The District Ledger

Industrial Unity is Strength. The Official Organ of District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

No. 37, Vol. V. THE DISTRICT LEDGER, FERNIE, B. C., MAY 4, 1912 $1.00 A YEAR.

LIBRARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, MAY ... VICTORIA, B.C.

Provincial Library 30 June 09

DIST. 18 CELEBRATES MAY DAY ROYALLY

Large Crowd Gathers at Fernie in Spite of Threatening Weather--No Mishaps to Record

SIMPSON'S TALK MAKES A HIT

The greatest and most successful celebration ever held in Fernie was carried off on Wednesday, May 1st, when May Day was celebrated under the auspices of District 18, U. M. W. of A. Serious doubts were entertained the day previous as to whether the sports could be carried through owing to the inclemency of the weather. Starting with Monday, rain and hail was coming down incessently, and did not let up till late on Wednesday. It was then decided that the programme would be gone through. The grounds were not in good shape, but the strong sun on Wednesday morning helped to make it possible to successfully run the events off. The day started off with glorious weather and by the time the special train arrived from Burmis and intermediate stations Victoria Avenue and around the station presented a lively and cheerful appearance.

The special poured out hundreds of visitors who wended their way through the streets and up to the bandstand where the speaking took place. There were two bands in attendance, the Fernie and Bellevue, who gave some excellent selections.

THE SPEAKING

The chair was taken by J. E. Smith, of Coal Creek, President of Gladstone Local, about 10.30 a.m. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, referred to the significance of the day that was being celebrated, and explained its origin. He then called upon Acting-President Stubbs to address the audience.

Acting-President Stubbs started by pointing out the difference between the September Labor Day and that of May 1st. Two years ago, he said, when Labor Day was celebrated in Fernie in September, it was made a tradesmen's procession and the advertising ouershadowed the business of the day. In addition we had on that occasion representatives of business interests who prated on the dignity of labor and the identity of interests of capital and labor, and the necessity for harmony between the two. On this occasion these particular features are lacking, and it was, more or less, significant of the changing attitude of the workers of the district that they were falling into line with the world labor movement by selecting May 1 as their particular one day, and taking that opportunity of discussing their position in society. He then discussed, shortly, the efforts of the workers to improve their condition by the means at hand, viz., the trade union movement. President Stubbs went on to say that if we are to improve our conditions we must act in accord with the changes in economic conditions, we must change our methods of fighting and adopt new weapons and new means. Continuing, he said that we had depended in the past largely upon our ability to enforce concessions by means of striking, and in this connection instanced the strike in this country and the recent one in Great Britain, emphasizing the fact that the time was ripe for the better understanding as to the workers' class position and the use of the new weapons referred to. We had realized the necessity for sometime, the speaker said, of attacking the legislating halls that were used for the purpose of protecting the interests of property as against the interests of the working class. In order to be successful in this direction, an understanding as to the nature of the commodity that we sell, viz., Labor Power, is essential, and an effort must be put forward by the working class to remove labor power from that particular category by the abolition of the wage system.

When Act. President Stubbs started to speak it was perfectly evident that he would have some difficulty as his voice was in bad shape, and he quickly decided it would be best to leave the speaking to Jas Simpson.

The Chairman next introduced Jas. Simpson, ex-Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, who had come all the way from Toronto to participate in Fernie's celebrations.

Mr. Simpson started out by pointing out the difference between the May Day celebration and the one held in September. The former comes spontaneously from the working class, whilst the latter is one granted by the capitalist legislatures just as a "plum" to labor. May Day was an international holiday, and was being kept by over ten million labor men throughout the world. He then went on to show how the capitalists wer crying against international unionism, but never saying a word against the internationalism of capitalism. By national unions we could hope to gain little, but as an international organization many of our problems could be solved. As an instance he illustrated the strike in Great Britain when the coal operators of that country made strenuous efforts to get men from Germany, but with little result, as the German miners would not scab. This is a direct result of international unionism. Here in Canada, he said, two and a quarter billion dollars of foreign capital (including British) was invested. Capitalists in the old country were feeling their insecurity, and were consequently looking to this country to continue the exploitation of labor. The condition of the worker is the same in every country. The average wage in Germany is $4.50 a week. Railroad employees in England work for 14s. up to 26s. a week, and in the dockyards the skilled mechanic works for anything from 17s. to 28s. a week. Here in Canada, and more especially in the East, hundreds of families live in one and two rooms. In the West, where wages are higher, the cost of living is likewise in proportion. Men earning $20.00 a week are paying $40.00 a month for a house. This he had seen in Medicine Hat on his way to Fernie. This problem, he said, can only be solved by the working class themselves, by controlling the means of production. In touching upon the high cost of living he referred to a statement made by Tom Lawson, who showed that ten thousand of the one hundred million population of the United States own three-quarters of the wealth of that country, and that the rich were rapidly getting richer, and the poor poorer. Thus the workers were being forced into degradation by capitalist exploitation. He then described the condition of the working class in Germany, and what is being done to educate them along class conscious lines. In Germany there are 87 Socialist daily newspapers with a daily circulation of three and a half million, and a hundred weekly and monthly magazines with a circulation of a million and a half. You do not see these workingmen reading capitalist newspapers. They have their own papers and you can see them coming home from their work with one or other of his own papers. In that country the workingman is taking hold of the school boards and children are now being educated in political economy on the lines of Karl Marx, Engels etc.

Investigations among the children of Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow have shown that children living in the poorest quarters are seven inches shorter and 23 lbs. lighter than children of the same age of better quarters, and that only 30 per cent of them were of normal intelligence. The speaker interspersed his remarks with anecdotes which kept his audience in good humor throughout. On concluding his address, which lasted close upon an hour, he was accorded loud applause.

THE SPORTS

The first consideration of the judges after the speechmaking was the tradesmen's turnouts. These entries were not as large as previously, and the work of judging was not so difficult. The District Ledger had a large rig and double team, on which was placed a printing press and other sundry printers' supplies. The "devil" was in traditional costume, whilst the two girls, members of the staff, Miss Lottie Gray and Miss Lilian Carter, were daintily arrayed in costumes of pale green and pink silk trimmed with various colored ribbon streamers, these in turn being printed in bronze with names of several enterprizing tradesmen—King Edward Hotel, M. A. Kastner, W. A. Ingram, Isis Theatre, and Waldorf Hotel. However, as the prize was to be given for the best team of horses, the Ledger was not in the running for honors.

The entries throughout the afternoon were not good, and it is surprising that the big prize money offered was not sufficient inducement to bring out more aspirants. The events were kept pertty well on time, and every thing passed off without a hitch. The football heats and finals were hotly contested and brought out some good play, whilst the ladies', the band, and the bicycle races were perhaps the most interesting. The tug-of-war lasted for half an hour. The programme had a fitting termination with two horse races.

Whilst the sprinters, footballers, cyclists, etc., were having it out on the football grounds, the local gun club enthusiasts were banging away at clay pigeons in close vicinity.

THE RESULTS

Tradesmen's Turnout—Double, Geo. Barton.

Tradesman's Turnout—Single, P. Burns.

Boys' Race, under 16 years (open)—1, Albert Pasi; 2, N. Giddings.

Boys' Race, under 12 years (open)—1, B. Dunlap; 2, E. Davis.

Girls' Race, under 14 years (open)—1, Mary Dragon; 2, Mary Griff.

100 Yards Race (open)—1, J. W Skilling; 2, J. Penman; 3, Benny Smith.

Veterans' Race.—1, J. Weaver.

Mile Race—1, J. Bingham; 2, G. H. Shaw; 2, P. Henderson.

100 Yards Race (for members Dis. 18).—1, J. Penman; 2, R. Robinson; 3, J. Dodd.

440 Yards (open)—1, J. W. Skilling; 2, J. Dodd; 3, Tom Ridge.

One Mile Cycle Race—1, Cecil Minton; 2, H. Minton.

High Jump.—1, W. Walberg; 2, Benny Smith.

Married Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Fairclough; 2, Mrs. Kubiness.

Single Ladies' Race.—1st, Miss M. Minton; 2, Miss A. Zalonski.

Band Race (100 yards)—1, A. Goodwin; 2, Wm Rochester; 3, Mike Bollentino.

Motor Cycle Race.—1, H. Minton; 2, J. Bingham.

Tug-of-War—Scratch Team vs Aus trains. Won by the Austrian Team.

Football (juniors)—Fernie vs. Coal Creek, won by Fernie, 1—0.

Baseball (juniors)—Fernie vs. Hosmer. Won by Fernie 8—3.

Football:

Bellevue beat Coal Creek.

Michel beat Coleman.

Bellevue beat Hosmer.

Michel beat Fernie.

Bellevue wins the final.

Climbing the Greasy Pole—Wm. Wilson

The pig was won by — Griffiths.

Tag competition—1st, Miss Lottie Gray; 2nd, Miss Kent; 3rd, Miss Lilian Carter.

Horse Race—1, Pete McDougall; 2, R. S. Gourlay.

Pony Race—1st, Geo. Fisher; 2, J. Minton.

Clay Bird Shoot

The following events were shot off at Recreation Grounds:

Event No 1 — Team Shoot. — (25 birds), 5 men to each team; each man to shoot at 5 birds, then allow competing teams to shoot at 5 birds, total birds to count. Merchandize prizes of $50.00 to winners. 1st Team: Nicol, 22, Suddaby, 20, Olsen, 16, March 11, Gould, 16. Total, 83.

Event No. 2.—(15 birds). 1st prize, $8, divided Suddaby and March, 12 birds; 2nd prize, $5.00, divided Murray, Gould, Nicol, Duthie, 11 birds; 3rd prize $3, H. Hines, 10 birds.

Event No. 3.—(15 birds).—1st prize, $10, Henderson, 13 birds; 2nd, $7.50, Olsen, 12 birds.; 3rd, $4, Duthie, 11 birds; 4th, $2.50, Murray, 10 birds.

Event No. 4—Consolation Shoot—10 birds. 1st prize, $5, Young, 7 birds; 2nd, $3, Klauer, 6 birds; 3rd, $2, Jackson and Pite divided, 5 birds.

Anthracite Miners To Meet May 7th

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 25.—Confirmation of the report that the anthracite miners and operators had reached an agreement in settlement of their dispute as to wages and hours of labor was had today, when the office of President Baer, in this city, gave out the following:

"Geo. F. Baer, chairman of operators' committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the general committees of operators' and miners' representatives in New York, May 7, at 7 p.m., to receive and act upon the report of the sub-committee appointed by the general committee to suggest method of settling differences, the sub-committee having unanimously submitted a recommendation of terms and conditions looking to the adjustment of all differences."

"The terms and conditions of this report, however, will not be made public until after the meeting of the general committee.

MAY DAY MARKS TAILOR'S STRIKE—EMPLOYES BOND ST. MOUSES TIE UP SPRING WORK

LONDON, May 2.—The first day of May arrived in a glorious burst of sunshine which caused a general rush for new spring suits, but the tailors have been seized with the May Day strike fever and at the present moment it seems unlikely that a single suit or costume will be made for weeks to come. Londoners, therefore, are faced with the prospects of wearing their winter or last year's garments, however brightly the sun may shine.

Six thousand tailors, men and women who make the clothes for west end tailoring firms, struck yesterday to enforce the demand framed by the London Society of Tailors and Tailoresses. They left unfinished in the workrooms some 3,000 suits and costumes. The principal firms are in the middle of the spring rush and the strike came at the worst possible moment for them

WILL SETLE ANTHRACITE SCALE

NEW YORK, May 2.—Negotiations looking to a settlement of the anthracite labor trouble, that has caused a suspension of work in that district for several weeks, may be satisfactorily conducted this afternoon, when the full commissions of operators and United Mine Workers of America meet to consider the formal agreement that has been reached between sub-committees appointed by both sides. That this agreement will be formally ratified, with possibly one or two changes, is a foregone conclusion.

MINERS' LICENSES EXPIRE

All free miners' certificates, without which no mining operations can legally be carried on in this province, expire on the last day of this month.

They may be renewed at any time before May 31.

MUST SIGN UP AS UNION MEN

Seamen Taking Drastic Action and Conference Called with Employers

LIVERPOOL, May 1.—A committee of the ship owners and representatives of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union and Transport Workers' Federation have agreed to hold a joint conference in May for a discussion of conditions which caused the recent trouble with the seamen and firemen. In the meantime all the men will return to the ships. Monday the Seamen's and Firemen's Union passed a resolution declaring that its members would refuse to sail on any vessel unless a union official was present when the men signed for the voyage.

STEAMER SUNK—140 DROWNED

SMYRNA, Asiatic Turkey, April 30.—The steamer Texas, belonging to the Archipelago American steamship company, struck a mine at the entrance to the Gulf of Smyrna and sank. One hundred and forty persons on board drowned.

PETTIPIECE INDICTED

True Bill Found Against Socialist Leader by Grand Jury

VANCOUVER, April 27.—The grand jury in the Assizes yesterday afternoon returned a true bill indicting R. Parm Pettipiece, the local Socialist leader, on a charge of having taken part in an unlawful asembly.

Several others of the men arrested on the Powell Street grounds during the recent labor troubles were also indicted by the grand jury. The date of their trial has not yet been set.

WILLINSKY TO BE TRIED ON MAY 14.

The principal case to be tried at the Macleod Assizes on May 14, and the first to be put on, is for another murder, also at Frank. Samuel Willinsky, a Slav miner, is charged with shooting George Lakatosez, a fellow workmen, near the mouth of the mine on February 18th last. Colin Macleod will defend Willinsky.

STRIKE OF ENGINEERS IN UNITED STATES AVERTED ARBITRATION ACCEPTED

NEW YORK, April 30—The threatened strike of engineers of fifty-three railroads of the United States was averted today by the acceptance by both parties of a scheme of arbitration.

COURT OF REVISION

A Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing and determining any and all objections to the retention of any name or names on the register of voters for the Fernie Electoral District, will be held at the Court House, Fernie, on Monday, May 20th, at 10 a.m.

Sittings of the Supreme Court will be held in the Court House, Fernie, on May 23rd, at 11 a.m.

FERNIE FOOTBALL NOTES

Tomorrow the real contest starts, with a journey to Michel and the first League game. The following will represent Fernie:

Cooper

Shields Wardrop

Sweney, Mills, Barr

Thornton, Manning, Watson

Booth, Hartwell.

This bunch should give a good account of itself, and it is up to them to start with nothing short of victory. Get busy.

* * *

The team journeyed to the Creek for a practice game last Saturday, and went down. Of the game itself little can be said than that the Creek boys made rings around their opponents in the first half, but the second half was certainly in favor of Fernie. We would rather not mention the score as there was considerable dispute as to what it really was.

* * *

It is to be regretted that Coal Creek sports could not make better arrangements for the accommodation of the team, for those unfortunate individuals who had not partaken of supper before leaving Fernie were forced to go hungry until they reached Fernie at 12.10 midnight. There was, of course, the inevitable Mutzerine to be had at the Club, but this proved anything but "sustaining" to some of the boys, and is, in my opinion a bad diet to train upon. The "gate" receipts were very slender, and one wonders why the Creek team persisted in playing the game at home when they might have secured a ten spot by coming to Fernie.

* * *

However, I have sufficient faith in the Creek sports to think that in future they will be prepared to waive their claim to ground, and both for their own pocket and the convenience of spectators and enthusiasts, play all games in the future on Fernie's ground.

* * *

The Juniors are feeling proud of their performance on Wednesday, I must certainly say they played a good defense game, but cannot deny the fact that their combination was certainly very weak, and should not have been a bit surprised if the Creek kids had won. The Juniors will have to cut out the "bunching" game, and while the efforts of the forwards to relieve the halves, when the latter are pressed, may be very obliging, they must get it into their heads that the forward line is the attacking force. But you did well, boys, so get what encouragement you can from that.

* * *

Jock Corrigan, who is taking a short vacation from town, will be greatly missed, and I hear it expressed on all sides the wish that Jock will cut his vacation short and thus favor the team with this very useful support again. Oh, let it be soon, Jock!

F. H. N.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

NOTICES

Economic Class will be held in the Library Room of the Miners' Hall on Sunday afternon at 2.30. It is specially desired that all members of the Propaganda Committee attend this meeting.

* * *

The regular monthly business meeting of the Fernie Local will be held in the same place on Monday evening next, May 6th, commencing promptly at 7.30. All members are particularly requested to be on hand.

THE ORPHEUM

(Late Fernie Opera House)

Mr. Wm. Card, late of Edmonton, announces that he will re-open the Fernie Opera House, which he has named the Orpheum, as a moving picture house on Saturday, May 11. Mr Card has had considerable experience in this line of business, and is, himself, a first-class operator. He is taking much pains in renovating the theatre, and promises his patrons a good selection of pictures, having made arrangements with the best film houses in the country.

Mr. Card took some excellent views of the recent celebrations here, which will be seen on the Orpheum screen within the next three weeks. The music, we understand, will be a special attraction, as he is securing some good musicians from Calgary and Winnipeg.

THE THOMPSON AND YARNELL ENTERTAINERS

Mr. H. L. Thompson and Miss Ruby Yarnell are making a tour of the Pass with moving pictures, and playing to dances after the show. Mr. Thompson is the trap drummer at the Isis and is well known to the Fernie public, whilst Miss Yarnell is an excellent pianist. The itinary, so far is—Bellevue, Monday, May 6; Hillcrest Tuesday, May 7, and Blairmore, Wednesday, May 8.

Mrs. D. A Ferguson, of this city, received a wire on Tuesday evening last informing her of the death of her grand son, aged 13, in Truro, Nova Scotia.

HERE IS A NEW LABOR PROBLEM

Objection Raised to U. S. Railwaymen Working in Canada--C.N.R. Scene of Difficulties

WINNIPSG, Man., May 1.—All Hill line trains came in from the south today operated by American crews. Thirty Canadian crews, who formerly operated these trains from the border, under the old arrangement with the C. N. R. have been transferred by the company to other positions.

Committees of the men in conference today are discussing the advisability of applying for a board of arbitration. They object to allowing American crews to be employed in Canada and also the losing of their position of seniority in the company's service, caused by the change.

"This ain't no international trouble. They are wanting to put the Canadians off the earth. That's all," said a prominent Canadian Northern railway union committee man, this morning, after coming from the session of the federated boards of the Canadian Northern and Great Northern railway.

The Canadian Northern men have applied to the labor department at Ottawa for a conciliation board, but no reply has been received yet. In the meantime the men are trying to come to a satisfactory agreement with representatives of the Great Northern union men. If such is reached it will be submitted to the two railroads for edorsation, failing which the men say they will strike.

While nothing was given out it is understood that the Aemrican men are meeting their Canadian co-unionists in a friendly spirit.

Explosion Entombs Three Hundred

TOKIO, April 29.—The Hokkaide company's colliery at Yubari on the island of Yezo, has been wrecked by an explosion and two hundred and eighty-three miners are entombed with little possibility, it is feared, of their rescue.

MINE ACCIDENTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

It is a great pity that the Western Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute should allow its meetings to be made the medium of misleading information at the hands of its secretary, as paid apologist of the Provincial Bureau of Mines. This official of the branch had the audacity to tell the Vancouver meeting that the official records in regard to mine accidents as set forth by the Conservation Commission of Canada and insurance journals were unfair because they included two of the worst years, and did not include 1911. By what means, we should like to know, are averages to be arrived at unless a complete series of years is taken? Why should the worst years be left out, and 1911, a year admittedly low in accidents, be substituted?

Why does 1911 show an exceptionally low accident ratio? It was simply because the largest mines were idle two thirds of the year owing to the Crows Nest Pass labor trouble. Why did the secretary go to all this trouble to mislead the meeting? He answered the question by insisting that the Provincial Government was entitled to great credit and the adulation of the miners for the improved results which he told us had been achieved, in defiance of the facts to the contrary. He made the further statement that the improved conditions were due to the "painstaking and efficient work of Thomas Graham, Chief Inspector of Mines." Considering that Mr. Graham was not appointed till December, 1911, and did not actively enter on his duties till the beginning of 1912, we should like to know what he had to do with the shutting down of the mines and the consequently lower accident ratio of 1911? Mr Graham himself must have blushed at the absurdity of Mr. Jacobs' claims.

The business of an aggregation of mining men is to get at cold-blooded facts. Mining men are poor politicians, and facts are more important to them than misrepresentation for party purposes on the eve of an election.

The Government itself has admitted the bad record of the province in respect to mine acidents. Here is what appeared in the annual report of Hon. R. McBride, Minister of Mines, published in 1910:

"Why is the loss of life in the coal mines of British Columbia so much larger in proportion to the ratio of the number of persons employed, than in most other countries, and the question has never been satisfactorily answered?"

If Mr. Jacobs' information on other mining matters is no more reliable than that displayed in his attempt to correct the statistics of the Conservation Commission, the Minister of Mines, and the insurance journals, it is not worth much.

As to Mr. Graham's position as Inspector of Mines, we have said before and say now, that in our opinion no better appointment could have been made, and look for good results from his work. Further, he is too genuine a man to wish to take credit for achievements existing only in the imagination of political party hacks; and will be quite content to be judged by the record of his term of office.—B. C. Mining and Engineering Record.

THE ISIS

Many visitors to town on Wednesday last took the opportunity of calling in at the popular picture house, and from all accounts were exceedingly well satisfied with the good program which was shown. The Mormans, a three-reel feature, is a beautiful production, and was well received. For to-night (Friday) and to-morrow seven pictures will be shown, two comedies, one educational, one scenic, and three dramatic. Mr. Miller has completed negotiations with the Canadian Film Exchange which will enable him to give his patrons the very best in the line. Future bookings for the Isis are, "War on the Plains," "The Cry of the Children," "The Sewer," "The Raven," "The Power Behind the Throne," "Lieut. Rose and the Stolen Battleship."

FERNIE MAN TO BE REGINA'S CITY ENGINEER

REGINA, Sask., April 30.—Robert Potter, B.Sc., of Fernie, was at tonight's meeting of the city council appointed city engineer in succession to L. A. Thornton, recently appointed a city commissioner.

At a meeting of the Fernie Conservative Association, held on Thursday last, Dr. Bonnell, was selected as the nominee for the forthcoming Dominion election in this riding.

Mr. R. W. Clarke, who is attached to the staff of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, leaves on Saturday night on a vacation to Winnipeg.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held in H. W. Herchmer's office on Monday afternoon to elect officers and read annual financial report. H. W. Herchmer and J. Gates were elected President and vice-president respectively for the ensuing year.

Sir Richard Cartwright, senator, has been denouncing old age pensions for working people. He ought to know the baneful effect of such "paternal legislation, for he is the victim of state benevolence to the tune of $2,500 per year.

See McLeans for Fishing Tackle.

Young Desperadoes Draw Five Years

On Monday Judge Thompson sentenced the two boys who had been busy of late with giving false fire alarms, pilfering, etc., to five years apiece in the reformatory. This is the maximum term for boys on charges of theft. Tony George, who was charged as an accomplice was discharged.

Letters to the Editor

This paper or its Editor will not be responsible for the written views of correspondents

IS THIS DISCRIMINATION?

Coleman, April 28th, 1913.

To the Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,—Will you please publish the following letter in your next issue of the District Ledger.

About two years ago the International Coal and Coke Co., Coleman, thought it advisable to lay off a number of men working in the pillars, owing to not being able to keep all of them working more han half time. When the men were working half time the Pit Committee took the matter up with the Company to see if they could not make some arrangements so that the men could have steadier work, with the result that they laid off half of the men to give the rest full time, although that was not the desire of the men nor the Pit Committee in interviewing the management. The Pit Committee met the management again on behalf of those thrown out of employment to see if they would not reconsider their action, as half a loaf was better than none, until such times as they could put them all on full time again. They refused to alter their decision. Not being satisfied with the result of the meeting, the Pit Committee put the matter up to the District President, W. B. Powell. President Powell, T. James (then International Organizer) and myself, met the General Manager of the Company, Mr. Whiteside. Mr. Whiteside expressed his sympathy for the men who had to be laid off, especially for those that were married, and promised faithfully to President Powell that the men who were laid off would be given the first chance of work, married men to have the preference. I then asked Mr. Whiteside if he had any idea how long it would be before any of them could be reinstated again, and he answered that he couldn't tell, but that things didn't look bright for the immediate future. I then said that that being the case the men could hardly afford to lay around for an indefinite time, especially the married men, and that it would better for them to try to get work elsewhere.

"Would it in any way prejudice their chance of work when it came if they had wor elsewherke and wished to come back?" I asked. He answered, "Not in the least," and advised that the men take that step. As that was the best that could be done in the matter, it stopped with that understanding. I reported to the men what had been done, with the result that some of them went out to try to get work at other camps, and in some cases succeeded. In a very short time after that all the married men, with one exception, and some of the single men, were put back to work, the exception (I won't mention his name for fear he gets into further trouble) who succeeded in getting work at Coal Creek, with the understanding that he could be employed by the International again as soon as possible. He asked me to let him know as soon as they were starting the men who were laid off again, as he would like to come back to Coleman to work. I promised that I would let him know. As soon as I knew that the men were being replaced I spoke to Mr. Davidson, the superintendent, about this brother, and told him I would send for him as soon as he could place him. He told me very plainly that he wasn't going to send for anyone, as he had lots of men who had been laying around for weeks waiting for work and if he wanted work he would have to come to Coleman and take his chance with the rest of them. I pointed out to him the injustice of that after the understanding given by Mr. Whitesides to the President, James and myself, but he refused to let me know when he could give him any work. So I decided to write to the brother and tell him the circumstances, at the same time asking him to come down to Coleman and see if he could get work himself. He did so, and stayed three days, but failed to get work. I did everything in my power to make Mr. Davidson do what was right with this brother, according to what was agreed to, but he very plainly told me that I had misunderstood Mr. Whitesides in what he had said, that Mr. Whitesides had told him if the pillars started on double shift again that these men had to be started, and that is what he told the brother on the last occasion when he asked for work.

Understanding No. 2

Saturday, April 27th, it came to my knowledge that the International had decided to start some pillars on double shift, causing to be employed something like 20 more men. I immediately saw Mr. Davidson, and said that as the pillars were starting double shift on Monday I would send for the brother who was laid off, as he had promised to give him a start as soon as they started the double shift again. Mr. Davidson was very indignant, and said that he never gave me or him that understanding (which I want to say right here is a lie), and anyway there had been a strike since then, and things had changed, and that he had enough men coming to him to work without sending for them. I told him that I would do the sending if he would do what he had promised in regard to giving him work, but he refused point-blank. I then asked what he had against the man. Had he done the company some serious injury? Oh, no! nothing that he knew of, only he wasn't going to start him, that was all. After I came out of the office I noticed another man waiting outside as if he was looking for work, and I was surprised as I noticed that the same man reported for work at York Creek International Coal and Coke Co. on the afternoon shift two days before. I asked him if he had quit, and he said no; that Mr. Davidson had given him a start and told him to report at York Creek, but when he went and reported for work he was refused on the grounds that he had got work under false pretences. On asking him what the false pretences were, he said that Mr. Davidson asked him where he worked last, and he told him at a mine up at Edmonton District, but it so happened that he got a start up at the McGillivray Coal and Coke Co., Carbondale, but only worked 2 or 3 hours owing to the place being wet, and never thought of stating that was the last place he worked at. On these grounds this man was given work, but never allowed to start, because he worked two or three hours and didn't say so. And further, he was told never to ask for a start again from the International Coal and Coke Co. (Britons never, never, never shall be slaves!)

What about the discrimination clause in our agreement I would like to know. What does it amount to as far as the men are concerned? These two above-mentioned men have been discriminated against by the International Coal and Coke Co., and I defy contradiction from anyone with regard to the treatment of these two men as stated in this letter.

Yours truly,

WM. GRAHAM.

THE FERNIE SCHOOL BOARD

Fernie, B. C., May 2, 1912

To the Editor, District Ledger.

According to the published reports of the doings of our school trustees there would seem to be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere, and as a resident taxpayer, I think that if these gentlemen cannot agree among themselves as to what to do with regard to the building required, it might be as well to air the matter before those most concerned and to have a referendum vote.

Personally I am of the opinion that when a thing is in an unfinished condition it is best to replace it with a permanent structure, and when ventilation is bad, to reorganize the system, and on these three reasons I base my opinion that an addition to the present school building is required.

First, the blank unfinished appearance facing our principal street should be completed in a manner that would be a credit to the city and also take up the least space from the playground. Second, the roof, if built on the Mansard style, will add the necessary room for manual training and other purposes, and there will be no need of an extensive basement under the addition, but just sufficient for furnaces and lavatories. Third, the present system of ventilation is reported unsatisfactory, and in building an addition provision for ventilating stacks can no doubt be made at small additional cost, the old system in the present building readjusted to meet its requirements and the ventilation of the new school be placed in one. Lastly, and not the least, the cost of the new building materially decreased by the use of the wall of the present building taking the place of an entire side of a separate building.

As to the feasibility of the third storey in the roof, a glance at the plans of the schools of the city of Winnipeg would show the practicability of this scheme.

While not wishing to be a butter-in on those gentlemen who have these matters in hand, I think, as I have said, that it is a matter for mature deliberations for all concerned.

Yours etc.,

H. A. WILKES.

SOCIALIST ORGANIZER

To the Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,—Ever since I was elected to the legislative assembly of Alberta, comrades in almost every camp in the Crows Nest Pass have said to me we should try to raise a fund for the purpose of keeping a Socialist organizer and lecturer in the Pass, he to also sell literature and take subscriptions for the Western Clairon. At first it was difficult to get anyone suited for the work. Then came the big strike.

The fund has not yet been raised, but I feel confident that we have the proper man. I refer to Comrade Alf Budden, who is organizing and lecturing for the Socialist Party of Canada. In a few weeks he will be in the Pass. Comrades, give him all the assistance you can. I will arrange his dates.

Yours fraternally,

C. M. O'BRIEN.

Box 58, Coleman, Alta.

Re MINERS WORKING ON IDLE DAYS

Fernie, April 25th, 1912

To the Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,—Can men be stopped from working when the mines are idle?

There are men working 6 days a week digging coal, and I think if this was stopped it would make 3 days or more to other poor men only getting about $30 a month that have a wife and five or six children to keep and paying rent.

How can they live? I think that it is a shame that they should go to work when the mines are idle and other poor men at home. I think the company could do without this work on idle days if they put 3 shifts on the working days.

Yours truly,

A FRIEND in Sympathy with the Miners.

OPEN LETTER TO REV. HUGH GRANT, CHAIRMAN OF CONCILITATION BOARD

Re Contract in Hillcrest Mine, July, 1909

Bellevue, Alta, April 24, 1912

Dear Sir,—I address you from a Christian point of view. When you reduced the price at Hillcrest Mine, as one of the reasons for the reduction you said, "It ought to be, as far as mines go, a most desirable one in which to work in. The evidence shows that there have been no fatal accidents in it."

Since you made the above statement in your report of July 7th, 1909, many accidents have occurred, of which a big percentage proved fatal. Is not this a direct proof that the men are obliged to neglect their own safety as a consequence of the reduction, and Who is responsible?

Yours, etc.,

MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

(Ed.—We do not doubt but that the Rev. Hugh Grant realizes by this time that the Hillcrest decision was not a just one towards the men.)

A society lady while on a visit longed to have a conversation with her parrot, and concluded to use the long distance telephone to converse with her feathered darling. The interview with her parrot over the long distance telephone to converse with the parrot cost some $30, but as her husband had gathered millions from the labor of children in the cotton mills, this sum was a mere trifle to the plutocratic lady, whose sympathetic heart yearned to talk to her parrot. A system that imprisons children in the mills and permits ladies to spend $30 for a heart-to-heart talk with a bird, should be relegated to the lowest depths of perdition.—Miners' Magazine.

Sallow Complexion

Indicates indigestion, constipation or liver trouble. FIG PILLS will regulate your system and build up the nerve forces that you can sleep and enjoy life.

At all dealers, 25 and 50 cents, or The Fig Pill Co., St. Thomas, Ont. Sold in Fernie at McLean's Drug and Book Store.

A working class that will silently consent to starve deserves no better fate.

$3.50 RECIPE FREE, For Weak Men

Send Name and Address Today You Can Have it Free and Strong and Vigorous

I have in my possession a prescription for nervous debility, lack of vigor, weakened manhood, failing memory and lame back, brought on by excesses, unnatural drains, or the follies of youth, that has cured so many worn and nervous men right in their own homes—without any additional help or medicine—that I think every man who wishes to regain his manly power and virility, quickly and quietly, should have a copy. So I have determined to send a copy. So I have determined to charge, in a plain, ordinary sealed envelope to any man who will write me for it.

This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men, and I am convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 4907 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid recipe in a plain, ordinary envelope free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this—but I send it entirely free.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North West Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each aplication must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined an dpay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mising rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. Cory,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Men At The Head Of Affairs Wear Fit-Reform.

THOSE who put style before everything else, choose Fit-Reform Spring Overcoats.

Those who demand value, pick Fit-Reform Spring Overcoats every time.

There'll be plenty of cool nights this summer when you'll need a light overcoat. And these overcoats will be just right for early fall wear.

They are made with the new English shoulders — not exaggerated, but with the style and elegance that gentlemen demand.

Some at $15, $18 and $20 — in the new grays, tans, blacks and novelty mixtures. All with the careful tailoring and rich appearance that characterize every Fit-Reform garment. 597

Fit-Reform

The Crow's Nest Trading Co.

CLUB Cigar Store

W. A. INGRAM

Wholesale and Retail

Tobacconist

Barber Shop

Baths

Shoe Shine

Billiards and Pool

Coffee and Sandwich Counter

Hazelwood Buttermilk

Victoria Avenue

FERNIE, B. C. Phone 34

Fernie-Fort Steele Brewing Co., Ltd.

Beer and Porter

Bottled Goods a Specialty

A Flash of Lightning

Is just as likely to strike the house of the uninsured man as that of his more prudent neighbor. No building is immune.

Better Have Us Insure

you and have a lightning clause attached to the policy. Then you needn't worry every time there is a thunderstorm.

M. A. KASTNER

Sole Agent for Fernie

Electric Restorer for Men

Phosphonol restores every nerve in the body to its proper tension; restores vim and vitality. Premature decay and all sexual weakness averted at once. Phosphonol will make you a new man. Price $1 a box, or two for $5. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

For Sale at Bleasdell's Drug Store

Burnett & Lang

General Dealers

Quality Goods —and— Living Prices

Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes

Men's Furnishings

Groceries, Fruits and Provisions

Bellevue, Alta.

Stephen T. Humble

Dealer in

Hardware, Stoves, Ranges

Fancy Goods and Stationery

BELLEVUE Alberta

Union Hotel

Hillcrest, Alta.

Clean and Comfortable

Tasty Meals

Choice Wines, Liquors and Cigars

H. J. CUNNINGHAM, Proprietor

A. I. BLAIS Grocer

We carry a full line of

Red Feather & Tartan Canned Goods

Prices Right

Satisfaction guaranteed or money back

Phone 103 :: Frank, Alta.

Special Sale of Flatware

Bone-handled Tea or Dinner Knives, at $1.25 per half doz.
1835 Wallace Bros. Tea or Dinner knives, $2.00 per half doz.
½ Doz. only Dinner Knives, best plate, $1.75
½ Doz. only Toronto Silver Plate Tea Knives, $2.25.
1847 Rogers' Bros. Dinner Knives, $2.00 per half doz.
Rogers' Best Plated Table Spoons at 45c. each.
Wm. Rogers and Son Table Spoons $1.75 per half doz.
1847 Rogers' Bros. Table Spoons, $2.75 per half doz.
1847 Rogers' Bros. Dessert Spoons $2.50 per half doz.
Ten and Dinner Forks, best plate, $1.75 per half doz.
Wm. Rogers and Son Dinner Forks, $1.50 per half doz.
Wm. Rogers and Son A1 Tea Forks, $1.75 per half doz.

A. C. LIPHARDT, JEWELER

IF YOU WANT THE BEST

And Nothing but the Best in Fresh and Smoked Meats, Fresh and Smoked Fish, Dairy Produce, Poultry Etc. Etc., go to

THE 41 MARKET CO.

SAM GRAHAM, Manager PHONE 41

Western Canadian Co-Operative, Coleman Trading Co., Ltd.

"The store that is owned by the people"

You don't have to live in Coleman to share the advantages of buying under the Co-Operative plan. Members of District 18, living anywhere in the Pass can buy

Dry Goods & Shoes at Cost

with only the cost of handling added. The best of everything, made and sold under good conditions.

You can save 20 cents on each Dollar

Asking About Socialism

Could I run a grocery store under Socialism? You would be permitted to do so if you wished; that is, there would be no law against it. But the store run by the whole people would sell things at cost, and you might find it hard to meet the competition. If you found customers who would rather pay you a tribute of profits than to save their own money, though, it would be right.

* * *

Would persons of unusual ability be paid, if Socialism prevailed, the same as others? Nobody knows. Socialism is a method whereby the people shall be given power over their own lives, and it will remain for the people to say what shall be done in the matter. However, the difference in the productive power of men is not so great as is made to appear now. There is not a foot diference in the height of people, and there is not enough difference in the earning power of men to make it so that any one could earn a decent living or so the ablest could of his own efforts become a millionaire.

* * *

What would Socialism do relative to foreign immigration? Make it so foreign immigration would injure no one It is the wages profit system that makes the foreigner a menace to the native worker. He fears the loss of a job through the advent of a cheaper worker. If Socialism prevailed, and each one secured his full social product, foreigners could neither prevent Canadians from working or decrease the income of those who did work, since every new worker would require more food and clothes. Therefore, "foreigners" would no longer be a menace, and the spirit of brotherhood would have a chance to develop.

* * *

Will heads of extremely large families, under Socialism, be given allowance over and above the returns of their own work? That is another matter that will be adjusted by the people according to their will, and not according to any man's theory. The present tendency, however, is to aid the man of a family in many ways: First, his children are given free schooling; some advocate free text books and free lunches at school; free medical and dental service also are advocated, even now. If the same idea that is beginning to develop prevails, the man of large family will receive sufficient state aid in these matters to enable him to bring up his children in comfort and even luxury.

* * *

If I should improve a farm 25 miles from a railroad and in course of time the government should build a railroad near it and a town should spring up, would it enhance the value of my farm? Answer it yourself: Would you be able to raise any more on it than before? The proximity of people would bring you neighbors, markets and comforts, and why should you wish enhanced value of land at their expense? The presence of land held and used by the government in the neighborhood would probably make it so the unemployed could have the use of land cheaper than they could by paying you a high price for "unearned increment," and they would not have to be skinned as now in order to get a chance to live and produce.

* * *

Where a man has several houses to rent, what will be done about that under Socialism? The man will face exactly the same proposition he does now when there is no market for his houses. The value of the property will depreciate until it comes to the point where someone would buy it rather than build a new house for himself. It is said that some of the biggest office buildings in New York are practically idle today, not paying expenses. The same problem will probably prevail under Socialism, until we come to an adjustment where private rental is completely ended.

* * *

How will manufacturing plants be run under Socialism? There will probably be a department of manufacture in the federal government which will have general oversight of this branch of industry. The impression seems to be strongest with Socialists that this department will assign to the different factories the output that is expected and the nature of the output. In the management of these factories the workers will be supreme. They will elect their own foremen and regulate to a large extent the conditions of labor. The product of the different factories will be disposed of through either the manufacturing department or a department of distribution, probably the latter. It will better conditions, and in a measure, equalize matters, so that the workers will receive their full social product, and, as the product will be sold at cost, the price paid for it by the consumer will be much less than now.

* * *

A poor man can't get a home now. How can he get it under Socialism? The poor man can't get a home new, because he is exploited from half a dozen sources. When he works for another he is not given his full product. When he buys any kinds of goods he pays a number of profits on them, for you must count the profit to the wholesaler, the jobber, the retailer, the carrier and the manufacturer. When he goes to build a house he must pay a profit on the lumber and other materials used. Under Socialism he will get his full social product. He will buy everything at cost. He will get the material for his house at cost. As a result the house will not cost him nearly so much as now, and he will have an income three or four times greater than he has now. Don't you see how he would be able then to own a home?

* * *

If, as Socialists propose, the government conduct all business and does so without interest or profit can't you see that money would soon go below par? Not in the least. Money is merely a measure of value. If the government had a monopoly of the money making as it should have, and did all the business, it would simply be handling its own, and it would be impossible for it to go under par.

* * *

How would a shoe and harness repairer get his money or pay for his labor under Socialism? If the public did not employ all and pay them equitably in large shops that used the best machinery, as would doubtless be the case in larger places, then the small repairer, in the small town, would get what he could, as he does today, his patrons paying him. But when did other labor become "his"? It is not "his," and would doubtless go to the public shop where it could get the best remuneration under the best conditions of labor. Besides, when people are able to afford good new things, there will be less wearing of patched clothes or shoes than there is now. And, as the auto truck comes in, harness, the manacle of the beast, will gradually go out.

* * *

What is the single tax, and how would it benefit farmers? The single tax is a proposition to have no taxation except that upon land values. Land in the city would be taxed very much more than farm land, of course. Unused land would be taxed as high as used land of like value, the improvements not being taxed. It would benefit the farmer, in that it would provide a tax that could be always located, not an insiduous, indirect tax; it would cause many holding lands out of use for speculation, to dispose of them, and so enable the dispossessed to get land. Socialists hold that it is not the full remedy, because it would leave the profit system in existence, yet were it is to go to a referendum, as in Oregon, nearly all Socialists will vote for it, believing it to be a great advance over the present tax system.

* * *

If it be decided to purchase the industries, where will we get the money with which to do it? At the same place the present owners got it—from the people. This might come from profits on goods sold, until such time as those profits had paid for the industries. Did you ever reflect that, whether we purchase the industries or not, we will within the next fifteen years pay interest on all the investment, keep up the plants, and besides all that, actually pay the full value of those industries? Why should we not own them the next time we pay for them?

* * *

What is the difference between government ownership and collective ownership? They may be precisely the same, and they may not be. Where the government is purely democratic and titles are vested in the government it means collective ownership. Where the government is a monarch, or might be changed into a monarchy, government ownership would mean the ownership by the person in authority. A great many do not recognize the distinction, but it is better to have the titles vested in the whole people than to be vested in a state which might perhaps change over night.

* * *

How will we provide for natural leaders under Socialism, especially inventors, men like Edison who spent twelve years, twenty hours a day, to produce the sound of "s" on the phonograph? That story about Edison is largely apocryphal. But under Socialism the inventor and discoverer will receive recognition of his work, either in the way of pensions of pay- either in the way of pension or payment, Edison himself is authority for the statement that under the present system a majority of the inventors practically starve to death. There is now no one to whom appeal can be made for means for exploitation or investigation of an invention. Under Socialism it will be possible for any one who can demonstrate that he has a good thing to get it tried.

* * *

Under Socialism who is to be the judge of services I render to society? Every well regulated shop at present grades the output of each individual. There is nothing difficult about determining that. As for the remuneration of teachers and others, where the product is not so easily determined, it is probable that the returns would be fully equal to the average of the other workers. Under Socialism the full product would go to the workers themselves. Under the present system much of the product goes to the masters of industries, who, as individuals, determine all things. Which is better, government of one's self and his full product, or government by others and about one-fifth of his product?

The HUDSON'S BAY Co.
WINNIPEG

WE are now having our New Spring and Summer Catalogue distributed in and around Fernie. We want every home to have a copy, and so if you do not get it please drop us a line and we will mail one to you.

Our Guarantee

Covers everything we sell and if the goods are not satisfactory we will exchange them and pay the transportation charges both ways.

SEND US A TRIAL ORDER--We guarantee satisfaction

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.
Mail Order Department
WINNIPEG

SOCIALISTS OPPOSE MILITARY TEACHING

MELBOURNE, April 28.—The Federal Government's compulsory military drill scheme is hampered by the violent opposition of some small extremist and Socialist organizations. Urgent appeals are made to the executive to remit the fine of $500 recently inflicted on the Socialist father of a boy who was refused permission to drill.

Ministers deplore the Socialists tactics, but express their determination to vindicate the law regardless of class distinctions.

The National Corps, including the Scottish regiments, will merge this year into the Australian battalions, the latter losing their kilts as well as their name.

Shiloh's Cure
QUICKLY STOPS COUGHS, CURES COLDS, HEALS THE THROAT AND LUNGS. 25 CENTS.

SOCIALISTS PLAN VIRILE CAMPAIGN

Scores of Young Men Are to Be Sent Out on State Speaking Tours

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 25.—Coincident with the preparations for their national convention, which will meet in this city on May 12, the Indiana Socialists are arranging for an aggressive campaign. They have nominated a state ticket, with Stephen M. Reynolds, of Terre Haute as the nominee for governor, and Mr. Reynolds is taking a very optimistic view of the situation. He has been a Socialist for fourteen years, and has been the candidate of his party for congress in the fifth district and once made the race for mayor of Terre Haute as the nominee of the same party. He is a lawyer, a man of unimpeachable character and a good speaker. Under his direction the Socialists are pushing their propaganda night and day. They have 200 organizations in the state and in a number of the smaller towns, especially in the mining districts, they elected the local officers.

Are Well Organized

Four years ago there was neither organization nor money; today they have an organization and the payment of dues by members amounts to $700 per month. In addition the members submit to special assessments and, though these rarely exceed 25 cents per member, they swell the campaign fund considerably, and keep up the supply of literature as well as pay speakers.

Mr. Reynolds heartily indorses the platform on which he was nominated, even to the abolition of the United States Supreme Court and the United States Senate. "We advocate collective ownership of all social property," said Mr. Reynolds, "and the democratic management thereof. By social property I mean railroads, telephones and telegraph lines, express companies, sleeping car companies, street and interurban railroads, waterworks, gas companies and the like; in fact, all public utilities, to be operated by the people and for the benefit of the people and not by the capitalist for the benefit of the capitalist."

To Send Out Speakers

Mr. Reynolds added that the party intended to send from fifty to 100 young men out in the state this summer making speeches. "We sent a special train through thirty-five states four years ago," he said, "and when we started we did not have a cent. When we finished the tour we had $3,000. Every cent of expenses was contributed by persons in the states where the 'red special' went.

Socialists contend that they have made great progress through the education of the people by means of municipal-owned lighting plants and waterworks, and that these, where the management has been separated from politics, have been in the the main successful, that is, that the people have gotten cheaper water and light.

Take Opposite View

The opponents of government ownership, while denying that this is true even of municipal-owned plants, see a great difference between operating a little light plant or a waterworks plant, in which not more than ten or a dozen persons are employed, and operating a system of railroad lines extending across the continent and employing many thousand men. They said that the capabilities for machine politics in the first are reduced to the maximum, while the possibilities of the second are at a maximum.

Mr. Reynolds is a delegate to the national convention and is pledged to urge his views upon that body. In explanation of his advocacy of the abolishment of the United States Supreme Court, he declares that there are 201 decisions by that body in which the rights of the people have been usurped.

Jean Jaures has the following to say on the miners' strike in England:

"The English capitalist is blind if he believes he has finished with the problem; the English proletariat awaits and will exact substantial satisfaction.

"To refuse this would be to aggravate the bitter social conflict now raging in England. The social fabric is tottering in all industrial countries. Capital cannot make monopolies with impunity, nor build them up with wages withheld from millions of workingmen.

"The day when the masses of the people decline to accept their hard lot, the day when they believe in the possibility of a better existence, a juster order of things, the day when they apply for their self-protection the ever increasing force of their reganization, that day oligarchial property will be shaken to its foundation. When the pilars supporting this edifice shake, society must transform itself or perish. If a new balance be not found, there will be universal ruin.

"This is the immense problem this is the question of life or death to which nations must apply their energies and resources of thought and action. They trifle in a dream of rapine, pride and murder; they apply torches to the explosive forces of social evolution."

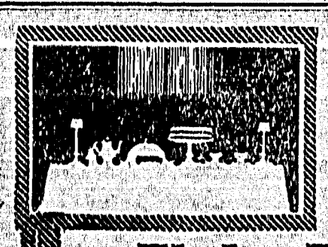
NO EXAMS ARE TO BE DEMANDED

EDMONTON, April 26.—Mine managers from other provinces and other lands, who have passed examinations satisfactory to the Alberta authorities will not be required to undergo re-examination should they decide to remove to Alberta. Such at least is one of the recommendations made by the coal commission appointed by the provincial government to investigate the workings of the Alberta Coal Mines Act, and to recommend such changes as may be desired.

TWO LABOR MAYORS WIN

WELLINGTON, N. Z., April 26.—Labor mayors have ben elected for Wellington and Christchurch through split votes.

The retiring mayor of Aukland has been re-elected by a majority of nearly three to one over the representative of the Socialist Federation of Labor.



Home Baked Flaky Biscuits Delicious Cake Healthful Food made with DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

The product of Grapes

No Alum No Lime Phosphate

THE LEDGER FOR JOB WORK

The District Ledger

Published every Saturday morning at its office, Pellat Avenue, Fernie, B. C. Subscription $1.00 per year in advance. An excellent advertising medium. Largest circulation in the District. Advertising rates on application. Up-to-date facilities for the execution of all kinds of book, job and color work. Mail orders receive special attention. Address all communications to The District Ledger.

H. P. NERWICH, Editor.

Telephone No. 48. Post Office Box No. 380

THE PRICE OF COAL

IN the last issue of the Ledger we published an address delivered before the Coal Mining Institute of America by E. N. Zern, assistant professor of coal mining in the Pittsburg University School of Mines, in which he says that of seventy minerals mined in the United States, coal ranks lowest in the scale of value. From this he goes to infer that the coal operators are poor, and are driving themselves to bankruptcy by over-production. In fact, the operators have become so accustomed to this plea of poverty that they cannot help themselves but take every opportunity of repeating it, in the hope that a certain portion of the public will some day believe it to be true. Only the other day, when the operators in the States and the men were negotiating a wage scale, George F. Baer, forgetting his surroundings, remarked. "Our operations are carried on at a loss." "What a pity," replied President White, "and all of you millionaires! Look at this Reading Railroad terminal, and at the building and rolling stock of the other coal roads and coal companies. All this wealth out of an unprofitable business."

Here, in British Columbia, far from coal mining being carried on at a loss, the price of coal in certan parts is so exhorbitant that there is commonly believed to be a coal combine. On Vancouver Island the outcry against coal prices had become so great a few years ago that a resolution was brought forward in the legislature calling upon the government to take action, and it was passed. The resolution reads:

"Whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the Province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

"Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this province, and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal-to-the-consumer-in-British-Columbia-should-be much less than at present is the case; and

"Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this province of industries depending upon a fuel supply, and

"Whereas much of the product of the caol mines of the province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

"Whereas a belief exists that there is an understanding between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this province;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by this House, praying him to consider the advisability of appointing a royal commission to inquire into the following questions:

"1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists among the coal producers, or any of them, of this province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal?

"2. Whether or not coal is being sold by producers, or any of them, for consumption outside British Columbia for a less price than that sold for consumption in the province?

"3. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, for coal consumed in British Columbia is excessive.

"4. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, of coal in British Columbia bear a reasonable proportion to the cost of production?"

The above resolution still stands, and, of course, nothing further has been done in the matter by either the Dominion or Provincial governments. Even such men as A. S. Goodeve, recently member in the Dominion House for this riding, could not help but admit that there is something radeally wrong in the price of coal. In a letter on the subjet, he says, inter alia: "I agree that the price of coal is too high, and it is a serious item in the cost of living and a handicap in the establishment of industries in our province."

Men living within a mile from the coal mines around Merritt are said to be paying $6.50 a ton of coal, and in other parts of the province the prices go right up to $7.50.

A well-known mining engineer, who has been familiar with the coal mines in this province, has suppled some valuable information on this question to the outside public. He goes into the matter thoroughly and shows that the mine owners on Vancouver Island average a profit of $1.50 per ton of 2,240 lbs. which, he says, if, of course, a very big margin. As further proof of what profits are being made by the coal companies it is interesting to read a report of a firm of engineers who have estimated on a coal proposition for a prospective coal company. The selling price of the run of the mine is given at $3.50, and the cost f.o.b. the mine bunkers is $2.14. The reprot runs as follows:

"After carefully considering the prices which can assuredly be realized, the net result of mining and selling the product of an output of 3,000 per day will be as follows—5 per cent shrinkage has already been provided for in tonnage under item of cost, and therefore costs here treat of total sale of output of 3,000 tons to be produced in three years' time:

Sale of 2,000 tons of run of mine at $3.50	$7,000
Less cost $2.14 f.o.b.	4,280
Per diem profit	$2,720
Sale of 1,000 tons screened at $4, less cost	1,860
Total	$4,580

"Total profits for the year of 300 working days, $1,374,000, or 20 per cent per annum on $6,870,000."

Judging from the above it does not appear as if the coal operators are getting a "bad deal." The working plug who produces the coal may take a chance on it and change places with them.

Employers of labor have a stock argument or plea, whenever they are up against a demand for higher wages, shorter hours, safety appliances, or any alteration in their methods that would entail an apparent diminution in their income. It is that they run heavy risks in their business, and their profits are really so small, you know, that they really cannot accede to the extravagant demands that are put forward. They have invested their capital in their business, and the "risk" they run of losing it must be taken into account when these things are discussed, or they will be made to suffer from grave injustice. Continual harrassing along these lines will ultimately compel them to withdraw their capital from the business affected, and thus the goose that lays the golden eggs will go on strike, take wing to other pastures, or be laid to rest in the country churchyard. All of which is very gravely put forward by aforesaid employers and as gravely discussed by the "learned economists." In the meantime, while the discussion is going on, the risks being run by the real geese (verbum sap) are very real, and they show no sign of leaving the country, unless they take an involuntary departure by the air route. These remarks are called forth by the following press report of an accident that happened a few days ago at Lytton, in that occupation most prolific of fearful risks—railroad construction:

"LYTTON, April 22. — With his left hand blown off at the wrist, the thumb and two fingers gone from his right hand, both eyes blown out, and a number of ghastly wounds in his abdomen, Godfrey Rugg, powderman for J. S. Washtock, was brought in to Cisco Saturday night, and taken to Kamloops Hospital, where he died on Sunday morning. Just before quitting time he started to open a box containing 100 dynamite detonators in the rock cut where Washtock's steam shovel is operating, and in some unaccountable manner the caps exploded. He was a German and married, his family living at Hartford, Wis. He had the reputation of being a very careful man. He was conscious and able to converse after the explosion, but was unable to assign a reason for it."

These are the actual risks run by those who actually produce the golden eggs, and which are carefully avoided in discussion by the aforesaid "learned economists."

"The ox knoweth his stall, and the ass his master's crib." If they were to insist on consideration being given to this phase of the matter, they would quickly find themselves in cold storage, and left there until they had come to a "reasonable" frame of mind. The prospects of that chilly environment is usually sufficient to keep them "safe, sane, and conservative."

The Conservative Tammany organization of Victoria, B.C., through its tools on the city council, has rushed to the aid of the Canadian-Mineral Rubber Co., whose employees are on strike for an advance in wages of 25c. per day, to correspond with the wage paid by the city for similar work. The mounted police are fulfilling their function as Cossacks with zest, and the manner in which they are being used is along the same lines as the example set by Mayor Findlay in Vancouver last February, with the actual clubbing and whipping omitted. That will probably come later, as the strikers continue to pursue the peaceful tactics that the methods of the auhorities are designed, by deliberate provocation, to induce them to forsake. Peaceful and lawful picketing is prohibited and the pickets arrested on the most flimsy excuse. Two Italian strikers were arrested by one policeman on a charge of intimidation, but had to be released, the cop being forced to confess that he did not understand a word that he was saying! Pickets who spoke to those who continued to work, during the noon hour, were charged by the Cossacks. In spite of the tactics which are now the accepted policy of the Conservative municipalities as the hall-mark of their loyalty to the present mouthpiece and tool of the large capitalist—Premier McBride. Picketing was carried on and on Thursday, April 18, five pickets were arrested for speaking to the men at work, refused an opportunity to get legal advice or to see their friends. They were charged with obstructing traffic on a street which was closed to traffic by the city engineer. What was the result of the prosecution our informant omits to say, but it is not likely that they were allowed to go, law or no law.

May Day has been and past, and District 18 may well feel proud of its achievement. Much of its success, however, must be given credit to the business men of Fernie who so generously contributed towards the fund which enabled the Sports Committee to give such valuable prizes. It was gratifying to see the large number of visitors in our midst and we hope that the business men referred to have materially benefitted by the celebrations. No doubt had the weather not been so threatening the day before still greater crowds would have come in. Here's to next May Day!

BADLY ULCERATED LEG

Zam-Buk Cured Her when so Bad She Had to Use Crutches.

For varicose sores, bad leg, or chronic ulcers, Zam-Buk is without equal as a healer. A proof of this is just to hand from Montreal. Mrs. T. Edwards, of 154 Amherst St., writes: "Some time ago a bad sore broke out on my left leg near the ankle. For a week or two I did not heed it, but it got so bad that I could hardly walk. I sent for our doctor, and he told me that I would have to lay up with the wound. I did so for three weeks. At the end of that time the ulcer healed a little, but I could only move about by using crutches.

"The sore then broke out badly, and the doctor told me that the only thing that would cure it would be an operation, and that I should have to lay up for a year. This, I knew, was impossible, as I had a family to attend to.

"My son had cured a bad cut on his finger by using Zam-Buk, and he advised me to give this balm a trial. I did so, and in less than a week's time it gave me wonderful relief. It stopped the pain, which had been so bad that many nights I did not get a wink of sleep. In a very short time the wound was so much better that I had no more sleepless nights, and was also able to move about and do my work. I persevered with Zam-Buk, with the result that the wound is now perfectly cured, and the limb is as sound and strong as ever. To any person suffering from ulcerated sores I would say, 'try Zam-Buk.'"

Zam-Buk is just as good for piles, abscesses, boils, scalp sores, blood poison, festering wounds, cuts, burns, scalds, bruises, eczema, eruptions, and all other injuries and diseases. All druggists and stores 50c. box, or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price. Refuse harmful substitutes and imitations.

Have you tried Zam-Buk Soap? 25c. tablet.

TABER PREACHER RESIGNS —SALARY INSUFFICIENT FOR LIFE'S NECESSITIES

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., May. 1.—Sunday night at Taber, the Rev. H H. Cragg, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church there for nearly a year, informed his congregation that his resignation as a Methodist minister would be in the hands of the chairman of the district in a few days.

He stated that he had decided on this course after much thought, and was led to take this action because he found it impossible to live on the salary which he was getting, and support his wife and family.

He stated that in conversation with ministers of the church in Lethbridge and Calgary, he found that in many instances the salaries paid were not sufficien to enable the ministers to give their children the advantages enjoyed by others. He said that he was going to enter business life, and that the pulpit at Taber would be filled in due course by the chairman of the district.

That conditions in the labor world will be worse before they are better, is the opinion held by those who have given time to the study of the causes that have led up to the unrest through out the globe? These students point out that the believers in Syndicalism are increasing in numbers and are thus being enabled to carry out the principles by the founder of this new movement. This was demonstrated during the recent strike of coal miners in England. The miners of the Old Country have struck seventeen times in the last forty-eight years and experience has shown them that the isolated strike is without much force. Therefore they have taken kindly to the Syndicalism idea and employed it in their late clash with the mine operators. It now seems probable that the Syndicalists' methods will come into more constant use as they provide for general strikes as opposed to strikes restricted to one section of an industry or to one district. The labor element is recognizing that it controls a powerful weapon and hence the students of labor conditions consider it likely that bitter struggles between capital and labor are certain to be waged in the near future.

FIRST DAMAGE CASE STARTED AGAINST WHITE STAR

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 30.—Under a proceeding in the Admiralty Court here today, J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the International Merchantile Marine, was summoned to appear this afternoon before a commission to give testimony to be used in a suit of Mrs. Louise Robbins, of New York, against the White Star line. Mrs. Robbins' husband, George Robbins, was lost in the Titanic disaster. Subpoenas also were issued by the admiralty court for the surviving officers of the Titanic.

The attorneys for Mrs. Robbins made the application in the Admiralty Court, when they learned that Mr Ismay and the officers of the Titanic were about to be released by the Senate investigation committee.

In addition to Mr. Ismay, those for whom subpoenas were issued are second Officer J. G. Boxall; Quartermaster Frederick Fleet, and Wireless Operator Harold F. Bride.

Classified Ads.--Cent a Word

FOR SALE—Baker's snop complete; Four-roomed Cottage; clothes closet; water; newly painted; near school. Chipman Avenue, Annex. Cheap for cash; Offers. Frank Earp, Hillcrest, Alberta.

FOR SALE—Two plastered three-roomed Houses, with out-buildings attached and water; a great snap with very easy terms Apply. R. Wright, West Fernie.

FOR RENT—House, 4 rooms with hall, meat kitchen, clothes closet, cellar, water, sink, electric light, etc. Situated next block Central School. Apply Wm. Barton.

FOR SALE—Three cars first-class baled OAT HAY; price $9.00 f. o b. Coaldale. This is rich stuff with more feeding value for the money than any other hay. Will send sample.—T. W Dike, Coaldale, Alta.

FOR SALE, HOSMER PROPERTY, Hosmer, B.C.—Lots 11 and 12, Block 5, Corner Main St., and Third Avenue, 60 by 100 feet; one of the best corners in the city; must sell at once; title first class, what am I offered?—P. McLachlan, Box 324, Prince Rupert, B. C

FOR SALE—House, 7 rooms, bath and pantry, connected range; block 47, McAvoy Street. Centrally located. All fenced and painted. $2500, terms. Cheap for cash. Apply, L. G. Evan, Box 123.

FOR RENT—Store in the Eckstein Block. Apply, Cree and Moffatt.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Choice Furniture for Sale. Can be seen at any time. Apply Mrs. Aldrich, cor. McPherson Ave. and McEvoy St.

EGGS for Hatching from selected laying strain; Buff Orpington, $1.50 per 13. Albert Davies, Annex Extension, Fernie, B.C. 3t

WANTED—A couple of furnished Rooms for light housekeeping. Apply Quain Electric Co.

FOR SALE—EGGS for Hatching.—From Pure S.C.W. Leghorns, No. 1 pen, $1.50 per doz., or $10.50 per 100. No. 2 pen, $1.00 per doz., or $7.50 per 100. Apply, S. J. Harrison, Wardner, B.C

FOR SALE—A Charles A. Cypher Incubator, to hold 150 Eggs, for sale. Apply, District Ledger.

FOR SALE at McLeans Drug and Book Store, Pucham's famous Chocolates. Best on the Coast.

Shiloh's Cure
STOPS COUGHS HEALS THE LUNGS PRICE, 25 CENTS

THE
Orpheum
THE FAMILY THEATRE
(Formerly Fernie Opera House)

Grand Opening
SATURDAY, MAY 11
FROM 7.30 to 11 P. M.
With High Class
Moving Pictures

Adults 15c Children 10c

The Lady Sits and Sews

while the Washer goes
Get a Water Motor Washer
and Be Happy
J. D. QUAIL
Hardware FERNIE Furniture

The ISIS
Picture Palace of the Pass
The program for
Friday and Saturday
will consist of
5 - Full Reels - 5
including: 2 Comedies—1 Educational—1 Scenic and 3 Dramatic
A Program of Quality and Quantity
Our new booking contract with the Canadian Film Exchange will place before our patrons the best selected programs exhibited anywhere in Canada. Watch this paper for announcements of the coming big attractions the next of which will appear
Wednesday - Thursday, May 15-16
War on the Plains
In Two Reels. A Stirring story of the early West
A fire scene greater than "The Fall of Troy"—A battle scene greater than "The Golden Wedding"—A whole tribe of Sioux Indians—A whole wagon train of Immigrants
Our orchestra plays all the latest hits
Free to Lady Patrons--Beautiful Silver Spoon
For two coupons, issued Tues., Thurs., & Sat. Matinee
Don't Forget Saturdays Matinee

C. E. LYONS
Insurance, Real Estate and Loans
Money to Loan on first class Business and Residential property

W. M. JEFFRIES
Jewelery Repairing a Specialty
Engraving
High class selection of
Watches, Clocks and Novelties
PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES

Try The Ledger For Job Work

News of The District Camps

HOSMER NOTES.
"Looker-on."

The Hosmer Football Club selected two teams for a practice match on Saturday last, Possibles versus Probables. An exciting game was the result. The Probables scored one in the first half through Brownrigg, and twice in the second half through Jameson and Wyatt. The boys are settling down to training in earnest under the supervision of W. Fowler, the outcome of which was very apparent on Saturday. They play their first match with Bellevue on May 4th. White knickers have been sent them from the makers by mistake, and as there is no time to get the matter rectified, they will play in same. League clubs please note.

A smart well-dressed fellow, mounted on a fresh and fiery cayuse, rode out of Fernie one day last week to keep an appointment with a lady. The day being fine, the said young lady took a stroll in the direction of Camp No. 3, and was surprised to see a horse and rider coming along at a tremendous speed. She recognized her beau, who had lost all control of the horse, and she boldly stepped out in an attempt to catch the bridle rein. The horse swerved and threw its rider, but the young lady stuck to the rein and finally conquered the steed. But it was enough to make the "Rider" look "Hag——" (Oh, cut it out!) She said, "You got off the wrong way that time, Harry!"

On Thursday last a grand ball was held at the Queen's Hotel in celebration of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kuleski. A large number of friends came from Fernie and Michel amongst whom were noticed Mr. M. Chomas and wife, Mr M. Kosolosuski and wife, Mr. W. Jesson, Mr. A Palsat, Mr P Makar. The Bohemian Band of Michel supplied the music and the fun waxed fast and furious until the early hours

Some of the boys are greatly elated at Barnsley's succes in winning the English Cup. They must be "Tykes."

About 3.15 on Monday morning the watchman on the tipple noticed a fire in the direction of Hosmer Hotel, and at once gave the alarm. The inhabitants were aroused from their slumbers by the blowing of the whistle and the ringing of the fire alarm. The fire brigade at once turned out and rushed for the scene where an empty dwelling house and the blacksmith's shop behind the Opera House were ablaze. They at once turned their attention to the house of Mrs Leadbeater, which was just lighting. The family were asleep at the time and unaware of the proximity of danger until they were awakened by the hose playing on the building. In ten minutes the brigade had the fire under control. No praise is too great for the expeditious manner in which the fire brigade got the fire under control, practically saving Hosmer from a great conflagration. The adjoining properties, Hosmer Hotel, Philip Carosella's Store, and the Opera House Block, had a narrow escape. The damage is estimated at $1000, partly covered by insurance.

MICHEL NOTES
By X. Y. Z.

The mines were idle here on Friday last owing to a scarcity of cars.

The football team had a practice match on Saturday, getting in trim for Saturday, 4th, when Fernie will be their opponents. We hope for a fine day as a good match is anticipated.

A banquet was held at Michel Hotel on Saturday last, April 27th, at 8 p.m., by the members of the St. John's Ambulance class. The catering was done by the hotel manager, Mr. A. J. Foisoy, and we wish to congratulate him on the excellent manner in which everything was carried out. A toast was given by Dr. Weldon to the King, and he explained that the reason for this was because the King was the head of the organization, and because it was originally founded by royalty. The toast was well responoded to by all present. A presentation was made by the members of the class to the doctors. Mr. G. H. Lockhart was chairman. He gave some good points on ambulance work Mr. B. Caufield also gave good views of the necessity of ambulance work, and said he hoped to see the classes advance and more people take interest in this good work A few songs were given by members of the class. Mr. E. Ryal was accompanist at the piano. The presentation of certificates to first year members was made by Mr. B. Caufield, which brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. Thos. Crahan has again taken over the Michel Hotel. No doubt quite a few will welcome him back.

J. Eccleston and J. Oakley pulled their time and are giving Bellevue a trial. They say No. 3 Mine is not good enough to hold them. T. P. says he has lost two good pals, but will drink their health.

A boxing contest took place at Martin's Hall, New Michel, on Tuesday between C. Carver, of Michel, and H. Baker, of Coal Creek. It proved a very easy thing for Carver, Baker leaving himself too open.

May Day was quiet here. Everybody gone to sports at Fernie was the general talk.

Michel Anglers Association are starting up good, doing lots of good hooking. They intend putting a stop to the unsportsmanlike fishing which has been done in the past. Look out for Anglers' Smoking Concert in Martin's Hall, New Michel, on May 20th.

The baseball team had a practice match on Sunday afternoon. We noticed one fellow seated on the Grand Stand who acted as unpire for the Sunday previous, and as he got a roasting then he did not desire to give his services on Sunday, but was content with trying to take it out of some of the other fellows. We would not advise him to do much umpiring, as we think the fan's job would suit him much better. Nuff sed.

Taylors poolroom and bowling alley is having a busy time lately.

A certain business man in New Michel insists on keeping his shop open everyday, and does not observe the early closing day. This, of course, is very annoying to the clerks of the various stores, as they think this may do them some harm. We do not wish to publish his name, but we do hope he will toe the line and put the other fellows at ease.

A good crowd of people were attracted to the Football ground on Sunday evening. The Italian Band was in attendance and gave a few selections. It was the intention of Mr. Thomas Crahan to send a few small balloons up, and as the weather was fairly calm a good opportunity presented itself. As each balloon was started up, the band played a lively tune. The balloons rose to a good height and it was only possible to follow them by the light which was placed inside. They were observed to travel over New Michel. A few fellows were ready with their bikes in the hope of being able to follow them, but this was not possible, as they became enveloped in a cloud. One of the balloons contained a note signed by Mr. Crahan which entitled the finder to a plot of land in Coleman. Joe Morris says one balloon dropped close to the Saw Mill at New Michel, but the note was not in it. He was, however, lucky enough to find the right balloon early on Monday morning in the Erickson Valley, where it had caught at the top of a high tree. This is a bit of good luck for Joe and will help to set him on his feet again.

FORMATION OF A CIVILIAN RIFLE CLUB AT MICHEL

A meeting was called in the Opera House, Michel, kindly lent by Mr. Lockhart, when over 50 members were present to form a Civilian Rifle Club. It was moved by Dr. Weldon, and seconded by R. Beard, that W. S. Branch act as chairman, which was unanimously agreed upon, and after a few remarks by the chairman it was decided to get to business. The first duty was to pick a captain for the team, the same to act as chairman for the season. It was moved by Dr. Weldon, and seconded by Dr. Shaw, that Mr. W. S. Branch fill that position, which was unanimously agreed upon. It was then moved by schoolmaster McCool, and seconded by J. Ferguson, that Mr. Lockhart act as hon. secretary, which was also unanimously agreed upon. Dr. Weldon then moved, and J. Davey seconded, that Mr. Harry Northwood act as hon. treasurer, which was likewise agreed upon. Moved by W. S. Branch, and seconded by Tom Cunliffe, that Mr. R. Beard and Dr. Shaw act as committee men; agreed. Moved by Mr. Lockhart, and seconded by Mr. Sam Burgess, that T. Wilson act as range officer; agreed. Moved by W. Abraham and seconded by H. Northwood, that Messrs Board and Furgeson act as armorers; agreed. This closed a very pleasant and successful meeting, and moreover the boys expect in the near future to be slinging the lead about pretty slick and to hold their own against any team in the Pass.

HILLCREST

The mines are working steady here and everything running smooth.

Several new buildings are going up in town.

Quite a keen interest is taken in this town these days in the gardening line. Amongst the most progressive are John Dudley, Harry Tamrant, H Lloyd. Mr. Dudley is making special study of it, he went to Fernie the other day to buy seeds and expects to be this season able to supply all in the vegetable line.

Mr. Kelly and Miss Perry, of Bellevue, were the guests of Miss McLean last Sunday.

Mr. F. Long, manager of the Co-operative Store, is busy getting it into shape to do business these days.

John Eccleston and J. Oakley, old-timers of Michel, have started to work at Bellevue, but are staying here as Hillcrest looks good to them.

Quite a number of the fair sex are getting to be fiends for pork pies these days. Oh, you sore too.

FRANK NOTES

The tennis court was well occupied on Sunday last, amongts the players were Mr. Wilson, manager of the Crows Nest branch of the Union Bank, A. P. Hughes (manager at Passburg), and T. L. Ferguson, who fills a similar position at Bellevue.

A big ball was given at the Sanatorium last Friday night to mark the opening of the summer season of that institution.

W. W. Scott moved to Bellevue on Wednesday last, where he is working as manager for A. S. Blais.

Several of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church were in town on Tuesday in company with Father Summot of Blairmore. All were registered at the Sanatorium.

Mr. E. Acheson spent last week-end in Lethbridge, where he went to consult a doctor about his injured knee.

The Crows Nest Hardware have taken over Bennetts Hardware Store at Bellevue, and are now doing business there. R. McGowan is looking after the store there.

Mr. Norman, Editor of the Pincher Creek Echo, was in town on Friday.

A. S. Blais moved his business on Wednesday from the old stand to the store lately vacated by A. Bonomica, where he expects to carry on his business.

"Doomed" has been the word in large letters over A. V. Lang's door for the last 10 days of April. On Tuesday night he closed his store not to open it again in Frank.

Mrs and Miss Lang, wife and daughter of A .V. Lang, who reside in Calgary, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Hughes, of Lille ,was a visitor in town on Monday.

The Odd Fellows Society held their anniversary on Sunday last. Led by the Bellevue Band the long procession marched from the I. O. O. F. Hall to the Baptist Church, where a service was held, and an address on "Fraternity" was delivered by Rev. A. S. Tod, of Blairmore, after which a luncheon was served to the members, their wives and lady friends. The members of the lodge in Frank were also in attendance.

The delegation appointed some time ago by the ratepayers to wait upon Premier Sifton and present the case of the town to him, left on Tuesday night for Calgary, where they are to meet the Premier. The people of Frank are anxiously waiting to hear what the government will do for them in the matter moving their houses to the new townsite, which has been chosen to the west of the old situation, and far enough away from Turtle Mountain so that there cannot be another slide scare to hinder the development of the town, or to bring needless terror to the hearts of its residents. The committee appointed is composed of Messrs. Harvey Murphy, Jake Wheeler and W. J. McGowan, the three Councillors of the town.

It has brought new life to the town to hear that the Coal Co. has asked for tenders for the moving of thirty-three of their houses outside the danger zone. As soon as that is done Frank will boom again.

A large number of Frank People attended the "workingman's celebration" Fernie on Wednesday. Amongst them were Mr and Mrs. Jolly, Messrs. Jas. Kennedy, F. Davis, Wm. Roberts and Delaney, also Misses White and L. Norris. All report an enjoyable time.

BELLEVUE

Mrs. J. Ellison, of Monarch, was in town for a few days and stayed with Mrs. Humble.

Mr. Sundal, of Taber, was visiting here on Saturday and Sunday and stayed at the Bellevue Hotel.

Barrett and Bartlet, of the Blairmore Enterprise, were in town on Sunday and attended service at the Methodist Church.

Mr and Mrs. Callan, of the Bellevue Hotel, are visiting Red Deer, where they are expecting to take up their abode in the course of a few weeks.

The Rev. W. H. Irwin went up to Blairmore on Sunday morning last and preached in the Baptist Church. He will preach in the Methodist Church, Taber, on Sunday next.

The result of the vote on Church union, taken at the Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, was: 61 for union and one against.

An entire block of business lots was sold last Saturday by the West Canadian Coal Co. Three of the purchasers were the Union Bank of Canada, Crows Nest Pass Hardware Co., and J. Gresham.

Mr. J. R. Macdonald, superintendent of the Bellevue Mines, resigned his post last week. Mr. Macdonald was a good sport and will be greatly missed by the people of Bellevue.

A fire broke out on the mountains just outside Bellevue last Saturday and the police were soon around "in the King's Name" to get all the help possible to fight the fire. The bush was cleared away for a good distance and the fire was not long before it was under control. One lady carried water to drink (not beer) and what they did not drink was sprinkled about to damp the surroundings so that the fire might be kept under control. The men were treated to refreshments afterwards.

A baseball match was played on the old football field between Bellevue and Coleman. The result was 8—7 in favor of Coleman.

The Bellevue Band visited Blairmore on Sunday, and were in Fernie at the May Day Demonstration on Wednesday.

Bellevue was well represented in Fernie on the station at Bellevue. It reminded some of the Old Country Band of Hope trips to Cleethorpes and Grimsby.

At the Court House on Tuesday, D. Macdouald was sentenced to two months at Macleod for putting his foot through the sitting room window of the Southern Hotel. Another man by the name of Maddison is in the coop now for breaking the window of the Hardware Store.

A basket social was held in the Socialist Hall, Bellevue, on Wednesday last for the benefit of the band. About 40 baskets were brought by the ladies of Bellevue, and one or two from Hillcrest. The prize winners were: For the prettiest basket, Miss Fyfe, and for the most original, Mr. J. T. Raynor. There was much adverse criticism upon the judges' decisions. The auctioneer was Mr. W. H. Chappell. The prize for the one which fetched the most money was won by Miss Irwin. A dance followed the social and the band rendered the music. The pleasant time finished about four a.m.

The memorial service for the late William Baucham was held in the Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Irwin.

The Methodist Church preacher for next Sunday will be E. W Christie.

Mr. Chas. O'Brien, M.P.P., was in town on Tuesday night.

Two lots have been bought by the Lethbridge Brewing Co. at Maple Leaf, where they expect to put up a new hotel in the near future.

Mr. John Milnes, of Denaby, Yorkshire, England, landed in town on Friday last, and is staying with his old friend Luther Goodwin. Mr. Milnes came on the White Star liner Laurentic, and sailed from Liverpool on the 13th of April. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin sailed on the same boat and stayed down East for a few days. They are expected west some time this week.

The new "turkey-trot" dance is the latest fad—Detroit Free Press.

The "dogtrot" is the old-time dance set to "chin" music for wage earners.

Now, if the "Hon." W. R. Ross would only tell land-seekers WHERE the FREE LAND is located, in specific terms, several inquirers would take a chance on going "back to the land."

The Federal Labor union at Fort George, B.C., is increasing in membership and preparing for further organization work during the coming months in the northern interior metropolis.

Stories have been current in the papers that thirty thousand dollars were spent in the South Renfrew bye-election for the House of Commons. The capitalists realize that a bought voter is a mighty good investment for them.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
TENDER

Tenders are asked by the Canadian Coal Consolidated Ltd., Frank, Alta., for removal of thirty-three buildings from present location to new townsite. Full particulars given at the office of above company.

COAL CREEK

Last Saturday evening the return practice match between Coal Creek and Fernie took place up here. The home team were very slow in turning out, it being fifteen minutes after six before the game got started, and Fernie winning the toss decided on downhill grade. Johnstone and Myers played in place of Parnell and Thornton, so it was a full Creek team again. The result was a wing for the Creek by 2—0 Both teams badly need some practice in shooting throught the sticks instead of over the top.

On Wednesday morning Coal Creek was all early astir to take part in the May Day celebrations at Fernie. The regular 7.45 train being held back till 8.15 by courtesy of the M. F. and M. Railway Company. The local football six were defeated by Bellevue, and after a keen struggle they had the satisfaction of seeing Bellevue capture the greenbacks Then the Juniors lost all control of themselves and allowed the Fernie team to beat them for the prize. The only prize money coming up here was won by Wm. March and Thos. Waklem in the clay pigeon shooting. Quite a bunch of the boys stayed down for the dance in the evening, and had a real enjoyable time. The weather held out splendidly Old Sol shining all day in all his glory, which was certainly very pleasing to the committee in charge of the sports.

Mr. Robert Strachan, Inspector of Mines, was shaking hands with numerous friends up here last week-end.

The monthly examination for coal miners will take place on Monday, May 6th, at No. 9 Office, to commence at 2 p.m. All candidates must give at least two days' notice to the secretary, Jas. M. Stewart, accompanied by the fee of one dollar and reference from late employer.

Mrs Thos Beattie and two children left here last Saturday night for an extended trip to her old home in Cumberland, England.

The meeting betwen Carver and Baker did not last very long, and quite a bunch of sports were greatly disappointed at the sudden finish of what they thought was going to be the best bout of the evening. However, Harry took his medicine in good part and hopes to give a better account of himself in the future.

Thos. Liptrot, sen., left here on Friday morning for Calgary.

Te C. C. L. and A A have just received another fine assortment of books for their lending library. All members having books out of the library are requested to return them at once as the committee wish to revise their list of books now on hand.

The home football team will open their League fixtures on Saturday with a visit from Coleman. This team always puts up a great game. so turn out and boost for the home team.

The Club is undergoing a course of spring cleaning which is much needed. Frank Vesak has taken a contract to do the same in a style that will surprise the members.

The Fernie Steam Laundry and Dye Works report business improving all the time. They are making a reduction in prices on Dyeing and French Dry Cleaning for the spring trade. Also a cheap monthly laundry rate for all bachelors will be given. A trial is all they ask to convince you they are O. K.

Complete assortment of Sporting Goods; Base Balls, Bats; Footballs; Tennis goods, etc.

NERVOUS, LIFELESS
DEBILITATED MEN

YOUNG MEN AND MIDDLE-AGED MEN, the victims of early indiscretions and later excesses, who are failures in life—you are the ones we can restore to manhood and revive the spark of energy and vitality. Don't give up in despair because you have treated with other doctors, used electric belts and tried various drug store nostrums.

Our New Method Treatment has snatched hundreds from the brink of despair, has restored happiness to hundreds of homes and has made successful men of those who were "down and out." We prescribe specific remedies for each individual case according to the symptoms and complications—we have no patent medicines. This is one of the secrets of our wonderful success as our treatment cannot fail, for we prescribe remedies adapted to each individual case. Only curable cases accepted. We have done business throughout Canada for over 20 Years.

CURABLE CASES GUARANTEED OR NO PAY

READER Are you a victim? Have you lost hope? Are you intending to marry? Has your blood been diseased? Have you any weakness? Our New Method Treatment will cure you. What it has done for others it will do for you. Consultation Free. No matter who has treated you, write for an honest opinion free of charge. Books Free—"Manhood, Manhood, Fatherhood," (illustrated) on Diseases of Men.

NO NAMES USED WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT. No names on boxes or envelopes. Everything Confidential. Question List and Cost of Treatment FREE FOR HOME TREATMENT.

DRS. KENNEDY & KENNEDY
Cor. Michigan Ave. and Griswold St., Detroit, Mich.

NOTICE All letters from Canada must be addressed to our Canadian Correspondence Department in Windsor, Ont. If you desire to see us personally call at our Medical Institute in Detroit as we see and treat no patients in our Windsor offices which are for Correspondence and Laboratory for Canadian business only. Address all letters as follows:
DRS. KENNEDY & KENNEDY, Windsor, Ont.
Write for our private address.

The Rocky Mountain
SANATORIUM
At the Famous Sulphur Springs
FRANK, Alta.
Fitted throughout with every modern convenience
SULPHUR BATHS. BUS TO ALL TRAINS

The Frank Wine & Spirit Co.
Wholesale Dealers in
Wines, Liquors and
CIGARS
FERNIE BEER ALWAYS IN STOCK
Phone 83, Frank, Alta.

Hardware and Furniture
We have the largest and most up-to-date
Hardware and Furniture Stock
in the Pass. Everything in
Stoves and Ranges | Furniture
Granite & Enamelware | Carpets and Rugs
Plumbing and Heating. Special Attention to Mail Orders
Crow's Nest Pass Hardware Co., Limited
Phone 7 FRANK, Alta. P.O. Box 90

New Michel General Merchandise Co.
Importers of
ITALIAN PRODUCTS
and Dealers in
Domestic Groceries
Agents for Steamship Companies. New Michel, B.C.

T.M. BURNETT
Dealer In
Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes
Men's Furnishings
Groceries Fruits, Flour & Feed
Hardware, Tinware Etc.
Best Goods at Lowest Prices
Hillcrest :-: Alta.

HOSMER
INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION
Limited
Let us know your wants.
All Orders Receive Our Careful Attention.

Slater Shoes
We have just opened our large spring shipment of of these famous shoes and have the best range of $4.50, $5, and $6 shoes ever shown in Hosmer. See the new styles displayed this week in south window.
A. MILLS & SON
Hosmer - B. C.

Grand Union Hotel
COLEMAN, Alta.
Best of Accommodation
We cater to the workingman's trade
G. A. CLAIR :-: Proprietor

Waldorf Hotel

Mrs. S. Jennings, Proprietress

Rates $1.50 and up

Hot and Cold Water
Electric Lighted
Steam Heated.
'Phone in every room.
Sample Rooms on Main Business Street.

Meal Tickets, $6.00

Special Rates by the week and the month and to Theatrical parties. Try our

Special Sunday Dinner 50c

The finest of Wines, Liquors and Cigars served by competent and obliging wine clerks.

FERNIE Cigar Store

Lunch Counter

Is Now Opened

Clean, Cosy and very Inviting

Just the place after the show or from the rink.

Fred. Armstrong
Proprietor

KING'S HOTEL

Bar supplied with the best Wines, Liquors and Cigars

DINING ROOM IN CONNECTION

W. MILLS, - Prop

Central Hotel

Large Airy Rooms & Good Board

Ross & Mackay Props.

Nowhere in the Pass can be found in such a display of

Meats

We have the best money can buy of Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Fish, "Imperator Hams and Bacon" Lard, Sausages, Weiners and Sauer Kraut.

PHONE OR CALL

Calgary Cattle Co.

Phone 56

ASSAYER

E. W. WIDDOWSON, Assayer and Chemist, Box C 1108, Nelson, B. C. Charges:—Gold, Silver, Lead or Copper, $1 each. Gold-Silver, or Silver-Lead, $1.50. Prices for other metals, slag, cement, Fireclay analyses on application. The largest custom assay office in British Columbia.

A. VAN GIRSEWALD
THOS. W. CORSAN
Members of the Victoria Real Estate Exchange

Write us for information about homes and investments in victoria
P. O. Box 900
Cor. Fort and Quadra Estreets.

JOHN BARBER, D.D.S., L.D.S., DENTIST
Office: Henderson Block, Fernie, B.C.
Hours: 8.30 to 1; 2 to 5.
Residence: 21, Victoria Avenue.

ECKSTEIN & MacNEIL
Barristers & Solicitors, Notaries, &c.
Offices: Eckstein Building,
Fernie, B.C.

F. C. Lawe Alex. I. Fisher
LAWE & FISHER
ATTORNEYS
Fernie, B. C.

L. H. PUTNAM
Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, etc.
BLAIRMORE, ALTA.

THE FERNIE LUMBER CO.

A. McDougall, Mgr

Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of Rough and Dressed Lumber

Send us your orders

ROYAL HOTEL

FERNIE

Bar Unexcelled
All White Help

Everything Up-to-date

Call in and see us once

JOHN PODBIELANCIK, Prop.

HOTEL VENEZIA

The New and Up-to-date Hotel

Every person likes to be comfortable. We have the latest design of steam heating apparatus in every room. Our menu is the best. We guarantee satisfaction. Two blocks from C. P. R. Depot. Old and new faces welcomed.

New Michel, B. C.

P. Zorratti - Prop.

HOTEL MICHEL

Michel, B.C.

HEATED WITH STEAM

Lighted with Tungsten Lamps

Ostermoor Mattresses

Clean Linen

Pure Food

Rates.... ..... $2.50 per day

W. L. FOISY - Manager

The Hotel DALLAS

One of the **Best**

C. J. ECKSTORM Prop.
Lethbridge, Alta.

COLEMAN Liquor Co.

Wholesale Dealers in

Wines
Liquors
Cigars

Mail Orders receive prompt attention

Southern HOTEL

BELLEVUE, Alberta

Every convenience and attention

Meals that taste like mother used to cook

Best in the Pass

William Evans, Proprietor

W. J. Cole
BELLEVUE

Hair Dressing
Pool
Billiards
Cigars
Tobaccos
Bowling Alley

Drop In

UNIONS BOYCOTT A PRIZE FIGHTER

Say He Declined to Strike Once When Driving a Milk Wagon

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—What is supposed to have been the first case on record of a labor union boycotting a prize fight appeared here Wednesday night when an embargo was placed upon the Kid George-Howard Morrow match, because George, it was declared, had once failed to respond to a strike call when he was driving a milk wagon. When the seat sale opened Wednesday night at the arena pickets were stationed near the box office.

"Unfair fighter—Kid George, unfair fighter!" they shouted as the crowd filed in. Promoter Al. Moffet declared he lost considerable money as a result of the boycott.

Toronto has been suffering from a strike of grave diggers. The class struggle is being fought all along the line.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills

A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at $5 a box, or 2 for $5. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

SILENCING INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

In their struggle against the capitalist employer the Industrial Workers of World have found a new field on the Pacific Coast and have been presented with a new issue by the citizens of San Diego. The contest, as the New York World points out editorially, while still in progress in New England and New Jersy, now extends from British Columbia to Southern California, on the other edge of the continent. And it has become centered at San Diego, "where ordinances have been enacted against street speaking where numbers of workers have been forced to leave the county, where an editor has been kidnapped for advocating freedom of speech, and where certain bodies of patriotic citizens have been giving spectacular exhibitions of loyalty by forcing 'anarchists' to kiss the flag and to sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner' while marching out of town." The "compulsory osculation" was amusing, admits the New York Times, but it hardly thinks it a promising experiment, and, "perhaps, rather an illustration of anarchy than a cure for it." Other papers speak of this incident in much the same tone, though the Philadelphia Record and Fort Worth Record suggest that it may have a wholesome effect.

But the suppression of free speech in San Diego is looked upon as a serious matter by many who are far from sympathizing with the aims and purposes of the Industrial Workers. If the citizens and officials of the California city thought they were thus putting an end to the agitation, they are finding themselves quite mistaken. The radical labor element in the city has now organized itself as a "Free Speech League," which is carrying on the fight for the closed shop. An army of workers 1,000 strong, is said to be mobilizing at San Francisco, Stockton, and Sacramento, preparatory to a descent upon San Diego. A certain section of the conservative daily press, including the Boston Advertiser, praise the "plucky little city" for having "taught the lawbreakers some lessons," and for keeping up the fight against "anarchy" and "terrorism." But the Chicago Daily Socialist does not go beyond some of the supposedly "capitalist" papers when it says that:

"The violence and disregard of the law by the capitalists of San Diego is a hundredfold more dangerous to the preservation of society and American institutions than all the acts of violence which the working people ever may have committed in the heat of a strike.'

As an organization, the Dallas News does not find the Industrial Workers of the World to be "altogether an admirable institution," nor the presence of those who proselyte in its behalf very desirable, "since their mission is to engender strife"; but it declares 'their presence and their agitations are preferable to any immunity that can be obtained by terrorism clothed with legal authority." So, too, we read in the New York World:

"In all issues of this kind the original cause of controversy is small in comparison with the larger question of the maintenance unimpared of the rights of men, whether they belong to minorities or to majorities. There is a manifest tendency on the part of some extreme conservatives to silence both the press and the orators that give utterance to popular discontent. These efforts are not infrequently backed by what is sometimes called 'the moral sentiment of the community.' When that happens, various officials sheriffs or constables or policemen, are set to work to suppress the agitators. We have had examples of this kind of thing quite recently in Massachusetts and in New Jersey, and we shall probably have more of them before an end comes.

"But the suppression of freedom of speech is always an outrage, no matter in what cause or under what form it be done. The slave power tried it of old. Capitalism may profit by studying the results."

Recent news dispatches from Passaic revealed a split in the Industrial Workers of the World. The strike in the textile mills there is being led by Mr. Boris Reinstein, of the more moderate faction. The Haywood, or "direct action," organization have been trying unsuccessfully so far, to wrest from him the leadership, depending in large part upon the prestige gained by their success at Lawrence and other New England mill centres.

On the Pacific slope, the "free speech" cry is said to have united the several labor factions in San Diego. Farther north, several thousand lumbermen in Washington, and nearly as many railroad laborers in British Columbia are on strike. This, comments the Boston Advertiser, "leaves a great army of unemployed, ready for trouble, and rather anxious to bring it about."—Literary Digest.

SIX MILES OF LOADED CARS

Six miles of cars loaded with coal occupy one of the double tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Red Bank and Ilmerton, it being necessary for the Allegheny division to use the track for storage because the crews are unable to handle the increased coal and slow freight business.

A SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL

The "Coal Age," a magazine published in New York, in a recent issue, had the following significant editorial:

'The bitter fight of the Socialist element of the United Mine Workers, to have the Indianapolis convention indorse government ownership of industries, and declare for political as well as industrial union, compels attention of thoughtful men to the recent amazing spread of Socialistic sentiment.

"No intelligent person any longer believes that the industrial world will go back to an unorganized individualistic production and distribution of wealth. In fact, the most radical utterances, or what is termed, 'advance thought,' concerning the regulation of big business, were expected to champion individualism in its highest degree.

"A glance at the record of events leading up to the advent of the present social and industrial situation shows there is little occasion for surprise. With an insistence no less certain than the laws of gravity, social evolution has pursued its steadfast way. The advance has been of necessity born, and arguments as well as pleas have failed to retard its progress.

"A couple of centuries ago, the lighting of streets was a matter of individual enterprise; every householder was supposed to have a lantern before his door. The system failed through selfish neglect of the individual and it was necessary to create laws compelling the display of a street light at each house. Soon it became apparent that the lighting of the streets was for the common good, and therefore was a communal function; immediately the householder was relieved of individual duty, and who of us would care to return to the early practice?

"In like manner, every house once had its own well. But it was perceived that water was a common necessity, and the community undertook to furnish the supply. Latterly, many people want to know, 'why the supply of water and light is any more a communal function than the supply of artificial heat or the provision of transportation in our streets?" Probably in the future, as in the past, the science of one age will be the common sense of the next.

'The cry has always been raised, 'Don't deprive the world of the incentive that lies in individual effort.' However, the early malcontents have been hushed, and we are today wrestling with the greater throes of excessive competition, the certain outgrowth of which is excessive coalition. The proposed remedy for the latter may be one thing, or it may be another—whatever the cure, it has yet to be proved.

"We of the coal industry have little to fear and perhaps much to gain from the application of newer theories and the more restricted regulation of our business. When Prussia wanted coal mines she went into the market and bought enough stock to give her control. New Zealand followed the same plan and the fuel industry in both countries was helped rather than hurt by the move.

"Without holding any brief for Socialism, or entering into a discussion as to whether the principles of the creed can be safely applied we are secure in saying that such outbursts as occurred at the miners' convention are prophetic rather than ominous. Many coal men with much at stake now invite reasonable government regulation, and if the will of the people goes further and demands government ownership, there is no doubt but that Uncle Sam can buy one mine, or many—all are for sale; sentiment won't interfere.

'The principal danger to society today is from the inability or refusal of many people to distinguish communism and nationalism from Socialism. The motto of the latter is, 'Every man according to his deeds"; that's not so bad. What we have to fear are the disciples of the other two forms of social faith; these men too often follow the red flag of industrial death and physical violence. Firedamp in the mine is no less deadly when called by a different name, and hydrogen sulphide is just as foul when corked in a bottle labelled "Attar of Roses." It's the man behind the mask we dislike most—the pirate who strives to loot under the guise of a patriotic support of a plausible principle."

The Coal Age is a publication devoted to the interests of a master class. It is an organ that uncompromisingly defends the interests of mine operators and all other exploiters whose dividends are reaped from the sweat of toil. And yet the Coal Age sees "the handwriting on the wall," sees the trend of sentiment that must ultimately bring about the collective ownership of all the material things that are socially used in the maintenance of human life.

The Coal Age is not carried away by any delusion, nor is it entertaining the conviction that developments will arise that will stem the tide that is rapidly drifting towards an industrial democracy.

The Coal Age has its eyes open and sees the stubborn facts that cannot be removed, either by the hypnotic oratory of spellbinders on the political rostrum or sanctimonious supplications from prostituted pulpits.

Politicians and preachers fed upon lucre taken from the coffers of capitalism, may be able to delay and retard the growth of that sentiment that is demanding equal opportunity for humanity, but appeals from politicians and exhortations from sky-pilots, will fail to mesmerize the thinking men and women of the earth who know that the brutal system under which we live is loaded with wrong and injustice, and leaves to the multitude a heritage of misery and wretchedness.

The class whose shoulders bear the scars of centuries of despotism is recognizing its powers, and as that class becomes intelligent and united the closer comes the dawn of that glad morning when men, women and children shall be free

There is no question but that capitalism will use every agency to prolong the reign of exploitation, but capitalism with all its allies is doomed, for man, wearing the chains of servitude in every nation on earth, is demanding "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."—Miners' Magazine.

THE BOSSES UNDERSTAND

The city clerk of Hoquiam, Wash., has been discharged by the city commission for taking an active part in the mill-workers' strike.

Shiloh's Cure

QUICKLY STOPS COUGHS, CURES COLDS, HEALS THE THROAT AND LUNGS. 25 CENTS

MAGIC BAKING POWDER

MADE IN CANADA
CONTAINS NO ALUM
CONFORMS TO THE HIGH STANDARD OF GILLETT'S GOODS

THE WHITEST, LIGHTEST
MAGIC BAKING POWDER
NEW STYLE LABEL

ONLY ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY HIGH MOGULS

CALGARY, April, 29.—Several increases in he pay of city employees were granted by the commissioners this year, but owing possibly to various delays in getting the estimates passed the great majority have so far looked in vain for any fattening of the monthly check.

Usually it has been the custom for the back pay envelope to come at the first of the present month, but this year it has been an exception, so the various increases will no doubt come later.

There is not any kicking on the part of employees, but there is one rather peculiar fact—the mayor and commissioners are getting their increased remuneration.

If there is money to give these three city employees their advance, why are the others, who are also on the city pay rolls, though in less remunerative capacities, not getting theirs?

That is the question that is being asked in city hall circles.

KENNEDY & MANGAN

a Beastly Bore

don't you know, to be compelled to work with some lumber. It is full of knots or knot holes, the grain doesn't run straight and there are all kinds of trouble.

It Isn't Our Lumber

that works that way. Give us your next order and you'll find it an actual pleasure to work even in the hottest weather.

OFFICE and YARD, McPHERSON AVE., OPP. G. N. DEPOT, FERNIE

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

SIR EDMUND WALKER, C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.L., PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER LAIRD, GENERAL MANAGER

CAPITAL, - $10,000,000 REST, - $8,000,000

DRAFTS ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Every branch of The Canadian Bank of Commerce is equipped to issue drafts on the principal cities in the following countries without delay:

Africa	Crete	Greece	New Zealand	Siberia
Arabia	Cuba	Holland	Norway	Soudan
Argentine Republic	Denmark	Iceland	Panama	South Africa
Australia	Egypt	India	Persia	Spain
Austria-Hungary	Faroe Islands	Ireland	Peru	Straits Settlements
Belgium	Finland	Italy	Philippine Islands	Sweden
Brazil	Formosa	Japan	Portugal	Switzerland
Bulgaria	France	Java	Roumania	Turkey
Ceylon	Fr'ch Cochin China	Malta	Russia	United States
Chili	Germany	Manchuria	Servia	Uruguay
China	Great Britain	Mexico	Siam	West Indies, etc.

The amount of these drafts is stated in the money of the country where they are payable; that is they are drawn in sterling, francs, marks, lire, kronen, florins, yen, taels, roubles, etc., as the case may be. This ensures that the payee abroad will receive the actual amount intended. A233

FERNIE BRANCH L. A. S. DACK, Manager.

Sporting Goods

The winning of the game depends a whole lot on the "tools" the players use. Our Sporting Goods Department is amply equipped with the very best of all kinds of sporting goods for out-door sports—for every game for old and young—for amateur or professional. It is very much to your advantage to buy of us. Special prices to clubs and organizations.

Bleasdell's Drug Store
DRUGS AND STATIONERY FERNIE, B.C.

BANK OF HAMILTON

Head Office
HAMILTON

CAPITAL PAID UP.....$ 2,500,000
Reserve and Undivided Profits..... 3,500,000
Total Assets..... 44,000,000

It is not in its power to purchase that the greatest value of money lies. The feeling of independence, and of security against the effects of adverse fortune that a reserve fund gives you, is infinitely more satisfying than the passing gratification which you would obtain by spending it.

Small amounts—which you will hardly miss—deposited regularly, will gradually, but surely accumulate to a sum large enough to insure against the effects of business reverses or loss of employment.

J. R. Sloan, Agent

The Original and Only Genuine

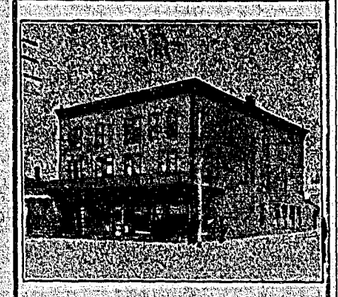
Beware of Imitations Sold on the Merits of Minard's Liniment

Passburg Hotel

You're always welcome here

Clean Rooms, Best of Food and every attention

THOS. DUNCAN Passburg



Coleman Hotel

W. H. Murr - Prop.

P. Carosella

Wholesale Liquor Dealer

Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes
Gents' Furnishings

BAKER AVENUE
BRANCH AT HOSMER, B.C.

Fernie Dairy

FRESH MILK delivered to all parts of the town

Sanders & Verhaest Brothers.
Proprietors

Ledger Ads pay

L. E. McDonald

HORSESHOEING
GENERAL BLACKSMITHING
and
CARRIAGE BUILDING

Express and Delivery Wagons a Speciality

SINGER SEWING MACHINE CO

WM. BARTON
Agent Fernie Branch
Pellatt Ave. North

Livery, Feed and Sale Stables

First class Horses for Sale.
Buys Horses on Commission

George Barton Phone 78

The Cash GROCERY

Hosmer B.C.

Pay Day Specials

Apples, per box	$2.15
Maccaroni per box	$1.50
Spuds, cwt.	$2.25
Lemons, per doz.	.30
Oranges, regular 75 for	.60
" regular 50 for	.40
" regular 40, for	.30
Bulk Tea, regular 50, now	.25
Tomatoes, 6 cans for	$1.00
Peas, Beans Corn, mixed 9 cans for	$1.00

This Sale applies for Cash only.

E. F. RAHAL

Musical Instruments

Just received, a shipment of EDISON PHONOGRAPHS and VICTOR GRAMAPHONES.
Hundreds of latest Records, Violins, Guitars, Accordeons, Sheet Music, etc., etc.
MACHINES SOLD ON EASY PAYMENT PLAN.

KENNEDY'S
DRUG AND BOOK STORE,
New Michel
"THE REXALL STORE."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

List of Locals District 18

LOC.	NAME	SEC. and P. O. ADDRESS
20	Bankhead	F. Wheatley, Bankhead, Alta.
481	Beaver Creek	P. Gaughton, Beaver Creek, via Pincher
431	Bellevue	J. Burke, Bellevue, Frank, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	R. J. Chase, Blairmore, Alta.
949	Burmis	Jos. Derbyshire, Burmis, Alta.
2327	Carbondale	J. Lonsberry, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
1387	Canmore	N. D. Thachuk, Canmore, Alta.
2633	Coleman	W. Graham, Coleman, Alta.
2877	Corbin	R. Jones, Corbin, B. C.
1126	Chinook Mines	P. Kelly, Diamond City, Alta.
2178	Diamond City	Albert Zak, Diamond City, Lethbridge.
2314	Fernie	Thos. Uphill, Fernie, B. C.
1263	Frank	G. Nicol, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	W. Balderstone, Hosmer, B. C.
1053	Hillcrest	J. O. Jones, Hillcrest, Alta.
574	Lethbridge	L. Moore, 604, Sixteenth St., North Lethbridge.
1185	Lethbridge Collieries	Frank Baringham, sec., via., Kipp, Alta.
1233	Lille	W. L. Evans, Lille, Frank, Alta
2825	Maple Leaf	S. Parker, Maple Leaf, Bellevue, Alta.
2331	Michel	M. Burrell, Michel, B. C.
14	Monarch Mine	S. Moorcroft, Monarch Mine, Taber, Alta.
2352	Passburg	J. Kluscarits, Passburg, Alta.
2589	Royal View	Thos. B. Fisher, Royal Collieries, Lethbridge, Alta
1959	Taber	A. Patterson, Taber, Alta.
102	Taber	J. Cooper, Taber, Alta.

French

SOCIALISME ET RELIGION

Dans un recent No. L'Echo de New Bedford, reproduit un resume de notre article "Socialisme et Religion, et promet d'etudier avec toute l'attention necessaire les idees principales qu'il contient et termine par ce qui suit:

Pour traiter cette question comme il convient et comme elle merite de l'etre, il faut d'abord bien preciser le sens des mots sur lesquels toute la discussion va se derouler. Socialisme, capitalisme, droit de propriete. (1)

Le socialisme est la doctrine de ceux qui thesaurisent aux detriment aux biens corporels et exterieurs, et placant le bonheur de l'homme dans la recherche et la jouissance de ces biens voudraient que dans l'Etut le pouvoir appartint au peuple. Ainsi, les classes sociales disparaissant, et les citoyens etant tous reduits au meme niveau d'egalite, ce serait l'acheminement vers l'egalite des biens. Le droit de propriete serait aboli, et toutes les fortunes qui appartiennent aux particuliers, les instruments de production eux-memes seralent regardes comme des biens communs. (2)

Le capitalisme serait la doctrine de ceux qui thesaurisent au detriments des droits du proletaire. (3)

Le droit de propriete est le droit d'acquerir et de posseder les choses exterieures ou les biens naturels Dans *l'homme, le droit est relatif;* il n'est absolu qu'en Dieu. La terre, en effet, n'a pas ete faite par l'homme, mais pour l'homme. En consequence, ceux que nous appelons proprietaires sont plutot a proprement parler des usufruitiers. (4)

Qu'il y ait dans le monde un malaise qui va grandissant, cela ne fait pas de doute. Que cet antagonisme d'une partie de l'humanite contre l'autre ait toujours existe, cela est facile a constater: il n'y a qu'a lire l'histoire du monde pour s'en convaincre. Bien des tentatives ont ete faites de part et d'autre pour faire disparaitre ce malentendu seculaire si c'etait possible, ou du moins pour le recrire a son minimum d'intensite. Il y a eu, au cours des siecles, des fluctuations entre le mieux et le pis. Au XVIIIe sicle, la Revolution a pris la cause en main et elle y travaille encore sans succes, au XXe. Le socialisme, le communisme le nihilisme, l'anarchisme, l'utilitarsme, fils batards de l'autorite mal comprise, tentent de retablir la paix... et le trouble augmente, et tous les peuples sont armes jusqu'aux dents prets a s'entre-devorer malgre toutes les conferences de la Paix et toutes les ententes cordiales! (5)

Ou doc est la solution du probleme? Tout a ete mis en oeuvre, il semble; promesses, mensonges, guerres, assassinats, abus de pouvoir, abus de liberte, ruses de toutes cortes. Jusqu'ici les deux factions ont lutte l'une contre l'autre et le resultat a ete justement le contraire de ce qu'elles esperaint. Et il en sera ainsi jusqu'a la fin des temps. Jamais une moitie de l'humanite ne pourra reduire ou detruire l'autre. (6)

Il est un moyen pourtant qu'on a neglige, c'est celui-ci: La lutte contre soi-meme. C'est le moven propose par l'Eglise, qui n'est ni capitaliste, ni proletaire, mais catholique et dont la mission est une mission de paix. Tant que l'homme, partant de ce principe—dont la fausseto se prouve par ses consequences—qu'il est le maitre absolu de ses destinees et qu'il ne releve que de lui-meme, n'ecourtera quo son esprit de domination sur les faibles ou son esprit de revolte contre les puissants, aucune entente ne sera possible. La preuve en est faite depuis longtemps. Et le Socialisme peut en faire son deuil; il ne realisera pas plus son ideal que le capitalisme ne realisera le sien. (7)

La paix ne saurait exister sans la justice. Or le capital a ses droits comme le proletariat. Donc pour que la justice ne soit pas lesee, il faut que les droits des patrons ou des capitalistes soient reconnus par les proletaires et que les droits des proletaires soient reconnus par les patrons. C'est ce que ni les uns ni les autres ne font ni ne veulent faire. Les socialistes veulent tout prendre et les capitalistes ne rien ceder; mais les abus des uns ne justifent pas la revolte des autres. (8)

Voila l'expose de la question et la these que nous avons entrepris de defendre. C'est ce que nous tacherons de faire dans les articles subsequents. (9.)

REPONSE

1. S'il est necessaire, dans une discussion, de preciser le sens des mots, il est tout aussi necessaire de definir exactement les idees ou principes que l'on combat. Toute argumentation basee sur une fausse definition tombe d'elle-meme. Les journaux catholiques n'ont que peu de succes dans leur lutte contre les Socialistes pour la simple raison que leurs arguments sont bases sur de fausses definitions. Ils ne combattent pas le Socialisme mais un epouvantail de leur propre construction qu'ils s'amusent a dechirer et detruire a tout propos, avec grand succes, sans avoir le moindrement touche le socialisme.

Les2e et 3e paragraphes de l'article de l'Echo sont un excellent exemple de l'homme de paille confectionne par tant de nos adversaires pour le simple plaisir de le detruire en criant a bas le Socialisme. Aussi, malgre tous ces hommes de paille si souvent et si vaillamment detruits, le Socialisme se dresse devant ses ennemis plus fort que jamais.

2. Si vous voulez discuter honnetement le Socialisme, vous aurez besoin d'en chercher une definition plus claire et plus juste.

3. Votre definition du capitalisme est tout simplement ridicule pour ne pas dire bete.

4. Le systeme que vous defendez empeche 75 pour cent de notre population de jouir du droit de propriete.

5. Vous admettez qu'il y a un malaise grandissant. Alors pour quoi ne pas etudier serieusement et loyalement les causes de ce malaise pour y apporter un remede. S'il y a des Revolutions n'est-ce pas parce qu'en tout temps il y a eu des gens qui, comme les redacteurs de l'Echo, ont jete la pierre aux partisans de l'Evolution. Au lieu d'etudier les problems qui confrontent l'humanite, vous essayez de barrer la route au progres et vous vous etonnez quand vos barrages sont detruits.

6. On ne peut certainement pas vous accuser d'optimisme quand vous parlez de promesses, mensonges, guerres assassinats, etc., et dites qu'il en sera ainsi jusqu'a la fin des temps. Quoique vous puissiez-croire et dire il y a eu des changements continuels dans le developpement de notre pauvre humanite et nous sommes d'avis que nous progressons. Il y a moins de guerres entre nations aujourd'hui que par le passe et il y en aura encore moins demain. Et une moitie de l'humanite n'a jamais voulu detruire l'autre moitie. Les socialistes ne veulent detruire personne, ils veulent simplement detruire un systeme economique et politique qui n'est plus en rapport avec la methode de production, un systeme economique qui cause la misere en pleine abondance.

7. Le moyen propose par l'Eglise est le moyen qui doit faire son deuil. Ce moyen a ete perche et essaye pendant des siecle et plus nous avoncons, moins il donne de resultats. Et cela pour une tres simple raison economique que nos ennemis ne veulent pas considerer.

Autrefois, quand la production etait individuelle, il ne dependait que de l'individu de pratiquer les moyens proposes par l'Eglise.

Le seigneur des temps passes pouvait pratiquer envers ses employes toutes les charites chretiennes. L'esclavagiste du sud pouvait etre charitable envers ses esclaves, sans risquer de faire failite. Il connaissait d'ailleurs personnellement tous ses esclaves, qu'il avait peut-etre herites de son pere. Le petit patron travaillant a cote de ses employes etait souvent leur ami et les traitait humainement. Mais a de rares exceptions pres, tout cela c'est le passe. Et ce sont les problemes du present qui nous confrontent. Il n'y a pas de comparasion possible, entre le seigneur, le proprietaire d'esclaves, le petit industriel d'autre fois, et les trusts immenses d'aujourd'hui.

Tous les cures de la Nouvelle Angleterre auraient pu precher la charite au "Wool-Trust," sans jamais le decider a payer une augmentation de salaires a ses employes. Ils auraient recu quelques centaines de dollars pour leurs "pauvres' et volla tout. Les actionnaires de nos immense compagnies, ne connaissent pas leurs ouvriers. Ils ne connaissent que les dividendes. Et si par hasard quelques directeurs et contre-maitres essayaient de pratiquer la religion dans l'establissement et de traiter les autres comme ils voudraient etre traites eux memes, s'ils essayaient de payer a l'ouvrier la juste valeur de son travail, ils seraient aussitot remplaces par d'autres qui n'auraient en vue que leur propre interet et celui des actionnaires et feraient mourir les ouvriers a la besogne pour montrer de gros profits au bout de l'annee.

Le Christianisme et le Capitalisme ne se melangent pas mieux que l'eau et l'huile. La ou l'un fleurit l'autre ne peut exister. Et voila pourquoi aujourd'hui nous avons des gens d'eglise, mais bien peu de chretiens.

Sous ce regime si cher a l'Echo, tout manufacturier qui voudrait pratiquer le Christianisme dans ses etablissements ne tarderait pas a faire banqueroute. Sous ce regime, si cher a l'Echo, les gens sans conscience amassent des millions, les gens consciencieux vivotent a peine. Sous ce regime si cher a l'Echo, on couvre de soie et de bijoux les femmes de mauvaise vie et l'on couvre de haillons les filles vertueuses. Et cela dans les villes ou les catholiques sont en majorite comme dans celles ou ils sont en minorite.

Contrairement a ce que dit l'Echo, le capitalisme a realise son ideal. Il a eu son utilite et a prepare le terrain pour le regime qui va le remplacer, le Socialisme.

8. C'est de tout coeur que nous disons "amen" a ces paroles de l'Echo: "La paix ne saurait exister sans la justice." Et c'est pour que la paix puisse exister que les socialistes veulent etablir un regime de justice tandis que l'Echo soutient un regime d'injustice et en meme temps nous accuse d'etre responsables s'il n'y a pas de paix.

L'Echo est amusant quand il nous dit que les abus des capitalistes ne justifien pas la revolte des ouvriers. Il y a une limite a la patience et quand on a affaire a des gens qui ne veulent pas entendre raison il faut bien se servir d'autres targuments. Celui qui ecrit ces lignes, a participe a plusieurs greves, a plusieurs de ces revoltes condamnees par l'Echo, et sait que ce n'est pas avec plaisir que les ouvriers font greve mais quand ils ont souffer toutes les avanies, quand ils se sont vu refuser la moindre concession, quel autre moyen leur reste-t-il. Neuf sur dix des compagnies n'ont pas de sentiments humains, elles ne connaissent que le dollar, et ce n'est qu'en portant prejudice a leur porte monnaie qu'on peut leur faire entendre raison. Les compagnies de Lawrence, par exemple, auraient pu offrir une augmentation a leurs ouvriers avant la greve et prevenir cette lutte et les miseres qui en ont resulte. Mais il a fallu que les ouvriers montrent leur solidarite, leur force pour faire entendre raison aux rapaces exploiteurs de cette ville.

Si les ouvriers avaient attendu que l'Englise leur obtienne une augmentation de salaire ils auraient attendu lontgemps. Le clerge de Lawrence etait du cote des patrons, qui soudiient d'ailleurs des precheurs comme ils soudoient la presse.

9. Nous esperons que dans les articles subsequents l'Echo attaquera vraiment le Socialisme et non ce qu'il croit le Socialisme.—L'Union des Travailleurs.

Italian

CRONACHETTA OPERAIA

La ferrovia Harriman ha ordinato allo Steel Work di Pueblo la pronta costruzione di tanti binarii per un valore di 900 mila dollari.

* * *

Fra giorni si dara principio alla costruzione di una grande galleria sotto il monte Cascade, nei dintorni di Seattle, Wash.

* * *

Questo colossale lavoro verra a costare circa 5 milioni di dollari.

* * *

E' scioppiato il fuoco nella miniera No. 302, situata nei dintorni di Congo, Ohio, dove usualmente lavorano 400 persone. Per fortuna non si ebbero a lamentare vittime umane.

* * *

I minatori della Spagna, dopo uno sciopero di breve durata, son tornati a lavoro, avendo ottenuto au aumento di paga del dieci per cento.

* * *

Il lavoro continua a scarseggiare nelle coste del Pacifico. Migliaia di operai si trovano disoccupati.
erai si trovano disoccupati.

* * *

Il Parlamento Francese, ad unanimita di voti, ha passato la legge che rende obbligatorie le otto ore di lavoro.

* * *

I ventimila falegnami di Buffalo, N. Y., hanno dichiarato che il primo del prossimo Maggio proclameranno lo sciopero generale se i contrattori non concederanno loro au aumento di paga in ragione del cinque per cento.

* * *

Continua nel Washington lo scioperp degli operai impiegati nelle segherie di quello Stato. Gli scioperanti vogliono un aumento di salario e migliori condizioni di lavoro.

* * *

Il 20 corrente e stato inaugurata l'apertura a Lethbridge, Alta., un grande negozio co-operativo.

* * *

Le verie unioni operaie di Pueblo, Colo., stanno preparando i piani per fabbricare un grande palazzo, che verra conosciuto sotto il nome di "Labor Temple." Tale fabbricato costera oltre 50 mila dollari.

L'ACCORDO MINERARIO

Con 109,709 voti contro 32,139, i membri della United Mine Workers of America che lavorano nelle miniere del carbone bituminoso hanno approvato il concordato di Cleveland, riguardante il salario, e conseguentemente migliaia e migliaia di quei forti lavoratori sono tornati a lavoro.

Il responso delle locali di alcuni Distretti non e pervenuto aucora al Comitato Centrale dell'unione dei minatori, pel motivo che vi e qualche discrepanza; ma e ormai assicurato she la maggior parte dei minatori e favorevole alla ripresa dei lavori, dopo l'accordo di Cleveland.

La ratificazione dell'accordo significa pace per due anni ancora nelle regioni del carbone bituminoso, cioe fino al 31 Marzo del 1914.

I minatori hanno ottenuto un aumento di salario di cinque, del quattro e di tre soldi per ogni tonnellata di carbone, ed un aumento di 5.20 per cento un gli altri generi di lavoro minerario.

E' questa una splendida vittoria che la storia del lavoro registrera nelle sue pagine gloriose, e la si deve alla fermezza, al co raggio ed alla costanza dei minatori che fecero comprendere in modo esplicito ai padroni che si sarebbero sottoposti ad ogni sacrificio piuttosto che ritornare nelle miniere senza aver ottenuto i miglioramenti chiesti.

For Sale

RHUBARB ROOTS—$1.50 per doz.
Cabbage Plants, 50 cents per 100 (ready May 10th).
Also ½ acre lot, $150.00; terms. Apply, John McLachlen, West Fernie.
34—3t

60 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
PATENTS
TRADE MARKS
DESIGNS
COPYRIGHTS &c.
Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. HANDBOOK on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents.
Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the
Scientific American.
A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, $3 a year; postage prepaid. Sold by all newsdealers.
MUNN & Co. 361 Broadway, New York
Branch Office, 625 F St., Washington, D. C.

Try a Ledger Ad.

Imperial Bank of Canada

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

Capital Subscribed	6,000,000	Capital Paid Up	5,996,900
Reserve Fund	5,996,900	Total Assets	72,000,000

D. R. WILKIE, President HON. ROBT JAFFRAY, Vice-Pres.
BRANCHES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
Arrowhead, Cranbrook, Fernie, Golden, Kamloops, Michel, Moyie, Nelson, Revelstoke, Vancouver and Victoria.
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
Interest allowed on deposits at current rate from date of deposit.
FERNIE BRANCH GEO. I. B. BELL, Manager

Fernie Academy of Shorthand and Typewriting

Two Classes Weekly. Tuesdays and Fridays from 7.30 to 9.30 in the evening
Private lessons and select classes by arrangement
Tel. 179 Evenings - - - 48A Days

Just Arrived

A large assortment of
New Victor Records
Come in and hear them

McLean's Drug & Book Store Day Tel. 142 Night " 26

Bicycles & Motor Cycles

If you are thinking of getting a Bicycle or Motor Cycle
See John Minton, Fernie Bicyle Store
He has high-grade Cycles to suit any intending purchaser.
The C. C. M. Motor Cycle, nothing better; go as slow as you like and as fast as you dare. Sole agent for following wheels:

CLEVELAND	BRANTFORD
PERFECT	MASSY SILVER RIBBON,
B. S. A.	DOMINION CYCLES.

and any other make of machine supplied to order. Beware of Cheap Cycles—they are Dear.
Cycles on Hire. Accessories. Repairs neatly executed.

The HOME BANK of CANADA Orginal Charter 1854

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of SEVEN PER CENT. per annum upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the three months ending 31st May, 1912, (being an increase of one per cent. on the preceding dividend), and the same will be payable at its Head Office and Branches on and after Saturday the 1st of June, 1912. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of May, prox., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JAMES MASON, General Manager.

Toronto, April 17th, 1912.

Head Office TORONTO Branches and connections throughout Canada
J. F. MACDONALD, Manager. Fernie Branch.

Dr. Kelley Cures Diseases of Men
By Modern Methods
"606" for Blood Poison

Special treatment for other diseases of men: Nervous Weaknesses, Varicose Veins, Hydrocele, Blood and Skin Disorders, Sores Ulcers, Kidney, Bladder and Rectal Disorders, etc., and Contracted Ailments, Prostate Gland Inflammation, Old Chronic Conditions.

Museum of Anatomy

In this Great Museum is shown by life size models, monstrosities, normal and abnormal conditions of the various parts of the body, illustrating fully both acute and chronic diseases of men.

Free Consultation and Advice

MY MOTTO: QUICK, LASTING GUARANTEED CURES AT MODERATE COST.
Expert Medical Examination Free. Free Examination of Urine when necessary. Consult Me—FREE. Don't Delay; Delays are dangerous. Call or write. Free Book. Everything confidential. Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dr. Kelley's Museum, 210 Howard, Spokane

Shiloh's Cure
STOPS COUGHS HEALS THE LUNGS PRICE, 25 CENTS

The wage-worker who is loudest in proclaiming his freedom and patriotism generally loves the boss, says "the workers won't stick together"—and would starve to death if out of a job thirty days.

The Western Federation of Miners in British Columbia have begun an organization campaign for a general eight-hour day in all districts of the province, with a minimum wage of $3.

This Week's offerings Should Interest You

Ready-to-Wear Department

We are offering some remarkable values in full length Kimonas, made in Paisley pattern crepes and trimmed in contrasting colors. Very specially priced for Saturday $1.75

Also a few Dressing Sacques, made in the same material, at .95.

Waists

In white Mustin Waists we are showing the greatest values ever seen in Fernie. These come in a variety of styles and patterns in values up to $2.75, on sale Saturday $1.50

Just Arrived

A consignment of ladies Lingerie Dresses in prices from $3.75 to $20.00. These are the very daintiest creations and are well worth your inspection.

Dry Goods Section

English Prints, regular 15c. yard, 8 yards for $1.00

White embroidered Wash Belts, regular 25 to 35, on sale, each .20

A very special line of Children's Hose, all sizes from 5 to 9½, 6 pair for $1.00

Tourist Ruching, in boxes containing three different styles, Saturday per box ..... .25

Silk Dress Girdles, all shades, regular, $1.25 to $1.50 for ..... .75

Grocery Specials For Saturday

Ontario Potatoes, per sack	$2.00
Lima Beans, 3 lbs. for	.25
Tuxedo Baking Powder, 5 lb. tins	.65
Soda Biscuits, 2 lb. tin	.25
Graham Wafers, ½ lb. pkgs., 3 for	.25
New Make Creamery Butter, 2 lb. for	.85
Krinkle Corn Flakes, 4 for	.30
Quaker Oats, 5 lb. package with china	.25
Quaker Oats, 2 lb. pkgs., 3 for	.25
Toasted Corn Flakes, 3 for	.25
Riley's English Toffee, per lb.	.30
Lowney's Cream Chocolates, per lb.	.35
Braid's Best Coffee, freshly ground, 2 lbs. for	.85
Lowney's Cocoa, 1 lb. tins	.40
E. D. Smith's Tomato Catsup, pts., each	.20
Damson Plums, 2 lb. tins, 2 for	.25
Gooseberries, 2 lb. tins, 2 for	.35
Best Lethbridge Flour, 49 lb. sack	$1.65
Comb Honey, 2 sections	.45
Climax Jam, 5 lb. tin	.55
White Swan Lye, 3 tins	.25
Sherriff's Marmalade, 7 lb. tin	.90
Sherriff's Marmalade, 2 lb. glass	.40
Small Hams, per lb.	.20
Heinz Pork and Beans, small, 2 for	.25
Pares' Unscented Soap, 2 cakes	.25
Baby's Own Toilet Soap, per box	.30
Patterson's Sauce, ½ pt., each	.10
Our Special Blend Bulk Tea, 2 lbs.	.75
Gold Standard Tea, 3 lb tin	$1.00
Hudson Bay's Mixture Tobacco, ½ lb. tin	.65
Australian Onions, 4 lbs.	.25
Swede Turnips, 12 lbs. for	.25
Emaline Cooking Bags, small size, per doz.	.25
Emaline Cooking Bags, large size, per doz.	40

Men's Department

Our stock is now complete with all the seasons' new novelties for the approaching hot weather.

Lounge Shirts
Lounge Collars
Stock Collars and Ties
Invisible Suspenders
Silk and Lisle Half Hose
Open Mesh Underwear—all styles
Straw and Panama Hats
White Duck Pants
Corduroy Outin Pants
Bro. Duck Fishing Suits.

Men's 2 piece Suits

We are now showing the most complete range of styles and colors in men's two-piece Suits we have ever shown. In rich browns, cool looking Greys, and rich Greens, in the new tweed effects. Prices from $10.00 to $22.25.

Boys' Wash Suits and Blouses

These lines are carried in a large variety of styles and colors, in sizes from 2 years to 10 years of age. Blouses from 50c. to $1.00 Suits from $1.00 to $2.00. See these lines before the best are sold out.

TRITES-WOOD COMPANY, LIMITED

Here and There

Have you been to the Isis?

All the latest Books at McLean's Drug and Book Store.

Chief Hall was over in Calgary this week.

Geo Meikle, Editor. and Manager of the Michel Reporter, took in the sports here on Wednesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Klauer, on Saturday, May 4, at 3.30 p.m.

W. R. Wilson left for the East on Friday night last. Word had been received that Mrs. Wilson was in very poor health.

Commencing Monday, May 6th, the Great Northern passenger train will arrive in Fernie at 9.40 a.m., leaving for the south again at 12.43.

The regular monthly tea of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church will be given by Mrs. Dr. Anderson in her rooms in the Napanee Hotel on Wednesday, May 8, at 3.30 p.m.

A meeting of the Rod and Gun Club will be held in the office of H. W. Herchmer on Monday evening, May 6th, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be in attendance as important business is to be transacted.

Denmark Socialists have captured 21 seats in the municipal council, to the Conservatives' 16, the Radicals four, and the Christians' one. The Social Democratic vote was 50,473 ,or about 50 per cent of the total.

A social evening will be given by the Ladies Guild of Christ Church on Wednesday, May 15th, in the basement of the church. Refreshments will be served and a good program rendered. All those interested in the church are cordially invited to be present.

MAY DAY SOCIAL EVENING

Following the day of sports the social held in the Victoria Hall proved a successful and enjoyable conclusion to a great day. The supper served by the ladies of the Socialist Party was thoroughly appreciated by the large number who partook of the appetising meal prepared and laid the foundation for the good spirits of those who proceeded to participate in the dancing that held sway into the early hours of the morning. The hall was taxed to its capacity and amongst the guests were the speaker of the day, J. Simpson, of Toronto, and Chas. M. O'Brien, M.P.P., the latter acting as chairman on this occasion. During an intermission in the dancing J Simpson addressed the meeting for a short while to draw the attention of those present to the aims and objects of the Socialist Party of Canada and the desirability of an active interest being taken in this political party of the working class.

CASTE? WHAT IS IT?

By C. M. Maxon

Say, pop, what is "caste?"

Well, my boy, so far as I am able to elucidate the subject "caste" had its origin aerons and aerons of ages ago in the jungles of monkey land. That owld principle av progression was as hard to get out av a dacent mons sistem then as it is today, nobody but a douganhead wants to sit down and wait for someone else to shove the owld world along for his benefit, see?

Well, there was dreamers in thim times just as there is now.

Yes, pop, but what is a dreamer?

A dreamer, my boy, is a man that has an idea in his head that the owld world wasn't made expressly for the Morganheims and Rockyhearts, but was made for all of us, and is trying to figure the thing out proper. Well, that mysterious internal creative force was working in the brain of the advanced monkey (and thank the good Lord for that, me boy, else ye owld dad wouldn't be the best mon on the job today) and that got him to thinking that he should stand up on his hind legs and walk, and be gorry he went out onto the boulevard and practiced till he got there. (Persver onia ahma winket), which manes "Keep a hiking and you'll get there if yer wind holds out." But just remember, me boy, that it's the thought element that does the bizness. It was that that told the owld dreamer that his caudle appendage (that's his tail' you know) was a supernuriarity and was only in the way, and be gorry he kept on a kicking about that tail, till one day, to his surprise and gratification and to the consternation of chipanzies and monkeydoodles, that tail dropped off and he then began to ask questions that bothered the owld high brows and college dignitaries, and would you believe me, some of them owld proffessors' think tanks go to working to that extent that owld John D. had to can three or four of them. Yes, he wiped them off the kury-kulum of his Chicago University. They was gitting on to his rebate system, you see.

Well, all the time that owld divel of a standpat rang-a-tang, wid his wife and daughters, were sitting in the shade aiting bananas and drinking iced tea, and sham punch, and laughing at the owld dreamer when he passed by, widout any tail, and walking like white folks, and the women would blush and look down their noses and say, "Oh, how shocking! Did you ever see anything so suprelitively ridiculus?" and "Oh, such bad form!" and then they'd pick up their pet poodles and waddle off on all fores wid the greatest dignity, and their dresses were cut so low in the back that one could see below the waist line, and by that same token you would know that they belonged to the four hundred of jungle town.

Well, things kept on a progressing for several thousand ages and that same old get up and hustle monkey kept on dreaming, and sawing wood, and using his head, and hands, and getting up new things, and everlastingly doing things, and setting the pace for the rest of the world, and all the time handicapped by that lazy, louzy, old divel of a standpatter, who never originated any idea above cocoanuts and bananas in all his life. And boy, do you mind, that whole push, had it not been for the owld dreamer, would today be hanging by their tails in the tree tops of the jungles, throwing sticks and stones at each other.

Well, boy, it makes me want to get hold av me shilla when I see them creatures, that never did an honest stroke of work in their lives, sitting themselves up as being of a higher caste and better grade than an honest working mon. Well, that is caste, me boy!

BANK CLERKS

The following interview with a Chicago bank clerk is interesting, in view of the advertised fact that Chicago banks are paying profits of from 20 to 50 per cent yearly for their owners.

This aristocratic wage slave has evidently analyzed present day conditions and tendencies

He explains his position, saying:

"But my plight is no worse than thousands of other bank clerks working for starvation wages. A bank clerk must make a neat appearance. This costs money. He must live in a good neighborhood or he does not come up to the standard exacted by his employers.

"Why, I know a man who worked for a bank over 40 years. This man has a wife and children. Several years ago he was at his height in the banking world, drawing over $100 a month salary. Today, instead of being retired on a pension, he is being gradually pushed down to the bottom of the ladder and in a very few years will be where he started, a bookkeeper.

"The bank in which he works employs over 600 bookkeepers. Out of this number not more than 40 make $65 a month; 560 receive from $55 to $60 a month. A large number of these men have families to support and I do not wonder that the bank clerk responsible for millions of dollars sometimes falls."

If the bank clerks in the city of Chicago would break down the prevailing casts which exist among those who make a speciality of always wearing clean linen it might be possible for them to organize a union of their fellows for their physical and moral betterment, as today they are getting very little of the bankers' swag.

However, intelligence is spreading in the minds of those who work for wages and it would not be at all surprising, considering the unrest which exists in the minds of the free born American of today, to find that the bank clerks would decide to eventually raise themselves to the level of the drivers of garbage and coal wagons.

—Chicago Daily Socialist.

THE "LIVING IN" SYSTEM

Hardships of Shop Assistans in English Business Houses

"Shop assistants" and clerks in retail and wholesale houses and similar establishments in England often endure great hardship on account of the survival of the mediaeval "living in" rules by which they eat, sleep and work all under the same roof. A determined effort is now being made to do away with the evils of the system. J. Macpherson, general secretary of the Union of Shop Assistants, quotes Dr. Norman Kerr as follows: "It is impossible for me to find language strong enough to convey a hundredth part of the mischief which I have seen arise from the excessive hours of labor of shop assistants who have been under my professional care. The great length of hours at work I have seen break down strong constitutions, seriously aggravated as the evil has been by the dyspeptic misery and diseases induced by the necessary bolting of food through the far too short period allowed for meals."

WILL DROP THE NAME OF ISMAY

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 1.—Despatches from Ismay, Mont., a hustling young town on the Puget Sound extension of the St Paul Railway, say that residents are contemplating steps to change the name of the town since the Titanic disaster, and the resultant criticism levelled at J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line. The majority of the residents favor adopting the name of some man who acted the hero's part in the doomed vessel and are divided between Astor, Butt, Smith and Straus.

The I. W. W. charter recently granted in Nelson has ben rescinded, and a Federal Labor Union has been formed, affiliated with the Trades and Labor council of that city.

OPPORTUNITY

Railroad development has built every city and town in Canada west of Port Arthur & Ft. William

Fort Fraser

BRITISH COLUMBIA

being the centre of TEN MILLION ACRES of the finest agricultural lands, including the famous

Nechaco, Bulkley Valley, Endako, Blackwater, Oosta Lake

and part of the great PEACE RIVER DISTRICTS, and on the direct line of two railways

The Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Pacific and Hudson Bay Company

(Incorporated 19th May, 1911)

is destined to become

The Great Metropolis

of the Northern Interior of British Columbia.

Lots which sell at fro m$200.00 and upwards now (10 per cent cash and 5 per cent monthly without interest or taxes) may be worth $30,000.00 to $50,000.00 ten years hence.

This is not an extravagant estimate, being actual experience in many cities and towns along lines of

New Railway Development in Canada

Transcontinental Railways are not being built in Canada every year nor every twenty years; hence your golden opportunity for investment now.

A sawmill will be erected by the company on the townsite within the next sixty days, when erection of public buildings, hotel, clubhouse, etc., will be commenced.

Adequate station facilities are to be provided within the townsite as has been assured by the Railway Commission of Canada.

Literature mailed upon application.

The Dominion Stock & Bond Corporation, Ltd.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

M. A. KASTNER, Agent for Fernie and District