end of the rink the rest of the evening, scoring three goals before half time and adding a couple more to their tally in the second half. —Free Press.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Services will be held as usual in the Baptist church on Sunday, both morning and evening, with Sunday school and adult Bible class in the afternoon. The subject for the morning service will be "An Enduring Name," and for the evening at 7.30 "Does God Speak to Me and How?" Pastor Spidell will be the speaker at both services. Strangers will be given a hearty reception. The male quartette of the church will sing "The Old Wayside Cross," at the evening service.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Brotherly Love Not Much in Evidence In This One Instance

A serious fracas occurred on Saturday night in the Russian settlement on the hill near the coke ovens in which a man named Mike Kosek was so badly injured that he now lies in the hospital in a precarious condition. It appears that the wounded man's brother, Martin Kosek, was abusing an elderly man in one of the shacks and when his brother urged him to desist he attacked him with a double edged axe, inflicting terrible injuries. Martin Kosek was on Monday arraigned before Stipendary Magistrate Alexander and was committed to jail for 8 days to await the results of wounds which he had inflicted on his brother. Chief Constable Arthur Sampson of the local provincial police prosecuted the case and Sherwood Herchmer defended the accused.

Latest enquiries as to the condition of Mike Kosek, the man who was cut up in the fracas on Saturday night, showed that he was doing splendidly.

POPULAR MAN LEAVING CITY

Home Bank Manager Manager Watched And Dined

RESIGNATION DEPLORED

Mr. W. C. B. Manson, for the past couple of years, manager of the Home Bank of Canada in Fernie, has severed his connection with that institution, and is leaving on Saturday evening for the east where he will take a few weeks holidays.

Mr. Manson has deservedly enjoyed great popularity during his residence here, and a few of his friends joined together Thursday evening to bid him bon voyage. Thanks to the hospitality of Mr. R. W. Wood, who kindly placed his residence at the disposal of the committee, it was possible to carry the affair out under very favorable and pleasant circumstances. An extremely recherche cold collation was served at about ten o'colck, and this was followed by music and speeches a very pleasant evening being enjoyed by all present.

Mayor Herchmer occupied the chair and on behalf of "some of his Fernie friends," presented Mr. Manson with a gold watch, suitably engraved. The mayor expressed in eloquent language the regret felt by all on Mr. Manson leaving the city, and the hopes of all that he would meet with good luck and success in the future. He referred to

MR. W. C. B. MANSON

Mr. Manson's successful business record here, and also to the fact that he had been a good and useful citizen, serving most conscientiously and most faithfully on the Fire Relief committee and on the board of trade executive.

He called upon those present to drink long life, health, wealth and happiness to the guest of the evening and this was done with the greatest possible enthusiasm, and followed by three cheers and the singing of 'He's a Jolly Good Fellow,' by all present.

Mr. Manson in reply, said that it was an occasion which gave him great pleasure and which he would never forget, and expressed his sorrow at leaving the community.

Other speakers were Dr. Bonnell, who responded to the toast of the Learned Professions; Mr. Lawry, the manager of the Bank of Hamilton, who replied to "Banking Interests"; Mr. Wood, in response to Our Host; Mr. Ford of Spokane, on Canada; Mr. Banwell, The Ladies. Mr. Winter of the Bank of Montreal, Hosmer, and Dr. Higgins of the same town, were present and their music contributed to the enjoyment of those present and the success of the evening, as did the singing of Mr. George Stevenson and Mr. Walter Harwood.

Among those present were His Honor Judge Wilson, Mayor Herchmer, J. R. Pollock, J. T. S. Alexander, R. W. Wood, A. B. Trites, Drs. Corsan, Bonnell, Higgins and Anderson, H. W. Herchmer, A. H. Cree, R. Reading, C. B. Winter, Arthur J. Watson, N. E. Suddaby, J. F. Rudnicki, James McLean, F. C. Dubois, George F. Stevenson, F. C. Lawe, Jas. Johnston, W. B. Harwood, Selwyn Banwell, Alex. H. Watson, T. H. Gallon, John Adair, W. S. Lane, G. G. Moffatt, Fred Johnson, J. R. Lawry, G. I. B. Bell, L. A. S. Dack, E. F. Amberey, and Messrs. Ford and King, of Spokane.

Mr. W. C. B. Manson, late manager of the Home bank, leaves for Toronto today. On the eve of his departure last night he was tendered a banquet by the members of Mr. Alex. Watson's batch, of which he has been a member since its inception. Twenty-five guests were present, Mr. J. S. T. Alexander occupying the chair. A jolly evening was spent in speechifying, and songs and recitations, and the guest of honor was presented with a handsome smoking set by the members of the batch. Mr. Manson's retirement from the management of the local branch of the Home Bank is sincerely regretted, as he has enjoyed the confidence of the business men as he has that also of the general public, and is deservedly most popular with all the people. After the toast to The King had been honored, Mr. S. Banwell proposed the toast to the guest of the evening, which was enthusiastically drunk. Mayor Herchmer proposed a toast to Mr. John Adair, the new manager of the Home Bank, who made a suitable reply. Geo. Stevenson sang most acceptably while the recitations of James Johnson and D. A. McDonald were well received. The toast to the learned professions was spoken to by H. W. Herchmer and W. S. Lane. The banking interests were well taken care of by J. R. Lawry and T. S. Gallon, while the toast to the press was attended to by H. S. Banwell, editor of the Searchlight and E. F. Ambery of The Nelson News.

BRUTAL MURDER

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 10—John Janowski and his comely bridge, found murdered in their bedroom yesterday died in satisfaction of a debt of some $60.00.

This is the story told the police in a statement which they say was made to them by George Boscardo, aged 29 arrested on the charge of murder in the first degree.

He had lent the money to Mrs. Janowski, according to his statement, to secure her love, but had found himself unable to realize on the investment he made.

Angry because of his failure to get his money back Boscardo tells of waiting for the couple to return to their home on River Bed avenue on Sunday night, of again demanding the money and failing to get it, of killing the woman with a blow from a section of gas pipe.

The man succumbed only after a struggle.

For three nights and three days the bodies lay in the house while Boscardo cooly continued his employment in a foundry.

Yesterday the door of the house was broken in on demand of neighbors and the Janowskis were found where they had fallen. The gas pipe was near by.

KITCHENER TO SUCCEED

LONDON Feb. 10—It is reported that Lord Minto will be succeeded as viceroy of India by Lord Kitchener.

NO MORE GUFF FROM THESE

Railway Companies Will be Held to Terms---Richard States Future Policy

VICTORIA, Feb. 10—Before the house proceeded to the orders of the day, the premier rose to make an important announcement. After the present session of the legisalture, when applications were made by railway companies for renewal of railway charters unless very good and sufficient reason is shown, the government will intervene and refuse to make the renewal.

It appeared that it had become the custom with certain corporations to come back to the house for renewals of charters, though the original bill had stipulated that the company, in the event of failure to carry on the work it undertook, should forfeit the rights.

The practice had led to an abuse, to the renewed enactment of private bills, such as had caused alarm to portions of the province that were interested.

It had come to the ears of the government that frequently people were led to believe that a road was going to be built when such was not the case. It had led to the practice of building paper railways. He brought up this matter in order to give notice that in future all such renewals for charters would be refused.

Mr. Hawthornwaite, as leader of the opposition, congratulated the premier on the announcement.

Third readings were given to the School Medical Inspection bill and the bill to amend the Factory Act by exempting the inspector from giving evidence in law suits.

The committee of the whole passed the Assessment act amendment bill, and the Juvenile Courts bill.

Second readings were given to the bill to amend the Extra Municipal Trade License Act, the bill respecting crown costs, the bill exempting the Dominion government old age annuities from seizure or garnishment. Also to the bill to appoint a commission to seelct a suitable site for the provincial university.

Mr. Hawthornwaite's amendment increasing the exemption of incomes to $2000 was not accepted by the finance minister, who stated that after fully considering the matter he found himself unable to recommend any present increase in this exemption.

The Press Press says: During the past few months a large amount of development work has been done at the various collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, much new and modern machinery has been installed to facilitate the mining of more coal and extensive preparations made for the handling of the increased output. Several new mines have been put on a producing basis since September last including No. 0 South, No. 1 South, No. 5 South and Old No. One.

This has been accomplished in such an unobtrusive manner that many of our readers will be surprised at the magnitude of the increase in output which has resulted from the adoption of this wise policy, which now gives employment to every available miner in the camp. The present number will be very materially increased in the near future.

The output for the month of January at Fernie and Michel was over one hundred thousand tons, and the payroll was $189,000, of which $101,000 will be paid in Fernie. The Fernie payroll for January exceeds the Dec. payroll by $15,000, which is an increase of $600 per day.

There is every prospect that the present output will not only be maintained, but will be materially increased from mont hto month as development work will be carried on extensively with a view to still further enlarging the output.

The market for lumber looks exceedingly encouraging and the timber barons wear the glad smile. The winter has been ideal for logging operations, and a phenomenal cut has been made which indicates that the sawmills will probably run double shifts, meaning the employment of a large number of men in this industry.

There will be considerable activity in the building trades and a number of large dwellings will be constructed this season.

The sewerage and waterworks systems will be extended at a cost of several thousands of dollars and a great deal will be spent on general improvements, all of which would prove that the coming summer will be a most prosperous one for all classes of the community.

FATAL FIRE AVERTED

Twenty-Five School Kids Were Endangered But Escaped

HAMILTON, Ont. Feb. 9—Twenty-five school children had a narrow escape from asphyxiation this morning in Stony Creek.

One teacher, Miss Walker, was looking after two separate classes in two rooms. The first intimation she had of anything being wrong was when a little boy came running into the room where she was teaching and fell down unconscious.

Miss Walker then made an examination and found that half of the children in the other room were sitting in their seats partly unconscious.

She brought most of them out and then became a partial victim to unconsciousness herself. At great risk she continued and finally the room was cleared. Most of the children fell down on the snow outside, but with the exception of one child who is now seriously ill, the rest of them made quick recovery.

A faulty furnace is given as the cause of the trouble.

MINORITY CHEW FAT

Rift in The Opposition at Victoria---Rebuke By Leader

VICTORIA, Feb. 9—There was some trouble today in the ranks of the consolidated opposition.

Mr. Brewster began it. He wanted to revert to the status quo before the present school act was put on the statute books. He would have the whole system in the hands of the provincial government, and would allow no municipalities to add to the salaries of the teachers.

He blamed the Socialists for supporting the introduction of the present act.

Mr. Hawthornwaite said that was the sort of thing they were accustomed to hearing in former years from the Liberal members of the house. The Liberal party had been in the habit of finding all sorts of mares' nests and blaming the Socialists for not getting excited over them. There was the Kaien Island deal, which the Liberals attacked, and pretended to find all sorts of graft in.

Time had shown that the Liberals were wrong and that it was a good business bargain, of great advantage to the province.

It was the same with the school act. The results had justified the support that the Socialists had given to the measure at the time it was introduced.

Little business was done at this sitting. Mr. Hawthornwaite introduced an amendment to the assessment act, exempting all incomes under $2,000 per annum. The attorney general asked to have it stand over so that it might be considered.

The clause relating to taxes on real and personal property passed unanimously also the increased exemption on farmers' personalty. Hon. W. J. Bowser added a clause making every banking corporation doing business in the province pay a first tax of $1000 per annum, whether its head office was here or elsewhere, also excepting the special corporation taxes from the benefit of the 25 per cent discount for prompt payment.

Replying to a question Mr. Bowser stated that the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway company had alienated the surface rights, but not the coal rights of its land grant, consequently the former were taxed and the latter were exempt during the past year.

WANTED TO BE SURE

NEW YORK, Feb. 11—A report of the thumb print bureau of the New York police given out today shows that the bureau occasionally has some unusual demands upon it. One of the most curious of these came from a woman who called to ask that the bureau make a print from the thumbs of a man who accompanied her.

"I want his thumb prints for identification," said the woman. "We are going to be married tomorrow. He is my third husband. The other two ran away and I had a hard time to find them because there was no sure way of identify ing them. I intend to be on the safe side this time."

DISTRICT No. 18, CONVENTION

To the Officers & Members of Local Unions,

District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

Fernie, B. C., February 11th, 1910

Brothers.

Referring to our communication of January 18th, regarding the change of date of the Annual Convention, we beg to advise you that the Convention will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd, at the same hour and place as set forth in the original call to the Convention.

With best wishes for the success of our members,

We are,

Fraternally yours,

W. B. POWELL, President
CLEM STUBBS, Vice-Pres
A. J. CARTER, Sec.-Treas

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

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STATEMENT

Statement of receipts and expenses of the socialist campaign in this riding in the recent provincial election:

Recepits

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Fernie	$19.25
Collections Fernie local meetings S. P. of C.	43.50
Littish local Socialist party, Fernie	9.00
Winnipeg Socialist party	7.35
Coal Creek Socialist party	9.00
Fernie Socialist party	25.00
Rocky Mountain Riding, (per L. E. Drake)	59.00
Michel local U. M. W. of A.	100.00
Collected by W. F.Hunt	2.50
J. E. Smith	10.60
W. H. Evans	17.50
W. Minton	2.00
D. Rees	11.50
J. C. Turner	3.00
T. H. Wray	10.00
J. Lancaster	8.00
A. Hamilton, Corbin	25.00

Donations

A. Segal	1.00
J .W. Bennett	2.00
A. McLaughlin	2.00
E. Harper	5.00
Mrs. Allen	.50
Charles Pelakais	1.50
Lady friend	5.00
J .Grafton	25.00
A. Cawthorne	1.00
J. W. Fitch	6.25
C. Stubbs	5.00
Collected by Michel Campaign Committee	69.85
Deficit met by Fernie local S. P. of C.	3.77
	$490.07

Expenditure

Hall rent, Fernie	$58.35
Hall rent, Hosmer	8.00
Hall rent, Jaffray	10.00
Special trains to Coal Creek	20.00
Printing	37.50
Cashing cheque	.25
Scrutineers expenses	21.00
Hire of rig	2.00
J. Harrington's expenses	77.30
L. E. Drake, expenses including ing hall rent	74.50
Literature	13.00
Voters lists	12.00
W. Gribble, part expenses	25.00
J. W. Gray, part expenses	5.00
D. Paton, expenses	3.25
Stationery	2.10
Coal oil	.50
Postage on posters and on literature	2.39
Money orders and stamps	1.38
Telegrams an dtelephone	3.70
By total expenditure Michel committee	112.85
	$490 07

On behalf of the committee.

O. Erickson, Secretary

D. Paton, Agent.

COTTON'S WEEKLY SAYS

It just depends on the laborers as to how long the system of robbery under which they now suffer will be continued.

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Socialism means that the workers, the useful workers, whether manual or mental, shall get all they earn. They cannot get al lthey earn so olng as there are parasites. So before Socialism is introduced, rent interest and profit will have to be abolished from our midst.

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Unless we are very much mistaken there is a fellow living almost next door to you, a Socialist, who is wondering why you do not put some of your literature his way. How about it eh?

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Under socialism you would not be used to seek employment from another because you would be able to employ yourself.

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In modern capitalism, usury weaves the mask of interest and is called blessed.

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The masters do not like to have the workers get ideas about Socialism in their heads. The workers might thereby wake up to the fact that they are being robbed.

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Will labor ever awaken? Labor has gto to awaken. The development of the capitalist system is guaranteed to jar the grey matter in the bran of every man who has nothing to sell but the labor of his hands."

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Thirty stocks on the New York stock exchange have slumped in value to the tune of eight hundred million dollars. That is nothing to the big slump that will take place in the market value of plute securities when the Socialists have captured the United States government.

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"Let us be just before we are generous," says an old saying. But the capitalist believes on founding his wealth on injustice to the worker, and then being stingily generous with his stolen funds to the sycophantic, and the absolutely needy among the robbed.

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Capitalism gives a great incentie to the burgler to burgle, to the safeblower to crack safes and to the gamblers to gull the people. There are great incentives in capitalism all right for the numerous brands of thieves to get in their hands at many profitable games.

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Our Canadian Capitalists are not quite so brutal to laborers as are the U. S. capitalists. Canadian capitalists want more wage slaves. So they are soft spoken, and mumble about the rights of labor. When they get all the laborers they want then their tune and treatment with regard to the Canadian toiler will change.

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The Montreal board of trade has just elected its annual officers. The labor thieves are organized in many organizations. They talk glibly of what they are doing. But all their revenues, their influence and their organizations cou ldnot exist under their control, did not the laws of Canada allow the workers to be shamelessly robbed of the results of their toil.

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The capitalist believes in production by the worker and appropriation by the capitalist. He also believes in the relief of the poverty stricken worker by charity out of the funds appropriated by the capitalist from the workers. The Socialist knows that were the workers to appropriate for themselves their own prodnctions the charity of the thieves would be no longer necessary.

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A wit has recently declared that under an absolute monarchy the people are controlled, under a limited monarchy the people are cajoled and under a republic they are sold. Of course wits are not supposed to study political economy. If this wit studied political economy he would be able to tell us why political democracy is baren of results from freedom.

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A question now agitating the plutes is as to whether or not the banks shall have external inspection. That is to scay should the banks be forced to allow a goevrnment inspector to examine their accounts and find out if they are financially sound. This is a phantom now for the little reformers to chase after. There is no talk of stopping the robbery of the people which is now being perpetrated by the banks.

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There is a movement on foot among some Canadian highbrow reformers to take away part of the swag gotten by the banks. The idea is to make the banks pay a heavy tax to the Dominion government. It does not matter to the wage plug whether the bank gets the swag stolen from the worker or whether the government gets it. If the banks get it then we will have bankers wives wearing low neck costumes and leading poodle dogs round on a string. If the Dominion government gets it Laurier and his gang backed by Borden and his crew will pop it into murder ships. And the wage plugs get as little benefit out of the low neck dresses and the poodle dog as he does out of the murder ships. Let the plutes quarrel and wrangle over the division of the wad. Let the workers unite to stop the robbers from getting it.

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Trust busting is worse than useless Trust confiscation would be going some.

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The downfall of capitalism will be for the benefit of humanity. But there will be many persons who will not like the change. A human parasite does not like to cease being a parasite.

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The world over the workers are organizing. Many of these organizations may not see the aim for while they must work to fre labor. But the organizations are a hopeful sign of the times.

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The copper merger is under way in the U. S. These trusts would be good if they were owned, operated and controlled by and for the people who work. But the private ownership of the trusts is what causes all the trouble about them.

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The agitation in Great Britain for social amelioration must have some reflex effect in Canada. The reflex action is seen in Laurier and Borden shouting for murder ships and armies and navies in order to keep the Canadian people down.

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There is likely to be a split among the Liberals of Great Britain. George and Churchill and the more Radical will separate themselves from the conservative Liberals. The half-goats a,s it were, will separate themselves from the true goats.

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The Hon. Wm. Paterson, minister of customs, got himself awfully tied up the other day in the House of Commons by trying to explain that the two cents paid for a stamp was a tax while the money paid for a trip on the I. C. R. was just business. Some of the government men are awfully ignorant chaps.

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The common people are going to boycott meat. The dear things. They are not going to play with the wicked trusts any more even if they have to starve themselves. It never seems to enter into the heads of the dear people that they could expropriate the whole machinery of production and get meat by paying the price of the labor therein embodied.

There is a great outcry against the beef trust because its profits are too large. Will the plute economist kindly inform the breathless public when the profits are too large and when they are not? The scientific discovery of the line that divides honest from dishonest profits would be hailed with joy by the profit mongers. They can then tell when they are squeezing the public to just the right turn.

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Our legislative bodies are out for bourgeois reforms to help the little chaps who are doing business in competition with the trusts. Our legislative bodies wonder why more workers do not fall over themselves to help the littel reforms. The workingmen are wiser than the legislators. They know that reforms are useless when science has revolutionzed industry, and declared the extinction of the little fellows in business.

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John Hay wrote a poem about the race on the Mississippi river between an old wood burning steamer and a modern one. The race was an exciting one and the captain of the old boat shoved her for all she was worth 'with a nigger squat on the safety valve and her furnace crammed with resin and pine." The result wa sthat the old boat burned up, If she had not have burned up she would have exploded.

That is the way it is in the U. S. There is the old fashioned capitalist system in the old steamboat of the American constitution racing with the modern Socialist system. It won't be beaten so the old capitalist system works the old American constitution for all it is worth. Nigger Taft is squat on the safety valve while the furnace is crammed by Aldrich and Cannon with all sorts of combustible measures. The public are wating for the fireworks. The tail end of the boat is catching fire where the insurgents are and the Socialist steam is about ready to hoist Nigger Taft and all the world is holding its breath to see whether it will be a burn up or an explosion.

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The Werner publishing company, the three million dollar non-union printing concern at Akron, Ohio, has been forced into bankruptcy.

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The strike has broken out again at McKees Rocks. The American axle turners are now out on strike. Work on four hundred cars is completely stopped.

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The executive council of the Social Democratic party of Great Britain has passed a resolution disassociating itself with the articles on England and Germany from the pen of Mr. Blatchford.

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Four strike leaders of the Australian miners strike have been sentenced to from 8 months to one years imprisonment for inciting workingmen not to sell their labor power to the labor thieves.

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Miss Anne Morgan wants to organize a shirt waist union that will be law abiding and that will utterly do away with the tenets of Socialism. Miss Anne Morgan is taking a course that will cause her to run up against many snags.

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A radical Belgian paper recently criticised a representative in the chamber of deputies and was fined four thousand francs. This looks like the establishment of a press censorship to prevent free discussion. The case has been appealed.

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Reports from India declare that the war trumpets are being blown in the Hindoo temples. When Hindoo mothers hear the sound of the trumpet they dedicate one of their children to the service of fighting to death for India the Sacred Mother.

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The boycott of brandy on the part of German socialists has decreased the consumption of brandy from 30 to 80 per cent. The falling off of the revenue from the brandy tax is now causing some worry to the Geramn government.

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Robert H. Loonen, formerly of Paris, France, but now a manufacturer of Japan, declares that manuwacturers can almost double their money in profits every year in Japan. In the factories under him twenty five hundred girls work for four cents a day.

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An electric device designed to lift one thousand bricks from the yard cars to the drying kilns and in the same manner load freight cars in and about Chicago. The machine will cause the sack of about fifteen hundred workers.

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Bramerd, Minn., a city of ten thousand population, has elected a Socialist mayor. It has previously elected a socialist chief of police and three aldermen. As the city pays no salary to its mayor the mayor works in the railroad shops during the day and attends to all of his civic duties by night.

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The United Mine Workers in annual session at Indianapolis took measures looking to the amalgamation of the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners. If the two orders become amalgamated the united society will be one of the largest single labor organizations in the world.

Max Hayes of the American Trades and Labor Council, declares himself as follows with regard to the meat boycott. "Instead of demanding sufficient wages to buy meat with the workers are meekly saying "we will do without these articles of diet if our employers will not give us enough money to buy them."

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China is getting into line under the banner of socialism. Marxian literature is being circulated and pictures of Karl Marx, minus his flowing beard and with an expression of oriental calm in his eyes, are also being circulated. The leader is Sun-Ysien, a man of forty years who was born in the Sandwich islands.

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There is a strike on of the workers at Hammond, Ind., in the Standard Street Car Works. Sheriff Grant has had great difficulties in getting deputies to shoot at the striking workers. Even there of the seventy men who were sworn in only ten would act after they had found out to what duty they were assigned.

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Ben Hanford, the Socialist writer and worker, died last week in New York city. The last years of his life were racked with pain but he kept on writing till the last. Knowing that he was going to die he gathered his last strength together and penned the following message: "I would that my every hear't beat should have been for the Working Class, and through them for all mankind."

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Judge Ben Lindsay of the Children's Court of Denver is exposing the atrocities committed by the authorities of Colorado against the striking lead miners of Telluride. This is an old story now and was exposed by the Socialist press at the time. But it is good even at this late date for the truth to find its way into print through the medium of a radical plute magazine.

LABOR NEWS

Says the Hamilton Herald Labor page: 'Arrangements have been about completed for the formation of a civic federation in London, Ont. The inaugural meeting will be held next Monday evening. The Trades and Labor council will be represented by 12 delegates while a similar number will represent the city council, while the board of trade will have an additional dozen. Two delegates will represent the ministerial association and two will represent the Catholic clergy. Other representative bodies have been invited to send delegates. The Federation will devote its efforts to maintaining industrial peace, and be a medium for the exchange of ideas and views which affect the general welfare of the citizens."

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The membership of the International Typographical union now stands at the highest figure in its history. Per capital tax on 48,317 members was paid to the American Federation of Labor for the month of November, and on December 20 per capita tax on 48,417 members had been received at headquarters. These figures denote a steady increase in the membership of the organization.

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According to the thirteenth biennial report of the bureau of labor statistics in California, extracts of which are published in a bulletin issued by the United States department of labor, there were approximately 45,000 Japs in California in September of 1908. It is stated that the Japs showed a tendency to increase as a factor in all lines of labor throughout the state, especially in the larger centres of population. The Chinese population also seems to be leaving the agricultural states and turning toward the cities and towns.

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Says C. L. Neate, Victoria:—"The Province of Ontario has ten factory inspectors, according to a statement in the report of the proceedings of the 25th convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. With this fact in mind it seems strange that the province of British Columbia with $5,500,000 in the treasury, cannot afford to supply even one factory inspector for the protection of the workers." Even the devil must receive his due. There is one factory inspector in British Columbia—Mr. Gordon of the Vancouver Machinists union, —and from what can be learned and seen he is making good. And if Attorney General Bowser will accept Mr. Gordon's recommendations and amendments to the factory act there will be very little to complain of as the workers each election day continue to declare that industry must be run for profit instead of for the use and satisfaction of the workers needs and comfort.

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A wage worker who glorifies in his poverty, mentally, financially or physically, is an ass. Frequently one hears the expression "This is good enough for me." It may refer to overalls, canned beef, a filthy room or shack, or a hundred and one things that are common to the lot of the workingmen. As a matter of justice since the working class produce all wealth—make civilization possible—is there any other reason than political stupidity that they should not have and enjoy the best of everything. There is nothing too good for us and we shall insist on having it should be the slogan of all wealth producers.

UNFAIR LIST

Of the American Federation of Labor

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

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

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

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

Whisky: Finch Distilling Co., Pittsburg Pa.

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

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

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

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

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

The Butterick Pattern Company of New York.

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

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

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

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MINERS WANT RAISE OR WON'T DIG COAL

Convention Closes at Indianapolis to Meet Operators at Toledo--Stormy Session at the Finish of Big Meeting

GATHER AT ST. LOUIS IN 1911

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America, in Tomlinson hall, this morning, decided on a demand for an advance of ten cents a ton for pick mining and an equivalent advance for machine mining, and a corresponding increase for all day work, dead work, yardage, etc.

It further decided on a demand for a uniform rate of wages for all the classes of inside and outside day labor and time and a half for overtime for Sunday and holidays.

It was decided to demand that all coal be weighed before being screened, and paid for on that basis, and that the mine run rate in the different districts shall be at least equivalent to the screen coal prices.

It was decided to demand such a change in the present eight hour work day as to provide for eight hours from starting time until quitting time, or what is commonly known as from bank to bank, with a half holiday on Saturday.

It was decided that the cntract period shall be for two years from April 1, 1910.

The miners also demand that all local inequalities and internal differences both as to prices and conditions, be referred to the districts affected by them.

To Remain in Session

The convention, after taking action along these lines, in accordance with recommendations in the report of the scale committee, took up a section in the report in regard to the entire convention going to Toledo, and decided that the convention should remain in session in this city until its work was finished, and then only the delegates from the central competitive field in the mining country should go to Toledo to attend the interstate joint conference of miners and operators, scheduled to begin tomorrow. In speaking of this President Lewis said he failed to see what good could be accomplished by the entire conference going to Toledo.

He said that personally he was in favor of having no interstate joint conference unless the Illinois delegates were seated in it. Illinois was formerly represented in the interstate conference, but at the last on it was not. President Lewis said that the joint conference would not have power to negotiate a scale except in conformity with the basis decided upon in the present convention.

Report of Committee

The recommendations in the scale committee's report were as follows:

1: That all coal be weighed before being screened, and paid for on that basis. The mine run rate in the different districts shall be at least equivalent to the screen coal prices.

2: That we demand an advance of ten cents a ton for pick mining, and an equivalent advance for machine mining and a corresponding increase for all the day work, dead work, yardage, etc.

3: That we demand a uniform rate of wages for all classes of inside and outside day labor.

4. That we demand such a change in the present eight-hour work day so as to provide for eight hours from starting to quitting time, or what is commonly known as from bank to bank, and with a half holiday on Saturday.

5: That the contract period shall be for two years from the first of April, 1910.

6. That all local inequalities and internal differences, both as to prices and conditions be referred to the districts affected.

7. The committee deems is inadvisable for this convention to go to Toledo and recommends that its work be completed in Indianapolis.

8. We have carefully considered the recommendations of the international president, which is as follows:

"That we demand an advance in wages for each and every mining district of the country; that all districts are authorized and instructed to negotiate wage agreements, but no district shall sign a contract until all the wage contracts are negotiated; that all the miners shall continue to work until the 1st of April and continue working until wage contracts are finally negotiated, provided the present rates continue until final action is determined upon.'

Noncurs in Report

"Your committee nonconcurs in the recommendation, believing it both unwise and inadvisable to declare in favor of such a policy previous to meeting the operators, and recommends against any sectional or state settlement, believing that a general settlement should be made so as to provide for the same relative increase and uniform conditions in all the districts.

"9. In order to prepare ourselves for a general suspension of work on April 1, if one be necessary, we recommend that an adequate force of organizers be placed, as soon as possible, in the unorganized portions of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and other unorganized states, to prepare non-union miners to join with us in our efforts to secure an increase in wages and improved working conditions.

10. We further recommend that in the future an effort be made to arrange for the joint meeting to be held in the same city as the miners convention in order to eliminate additional expense incident thereto.

11. In lieu of the many resolutions that were presented to your committee by the delegates from the Pittsburg district relative to the explosive question, your committee recommends the adoption of the following;

"That the International officials require all coal companies in the Pittsburg district where new explosives have been introduced, to comply with all the terms made with the Charleroi Coal company and the officials of our organization on the explosive question by either paying the miners on the run of mine basis, or granting an increase of 5½ per cent to miners working in wide rooms and 9 per cent to miners in narrow work, and that the miners be furnished the new explosive at the same relative cost as black powder, which was formerly used, and that where shot firers are employed, the companies shall pay their wages, and that the international officials give to this matter their immediate attention."

First Seven Sections Adopted

The convention, taking up the report of the scale committee section by section, approved the first seven sections of the report at this morning's session an dtook up the report again at this afternoon's session for action on the other sections. One section, No. 3, was amended so that if asked that the outside and inside day laborers should obtain time and a half for overtime Sundays and holidays. It is believed that the work of the convention can be finished in one or two more days.

The report of the scale committee was to have been taken up as the first order of business at this morning's session, under a suspension of the regular order of business, but the secretary of the scale committee was not in the hall at the time, and so it was decided that the committee on resolutions should make a further report of the work. A resolution was adopted in favor of deep waterways in the country. While this committee was making its report the secretary of the scale committee appeared and the report of that committee was then taken up.

Eight Sections Discussed

The scale committee continued its report this afternoon, taking up first the eighth section in which the committee nonconcurred in part on the resolution on the subject that had previously been submitted by President Lewis.

President Lewis explained his position in the matter in support of the provisions of his resolution. He advised that the section be referred back to the scale committee to be made clearer and more specific. Duncan McDonald, secretary of the scale committee, said that some of the operators had the impression that the miners would continue to work after April 1, pending negotiation of wage agreements, and that it was the wish of the committee to correct this impression. He also explained other parts of the section.

Calls Lewis a Liar

"You're a liar!"

That was the manner in which one of the delegates addressed President Lewis on Saturday afternoon. The delegate, Bernard Doran, of Ohio, said to President Lewis:

"Didn't you tell me in the Lorraine hotel last night that I would be the first man to be put out of the convention?"

President Lewis said he did not.

Then Doran called the president a liar.

A motion was made that Doran retract or leave the hall, but Doran arose, said it was not neecssary to put the matter to a vote, as he would not retract what he had said but would leave the hall. He then took his hat and overcoat and walked out. The motion was not put to vote.

During the afternoon session it was decided to table the motion made at the morning session to appoint a committee to look into the matters involved in the statement that had been made by Frank J. Hayes to the convention in the morning. Mr. Hayes had charged that President Lewis had circulated a false statement about him and that President Lewis had said he had said to "'stick to it boys, we will break it up yet." Mr. Hayes said he had not made any such statement as charged.

Delegate Made Statement

In regard to a statement to the convention by T. E. James, an international organizer, who said he had heard Mr. Hayes said on Friday afternoon: "Stay with her boys, we've got them coming," Mr. Hayes said after the session, that the statement was made by a delegate who sat near him. He said this delegate had come to him and told him of having made the statement and that the delegate had endeavored to get the floor on Saturday to make an explanation, but that he had not been recognized by the president.

The committee on resolutions reported on a number of resolutions that had been submitted. Some of the resolutions were not concurred in and some of them were referred to other committees.

For a Closed Shop

The committee concurred in a resolution that provided that the convention give the miners in the Pittsburg district the power and influence of the international organization in stamping out the open shop system in the district, and force a closed shop throughout the entire district. The convention adopted the resolution after striking out the "Pittsburg district" and making it apply to every district in which at present there is the open shop.

The committee offered in place of two other resolutions along the same lines, a substitute resolution in favor of the enactment of laws in the various states creating mine examining boards, and the mine managers, superintendents, mine foremen, hoisting engineers, fire bosses, mine inspectors and miners shall be required to pass an examination. It further was provided that such laws be as uniform as possible, and that the international executive board be instructed to have such a bill drafted and furnished to each district for introduction in the various state legislatures. The substitute resolution was adopted.

Another substitute resolution adopted in place of several other resolutions along similar lines, declared in favor of and urged on congress the enactment of a workingman's compensation act; that such act shall provide that the cost of such compensation shall be chargeable to the industries to which it applies and not against the employes. It further favored the enactment of an old age pension act.

Mine Inspection

A resolution adopted declared in favor of the office of mine inspector and deputy mine inspector being entirely segregated from all political patronage, and said that it should be filled by popular election, and that all mine inspectors and deputies should be required to pass an examination before they are eligible for nomination.

A resolution was adopted condemning William Randolph Hearst for his position in regard to the trouble at the Homestead Mining Company, at Lead, S. D. Another resolution adopted touched on the high prices of meats and flour and set forth that "believing that if other countries were able to compete with the packers of this country, it would tend to lower the price of these products and be to the benefit of all; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this convention, through its legal representatives appeal to the President and to the con-

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Good Evening

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We've Been Busily Watching
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Sunday School Suggestive Questions

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

February 13 1910

Worldliness and Trust. Matthew 6 19:34.

Golden Text. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33.

Verse 19—What would Jesus have every man to consider as his chief treasure? See Matthew 6:33.

What is the test as to what a man's treasure is, or that which he values most highly?

If Jesus here does not forbid a man to provide in the present for the future temporal needs of himself and family, what is it that he does forbid?

Verse 20—What is implied in laying up treasure in heaven and how is it done?

Verse 21—How would you demonstrate that where your treasure is, there will your heart be also?

Verses 22, 23—The "eye" is what the body sees with and distinguishes one thing from another, what is the faculty of the soul which answers to the eye of the body?

If the judgment is biased and the conscience perverted, how would that effect the views which a man may have of moral and spiritual questions?

Verse 24—What does the word "mammon" stand for here?

Why is it possible for a man to serve both God and mammon?

When a man's chief dependence is upon money, what God does he worship?

Verses 25-27—Why is our temporal welfare assured if we depend wholly upon God?

What are the natural effects of anxious care upon a man's ability to make proper provisions for the future, and upon his present peace of mind?

What is the only effectual cure for the common malady of anxious care?

What are the chief evils of anxiety?

Why is dependence upon God impossible, while we are filled with anxious care about our temporal needs?

Verses 28-31—In considering the lilos, their freedom from toil, their growth and their beauty, what lessons may we learn of personal and perfect trust in God for our raiment?

What is the tendency of perfect trust in God, upon the habits of self help and general industry?

If a person trusts wholly in God, as Jesus commanded and practised, why is he as sure to be as perfect in his sphere as a lily in its sphere?

Seeing that God is to all of us what the most loving father is to his children, what effect should that have upon our peace of mind concerning future temporal needs?

What is the root of all anxious care?

Verse 32—What is the fundamental difference between a saint and a sinner?

Verses 33, 34—What reason can you give, for the accuracy of the statement of Jesus, that if we make the kingdom of God and its righteousness our first care, that all our temporal wants will thereby be provided for?

(This question must be answered in writing by members of the club).

Lesson for Sunday, February 20th, 1910

The Golden Rule—Temperance Lesson. May, 7: 1-12.

February 20 1910

The Golden Rule. Temperance Lesson. Matt. 7:1-12.

Golden Text. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets. Matt. 7: 12.

Verses 1, 2—Why is it that men, not very good themselves are so harsh in their judgment of other men?

When men condemn others on mere suspicion, what is geenrally the real ground for their condemnation?

Why is it that a truly good man will never judge another harshly, or on mere suspicion?

What reason is there to believe that a person is guilty of the same, or a similar sin, when he suspects another for it on mere suspicion, and does he not thereby cause others to judge him after his own judgment?

Verses 3-5—Why are men so apt to think lightly of their own sins and to magnify the very same sins in others?

It is but right that a man should first forsake his own sins, before trying to help others to do so, but is it impossible for one sinner to induce another one to repent? Why or why not?

How much success is attained by unspiritual pastors or Sunday school teachers, in leading sinners to repentance notwithstanding they may teach the real truth with ability?

Verse 6—What considerations will prompt a truly good man to lovingly reprove sinners and try to turn them from their sins?

What class of persons are those with whom advise or reproof is helpless, and who but insult a person for his efforts to help them?

Does Jesus here direc us to give up all effort to save those who answer to "dogs" and "swine" and if not what does he mean?

Verses 7, 8—Seeing God gives us so many things without our asking, or even knowing our need of them, why is it that he gives some of the most vital blessings only by our asking?

What is the significance of the three words, ask, seek, knock?

Why does God often keep us waiting for what we seem to so urgently need, and to only give them to us after earnest and importunate prayer?

What are some of the benefits of importunate prayer?

Why is it that notwithstanding the invitation, and the promise of Jesus and ten thousand of testimonies, as to the value of prayer, that it is so little used?

Verses 9-11—If we are loyal to God, what reasons are there to believe that God will answer all our prayers in the sense at least of witholding all bad things, and giving us every necessary good thing?

Verse 12—What is the relation between our love and actions to our fellows and our getting good things from them, and how does this bear on the question of temperance?

(This question must be answered in writing by the members of the club.)

Lesson for Sunday, February 27th, 1910:

False and True Discipleship. Matt. 7: 13-29.

The Hon. Sydney Fisher declared at Ottawa that the prices of foodstuffs were soaring but that the farmers are not getting the benefit of the rise in prices. He said that he would leave the audience to draw their own conclusions. The Socialists have drawn their own conclusions long ago. The farmers are working plugs and must therefore be content to work for a bare living. It is the labor thieves who get the benefit.

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T. M. BOWMAN
Deputy District Registrar

Lady Registry office, Nelson, B. C. January 5th, 1910. 5455LPE

NOTICE

A meeting of the committee who are working to raise a fund to purchase artificial limbs for Master A. G. Lawley, aged four years, who met with a serious accident on the M. F. & M. Ry. last September, and has since been unable to walk, was held at Coal Creek on the 9th inst. It was decided to hold a concert in Fernie, if possible, and to open a subscription list at once. The committee would be very grateful if you will accept subscriptions on their behalf, however small, as funds are urgently needed for this deserving case.

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VALEDICTORY

As editor and manager of this paper, I am severing my connection this week. I resigned my position one month ago, and decided for the time being at least to give up the newspaper business, and to enter the arena of job printing in this city, and with that purpose in view I have purchased from the firm of Miller & Richard of Winnipeg, an up-to-date job printing plant, and have secured the premises temporarily occupied by the Bank of Hamilton on Pellat Avenue. During the past three years I have endeavored to fill my very envious position as manager and editor of this paper with honesty and integrity of purpose, and if in any particular I have failed, I crave the pardon of the members of the District, for whom I have worked, and the generous public who have so long withstood the onslaughts of my pen. In some degree it is with deep regret that I am leaving the very energetic field of newspaper work to sink into sublime oblivion in the job printing line, but none of us are the masters of our own destiny; we are all governed by a Supreme Being, who is ever on the lookout for our welfare, and who, while we think he is smiting us, is doing for us what is best. In leaving this position I bespeak for my successor the many courtesies that have been extended to me. It is a very hard thing to run a labor paper, and harder yet when you have from five to six thousand men to cater to, and in doing so one must needs make many friends and more enemies but as we have often said, a man who cannot make enemies is a nonentity, and we feel greatly flattered to think that while doing the duties that we were paid for, we were able to call some people enemies. But one of these bright and glorious days, the veil will be torn asunder, and each and every one of us will be on equal footing among angelic company, where thieves do not break through and steal, and where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and then, and not until then, will we get our desserts.

W. S. STANLEY

THE COST OF LIVING

Recently the press has been deluged with various articles of more or less soundness dealing with the question of the high cost of living and the sage of St. Paul James J. Hill, has added to his notoriety by coining an epigrammatic phrase "It is not so much the high cost of living that should be investigated but the cost of high living"; this is decidedly a mirth provoker to those capon lined individuals who can indulge in hearty laughter after a hearty meal, but the poor wight whose noonday repast is coarse in quality and scarce in quantity, will scarcely be blamed if he fails to see the joke.

Frederic J. Haskin, whose articles are regarded by all parties as clear, concise and accurate, taking facts unalloyed by partisanship as a basis, stated recently that the income of the average American family is $600 a year. Accepting this as true, do not the remarks of the Hill type savor of either crass ignorance or impertinence?

The percentage of those who live high compared to the hordes who live low is so divergent as to be a vanishing quantity and yet we have peck-snuffian economists, who berate the people because they "LIVE HIGH!"

Writing along similar lines we have a homily from the pen of another St. Paul resident, Archbishop John Ireland, and perhaps we may deduce therefrom that he is an admirer of John J. Hill, and that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. After making the statement that he does not expect to see the price of meat go back to the figures of by-gone years, and that he is not over-sorry because the farmer is deriving profit therefrom he avers that meat is so much dearer in Europe than it is in America, and that when he so informed people they would express surprise, when recalling the reward of labor in America and the labor among themselves.

He then delivers himself of some sapient advice regarding housekeeping, the art of cooking, the hygenic advantages of eating less meat, all of which recalls to mind the time worn anecdote of the lecture "How to Live on Fourpence a Day" at a tea and social in one of the old country towns, and after the lecturer had proven conclusively how well one could thrive, and the physical advantages resultant therefrom, was nonplussed when asked the question by an old dame: "If you say we can live on fourpence for a whole day, why do they charge sixpence for this one meal?"

That there is certainly room for more culinary knowledge is granted, at the same time there are many who are deprived of the ingredients to practice on and whilst in the ranks of the acquaintances of our bourgeois critics there may be room for censure, yet when dealing with the economic problem, society as a whole, and not a mere fractional portion therefrom, should be considered.

The crusade against high prices is quixotic, if made with any expectation of materially affecting trust interests, because the sufferers will be the retailers and the producers. This plan recalls the story of the individual who determined to practice what he preached "Down with the Trusts," so he refrained from eating meat becaues of the meat trust, eschewed bread on learning of a flour trust, discarded his clothing, both cotton and wool, rather than aid the woolen trust, and when captured as a wild man of the woods where he was subsisting on nuts and roots and drinking from springs, replied to the questioners "Why did you not hang yourself?" "Because I heard there was a cordage trust."

"Then why not drown yourself?"

"For fear my body would be recovered and I would be unwillingly patronizing the coffin trust."

These bubbles that rise to the surface from time to time indicate a seething cauldron below, but all of the quack remedies and sententiously given advice are foredomed to failure until such time as the real awakening arrives, and society recognizes that its basis is now out of plumb and that it is high time to cease tinkering with effects, but get down to causes.

Volume one, number one of the Portland Canal Miner came to hand this week. It is printed at Stewart, B.C., which is styled "The Gateway to the Mines." Stewart is reached by water from Vancouver or Victoria to Prince Rupert, a distance of 550 miles, and at present the Grand Trunk Pacific is oporating a fortnightly service between Prince Rupert and Stewart. The Miner carries a large quantity of good tasty ads, and in its editorial get-up and general typographical appearance is a credit to the managing editor, Mr. James Cullins, and to the thriving town of Stewart. We wish the Miner success.

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A subway for pedestrians and if possible, for vehicles, is something that is absolutely essential on Cox St, at the Great Northern. Every day a crowd of people have to stand and wait for one of the H. L. Blackstone long freights to pass, or worse, wait until they do twenty or thirty minutes shunting, and one of these fine days some one is going to get killed trying to pass between the cars, as many now have to do to get to their respective work on time. The city authorities might take this matter up with the Great Northern people, and perhaps get them to remedy this dangerous state of affairs. It would not be a very expensive proposition to put in a subway there, as the grade of the street is now such that there would be plenty of room for pedestrians and vehicles.

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A very radical paper styled "Solidarity" and issued at New Castle, Pennsylvania, by the I. W. W., comes out with the following amongst a lot of other rot:

"If the W. F. M. goes into the A. F. of L., or even allows a cobweb connection to be spun, it is doomed; its glorious history is repudiated, and it will go the regular route of degeneracy into a craft organization having the "check-off" system and time contracts with bosses, fat salaries for officials, Civic Federation affiliations, a theory of interests between capital and labor, and all the other hall marks of treason that distinguish the A. F. of L. as the betrayer of the working class."

We leave this in the hands of smarter men than the biased editor of "Solidarity" to judge of the truth of this ignorant assertion.

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Another consignment of Eaton's family bibles arrived yesterday. We trust the recipients will consign them to their proper place—the stove. Remember the home merchants have been carrying some of you people all through this trying winter. Give them the benefit of your ready cash and forget Eaton.

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NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lot in the name of Jessie Giddings, which certificate is dated the 10th of July 1905, and numbered 4666D.

T. M. BOWMAN
Deputy District Registrar
Land Registry Office,
Nelson, B. C.
January 31, 1910 5t 52 LPE

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY

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No. 557

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The head office of the company is situate at Lethbridge, in the Province of Alberta.

The amount of the capital of the Company is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into one thousand five hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at the City of Fernie, and Sherwood Herchmer, Solicitor, whose address is Fernie aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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

The objects for which this Company has been established and licensed are:

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(c.) To carry on business as wholesale or retail buyers, sellers and dealers in hay, oats, cattle, horses, sheep, live stock and general farm and ranch products of every kind, and to carry on any or all of the businesses of farmers, ranchers, graziers, stock breeders, dairymen, preserved meat manufacturers, canners, preservers and packers of all kinds of provisions and products, fellmongering, tanning, dealers in hides fat, tallow, grease, offal and other animal products;

(d.) To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers, by wholesale or retail, in articles and products of every kind and nature whatsoever;

(e.) To carry on the business of store-keeper in all its branches, and to buy, sell or deal in, by wholesale or retail, goods, stores, chattels and effects of every kind, and to transact all kinds of agency and commission business;

(f.) To carry on any other business, whether manufacturing or otherwise, which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the above businesses or objects, or calculated, directly, or indirectly, to enhance the value or to render profitable any of the Company's property or rights for the time being;

(g.) To erect, build, equip and operate flour or other mills, grain or other elevators, warehouses, houses, stores, and other buildings and works necessary, or which the Company deems necessary or expedient for any of its purposes;

(h.) To acquire and take over, as a going concern, if the company deems it desirable to do so, the undertaking of any or all of the assets and liabilities of Raymond Milling and Elevator Company, Limited;

(i.) To acquire, and undertake the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property or rights suitable for the purposes of this Company; and to enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in, any business or transaction which this company is authorized to engage or carry on, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as to, directly or indirectly, benefit this Company;

(j) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as, directly or indirectly, to benefit this Company;

(k.) To enter into any arrangements with any Government, or any authorities, municipal, local, or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Company's objects, or any of them, and to obtain from such Government, or any other authority, any rights, privileges, and concessions which the Company may think it desirable to contain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with such arrangements, rights, privileges, and concessions;

(l.) To establish and support, or aid in the establishment and support, of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of the Company, or the dependants or connections of such persons, and to grant pensions or allowances, and to make payments towards insurances, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition, or for any public, general or useful object;

(m.) To promote any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for any other purpose which may seem, directly or indirectly, calculated to benefit this Company;

(n.) Generally to purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business, and in particular any lands, buildings, easements, franchises, machinery, land and stock-in-trade;

(o.) To construct, alter, repair, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out or control any roads, ways, buildings, warehouses, shops, stores, works or conveniences which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to advance the Company's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise, or otherwise assist, or take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, working, management, carrying out or control thereof;

(p) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required, on such securities and in such manner as may from time to time be determined;

(q) To borrow or raise, or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of bonds or debentures, or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property, both present and future, including its uncalled capital, and to redeem and pay off any such securities;

(r) To remunerate any person or company for services rendered, or to be rendered, in placing or assisting to place, or guaranteeing the placing of, any of the shares of the Company's capital, or any debentures or other securities of the Company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the Company, or the conduct of its business;

(s) To draw, make, accept, indorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, bonds, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments;

(t.) To sell, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of the undertaking of the Company, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the Company shall think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company;

(u) To obtain any provisional or other order, or Act or ordinance, for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem, directly or indirectly, calculated to prejudice the Company's interests;

(v.) To procure the Company to be registered or recognized elsewhere in Canada or abroad;

(w) To do all or any of the above things either in the Dominion of Canada, or elsewhere, as principals, agents, contractors, trustees, or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others;

(x) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects;

(y) To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company;

(z) To distribute any of the property of the Company in kind among the members;

(aa) If thought fit, to obtain any Act, ordinance or order, dissolving the Company and re-incorporating its members as a new company for any of the objects mentioned in this memorandum, or for effecting any other modification in the Company's constitution;

(bb) And it is hereby declared that the intention is that the objects specified in each paragraph of this clause shall, except where otherwise expressed in such paragraphs, be in no wise restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other paragraph or the name of the company.

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Fernie, B. C., February 12th, 1910

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

Presbyterian church services Sunday, Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. and evening service at 7.30 p.m. Subject "Offended in Christ." A hearty welcome to all.

Adam Watson started to work up here again last week.

Fred Turpin severed his connection with the Trites Wood company on Tuesday. J. Fleming is acting as the teamster.

Jack Jones (Hobo) got tangled up with a train of timber in the new slope of No. 5 mine on Wednesday. It caused him to wear a good deal of adhesive plaster for a few days.

The workmen had to be brought out of No. 5 mine on Monday between 12 and 1 o'clock, owing to the fan belt breaking. The afternoon shift could not work, but they got it fixed ready for the midnight shift.

The examination for coal miners had to be postponed from Monday until Tuesday owing to the break down at No. 5. There was quite a number up for examination on Tuesday.

What a happy release Joe Alder is gone, but his brother Dick has come to make up for him.

Notice was posted Monday asking for tenders for a contract to drive a level in the new mine No. 0, level to be driven nine fet wide with four to six inches of rock to be taken down. Theer were quite a number of applicants.

Dave Archibald got down as far as the club this week. He is progressing very favorably from the accident in which he was injured some four weeks ago.

James Ashworth, Esq., the general manager of the Coal Company, was up looking over the club last Saturday and seemed very well pleased with the way the board of management were furnishing it, and complimented them on the stock of new books they had received. It was a bit of a surprise when they saw the fine bar which was just being fixed up, but said it was certainly a good one and a credit to any building, and he also said that the only thing we now require is the license, and he promised to do what he could toward getting it.

Constable Varlow had a good day's shooting last Wednesday, and he accounted for ten mongrels. It was getting real bad, for when men were coming home from work at night a cur would come out and bark at almost every other door. Those who have dogs should keep them fastened up or they may find a few more on the missing list.

J. Steele, fire boss in No. 5 mine, got crushed between two cars in the mine on Tuesday and was forced to lay off for a day or two as a consequence.

W. M. Elley, manager of the Heintzman piano parlors in Fernie was a business visitor at the Creek on Wednesday.

The Crows Nest Trading Company teamster had a sort of exciting experience up here last Saturday afternoon, when he had got all of his load delivered and was proceeding to Fernie by the government road between five and six o'clock. The sleigh slipped partly over the bank and the top of the sleigh went right off the runners. Then the horses turned around and galloped back to the Creek, turning in on the high side of the club, and right to the top of the Creek where they stood as though nothing whatever had happened. How the teamster escaped without injury is a mystery. A number of children were skating and sleighing down the road about this time, but they all got out of the way when they saw the horses coming, so that no one was hurt in the mix-up.

Mrs. C. Dingsdale was up here on Monday visiting with her two daughters.

F. Brindley of Michel was a visitor up here over last week end.

Joe Amer, the head lampman, is residing up here now in the house which was lately occupied by Mr. Vant.

Simeon Ivey and Fred Traers dropped in amongts us last Friday from Michel.

Wm. McFegan was forced to lay off work last week end with blood poisoning in the hand, caused by running a bar into it.

W. H. Evans was off two days last week with his old complaint, rheumatism. He started for the hot springs and I wonder if he got there.

Don't forget the masquerade ball up here on the 17th of March, St. Patricks night.

Arthur Sampson, chief of the provincial police and J. T. Alexander, J. P., were up here on Thursday last inspecting the new provincial quarters up here. It is a much larger place than the one that was burned down in the fire, and it contains two cells and a good sized office. Anyone being unfortunate enough to be put into either of the cells will find it a very secure place.

Mrs. H. Kingswood and two sons arrived back from the old country on Thursday morning, accompanied by her sister. They say that things are very dull on the other side of the herring pond.

Sid Horton, the popular butcher of the T. W. Company up here, took a trip down east on Wednesday night last.

Nathan Mitchell and Frank Hully were the new arrivals up here Thursday. They came from Cumberland, England.

Born at Coal Creek on the 5th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Jtyn Foster, a daughter.

Don't forget the child Lawley's benefit concert on the 23rd of February. Plan at Bleasdell's drug store. The committee are doing their best in order to make this one of the biggest successes that has ever been held in the district.

The board have decided to hold a smoker on Saturday night in the club hall for the members. If you like a good time be there.

First class board and rooms at Fairclough's boarding house, Coal Creek, opposite football grounds.

MICHEL

The junior hockey team of Hosmer played the junior team of Michel. The game was very closely contested and resulted in a voctory for Hosmer, the score being Hosmer 3 and Michel 2. The boys left in the morning on the Flyer well pleased with the victory and trip.

The family of Alex Hamilton left for Washington U. S. this week. All wish them a safe journey and prosperity in their new home.

Bob Spruston was appointed fire boss for No. 3 and 4 mine, filling the vacancy which was caused by the resignation of A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morris have returned from Lethbridge where they were paying a visit to Mrs. Morris' mother and father.

The senior hockey team met with a bitter disappointment in the non-arrival of the Hosmer hockey team which was billed to play heer on Sunday. The boys believe they would have been able to secure a victory over the boys from Hosmer.

There seems to be quite an excitement over the fancy dress ball to be held here on the 21st. Judging by the enthusiasm displayed by the young ladies in their selection of costumes the affair will be well worth attending.

John Moore, fire boss at No. 8, met with a slight accident which necessitates his removal for treatment to the hospital.

J. Hamilton, hoistman at No. 4, left for Washington this week. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. R. Stratton, deputy inspector of mines paid a visit to the Michel colliery this week.

Clark's moving picture show drew a large crowd on Thursday evening. The pictures are fine and do not hurt the eyes.

Mr. Weaver, our local milkman, met with a serious financial loss. His horse ran away, and as it was crossing the C. P. R. tracks the Flyer, which was approaching at the time, struck the beast and rig, killing the animal instantly and destroying the rig and cans. Some people who were eye witnesses of the accident think that the trouble might have been prevented, as the Flyer had time to slow down more than it did.

William Riddley has moved into the house occupied by Art Williams, and has purchased his household furnishings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. McSorley have arrived in Michel.

Winnfield McInnes, who has been confined to the house for a few weeks is able to be around.

Michel can boast of an I. O. G. T. which meets every Tuesday.

The new hoist which is being installed at No. 5, is about completed and will no doubt be the means of increasing the output.

The skating races held here on the 21st should have a large list of entries, as the prizes put up by the management are both useful and valuable.

Sir Norton of Coal Creek paid Michel a flying visit.

The second annual ball of the K. of P. was held on Wednesday evening, February 9th, in Crahan's hall. The music was furnished by the Coleman *orchestra, and lovers of the light fantastic* enjoyed themselves until the wo sma hours of the morning. Jack Martin officiated as the floor master for the occasion.

COLEMAN

On Friday night a very fine show was exhibited at the opera house entitled Niobe; on Saturday night the same company played The Professor's Love Story, which play exceeded the expectations of the people. It is *rather surprising that when a good Co.* comes to town they are not better patronized, realizing the monotonous life that some times hangs about the Pass. It is a relief to those who are accustomed to visit such places.

It would be very wise of all of our teamsters in town would prevent any boys from riding on their sleighs. It only occurred a few days ago that a boy named Joseph Seal jumped on the side of a sleigh and fell underneath the runner and got very badly cut and hurt. Now imagine the vast amount of trouble that could be saved the parents if the persons responsible would just attend to their business and put a stop to all boys riding; otherwise if the teamsters neglect such an important duty the council should be asked to see that such a thing is forbidden. To my mind it is more important even than the ringing of the curfew because of the great danger that boys are liable to by being allowed to jump on while the horses are moving at a fast rate. In the future I hope that it will be struck out for the sake of the boys and the parents.

On Sunday afternoon there was a runaway. No damage was done and no one was hurt so far as could be ascertained.

On Monday night Clark's moving pictures and vaudeville was in town with 7000 feet of films. Ralph Maddison, the Blairmore baritone, sang the songs.

On Tuesday night at the I. O. O. F. hall the members and friends of St. Alban's church participated in an all round bean supper. It is hoped that much success will follow the efforts made, and as the admission was only 25 cents we would naturally conclude that a big crowd would make much of the opportunity.

I desire to call the people's attention to a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock February 15. The subject for discussion will be: "Resolved that the abolition of the House of Lords is in the best interests of the British Empire." As the above is the burning question of the hour there should be no difficulty in getting a crowded house and creating an extensive interest in the minds of the public. So much has been said of late concerning the House of Lords and their tactics that the whole thing has become rather a common place question i nthe fact of such a popular subject we can look forward to a helpful and lively time. The leaders of the debate are well known citizens, and a good stadn should be made by each side.

Tuesday night the 8th, the following program was gone through with:

Speeches by the following: Mr. J. W. Powel, Mr. Wm. Clegg, Mr. Ed. Davis, Mr. Williams and others. Mr. Cameron's phonograph is also placed a tthe disposal of the society. I wish to point out that at the commencement of a series of meetings like this the entire object is to provide a pleasant time for the secular and social side of the community of this town. Too much cannot be said in favor of this good movement on the part of the promoters to care for all classes. The whole thing is treated on broad lines, and in this way it should appeal to the geenral public for support and patronage.

We have observed that the first practical step has been taken by the council for incorporation. Mr. T. Willemoth has been appointed to take the census of the town and he is making good headway with the undertaking. As the whole thing will be complete in a few days we will be able to report then more fully on the actual figures.

At a meeting of the Knights of Pythias held on Saturday last there were no less than nine applications sent in to the lodge. Since the appointment of Mr. Davis as keeper of records and seals the lodge is going ahead by leaps and bounds. The brethren of the above lodge are not going to rest on their oars until they become one of the finest and best lodges in the Pass.

On February 14th at the skating rink there will be an attractive dress carnival when several prizes will be offered to all kinds of competitors, both for the children and for the grown ups.

Much amusement was caused at the bean supper with the guessing competition, the prize being a very fine cushion. The judges were Messrs. Blais and Dunlope, the winners Judge Disney.

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.

FRANK

A sad accident befell Isadore Montabette on Friday last, 4th inst., while following his employment in the old mine heer as a rope rider. A trip was being pulled up by a horse when the car jumped the track and caught him between the car and the side, breaking his leg just above the knee. He was taken to the hospital where he still remains, but he is doing as well as could be expected.

The charivari band turned out on Monday evening last to welcome the return of Mr. Cruikshanks, grocer, who went away a few weeks ago to be married. He was taken to all the hotels, as is usually the custom for the sake of getting his hand down.

The usual half yearly examinations for engineers will be held in the Frank hotel on the 4th and 5th of March.

E. Bridge of Coal Creek is residing heer now and is working in the old mine.

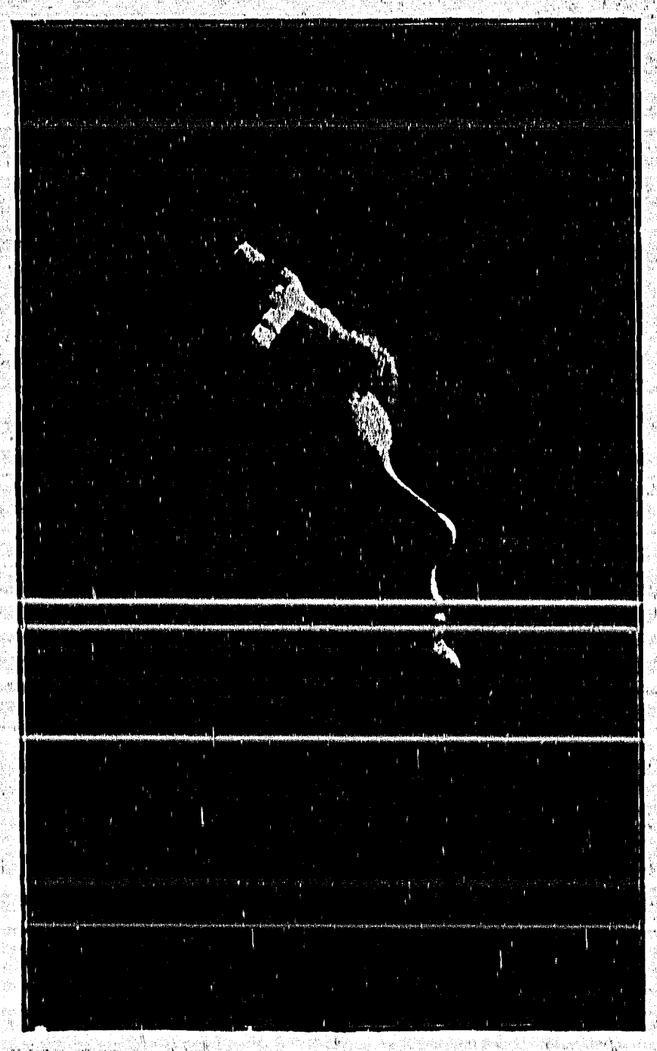
Frank hockey team played Hosmer on Wednesday evening at Frank. The game commenced about ten o'clock, and was very fast and rough. After about fifteen minutes play McLeod scored for Frank which was followed by a goal from McLellan, but Hosmer started to play up a bit and evened up before half time.

The second half was not in progress long when McMillan scored a beauty from the centre. McMillan added a fourth before time was called and Hosmer got another, making the score 4 to 3. Hosmer had several of the Fernie team on.

Frank team was:
R. McGowan
A. Hughes
R. McMillan
J. McGowan
J. Miller
P. McLellan
J. McLeod

What is the matter with the Fernie hockey team that they won't encounter Frank?

They are the first team in the Pass to refuse us a game.



Miss Josephine Deffry, leading lady with the Eckhardt Company at the Fernie Opera House for one week commencing Monday, February 14.

THE WAY ITS DONE IN "BRUCE"

Dealers in Oil Stocks and Other Flotations To be Good

IS SOAKED 200 PLUNKS

(Toronto Telegram)

For violation of the Joint Stock Companies act, Magistrate Kingsford made three convictions in the afternoon Police Court, fining Henshaw Maddock $200 and costs or 30 days and Athol George Robertson $200—$100 for each offence—or 30 days.

The California Alberta Oil Company which Mr. Henshaw Maddock represented, was first called.

Mr. W. H. Price who was the counsel for the provincial secretary's department, stated:

"In the advertisements which were published nothing was said of the value of the property, the parties from whom purchased, or the prices paid for them."

Public Should Know

The act demands this. If the public know what was paid for the oil properties, in cash or stock, they would know whether there was any substance to the proposition.

The treasurer of the company is outside of the province of Ontario, and any money collected is sent to him in Vancouver.

The oil properties of the company are situated in Alberta, and the company itself was incorporated in the State of Washington.

From the information I have, and from what the advertisement says, they have as yet struck no oil. It is purely a speculation."

The Complaint

It was charged against Maddock that in 1909 and 1910 he issued a prospecturs of the California Alberta Oil Co., which failed to comply with the legal requirements, in that it bore no date, was not signed by directors or provisional directors, and was not filed with the provincial secretary; that it was issued before being filed; that it did not contain the names of the original incorporators or the number of shares subscribed for by each, or the number of shares necessary to qualify as a director of the corporation.

The prospectus did not contain the number and the amount of shares issued paid up or partially paid up, or the names and addresses of the vendors of the property, or the amount of the purchase price of the property. In all there are nineteen instances cited where non-compliance with the law is charged with regard to the prospectus.

Mr. A. Bicknell, counsel for Maddock, asked for a stated case, on the plea that Maddock was acting on instructions from Vancouver, but the magistrate refused and said Mr. Bicknell could take it to a higher court if he desired.

WALDO

S. Taylor, manager of the Standard Lumber company of Cranbrook was a Waldo visitor this week.

Mr. Violet, one of the Baker Lumber company's contractors, has finished his season's work and left for his home on the prairie.

A donation of $15 towards the hall fund has been received from S. Taylor of the Standard Lumber Co.

The regular meeting of the whist club was held at Mrs. Hart's, Baynes, on Wednesday.

The new superintendent of the Baker Lumber company's plant, Mr. Robt. Milne, arrived from Arnprior, Ont., and has taken up his duties.

The union dancing club met at Waldo, on Friday, February 4.

The beginning of a series of dancing lessons was given in Waldo hall last evening by Mr. Birkof, dancing master.

It is rather a dismal and dull day when Dr. Cook is not exposed and re-exposed in connection with some fake. The trouble with Cook is that he selected the wrong profession. He should have been a professor of capitalist political economy and all his vagaries and nonsensical claims would have passed without challenge. In fact he would have won the praise of the very papers that now condemn him.

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NERO'S FIDDLE

We have often roasted Nero that he played his violin, while his native Rome was burning and the fireman raised a din; there he sat and played "Bedelia" heedless of the fiery storm, while the fire chief pranced and sweated in his neat red uniform. And I often think that Nero had a pretty level head; would the fire have been extinguished had he fussed around instead? Would the fire insurance folks have loosened up a sheckel more, had old Nero squirted water on some grocer's cellar door? When there comes a big disaster people straightway lose their wits; they go round with hands a-wringing, sweating blood and throwing fits; but the wise man sits and fiddles, plays a tune from end to end, for it never pays to worry over things you cannot mend. It is good to offer battle when catastrophes advance, it is well to kee pon scrapping while a fellow has a chance; but when failure is as certain as the coming of the dusk, then it's wise to take your fiddle and fall back on "Money Musk."

Walt Mason

AN EDITOR'S REWARD

An editor died, and slowly wended his way to where he supposed a warm reception awaited him. The devil saw him and said: "For many years thou hast borne the blame for the many errors the printers made in the paper. The paper has gone alas for $1, and the $1 has failed to come in. The printers have devilled thee on Saturday night for wages when thou hadst not one cent to thy name. Men have taken the paper without paying for it and cursed thee for not getting out better. Thou hast been called a dead beat by passenger conductors when thou hast shown thy annual pass to envious gaze. All this thou hast all borne in silence. Thou canst not come in here," and he fired him. "Heaven is his home; and besides if we let him come in here he will continually dun delinquent subscribers, for our habitation is full of them, and thus create disorder in my kingdom."

The marriage took place in Michel on January 29th of Miss Maud Adeline Stanley Mason to Mr. William Ridley of the same place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Chilworth at the Methodist church. Congratulations are in order.

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Wales atoned somewhat for her defeat by England by defeating Scotland, the score reading 14 points to nil. The Scots had a pretty strong team, and had recently defeated the Frenchmen by a score of twenty-seven points to nil.

R. H. Marlow

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ZAM BUK CURES PILES

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There are so many so-called "remedies" for piles that sufferers are often at a loss what to try. Piles are caused by distension of the hemorrhoid veins, and the tissue becomes highly inflamed, dry and sore. Zam-Buk cools and soothes the inflamed tissue and the healing, essences in Zam-Buk penetrate the diseased parts giving ease quickly and eventually curing the most obstinate cases of piles.

Mr. George Harris of Virden, Man., says: "I suffered acutely from piles but I am glad to say that Zam-Buk gave me ease and brought about ultimate cure."

Mrs. S. Cooke, 468 Pacific avenue, Winnipeg, says: "A month ago I was cured by Zam-Buk of a bad attack of bleeding piles, to which I had been subject for a long time."

Mr. William Kenty of Upper Nine Mile River, Hants Co. N. S. says: "I suffered terribly from piles. The pain from these was at times almost unbearable. I tried various ointments, but everything failed to do me the slightest good. I was tired of trying various remedies, when I heard of Zam-Buk, but thought, as a last resource I would give this balm a trial. I procured a supply and commenced with the treatment. In a very short time Zam-Buk effected what all the other ointments and medicines had failed to do—a complete cure."

Wherever there is inflammation or ulceration there Zam-Buk should be applied. It heals ulcers, abscesses, festering sores, cold cracks, scalp sores, cold cracks, bruises and all irritated, inflamed or diseased conditions of the skin and subjacent tissue. All druggists and stores, 50 cents a box or post free from Zam-Buk Co. Toronto, for price. Refuse harmful substitutes.

It May Be Pneumonia

"A hard chill, pain through the chest, difficult breathing. Then fever, with great prostration." If this should be your experience, send for your doctor. You may have pneumonia! If your doctor cannot come at once, give Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. When he comes, tell him exactly what you have done. Then do as he says. No alcohol in this cough medicine. *J.C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.*

Keep the bowels in good condition. One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will cause an increased flow of bile, and produce a gentle laxative effect the day following.

MINERS WANT RAISE

(Continued from page 3)

gress of the United States to remove the imoprt duties on all of these products."

The convention adjourned at 6 p. m. until 6 this morning.

Determined on Decrease

TOLEDO, January 31—Coal operators who arrived here today anticipate a long drawn out contest with miners of Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania which begins tomorrow.

It was officially admitted today that the operators are determined on a decrease from 90 to 80 cents per ton in the wage scale, while the miners will demand an increase of ten cents an hour. Ohio operators already on the ground assert that under the present scale they cannot compete with the nonunion west Virginia operators, whose cost of production they declare is 50 per cent less than in Ohio mines, and that at a less cost of production they would be able to give the miners more work.

The Ohio operaotrs expected to hold a meeting some time during the day, and a general conference of operators will be held tonight to formulate the program.

The Pittsburg district situation, which involved the Indianapolis convention in a controversy not yet ended, will be brought into the wage conference by the demand of the Pennsylvania miners, for an additional increase to cover the expense of the high priced powder required under the Pennsylvania safety laws.

Would Destroy Business

"We just simply can't grant any further increases," said W. R. Woodford one of the leading operators in the district controlled by the joint agreement. "It will mean the destruction of our business.

"The miners are getting the highest wages now that were ever paid. Coal is selling at lower prices than for years. The competition furnished by the unorganized states makes a further increase in the price of mining an impossibility.

"The miners say they must have more wages because of the increased cost of living," said Secretary Mannington of the operators. "What they want is not more money but more work. Ohio miners worked 161 days during the year ending June 30, 1909, and West Virginia miners worked 211 days.

"The difference is that it costs West Virginia less to produce its coal. It can sell it at a lower figure. It's the sharp competition that makes another raise to the miners impossible."

The prediction was made by operators today that the conference will continue through the rest of the week, and will then be adjourned for one month with no settlement.

TOLEDO, February 3.—To hear the commercial coal mine operators, especially the big ones here, talk, one gets the impression that they fully expect a strike of coal miners to follow the joint wages conference of the district comprising Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania, which opens here today. They declare that they do not want a strike, but they cannot see how the two sides can get together on a wage scale when the miners ask an increase of ten cent sa ton and the operators demand a reduction of ten cents a ton in the wages.

They can only see one avenue of escape from the prospective strike, and that is through the conservative element of the United Mine Workers of America. The operators are in hopes that President Lewis may be strong enough to rally that element to some basis of settlement.

Lon John H. Jones of Pittsburg, president of the Buffalo and Pittsburg Coal Company, one of the largest in the entire field, does not believe that a strike can be avoided, though he says it is possible to do so. A strike can be avoided if the operators and the conservative eleemnt in the miners organization will unite their efforts to that end. He says he did not predict that this would be done—he merely says that it could be done.

Early arrivals here from Indianapolis today say that the strike spirit ran high in the miners convention, and that the men seemed to be determined to carry their demand for an increase.

And the operators in the three days that they have waited here have acquired a stronger determination to force a reduction of wages.

Mysterious Politics

The politics of the operators among themselves is a fearful mystery. Each state seems to be looking out for itself first and for the general situation afterward.

About the only point on which they appear to be united is in regard to the Ohio situation. They seem to be fully determined to afford some relief to the Ohio operators, who, they say, will either have to be placed in a position where they can compete with the West Virginia nonunion mines, or else go out of the business. One story going the rounds here today is that the large operators, especially those in the Pennsylvania district, do not fear a strike at this time. It is pointed out nearly all of them own large tracts of coal lands in West Virginia, where they could open up in case of a strike which would close down their other properties.

The Buffalo and Pittsburg Coal Co. is said to own six thousand acres in West Virginia from which it mined only forty thousand tons last year, and employed only fifty eight men. The M. A. Hanna Company of Cleveland is another large owner of West Virginia property. That company in the last year mined several hundred thousand tons down there. Such concerns, it is pointed out, would not object to a strike. On the other hand a representative of the Buffalo and Pittsburg company declares that it would be impossible to develop the West Virginia properties in time to do any good if a strike is decalred this spring. He says this would require three or four years. It is predicted by many of the operators that the joint conference will find itself tied up in such a knot by Saturday that it will adjourn then without doing anything.

Shows Expectation of Strike

That some of the dealers expect a strike of the miners was indicated by the statement of an Ohio operator this morning that one big Chicago operator and dealer is trying to buy coal for March delivery.

"This Chicago man offered me $1.35 a ton for coal for March delivery," he said.

"This is 35 cents above the market price. I refused to sell him anything for March, and I do not believe he was able to get any coal from any one then."

Another Ohio operator said he did not believe any such prices were being offered, and said he had offered coal to a Chicago dealer for $1.07 for March delivery and he would not take it."

The statement which the operators expect to give the public in which to set forth their side of the question, is being revised almost every hour. Last night Colonel Horace Chapman of Columbus, who had been chosen as spokesman for the operators, passed typewritten copies of the statement to the operators for their approval, but none of them would allow a copy to get out of his hand or tell what it contained. They say it would be unfair to the miners to issue a statement in advance of their arrival and before they had an opportunity to present the demands to the operators. It is said, however, that the statement will deal principally with the Ohio situation.

The Ohio operators declare they have not made a cent in the last two years because of the ruinous competition of the West Virginia operators, where coal is mined by nonunion men at a much lower cost than in the Ohio field, where union labor is employed. It is declared that 75 per cent of the coal used right here in Toledo comes from West Virginia, although four of the Ohio coal roads have terminals in this place. Operators from all the states say that the operators of Ohio are facing ruin from the competition of West Virginia, and that this means that the miners must grant a decrease in wages to place the Ohio operators on a footing equal to that of the West Virginia miners. This is the main point in the operators' statement, and it is to be the overshadowing issue between the operators and the miners in the joint wage scale conference.

Discriminating Freight Rates

Another thing that works to the disadvantage of the Ohio operators is the fact that freight rates on coal to lake ports are discriminatory against Ohio and in favor of West Virginia. It costs within a few cents a ton as much to ship coal 150 miles from Ohio mines to lake ports as it does to ship coal from West Virginia, a distance of 400 miles. But the operators say they will keep this question out of the wage conference because the miners are not to blame for the freight rates. This question of freight rates is now before the Ohio railroad commission, and will be taken to the interstate commerce commission.

After the B. & O.

The operators are going after the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with charges of discrimmination in the distribution of coal cars in the mines along its lines.

A petition was circulated among the operators here this morning that will first be presented to officials of the railroad company. If this fails to bring relief, according to the operators the petition will then be taken to President Taft, and he will be asked to start an investigation. It is said that the Baltimore & Ohio does not own any mines in West Virginia, but that it is interested in other ways and that it supplies coal cars to certain mines at the expense of the other coal mines.

The petition points out that this discrimination favors West Virginia and places Ohio, Indiana and other operators in the competitive field at a disadvantage, because the railroad supplies cars to the West Virginia mines first.

It is understood that the petition will bear the signature of every operator attending the conference.

MINERS ARRIVE AT TOLEDO

TOLEDO, Feb. 3—The two special trains of miners arrived from Indianapolis shortly after noon. The national officers have headquarters at the Boody house. Arrangements on their arrival were made for the first session of the joint conference to be held this afternoon in Memorial hall. The program for the opening session included an address of welcome by Mayor Whitlock, and responses by a miner and operator.

J. C. Kolsem, president of the Jackson Hill Company, of Terre Haute, was to be elected permanent chairman; E. E. Perry, secretary treasurer of the miners organization, permanent secretary, and Frank S. Brooks, secretary of the Hocking Valley Operators association was to act as assistant secretary.

Committees on credentials rules and order were to be appointed and it was possible that the joint scale committee might also be appointed.

As soon as credentials, rules and order committees report the miners will present their demands. This, it is thought, may not be done until tomorrow. President Lewis on his arrival said that he had no statement to make.

Will Not Enter Conference

SPRINFIELD, Ill., Feb. 3—Illinois Coal operators today notified officials of the Illinois Mine Workers union that they would not enter the interstate wage conference at Toledo today to arrange a wage scale to apply to the central competitive district.

They announced that the scale of wages for Illinois must be settled by the miners and operators of that state irrespective of the arrangements at a conference of interstate operators.

The miners are not announced at the announcement from the operators but will meet the operators at Peoria, at the conclusion of their convention. The scale concludes on April 1, and a shut down of the mines of the state is practically conceded on all sides, because it will take a long time to reach an agreement on the many differences between employer and employe.

Miners Chose St. Louis

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 3—After deciding that the next annual convention should be held in St. Louis the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America reached final adjournment a few minutes before three this morning, and shortly after that those delegates who were to go to Toledo to attend the intertsate board meetings there were on their way to the union station to take the specials to Toledo.

Appeals and Grievances

Practically the entire night session was occupied in thrashing out the various features of the report of the committee on appeals and grievances and several hours were spent in long explanations of the old Osage county strike in Kansas, and the question of whether President Lewis had advised the operators of Kansas to refuse to check off from the pay of the miners a certain assessment they had levied for the support of the men who were on strike in Osage.

Alex. Hwat ,president of the district charged that President Lewis had given such advice, and President Lewis denied this.

The entire matter of the strike was also gone into with much detail.

E.S. McCullough who was presiding as temporary chairman during the discussion, said that the only question before the convention in the matter was as to whether President Lewis advised a discontinuance of the checkoff assessment.

He said that Howat had claimed he could prove that President Lewis had advised this, and President Lewis had claimed that he could not, and that it was up to the convention to decide if the charge had been proved.

Turmoil Sets In

A motion was made to the effect than in the judgment of the convention, sufficient evidence had not been produced by Howat to justify his position in his contention that President Lewis had advised a discontinuance of the check off. The motion was declared adopted by a rising vote that was counted, and then turmoil set in again.

There was a demand for a recount and again it was shown that the motion had carried. There were yells for a roll call from various delegates. Some other delegates, tired of the matter, were calling "Toledo" and several were trying to get the floor at the same time.

The gavel was pounding a wild tattoo, but finally sufficient quiet was obtained to permit John Walker to obtain the floor, and he made a plea for harmony and better order for the sake of the organization and order was once more restored and the committee on appeals and grievances again resumed its report. At times there were disturbances from various delegates who were either tired of the convention and wanted to go to Toledo or else go home, but finally the report of the committee which took up the grievances in various parts of the country was finished and done with.

A motion had been made at the beginning of the reading of the report that the various grievances embodied in it should be referred to the international executive board, but this was voted down by the delegates who apparently wished to see the wheels go round.

The meeting last evening was under a suspension of the rules that the work might be completed and the miners who had to should be able to start for Toledo.

The Afternoon Session

At the afternoon session an amendment was offered, but was tabled, to have the editor of the United Mine Workers Journal elected by a referendum, instead of being appointed by the president.

Another offer was to have the editor elected by the majority vote of the international executive board but it too, was tabled.

A delegate who was counting the standing vote in the middle section of the hall, on the motion to table, said he was being bothered in his count by Bernard Doran of Ohio, who had left the hall several afternoons ago after having called President Lewis a liar. At the time of this incident a motion had been made that Doran should retract his statement or leave the hall but Doran had left the hall and the vote was not put.

When the matter of Doran's alleged intereference came up President Lewis said that when Doran had left the hall he had severed his connection with the convention, and by his own act had forfeited his right to a seat or a vote. A motion was made that Doran be requested to leave the hall and stay away.

William Green spoke on behalf of greater harmony in the convention, and said that he hoped the delegates in this matter would not go to the extreme.

After a talk by John Walker, in which he urged that Doran retract what he had said, Droan arose, and said that he wished to withdraw the language that he had used when he had said that President Lewis was a liar.

President Lewis then said that in the opinion of the chair, Doran would remain.

It was decided that candidates for office in the organization may have announcement of their candidacy made in the United Mine Workers Journal, but that the editor of the Journal, under penalty of removal from office, may publish nothing in favor of or against any candidate.

After the committee on constitution had finished its report, the committee on appeals and grievances again began its work.

TOLEDO, Feb. 2—It is believed here that the operators are not at all sorry that the miners did not come over from Indianapolis at the time set for the joint wage scale conference. The operators are holding irequent conferences behind closed doors and are discussing the stateemnt of their position which they say they will give to the public after the miners arrive. The statement however, is being guarded jealously and none of the operators will say anything about what it contains.

Some of the operators say that the delay in the time of the miners coming to Toledo has given them a good breathing spell and time to prepare their line of action in the wage fight. The operators were not a unit when they arrived here and had they gone into conference at once they would have been at a disadvantage. They are now trying to get together on a plan of action.

A Leading Point of Difference

One of the main points of difference between them is the powder question in Pennsylvania. In that state there is a new law which requires miners to use a certain kind of powder in the interest of safety.

This powder is more expensive than the ordinary kind. The Pennsylvania miners insist on an increase of pay to cover the increased cost of the powder. The operators refused to grant this and it led to a strike of ten thousand men in the district presided over by Francis Feehan. President Lewis of the miners called the strike off and left the matter open for settlement at the joint conference. This is one point on which the operators themselves are having trouble. The Indiana, Ohio and Illinois operators declare that the powder question is a matter for the Pennsylvania operators to settle themselves, and they refuse to be drawn into the controversy.

An effort is being made to get together on the matter but it is a question in which there is room for doubt as to whether they will get to an understanding.

Situation in West Virginia

The nonunion situation in West Virgina promises to be a big factor in the joint conference.

The operators point out that the cost of mining in West Virginia is below that of the organized fields and that they cannot compete with the non union fields of the south.

The union miners are being paid 90 cents a ton for mining coal and in West Virginia the operators claim that their coal is being mined for 41 cents.

They declare that the miners must unionize West Virginia for their own safety or else stand for a reduction of 10 cents a ton in wages.

President Nanna of Nelsonville O., is the only miner here thus far and he meets this argument of the operators by saying that the operators will not permit them to unionize West Virginia. He says that whenever an organizer starts to work in West Virginia he is met with a blanket injunction that was issued several years ago and told that if he does not leave the town at once he will be thrown into the jail. Under these conditions he claims that the West Virginia miners cannot be organized.

If the operators will get rid of that injunction, he adds, the miners will organize West Virginia and put it on a basis with the other coal producing states.

About one hundred operators are at present here and another hundred are expected shortly.

West Virginia the Trouble

TOLEDO, Feb. 2—At an executive session of the operators of the Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania operators, lasting until noon today J. C. Kolsem, manager of the Jackson Hill Coal and Coke Company of Terre Haute, Ind., was agreed upon for chairman of the joint wage conference with the miners. Another meeting is slated for tonight.

That the proposed unionizing of the West Virginia coal fields will be an important feature of the joint wage conference is apparent.

While the operators have not crystallized their views into a formal statement individual expressions make this the leading issue.

The operators insist that the competitive fields must be placed on the same footing with nonunion mines of West Virginia, which they declare are rapidly absorbing the market.

Did Not go to Toledo

Francis Feehan and Duncan McDonald, who had been appointed on a committee to go to Toledo yesterday evening to consult with the operators and obtain a postponment of the interstate joint conference until tomorrow, appeared on the stage at the opening of the regular meeting in Indianapolis on the morning following their appointment, and those delegates who thought that these two men had been put on the shelf during the remainder of the convention by sending them to Toledo, were considerably surprised.

It seemed as though a marvellously rapid trip had been made, but Feehan explained to the convention that the committee had not gone to Toledo. He said that the committee had got into communication with the operators over the telephone, and that the operators agreed to a postponement of the interstate conference until tomorrow.

The operators had further told him, he explained, that it would not be necessary for the committee to go to Toledo. He said that he had told the operator with whom he had talked over the telephone that the convention expected to be able to finish up its work today.

The report of the committee as verbally made by Feehan was approved by the unions.

It was decided that the constitution should be so changed in relation to transfer cards, that the president and financial secretary of a local union shall issue transfer cards instead of

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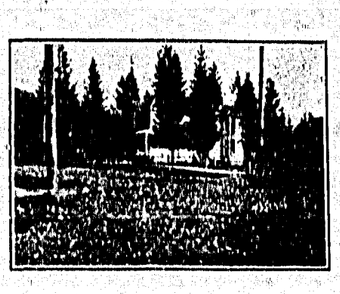

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1337	Ashcroft Mines	T. Grey, Ashcroft Mines, Lethbridge, Alta.
29	Bankhead	T. Bradley, Bankhead, Alta.
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	G. Kelly, Blairmore, Alta.
1387	Canmore	Wm, Angell, Canmore, Alta.
69	Coal City	A. D. Altroy, Coal City, Tabor, Alta.
2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	P. Lennon, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
2378	Cardiff	J. Aplin, Cardiff, Alta.
275	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 127 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	Kenmare	R. Evans, Kenmare, N. D.
574	Lethbridge	M. Pilshack, P. O. 113, Lethbridge, Alta.
1233	Lille	W. L. Evans, Lille, Frank, Alta.
2829	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.
2155	Strathcona	A. Shaw, Strathcona, Alta.
102	Taber	Wm. Russell, Taber, Alta.
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MINERS WANT RAISE

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the president and recording secretary and that the card shall be attested by the recording instead of the financial secretary, when a miner desires to leave the mine where his local is and work elsewhere.

Mine Bosses Excluded

An amendment to the constitution was adopted that provided that any member accepting a position as mine boss or representative of the operators association shall forfeit his membership and all rights and privileges that are guaranteed to him by such membership.

In response of a telegram telling of the disaster at the Browder mines, near Drakesboro, Ky., a resolution was adopted extending sympathy to the bereaved families, demanding thorough investigation of mine disasters, and laws tending to prevent as far as possible, further mine disasters, and donating $1000 to the sufferers from the Browder mine disaster.

Men on Duty Must Stay Sober

An amendment was offered providing that if any international, district, subdistrict or local union officer or officers are seen in a state of public intoxication while holding such position, he shall upon conviction, be removed from said office at once by the officers or officer of the union having the proper jurisdiction over the officer or officers.

It was also provided that this provision should apply to any organizer, or agent or any person working for the organization.

Various delegates spoke on the amendment and expressed the belief that an officer should not be allowed to conduct himself in any such manner as would cast or bring discredit on the organization he represented. Francis Feehan said if the provision applied only to officers while on duty he would be in favor of it.

In response to a question from a delegate as to whether he had not required a member of his district to sign the pledge, Feehan said that a former district vice-president in his district had been intoxicated and he had brought discredit on the organization. He said the matter had been brought up before the district executive board and the offender had said that he had signed the pledge and further that he intended to keep it and quit drinking.

The board, Feehan added, had decided to take no action against the man and so the matter dropped.

MORE HOPEFUL

Operators and Miners Hope to be Able to Avoid Strike

TOLEDO, February 5—The mere fact that the miners and operators failed to reach an agreement at their joint wage scale conference in this city does not mean necessarily that there will be a suspension of work at the coal mines. It only means that another conference will be called between now and the first of April, when the present wage contract expires, and that another effort will be made to reach an agreement.

The end came last night just as had been expected. It was apparent from the start that the two sides were so far apart on the question of admitting Illinois mines to the conference in the absence of Illinois operators, that they could never come to an understanding. The credentials committee had wrestled with the work for hours without any result. The convention itself undertook to handle the Illinois question on the floor of the convention but without any result. The miners stood pat on the demand that the Illinois representatives should be seated, and the operators were equally determined to exclude them from the session.

So when the convention reconvened it was seen that an early adjournment was certain.

Following the afternoon adjournment miners held an executive session to discuss the situation again, and when they adjourned they gave out the word that they had agreed to stand pat.

When the operators heard this they began making sleeping car reservations to start for home. Francis Feehan of the Pennsylvania section put the ball in motion at the meeting last night. He stated that the miners still insisted that the Illinois delegates be seated. G. W. Savage, an Ohio miner, said that it would be useless to refer the matter to the credentials committee again. Then T. K. Maher a Pittsburg operator, asked a pointed question: "The operators are here to negotiate a wage scale," he said. "Do you want to do business or are you willing that we should go home?" The entire convention, miners and operators, cheered this short, but spicy speech.

No Course but to Adjourn

T. L. Lewis, temporary chairman of the convention, declared that he saw no other course left open but to adjourn the convention. "We have not even been able to organize," he said, "and there is no chance now to organize. Therefore I am of the opinion that we should adjourn. I know that each side feels that the other side should take the responsibility of the bringing of the convention to a close. Therefore I suggest that one side of the conference make a motion to adjourn, and that the other side second the motion. In that manner the responsibility for the move will be divided."

It was plain that neither side wished to assume the responsibility of the failure of the convention to organize. Each was waiting for the other to make the first move. Finally Delegate Ashcroft, a miner from the Pittsburg district made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. B. Zerbe, an operator from Cleveland, O. The roll of states was called and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously. That was the end to the first conference.

The convention ended with everybody in the best of humor, and with nobody predicting trouble. It seemed to be taken by common consent that before the first of April another conference would be called. The operators were saying that President Lewis of the miners would probably call a conference of the miners and operators of the three states, western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, leaving out Illinois. No statement was made by Lewis on this point. But if such a call is issued it is believed that it will not be for a general joint conference, but that it will be a call for the appointment of a joint scale committee by the miners and operators, and that it will be left to this joint committee to negotiate a scale. This, it is pointed out will avoid the general expense of a general convention, and also have the wage question handled by a smaller and less unwieldy body than a general convention.

An Optimistic Feeling

Whether such a committee will be able to make a wage contract is a question, but there was an optimistic feeling among both the operators and miners after the adjournment and all seemed to believe that the wage question will be settled without a strike. But if a settlement is reached it will be after one or both sides recede from their present positions. The miners demand an increase from 90c to $1 for mining coal, and the operators demand a reduction to 80 cents per ton. It is believed here than an agreement will be finally reached to continue at the 90 cent rate.

No sooner had the conference adjourned than there began a scramble on the part of operators and big coal dealers to make deliveries for March. Operators who have a production of free coal received offers of high prices but so far as known no contracts were made. One Indiana operator said he was offered $1.50 a ton for his free coal at the mines. An Ohio operator said that a Chicago dealer offered him $1.35, but neither of these men sold any coal.

Whoever makes contracts for March delivery will be stung, it is said, because an operator can get no more money than this for his free coal in case of a strike, and in case there is not a strike the dealers can buy for less money.

Operators Issue Statement.

Immediately after the breaking up of the convention the Ohio operators held a conference and issued a statement to the public.

It recites the history of the failure of the convention to organize and it mentions the Illinois trouble as the cause. "We hope that another convention may be held in which we may participate," it says. It declares the Ohio operators are in favor of these conventions, but that never in the history of mining in Ohio has the outlook for the success of the industry been so discouraging as it is at present. It says the Ohio operators pay the highest wages of any state in the competitive field, that it is compelled to compete with nonunion districts whose encroachments increase each year and that only by the co-operation of the miners and operators can this be overcome.

The Ohio operators disclaim any responsibility for the failure of the conference to organize. It is believed if another joint conference is organized, the meetings will be held in Columbus or Indianapolis.

President Lewis went on record yesterday as being opposed to holding the big, expensive conventions. He declared that the operators should have a national organization like the miners, and then there would be no need for a big convention. Representatives of the national organizations could then negotiate the agreements.

Hopeless from the Start

TOLEDO, Feb. 5—The convention was in a deep tangle when it convened for the afternoon session yesterday, Phil Penna, chairman of the credential committee, reported that the committee agreed to the seating of the miners and operators of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and that the Illinois question be refererd to the convention. He moved that the delegates be seated in accordance with this report. J. H. Zerbe, a Cleveland operator, seconded the motion. Dan Cashman, a miner, moved in amendment also to seat the Illinois operators and miners. "Where are the Illinois operators whom you wish to seat?" Zerbe asked

"Are any Illinois operators present" asked President Lewis. None answered. "I had a report from them and they said they would come if they had to," replied an Illinois miner. The miners cheered this statement.

Said Zerbe: "That's the point. They will come if they have to and you are trying to force them to come, but we will not be a party to any such coercion."

The operators voted solidly against the amendment and the miners voted for it. The vote was a tie and the amendemnt was defeated.

Frank Feehan offered an amendment to seat the miners from Illinois in the convention but this was also defeated.

"We have now reached the point where we are not able to organize the convention," declared President Lewis slowly and deliberately. The crowd was still and the suspense was apparent.

"What is the further pleasure of the convention? This is the time when every man here should give his best thought as to whether or not we shall go home."

A Pennsylvania miners moved to ask the credentials committee to retire again, and if no agreement be reached by nine o'clock Saturday morning the convention adjourn sine die. The miners were not a unit on this plan for Frank Feehan moved to strike out the provision for final aljournment. The amendment was lost. The original motion was also killed thus leaving the organization of the convention as far up in the air as ever.

Motion Was Lost

Phil Penna brought the matter to a definite vote, with a motion that the convention be organized by Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and that the failure of the motion to pass be taken as inability of the convention to organize and transact business, and this would carry with it an adjournment sine die. The motion was lost, the operators voting for it and the miners against it.

Chairman Lewis announced that personally he was willing that the convention adjourn until some future date and meantime the miners would say to the Illinois operators "If we enter into a wage agreement with you it will be at the interstate conference." He said such a plan might bring about good results.

In a long speech Lewis announced his belief that the big conventions in the future would be abolished, when the operators have a national organization. He said then that big men, as representatives of both sides could meet and discuss differences and thus avoid the big conferences. Lewis said that if the convention could not be organized with the Illinois miners seated, then the only course would be to adjourn and go home.

Oratory flowed all over the convention. Phil Penna and J. H. Zerbe spoke for the operators, and Zerbe sounded a note of warning that if he convention failed the operators would put their mines on a basis to compete with the nonunion mines of West Virginia. It was evident that the deadlock would continue. Chairman Lewis, Frank Feehan William Green and others of the leading miners held a conference. They also consulted the operator leaders after which it was decided to adjourn.

Lewis Not Bothered

TOLEDO, Feb. 5—That a special convention of the United Mine Workers of America may be called to further consider the joint wage scale formulated at the Indianapolis convention is the opinion of miners and operators since the disruption of the joint conference last night.

Immediately after the adjournment President Lewis of the Mine Workers announced that there would be a special meeting of the national executive board.

"This incident does not bother me in the least," said Lewis. "The end is not yet. The contract in this competitive field does not expire until the 1st of April. I am hopeful that between this and that time we shall all get together again and do what we failed to do in Toledo, agree upon a basis of settlement."

The principal difficulty with the Illinois situation, which broke up the convention, is that conditions differ there. The state is securely organized, and the miners pay the shot firers there. In the other states the operators pay the shot firers. The floor leader of the operators, Phil Penna, was taken ill immediately after adjournment.

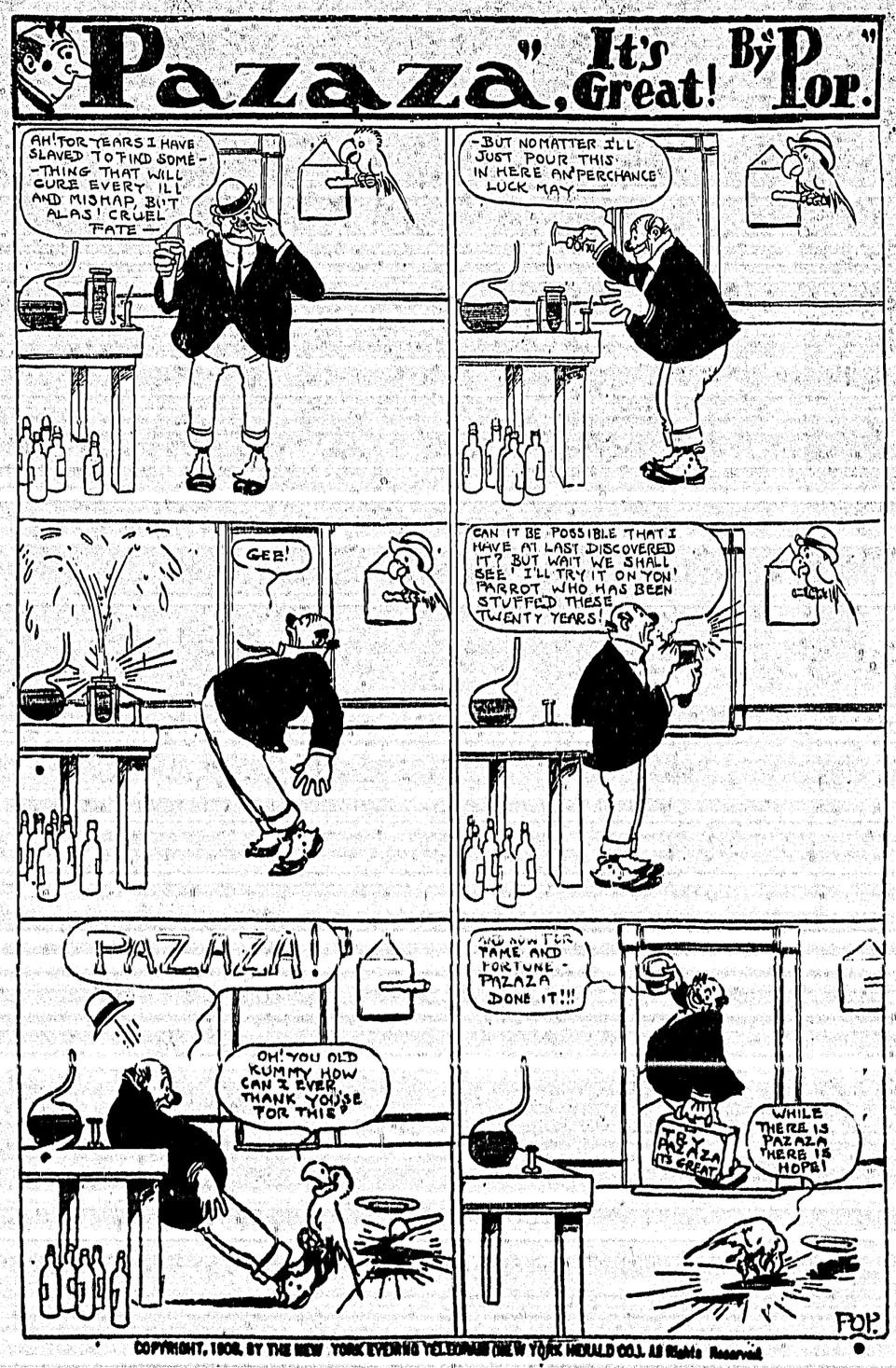
Four States Unaffected

TOLEDO, Feb. 5—President Lewis made a statement today in which he said that there would be a general suspension of work in the bituminous field of the country on April 1 if the agreements on the wage scale are not reported by that date.

This will not include Canada and four western states, in which the present contracts do not expire on April 1st. The four states excepted are Colorado, Washington, Montana and Wyoming.

In these the contracts do not expire until September. In British Columbia and Alberta the contracts continue in force until April, 1911. Nova Scotia is now involved in a strike.

"We will not violate our agreements with the operators," said Mr. Patterson of District 18, "and new contracts cannot be negotiated until the present ones expire."



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Liabilities

Notes of the bank in circulation		$ 10,327,415.68
Deposits not bearing interest	$31,294,540.64	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	89,192,438.34	
		120,486,978.98
Balances due to other banks in Canada		238,697.58
Balances due to other banks in foreign countries		1,020,847.70
Dividends unpaid		2,403.69
Dividend No. 91, payable 1st December		200,000.00
Capital paid up	$10,000,000.00	
Rest	6,000,000.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss Account Carried f'wd	722,139.02	
		16,722,139.02
		$148,998,482.65

Assets

Coin and Bullion	$ 7,509,018.24	
Dominion notes	8,966,895.50	
		$ 16,475,913.74
Balances due by agents of the Bank in the United Kingdom	4,125,986.68	
Balances due by other banks in foreign countries	3,666,272.37	
Balances due by other banks in Canada	29,420.01	
Notes of and cheques on other Banks	5,693,791.20	
		13,515,470.26
Call and Short Loans in Canada		6,724,495.26
Call and Short Loans in the United States		21,065,630.64
Government bonds, municipal and other securities		7,194,886.08
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation		450,000.00
		$ 65,426,396.24
Loans to other Banks in Canada secured		774,798.39
Other Current Loans and Discounts		80,342,096.93
Overdue Debts (loss fully provided for)		129,853.19
Real Estate (other than Bank Premises)		23,201.83
Mortgages		143,650.94
Bank Premises		2,000,000.00
Other Assets		158,485.13
		$118,998,482.65

ALEXANDER LAIRD, General Manager

The report further states in speaking of the state of trade in British Columbia:

The few great land industries of British Columbia, lumber, coal, copper, fruit, etc., have naturally responded to improved trade elsewhere, and the business of the coming year promises, in many branches, to be the greatest in volume yet experienced. In lumber with the mountain mills, the year began with a hesitating market, but as soon as good crops in the adjacent provinces were assured, business increased, so that the volume for 1909 was about double that of 1908. Prices are now higher than at any time during the last two years. The mills, after a busy season, began the winter with small stocks on hand, and the outlook for next year, both as to volume and prices, is most satisfactory. Owing to the lower United States tariff, considerable quantities of lumber have been shipped to Chicago and other United States markets. The coast mills have not done quite so well, and the increased United States tariff on shingles has hurt that important trade. But the prospects for the lumber business generally are, of course, much better, and it is hoped that the coming year will show results more nearly akin to those of the mountain mills.

The most interesting feature in this industry at the moment is the possibility of timber leases being made permanent instead of being granted only for rather short terms of years.

The total output of coal was about 2,300,000 tons, as compared with 2,112,000 tons for 1908 and 2,220,000 tons for 1907. Strikes and accidents, as usual, somewhat lessened the quantity mined. Many new coal areas, particularly in British Columbia and Alberta, are being opened, and there is no doubt that coal-mining will continue to keep its place as much the most important of our mining industries.

With the copper market in a dull state and with prices at 12 1-2 to 13 cents a pound, it is only natural that the Boundary mines should not show an increase in output over the record of last year; still, the figures are only slightly lower, the quantity for the past year being 1,588,000 tons. The largest company has taken advantage of the dullness to make great improvements, and with the general recovery in business a larger output than ever is probable in 1910, for the accomplishment of which the equipment is superior to that of any previous year.

Notwithstanding the low price of copper and the low grade of the ores the year has been profitable to the leading companies, which shows how stable the basis now is for the copper industry in the Boundary district. Only a very small part of the known mineral area is being worked, but its possibilities are being shown by the fact that the largest company now has furnaces with a capacity of over 5,000 tons daily, and a converting plant with a capacity of 40,000,000 lbs. of copper per annum, while the plant as a whole is the largest in the British Empire and the second largest in the world. The company next in size is also working towards a much larger output, its well balanced plant needing nothing but enlargement. As a whole, the conditions of mining elsewhere in lower British Columbia have improved during the year. The total value of all classes of minerals produced in British Columbia in 1909 was about $24,500,000. Dear labor and insufficient transportation and smelter facilities are the main obstacles in the way of greater success. In addition to the areas tributary to the White Pass & Yukon Railway referred to a year ago, we now hear of important discoveries in the Portland Canal district which bid fair to result in a large mining camp immediately. In the Queen Charlotte Islands and in the Skeena River district there is some mining activity, much hindered of course, by lack of communication with the outside world.

The salmon pack for the year was 920,000 cases, much larger, as usual in the quadrennial year on the Fraser than for 1906, 1907 and 1908, but quite unsatisfactory as compared with the pack of 1,167,000 cases in the quadrennial year 1905, or of 1,236,000 cases in 1901. The shortage was more than accounted for by the loss in the sockeye pack on the Fraser River, which was only 450,000 cases, against 837,000 in 1905. On the Puget Sound the sockeye catch was 962,000 cases, against 1,100,000 in 1905. Doubtless there were less fish running than usual, although there were other causes for the smaller pack, taking Fraser river and the Sound together. The fish came so late that at the end of the close season on August 27, there had not been half the usual catch on the Fraser, and many fishermen stopped work at this time, so that the late run was partly lost. Again on the Canadian side the close season in each week was increased to 42 hours and rigidly enforced, with other restrictions, while on the United States side, whatever may be the Federal regulations nominally, there were really no restrictions. The weather also favored the Sound, causing the fish to remain there longer than usual, and thus enabling 25 to 30 per cent. of the Puget Sound catch, a much larger percentage than ever before, to be taken by purse seines using power boats. Our own regulations seem to be both adequate and efficiently enforced, but unless the United States joins us both in making and in enforcing regulations looking to the preservation of salmon fishing in these waters, disastrous results, for which there will be no excuse whatever, will follow. In salmon fishing in other Canadian waters, the catch was somewhat less than in 1908, and this is also true of halibut fishing so far as Canadian vessels are concerned. Herring fishing is growing satisfactorily and promises to be an important feature is properly cared for. Poaching by United States vessels still continues, though the Dominion government has done something toward the protection of our waters.

If foreign vessels are allowed to take immense catches of halibut in our waters, it is only a question of time when these fishing areas will be seriously depleted. We get precisely the same statemnt as to the facts, whether from Prince Rupert or from Vancouver, and there can be no doubt but that we must act with greater vigor and employ a larger number of Government cruisers.

Much new land is being brought under cultivation for fruit, whether in irrigated areas or elsewhere. In the Okanagan Valley the trees suffered on account of frost and the yield was not forty per cent of what it would otherwise have been. Transportation engages the attention of the people, and prospects for a great increase in mileage are excellent.

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

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ORIENTAL LABOR IN CITIES

According to the thirteenth biennial report of the bureau of labor statistics in California, extracts of which are published in a bulletin issued by the United States department of labor, there were approximately 45,000 Japs in California in September of 1908. It is stated that the Japs showed a tendency to increase as a factor in all lines of labor throughout the state, especially in the larger centres of population. The Chinese population also seems to be leaving the agricultural states and turning toward the cities and towns.

Local News

Miss Mary Irvine left on Sunday for Calgary.

J. R. Wallace returned from Winnipeg on Monday.

A. J. Patterson of Wardner was in town on Monday.

John Thompson has returned to his home in England.

D. H. Telford of Waldo was in Fernie on Wednesday.

D. J. Elfner of Cranbrook was in town on Thursday.

V. Robertson of Cowley took in the sights here on Monday.

V. Peterson of Wardner was doing business here this week.

Mrs. Sampson held her first reception on Tuesday afternoon.

W. H. O'Connell of Kalispell was a visitor here on Wednesday.

B. B. Mills and Miss Mills of Hosmer were visitors here on Thursday last.

Charles Garner and Nat Howells of Michel were visitors here on Monday.

Postmaster and Mrs. Johnson are taking in the sights at Calgary this week.

A. Harshaw, C. P. R. superintendent, went through Fernie on Monday night.

Some of the post office equipment for the new building has arrived in the city.

Fred Adolph of the Adolph Lumber Company of Baynes is doing business here this week.

M. A. Kastner is moving his office from the Crows Nest Block to the old Gillespie store.

A. Ringwald was deported to Montana on the 10th. He went in charge of Jailer Hartley.

Tuesday was pancake day, when many old country people had a try at tossing pancakes.

Mr. Manson was presented by some of his house mates with a pipe and smokers outfit on Friday.

A. A. Ross and H. H. Ross of the Ross-Saskatoon Lumber Company, were in town on business during the week.

Miss Conybeare of Lethbridge, who has been the guest of Miss A. Alexander, returned to her home on Monday.

Go to the Fernie opera house on Monday night and see high class acting put on by the Eckhardt Theatrical Company.

Monthly meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Four rinks of curlers went to Cranbrook on Thursday morning by the Flyer to partake of the bonspiel in progress there.

Fergus McDonald, late of the firm of Depew Macdonald & McLean, has left for the coast where he intends to go into business.

Rev. Wm. Walton, of Davenport, Washington, will officiate at the morning and evening services of the Church of England on Sunday next, February 13.

The Liberal association held a well attended meeting in the Crow's Nest Trading Company hock on Monday evening. A lot of important business was transacted.

President John A. McKinnon of District 6 Western Federation of Miners, has been appointed to attend as fraternal delegate to District 18 convention to be held at Lethbridge.

It is freely rumored around town that the Coal Company have bought the land on the adjacent side of the creek at Morrissey and intend to begin in again there.

Mount Fernie lodge I. O. O. F. No. 47 will hold a social evening in the Oddfellow's lodge room in the K. P. hall on February 24 at 8 p.m. All members and visiting brothers are invited to attend. Refreshments and entertainment.

On Thursday evening at the home of Rev. W. F. Spidell on Pellatt avenue the marriage of Mr. Carl Frederick Erickson and Miss Daisy Hitchmough was solemnized. The bride was attended by Miss Hannah Anderson, sister of the groom, and Miss Amelia Harris; while the groom was assisted by Mr. Thomas Percy Holmes. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Erickson went to their new home in West Fernie, where in the future the happy couple will reside.

WEST FERNIE SCHOOL

The following correspondence in this week's Free Press is self explanatory:

Victoria, February 4, 1910

The Editor,
"Fernie Free Press"
Fernie, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re West Fernie School: For some time previous to the last election, and particularly during the campaign, I was made aware of the demand for the construction of a school house in West Fernie, and I knew the providing of this building was a part of the general scheme recommended by the inspector after the fire of Aug. 1, 1908, but I was unable to furnish the reasons why the building operations had not been commenced. Since coming to Victoria I have gone into the matter, and as a result I find that the department of Education on September 13th last requested the secretary of the School Board, Mr. G. H. Boulton to arrange for the selection of a site, selecting the same from the government's lots in West Fernie, in which event it would be secured free of cost to the School Board.

Since the date mentioned nothing appears from the records to have been done, and it would appear to be a matter for the attention of the trustees.

As many of the inhabitants of West Fernie are interested in the question, I enclose copies of the correspondence which I would thank you to publish in your columns for the purpose of showing that the responsibility for this delay does not rest upon my shoulders.

In conclusion I may say that if my services are in any way required in forwarding this matter I shall be pleased to assist in any possible way.

Yours truly,
Wm. R. Ross

Victoria Sept. 1 1909

G. H. Boulton, Esq.
Sec. School Board,
Fernie B. C.

Sir: I am in receipt of a letter from J. S. Alexander, government agent at Fernie, enclosing copy of a letter from you to him asking with regard to the erection of a school at West Fernie.

I beg to acquaint you in reply that the Department is not aware where your board wishes a school building at West Fernie to be built, but that if you will forward a deed of school site showing at the same time the location of the site, I shall be pleased to arrange for the construction of the building.

Please give the matter your earliest attention.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

Alexander Robinson
Superintendent of Education.

Fernie, B. C. Sept. 7 1909

Alexander Robinson, Esq.
Superintendent of Education,
Victoria B. C.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., relative to school at West Fernie.

This is the first intimation we have had that the Department of Education require us to purchase the lot for the school. It has always been intimated to us that all we had to do was to suggest a place and the government would give us same.

I will take up the matter at the first meeting and will let you hear from us.

Yours faithfully,
G. H. Boulton
Secretary School Board

Victoria, 13th Sept. 1909

G. H. Boulton, Esq.,
Sec. School Board,
Fernie, B. C.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., I beg to state that if there is any government land at W. Fernie, I have n odoubt that you could obtain from the government a site for the new school building to be erected there.

If you will forward me a map and mark on the map the Government lots which you desire, I shall endeavor to obtain them from the Lands and Works Department as a site for your school.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

Alexander Robinson
Superintendent of Education.

A. Lindley, real estate dealer, and general No. one booster from Creston paid us a friendly call and marvelled at our linotype this week.

The ice at the rink this week has been much better, but we still suggest that it should be cleaned off once during the evening.

The last fancy dress carnival of the season will be held at the rink probably next week. We cannot say definitely but we are given to understand it will be held about Thursday evening.

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AT THE FERNIE OPERA HOUSE

"Paid in Full" is the title of the opening bill to be presented at the Fernie opera house by the splendid Eckhardt Theatrical Company on Monday night. The play abounds in bright and brilliant lines and is highly entertaining. It is beautifully mounted and rich with costumes and crowned with incidents and climaxes in a handsomely artitsic setting and every act glitters with brightness. Paid In Full has made a most profound impression wherever it has been presented and is highly praised for its genuine originality and high excellence. It is a story of modern life, and a study of characters and passions, fascinating in theme and plot, fresh and vigorous in style and worthy in every way of the most careful attention on the part of any audience. The author's methods are the methods of human nature seen through the medium of a clear discriminating intellect. Though an inflexible realist, what he demands is not reality, not life, but the closest, tensest, most faithful translation of life. In the telling many truths are brought out, and the fact forced home upon the auditor that a man with the right stuff in him, though born and raised in obscurity, can, if he will, rise up above the surroundings and make a mark and name for himself in the world, while the man born to the advantages of wealth and position, if he has not the stamina to withstand temptation and to fight a straightforward fight, will sink. Not only is the story a remarkable one, but it affords opportunity for the highest kind of acting, which we are assured are embraced in all parts of the splendid Eckhardt Company. The gowns worn by the ladies are said to be exceedingly rich; more handsome costumes have, seldom, if ever, been seen on the stage. The prices are very reasonable, being 15 cents for children, 35c general admission and 50c. for reserved seats. Change of plays each and every night during the week's engagement. Give the Eckhardt Company a rousing reception, and show our appreciation when a first class company of artists visits the city.

The brilliant character drawing and delightful wit make Paid in Full the strongest and most dramatic bill seen on the stage for the past 2 years. It will be the opening play for the Eckhardt Theatrical company at the Fernie opera house on Monday night. Change of plays each night. Prices 15c, 35c and 50c. Now on sale at Suddaby's.

Paid In Full unfolds one of the prettiest and most fascinating stories ever written. It will be given a sumptuous production at the Fernie opera house on next Monday night by the splendid Eckhardt Company. Prices 15c, 35c and 50c, for reserved seats, now on sale. A change of program each night.

Paid In Full is one of the most picturesque and realistic depictions of the inner workings of conscience ever put on the stage and at the same time one of the most exciting and intense dramas ever written. It will be given a splendid production at the Fernie opera house on next Monday night by the Eckhardt Theatrical Co. Change of plays each night. Prices 15c, 35c and 50c., now on sale at Suddaby's drug store.

ROSSLAND CARNIVAL

The Great Annual Event Now in Full Swing and a Great Success

ROSSLAND, Feb. 9—The thirteenth annual winter carnival opened auspiciously here today. There are a large number of vistors in the city from Nelson, Spokane, Northport and from the boundary cities. There will be more hockey this year than on former occasions.

The first event on the program was the masquerade carnival, or the ball on the ice at the skating rink. The costumes in many instances were exceptionally handsome and the carnival presented an animated scene. In attendance there were 700, of whom 300 were in costume. The F. O. E. band was in attendance and discursed lively music, and the occasion was a most joyous one.

From the promising way in which the carnival opened it promises to be the most successful ever held. The ice is in splended condition for the skating and hockey and the weather tonight is well below the freezing point.

GRAND MASQUERADE

The first grand masquerade ball to be given in Fernie will be hald on St. Valentine's night, Monday, February 14, in Bruce's hall. This promises to be the most brilliant affair of the season of '09 and '10. No effort or expense is being spared by the hall management to make this ball a big success. Suitable prizes will be awarded for best dressed ladies, and best dressed gentlemen, and for best comic costume. Ladies and gentlement competent to know will be chosen as the judges. The hall will be artistically decorated, representative of the day. Some new and novel ideas regarding the dances will be introduced for the first time in Fernie, ideas that have been the source of much pleasure where dancing has become an art. Dancers must mask in order to dance, and all masks must be raised at 12 o'clock. Dancers are requested to have cards with their names and descriptions of names of their costumes in order that a full list may be published. The music will consist of not less than three pieces, and will be the best the city can afford. Coffee and cake will be served at 12 o'clock. Lemonade punch served to the thirsty. Part of the proceeds, if any, will be donated to the Children's Home in Vancouver. The ball will be under the personal direction of W. G. Bruce, hall manager, and nothing of an objectionable nature will be tolerated.

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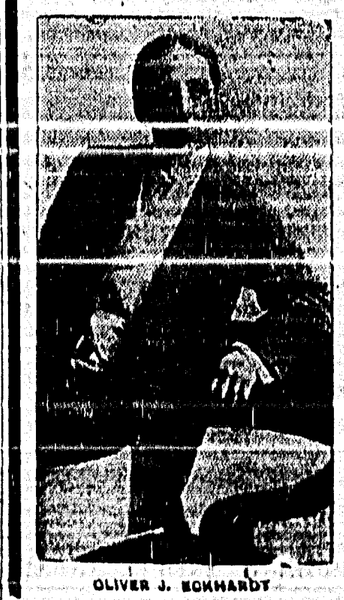

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