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FATALITY AT NELSON

Engine Dashes Into The Roundhouse Killihg Employee

(Nelson News)

A runaway engine shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning dashed into the Canadian Pacific railway roundhouse, in which mechanics were at work repairing engine No. 1832, and caused the death of W. H. Terry and the serious injury of George H. Jackson.

The runaway engine, No. 1300, had been left at the coal pit at 7 o'clock by Jack Cross, night hostler when he went off duty. The engine was in readiness to start on its usual run to Slocan City, and before being left the levers were locked. For some reason at present unknown, the engine reversed and dashed down towards the roundhouse. The turntable was open and the runaway engine crashed in through the doors and into the building.

Jacked up on the track over the ash pit and close to the door was engine No. 1382, on which a number of mechanics were at work. Into this engine the runaway crashed. Mr. Terry at the moment was in the cab or else working on the fire box. He was caught by the tender of the moving engine and terribly crushed, his left leg and thigh and his left arm being smashed.

Mr. Jackson, who was taking down a wedge casting, dropped into the ash pit and escaped fortunately with only a broken wrist.

Dr. Rose was summoned and the injured men were taken to the Home hospital, where Terry succumbed a few minutes after he had entered. He was in the employ of the Canadian Pacific as a boilermakers helper. He was 33 years of age and leaves a widow and two small children who live at 710 Baker street.

The only damage done to the roundhouse was the smashed doors.

F. W. Walker, acting division superintendent, was out of town on the Nelson & Slocan branch and owing to his absence the inquest was held over until today, when he will be able to be present.

It is not known how the engine which caused the accident was set in motion.

Officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway claim that some one must have tampered with it while standing alone on the tracks at the coal pit. Others suppose it to have started from a leaky valve. The inquest will be held at the city hall tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SOCIALIST TEA AND CONCERT

The Socialist Party of Canada, Local Fernie held a tea, concert and dance in Bruces hall on Monday evening last. A goodly number sat down to well filled tables presided over by the lady members of the party, and did ample justice to the good things provided. After the tables has been removed the concert was proceeded with. Comrade Harrington took the chair, and was supported on the platform by several members of the party. The chairman in his opening remarks stated that the object of the dance etc., was to wipe off a little debt incurred in trying to put Billy Ross where he belonged—in private life. The real object however, underlying that was to bring a few who are not Socialists into a Socialist gathering, in order that they might hear the principles of socialism explained. The progrom was provided by the orchestra, J. Ramsay, Miss Alice Tyldesley, Charlie Clarridge, Mrs. Shearer, Miss A. Jones, A. Hewitt, F. Britton, T. Douglass. Mr. J. W. Bennett made a witty speech. At the close of the concert the room was colared for dancing. Mr. T. Wakelom acted as master of ceremonies and a large number availed themselves of the opportunity, G. Evans presided at the piano, with J. Ramsay and R. Brown.

POLICE TOO DRASTIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 20—Striking girl shirtwaist makers today were inclined to believe that the arrest of Miss Inez Milholland, the Vassar graduate who has been aiding them in their struggle, would help rather than harm their cause.

Their claim that Miss Milholland was unjustly apprehended and cite Mayor Gaynor's opinion expressed to two of the number who called on him yesterday *that the police are possibly too* drastic in their treatment of the strikers.

NOTICE

Coal miners are requested to keep away from Hillcrest, as the mines there are already overcrowded.

FIVE LIVES LOST

Man Sustains Fatal Injuries in an Attempt to Rescue Victims from the Flames

SASKATOON, Sask. Jan. 20—As the result of an early morning fire a woman and four children are now lying cold in death, and Alexander Reid, a man who tried to rescue the victims from their small house on the west side, was burned so badly before he was found by the firemen that all the skin is stripped from the lower portions of his body and he will likely succumb.

The name of the family who were almost wiped out, is Henderson, the head of the house having come from the hometsead only a few days ago to enjoy a few days with his loved ones here.

All retired last night as usual, and nothing unusual was noticed until the fire broke out this morning shortly after seven while the family were still asleep.

Little is known of how the deaths were caused, except that Mrs. Henderson and her two children as well as Reids two children, who had been staying in the same house, were found by the firemen literally baked from a fire caused by a coal stove.

All were dead when brought from the burning shack by Fire Chief Heath and the firemen. The father escaped uninjured.

Coroner Isbester viewed the remains soon after the fatality and ordered an inquest, when some light will undoubtedly be shed upon the origin of the most disastrous and deplorable fire which has ever happened in the history of this city.

Henderson, it appears, had arisen about 7 o'clock, lighted the fire and gone next door to a bake shop where Reid had been working all night.

When the alarm was sounded both rushe dto the house, Reid pushing way inside to rescue his two children who had been staying the night at Hendersons house.

Henderson also entered the house but found any efforts to rescue his wife and children almost fruitless, and retraced his steps.

Henderson was slightly burned about the hands and head.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24—Albert Allard, a wholesale grocer, was unanimously elected as the Liberal standard bearer at the hastily called convention which met tonight to choose a successor to Auguste Lemieux, whose resignation was handed in to the executive today. No other name was mentioned for the place.

COOK IS A FAKIR SAYS UNIVERSITY

THE MAN WHO DISCOVERED THE POLL NOW TOLD THAT HE DIDN'T

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 23—The committee of the University of Copenhagen has completed its examination of Dr. Cook's original notes, and today it confirmed its previous conclusions that not the slightest proof that the explorer had reached the north pole had been submitted.

The committee finds that the copy of Cook's data, upon which it based its previous decision, confirm in the main the original notebook now in their possession.

The latter, the examiners say, contains various alterations, but there is nothing to show whatever that any of these changes were made for the purpose of deception. While the consistory of the university were unanimous in declaring that the records and the claims are useless and untrue, there are still some of its members who urge that Cook is an honest man, but not a scientist.

MINERS IN SESSION

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15—The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which was opened in Tomlinson hall in this city today practically is devoted to the interests of the thousands of man that labor in the immense bituminous fields of the country which stretch from West Virginia and central Pennsylvania, northwest to British Columbia and southwest to Texas and Oklohama. President Lewis will press his campaign for the institution of a government bureau of mines and mining. The socialists have steadily gained ground in the organization and are expected to be active in the convention.

VERY CLOSE STRUGGLE

Northern England and Scotland Stay Liberal--Unionists Show Slight Gains--Liberals Lost in Glasgow--Standing of the Parties Now

FIGHTIN' JOE MARTIN WINS

LONDON, Jan. 18—At the conclusion of today's polling in the general elections the parties stood as indicated below:

Liberals 99
Unionists 92
Laborites 16
Nationalists 13

The net gain for the Unionists was 29.

The government fared much better today than its most ardent supporters expected. The Unionists gained 19 seats, the Liberals four and the Laborites one, making a net gain for the Unionists for the day of fourteen, one less than they gained at fewer elections on Saturday. It is practically assured now that the Liberals will be returned to power with a fair majority.

Among the places still to poll, are those in Scotland, which are always solidly Liberal. There were few surprises today. Some expected John Burns, president of the local government board, would be defeated in the Battersea division but he won there handily.

Other state officials, who had to fight for their easts and were successful, were:

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland.

C. E. Hobhouse, financial secretary to the treasury in Bristol.

Dr. T. J. MacNamara, secretary to the admiralty, in Camberwell.

Their majorities were considerably reduced.

In fact this happened all thorugh the country, the huge majorities secured in 1906 showing big reductions in almost all cases.

Greenwood is Beaten

Indeed, many of the Liberals who became members of the house of commons by the landslide that year have been sent back now to private life again.

Among them is Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian who represented York, and who was considered a prominent candidate for high office.

Joe Martin Elected

Another Canadian, Joseph Martin, formerly the premier of British Columbia, won the seat for the St. Pancras East.

Prominent members defeated include L. G. Chiozza Money, the apostle of free trade who lost his seat for North Paddington, and Will Crooks, the labor leader for Woolwich, Sir H. Robbins, Liberal member, and at one time member of the fourth party, whose leading spirits were for Balfour and Lord Randolph Churchill.

Philip Snowden Elected

On the other hand Lord Cecil and G. Stewart Dowles, who ran as free trade Unionists failed in their attempt to oust Philip Snowden the labor leader, and Sir Thomas Barclay at Blackburn.

Doctors had much to do with the defeat of Claude Hay, Unionist in the Hoxton division of Shoreditch. His opponent was Dr. C. Addison, a famous consulting surgeon. Hay on the platform, made disparaging remarks about the profession, and as a result the whole fraternity turned out to assist Dr. Addison.

The Liberals also won back the adjoining constituencies of Haggerston, the Hon. R. Guinness, Unionist, being defeated by H. G. Chancellor.

The Unionist leaders who ran today included A. B. Balfour, A. Bonar Law, Walton Hume Long and Sir Wm. Bull who engaged in a fist fight recently, with a heckler at Hammersmith, who hold their seats by increased majorities.

The naval question had a great effect in the dockyard ports. All Portsmouth gave the Unionists two gains, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and B. G. Fill both being elected by huge votes, 16,777 and 15,592 respectively.

The polling was remarkably close, however in many constituencies. H. E. Duke, the noted barrister won Exeter from the Liberals by the narrow majority of 26, while in the Peckham division of Camberwell, Henry Cubitt Gorch, who secured a majority of more than 2565 in the recent bye-election retains his seat by a bare one hundred.

One Liberal retained his seat by a majority of only 10.

The general view of today's battle bears out the forecast. The north is solid for the government. The midlands section and especially in the vicinity of Birmingham favors tariff reform.

The victory of the Unionists at Walsalt points to an extension of Joseph Chamberlains influence in that portion.

The Metropolis, which after the bye-elections which all went in favor of the Unionists was expected to make a clean turn over, is displaying a remarkably slight variation in representation although the Liberals are not obtaining the majorities that they did in 1906.

John Burns Got a Good Vote

John Burns of Battersea, comes back to parliament with flying colors Although in the great landslide of 1906 he won by 1600 votes his normal majority is about 200, and in today's hard fought battle he beat Shirley Benn, Unionist by 555.

The latest standing in the old country elections are as follows:

Unionists 129
Liberals 119
Laborites 22
Nationalists 44

THE SUMMERS STOCK COMPANY

The citizens of Fernie will no doubt be pleased to learn that the Summers Stock company, supporting Miss Belle Stevenson will be with us for one week, commencing Monday, January 24 at the Grand Theatre, formerly the Miners Hall. This organization is one of exceptional merit, being in existence for a period of over fourteen years, and has always been recognized as the premier stock company. The palys produced are not of the usual repertoire order, every piece that is produced being a play of recognized merit. The company comes to us almost direct from a run of fourteen consecutive weeks at Hamilton, Ont, where the popularity of this ever excellent aggregation is fully appreciated by the citizens. Among the plays included in the list presented are such excellent pieces as The Lion and the Mouse; The Great Divide; The Witching Hour; Brown's in Town; Niobe; The Middleman; The Professor's Love Story, and several other well known New York successes, of which The Lion and the Mouse has been selected as the opening bill of the engagement here. The above company change their play every night, also a complete change of vaudeville between acts every night by the following artists, Miss Mabel Summers, Miss Jewell, Mrs. C. Whitehouse and Pickett and Whipple. Prices 75 and 50c. Get your seats at Bleasdell's drug store.

CLERK SUSPENDED

It is Now Claimed that McNeil Was Monkeying With the Voters List

GLACE BAY, N. S. Jan. 23—A sensation was caused yesterday when it became known that Town Clerk McNeil had been suspended from office by Mayor Douglas, owing, it is alleged to *some irregularities in connection* with the voters lists.

The charge against the clerk is that he entered names on the votera lists after the list was closed. This he denies.

ROCK PILE FOR HIM

Bread and Water Diet is Preferable to His Freedom

Harris White exchanged two and a half years of liberty in this mountain land for the paltry sum of $15 or $20, and even then did not retain possession of his boodle long enough to reap the benefits of his gain.

On Sunday morning at an early hour White set out evidently with the object of making a coup on the Northern Hotel restaurant. During the absence of the night waitress, Miss Flynn, who went upstairs to call an early riser, White walked into the dining room and at once proceeded to annex the contents of the till, which is situated there.

Upon returning, Miss Flynn discovered this new patron of the establishment, and with no hesitation she tackled him with a half nelson and strangle hold, from which White luckily escaped. She cried for help, but no one responded. The robber made a dash for the door; Miss Flynn ditto, and here ensued the second round of the contest in which White, who had his face blackened for the occasion, made a successful escape. The police department was at once communicated with, and P. C. Gorman was on the spot in double quick. A light fall of snow made it a simple matter for the officer to get on the path of his man, and with the aid of a powerful search light, he followed the tracks along Victoria avenue, down Cox street to the old Recreation grounds, thence through that property to the skating *rink, thence across the bridge to West* Fernie. Once across the bridge the tracks led the officer to the Elk Lumber Co. property, and to a shack on that site. Here Gorman knocked at the door for admission, but nothing doing, he politely kicked the door in, and grabbed his man.

In the interval between his visit to the restaurant and the advent of the copper, White had cast aside the guise of Uncle Tom and was again in the role of Mr. White, private. However he made a poor botch of the business because a thin line of the black was still hanging to his front piece, about *the same distance back as the average* boy keeps the high water mark.

P. C. Gorman accompanied his man to the city hall jail, where he was searched, and his pockets were as empty as were those of Adam the day he met Eve. Chief Clerke and Gorman, after locking White up, went to the shack in West Fernie, where they looked through the premises, and were not long in locating the money inside of a pillow case. Other evidences were also noted that the tenant of the shack had used his house as a dressing room for his unfortunate expedition.

All doubt as to the identity of the man was set at rest, when he was picked out of a number of men by Miss Flynn.

The pluck and courage of Miss Flynn in attacking White in the restaurant and again trying to block his exit is indeed remarkable, and to her efforts is due in no small degree the speedy justice which has been handed to the would-be robber.

P. C. Gorman did a nice bit of clever work in tracking White over a long distance and locating him shortly after the deed had been committed.

White was brought up before Magistrate Whimster on Tuesday and sent up for trial.

When brought up before Judge Wilson on the charge he put forward a flimsy defence, in which he was badly mixed. The Judge at the conclusion of the testimony gave the prisoner two and a half years in prison.

FRENCH BOAT GOES DOWN

MINORCA, Balearic Islands, Jan. 22 —The French war sloop Martial was wrecked today on the coast of Monorica island in the Mediterranean. Of the crew three were drowned and four injured.

HUDSON'S BAY BOARD

Managing Director of Harrod's Stores Is Named as man to Fix up Shop Methods

LONDON, Jan. 17—There have been no definite developments as yet in connection with the Hudson's Bay board. One or more resignations are regarded as certain, but Lord Strathcona is very unlikely to retire.

Every member of the board is most reticent but it looks as though the tussle centred around the position of deputy governor, now held by Lord Litchfield. The suggestion that has been made in a London journal that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy should nominate two directors is regarded as ridiculous.

Richard Burbide, managing director of Harrod's stores, has been spoken of as a possible new director, he being specially charged with suggested reforms that are considered necessary in the shop methods.

A FINE TRIP

Don't forget the grand tour of the world to be given by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church on Monday night. Trains will start from the Methodist church beginning at 7 p.m. sharp and continuing thereafter every 20 minutes. For the small sum of 50 cents you can see the world, sip tea with the dainty maiden of Japan, eat saur kraut and wenerwust with the Germans; scones and cakes in the Highlands of Auld Scotland; nibble brown bread and eat baked beans with the fastidious and aesthetic Bostonians, and have your fill of the real good things of your own beloved Canada, all in the asme evening, and for the paltry outlay of fifty cents. The smallest child or the most refined and delicate lady need not fear to take the trip, unaccompanied, as the best of protection has been provided, and the waters dividing foreign lands from our own have been safely bridged, doing away with the unpleasant rolling of ships, so that there will be no sea sickness to dread. The Ladies Aid having the excursion in charge, guarantee to make the entire trip in less time than it would require you to cross any one of the countries visited, in the swiftest flying machine yet invented, without any of the dangers attending steamship or aerial navigation. Remember that all trains start from the Methodist church, wheer tickets may be secured entitling you to the whole trip including meals at all stopping places.

J. F. Spalding is always to the front when there is anything new and up-to-date in the photographic line. He has just installed a very powerful arc lamp especialy made for photographers, and he informs us that he will open up his studio every evening after the 25th of this month for the convenience of all who are unable to get their photos taken during the day. He tells us it is impossible to distinguish the difference between photos taken by daylight and electric light.

COW-PUNCHERS FAIL TO LIFT SILVERWARE

OTTAWAS CHASED THE CHALLENGERS OFF THEIR FEET—BIG SCORES

OTTAWA, Jan. 23—Ottawa doubled the score of the Edmonton challengers for the Stanley cup, the result at the end of the first game of the series played here tonight being 8 to 4 in favor of the champions. For the first half the westerners made a good showing but the heavy ice told on them, and they failed in the last period of play.

Ottawa was without the services of their star right wing, Kerr, who was replaced by Roberts of the second team.

Ross was about the most conspicuous man on the Edmonton team. The half time score was 5 to 4 for Ottawa. The teams and officials were:

Ottawa		Edmonton
	Goal	
Lesuer		Winchester
	Point	
Lake		Field
	Cover	
Shore		Ross
	Rover	
Stuart		Whiteroft
	Centre	
Walsh		Decton
	Right	
Ridpath		Miller
	Left	
Roberts		Boulton

Referee: Russell Bowie.
Judge of play: Duncan Campbell.

The second game on Thursday night *resulted in a score of 13 to 7 in favor* of the cup holders. Rough house tactics on the part of the punchers from Edmonton told heavily against them. The score at half time was 8 to 2 in favor of the winners.

MINER'S LIFE IS CUT OFF

Found Pinned Between Car and Chutes--Young Man

(Lethbridge Herald)

FRANK, Alta. Jan. 22—A fatal accident iccurred in No. 2 mine of the Canadian Consolidated Company at the Frank workings yesterday morning in which Elie Bergnes lost his life by being crushed between a coal car and a chute.

It is not known exaetly how the accident happened as Bergnes was alone at the time but when the matter was discovered about 9 o'clock in the morning, the miner was fonud pinned between the car and one of the chutes on the bottom level of the shaft colliery.

Bergnes was employed at drawing coal from the chutes connected with the upper level and running them to the cage at the shaft and apparently he had been caught between the car and the chute while the car was in motion and had his life instantly taken from him.

Bergnes had only been employed in the shaft a couple of days and unfamiliarity with the work may have led to his misfortune.

Dr. d'Martigny, surgeon for the employes at the shaft, was summoned but his services were of no avail. Coroner F. M. Pinkney will hold an inquest Tuesday.

Deceased was thirty years of age, and a single man. He leaves no relatives in this country, his kindred all residing in France, of which country he was a native.

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

The Lion and the Mouse, the celebrated play by the great American author, Charles Klein, will be presented at the Grand Theatre by the Summers Stock Company on Monday, January 24. Miss Belle Stevenson will interpret the role of Shirley Rossmore, the girl who discovers the human side of the great tsust manipulator. Mr Blake will appear in the character of Mr. John Bunket Ryder, one of the strongest parts in recent dramatic literature. The Lion and the Mouse is a masterpiece of the play master. It is not only tremendously strong in its scenes especially at the close of the third, when Shirley Rossmore struggles with the Octupus for the life and honor of her father, but the whole of the piece has served a great purpose in the way of acquainting the people of this continent with the great manipulators of finance. For all men have hearts. Mr Ryder appears to not have, and to further the ends of his business he does not stop at stealing the honor of a grand old judge. Up to recent years the predominant note of American business has been "business for business sake." Business method justified its own ends, or rather the end justified the means, in the mind of the man in charge. The muck-rakers got busy, and Mr. Klein wrote The Lion and the Mouse. The play, more than all the muck-rakers, has softened the harsh note of American business. It has awakened the business conscience to the realization of the fact that business crimes for profit's sake are ethically wrong. But the play is no sermon, no editorial. It is a struggle of giants for right and wrong and the result is most gratifying. The company is strong and the acts are realistically staged. The play is well worth the patronage of all people. The above company will open a week's engagement at the Grand theatre, formerly the Miners Hall, on Monday, January 24, in The Lion and the Mouse, followed by such New York successes as The Witching Hour; The Middleman; The Great Divide; The Professor's Love Story; Niobe; Browns in Town; A Bachelors' Honeymoon and several others. This company comes direct from a five weeks engagement at Calgary and Edmonton. Prices for this engagement will be 75c and 50c. Seats are now on sale at Bleasdell's.

A fancy dress carnival will be held at the rink next Friday evening, and good prizes will be offered for represented characters. A grand march will be held led by some good skaters who understand the intricacies of this beautiful spectacle. Be sure and be there.

At the Baptist church, corner of Howland avenue and Jaffray street on Sunday Pastor Spidell will preach at 11 o'clock a.m. on The Christian's Capital, and at 7.30 p.m. on The Overtone of the Soul. Sunday school at 2.30. All are welcome to these services. The male quartette will sing at the evening service.

OUR SOCIALIST PAGE

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DR. LYMAN ABBOTT ON SOCIALISM

(By Robert Hunter)

Dr. Lyman Abbott of New York carried a few coals to Newcastle the other day.

He went to New Haven and warned the young men there not to become Socialists. He praised the steel trust for its kindness to its employees. He then attacked the Sugar Trust because it was stealing dishonestly.

He spoke on many things indeed and especially laid emphasis on the fact that it was better to have Carnegie as a boss than Croker.

Croker is, in his mind, a Socialist boss, Carnegie a good capitalist boss. He did not suggest that as things are now we have the pleasure of working under both of these bosses, Carnegie and Crooker.

He did not intimate that wherever there are bosses like Carnegie there are also bosses like Croker. He did not suggest that if it were not for Boss Carnegit Boss Croker could not exist.

It was an argument ad hominem. He knew the Yale boys disliked Croker and admired Carnegie. He did not flout their ambition. He patted it on the back. He knew that the future Carnegies would applaud) his words when he warned them against becoming the slaves of the Crokers.

There is something very sad these days about the policy of the very able and gifted Dr. Lyman Abbott. Probably no preacher in this country has won by vigorous defense of truth a position more enviable.

During a good part of his life he has led a good crowd of radical truth seekers. He has done a great service to the church, and now as an aged and distinguished clergyman and editor he occupies a really eminent position.

He used to say he was a Socialist. At least he used to praise the aspirations of the Socialists.

When few men dared to say a kindly word for these much hated men, Lyman Abbott spoke out fearlessly in their defense. This is surely to his credit.

And *the fact* is that Dr. Lyman Abbott knows what Socialism is. He knows what the Socialists stand and strive for. He knows that in all the portions of the world he is fighting the *battle of man against* the battle of mammon.

He knows therefore when he says: "If I earn a coat it is not right that the government should take it and give it to somebody else,' that no socialist had ever advocated that.

He knows that when he says that under the Socialist program the government would become the employe of every one and the position of industrial and political boss would be combined, that no Socialist lives who would not protest with him against a state such as this.

He says "I look forward to an industrial democracy where the users of tools becomes the owners of tools." And when he says that, Dr. Abbott knows perfectly well that that is the aim and end of modern Socialistic teachings.

Could anything be more strange to understand than this sudden transformation in Dr. Lyman Abbott? He builds up an idea which is hateful to every socialist in the world, shows it to the Yale students, and calls it Socialism.

He then builds up an idea which is advocated by every Socialist in the world, and he speaks as thought the Socialists were fighting against this idea.

He says he believes in industrial democracy and gives the impression that the Socialists oppose that form. Yet he knows that when he says this *that for forty years* the Socialists have fought for nothing else.

He knows that the idea of an industrial democracy has never entered the heads of those who oppose Socialism. An dhe knows that fifty million men, women and children suffer and sacrifice to build up a party to work for industrial democracy.

He knows that capitalists, university presidents, editors, writers and preachers have fought with uttermost bitterness that Socialist ideal, that the users of the tools should be the owners of the tools.

He knows that men have so hated that great idea that they have used all their cunning to ignore that demand and in order to confuse the people have fought Socialism as they would atheism, as free love, as communism, as spoilation.

We forgive Roosevelt in much for Roosevelt does not know. When he distorts our views, falsifies our position, and attacks us for what none of us believe, we can forgive him because he does not know.

But Dr. Lyman Abbott does know. He has read our books. He is familiar with the thought of our chief thinkers.

This very article of his faith—that tool users should be tool owners—he has pilfered from the heart of our program and what shall we think of one whom we have always loved and respected when we find him playing the tricks of the interested to deceive the shallow and frighten the foolish?

GAGGING POSTAL EMPLOYES

There is an infamous postal regulation which makes it a crime, punishable with the loss of the job upon which his life depends, for any postal clerk to criticize the mail service. He may know that the mail is being delayed, that railroads are robbing the government, that his life and the lives of his fellow workers are endangered by imperfect equipment, overwork or dangerous mechanical devices, but he dare not raise his voice in protest save to his superior officers. These superior officers retain their positions by making a good showing in the economic operations of their departments. This means by overwork and underpay of employees.

They are also dependent upon the favors of the railroad companies and *dare not arouse the antagonism* of these exploiters of the present postal system.

This whole thing moves in a vicious circle. The postal employees can*not protest.*

Because of this enforced silence the impositions upon them grow greater, and in order to force the quiet endurance of these abuses more stringent gag legislation must necessarily be enacted.

They are forbidden to organize, forbidden to complain, forbidden to petition, forbidden to rebel.

Just now the mail is plied up high at the La Salle street station in Chicago. The overworked clerks are unable to move it.

All the intricate chains of modern life that depend upon the mails are being interfered with. But no employe dare say a word. He is forced to be silent when the very function of the industrial machine of which he is a part fails to perform its munction, as he is forced to be silent when he sees his fellows crmushed beneath jerry-built mail cars, as he is forced to be silent when he is himself crushed beneath the political tyranny that dominates the entire postal service.—Chicago Socialist.

THE STORY OF POVERTY AND PLUTOCRACY

The recently acquired control by J. Pierpont Morgan of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, having assets estimated *at* more than $470,000,000, becomes the most alarming factor in the financial world. With it comes the control of scores of subsidiary and inter-related corporations.

The resources which Mr. Morgan now dominates aggregate three billion dollars.

The financial dictator is in a position to exercise irresistible power in any way.

Political parties, financial insttutions, eevn the government of the U. S., would scarcely venture to oppose his will.

The Equitable is one of the three large insurance companies of America, known as the Big Three, whose hoarded assets of one and a half billion dollars, wrung from the pockets of the sleeping people, dominates the finances and policies of the government and theraten to destroy the temple of liberty and to reevl in the ruins of it.

Tens of thousands of insurance agents of three hundred insurance companies within the confines of our free republic strip the country of its substance as closely as the swarms of locusts in ancient Egypt stripped leaf and twig and bough.

The people pay more than twice as much money to insurance companies as they ever get back and the annual balance against the producers of *wealth aggregates hundreds of millions* of dollars.

The people pay the salaries of thousands of insurance officers, many of them being larger than that of the president of the United States, and bear all the expenses of all the companies including the most outrageous and illegitimate expenditures ranging from the $100,000 French balls to the purchase of legislatures and the subsidy of the public press.

How shall the people answer? Shall they continue to sleep while "thieves break through and steal" the little they have left?—The Union Advocate-Review.

The above editorial in the Union Advocate of Oklahoma shows that the editor has become alarmed relative to the colossal proportions which King Morgan has assumed in the world of finance. But the editor, while seeing effects, seems to have lost sight of the cause which makes it possible for men like Morgan to become as powerful, if not more so than the government of the United States.

Morgan is a man of brilliancy and genius, and he has realized long ago that competition means death, and he also sees that co-operations means life for him.

Instead of competing with other institutions, Morgan effects combinations, whereby waste is elimnated and more profit added to the bank accounts of the fortunate ones who are members of the great financial syndicate. Morgan in establishing a money trust has only followed the examples of others when he attempts to corner the money market.

The flour trust, the beef trust, the ice trust, the tobacco trust, the steel trust, and all the other trusts are but the products of a system that breeds a class of privilege and a race of slaves.

A bank merger is no more alarming than a railroad merger, and this merging process will continue until the people shall reach that standard of intelligence where they shall demand the creation of a trust in which all humanity shall be the stockholders and beneficiaries.

Decadent capitalism is top heavy and about to fall.

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Warships are provocative of war.—Andrew Carnegie.

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The revolution will be won by blood and brains.—J Stitt Wilson at Montreal.

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The Christmas spirit in modern times has taken the form of swapping useless presents and working girl clerks to death.

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The class struggle is a fact, not a theory. The Socialist philosophy did not create the class struggle, it but recognized it.

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There were 17,000 sulicdes in the United States last year. Capitalism produces a golden harvest for some and a ghastly end for more.

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The workers of the Dominion of Canada elect their bosses to go to the parliament at Ottawa and then they whine because their bosses make laws in the interests of the boseses.

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The Socialists want to introduce a system whereby rent, interest and profit shall be abolished, and the plutes declare that Socialism attacks their religion. This but proves that the plutes today are making a god of profit.

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Why do not Socialists try more co-operative schemes? Because if the scheme were a small one the trusts would crush it out and if it were a large one the plutes would make laws that would soon put the co-operative out of business.

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There are many plutes who think that the labor and socialist press is stirring up the dangerous element. To the plute mind the dangerous element consists of those people who want the full and the complete product of their labor.

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Lord Strathcona worked for forty years in the wilderness. Then came the C. P. R. graft on the people of Canada and Lord Strathcona got a hustle on and is now the biggest parasite that is sucking the blood of the workers of Canada.

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It is not homes, but homelessness, that socialism would destroy.

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When the workers take to studying the masters take to bludgeoning.

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Men in earnest have no time to waste in patching fig leaves for the naked truth.—Lowel.

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The more combinations and concentrations of industry there are the *sooner the socialist state* is bound to come.

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A few socialists are made through sentiment. But more Socialists are made through the pressure of economic facts.

When the workers strike it is for a living wage. A worker dreads a strike even more than does the big boss.

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Secretary of War Dickenson, U. S. A., is not going to buy any more goods from the wicked Standard Oil trust. This is just another sidestep to the gallery.

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No change in human nature is required. Socialism is coming because human nature is as it is. Men and women want the good things of life. The capitalists get them without ever working for them and the workers produce them without ever getting them. Hence the class struggle as we have it.

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So long as the plutes can keep the farmers busy raising crops without thinking just so long will the plutes be happy. But just as soon as the farmers want publicly owned railroads and elevators and credit without interest, then the plutes get uneasy and squirm. Watch them squirm at the Western Grain Growers Association.

SOME CROOKED WORK

Ottawa Municipality Is the Scene of Underhand Work on the part of Minor Officials

OTTAWA, Jan. 18—Particulars of what is alleged to be a serious civic scandal were placed in the hands of Mayor Hopewell tonight.

For some years there have been rumors in circulation that a system of toll collection in the hiring of laborers was practiced on the Ottawa city

It was said that in order to secure work on certain portions of civic affairs it was necessary to "grease the palm" of certain minor officers. In the last few days the charge was repeated and a private investigation was begun. One Italian who was interviewed said that he had been compelled to pay $15 to get a job for his father or some relative on city work at one time.

The Italian was pressed for confirmation and he asserted that he could easily get others to make a similar statement.

The report rendered to the recent A. F. of L. convention by Frank Morrison, showed that for the year ending September 1, 1909, 34 international unions increased in membership 83,601 members. In numbers increased the Amalgamated Association stands fourth.

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Editor Ledger,

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

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PROPHECY FORETOLD

Jews Returning to Palestine--Doors Thrown Open to Holy Land--Sinners on the Run

NEW YORK, Jan. 23—A cable despatch to The Times says that the proclamation of the constitution in Turkey has thrown open the doors to Palestine to incoming Jews from all parts of the world. In Jerusalem alone four-fifths of the population of 100,000 now being of Jeswish faith, while at Jaffa, Tiberias, Safed and Hafia, Jews are reckoned by tens of thousands. Almost the whole extensive plain of Esdraleon has been bought by them. Their prosperous colonies spread from Dan to Beersheba and even south to the outskirts of Egypt. Thousands are escaping from Persia to find shelter and protection in the Holy Land while every ship from Odessa carries hundreds of them.

EDISON LOOKS AHEAD

Great Inventor Sees Great Changes in the Lot of the Working People

Thomas A. Edison sees in the future a great change in the conditions of the laboring man. Through cheapening of commodities and domination of labor it will be possible for the laboring man of the future to live as well as men who now have $200,000 income. Mr. Edison says in the current issue of the Independent:

"In 200 years, by the cheapening of commodities, the ordinary laborer will live as well as a man does now with $200,000 annual income. Automatic machinery and scientific agriculture will bring about this result. Not individualism but social labor will dominate the future; you can't have individual machines and every man working by himself. Industry will constantly become more social and interdependent. There will be no manual labor in the factories of the future. The men in them will be merely superintendents, watching the machinery to see that it works properly.

Eight Hours Brain Work

"The work day, I believe, will be eight hours. Every man needs that much work to keep him out of mischief and to keep him happy. But it will be work with the brain, something that men will be interested in, and done in wholesome, pleasant surroundings. Less and less man will be used as an engine or as a horse and his brain will be employed to benefit himself and his fellows.

The clothes of the future will be so cheap that every young woman will be able to follow the fashions promptly, and there will be plenty of fashions.

Other Worlds

"Communication with other worlds has been suggested. I think we had better stick to this world and find out something about it before we call up out neighbors. They might make us ashamed of ourselves.

"The monorail does not appeal to me. It was a fundamental mistake that our railroads were built on a 4 foot 9 inch gauge instead of on a 6 foot gauge, which we will probably have to come to yet.

Future Aeroplane

"The aeroplane of the future will, I think, have to beon the helicopter principle. A successful air machine must be able to defy the winds. If Wright's aeroplane had one-twentieth of its surface the wind would not affect it. The helicopter principle is the only way to rise above atmospheric conditions. By increasing the velocity of propellor revolutions the size of the machine can be diminished and thereby distributed on a 100 to 150 foot circle and controlled from the centre by wires.

Whiskey

"Chemical food has been worked out pretty well by Emil Fischer and his students but it won't be a commercial proposition. You can't beat the farm as a laboratory, commercially speaking. If we should dry up like Mars and could not raise vegetables on the earth we might turn then to a vegetable diet.

"Society will have to stop this whiskey business which is like throwing so much sand into the bearings of the machine.

"Among the many problems which await solution in the future one of the most important is to get the full value out of fuel. The wastefulness of our present methods of combustion is tremendous. "There is not as much power in a ton of 40 per cent dynamite as there is in a ton of coal.

"Everything in nature would burn up if it were not for the fact that almost everything except the coal has been consumed. Iron would burn and make a good fuel, if in a very fine powder, but it has already been consumed in nature's furnace.

"To get rid of friction in our machines is one of the future problems. The only machine without friction that we know is the world and it moves in the resistless ether."

LABOR NEWS

Attend meetings of your local union regularly and promptly.

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Pay your financial obligations; do not wait for someone else to show you the way.

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The Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' union have endorsed the proposition to establish a home for consumptives.

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The International Bookbinders' union are voting on a proposition to reduce the assessment from one and a half per cent to one per cent.

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Try and make our brotherhood successful by taking an interest in its affairs and helping one another to better conditions of employment.

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Teach the apprentice every detail of the trade and make him a worthy member of our organization; remember the better the workmen the better the organization.

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Give your employer a fair day's work for a fair day's pay; remember your interests are identical with his and when you both work in unison you will prosper.

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Sixty organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor paid in death benefits during the past year the enormous sum of some $1,236,243.

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When the workers gain control of the labor market the competitors will be those in control of capital investments. The bidding for labor will take the place of the bidding for jobs. That is one of the objects for which all the organizations are working. By the shorter service day service comes comes to the greater number, competition for jobs is lessened and wages increase.

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The advantage in the labor market is with the one who can ascend the auction block with something upon which he knows that he is sure to receive rival bids. The most sharp competition is for that which is more demanded than the supply warrants. Then is it not easily understood why the employer prefers to receive bids rather than to become the bidder himself. May that not be the reason why the employer encourages the long service day?

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The United Mine Workers of America gained 52,000 in membership in 1909. It now has over 300,000 members and embraces approximately one seventh of the membership of the A. F. of L. It is the largest craft organization in the world. It had 51,654 members involved in strikes during the year ending September 1, winning 28 strikes at a cost of more than $472,000.

SOME MORE B. S.

The following lines would still be reposing sweetly in the bottom of an old valise had I not noticed in the Ledger several pieces of poetry composed on dear Fernie. The composition is in present tense (as we, a friend and I) experienced last winter. It is not imagination, but what we experienced.

THE WINTER OF 1908-9 IN FERNIE

One day I was glancing at leisure
In a western papen; I see
For health, for comfort and pleasure
Come quickly to Fernie, B. C.

It was sometime along in December
I remember so well the night
That the message looked so inviting
And I thought what a future in sight.

With footsteps I quickly hastened
To impart to a friend the glad news
And he said, It does look enticing
I will go along with you.

So we packed up our choicest belongings,
And with joyful hearts we left home.
But since we've arrived in Fernie,
We wonder, oh why did we come?

We left the sun shining brightly,
Where the wheat and the Banner Oats grow.
The first thing we met in dear Fernie
Was a fall of beautiful snow.

We've been here eight weeks if a minute,
Believe it or not as you will.
The sun has not shone since we've been here,
And we don't expect that it will.

The snow it's just something dreadful,
The way it comes down it's a fright
It not only snows in the daytime,
But all through the long, gloomy night.

And then to break the monotony,
Down comes a shower of rain,
And the wind will roar over the mountains,
And then it will snow again.

So its just one continual pleasure
Of wind and rain and snow,
And when it's going to let up
There's nobody here seems to know.

We heard of this grand mountain scenery,
Before ever we left the plain,
But we've seen to our heart's satisfaction
And we long to be home again.

Though 'twas not just all for pleasure
That our entire aim was bent,
For we thought by honest labor
To regain the coins we spent.

So we sallied forth one morning
While the daylight still was dim.
But we needed some provisions
And our pocket book was slim.

When we appealed to some employer
He would answer with a frown,
He couldn't think of working
'Till this snow quits coming down.

And 'tis not once but seven times
That we have asked in vain,
They all would say: When it clears up
Why call around again.

The cupboard in the corner
Is as bare, as bare can be,
Just a few well dried bannocks,
And a little sack of tea.

The soup bone in the kettle
Has been boiled the second time.
But it still must boil another
Ere departure we consign.

We have stood in the line of battle
And faced the terrible din,
But our courage almost fails us
As we sit in this dreary cabin.

The candle is burning lower
We are lonesome, homesick, but sane
If ever we get out of Fernie
We'll never be back here again.

The greatest chore that we have
Is getting stovewood in,
For when we step outside of the door,
The snow just reaches our chin.

And we are not those little dwarfs
Such as you see in the shows,
For we just measure six foot straight
Up to our very nose.

We have often stood and wondered
Is it merely just a chance
When we see some dressed in broadcloth,
While we've patches on our pants,

We have always been a'doing,
Working early, working late,
But by poverty surrounded
Always seems to be our fate.

We'll draw these lines now to a close
For it is snowing still,
We do not care if it never stops
In fact we hope it never will.

The editor, we ask his patience he will hold
For in these lines we know full well
The truth has all been told.

From Sunny Alberta

WM. E. BLAKE

Leading man with the Summers Stock Company. They open a week's engageemnt at the Grand Theatre, formerly known as the Miners Hall, on Monday, January 24, in The Lion and The Mouse. Mr. Blake will appear in the role of John Burkett Ryder.

Change of play and vaudeville nightly.

TERRIBLE WRECK

Twenty-four Men Perish--One Survivor Left to Tell Tale

MARSHFIELD, Ore. Jan. 20—Scores of watchers are today patrolling the beach in the hope that some of the bodies of the twenty-four victims of the wrecked steamer Czarina may drift in shore.

Up until 10 o'clock this morning not a body had come to shore, although yesterday the viscera of one poor fellow, whose body had been torn asunder in the wreck, floated in. Despite the assertions of the life savers that none of the bodies will ever be recovered the friends and relatives of the crew are still watching and keeping up hope.

C. J. Mills, general manager of the Southern Pacific interests here is prostrated today over the death of his only son Harold who was one of the last to leave the wreck. Millis was one of the watchers on the beach where he had done vigil for 25 hours and was a witness to his son waving a farewell to the crowd on the shore and then diving into the turbulent sea together with three others who had clung to the rigging for hours.

Although the storm, which sent the Czarina reeling on the North spit had greatly subsided today, all that can be seen of the big vessel is the main mast.

To all appearances the wrecked boat is lying in almost the identical spot in which it was thrown on Wednesday by the great combers which played one after another upon it with death dealing force.

There is no doubt that the vessel will be totally wrecked, if it is not already so and seafaring men say today that there is nothing that can be done but to leave the hulk to the mercy of the waves.

First Assistant Engineer Harry Kentzell, the lone survivor of the wreck, is almost entirely recovered today. With the exception of a black eye where he was struck by driftwood and a number of minor bruises, he is little the worse for his two hours in the surging sea.

Kentzell today says that he owes his life to a spar to which he clung after diving from the steamer deck. When the spar was tossed ashore, Kentzell's insensible form was gripping the spar.

It required one hour's work by the life savers to release Kentzell's legs and arms from the wreckage which he had gripped like a vise.

EASE FOR PILES

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TURNS DOWN THE STATES

Proposal for the Neutralization of the Manchurian Railways Not Acceptable

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 17.— The council of ministers has decided that the U. S. proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railway is not acceptable to the Russian government at present.

Russia's reply to Secretary Knox's note will be delivered to the United States ambassador here inside of a few days.

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An illiterate individual, whose opinions are the result of listening to the iterated and reiterated expressions of those whom he has been taught to regard as his superiors, is to be pitied if he re-echoes *fallacious ideas with* that dogmatic assertiveness which is frequently the handmaid of ignorance; the remedy for this is enlightenment through the medium of education.

The superficial thinker absorbing his knowledge somewhat akin to the manner in which in imbibes his morning coffee, i.e., by gulps, who may follow a line of reasoning extracted from the daily paper that de deems possesses convincelvness because of its reputation, is excusable for the faith he has for *this belief. Both* these types, exceedingly numerous in human society, are as plastic as putty in the hands of those who exploit them to further their own peculiar selfish interests, but that the editor of a daily paper enjoying an international repute should resort to such despicable tactics is evidence of a pusillanimity that can neither be palliated nor condoned but merits as severe a castigation as it is possible to mete out to one who prostitutes his high office in order to cast aspersions on a party which, according to Mommsen, the great German historian, is the only one today that has a raison d'etre for its existence.

It was recently heralded through the press that James Simpson, Socialist, had been elected chairman of the Toronto school board, and that the only Roman Catholic member present Mr. W. Dineen, voted for him. This item brought forth an editorial comment from The Globe of Toronto, Jan. 11th issue: 'A Socialist has been elected President of the Board of Education by the casting vote of a member who enjoys his privilege by virtue of being the largest ratepayer. This may help to reconcile the Socialists to the denounced rule of property for property owners have apparently no fear of the desire for a new division of wealth.' Note the covert attempt by insinuation to perpetuate that exploded fallacy of "dividing up" which has been so persistently denied not only by Socialists, but also by others who have opposed the philosophy, and it must be acknowledged by impartial observers that the purpose of the concluding clause is to befog its readers; yet if they will stop to analyse the sentence, even cursorily, they cannot fail to recognize that it carries a tacit contradiction from the fact that the writer realizes that property owners, by the act alluded to, refute his assertion. Were this not so palpable we would have suggested a certain course of study, but under the circumstances it would be Love's Labor Lost.

BRAIN LEAKS

We have been requested to state that none of the North Enders requested Mr. Wm. Kummer to stand as alderman at the late nomination. He was asked by some other source.

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Has any one found out who the Public is yet? What steps are being taken in regard to the two Club licenses?

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In regard to the little boost in last week's Free Press in connection with the local hotel men of the city, the fact that the aforesaid hotelmen were after several men to stand, and coaxed *them very hard, seems to dispel* the extravagant idea that they were laying low. If they could have got anyone to stand they would have had them there.

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An Eastern despatch says that the lobster crop is falling off. No so in Fernie, the crop was never bigger nor the variety more pronounced.

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OUR POET SAYS

Cook went to Copenhagen,
Full of zeal and fire;
The bazzoos there have turned him down,
And labelled him a liar.

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The excessive zeal of some of the *petty officers, on duty temporarily,* in court this week, is another indication of the old saying that a little success makes a small man dizzy.

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A NORTH ENDER'S BALLAD

How doth the boy just out of school
Steal slyly in the rear,
And poise a snowball in the air,
And swat you in the ear.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. W. M. Alexander wishes to thank her friends for their sympathy and assistance in her recent bereavement.

FRANK

A fatal accident occurred in the shaft mine of the Consolidated Coal Company here on Saturday the 15th, in which Eli Vergnes lost his life by being crushed between a coal car and the chute. The unfortunate young man had only been working in the mine a few days. Vergnes was employed as a driver drawing coal to the cage at the bottom of the shaft. How the accident actually happened is not known as he was dead when found pinned between the car and the chute. The funeral took place at Blairmore on Sunday the 16th. The verdict before Coroner Pinkney was: That acho*rding to the evidence produced* we find that the said Eli Vergnes came to his death by being crushed accidentally between a car and a chute as he was following his occupation in the mine of the Consolidate Coal Co. of Frank on the 15th day of January 1910 and we shggest that the said Coal Co. instal a system of the drop chute, commonly called the chestnut chute as a caution against such accidents being repeated in that mine.

The inhabitants of Frank witnessed another of the numerous wind and snow storms on Tuesday last. One of the plate glass windows of Watson's drug store was blown clean out, and the windows of the 41 Meat Market met a similar fate. For a time it was imposible to keep the electric lights on owing to the wind causing damage to the main line wires. One half of the town was in darkness all night.

Mr. Lloyd is back in town this week. He is ready to commence the installation of the electric plant as soon as the machinery arrives, which is expected next week. He installed the plant at the Blairmore cement works. Compressors and Babcock and Wilcox boilers are now being fixed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton accompanied Miss Parson of Michel to the dance on Tuesday evening.

Fryer & Sinclair of Blairmore came near having a couple of spills this week. His teamster was on his way from Bellevue when the bolt gave way in the hames allowing the harness to drop, and he experienced great difficulty in keeping the horses under control. Dan Sinclair tied his horse to a hole at the shaft where they are constructing a bridge. When he returned the horse had gone and was found standing at home in Blairmore uninjured and the waggon unbroken.

Bansmeer, who was convicted recently of horse stealing at Bellevue, has been sentenced to four years at McLeod; there were several other charges laid against him.

Burns anniversary will be celebrated on Tuesday the 25th, in the Miners hall when a grand supper and smoker will be held. Songs, recitations and speeches will be given by the various members of the Burns club. Admission $1.50. Chairman Thomas Young.

Miss Mary Parsons of Michel is visiting Mrs. Hilton of Frank for a few weeks.

The usual dance of the quadrille club took place on Tuesday evening last, about 30 couple being present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Mrs. Darbyshire and Mrs. Smith of Burmis were visiting here on Tuesday and took in the dance.

Jack Steele, Esq., foreman of the railway construction in Burmis and Mr. Hereford, C. P. R. opeartor came down to the dance and report a good time.

LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY

"Companies Act, 1897." Canada, Province of British Columbia.
No. 557

This is to certify that the "Ellison Milling and Elevator Company, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

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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(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;

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(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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Letter Box

The editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents: Editor Ledger:

A MINER WRITES

Taber, Alta. Jan. 17

Editor Ledger,

Sir: Allow me a few lines of space in your valuable journal which I read with considerable interest since being in the western part of Canada. I may say I am one who takes a straight line of independent thought on labor questions. I am connected with both local and general. Midst all the war and strife now raging with the capitalist the mighty powers of government, soldiers and police and great corporations, such as the Dominion and the Springhill Coal and Railway companies, how can poor working men with $2 or $3 a day stand up against such power. It is ridiculous to think of doing so.

Only a fighter, who has the worst side of the battle will go down and after a while rise again to the call of time, to go down again. I feel that something must be done to prevent these terrible industrial wars in the way of having better and more conciliatory agreements, broader and sounder, for a miner and a living standard line of wage. Strikes are acknowledged by all as suicidal to the cause of the workers. We must eventually educate the members of our unions to the fact that it is the last ditch we are crossing before we enter into that holy sanctuary of law makers, called the Local and Dominion houses of parliament.

I may add the last ditch has come too, with the Cumberland Rail and Coal company of Nova Scotia, who stated publicly that they had lost $299,000 in the last three years of operation but still they have had money to burn by bringing in scabs from the continent of Europe, and some gum boot thugs patrolling the works day and night in a pitching seam like Springhill's, about 75 degrees. They have had men working in places where it was not fit to send a white mouse, for the miserable pittance of from $1.15 to $1.80-per-day, lots of them. Gradually before the strike at Springhill the me nwere worked in to pack their own timber up these steep places or stay idle. Another serious item is the weight of a box of coal. In olden days up to two years ago the amount of coal considered to be a box by the agreement was 22 cubic feet, ekuivalent to about 1650 pounds, but Professor Sexton of Halifax gave it to be 1670. By expert and professional test that weight was given by Judge Patterson of New Glasgow as chairman of the conciliation board held in Springhill two and a half years ago, but the Company made a new standard of their own of 2009 lb. per box. Then there is another serious item of grievance, that of the dockingsystem. The old system was 60 pounds of stone docked a box, 40 pounds of stone you would be docked 20 cents. Patterson board gave 100 pounds of stone takes off 500 pounds of coal and 200 pounds of stone the whole box.

Then the schedule of rates was collected and presented to the general manager; all except three items were agreed to and that plugged the whole been going very roughly. Men working all the month find out that at the end of that time they are in debt to the company for rent, etc. Things worked on like this and with a very bad circulation of air around the mine made them so poisoned that they did not know what they were doing, indeed many of them were more in need of treatment in a sanitarium than they were on a strike. After six months strike things have taken on a new turn by introducing some Belgians. The strikers caught them on their way here and induced them to join in with the strikers. The company had the Belgians arrested at Amherst. They were tried and the U. M. W. of A. went and took charge of them, and brought them back to the seat of the strike and now they are happy enjoying themselves with the people of the town at their own free will instead of being behind the great fence with a live wire around it the same as Cape Breton-strike breakers are at the Dominion Coal company works.

At Springhill the company thugs commenced patrolling the town, but thanks to the shrewdness of Mayor Potter they were forbidden to do this longer.

This is the position of Springhill, N. S., at the present time. Still the general manager advises that the mines will resume only under a 15 per cent reduction, they will never start.

This may be an eye opener to all who read it.

Yours truly,
A MINER FOR 37 YEARS

WALDO

A generous donation of $25 towards furnishing the hall was received from V. Hyde Baker, Cranbrook, also $10 from the Simonds Saw Works, Seattle.

The Rev. Crowther late of London, Eng., visited Waldo last week with a view of locating later.

The ladies of Waldo were pleased to receive a receipted invoice of $11.80 for stoves etc., which were ordered for the hall.

C. D. McNab visited in Fernie last week.

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Fernie, B. C., January 22nd, 1910

News From the Camps

From our own Correspondents

COAL CREEK

A number from the creek took in the social and dance given by the Socialist party of Fernie on Monday. A special train was run up to the Creek at 3.30 a.m. for those who had stayed for the dance and everybody spoke of having had a first rate time at the affair.

Mr. J. W. Bennett was up the Creek this week seeking more business for the I. C. schools as well as visiting his many friends, and still wearing the same old smile.

Mrs. J. Mitchell was up here on Wednesday visiting with her mother.

Mr. G. Sampson, time keeper at No. 2 mine resigned his position last week end.

Mrs. W. Alexander wishes to thank all her neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to her in her recent sad bereavement.

Mr. Vant, the dry goods man at the Trites Wood store, is leaving shortly and is thinking of moving to Vancouver.

Clark's moving picture show visited the Creek last Thursday and Sunday nights and showed a fine series of pictures and the singing of Miss Victoria Powell was very much appreciated. The hall was crowded both nights and there is a great improvement in these shows over anything previously given here. Mr. Clark announced that he would continue to show up here every Thursday and Sunday night.

Another blowout occurred in the south side of the high line in No. 2 last week, which filled the level with coal. No one was seriously hurt, which was fortunate.

To be buried in a snow slide for an hour and a quarter and get out alive was the awful experience of a teamster named Jackson on Tuesday afternoon. One of Hanleys teams had been engaged to bring a load of furniture up to the Creek and everything was well until the team got just through the bridge close to No. 5. Then a snow slide came along and buried the team and swept the teamster off twenty or thirty feet away. This was just at three in the afternoon when the shifts were changing in the mine, and there was soon a band of willing workers shovelling away at the snow. After a half hour's hard work they got to the team, but no teamster was in sight. Then another man who had been with the team said that he must be farther back under the bridge, where they had been piling all the snow, so they had to set to work to remove it to another place. After a while they saw the snow moving a little and sure enough there was the poor teamster who had been buried from three until a quarter after four.

Mr. J. Stevens, late of the Creek, has been appointed superintendent at the mines near Lethbridge.

T. Duncan was visiting his many friends at Coal Creek during last week.

The Bohemian concert given in the Methodist church last Wednesday evening, January 19th, furnished the people of Coal Creek with a program worthy of an audience of a thousand or more. The building was most suitably decorated for the occasion. Mr. Sampson, the organizer and director of the splendid entertainment, has proven himself again an expert in concert organization, and from this time on to have his name associated with a concert in this community will be considered as a guarantee of its ecexllency. Professor Evans presided at the piano. The following artists took part in the program: Mr. J. Fawly, Master Worthington, Mr. Moses, Mr. J. Foster, Coal Creek; Mr. G. Ramsay, Mr. R. Brown, Fernie; Mrs. Watson, Miss M. Bell, Coal Creek; Miss Euler, Miss Pierson, Fernie; Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Booth, Mr. G. Finlayson, Mr. M. G. Sampson, Mr. F. Turpin, Mr. S. Fisher, Coal Creek. A vote of thanks was given to the artists after which all joined in the singing of God Save the King.

The following is a list of subscribers to the child Lawly concert fund up till Thursday, the 20th of January:

James Ashworth, $5; Bonnell & Corsan, $5; W. R. Ross, $5; W. Eschwig, Northern hotel, $5; L. A. Mills, Waldorf hotel, 05; W. McKay, Royal Hotel, $5; N. E. Suddaby, $5; J. L. Gates, King Edward Hotel, $5; C. N. Trading Co., $5; Herchmer & McDonald, $5; Cree & Moffatt, $5; P. Burns Co., Ltd., $5; The Home Bank, $5; Bank of Hamilton, $5; The Pollock Wine Co., $5; Imperial Bank, $5; Eckstein & McTaggart, $5; The Canadian Bank of Commerce, $5; A. I. Fisher, $1; Dr. Workman $5, Trites-Wood $10.

Victor Allan is acting as timekeeper at No. 2 mine.

Mr. H. Ford, bookkeeper at the T. W. Company is leaving at the end of the month to take up similar work in Calgary. He will be succeeded here by Mr. Grierson.

Mrs. E. W. Balderson was visiting here last week.

Mr. T. H. Knox returned to the Creek last Saturday, but left again on Sunday to go to Michel where he has been appointed as pit boss in No. 8 mine.

Quite a few missed the train going to Fernie on pay Saturday night owing to the train pulling out of here before six.

A grand concert has been arranged to take place about the third week in February for the purpose of raising funds to purchase artificial limbs for Master A. G. Lawley, aged four years, who met with a serious accident on the M. F. and M. last September, and has since been unable to walk. A committee has been formed to work the concert up and they have also issued a subscription list and donations, however small, will be thankfully received. The committee are: Dr. Workman, as treasurer; G. Finlayson secretary; Sid Horton, J. Smith, R. Fairclough, W. McFegan, G. Crabb. Concert committee C. Claridge, J. Hewitt, J. T. Puckey. Subscriptions may be sent to Dr. Workman, Coal Creek post office, or may be sent to the Ledger office. The date of the concert will be published later.

Miss Stewart Arbuckle went down to Jaffray on Thursday morning to visit her sister.

R. Fairclough has got the agency for a new sanitation toilet which is becoming very popular and useful in any place where there is no regular water system.

Dave Archibald had one of his legs badly crushed in No. 2 mine on Wednesday night.

The new bar and fixtures arrived for the club this week, but the board of management have decided to keep it packed up for the present and try and find out who the public really are and then it may come in useful in their interest.

One of the T. W. Company office windows was blown out on Tuesday night with the strong wind.

Later: It has been found out that the man who was buried in the snow slide was not the teamster as reported before but he was with the team and was coming up to the mines to seek for work.

Mrs. Caufield was unable to attend the concert on Wednesday night, having happened with an accident to her arm by catching it on the stove door and causing her to go to the hospital to have it attended to.

A. Clark, Esp., is booming the real estate and fruit lands of Prince Rupert Island up here just now.

A wreck occurred on No. 1 north incline on Thursday night, suspending operations at that mine for the present.

COLEMAN

On Wednesday January 12 the funeral of the late Mrs. Banks took place the Rev. Mr. Murray officiating.

On Friday, January 14, one of the employees of the International Coal and Coke Company met with an accident while following his employment as mine surveyor. He was taken to the hospital where he received the careful attention of Dr. Westwood.

We were all pleased to see Rev. Murray back in his own pulpit on Sunday last. A very enjoyable service was held. Part of the servile was devoted to the christening of two infants, one of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, contractor and builder, and one of Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Gate one of the staff of the post office continues to be sick.

Mr. Wm. Clegg has recovered and returned to his work.

On Monday January 17th a strong blizzard was blowing, consequently the races that were to come off on the skating rink were postponed.

I desire to call the attention of the readers of the Ledger to the fact that the reading room is open daily and made comfortable, and is furnished with all the latest papers and magazines. Strangers will find it very comfortable during these cold days.

The Ladies auxillary purpose holding a grand social on Friday the 21st inst. in the club room of the Institutional church from 8 to 10; all are invited.

The staff of the Miner deserves a great deal of credit for the attractive souvenir which has just been issued by them.

The newly elected council mean business. They are advertising for tenders for the construction of a new road over the bluff. When completed it will certainly be a source of convenience to the inhabitants of Slav town.

I may point out that this town of ours is a great centre for pugilistic purposes. On Monday the 17th. Kid Pegeon of Spokane and Kid Clark of Lethbridge boxed twenty rounds in the opera house. After the 20 rounds Clarke was declared winner.

Constable Hall leaves the R. N. W. M. P. The public are soon to lose the valuable services he has so baly rendered to the town.

On the 23rd inst. the Rev. Mr. Jones of Frank and Bellevue will exchange pulpits with the Rev. T. M. Murray.

We are pleased to note the return of Mr. Williams, surveyor, who has been spending his holidays with friends in the east. Mr. Williams is secretary of the literary committee of the Helping Hand Brotherhood, and his return is very much appreciated by all.

Adam Morris broke one of his fingers a few days ago.

On Monday a very pretty wedding came off in Slav town between Paul Povonick and a young lady from Slavonia. It proved an occasion of great joy.

Mr. George Byrn and party went to Blairmore to the sanitorium and while they were inside for a short time the horses bolted, but were caught in Frank. Luckily no one was hurt and no daamge done to the team, which was the property of Mr. Wm. Healy transporter.

On Monday one of the men on the afternoon shift injured his foot by a heavy prop fallin g upon it. He worked in No. 5. He was conveyed to the hospital and was attended to by Dr. Westwood.

On Wednesday January 19 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leyshon.

The following figures are very satisfactory in connection with the Institutional church, considering that we had three months strike. The church is to be congratulated on having such an energetic pastor, and he deserves all the support he can get. Income: $1933.35; expenditure $1933.35.

The Bonnie Briar Bush was played here on the 29th by a splendid company.

Miss Bella Leard left for the coast on Monday. Rumor has it that she is about to join the matrimonial circle.

On Wednesday night a hockey game was played on the rink between the employes of the Co-operative store and those of the Mercantie Company. A very exciting game was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The Co-operative won out by the score of 7 to 3.

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ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Confronting the Coal Industry of North America

(By Samuel A. Taylor C. E.)

In connection with the work of the Mining Institute of America we have had much discussion of ways and of means for the most efficient, economical, safe and complete recovery of the coal from the various seams which come under the supervision and the practical operation of the members of the institute. Almost all of the time of the institute meetings is utilized by consideration of themes pertaining to the above subjects, while little time is devoted to subjects which, while allied closely thereto, yet might be termed economical questions, because of their effect upon the people at large, and not confined in their influence to those immediately interested or employed in or around the mines.

It is of some of these problems that I wish to treat briefly, in order to bring them to your attention, so that by your consideration and discussion of them, there may be pointed out ways by which they may be solved by those in position to take the necessary action to that end.

When we study the growth and the conditions existing in the industrial world of today in comparison with the conditions of the past, and from this comparison draw our conclusions, as to what they will be in the future, unless something be done or some power be interjected to change the present trend of affairs, it is then that we will be impressed with the fact that we cannot live for ourselves; that the things we do today will seriously affect the future generation or our race for good or evil depending on whether we act wisely and well or foolishly and wastefully.

Those of you who have had the opportunity of reading the extract from the Congressional Record of June 14, 1909, on the International Arbitration and Peace, or the Mission of the United States in the politics of the world, will remember the sentiment which prevaded these speeches—that public opinion is the one thing necessary, more than any other, to the disarmament of nations and to the securing of the world peace; that to this end men must come together and discuss matters pertaining to the subjects so as to crystalize public opinion; also that familiarity with honest men does not breed contempt, but confidence. This sentiment or fact is equally applicable to the situation which we wish to consider. In order to put in to practical operation the matters which we wish to bring to your attention, public opinion must be awakened to the importance of them, and to accomplish this result it is very necessary that honest men, familiar with the subjects, meet and discuss these measures in a thorough, dispassionate and unprejudiced manner, before the public will have a clear and fair opinion formed upon them.

First: The question of conservation not only of fuel and water, but life and almost all other materials and conditions of economic industry, have been the subject of thought and consideration not only upon the part of government officials, but by congress convened at various times, chambers of commerce, civic clubs and a great many other organizations of similar character, so that the matter has been brought to the attention of the public in a general way for several years past.

The necessity for the conservation of coal and the safety of the men engaged in the production thereof, have been probably more talked and written about than many other conditions in our country in times past, and are constantly being brought to the attention of the public by statisticians announcing from time to time in bold headlines, of the short time over which the present available coal supply will last. While these statements as to the length of time the coal supply will last are very much at variance, because of new coal seams having been discovered from time to time, an dalso the greater recovery of coal obtained by the methods used now as compared with those of past times. This variance in time has been so great as to lead the general public to think that the date at which the coal supply will be exhausted will be so far distant that they need pay but little attention thereto.

Indeed this is the general conclusion reached by the average person; therefore the method of bringing this matter to the attention of the public aolng the lines of scaring them into the consideration of the question may possibly be condoned.

It has been stated by those in connection with the United States geological survey that in the production of about 415,000,000 tons of coal last year in the United States, 250,000,000 tons of coal weer lost or destroyed; at least rendered impossibel of recovery for future generations.

When we consider that the output of coal is doubled on an average every 10 years, and when we consider the loss of coal, which in some cases I am sure, was greater than that given by the statistics of last year, it at once becomes an appalling question as to what the future may be. The result is certain to be impressed upon one's mind that this wilful waste will in the future bring a woeful want if it is not checked and new methods of recovery, as well as the uses of coal, introduced in order that not only what we now produce, but also what is now lost under the prevailing practice, be saved to the future generations.

It is also apparent to all those who are familiar with the mining practice in the Pittsburg region that an average of 50 per cent. of all coal in the Pittsbug seam is wasted. This of course includes the roof and bottom coal, and the ribs and stumps, that are lost in the mining of the main body of the coal.

What is true of the Pittsburg district is true to a greater or less extent of other coal fields, and hence the necessity of more conservation of the supply in sight.

In this connection we might mention anothe rfact of waste of all those poorer grades of coal, especially during times of restricted market, as based on the practice carried out in general by the United States government in the purchase of its coal, namely the purchase thereof on the B. T. U. basis. During the past two years a great many large individual coal users have adopted the same method, and the operators or producers of coal have been forced into selling coal on this basis, for the reason that the scarcity of trade compelled them to submit to a great many conditions which they, under normal conditions, would not be willing to do. Inasmuch as by this method nothing but a high grade of coal will fill the requirements, all the poorer grades of coal were eliminated from the production and nothing but the strictly first class high grade coals could enter into competition.

I do not wish to be understood as calliming that this method is not based upon scientific principle; for we concede this. What we do claim is that it tends to a waste of a large part of our fuel reserve by limiting the market to such coal as will stand such a test, and you leave a margin of profit to the producer after paying a fair and living wage to those employed in the production of the coal, both of which are very necessary if any stable economic position is to be maintained in the trade.

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.

MORE MINES CLOSE DOWN

The Employers in South Dakota Are Trying to Instal a Non-Union System

DEADWOOD, S. D. Jan. 19.—With the declaration that they intend to establish permanently in the Black Hills non-union labor conditions and to instal the card system, the management of the 13 largest properties in the hills have issued notice to their employes that they could sign under the new conditions before any outsiders were imported.

All the mines closed down with the announced intention of resuming operations as soon as a sufficient number of non union men could be employed.

More tha 800 men are affected exclusive of the 2500 at the Homestake mine now closed.

COUNTY COURT

Sittings in East Kootenay for Year To Come

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

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

P. E. WILSON
Judge

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for the issue of a duplicate Certificate of Title to Lots 6 and 8 Block 2 of Lot 5455 Group 1 Kootenay District Map 735.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof a duplicate of the certificate of title to the above mentioned land in the name of John Podbielanclk, which certificate is dated the 18th October 1903, and numbered 2803A.

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Sunday School Suggestive Questions

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

January 23, 1910

True Blessedness. Matthew 5—1: 16.

Golden Text. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Matt. 5:8.

Verses 1, 2—How much do you remember of the last sermon that you heard?

To what extent is the modern style of taking a text and preaching a sermon from it, a success as a teaching exercise?

Did Jesus use a pedagogical or an oratorical style in his addresses, and would it be better for the extension of the kingdom of God if the modern pulpit would adopt his method?

Verse 3—What, in the last analysis, is the essential qualification os being a subject of the kingdom of heaen on earth?

If a person is a subject of the kingdom of heaven on earth, what other qualifications are necessary for the kingdom in heaven?

Verse 4—If "blessed" means happy how is it possible to mourn and be happy at one an dthe same time?

Which Christian reaches the highest altitudes of bliss and enjoys the sweetest comforts of God, one who has had great sorrow or one who has been free from sorrow, and give your reason for your answer.

Verse 5—Give some examples of well-to-do men, and then say which class as a rule, get the best of things on earth, the "meek," that is the modest, unselfish, and generous, or the boastful, self assertive and selfish?

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

Verse 6—What is your definition of righteousness?

What are the conditions for such soul health, and to "hunger as thirst" to be righteous? Is this state under the control of every man's will?

If a person really desires it may he be sure of being filled with righteousness, that is of being perfectly right with God

Verse 7—From the suggestion in this verse, if a person is not merciful, what does that indicate as to his standing with God?

If a man has been grievously injured, and we find out that he has fully forgiven his enemy, what does that indicate as to the standing of the man with God?

Verse 8.—Are there those who always have a perpetual vision of God, and what conditions do they observe to keep the experience.

What does it imply to be pure in heart, and may all attain that experience?

What was Jesus' experience as to his realization of the constant presence of God?

Verse 9—Mention some reasons that you think would justify a Christian in becoming the plaintiff in a law suit.

What is it to be a peace maker after the pattern that Jesus refers to here?

Verses 10-12—Are really good people persecuted in these days because of their goodness?

Why did the religionists of those days persecute Jesus and finally put him to death?

Verses 13-16—Of what use in the world is a so-called cold Christian?

Can a person be a real Christian who is not aggressively engaged in doing good. Why or why not?

Lesson for Sunday, January 30th, 1910:

Some laws of the Kingdom. Matt. 5 17-26; 38-48.

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Some Laws of the Kingdom. Matthew 5-17-26, 38-48.

Golden Text. Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt. 5:48.

Verses 17-20—In what sense did Jesus fulfil the law and the prophets?

How many persons can you recall, from the scriptures or otherwise who did the perfect will of God, other than Jesus?

There are those who teach that it is impossible for any man to keep the commandments of God, what reason is there to suppose that these are among the number whom Jesus calls "the least in the kingdom of heaven?"

What was the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees?

What are the reasons which lead us to believe, that all God's commandments are reasonable, and keepable by all Christians, and that those who do do not keep them are verily culpable?

Verses 21, 22—Recall the prominent outward sins, and then say if any, or all of them can be committed in God's sight, without the culminating or outward act being committed?

Why is a man who, out of an angry, revengeful heart, calls his brother a fool and would like to consign him to the worst of suffering, in danger of suffering himself that to which he would consign another?

Verses 23-26—Why cannot a man truly worship God, or enjoy the love and favor of God, while he has any bitter feelings in his heart toward another?

According to the teaching of Jesus what is our duty towards a person who is angry with us either with or without cause?

Verses 38-41—Are these precepts to be taken literally and if not, then what do they mean?

Cee Exodus 21:24, 25, Lev. 24:20 and say whether or not yo uthink these laws ner in harmony with the teaching of Jesus?

Are these precepts of Jesus given as rules of conduct, or as underlying principles, and what is the difference in the two ideas?

Can you mention supposed cases, where it would be wise to literally carry out these precepts of Jesus, and other cases where it would violate the spirit of the teachings of the Lord to do so?

What motives would compel a child of God to literally carry out these precepts, when and as often as the Holy Spirit should indicate?

Verse 42— What attitude should the Christian always take in the matter of giving or loaning money to those in need?

Verses 43-44—What are the advantages of loving our enemies and the disadvantages of hating them?

What does it imply, practically to love our enemies, and is it possible of performance by every Christian in this day?

Verse 45—Why does God treat the evil as well as he does the good in the matter of sunshine and rain and the similar common blessings of life?

Verses 46-47—Which gets the greater good out of life and why, the generous and forgiving or the harsh and those who render evil for evil?

Verse 48.—**What does Jesus mean by this commandment, to be prefect as God is perfect?**

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

Lesson for Sunday, February 6th, Almsgiving and Prayer. Matthew 6. 1-15.

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here at Hudson Bay,
It's half past five at Taylorton just
one mile away.
A watch is very useful on the street
or on the sea,
But dont try your hand at keeping
time when living at Roche Percee.
I say, old man, be kind enough, the
truth do tell to me;
The time I'm trying hard to find wherever it may be.
He took his watch out of his vest, he
said in earnest, not in jest,
By God old man, I'll do my best, this
wayward time for to arrest.
He did his best, I did the rest, oh what
a task I found,
Folks say the time is hard to find, it's
always very much behind,
Its only half past eight right here and
should be half past nine.
I tried to see the mayor, but he was
drunk in bed and very foolish in
the head,
That is the tale I heard all round and
passed through Roche Percee
town.
Time they said had gone astray like
the old knight who lost his way.

RAN WITHOUT ORDERS

ERIE, PA. Jan. 19—J. C. Butler engineer on No. 23, a fast westbound Lake Shore Railroad passenger train was today held responsible for the wreck at Northeast, Pa., last Friday, when two men were killed. Butler is 63 years of age and has been in the employ of the company for over forty years. He told the coroner's jury on the witness stand with the tears streaming down his cheeks, that he "took a chance and ran without signals, knowing they were out of work owing to the blizzard, thinking that the track ahead was clear." So affected by the old man's statement was the foreman of the jury refused to sign the verdict.

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To the Local Unions in District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

Greeting:

You are hereby notified that the Seventh Annual Convention of District 18, U. M. W. of A., will be held in the Labor Temple, Lethbridge, commencing at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 2nd, 1910.

Your delegate or delegates are kindly requested to obtain a Railroad Certificate in order that arrangements may be made to get reduced rates.

Your attention is respectfully invited to Art 8, Sec. 2 and 3, District Constitution which explains matters pertaining to the convention.

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29	Bankhead	T. Bradley, Bankhead, Alta.
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2163	Blairmore	G. Kelly, Blairmore, Alta.
1387	Canmore	Wm. Angell, Canmore, Alta.
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2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2227	Carbondale	P. Lennon, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
2578	Cardiff	J. Aplin, Cardiff, Alta.
279	Cardiff	S. K. St. Amant, Cardiff, Alta.
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2352	Passburg	A. Covatch, Passburg, Alta.
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2672	Roche Percee	L. McQuarrie, Roch Percee, Sask.
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AT THE SEIGE OF SPOKANE

Conducted by the editor of the Workingman's Paper. J. P. Sullivan, stenographer.

Q: Mr. Rogers, are you practising law now?

A: I am not.

Q: Are you a member of the bar in any state?

A: I am; in Oklahoma and in Kansas.

Q: It was stated in the Spokane papers, the capitalist dailies that you admitted that you had no right to practice law in the State of Washington, is that correct?

A: No.

Q: What did they state?

A: They stated that I was not a lawyer and had not been admitted to practice in any state.

Q: Then the Spokesman-Review and The Chronicle appear to have misrepresented you?

A: Exactly.

Q: The fact is then, Mr. Rogers, that you took the legal course and that you graduated from some school in some state?

A: I got my legal education in the law department of the University of Texas.

Q: How many years did you spend in that law school?

A: Two. I had previously studied law in the law offices during the vacations of the public schools. And also had previously taught in public school five terms, beginning at the age of fifteen.

Q: At what age were you admitted to the bar in Oklahoma?

A: At the age of 21. In the year 1898.

Q: And when were you admitted in Kansas?

A: In 1908.

Q: You say that you are not now practicing law?

A: No.

Q: Why not?

A: It is a parasite occupation.

Q: Are you a member of the I. W. W.?

A: I am.

Q: When did you join?

A: September 6, 1909.

Q: What is your present occupation?

A: I am engaged in the fight of the I. W. W. for the accomplishment of free speech in Spokane.

Q: Are you a wage worker?

A: Yes and have been for the last four years.

Q: What have you been doing for the last four years as a wage worker?

A: Three years on the staff of the Appeal to Reason in the book department, and the last year I have been in Spokane.

Q: Did you go to jail in the late Spokane fight?

A: I did.

Q: How long a time did you spend in jail?

A: I served a sentence of ten days.

Q: Were you on the rock pile?

A: No.

Q: Were you in the city or county jail?

A: County jail.

Q: Have you got any certificate of your service in jail for the cause of Free Speech?

A: I have. Under the seal of the organization.

Q: Will you allow us to publish a fac-simile of it?

A: I will.

Q: Did you conduct any of the cases for the defense?

A: I did. Practically all the cases coming before the municipal court up to my arrest.

Q: Were you employed directly by the I. W. W. as attorney?

A: No; but by their regular attorney, Fred H. Moore.

Q: You say that you were in the county jail. How many members of the I. W. W. were in that jail with you?

A: About 28.

Q: They were all state cases, not city cases.

A: They were all state cases on a charge of criminal conspiracy.

Q: Who were these men who were in on conspiracy charges?

A: The secretaries, members of the local committee of the Industrial Workers of the World, four editors of the Spokane "Industrial Worker' and one member of the General Executive Board.

Q: Do you know how the police obtained the names of these officials in jail?

A: I know they claim that they had spies on the committee, but the committee worked openly at their desks in the headquarters and spies were unnecessary.

Q: Gurley Flynn would be in this same group of editors and leaders if she were not out on bonds, would she not?

A: Yes, she would be. She is under heavy sentence, having been convicted by a justice court jury and is out on a five thousand dollar bond, under appeal to full jury trial in the Superior court.

Q: How are these prisoners arrested for conspiracy, and awaiting trial, kept?

A: They are kept in an apartment of the jail which is known as the bull pen.

Q: Are they compelled to work while there?

A: They are.

Q: Under what conditions?

A: Under the penalty, if they refuse, of bread and water diet and ball and chain.

Q: They are not chained while at work?

A: No.

Q: What is their work?

A: Generally excavating and breaking up rock.

Q: Do I understand that these men have been arrested on charges of conspiracy, but that they have not yet been tried?

A: Those that are working have been tried.

Q: What of those who have not been tried? Are they in the bull pen all the time?

A: They are in the bull pen with the ordinary prisoners.

Q: Living on ordinary diet?

A: Yes.

Q: How many of these have been tried and sentenced and are at work?

A: About only half. Pancner, Wilson, Cousins, Foote, Filigno, Thompson and others, in all about one half of the I. W. W. prisoners who are in the county jail.

Q: Now, when are the appealed cases to be tried in the Superior court?

A: So far as I know they have not been set.

Q: Then these men may be obliged to work upon the rock pile for the next three to six months?

A: Exactly. A stay of sentence cannot be had unless where an appeal bond is approved.

Q: Are they demanding appeal bonds in these cases too high for the man to supply?

A: The bail in all cases has been excessive.

Q: Can you give us an instance to prove this?

A: Yes; the bonds of Gurley Flynn were placed at $5000.

Q: Who supplied these bonds?

A: Mrs. Stalford and Mrs. A. E. House.

Q: Are either of the parties members of the I. W. W?

A: No.

Q: Or of the Socialist party?

A: No.

Q: Is it true as reported that application to put up bonds for Gurley Flynn was made to prominent women suffragists, Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. La Reine Baker?

A: It is.

Q: Of your own knowledge?

A: Yes; but they refused to put up bonds.

Q: Is it true that Gurley Flynn, or Mrs. J. A. Jones, was some three months pregnant when this application was made to Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Baker?

A: My understanding is that she is longer pregnant than that. With respect to that matter, Mr. Moore, the attorney for the I. W. W., protested to Police Judge Mann against the size of the bond at the time she was arrested, informing him of her delicate maternal condition.

Q: Did this affect the judge?

A: He refused to reduce the bond.

Q: No other woman was tried in a similar manner by Judge Mann, whom you defended, was there?

A: Yes.

Q: What was her name?

A: Mrs. Edith Fernett.

Q: What was she arrested for?

A: On a charge of disorderly conduct the proof being that she was singing a song in a meeting held on private property outside of the so called fire limits.

Q: What was her sentence?

A: The maximum, 30 days in jail and a fine of $100.

Q: What was the bond which Mann required in Mrs. Fernett's case?

A: Two thousand dollars.

Q: Was any attempt made by you to secure a reduction of this?

A: Yes; I protested very strenuously to the amount of the bond required, but the court was obdurate in the case.

Q: Did you attend a meeting held in Apollo hall and addressed by Gurley Flynn, to which meeting she invited the prominent officials to be present and hear the other side?

A: I did.

Q: Did some of them accept her invitation to be present?

A: No.

Q: Were some of them there?

A: Assistant Corporation Counsel J. E. Blair and Alderman Charles W. Mohr.

Q: Were there other speakers beside Mrs. Flynn?

A: Yes; Mr. Blair and Mr. Kiser, a brother of one of the prosecuting attorneys.

Q: Did they attempt to defend themselves or justify the action of the Spokane officials in oppressing Free Speech?

A: Their contention was that while there might be merit in the cause of the Industrial Workers. the methods pursued were unlawful and did not meet with the approval of the community. Mr. Blair, the corporation counsel, made a miserable attempt to try and explain the prevalence of vice and crime, by saying that the police were too busy in making arrests for street speeking. This brought down the house and he was lustily jeered in derision.

Q: Was there any answer made to him by any of the members of the audience?

A: There was and the two gentlemen were roundly denounced. Mr. Swenson, a prominent Typographical union man, denounced the authorities in most emphatic terms. As he proceeded with his remarks he grew white with passion and indignantly held up the district court to scorn, declaring Judge Webster's opinion in the Filigno case to be the most flagrantly rotten and unjust thing he had eevr read. His speech was eloquent, spontaneous and electrifying.

Q: Do you think, Mr. Rogers, that Mr. Swenson fairly represents the opinion of organized labor in Spokane?

A: I do. He is a representative man in Labor circles.

Q: Then if this be true public opinion in Spokane will in time pass its sentence of disapproval on the whole prosecution of free speech in the city of Spokane?

A: It certainly will, and swiftly too.

Q: Mr. Rogers, do you approve from your months of experience on the inside of the fight, the methods advocated by this paper, namely, to use every possible influence to bring public sentiment outside of Spokane, as well as inside, to compel the tyrannical authorities in Spokane to reverse their dealings with the I. W. W.?

A: I certainly do; you are doing most remarkable work and have greatly assisted in arousing public sentiment.

Q: Then, in your opinion, very much more is to be expected along the lines of awakening public sentiment than through legal procedure?

A: There certainly is. We have been saying for years that the courts are merely the instruments of the capitalist clas sto maintain the propertyless wage workers in a condition of slavery. As a member of the organization, I have repeatedly stated and now believe that nothing ca nbe accomplished in a legal fight before the Courts, except to emphasize the fact that the courts are deaf to the sufferings and rights of the working class. Every effert in behalf of the street speaking prisoners has failed, even when we have called the attention of the court at the trials to the bruised and beaten condition of the defendants, and asked that warrants be issued for the arrest of the police slugging them, we have been denied. I offered to fill the prosecuting attorney office with witnesses to the brutality of the police officers, but he refused to accept.

Q: This is Prosecuting Attorney Pugh you are speaking of?

A: Yes. There have been no exaggerations in the accounts of the treatment of the prisoners. On their part, there has been no single case of resistance to arrest or of violence in connection with the arrest. At first the police beat the men the streets, but the public murmured and then they slugged them in jail.

Q: Mr. Rogers, as a lawyer, you have investigated the statutes of the State—is it not true that the new criminal code adopted in 1909 expressly forbids police officers from treating prisoners in the way you have described?

A: The statutes so provide. I am not sure as to the time of their enactment.

Q: Do they not make it a gross misdemeanor for officers of the law to use their authority in maltreating their prisoners?

A: They do, and in these cases I want to say that I nevery one of these several hundred arrests that each of these could have been made by messenger boys. In fact I suggested the engagement of a messenger service for the work of the court.

Q: Now, Mr. Rogers, let us understand you. Do you say that you were refused by Prosecuting Attorney Pugh the issuance of warrants for the arrest of policemen who had violated the express provision of the statute of the state of Washington?

A: Yes; not only that but by Judge Mannu in open court when the bruised men were in front of him and bloody.

Q: Now Mr. Rogers as an attorney, when all of the legal authorities justices and prosecuting attorney, refused to issue those warrants, had you any recourse to the higher courts of the land in order to compel the issuance of warrants? Here is a community that has outlawed itself in which violations of the statutes of the state cannot be punished because the officers of the law itself refuse to obey the law. Is there no possible recourse to a law higher up?

A: We might have made such applications but in my opinion, as I have stated before it would have been useless. The courts are the instruments of the capitalist class for the enslavement of the workers, and the Federal courts I believe would have been less inclined to afford relief. They are not so responsible directly to the people, and in view of the long line of decesions by the Federal court antagonistic to labor, I must say that I do not think that there would have been any hope there.

Q: Then the conclusion of the whole matter from the legal standpoint is practically identical with the view previously stated, namely that the only way to preserve freedom of speech for the working classes on the streets is to get people, citizens of those cities, themselves to vote out of office every official who dares to act as the mayor, chief counsel, chief of police and police justices have acted in Spokane during this I. W. W. controversy. So that if not before, at the city elections of 1911, Mayor Pratt and those associated with him will go down to ignominious defeat for their tyrannical un-American conduct of the cases?

A: I do not know what method may finally be determined upon as the most effective, but I am sure that an enlightened public will surely repudiate such officials and their tyrannous acts. Such a public informed in the premises, will find its own way.

Q: Do you care to make any further statement?

A: It is not for me to knock Spokane. It is good and bad as cities go—as good and bad as Denver. What we have there is simply the world's old war of the classes. Our troubles started only when we began to actually organize the economic forces of labor. Everybody was speaking on the street but the I. W. W. began saying some practical things. We went so far as to call attention to the fact that the very district in which we were speaking was a slave market, and advised men not to patronize the employment agents. It dont take them long to persuade the city council that people should not be allowed to speak on the streets, where accidents might occur in case of a fire. This in face of the fact that no such accident had occurred or was liable to occur from the I. W. W. meetings, because, as usual, we kept the street open and the sidewalks for travel. The I. W. W. went to their hall where they continued to hold their educational meetings. To show you the absolute dishonesty and bad faith of those officials in their hypocritical fire limit talk, they passed in August, in their street speaking ordinance that religious bodies might speak on the street. The I. W. W. noted the discrimmination but said nothing. President Taft came and he spoke on the streets, completely blocking them in violation of this same ordinance, and in contravention of the same authority. The I. W. W. said nothing. Finally Mr. Bryan arrived and did exactly the same thing. The I. W. W. felt that something must be done in order to call the attention of the public to this unjust discrimination and so they began making public speeches on the street. Mr. Bryan was brought to the city at the solicitation of a certain political committee, and I want to say here that if Elizabeth Flynn (Gurley Flynn) is at all guilty of conspiracy, then Mr. Bryan and the committee that brought him to Spokane are equally guilty. Now, in the several hundred arrests and imprisonments for free speech, the defendants are charged with disorderly conduct and not with speaking on the streets, indicating that the Spokane auhorities themselves, have no faith in the validity of the street speaking ordinance. That disorderly conduct act was passed in 1903 and never had any application affecting the freedom of speech for a period of seven years. The members of that city council will testify that they no intention of its ever applying to speaking on the streets. The intention of the law maker, when it can be determined, is the only guide as to the construction of such statutes. Of course the fight in Spokane will be won. The newspaper despatches which have amanated from Spokane, have been more than usually undependable—the fight is on in Spokane—it will never be abandoned and the Industrial Workers of the World will never surrender, and will never stop fighting until the Industrial Republic will have been established.

LITTLE MRS. THOUGHTFUL

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INHUMAN TREATMENT

Officers Alleged to Have Abused Helpless Prisoner

(Calgary Albertan)

Bruised, battered and bleeding from what several citizens declare was a brutal and unnecessary manhandling, a cripple named Breen was taken to the police station last night by Plain Clothes Officer George McKay and P. C. McDougall, and there locked up on the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

The arrest created a great deal of excitement and a crowd numbering about 150 followed the officers down Eighth avenue protesting all the way at the manner in which the man was being treated.

When they reached the station Ex-Mayor Emerson laid a formal complaint against the officers, and an investigation will be held by Chief Mackie.

A number of witnesses have offered to come forward and give their testimony, and judging from the remarks of those who saw the affair, it will be very unfavorable to the officers. According to the complaint made, Breen was dragged along by the twisters, a chain which is placed around the wrist and gradually screwed together tighter until the prisoner quits struggling.

Breen was undoubtedly under the influence of liquor. He had been locked up for the same offence on previous occasions and acrording to the police he had always been a hard customer to handle. Eye witnesses to the fracas last night assert that Breen was screaming from the pain caused by the twisters, and it was not until the men threatened to take action themselves that the man was treated in anything like a humane manner by the officers.

The hooting jeering crowd round the officers followed them to the station where it is aleged Breen was thrown on the floor.

Chief Mackie stated last night that he had received the formal complaint of Ex-Mayor Emerson and would investigate the matter and take the evidence of witnesses and the explanation of the officers involved in the case.

FIVE TRAMPS BURNED

Bridge Collapses and Ten Cars Are Thrown Into the River

WISTER, Okla. Jan. 21—Five unidentified tramps it is learned today, were burned to death on Thursday night in a wreck on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad ten miles east of here.

A freight train for El Reno was crossing an eighty foot bridge when the structure collapsed and ten cars were thrown into the river. Two cars contained acid and three oil. The acid exploded setting fire to all the cars. The tramps were imprisoned in the debris.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

England, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 1 try 11 pts. Wales 2 trys 6 pts. This is a big surprise to the Welshmen as it is generally conceded that Wales is a better combination than the Englishmen. This is the first time for a number of years that England has defeated Wales at Rugby.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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Arrives Seattle 10.15 a.m.

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Local News

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The baseball club dance has been postponed until January 25th. Tickets have been issued and the affair will be one of the best of the season. The Ladies Benevolent Society are going to help, but it it not being held under their auspices.

Good Second Hand Heintzman piano for sale. Apply Ledger Office.

Mrs. M. B. Kennedy is visiting with her son, Mr. A. R. Kennedy of the Ledger.

Found:—Ladies watch and chain, last week. Apply to Ledger office for particulars.

The Coal Company boys defeated the Waldorf team in a good game of hockey last night to the tune of four to five.

West Owens has taken a trip to his home in England. He left here last Saturday evening and intends returning to Fernie about June.

Miss Mary Irvine of the Free Press staff is leaving that institution shortly to enter upon a life job with a wealthy rancher in Alberta. We wish Miss Irvine all the blessings, etc., imaginable.

The regularly monthly tea of the Baptist Ladies aid will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Giddings, Pellat Ave., on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6, and in the evening for the young people.

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

Do not miss the baseball dance next Tuesday evening. The boys are away behind from last year's sport, and need the money. The tickets are only $1.50 and as a first class orchestra will be present and refreshments of a high class order will be served, you are sure to have an enjoyable evening. The members of the Ladies Benevolent society are assisting the boys in preparing, cakes, etc., and that should be an extra attraction in itself.

BOARD OF TRADE DOING THINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Fernie Board of Trade held at Council Chambers on January 17 1910.

Reading: Chief McDougall: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as read.—Carried'

J. S. T. Aleanxder: W. C. B. Manson—That correspondence of the Nelson Board of Trade be ordered fyled.—Carried.

A. H. Cree: H. W. Herchmer—That correspondence of B. O. Hart be turned over to the executive committee of the board.—Carried.

J. S. T. Alexander: Ambrey— That rules of the board be suspended, and J. L. Gates, D. A. MacDonald, Arthur Watson, W. S. Lane, Robert Duthie, and Simon Dragon be elected members of the board on the payment of the regular fee of $5.—Carried.

J. S. T. Alexander: G. G. Moffatt—Whereas the park, recently purchased by the city of Fernie being covered with dead and dry timber, brush and other inflammable material is in its present state a menace to the safety of the city.

And whereas it will not be possible to use fire for clearing purposes after the first day of May next;

Be it therefore resolved, that the city council take immediate steps to have the said park cleared at once in such a manner that it will cease to be a source of danger. —Carried.

J. B. Turney: R. Reading—That the board should by all means send delegates to the annual meeting of the Associated boards of trade, held this year at Nelson on January 26th, and that proper representation be made by the board to secure the next annual meeting of the Associated Boards at Fernie; that a committee of one, consisting of the secretary be appointed to draft a resolution.

On a standing vote the Board declared unanimously their intention of helping to provdie a week of sport next year by organizing a bonspiel, hockey matches and other winter games, should the board succeed in obtaining the above meeting.—Carried.

A vote by ballot elected G. F. Stevenson and L. A. S. Dack delegates to the convention at Nelson.

J. B. Turney: F. C. Dubois—That a special committee be appointed to submit data re insurance bill coming before parliament at Ottawa shortly.—Carried.

Committee: Turney, Dubois, Dack and Moffatt.

A. B. Trites: D. V. Mott—That this board move a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring council of 1909, and that the secretary be instructed to convey by letter our thanks and appreciation of their work.—Carried.

And whereas it is not considered politic for this Board to enter into discussions of political matters;

And whereas the board recognizes the good and efficient work performed by the council of 1909 in advancing the welfare of the city;

Be it therefore resolved that this Board, recognizing the present condition of municipal affairs as being serious and vital to the best interests of the city, do contend that the present situation is of a non-political nature and character, and therefore it is not establishing a precedent in this direction by adopting this resolution.

And be it further resolved that this Board appoint a committee of three of its members, consisting of A. B. Trites, George F. Stevenson and R. Reading to meet with the city council of 1909, and convey to them a vote of thanks from this board for their able labors in advancing the city's interests in the past, together with an expression of this board's confidence in their ability and integrity as public minded men; and with his board's endorsation entreat them to again accept nomination as a body, in order that the business affairs of the city may be in safe hands for the ensuing year.

And be it further resolved that this committee report back to the executive council of this board to meet on Friday evening, January 21st, at 8 p. m as to their success in inducing the present council to accept nomination as a body.

And be it further resolved that if this committee fail to secure the promise of support from any of the members of the 1909 council, the committee then are to solicit among other responsible and able men of the city, who are willing to have their names stand for nomination; and the committee are to recommend any such men for the filling of the vacancy caused by any of the 1909 council refusing to act.

J. D. Quail: Tom Whelan: That the secretary be instructed to wire Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works re delay of post office furnishings.—Carried.

L. A. S. Dack: J. S. T. Alexander—That if the customs house is not ready to be occupied by January 21st, the secretary be requested to wire the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa.—Carried.

Meeting then adjourned to meet the next time.

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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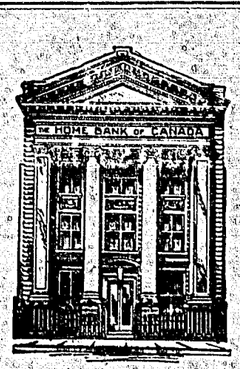

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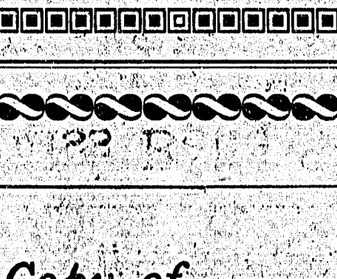

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