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Island Strikers Found Not Guilty

Just as we go to press we are in receipt of information from the B. C. Federationist to the effect that the fourth strike case is now being tried, King versus Allsopp et al, which comprises fourteen of the Ladysmith mine workers. Sixty witnesses have been summoned for the defence, and the crown has managed to corral a like number. There is every indication that the trial will be a lengthy one, in spite of the fact that Judge Morrison is evidently displeased and annoyed at the verbosity of counsel for the crown, and is seeking to eliminate all unnecessary delays. The idea of the latter is, no doubt, to put the Union to greater expense in the retention and payment of witnesses.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 2.—The seven Nanaimo miners, Tom Cowler, Richard Griffiths, James Baird, William Hoy, John Jackson, Tony Cierollo and Alphonso Monaldi, who were accused of having assaulted Provincial Constable Harry Taylor on the C. P. R. wharf at Nanaimo, on August 13 last, were acquitted today in Mr. Justice Morrison's assize court here.

The jury retired at 5.30 in the afternoon and returned to the court room in a very short time, and announced their verdict of not guilty. As soon as the defendants left the court room, they were surrounded by their friends, who showered congratulations upon them This is the third case tried since the opening of the assizes here and in each case there has been an acquittal. Tomorrow the first of the Ladysmith cases will begin.

Mr. Justice Morrison explained the law and discussed the sum and substance of the evidence for the benefit of the jury, making it quite clear that against one of the defendants, Cierallo, only a shadow of evidence existed and that in the instances of several of the other defendants, the evidence was somewhat weak. Only against Cowler, the giant miner from Cumberland, England, who is a heavyweight pugilist of some renown, did his lordship appear to review the evidence very unfavorably.

Objected to Witnesses

When the case was resumed this morning the examination of two more witnesses completed the crown's case. The counsel for the defense objected to these witnesses, because the names were not on the indictment. The objection was not successful and Stanley Harvey and James Partington, officers of the steamer Patricia, gave their evidence, which was similar to that of other witnesses for the crown.

Before the first witness for the defence was examined Messrs. J. deB. Farris, J. E. Bird and Israel Rubinowitz asked Mr. Justice Morrison to discharge the accused, Cierallo, Griffiths and Baird, on the claim that the crown had not made out a prima facie case against them. His lordship declined to do this, and John Jackson, one of the accused, entered the witness box. At present, he said, he was employed as a bartender, but he had been a miner. He had gone down to the wharf on the day of the trouble to see some friends off who were leaving on a trip to the old country. He was on the wharf when the crowd came pushing down the incline from the town, and he saw Constable Taylor, with his pistol pointed at the crowd. He saw a man approach Taylor and throw up his hands. He could not see his face. Cross examined by Mr. A. D. Taylor, he said he had seen Chief Neen, of the Nanaimo city police, but denied Chief Neen's statement that he had seen the witness take hold of Taylor He declared that he had never touched Constable Taylor.

Alphonso Monaldi, one of the prisoners, tried to prove an alibi, and called another Italian, Dominick Doupalis, to prove that he was not on the wharf at the time of the assault. Monaldi swore that he had never laid a finger on Constable Taylor. He was never closer to Taylor than six feet distance.

James Baird, another of the defendants, swore that he had not been on the wharf on the day of the alleged assault, until after it is said to have taken place. Answering Mr. Bird, he denied that he had defied Constable Taylor to shoot him, as Constable Hannay had stated. (The other witnesses said this was Griffiths.)

Tried to Leave Crowd

"Pat" Solens, of Nanaimo, had seen Hoy standing against the wharf shed, during the excitement, behind Constable Taylor. He thought Hoy was trying to free himself from the crowd, and in pushing out of the crowd Hoy had put his hands on Taylor. Afterward he had shoved past Chief Neen. Under cross examination, he said he had not seen anybody hit Taylor He had seen none of the defendants on the wharf except Hoy and "the big man." By "the big man" he meant Cowler.

W. G. Hoy, another of the accused, was the next witness. Between 1 and 2 o'clock on the day in question, he had ridden down the street on a motorcycle and had seen the crowd on the wharf. He went down to the wharf to see what the crowd was doing there. He saw Constable Taylor pointing his gun at the crowd. He saw Griffiths standing in front of Taylor with his hands up. He saw Taylor forced backward as the crowd pressed down the slope upon the wharf. The crowd had shoved the witness against the shed wall. Taylor had his back against the wall. He took hold of Taylor by the arm in an attempt to free himself from the crowd. He had also pushed past Chief Neen in his anxiety to get away The witness said he had had an operation for some internal trouble and was afraid he would be hurt in the crowd. He said he had not assaulted Taylor in any way.

Dared Officer to Shoot

Richard Griffiths was the next of the accused men to enter the witness box. He said he had served in the South African war and had a medal. He had gone on the wharf to give a letter to one of the Patricia's crew, because he knew that if he mailed it the letter would miss the steamer. Later on he had seen Taylor aiming his pistol at the crowd and acting on an impulse, he had thrown up his hands and said: "Shoot me if you dare!" He was seven or eight feet from Taylor. He had shouted to Chief Neen: "Take that man's gun away from him." Crowd pushing down the slope had shoved him against the shed wall. He saw Cowler pick a man

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"BOB" WALKER

Comrade Walker will speak in the Socialist Hall, on Sunday at 7.30, on "The class struggle." All comrades should make an effort to be present.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the 39th Co. Veterans Brigade will be held in the basement of the Church of England at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 7, 1913.

All Veterans are specially requested to attend this meeting.

Business: Election of officers; ways and means to complete memorial fund; general business.

GEORGE O'BRIEN, Secretary.

The Vets will be making an interesting announcement shortly and we would advise all readers to watch the Ledger and bill boards.

Official Announcement

The Election of District Officers will take place on Tuesday Dec. 9th.

For President

SMITH, J. E., Coal Creek - Acclamation

For Vice-President:

GRAHAM, WM., Coleman Acclamation

For International Board Member

REES, D. - - Fernie, B. C.

For Secretary-Treasurer

CARTER, A. J., - - Fernie, B. C.
FRANCE, T. - - Coal Creek, B. C
HYSLOP, D. H. - - Coleman, Alta.

For Board Member

District No. 1

BALDERSTONE WM. .... Hosmer, B. C.
PHILLIPS WM. L. ..... Fernie, B. C.

District No. 2

BURKE JAS. ..... Bellevue, Alta.
HAYSOM WM. ..... Coleman, Alta.
POUNDER GEO. ..... Hillcrest, Alta.

District No. 3

LARSON J. ..... Lethbridge, Alta.
McROBERTS A. ..... Taber, Alta.

District No. 4

NOBLICK J. ..... Bankhead, Alta.
NOILES T. ..... Canmore, Alta.

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FERNIE to MICHEL
MICHEL to CORBIN
HOSMER to FERNIE
COLEMAN to BLAIRMORE
BLAIRMORE to CARBONDALE
CARBONDALE to COLEMAN
FRANK to HILLCREST
HILLCREST to BELLEVUE
BELLEVUE to FRANK
BURMIS to PASSBURG
MAPLE LEAF to BURMIS
PASSBURG to MAPLE LEAF
CHINOOK to KIPP
KIPP to CHINOOK
TABER to LETHBRIDGE
LETHBRIDGE to TABER
BANKHEAD to CANMORE
CANMORE to BANKHEAD

Scrutineers are requested to be in attendance at the respective camps not later than 9 o'clock a.m. December 9th.

All local Unions shall notify their members of an election for District officers; any member or members failing to vote shall be fined one dollar ($1.00) by the Local Union, unless a satisfactory reason or excuse can be given.

Special Police Fire on Crowd

Indianapolis Strike Assumes a More Serious Proportion—Mayor's Orders

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.—Claud Lewis, a negro, aged 19, was killed and three men were wounded, one probably fatally, this afternoon, when six special police officers riding on an ice wagon shot into a crowd which tried to stop the wagon on Indiana avenue. The special officers were taken to the police station, but it was said they would be released as soon as they made statements.

Mayor Wallace ordered the police today to disperse a parade which was proposed by the teamsters and chauffeurs who are on strike. The police kept the crowd about the labor headquarters moving and did not give the men a chance to start a demonstration. As additional help to the police in preventing the parade, one of the fire department's large automobiles was loaded with policemen armed with riot guns.

The machine was run through the downtown streets, scattering pedestrians right and left.

The wholesalers who refused to risk their wagons on the streets yesterday, sent out a number of loads of goods to freight depots and outlying stores. The department stores, however, refused to make deliveries.

The teamsters continued their program of yesterday harassing wagon drivers at every opportunity. No serious trouble resulted. It was reported today that the Central Labor union committee had requested T. J. Farrell, general organizer of the teamsters' union, to permit teamsters whose employers had signed the union contract, to return to work. Farrell, however, said he would hold out until 1,000 of the 3,000 strikers could return under union contract.

Try to End Strike

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.—A committee composed of representatives of all crafts affiliated with the Central Labor Union today began efforts to end the strike of the teamsters and chauffeurs. At the close of the committee meeting William G. Beatty, president of the Central Labor Union and chairman of the committee, announced that no decision as to the plan of procedure had been reached.

The status of the strike early today remained unchanged.

GRAND THEATRE RE-OPENING SATURDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 4

Under new management and with interior cleaned and renovated generally, the Grand Theatre will open for business again on Saturday night, at 7 o'clock.

The management has arranged to produce a first class picture program each evening, with special features, and there is not the slightest doubt that, with a wide experience of how a picture house should be run, they will succeed in building up a reputation for the theatre second to none.

It should be particularly gratifying to union men to know that their theatre will once again be open for business and that there is a good, practical picture man in charge.

Saturday is the opening night. Don't forget, on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, matinees will be given, prices 5 and 10 cents. The evening price will be 10 and 20 cents.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE

This week the store has unshipped a carload of Okanagan vegetables and apples, while they have a carload of fine fancy Washington apples rolling. The management is determined to establish a reputation for the best dried fruits in the town and that they have so far succeeded is amply testified by the tremendous trade being done in this line.

They have a special line this week of fine luscious "Jap" oranges, which come in boxes of five and ten dozen. These oranges are very choice eating and great care has been taken in packing them, each fruit being wrapped separately.

Place your order with the store early for turkeys, geese, ducks and chicken, which will be arriving about the 17th or 19th, guaranteed fresh killed.

The management and staff of the store wish us to thank the shareholders at last Sunday's meeting for their appreciation of the manner in which the store has been conducted.

HOCKEY NOTES

At long last the Fernie sporting public seems to have awakened to the startling fact that it really does possess a hockey team and that it would like to support it.

The meeting in the Waldorf, last Sunday, was very successful, about 30 being present. Mr. E. Kirkpatrick was elected chairman, and Mr. M. E. Schofield secretary of the meeting, after which the following officers were elected for the season of 1913-14.

Hon. president, W. R. Wilson, Esq.; patrons, Messrs. Sherwood Herchmer, J. L. Gates, R. W. Wood, W. F. Vance, S. F. Wallace, A. B. Trites, F. C. Dubois, J. Falconer; president M. A. Kastner; vice president, L. A. Mills; secretary treasurer, G. W. Brown; executive, W. L. Gates, F. Prentice, L. A. Mills; manager, W. A. Ingram.

We could scarcely hope to see a better or more suitable list of officers than the above, who will, we feel sure, do all in their power to forward the local hockey interests.

The secretary, Mr. Brown, has already written to most of the clubs within a radius of 100 miles, with the intention of forming a really good League, which is as necessary a stimulant as local support.

Of last year's team, W. F. Burland, S. L. Dunlop, F. G. Thrasher, W. G. Milne and "Dummy" Wallace are still with us, while Mr. J. Clode, who has just arrived here, should prove a valuable addition, so there is every likelihood of Fernie remaining at the top of the list this season too. Let's hope so, anyway.

The ice is going ahead in the rink, and we are told that there is to be free skating o Friday night, but are not in a position to verify the statement.

JUNIORS RE-ORGANIZE

This fast bunch of youngsters, who are decidedly "there" with fast, clean hockey, have organized for this year, the line up reading as follows:

M. Mutz, M. Giddings, A. Dicken, J. Hovan, Ray Giddings, E. Sirson, N. McBean, H. McLachlan.

Last season these youngsters played a remarkably good game, lacking only in weight, which has been partly remedied this year, and we look forward to them making a clean-up of their class. Stick to teams your own weight, boys, and you'll surely win out.

City Dads are Pessimistic

The City Council met in their chamber Thursday evening, all being present with the exception of Alderman McDonald.

A general air of pessimism seemed to pervade the atmosphere, and more than one councillor seemed inclined to question the future.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, a communication was read from Mr. Spalding re his road book. Just what happened to this we are unable to say, but it is a curious thing that the city can afford to spend $150 on advertising the Alpine beauties of Fernie, while, until quite recently, they could not find $400 to extend light to residents of Dalton avenue or repair some of the crossings.

Some discussion arose over a flag pole and an account of $15 for same from A. Watson. This was referred to the Works committee.

Tenders from J. Minton and W. M. Dicken were received with reference to clearing some cedar in the park. After some discussion, Dicken's tender was accepted. He also tendered to purchase about 200 cord of dead cottonwood at $1.00 per cord, undertaking to clear brush away. This was also accepted.

The question of a medical health officer was again discussed, and it was decided to ask Dr. Anderson to continue doing the Council work on the same basis as his November account. One councillor expressed some rather decided opinions upon the ability of the health officer and police to enforce the regulations, and if what he stated was true, the onus, in our opinion, appears to rest with the Council for retaining such lax individuals.

The City Clerk also offered some gratuitous advice.

The question of the appointment of auditors was also discussed, and it was eventually decided to appoint Messrs. Lyons and Volume.

This will, no doubt, be the means of retaining the good graces of a certain section of the press, and is what the previous Council also did.

Two bylaws to raise money for the Central School were read three times and passed.

A protest was entered from the District Ledger with reference to advertising date of revising voters' list, and it was stated that our price was higher than that of our contemporary. Pressed as to the difference in rate, it was discovered that had this been advertised in the Ledger it would have cost the Council about 50 cents more. However, we had decided, whether the Council gave permission and paid for it or not, to publish this advertisement, which will be found on this page—with a few comments.

Our Competition Concert

¶ The concert in connection with the distribution of prizes for our competition will take place in the Miner's Hall on Monday, December 22nd. On this occasion the prizes to successful contestants for the Fernie, Hosmer, Michel and Coal Creek district will be distributed, while the proceeds of the concert will be handed over to the Gladstone Local Secretary to provide cheer for the strikers' children on Vancouver Island.

¶ We want every individual who claims any artistic abilities, vocal, instrumental or elocutionary to assist on this occasion and if you will drop us a note stating what you are prepared to do for this worthy object, shall esteem same a favor. Further announcement will be made next week

For those of our readers who have experienced the delights of a real English pork pie, it will come as a pleasant surprise that Mr. Ratcliff has started a bakery of this delicacy, on Pellatt avenue, and is open for both private and party orders. In Yorkshire, still, Xmas breakfast is considered incomplete without its pork pie, and we are bound to confess that this custom is amply justified by the "individuality" of the dish.

In driving out after dusk, we would call attention to the necessity—enforced by the police—of being there "with bells on." This to be taken more literally than metaphorically, as some, reading these notes, may be painfully aware.

George Cody, of Fernie, who is at present engaged on the construction work of the Kootenay Central at 68 miles west of Golden, intends to visit his home town during the Xmas holidays.

P. Burns & Co., Ltd., have added a fine fat turkey to our Heading Competition prize list.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF FERNIE

COURT OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of correcting and revising the Municipal Voters' List of the City of Fernie, B. C., for the year 1914, will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Fernie, on Wednesday, the Tenth day of December, 1913, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock.

GLADSTONE LOCAL

There will be a meeting of the management committee in the secretary's office on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 sharp.

T. UPHILL, Sec.

Voting for checkweighmen will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9 (same date as District elections), at Coal Creek and the Miners' Hall, Fernie.

FUNERAL OF A WELL KNOWN REBEKAH

The funeral of the late Mrs. I. E. Covert took place on Tuesday afternoon.

The body was moved to the home on Sunday evening, and the Oddfellows and Rebekahs, after meeting at the hall, proceeded there at 2 o'clock, where they were joined by the mourners and friends and conducted to the Methodist Church, where a very simple but impressive service was conducted by Rev. D. M. Perley.

Mrs. Covert's sister, Mrs. Currie, arrived on Monday's train and was present at the ceremonies, which were conducted under the auspices of the Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges.

The late Mrs. Covert had been a very enthusiastic worker in the Rebekah Lodge, being a Past Noble Grand of the Order, where her pleasant, quiet manner had made her a great favorite amongst the members. Two beautiful wreaths, one from the Oddfellows and the other from the Rebekahs, were upon the coffin.

Besides her husband, there are left to mourn her loss three children, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Do not forget the grand dance the Socialist Party is giving on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Socialist Hall. Tickets, gentlemen $1; ladies free.

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I FUNERALI RELIGIOSI

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Trovo in un libro, il sequente apprezzamento di un curato sulle esequie civile, cioe la differenza che corre tra un funerale civile, e quello religioso e immensa, senza limiti, due idee presiedono ai funerali cristiani: l' idea di dio che tutto proclama, e quella di una vita immortale, una vita affatto differente dalla presente, la ui necessita e provata dai nostri argomenti filosofici, teologici, e anche scientifici. Discentere religiosamente nella tomba, e partire da questo mondo come l' operaio, che terminato la sua giornata di lavoro, lascia l' officina o il campo, come la sentinella che la morte e venuta a rilevare nella sua funziona, seppellire cristianamente i morti, significa trattarli da numini; e unire nelle amarezze della speranza, la dolce speranza di poterli rivedere, non e adire a un padre, a una madre disolati che non rivedranno piu la creatura amata che ora piangouo, in una parola seppellento il padre, la madre, religiosamente, significa non avere il medosimo peusiere come quante si seppelliscie il proprio cavallo perito lunco la strada, o il profrio bue perito di carbonchio!

Ecco tessuto dal clero, in modo veramente classico, il panegirico dei funerali religiosi, e come si industriano a combattere quelli civili.

Fraseologia d' avvocato sono questi colsi periodici: e polvere gettatta negli occhi dei gonzi!

No o clero cattolico, ai funerali religiosi nou presiedono indee sane, positive no: E' il tuo ciarlatanismo — sei tu stesso; la tua ingordicia, il tuo lugro: null' altro.

Le tue melcusagini, e messi per gli ignoranti, per gli ingenui, tentano di stabbilire, a profitto del culdo in cui tu vivi, ed ingrassi, dell' anima dell' immoralita — e di farne una invenzione e una specialita esclussiva del cristianesimo.

Grossolana insinuazione, menzognia inutile; perche le nostre idee che furono specialmente quelle di Socrate, di Platone, di Aristotile esistevano prima di voi, esse furono sempre a traverso i secoli la base della filosofia spiritualista. Essa furno quelle di

Si puo pretentere di stabbilire, o bene, a male con l'aiuto di ragionamenti assurdi l' esistenza del tuo Dio senza pero costringere nessuno a ingolarlo, come tu ti arochi di fare con la comunione.

La divinita e' una pietanza da te confezzionata, e vero: ma non conviene a tutti stomachi.

Si puo supporre, si puo sperare un' anima immortale: questa supporizione davvero peregrina, potrebbe essere anche una ben magra consolazione, per coloro che fremono davanti al nulla — la morte.

E' la madre puo pensare di rivedere il figlio che plange, senza prestar fede, scioccamente sulla tua fede, interessata, a quei penitenziarii davvero fantastici, e ridicoli, che tu solo ai denominapurgadorio e inferno: a quei animali fittizi che chiami Angeli, o Diavoli; senza credere a quelle adiose menzognie a quelle apparizooni senza realta che qualifichi di "rivelazione divina" e senza lasciasi abbindolare so pratutto dal preteso mandato che ti avrebbero affidato gli Dei per rappresentarli.

Perche non bisognia piu, in questi tembi di libera discussione, tentare di dissimulare la tua personalita dietro il paravento delle ide di cui ti ammanti e ti pavoneggi.

Tu solo, o Prete, presiedi ai funerali religiosi: sei tu dunque, che occorre studiare e anatomizzare per apprezare la tua maesta, o la stupidita o l' ipocrisia.

Infatti, e in qualita di rappresentanto del creatore dei mandi che tu pontifichi durante le esequie religiose; e in qualita di rappresentanto dei poteri celesti, che congedi ai poveri morti l' assoluzione derisoria. Sei tu che presiedi al seppellimento religioso: e' la tua sola presenza che attribuisce a quest' atto estremo il carattere religioso.

Suvvia, dunque; fuore le tue credenziale; esibisci, o prete la tua procura! mantatario degli dei, galoppino dei cieli, produci il tuo mantato; sono passati i tembi che si prestava cieca fede alla tua parola! Questo mantato farebbe di te un personaggio quasi divino. Ma la sua mancanza dimostra che sei un volgare saltimbanco: un richiamo da baracche da fiera.

Victor Hugo, che non e mai stato, ne un vecchio cavallo caduto per istrada, ne un bue morto di carbouchio; e che, tuttavia disdequanfo le stupidita del tuo culdo s'e fatto seppellire anche questo grande uomo civilmente, come il nostro (Bablori).

Il filosofo spiritualista offre a' suoi adepti una speranza di sopravvivenza — il prete la vente. Luomo e' un onesto soguatore: l' altro un commerciante senza scrupoli.

Si puo o prete ammettere l'ipotetica esistenza di una causa indelgente chiamata religione, come semplice oppinione filosofica.

I funerali religiosi, col tuo intervento, con le tue gesticolazione, i tuoi canti, i tuoi paramenti, la tua sciocca pretesa d' essere il commesso viaggiatore delle potenze celestiale, sono la piu semplice e chiara dimostrazione di istrionismo.

In realta tu ne sai piu che tanto sull' ognie dei monti, e sul destino ci dell' uomo: e non te ne curi neanche di saperne. Non e questo il tuo scopo tu te ne infischi degli dei e del morto della famiglia e degli amici. Il tuo Di! ho! mantotario senza mantato, e il pezzo da dieci dollari; su cui si concentrano tutte le tue aspirazioni!

Una cosa sola, certa, v'e: ed e che il corpo del defunto riposa nel cimitero.

Seconto i tuoi dogmi il corpo del defunto si riunira alla sua anima, che la preceduto nella partenza, il giorno del giulizio universale, che deve seguire la fine del mondo; dunque cio che si abbruttisce nei tuoi inferni e nei tuoi purgadori sono della neime.

Sapresti di grazia spigarci cosa e un' anima? E' un corpo solido liquido gassoso? che forma ha? L' anima a occhi, capelli denti braccia?

E vorresti, per cortesia, procurarci il disegno della griglia su cui ci mettono ad abbrustolire, e inticarci i procedimenti seguiti per carbonizzare questa supposizione?

"Anima" corrisponte appunto alla parola latina che significa soffio. E siccome non s'e visto mai uscire un' anima da un corpo, bisognia comenire che la creazione dello spiritualismo, e delle religione, e un prodotto aeuforma, invisibbile impalpabbile.

Saresti davvero di una generosita apprezzabilissima, o prete, se ci inticassi i mezzi che impiegano i tuoi diavoli per prentere pel colletto questa specie di gas, che sarebbe l 'anima e per torturare questo soffio!

Tu non ai diritto, del resto, per le tue presunte trovate, e nessun prevetto d' invenzione, perche le hai tolte tutte all' antichita. Menzogine, secondo le tue argomentazione, nei culdi defunti, dai quali le pai integralmente asportate, vengono utilizzate per il tuo culto come smaglianti verita.

"Prete" chiuque sa che esistono oggi migliaia di religioni, e come gli altri strioni, tu venti ai tuoi gregari le vane promesse, e le vaghe speranze di incerta resuvrezione, e di ipotetica immortalita. Tu traffichi l' inconoscibile, e vivi d'un soprannaturale, di cui non sai e nou puoi, del resto produrre la minima prova.

La fede — cioe la confidenza cieca — la credulita in cosciente, supine nelle tue asserzione: ecco cio che tu predichi ed imponi.

"Credete e pagate" ecco il tuo sistema!

"E' vero perche lo l'affermo": ecco la tua dimostrazione! Graziose in verita sono le cansolazioni che prodichi alla madre piangente, cui il tuo Dio, a ucciso il figlio!

Per assicurasti i benebici del battesimo, tu prete condanni l'innocente bambino, da te non annequato all' abrustolimento perpetuo.

Per smerciare i tuoi prodotti e far prosperare il tuo commercio di messe e d'orazioni, tu condanni per una enezia, per un nulla, per un ufficio mancato, per un pezzo di carna assorbita, per una carezza prodicata a una donna, il figlio divenuto uumo, al bagnio a tempo eterminato (purgadorio) o alla perpetuita (inferno). Ai funerali religiosi tu, rappresente (prete) il carceriere incaricato di domantare ai tuoi dei, la grazia per un forzato.

I tuoi "pater noster" le tue ridicole abluzioni, i tuoi esorcismi, sono una evidentissima ingiuria per il defunto e per la famiglia.

Il tuo corteggio infamante, piu lucupre della stessa morte, con alla testa un supilzio appeso alla croce: col tuoi "libera" e le tue proghiere aspiatorie, a la spetto d' un convoglio colpevole, di un contannato. E' la pompa plena di minacce, con cui l'inquisizione conduceva le sue vittime alla morte.

Le tue messe e le tue fontazioni di messe costituiscono una villania grossolana, per la memoria dei defunti che tratti, in questo modo, da criminali. Gli onesti, non anno bisognio d' avvocati!

Ecco il tuo rispetto per inurto! non sei di gusto tanto raffinato, se trovi convenienti umane, consolante e misericordiose, queste convenzione di guarda — ciurma, e di carnefice.

Chissa quanti applausi riscuaterebbe quel cattolico, spiritualista pradicanto che, nauseato delle tue mene ti spiattellarse sul viso: "Il defuncto era un onesto lavoratore. Se vi fosse un paradiso, egli vi sarebbe certo direttamente salito; ma la vostra ingiuriofatta auno l'italiano costituiscono un altraggio alla memoria; fami il placere lasciaci in pace."

Il tuo programma qual' e? eccolo: il bagua penale nell' altro mondo; e l' obbedienza passiva ai tuoi dogmi.

E' vero che in altri tempi ti sei compiaciuto, di aggiugervi per gli eredici, le fiamme, il lunco e triste elenco degli atroci istrumenti di tortura adoperati dall' inquisizione.

L' odore della carne umana carbonizzata, le urla ancosciose delle vittime tue, la vista del sauque fumanti ti inebriavano: i dolori spaventevoli che si manifestavano sul viso dei sofferenti ti colmavano digioia: i rantoli dell' angonia dei disgraziati caduti nel vostro potere vi entusiasmavano.

Il suo culto fu, per secoli e secoli d' intraperititore di torture. esso aveva l' esecrabile specialita di creare delle vedove e di fabbricare degli orfani. Professionista dellassassinio religioso, carnefici in riposo forzato, malfattori ritiratosi dagl' affari: essi vivorno sfruttanto la credulita umana, incudento timore con i bagni ed altri fittizi d' oltre tomba.

Il vostro culto a per ausiliario e per cassiere la paura!

Ecco cio che furano altre volte e quelle che sono oggi le conso lazione della vostra religione! Il filosofo delsta e spiritualista e un sogniatore disinteressato: voi siete rapaci uccelli da preda! L'anima — di empi continuamente la bocca — e per le, che vivi alle spalle della superstizione, il vero specchietto per le tue allodolo. Questa ipotesi tu la sfrutti avidamente. Il soprannaturale e il moninio ove voi avete costruiti i vostri opulenti: paradiso, purgadorio, inferno. E' il libero pensatore a raggione di sdegniare la tua presenza ai suoi funerali, la morte e cosa serie, non tollera le tue pagliacciate.

Perchi tu sei anche ridicolo. I tuoi abigliamenti, con tutte le loro particolarita rubate alle religione scomparse, fanno pensare alle feste carnascialesche del sabato grasso: Il tuo costume cianfrusaglie, dei vecchi culti si adatterebbero meglio a un buffone da girovago, che non alla tragedia finale: la morte.

Hai, a prete, il genio della (Reclame). Fu granta fortuna per il creatore dell' universo di trovare in te un perfezzionatore tanto valente delle sue opere! In fatti che cosa avrebbero fruttate le sue fatiche, senza la tua "graduita" collabborazione? Perche senza la tassa da te stabbilita per l'acqua salata del battesimo, i nostri bambini sarebbero inevitabilmente affidati alle cure del tuo rosticciere — il diavolo. Senza la benedizzione nuziale, noi saremmo tutti dei concubini. Senza le tue assoluzione ed il tuo salmondiare funebre, precipiteremmo, tutti, come tante costolette viventi, sulle griglu del tuo inferno.

In verita, o prete, il compito che tu hai assunto e ben arduo, e la tua modestia, stupefacente nel difenterci da questo po' po' di peripezie!

E con la tua proverbiale grossolanita, rimproveri ai liberi pensatori — nemici quante ridicole e vane alla tue cerimonie, perche i liberi pensatori amano meglio d' essere manciati da "carni idrofobi" non essere seppelliti alla presenza d'un "Prete."

E meglio ad agire in questo modo, che essere lo zimbello o il complice del tuo ciarlatanismo "Sacerdotale."

Farsi seppellire religiosamente, vuol dire, lasciarsi spennare un'ultima volta prima morire; e alimentare la scroconeria religiosa, che sfrutta cinicamente la culla, l'alcova, la tomba.

Far seppellire, cristianamente i propri cari defunti, e come trattarli, da poveri di spiriti e di averli tenuto in ben cattiva considerazione. Nove volte su dieci in simile circostanze, si attribuiscono loro delle idee di superstizione che forse nou anno mai avute; si impone loro anche dopo morti, una religione che nou anno mai praticata.

Si' l' libero pensiere, cioe un libero pensatore se ne va modestamente, senza apparati coreografici, alla sua ultima dimora. Quanto egli affronta il nulla, nou chiede chiassose cerimonie. Adempie ad un atto onesto, probo e doveroso: rifiuta un' adensione, un incoraggiomento, una elemosina alla menzo gnia religiosa.

Il francese paga volentiere l' imposto per il suo came questo devoto amico del focolare che tu ci paragoni, ma ha con entusiasmo rasciato sul suo foglio; di contribuzione l'imposta del prete, che si chiamava "bilancio dei culti."

Medoro e quotate meglio di te nell' oppinione publica.

Medoro nou pradica la piu disprezzabile delle menzognie, dedicantosi al piu vergognioso mercimenio, vendente — e a quale prezzo! — dei palchi di proscenio per quel teatro che tu pomposamente hai denominato "paradiso."

Medoro non semina la discordia fra famiglie e la disunione fra paesi.

La sua modesta cuccia vale bene il tuo calice dorato di teo fago e d'antropogafo.

E devo ridere di cuore, senza dubbio, Medoro, quanto tivedo cammuffato come sei, a passeggiare come un pazzo, in mezzo alla nostra civilta, con sotto il braccio il registro a madre, e figlia — per buona regola amministrativa — il quale serve per assegniare i posti nei palazzi — dalla tua fantasia costruiti e che chiami, paradiso, purgodorio, inferno.

Prima di urlare come un 'ossesso contro i funerali civili, bisognia, o idrofobo, che ti meti d'accordo con i 110 milioni di protestanti; gli 80 milioni di cattolici greci, i 500 milioni di buddista, gli 8 milioni di maumottani; i 7 milioni di israeliti; i 150 milioni di Brathamista e i 200 milioni d esseri umani appartenenti ad altro culti. Perche questa armata formitabile di 1887 milioni d 'uomini contestano il valore dei ituoi "Oremus" e l' eficacia delle due preghiere.

Questa gleautesca apposizione delle religione stesse ai tuoi dogmi dovrebbe courigliarti una buonissima volta, cioe dose di modestia e d umilta, e ispirarti, difronte al dude del libero pensatore, una accorta prudenza, e un significanto mutismo.

Lasciate, o fanatici, che il libero pensatore preferisca ai vostri "Oremus" un addio commosso pronuciato dall 'amico o dal parente al caro scomparso.

Credete forse che il popolo vada in estari davanti al falegmamo, o al fabbro dell' angolo, avvolto in una gualtrappa, unta, o bisunta elevato ad un tratto algrato di sacro cantore ed usiguolo da chiesa, il quale col becco spalancato, geme lunco le vie, in testa al corter funerario un latino da sguattoro, di cui non comprente un' acca.

Divertenti, e spiritosi — *oh*, moltissimo! — sono questi salmi rubati al culto israelita, per uso e consumo del cristianesimo, come e delizioso e superbo questo repertorio di canzoni ebraiche che anno rapporto con i funerali, come ne puo avere la Marrigliesa!

Il libero pensatore, uomo, modesto, non pensa di suscitare tanto strepito con l' organo o mediante il barroco concerto prodotto dal suono delle campane, e dal miagolio epilettico dei cantori, per annunciare la sua entrata trionfale nell' eternita. Tutto questo apparato non valore per il povero morto che colpito dalla natura, se ne va tristamente a prentere possesso della sua fredda ultima dimora.

Invece, tu prete pontifichi alla felicita, assolvi e rilasci dei biglietti di viaggi alla cieca con mane piu o meno munifica — a seconto del guadagno che ne ricavi — prodichi intiferentemente la tua acqua benedetta, le tue preghiere e i tuoi canti, tanto all 'eletto — il morto del 3 Novembre adagiato lassu comodamente attorniato da suoi compagni, seque con lo sguardo sorridente, che volei, fare, e quanto poi a un dannato, che punito a perpetuita non sa che farne delle tue orazione,

Purche Pachino.

E' proprio un gran pecca to che, tu, chiaroveggente, in corrispontenza col buon Dio direttamente tu che preten: tu che pretenti, esse lunico, anzi il vero incaricato di distribire i posti distinti per starsene piu agevolmente comodo nell' eternita, nou ti senti ingrato di dirci chi veramente si trova in paradiso, chi in purgadorio e chi in inferno.

Ma allora non e vero che il buon Dio, tuo subbortinato: Dio: che tu costrinci a discentere nel tuo calice: Dio che tieni fra il pollice e l' intice come una farfalla, ti abbia nominato suo confidente, o apocrifo mantatario dei cieli!

Zitto dunque a prete!

Il miglior mezzo per prolancare ancora un po' l'enstenza del tuo culto e di "fare il morto" non curarti se gl Italiani vengono in chiesa: ono! Silenzio: e rattiene le tue impertinenze.

Il libero pensiero ne a degli argomenti da opporre alle tue stolite menzogine.

Non tutti giudicano indispensabile far precedere i funerali di un parente a di un amico dalla tua messa — ridicola cerimania di accorante antropofagia, consistente a ghiottone, in qualche preghiero biasicata come aperetivo, e quale piatto prelibato, dal corpo dell' uomo Dio non tutti credoni opportuno confidare al soldato del papa, al nemco della grancia al cospiratore di professione quale tu sei, la cura delle sue esequie.

Il libero pensatore non vuole essere sepoldo da un antropofago egli desidera essere condotto alla sua ultima dimora da uomini simili a lui.

E noi intanto rispontiamo alla provocazione del prete con le parole di "Olinto zuerrin!" quanto ero piu giovane e piu poeta.

Cadan gli Aldari infranti—
Sfuman le larve del passato impuro—
Avanti, Avanti, Avanti,
Con la fiaccola impugno, e con la scure.

Un Libero Pensatore Del Circolo Operaio Italiano, Fernie, B. C.

RISPETTA EGLI LA LEGGE?

Quando il Governatore del Colorado mise in moto le truppe per inviarle nel Sud Colorado, dichiaro' che aveva preso un tal grave provvedimento "per far rispettare la legge e per mantener l'ordine nella zona dello sciopero."

Proviamo un po' ad investigare questa dichiarazione gubernatoriale, onde vedere se puo' passare felicemente attraverso il crogiuolo dell'analisi e della critica imparziale.

Chi erano i violatori della legge e i disturbatori della publica quiete? Erano i minatori forse, od i padroni delle miniere che apertamente sfacciatamente ed impunemente facevano le fiche a quella "legge" che il Governatore dello Stato vuol far rispettare o tenta far credere di voler far rispettare?

La legge del Colorado concede ai minatori la piu' ampia liberta' di divenir membri di qualsiasi organizzazione operaia e vieta severamente ai padroni di impedire ai loro dipendenti di inscriversi nelle unioni operaie.

Hanno mai rispettato tal legge gli operatori di miniere? Hanno concesso essi forse il privilegio ai loro minatori di entrare nelle file della United Mine Workers of America? No! Essi si sono risolutamente rifiutati di riconoscere l'unione dei loro operai, come hanno ricusato di venire ad una conferenza coi capi dell'unione, ad onta che la "legge" accordi ai lavoratori dello Stato il privilegio di essere riconosciuti come unionisti.

Ha forse il Governatore dello Stato inviato le truppe nel Colorado Meridionale per far rispettare questa legge? No! . . .

La legge richiede che i minatori abbiano il proprio pesatore del carbone; ma i padroni delle miniere, sotto mille protesti e con mille scuse, si son sempre rifiutati di rispettare questa legge.

Il Governatore non ha indugiato e non ha esitato ad inviare la milizia, ma non per far trionfare i diritti dei tartassati minatori, bensi' per proteggere gli interessi delle compagnie.

I padroni delle miniere hanno apertamente calpestato la legge ed hanno mantenuto sbirri armati ai loro ordini in aperta violazione della legge. Non importa. Il Governatore ha inviato le truppe Statali per ridurre a zero gli sforzi dei gagliardi minatori, che strenuamente lottano per far rispettare la legge da quelli che assorbono tutti i loro sudori.

Il governatore Ammons ha avuto una grande, incomparabile opportunita' per dimostrare ai cittadini di questo Stato ch'egli aveva il rispetto piu' grande per la Giustizia; ma disgraziatamente ha dato prova di grande codardia, prendendo le parti dei capitalisti e dei loro leoni o ruffiani che dir si voglia.

Il governatore Ammons e' venuto meno al suo dovere non solo, ma ha tradito gli operai e la causa operaia: egli si e' prostituito ai "predoni della ricchezza."

Il Governatore dello Stato sa molto bene che nel Colorado Meridionale sino ad ora non vi e' stato "legge" di sorta: che i capitalisti vi hanno comandato a bacchetta e che i minatori sono stati sottoposti allo sfruttamento piu' vergognoso.

Non poteva e non doveva egli ridurre al dovere le sanguisughe sociali e prendere la difesa di coloro che sono gli autori della vita, della ricchezza e della prosperita' del Colorado?

Il Governatore del Colorado e' venuto meno alla missione che il popolo aveva *affidato*: egli non ha compiuto il suo dovere! . . . .

PER LO SCIOPERO GENERALE

Frank J. Hayes, vice presidente della U. M. W. of A., e William F. Hickey, segretario della Federazione Statale del Lavoro, hanno dichiarato che ormai e' inevitabile uno sciopero generale di tutti i membri che compongono le varie unioni operaie del Colorado.

John McLennan, presidente della Federazione Statale del Lavoro, sta ora visitando le varie unioni dello Stato e si e' quasi certi che al suo ritorno in Denver chiamera' una seduta di tutti i capi delle diverse Unioni per decidere sulle misure da prendersi.

"Perche' — chiede McLennan — non dovremmo essere tutti solidali e proclamare uno sciopero generale in tutto lo Stato? E' strettamente necessario farlo, anche per porci in grado di tener testa a quella famigerata unione che si chiama capitalismo. I membri che la compongono hanno di mira una cosa sola: quella di abbattere e rovinare la nostra. La Camera di Commercio di Pueblo ci ha voltato la schiena e si e' unita ai nostri nemici per aiutarli nella lotta attuale. Quella di Denver ha fatto lo stesso: anch'essa ha dimostrato di essere apertamente contraria ai lavoratori. La maggior parte dei giornali e dei giornalisti sono a noi contrarii e predono le difese di coloro che ci sfruttano. Se si organizzano i nostri avversarii, perche' non dovremmo organizzarci anche noi? Perche' non dovremmo usare, per sbaragliarli, l'arma piu' potente, efficace e sicura che e' in nostro potere? . . . . quella dello sciopero generale! . . . .

Eugene V. Debs — il noto apostolo dell'unione e del socialismo — ha detto: "La situazione nel Sud Colorado e' grave, gravissima. Ma tutto quello che chiedo no gli scioperanti si riduce ad unsemplice cosa: al diritto di organizzarsi. Il resto viene poi da se'. Durante questa lotta industriale sono gia' state sacrificate centinaia di vittime e parecchi milioni di dollari sono andati perduti. Ma ad onta che i padroni delle miniere del Sud Colorado siano spalleggiati dai "trusts" e dai banchieri di Wall Street in New York, questo sciopero deve terminare e terminera' con una brillante vittoria operaia, perche' e' l'unione che fa la forza."

E Debs ha mille ragioni. Se tutti i lavoratori fossero uniti, non vi sarebbe piu' schiavitu', sfruttamento ed ingiustizia sociale: il capitalismo sparirebbe come per incanto e nel mondo la pace regnerebbe sovrana.

I minatori del West Virginia, a mo' d'esempio, hanno capito questa verita' e nel solo distretto di New River in breve tempo ben 15 mila minatori si sono schierati nelle file dell'unione.

Non potrebbero fare altrettanto i minatori del Colorado?

La verita' e' una sola, nuda e cruda: se vuoisi vincere lo sciopero del Sud Colorado, tutti i minatori devono essere uniti, compatti e solidali!

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The Conflict of Big Interests

It is this great inequality in the distribution of wealth which gives rise to and inspires the conflict of the classes, the class struggle which forms such an important feature of the philosophy of Socialism and which so many earnest men and women find it difficult, if not altogether impossible, to accept. No other phase of the philosophy and propaganda of Socialism has been so much misunderstood or so vehemently denounced and misrepresented as this idea that changes in the basic economic conditions of life create distinct class divisions in society and that the real social and political advances which mark the evolution of society are made through the urge and impulse of the resulting inevitable struggles between these classes for mastery.

Now, while it may be and is easily explainable, this is greatly to be deplored. It is always regrettable when thoughtful men and women who are earnestly seeking the truth are prejudiced against an idea or a movement through some misconception of it. In the belief that many such persons are today opposing Socialism because of their total misconception of what it really means, this attempt is made to state plainly, honestly and without acrimony or offense what Socialists understand by the class struggle.

In the first place, reverting for a moment to the unequal division of wealth already shown, it is obvious that the wealth producers who receive such a small share of the products of their toil have a certain community of interests as against the recipients of the larger share.

The individual workers in a factory or mine may be divided by a thousand different things. They may be of different races, they may have different religious beliefs, but they have one thing in common—they have a common interest in securing as large a return for their labor, as big a share of their products, as possible. There will be a natural tendency, therefore, for them to unite upon that one question. It would be impossible to get them to agree upon any question involving the merits of their respective nationalities; to attempt to unite them in any religious organization would be foredoomed to failure. But in general they will unite, more or less readily, upon the platform of their economic interests.

In like manner, those who receive the larger share, so enormously disproportionate to their numbers, may also differ upon all other matters, but they will tend to agree as to the desirability of maintaining the present division of wealth, of increasing the share if possible, and, at any rate, preventing its being lessened by any coercive action on the part of the workers. They, too, may be of different races and have different religious beliefs, and because of these things they may belong to different clubs and social "sets," but they will find a basis for common agreement in their economic interests.

In the foregoing proposition care has been taken to confine the statement to its necessary limitations. It is claimed merely that there will be a tendency for this unity upon basis of economic interests to occur. There may be individuals so constituted that they are not able or willing to unite with their fellows upon anything. There may be some who will not be able to recognize that they have common interests with their fellows. There may be some who will regard racial or religious divisions as being vital to the extent of forbidding any association with others of alien race or faith. Finally, there may be, and, in fact, are, some members of the superior economic class who regard the system which gives them so disproportionate a share of the wealth of the world as wrong and unite with the workers instead of their natural allies. But all these are exceptions, and in general it may be said that men will unite according to their economic interests while preserving their other natural divisions, because the economic question is fundamental. It is the bottom question of life, the question of food and clothes and shelter. That some rise superior to their environment does not invalidate the theory that life is in general conditioned by its environment.

All this is very trite and obvious, but it goes to the roots of the problem before us. Association for mutual protection is a law of nature, which men everywhere, and most of the lower animals, instinctively obey. When the individuals find themselves powerless to defend their interests, they instinctively unite. Prince Kropotkin, in his wonderful book, "Mutual Aid a Factor of Evolution," gives many interesting examples, human and other, of the observance of this law. The struggle of the classes, then, is a natural struggle, the working out of a great universal natural law. It is imperative that this be remembered by those who would understand Socialism and its propaganda. Many people make the serious mistake of supposing that Socialism is responsible for the class struggle, that the advocates of Socialism, by preaching bitterness and class hatred, make the class struggle. Because they believe this they oppose Socialism and denounce its advocates with all their powers.

This is unfair to the Socialists. They do not make the struggle which exists between the classes, but it inheres in the economic institutions of society. Long before the word Socialism was ever spoken society was torn by a bitter class conflict. In fact, ever since in the evolution of the race private property first became recognized, class struggles have existed. Their history is the history of human progress. Ancient society, based as it was upon slavery, was certainly characterized by a definite class division. Slavery was, in fact, the beginning of the age-long universal class struggle between the disinherited sons of earth and their masters. The ancient histories teem with records of the revolts of slaves against their masters. Likewise, the history of the Middle Ages tells mainly the story of a great and bitterly waged class struggle. No candid reader of the history of the period can fail to find abundant evidence of the responsibility of conflicting class interests for the wars of the Middle Ages. The medieval gilds, also, were the organized expression of the struggle of the rising manufacturing class against the feudal barons. When Socialists are accused of creating class division and strife, the accusation is as absurd as it is unjust. Upon the walls of Pompeii—which seems, says Mr. Morrison Davidson, to have been in the midst of a municipal election when it was buried in the year 79 A.D.—inscriptions have been found pointing to a definite organization of the working class at that time. Here is one such inscription, interesting on account of the present discussion of the desirability of the labor unions going into politics:

"The members of the Fishermen's Union nominate Popedius Rufus for member of the Board of Works."—John Spargo in the Socialists.

FIND THE CULPRIT

Day by day, and week by week, we read of frightful accidents occurring at collieries. One time some forty or fifty are blown into eternity by an explosion of fire damp; at another, a hundred or two are killed and wounded by the falling in of a rotton shaft, the only outlet from a den of death. These cases of wholesale slaughter attract temporary attention; the public subscribe to the widows and orphans of the murdered colliers; then something equally "sensational" to the explosion occurs, either at home or abroad, and the colliery catastrophe is entirely forgotten.—From "Reynold's" of Fifty years ago (November 8, 1863.).

Whilst laying the foundation stone of a new hospital at Mansfield, a populous mining district, the other day, the Duke of Portland paid a tribute to the courage of British colliers. After speaking of their hazardous lives and of the terrible accidents that continually overtake them, he said: "I believe there are no braver and more self-sacrificing men than the miners of this country." We endorse that remark. We believe that no set of beings that ever existed on this planet can vie with British colliers in the virtues of courage and devotion to comrades stricken down by accidents or disease. And because we believe that, because we find it impossible to convey the depth of our admiration for the British miner, we are now making a special appeal on his behalf, we are appealing for public sentiment—or public indignation, if you will—strong enough to force the authorities and the mine owners to take every step that will ensure the greatest possible degree of safety in British mines. At six o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, October 14, 935 miners descended the pit at Senghenydd. Two hours later an explosion occurred, and hundreds of these men were killed. A few bodies have been brought up, but a number still lie in the bowels of the earth, lost to those who would fain have had the mortal clay entombed in some chosen burial ground. Now when the accident occurred there was no lack of offers of help. Miners from all over the Principality—from all over the Kingdom—were willing and anxious to join in the work of rescuing survivors. Funds were opened in aid of the thousand widows and orphans of the dead. The newspapers printed graphic and moving descriptions of the scenes at the pithead and in the stricken homes of the miners. And now—? Now what is happening? The news from Senghenydd has ceased to be "news." It no longer moves our sluggish pulses. We have read stories of pathos and tragedy until our appetites are sated. All that can be known of the terror of the burning mine, of the heroism of the rescuers, of the steadfastness of the widows and bereaved ones, we have had put before us in cold print time and time again; the details of the picture we are familiar with.

But we, for our part, are not satisfied with that. We want something else, and we hope that every reader of "Reynold's" will join us in demanding something more than we have yet had. We want a full and impartial inquiry into the cause of the disaster. We want the Government to take steps that will bring every item of information bearing upon the causes of the disaster to light. We want to know if it is necessary to sacrifice so many thousands of brave men and boys to provide this realm with the fuel that keeps us a nation in the forefront of the world. Are there no means of preventing these holocausts? Must such sacrifices be offered up to the Moloch of industry? Have we so little care for the best of our people that we can see them blown to atoms, burnt alive, crushed to pulp, and otherwise tortured, maimed, and killed in the interests of the owners and controllers of the coal industry? That is what we want to know, and we want to know at once. It is nearly a month since the accident occurred, and we have no report on these matters. Nearly a month since hundreds of men whose existence should make us proud of our race and our traditions were swept out of existence, and our apathetic rulers stand coolly by, waiting for we know not what, before finding out what exactly was the matter at the Lancaster pit. Some people, well acquainted with pit work, tell us that there must be these serious disasters; others say that the pits can be made as safe as the London tube railways. Some men blame the men for carelessness—a very easy way of shirking the issue—others tell us that it is almost impossible to drive the owners into adopting safeguards. For ourselves, we merely desire information. We believe someone is responsible, and we want to know who he is.

That is one thing we must demand. If any official, if any owner, if anyone responsible for the control of the workings was responsible for the accident, he must be placed in the dock and tried as a common criminal. Human life is too sacred to be frittered away in the manner in which it is. We talk of modern progress. We compliment ourselves upon the advance that has been made in humane sentiment, and then we find that in such matters we are pretty much in the same position as we were fifty years ago. Read the extract from "Reynold's" of half a century ago, printed at the head of this column, and then ask yourselves how far we have really and truly progressed in these matters. Colliers' lives have been wasted in thousands. Homes have been ruined; wives have been widowed, children have been orphaned, death has claimed his victims in mines all over the country in the past, and we know that the greed for dividends was the cause of most of the fatalities. And we suspect that it is the same today. We suspect that our lax methods of controlling industry allow directors to jeopardize the lives of men in the interests of profits, and, if that is so, we demand that it shall cease. But first and foremost we must have the evidence, and we must have all the evidence. If any man on the Welsh coalfield has information bearing upon the causes of the disaster, we hope that no fatalistic notion that the thing is over and cannot be helped will prevent him from giving it. Workmen guilty of criminal negligence are soon hauled into the prisoner's dock. If any mine official has been criminally negligent, we hope to see him also facing a judge and jury as if he were a "common," "vulgar" hero of a miner whose judgment had been at fault. The strongest condemnation of British coal kings is that printed at the head of this article. Fifty years since it was written, and it is as apropos as if it had been written yesterday. Who is the culprit in this case? We hope the public will insist upon an answer to that question, and then insist upon adequate punishment being meted out to him.—Reynold's.

Commissioner of Labor Brake, of Colorado, throws some light on the causes that lead up to the frightful loss of life in the mines where the men are not protected by an organization. He reports a case where the inspector of mines was denied the right to investigate conditions in one of the C. F. & I. mines; where the strong-arm men of that company refused to let the inspector near the mine he woulld have inspected, and, because this company had complete control of local courts and police power, he was compelled to forego his legal right and duty.

In British Columbia, on Vancouver Island, another instance of defiant disregard of law led up to the present strike. Because the gas men the law allows the miners to employ and report to them discovered dangerous amounts of gas, and so reported, they, the gas men, were not only discharged but blacklisted.

Wherever the miners are organized the laws relating to safety can be, and generally are, enforced. The miners so protected can collectively wield an influence that will encourage the inspectors to enforce the laws.

But with the miners unable to express their demands, except as individuals, and then at the imminent danger of discharge, while the operators work together to choose inspectors or demand their discharge if unsatisfactory to them, the inspection law, all laws for the safety of the miners are enforced or disregarded at the will of the operators.

And so, for the safety of our fellow-workers, we shall continue to go forward with our campaign of education and organization until all the miners of the country are protected to the extent that an organization can assure.

With all the miners organized, the laws, even of the districts now organized, could be revised and made more strict, until the death rate among miners all over the land would be materially reduced.—U. M. W. Journal.

Mexico has seven million peons whose daily average wage is twelve and one-half cents, so says the Newark Evening Star. With this fact before you, it is not difficult to solve the riddle of Mexico. The war is between two groups of capitalists. The prize is the right to exploit these seven million peons. Huerta is the hired man of the Pearson oil syndicate of Europe. Caranza is backed by American capital.

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Overweighting the Safety Valve

Because thirty-three patrolmen of the Indianapolis police force refused to act as strike breakers during the street carmen's strike in that city, charges have been preferred against them by Superintendent Hyland, and it is probable that their dismissal may be ordered.

Prior to the strike the police, under instructions of the same superintendent, did not interfere with imported thugs of the street car companies when they beat up the organizers, and such of the company's employés as evinced a desire to join with the union of their craft.

A committee representing all the local unions, and some representatives of the international organizations that have their headquarters in Indianapolis, called on the mayor of the city some weeks prior to the strike, protested against the lawlessness of the paid ruffians of the traction companies and predicted that, when the strike should come, the illegal methods adopted by the company would inevitably lead to like lawlessness on the part of sympathizers of the men on strike.

The police of Indianapolis, or for that matter of any city, is composed of workingmen. As officials of the city they are in duty bound to protect life and property.

But when the official to whom they look for instructions refuses to protect men who were only exercising their constitutional rights from tactics that were absolutely in violation of the law, he, and those under his command, are supposed to enforce without fear or favor, just because he (the superintendent of police) was not in sympathy with the purposes for which these men are starving, it is only natural, and far less culpable, if the patrolmen also should express their sympathies in like manner when called upon to protect the imported thugs, when these in turn were made to take some of their own kind of medicine.

Outside of that the wisdom of the gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, who are now loudly calling for the discharge of the policemen under charges, might be questioned.

Let them look to themselves. They will find it was their intolerant position that brought about the conditions that inevitably led up to the strike, and which, if persisted in, will bring on a series of strikes, until the conditions they have been active in imposing on the workingmen of the city are alleviated.

They are attempting to boost their holdings of real estate at the cost of the workers. Would induce factories to come to the city by showing unorganized and therefore cheap "labor."

And the result is apparent in more actual want; more burglaries and other crimes against property; more abject poverty among working people than is the case in any other city in this country of its size.

When Louis the Sixteenth was informed that the national guard was fraternizing with the revolting populace he said, "Then it is not a riot, it is a revolution."

Men of labor, held to a bare existence, with pauperism o r crime imminently before them in case of a few weeks' idleness; with cost of the bare necessities of living ever raising, while wages stand still or go backward, must rebel, must revolt.

Those who would prevent the only peaceable expression of dissatisfaction, the only possible method by which conditions can be ameliorated without appeal to force, the organization of the workers into associations through which they can voice their needs, collectively, are treading on dangerous ground; are certainly not working for the real interests of the community.

They may prevent a peaceable amelioration of the conditions of the workers for a time, but urgent necessity will find an expression, and if peaceable methods are prevented, then the explosion must come.

There are too many people in Indianapolis who have absolutely nothing to lose.—U. M. W. Journal.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION

Twenty-four more of our fellow-workers' lives snuffed out in a few minutes; this time in Alabama, another state where "the tyranny of the union" is not tolerated, and where the death rate of the miners is twice as many to the amount of coal produced as in the organized states.

As usual, we have the assurance of the State's chief inspector of mines, "That all the mines under his care are in a wonderfully safe condition, and that this particular mine was rather more safe than any of the others."

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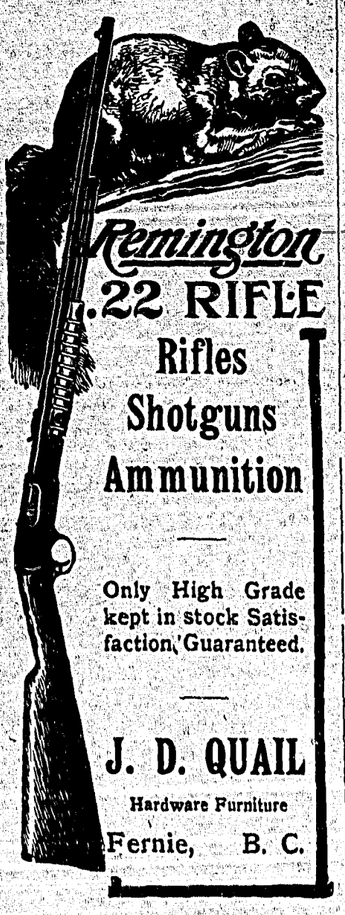

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The Organized Mob In Michigan

The Miners' Bulletin of date of November 15th, had the following, relative to the Citizens' Alliance that has been organized in the copper district of Michigan:

"This organization it seems has had a rebirth in Michigan. Every student of Labor's history will remember the brutal, anarchistic part that it played but a few years ago and now it comes upon the scene again with its lawlessness and hate but thinly veiled. In this it is assisted to the extent of the limited ability of the copper collared press of this district, notably the Gazette, the News and the Journal. It is the last act of desperation on the part of the men who are willing to clasp hands with the paid assassins of corporations against working men. Get an idea of its character. We quote the following:

"The alliance has called no meetings, has no executive officers, has made no announcement of its plans, if it has any, but if its pledges mean anything there are ten thousand people already enrolled in the copper district against Moyer, Mahoney, Miller, Terzich and their principles. **Something definite in the form of aggressive action against the Western Federation should result.**

"Even the servile tools and lickspittles of the corporations can understand language of that character. It is an invitation to mob violence. If there were any of our friends here or on the outside who had any doubt of the effectiveness of this strike, the organization of the Citizens' Alliance ought to relieve them of that. It is an act worthy of the men who fatten on Labor's toil and who are ready to commit murder to hold the workers in subjection. Wherever these men have appeared it has always been with a lie on their lips and malice in their heart. It is always the particular union that is on strike that they are opposed to. To unionism in general they always profess their adherence."

The Citizens' Alliance, wherever it has been organized, has trampled law under foot and spat upon constitutional rights. The Citizens' Alliance of the Cripple Creek district resolved itself into a mercenary mob and destroyed the stores of the Western Federation of Miners. The Citizens' Alliance of Colorado's gold district instituted deportation, and men were torn from their families by day and night, brutally assaulted and driven beyond the boundaries of the state because they stood for the rights of the working class.

The organization launched in Michigan, is but a mob that proposes to take the law into its own hands, and it is probable, that Waddell-Mahon thugs in conjunction with the state militia, will aid and abet the horde of outlaws, who under the name of a Citizens' Alliance, will pereptrate every outrage which devilish ingenuity can suggest.

The organized band of lawbreakers may create a reign of terror, in the copper mining district, and it may be, that men, women and children may suffer, but the principles for which brave men are fighting will live, and the day is not far distant when many of the very men who make up the lawless aggregation, known as a Citizens' Alliance, will be haunted by the memory of a time when they cut their own throats, to maintain the supremacy of economic despotism in the copper mines of Michigan.—The Miners Magazine.

G. B. Shaw on Vice

Ever caustically humorous in his condemnations, Mr. G. B. Shaw made some biting comments when lecturing at the Three Arts Club, Marylebone road, London, to an audience of women on the subject of the "Economics of the Three Arts — Music, Painting and the Drama."

The general belief of the human race, remarked Mr. Shaw, was that the artist was a blackguard. (Laughter.) The great mass of mankind—the ordinary peasant, the ordinary laborer and the ordinary trader—regarded art as a vice. They really did. It was a misconception which even existed to some extent among artists themselves. He addressed his last lecture to their souls and self-respect, and he wanted to address the present lecture more or less to their pockets, because if they did not understand a little about the economics of art, they were quite certain to make fools of themselves very largely in the necessary business of selling themselves which was involved by the existing civilization.

Immediately artists came to the question of what they were worth, and what they should ask for a picture, or for playing, or singing at a concert, they were met with an immense mass of anomalies which were extremely repugnant to their inner sense. They found that the money value or exchange value of what they could do not only bore no relation to what they thought was the real value of the art, but that the two were sometimes in perfectly grotesque contradiction.

The actress was put in a position in which she could have a motor car and have a very comfortable time. They found at the same time that people like Florence Nightingale, Mrs. Josephine Butler, Mrs. Pankhurst, and so on, were not only paid for what they did, but were violently maltreated for what they did. If they went to the extreme case of persons like Joan of Arc, they found instead of getting handsomely paid, like the lady who exhibited her person, she was burned. (Laughter.) So they had society expressing its opinion on their value, and there they had the same anomaly that Ruskin pointed out. Persons whom they felt were of infinite value to the world received as their payment martyrdom or a very vigorous persecution; whereas the persons who were only doing their best to make the most money they could were very highly paid. There was no use in quarrelling with that.

"It is," Mr. Shaw continued, "important that you should understand that the market value for which you have to sell yourself is a thing which has no relation whatever to the intrinsic value, or the social utility of your work. You have to make up your mind that when you are doing work of the highest value, the probability is that you will have an extremely hard time, and that you will not be paid, but probably fined, imprisoned, and forcibly fed—(laughter)—and if you will carry your work to the very highest point the probability is you will be executed. (Laughter.)

"You have to go into the market, and you have to sell yourself precisely on the same terms as fish. (Laughter.) Your price will be regulated strictly by supply and demand. If you study a Bond street fishmonger you will find that at one period of the day the price of fish is very high, and you will find late in the day, when there is no prospect of selling the fish—the fish will not keep—the same fish is actually being given away. You have to consider when you are selling yourself whether you will keep. (Laughter.) That is a very serious question, especially for a woman, because you must remember that when a woman is young and pretty she is salable, but she will not keep.

"For some years she may be quite well paid on the strength of her good looks, but when these go, if she has not any talent, she gets rather into the position of the fish. She is given away, but nobody will take her, and her position may become an extremely miserable one. If you are an actress, you have to sell your face, your person and your figure. If you are a musician or a pianist, you have to sell your hair." (Laughter.)

Mr. Shaw went on to say that they were not exactly like fish, because they would be eaten over and over again. (Laughter.) "And you are none the worse for it," he continued. "You remain just as you were before, and, on the contrary, the taste for you is apt to grow. (Renewed laughter.) No human being ought to have to sell himself, or herself, on any terms whatever, but the fact was they were all selling themselves in existing society.—Reynolds' Newspaper, London.

SYMPATHY FOR THE PUBLIC

In every strike the subsidized sheets of capital are copious in expressions of sympathy for the public. They draw a picture of Labor and Capital grappling with each other, while the poor, unfortunate public looks on at the battle, suffering untold hardships, as the result of such conflict. They declare that the public is not responsible for the conflicts that bring misery and wretchedness to that great mass of people not directly involved, but who must suffer because employer and employé cannot harmonize their differences. The question arises as to who and what constitute the **public**.

The **public** is supposed to be the **whole people**, and the **public** is made up of exploiters and exploited. The two elements of society, exploiter and exploited, belong to the **public**, and the **public** is responsible for the hellish industrial system that breeds conflict between exploiter and exploited. The public has the political power in its hands to redress the economic wrongs that paralyze industry and bring hunger and want to countless thousands of people, but that great **public** for which the organs of capitalism express so much sympathy, is not heard from until the slave rebels against the brutal conditions and starvation wages imposed upon him by the insatiable greed of industrial tyrants. The cry of journals in behalf of the public, that prostitute their columns to serve the interest of exploiters, is but a pretext raised to conceal the hypocrisy of those "moulders of public opinions" who are too cowardly to be men and stand up for justice and right.

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" " 33	2262869
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List of Prizes

The following prizes are for Contestants in Fernie, Coal Creek, Hosmer, Michel Corbin and to the west of Fernie

$20 PRIZE
Splendidly Trimmed Hat supplied by Mrs. TODD.

$25 HEATER OR RANGE
Supplied by TRITES-WOOD CO.

$12 DRESSING CASE
Supplied by McLEAN DRUG STORE

$6.00 PAIR OF BOOTS
Supplied by MUIRHEAD & CO.

TWO $10 HAMPERS
Supplied by FERNIE CO-OPERATIVE

$10 PRIZE
Supplied by FERNIE-FORT STEELE BREWERY.

ROAST OF PORK
Supplied by 41 MEAT MARKET

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Supplied by A. C. LIPHARDT

LADY'S SKIRT OR PAIR OF GENT'S PANTS VALUE $16.00
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Supplied by W. INGRAM

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The following prizes are for Coleman, Carbondale, Blairmore, Frank, Bellevue, Maple Leaf, Hillcrest, Passburg, Burmis and East

$18.00 POWER WASHING MACHINE
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ARE YOU HOME SICK?

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See Our Heading Competion on Page Four. Get a Prize

Gladstone Local Notes

A question of great importance came up before the Local for discussion at the last regular meeting. It was the practice of working double shifts at the mines. The Act reads thus: "No person employed in or about a mine shall remain underground for the purpose of employment, or any other purpose except as hereinafter provided, for a longer period than eight hours from bank to bank in any one calendar day of twenty-four hours." "Twenty-four hours" for the purpose of this section shall mean from midnight to midnight. It is deplorable how men and officials alike abuse this section of the Act. The miners' union internationally have fought strenuously for many years to obtain by act of Parliament the enforcement of eight hours in the mines. They have been successful because the agitation was carried on intelligently and persistently. Yet, in spite of such a splendid achievement, men will reenter the mines when commanded to do so by an unthinking official. A penalty is inflicted for a breach of the act in this respect. But penalties by courts of law are not sufficient; the guilty ones should be regarded as objects of scorn and hatred and should be expelled immediately from the union. We are an organization of men who have to battle continuously for the means of existence, and, as such, can ill afford to be lenient to an offending and disloyal member.

The special meeting held in the Grand Theatre was instructive in one particular at least. The interpreters of our foreign brothers reiterated the necessity of being brothers in the organization; they desired a common sympathy. The superficial barriers of national descent still lingers and struggles for existence. The bourgeoise teaching of national prejudice and hatred still dominates our minds despite our common economic struggles. But the day is not far distant when all new knowledge of our common interests will shine like the light and compel the mists of our present misunderstanding to dissipate and roll away.

Again the meeting was remarkable not only for the numbers in attendance, but also for the determination which possessed the members to have this matter thoroughly discussed. Can an inspection committee give a true report? The question itself presupposes a condition of things that should not exist at the mines of Coal Creek. The safeguarding of life at the mines is a question of first-importance and it has been accentuated through recent disasters and the number of fatal accidents in this province. The race for profits blinds the parties concerned to the dangers and sacrifices of life and limb. The individual who has the moral courage to call a halt and point out the evils existing is overwhelmed by the power of the employer, who threatens to deprive him of the means of existence. Is our organization powerful enough to counteract the intimidation of the employer? Is the solidarity of our membership such that it inspires the loyalty of the individual? Questions of this nature are continually asked at the Local meetings and such questions cannot be ignored. Our organization is now being weighed in the balance; will it be found wanting? Let every member pledge himself to attend the meetings and add his quota of intelligence and will power to the building up of an organization that spells more than a commercial enterprise.

The recommendation committee brought forward a recommendation which was accepted with a unanimous vote. They believed it to be the only solution of our present condition. "That, seeing to try and amend the existing act is practically hopeless, in view of the fact that we cannot get the provisions of the said act carried out, we therefore recommend that the working class of this District do all in their power to send working men representatives to the various legislative assemblies."

For the benefit of the members who have not been able to procure a copy of the act, rule 37 reads thus: "The persons employed in a mine may from time to time appoint one or two of their number to inspect the mine at their own cost, and the persons so appointed shall be allowed, once or oftener in every shift, day, week or month, accompanied, if the owner, agent, or manager of the mine think fit, by himself or one or more officers of the mine, to go to every part of the mine and inspect the shafts, levels, planes, working places, return airways, ventilating apparatus, old workings and ventilating machinery, and shall be afforded by the owner, agent and manager, and all persons in the mine, every facility for purpose of such inspection, and shall make a true report of the results of such inspection, and such report shall be signed by the persons who made the same, etc."

A report was given by President Martin of the snow cribbing on the mountain side at Coal Creek. This cribbing was erected by the coal company a few years ago to resist snow slides. It appears that this cribbing has now filled up with rocks and other falling matter, which makes it an assistance rather than a resistance to snow slides. This is one of the most dangerous declivities of the Creek mountains and hundreds of men are obliged to walk this way to and from the mines. It will be recalled to mind that this month a terrible disaster took place, crushing out the lives of a number of our fellows whilst injuring a number of others. It is to be hoped that strenuous efforts will be made to compel the company to safeguard this point of the mountain side.

POCAHONTAS NOTES

The mine is working steady these days. Brisk times are anticipated for the coming winter.

A collection was taken up at the mine a few days ago for the benefit of the striking miners on Vancouver Island. The appeal was nobly responded to by the majority of the miners, and quite a substantial sum was secured. The boys of Pocahontas are never slow to dig down in a worthy cause.

Most of the room work in the mine here has been abolished and a system of narrow works, driven at right angles to each other, has been adopted. The object of the change is to secure larger and cleaner coal, and as the narrow works are driven on a suitable angle, thereby lessening the fall of coal during pillar extraction and will eliminate, to a certain degree, the falls of roof. There is no doubt that the change will be beneficial and may possibly be adopted as a future standard in this district.

The coming of the cold weather necessitated the laying off of the back shift in the prospect mine. The work in these prospects has been successfully managed lately by Mr. Walter Wrigley, and all indications point to him being a thoroughly competent mining man.

The farewell dance given Saturday night in honor of the departure of Mr. William Carruthers for the Old Country was a decided succes, a cordial invitation being extended to all. The rooms were filled to overflowing, and a general good time was enjoyed by all present. Dancing was indulged in till 11.30, after which refreshments were served. After supper a selection of songs were rendered by Messrs. Maxwell, Herom, Reed, James and last, but not least, by Mr. Joseph Twist, who kept the audience in a continual roar of laughter from start to finish by the rendering of a comic song which Joe knows but too well how to emphasize in order to impress upon the minds of the audience the fine points involved therein. Mr. Carruthers gave a short address touching on the pleasant times he spent in this camp, and expressed regrets at having to depart for even a short time from so many staunch friends. We wish Mr. Carruthers "bon voyage" and a happy return.

The newcomer with the skinny pants (by the way suggestive of scarlet fever) and the sawed-off coat is making himself pretty busy since arriving in camp.

We would mildly intimate to Mr. Man that this is not a birthday festival which he is trying to celebrate, and would suggest that those underhand tactics be cut short.

There will be a concert given in the school rooms on Saturday, Dec. 13, for the benefit of the striking miners on Vancouver Island. All those attending will be assured a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Guilliam, from Edmonton, accompanied by Mrs. Guilliam's sister, Mrs. Emily Bowyer, are expected to spend their Xmas holidays in this town as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bowyer and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Xmas tree and already a concert troupe are undergoing rehearsals in order to qualify for the occasion. Come one, come all, and enjoy yourselves.

Messrs. Ross and "Billie" paid a flying visit to town some days ago. The boys were accompanied back to camp by "Johnny Dewar" and "Johnny Walker" and an enjoyable evening was spent, which resulted in the death of both visitors. The remains were interred without ceremony.

Don't forget the benefit concert on Dec. 13.

Mr. Jas. Frail arrived back in camp a few days ago. James has been up at the Brazeau for some time and reports work dull in that quarter.

Mr. Alex. Maddison has been appointed on the staff of the company store. Mr. Maddison is a general favorite and well liked by all with whom he comes in contact.

The dance on Saturday night was largely attended although a few familiar faces were missing. Come again, boys, you can't afford to lose a good time.

HOSMER NOTES

Ambulance classes are to be started in Hosmer.

The old road past the company offices has been closed. The railway company have graded the road near the Queen's, which is now the main thoroughfare.

The usual monthly Board of Trade meeting was held Monday in the Pacific Hotel pool room with the President, N. T. Kendall, in the chair. A lot of business was got through during the evening, chief of which was the petitioning of the Great Northern Railway Co. regarding the opening up of the depot during the winter months.

Green's moving picture shows are still an attraction every Wednesday and Saturday night.

W. T. Watson, station agent at Hosmer, is building a cottage on his lot near the post office on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stockett are Hosmer visitors this week.

The District election takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the Athletic Hall. Voting takes place from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All members are requested to record their vote.

A large number of entries have been received for the billiard tournament. The draw has been made, so step around and play your game.

The Athletic Club committee have things well under way for their smoker on the 13th and have a good program to offer. Remember the date.

R. Walker will be the speaker at a Socialist lecture to be given in the Opera House, Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 o'clock. Subject: The class struggle. Is to be hoped a good crowd af workers assemble.

The many friends oof Alex. Mc Kelvie will be pleased to hear that he is recovering from his illness.

Divisions one and two of the school have reopened during the week.

MEN WANTED

To Learn the Auto Business and Take an Agency

You can make from $18 to $50 a week driving, selling or repairing cars. We will teach you in a few weeks in your own home to be an expert automobile man, and get you an agency for a high grade car. We have been established five years, and have over 6,000 successful graduates. Write at once for free booklet which gives full information.

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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 mining 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.

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Lessees, The Alberta Theatre Co. Manager, E. B. Shoemake

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At 7 p. m.

A SPECIAL FEATURE PROGRAM

Evening Prices :: 10c & 20c

Matinee: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

Admission, 5 & 10c

Loads of Christmas Cheer

In compliance with the demand of our patrons in the choice of Liquid Holiday Cheer, we are again putting up **Special Holiday Cases** containing six select assortments of High Grade Goods in plain packages for shipment or home delivery. Orders for Xmas Eve delivery must be in the evening of the 22nd inst. Orders for New Year delivery will be accepted up to the night of Dec. 30. All orders filled in rotation as received, so file yours early.

Hamper No. 1. Price $3.00 (Weight 30 lbs.)
1 Sherry, 1 Marsella Wine, 1 Canadian Rye, 1 Sauterne, 1 Bordeaux Claret, 1 Fine Old Port — 6 Bottles

Hamper No. 2. Price $4.00 (Weight 30 lbs.)
1 Coudon Brandy, 1 Canadian Rye, 1 Special Res Scotch, 1 Sherry, 1 Bordeaux Claro, 1 Old Port — 6 Bottles

Hamper No. 3. Price $5.00 (Weight 50 lbs.)
2 Old Port, 2 French Claret, 6 Beer (Domestic), 1 Old Sherry, 1 John Lee Scotch — 12 Bottles

Hamper No. 4. Price $6.50 (Weight 50 lbs.)
2 Canadian Rye, 1 Coudon Brandy, 3 Old Port, 1 Jamaica Rum, 2 Bordeaux Claret, 2 Old Sherry, 1 Old Mellow Scotch — 12 Bottles

Hamper No. 5. Price $7.00 (Weight 40 lbs.)
1 Oporto, 1 Special Scotch, 1 Canadian Rye, 6 Ale or Stout, 1 Sherry, 1 Special Brandy, 1 Jamaica Rum — 12 Bottles

Hamper No. 6. Price $12.00 (Weight 50 lbs.)
2 pts. Champagne, 2 qts. Canadian Rye, 1 Oporto, 1 Jamaica Rum, 1 Sauterne N. J., 1 pt. Benedictine, 1 Tom Gin, 1 10 yr old Liqueur Scotch, 1 Gonzalez Sherry, 1 Legrande Brandy — 12 Bottles

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THE COUNCIL—WHO RUNS IT?

Some few months ago, we raised a protest in these columns and in the Council Chamber over the manner in which the Council or the City Clerk (all the same, apparently) was handing out city advertising matter and printing.

We pointed out that no official should have the power to spend $400 with one paper, without a tender.

It might be well to mention here that it has been more or less customary to give the bulk of the city work to the Opposition paper, the only reason for this, so far as we can see, being that the various City Clerks have had certain political affiliations and were desirous of "getting in good" with their party and securing a site in the Victoria Government almshouse.

However, the present Council and Mayor promised that this should not be repeated, and in fairness to them we must credit them with trying—so far as lay in their power—to distribute the work more or less evenly. But while the Council have pointed this out to us on more than one occasion, it is, unfortunately for them, only a tacit admission that we have not had anything like a square deal in the past, and their power to amend the matter does not appear to be very extensive.

From what transpired at the last Council meeting, it appears that when a nice fat advertisement of $400 has to be handed out, the young man in charge of the City Office has no qualms about tenders. Not in the least! When a small advertisement, costing about $2.00, of real public interest (such as the date of the revision of voters' list) has to be inserted, the City Clerk discovers that it may cost the Council about 50 cents more to advertise in the Ledger! When the Clerk has placed hundreds of dollars' worth of ABSOLUTELY UNNECESSARY advertising with a Nelson paper, the bill is paid without a quibble or question about prices. Why?

Practically the first job handed us from the City after the Mayor publicly promised that we should have an equivalent in advertising and printing for what our contemporary had received, the City Clerk manages to introduce 750 alterations in the same job that had previously been printed without a single alteration! And with his profound technical knowledge and years of experience, persuades the Mayor that these alterations are necessary for the safety of the debentures. Needless to say, this contention is not only a bluff, but is a most unnecessary and idiotic waste of public money; in fact we promised to do the work for nothing if it could be proved to our satisfaction that any other Council, in publishing their debentures, had been guilty of such an asinine trick.

However, it was useful to knock the Ledger, and no doubt satisfied the Council.

The delinquent rate sale proved quite a boon to the City Clerk, that enterprising young man netting over $800 if he collected all the commission he is "legally" entitled to. This, besides his usual salary ($150 per month), Clerk to School Board ($10 per month) and the usual perquisites attached to such offices as Returning Officer, etc., should make things interesting for the City Clerk. The ratepayers need not grumble and the Mayor should not look glum—we are told the sale benefited the town—yes!

It is about time the ratepayers of this town took a tumble to the deliberate squandering of their money, and it might be more economic to make a handsome contribution to the Conservative party in preference to handing out such generous doses of "Pap."

Last week we published a full report of the inquest upon J. Harrison, the unfortunate miner who was killed in No. 1 East, Coal Creek. We also made some comments upon who was to blame. We attended this enquiry and made notes of the evidence and while there may have been many points as laymen which we did not thoroughly grasp, one would have been dull indeed did he not realize that the jury, in the verdict they returned, failed to cover all the recommendations that the evidence went to prove should be made.

One very important point was the statement that there was an inspection of timber, we heard no mention of what this inspection really was or who was held responsible for same. It may be admirable to tell the miners that their timbers should be notched properly, but so far as we heard there was no evidence that these timbers were not notched properly. Further it was stated that the timber used for bridge sticks should be 12 or 14 inches thick. The jury recommended 10 to 12 inches! The bridge stick that broke was said to be 11 inches thick. The bridge stick in question was stated to be without bark; but the jury appear not to have considered this at all. Now, without bark to a practical miner means "dry." If this timber were inspected, how comes it that such a stick was passed to the miner to erect? Blame the man who put it there? That, of course, is the usual procedure.

OUR COMPETITION

We would call the attention of competitors to the closing of our competition—Dec. 13—and that all headings must be in by the 17th. Owing to the amount of labor entailed in checking and counting numbers we shall not be able to include any headings received after this date. So far the competition has been a splendid success and all that is required to complete same is your attendance (if you live in Fernie, Coal Creek, Hosmer or Michel) at our concert on Monday, Dec. 22. We want your support and so do the children of the Island strikers. Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the door and if you want a seat let us know in time and we will reserve one. Prices $1.00 and 50c. REMEMBER, ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE STRIKERS' CHILDREN ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.

OUR AGE OF CHIVALRY (?)

The question is being asked amongst the members of a certain leading fraternal order, what age we are really living in, whether it be 1913 or 1613.

From the stand taken by the general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., it would seem that we have had a reversion to the latter period.

That any man should dictate at what hour our wives and selves should cease to dance and return home is, to say the least, a gratuitous insult, tending, as it does, to question the restraint and morality of all who indulge in dancing.

When this odium is cast upon an order like the Rebekahs, whose splendid philanthropic and Christian work is so well known and appreciated in the town, it becomes, if possible, still more aggravated.

It certainly reflects upon the courtesy and chivalry of the manager, that such remarks should be made, while to be instrumental in causing women to walk from Coal Creek to Fernie lightly dressed and improperly shod, seems little short of barbarous.

ISLAND STRIKERS FOUND NOT GUILTY

(Continued from Page One)

up and lay him on a coil of rope on the other side of the shed out of harm's way. He said that Cowler had told the crowd to keep away from Taylor and had threatened the crowd that was advancing to attack Taylor. He saw a man kick Cowler. He understood that Cowler had been in hospital recovering from the effects of kicks received on the wharf. Cross-examined by A. D. Taylor, Griffiths said he had seen worse crowds at football matches.

Evidence for Defence

James Hodkinson, merchant, of Nanaimo, gave strong evidence for the defence. He had watched the crowd from a good position to see what happened. He did not see Cowler assault Taylor. He had gone to the wharf on business.

Adam Brown, of Nanaimo, swore he saw Cowler trying to keep the boys back. He saw Cowler carry Taylor to the other side of the wharf shed where the mate of the Patricia had taken charge of him and taken him on board the ship. This witness thought that Cowler was protecting Taylor.

Tom Cowler gave evidence in his own behalf. He had heard the crowd yelling: "Chuck him in the bay!" meaning Taylor. He had tried to keep the men back from Taylor. He never struck Taylor himself. He saw some men strike Taylor. He was positive about this. He had gone to the wharf from motives of curiosity. He had been kicked while there and had been ill in the hospital since from the injuries he had received. He had protected Taylor all he could. Cross examined, he again denied that he had struck Taylor. He admitted that he had been a prize fighter.

AT THE ISIS

Everyone has read, or at least heard of, Ethlin Beers' patriotic poem, "All's quiet along the Potomac tonight." On Saturday, at both performances, this beautiful poem will be produced in film form at the Isis under the name of "The Picket Guard." It is a very touching story of the Civil War.

On Monday, the beautiful and accomplished Barbara Tennant may be seen in a most attractive role—that of Lady Beaumont—in "The honor of Lady Beaumont." The first scenes are laid in English society, and later the great Northwest is portrayed.

A magnificent 4-reel spectacular drama, "The Battle of Waterloo," is to be put on by Mr. Miller on Wednesday, with a special matinee in the afternoon, the evening show to commence at 6.30. A great chance to get some idea of one of, if not the most portentious victories in the history of England.

REPLY TO CHECKER CHALLENGE

To the Editor, District Ledger.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of 22nd of Nov., I see a challenge to checker players from some one resident in Bellevue. Now I presume that is Mr. Edward Bradley, and if I am correct I want to state that I have just left that place after living there about two years. I met Mr. Bradley on the 30th Oct. last to try to arrange a match between him and me, but failed to come to an agreement. The bone of contention was the style of play. I wanted to play restricted openings, same as is played in Scottish and English championship tourneys and the same as all the championship games have been played for the last 20 years, but Mr. Bradley would have nothing to do with restriction, and would play only "go as you please," a style that has long since been played out, as it permits two players to play the same game over and over again. This is what happened in one match between the late "Hord Laddie" and R. Martins, when out of 49 games played the same game (Glasgow) was played 45 times. Now, Mr. Editor, I consider a man who puts himself up as a champion of a district like District 18 should be ready to play in any style and I think that the style adopted by the leading draught associations in Britain, even in club matches, should be a fair enough style.

I would say in conclusion that I am still willing to play Mr. Bradley a match on these conditions, any number of games he likes, for any stake he likes, and as I beat him before on the only occasion that we met across board, I feel confident I can do so again.

Hoping that I have made this as plain as possible and wishing your new checker column every success.

I am, yours sincerely,

JOHN FORBES THOMSON.

1734 Government Ave,
Edmonton, Alta.

The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Dack on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 3.30.

There will be a public meeting at the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. Rev. Hugh Dobson, of Regina, will give an address on "Problems of our Nation and Opportunities for Social Service."

Don't miss the illustrated travel talk at the Methodist Church on Monday evening, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. There will be a hundred splendid pictures of life in the interior of China and a description of them by one who has lived years in that country. Admission 25 cents, children half price.

Messrs. DeBurle & Birkbeck have secured the contract from the City for tailoring its officers. We may now have the pleasure of seeing our constables smartly attired, as they should be, in smartly tailored uniforms. Messrs. DeBurle & Birkbeck are now ready for your fur coat order, with some of the latest and smartest fashions.

Don't forget the Ladies' Guild bazaar today and tomorrow, afternoon and evening. All goings for the artcles for which chances have been sold will take place in the basement of Church on Saturday evening, Dec. 6.

Winter is now close at hand, and those exposed pipes or leaking roofs that you have intended to have fixed need immediate attention. Mr. J. J. Hixon, who, since the dissolution of the firm of Hixon & Ferguson, is carrying on the business alone, is open to receive all plumbing orders at any time, and guarantees only the best work. In case of a freeze-up, phone 57.

NOTICE

By virtue of a Warrant of Execution issued out of the County Court of East Kootenay, holden at Fernie, in the Province of British Columbia, at the suit of

Western Canada Wholesale Company, Limited, Fernie, B. C., Plaintiffs,

and

L. L. Smith, Waldo, B. C., Defendant

I have seized and taken in Execution all the right, title and interests of the said Defendant's horses, known as Baldy and Pete, and more fully described, viz: Baldy, bay horse with two white hind feet and left front foot white, branded "M" on the left shoulder.

Pete, bay horse with four white feet, and branded "M" on the left shoulder, to recover the sum of $216.68, besides Sheriff's Poundage, and all other legal incidental expenses. All of which I shall offer for sale on Monday, the Fifteenth (15th) day of December, 1913, at the hour of Eleven O'Clock in the forenoon, at the premises known as Mazs Bros. Livery and Transfer, situate Lot 7, Block 1, West Fernie, B. C.

Dated at Fernie, B. C., December 5th, 1913.

M. A. KASTNER,
Sheriff's Deputy.

MRS. TODD'S

A special sale of corsets, gloves and handkerchiefs for Saturday and Monday will take place at Mrs. Todd's millinery establishment. The remnant table will be full of bargains that will appeal to the thrifty housewife and mothers. Mrs. Todd's reputation for holding genuine sales is such that her patrons know what a reduction at her establishment means; therefore there is no need to state further than that all prices have been cut in halves.

Form I. (Section 88.)

Land Registry Office,
20th November, 1913.

To R. M. Norboe

John Norboe,

I hereby give you notice that, unless you show a good and valid objection thereto in writing, I shall at the expiration of 30 days from the first publication hereof proceed to the registration of the title of Mike Bobrovsky in respect to that piece of land known as Part (10 acres) of Lot 4588, notwithstanding the non-production of a certain instrument namely: Certificate of Title No. 14527A.

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Registrar.

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We have decided to clear our stock of Corsets to make room for the Christmas showing and will offer the following lines for Saturday and Monday

17 PAIR CORSETS

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The $20-00 Hat for prize in the Heading Competition made in this establisment, and which will be given away at the District Ledger Concert Dec. 22nd, will be on view in our window.

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Bellevue, - Alta.

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New Fruits for Christmas Shoppers

Fresh Seeded Raisins, Fresh cleaned Currants, fresh Orange Lemon and Citron Peel, Fresh Dates and Figs, Fresh Mince Meat

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Strawberries in Syrup, Raspberries in Syrup, Cherries in Syrup, Red Pears in Syrup

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Remember we handle the following brands of Flour

Royal Household, Robin Hood & Five Roses

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See Our Prize in Heading Competition on Page 4

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Groceries, China & Glassware

A Splendid Selection of

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This is the time to start making your puddings—Get your fruit this pay and get busy

Dainty Tea Sets, Glass Ware and Crockery

Have you seen our Handsome gift? If not just take a peep at our Window

Stores at

BELLEVUE & FRANK

Alberta

See Our Heading Contest on page 4

BELLEVUE NOTES

There was a great farewell party given at the house of Mr. and Mrs. A. Amos to Messrs. Frank Watson and Walter Warren, on Friday evening, upon their departure for their homes in the Old Country. There was a special evening's entertainment and lots of Mutzine for the occasion. Rumors say that the star event of the evening was the solo by Mr. J. Frankish, the head butcher at P. Burns & Co.

Mr. Harper, of Fernie, is a visitor this week on business.

Comrade C. M. O'Brien was in camp on Sunday and gave a lecture in Lyric Theatre. There was a good crowd in attendance and the best of order prevailed during a very interesting and educational lecture. At the close there was a collection taken to help the comrade on his way East. He expects to leave the first of the year and is going as far East as Cape Breton.

The pictures at the Lyric on Sunday evening were some of the best seen since the hall opened. They are the kind that the working plug can't afford to miss, for they show how the garment workers are worked to a standstill for a starvation wage.

The new rink is nearing completion and it will be the largest open rink in the Pass. There is certainly going to be some hockey here this winter. It is expected to open the season with a game on Xmas Day.

Don't forget that Humble has a grand stock of hockey skates and sticks, also a large assortment of goods for the Xmas trade. The heater for the heading competition is also on exhibition in Humble's window.

The people of Bellevue are very sorry that the correspondent from Hillcrest took it so hard about the benefit concert for Harry Fisher. The boys wish to say that if that gentleman will organize a concert for Mr. Beaver they will help all they can to make it a success. The committee that handled the Fisher concert wish it understood that Fisher never asked for a concert and they had it arranged before he knew of it.

A. I. Blais expects a car load of Creston fruit for the Xmas trade.

The mines have been idle here for the past two days. Car shortage is supposed to be the cause.

A gentleman of local prominence had the misfortune to fall into one of the post holes of the new skating rink the other night. He was rather unlucky in getting so far in the hole, and although passers by were many he had considerable trouble in attracting their attention and securing their assistance.

Don't forget to call and see the large assortment of preserved fruit for the Xmas trade at Thos. Burnett's Bellevue store.

The Bellevue Drug has moved into new quarters and has a large range of toys and Xmas goods. Don't forget to see them. This company has changed hands lately and Mr. E. C. McDonald, who recently arrived from Calgary, is now managing the store.

Dan Ross, who has been in the hospital for the past three months, left Saturday evening to spend a few weeks with some friends in Coleman.

Jim Naylor has the best assortment of sweaters and overcoats in the Pass. Call and see them; they are the right thing at the right price.

The stork dropped in at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson on Sunday night and left a bouncing daughter.

Tom Haines, Mr. Hosham and Miss Allen, of Coleman, will appear at the concert in the Workers' Hall next Tuesday night.

The hour of commencing the memorial service next Sunday night will be 7.15 instead of 7.30, as previously announced. The Bellevue Brass Band will be in attendance and will render "The Dead March in Saul" and "Jerusalem." The Methodist Church choir will render "Beyond the smiling and the weeping," and Mr. Wm. Gallimore will sing "Crossing the bar." Mr. David Hyslop, of Coleman, representing District 18, will deliver an address and the sermon will be preached by Mr. Wm. H. Irwin. The main object of this service will be to minimize the danger of coal mining and deserves the hearty support of every worker.

There is a movement on foot to promote a grand contest of brass instrumental music in Bellevue early in the new year. We have many good players here and it is thought that such a contest might mean the development of many more. It would also be an inspiration to the music lovers of other camps.

LYRIC THEATRE

Bellevue - Alta.

There are a few folks in Bellevue who don't go to the LYRIC THEATRE. That is not our fault but it is their loss.

Daily change of motion pictures in a hall that is : : :

New — Clean — Comfortable

LYRIC THEATRE CO.

C. W. JOHNSTON, Manager

The Junior Epworth League will give a grand concert in the Workers' Hall on Tuesday evening next, at which will appear many new artistes never heard in Bellevue before. Among them are Tomlinson and Tucker, the coster comedians, and Bill Dicken, in comic songs and speeches. Several singers will also put in an appearance for the first time.

Next Tuesday being election day, the mine will close down.

The West Canadian Collieries Co. are installing a large generator which will enable them to extend the electric light service.

Mr. Eugene Pearson has accepted a position as timekeeper at No. 1 mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bridge, who have been in camp for some time, Mr. Bridge being employed as pit boss for some two years, left on Tuesday for Creston, where they will live on their fruit ranch for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Bridge leave the camp with the best regards of all who knew them.

Mr. Fred Chappell has moved to the house at Riverside avenue. Mr. Chappell will move his family on Wednesday.

Mr. William Dickie, who has been employed as timekeeper at No. 1 mine, has severed his connection with the coal company.

Bellevue Local Union Notes

Owing to our hall being renovated, we held our regular meeting in the Lyric Theatre. Glad to say we had a good attendance and it is to be hoped this will keep up, as it has a very stimulating effect on business.

The previous meeting's minutes being adopted with one correction, the first piece of correspondence was a reply from A. J. Carter re our request for a test case to be made out of one of our compensation claims. A. J. Carter stated that Coleman Local Union had a case in our solicitor's hands already to test the same point, but up to the present Palmer, the solicitor, had not notified him of any progress. Ordered filed.

The next was a circular from the secretary of the Trades and Labor congress of Canada re our protest against the injustices being imposed upon the striking miners on Vancouver Island by Judge Howay. The circular stated that as the convicted men had pleaded guilty, the only thing we could do was to appeal to the Minister of Justice for a shortening of the term of imprisonment.

The question was asked, what these men had pleaded guilty to and as nobody seemed to know we, the members of Bellevue Local, would deem it a favor if somebody would give us the desired information through the columns of the Ledger.

The measuring committees gave their separate reports, which were favorably received, with the exception that the men don't desire their places measured when the mine is idle. The committee will draw the superintendent's attention to that.

The Local donated to one of its members $50 to carry him through until such times as a specialist can be consulted to see if his leg is strong enough for him to work.

Members will kindly remember the memorial service which is to be held in our hall on Dec. 7.

PASSBURG AND VICINITY
By Observer

The first dancing class held at the Slavok Hall last Monday night was well attended by the boys and points to it being a great success.

Owing to the Observer not being in a position to furnish our paper with the notes of last week, most of the items of interest will remain a dead letter, only we would like it to be known that the Barnill social held last week was, as usual, right up-to-date.

The boys of the Passburg Male Voice Choir thank the managing committee of the Fisher Bellevue concert for the great reception they received after the concert in which they took part.

Burmis Local Union have renewed agreement with Dr. Bell, of Passburg, date of expiration March 31, 1915.

A grand dance will be held in Slovak Hall December 8. Everybody invited; a good time expected. Held under the auspices of the Dancing Company of Passburg and Police Flats.

It is rumored that the Dancing Company of Passburg intends holding a grand masquerade ball in Slovak Hall on Christmas Eve. The next boom should be one on Passburg. It has been dead long enough through all its beauty and scenery.

Our friend, Mr. Bissett, who unfortunately got a kick by a horse some time ago, is progressing as favorably as can be expected and can always be seen at the table since coming out of hospital.

The dancing class meets on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Anybody from outside camps desirous of joining the above class kindly make application personally or otherwise to the Dancing Company of Passburg.

The boys around Maple Leaf are determined to destroy all the coyotes. They have invented a wire cage machine in the bush which moves from place to place and is worked by two levers. When the coyote touches one of the levers the door opens and Mr. Coyote walks in, never to leave by the same way.

The mines are working pretty steady just now owing to the fact that they are only employing sufficient miners to operate a decent Chink's laundry. Prosperity reigns supreme.

Mr. Victor Brisco, an old timer in the Pass, has commenced to work again at Maple Leaf. It seems to me that other camps in the district are fairly well supplied as far as labor power is concerned.

The Union Bank branch is open here on Monday, when they feel like it; Wednesday, when twelve customers are waiting; Friday after finishing business at the post office; pay days—cannot be located.

During last week the members of Local Union 2829, Maple Leaf, appointed as checkers James Burke (Bellevue) and T. G. Harries (Passburg). The Observer has obtained some valuable information concerning these checkers, because Mr. Findlay says it matters not who measures the working places of these non-English speaking miners as far as he is concerned. However, when Secretary Harries presented himself on Monday morning after notifying the Maple Leaf Coal Company a week previous to this that the miners were anxious to have their places measured by the appointed checkers, it seems that Mr. Findlay showed the tunnel to one of the checkers and stated if he went in there he would have to put up with the responsibility. The language used by the general manager is not fit for publication. We have no desire to disgrace the columns of the District Ledger by repeating such expressions. However, the checker declined to force admission into the mine and intends to appeal to A. L. Sifton, Premier of Alberta, for a ruling on the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and to amend the act, if possible, to read "practical miner" instead of "practical working miner." Findlay's contention is a checker must be working at a coal face before he is eligible to perform that duty.

The Observer noticed last week that someone was observing our secretary posting notices around the pit head calling a Local Union meeting, and it was observed the following day that all the notices, three in number, had been removed. Not being discouraged by the dirty tactics adopted by some of the coal company officials, or a member of the Local Union, our secretary reposted notices in various parts of the dump, but nevertheless they were torn down the second time and the secretary was compelled to put up notices calling a meeting three times in one week. This method of preventing the men meeting was not successful. You are alright in Burmis as long as you will shut your mouth, close your eyes and act the dummy, report nothing, demand nothing, enforce nothing, and then you will be considered an intelligent person and even be respected by the officials of the Davenport Coal Company. All of you can readily see what a beautiful place Burmis is to exist in. If you are English never say "gas"; otherwise you cannot pay school taxes at Burmis. Brattice up, boys.

Lost, on the 7th ultimo, between the Slovak Hall and the Passburg Hotel, one lady's locket and chain. Finder kindly return to Passburg Hotel; reward.

The miners of Passburg have, in my opinion, a tough proposition before them this cold weather. After coming out of the mines with their clothes wet they are forced to walk about two miles before they can wash and change. The new wash house proposition is a tickler; they are just in the same old place today that they were a month ago. Stringency in the money market, we presume. We'd better have a stringency of coal on the tipple and then howl some.

The Observer is in a predicament. This week he was asked to join the Passburg dancing class and finally decided to join and presented himself at the hall. After analyzing the crowd, something like fifty or sixty new pupils, he came to the conclusion that in order to secure a lady partner he would have to attend at least twenty dances before he could have the pleasure, because there are only four in Passburg and two of them are attending school, we presume. We know that these conditions will not be tolerated by the pupils during the long winter months, therefore my advice is that we order from Timothy Eaton & Co. a box car load of partners of the feminine gender and replenish the stock of lady partners.

HILLCREST NOTES

We are pleased to report our local secretary, Mr. James Gorton, on the advice of the Local, issued a cheque covering the last and final payment on the Union Hall. The first payment on the hall was made shortly after the last strike was settled. This building cost something in the vicinity of $8,000 and the officers and members of the Hillcrest Local are to be commended, our hall being clear of debt. The Local has decided to hold a smoker on Monday, Dec. 8, in order to celebrate the occasion and every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Chas. Fuches, proprietor of the Union Hotel, left for Calgary on Tuesday night to attend a banquet which is being held under the auspices of Liquor Dealers' Association.

John Fosere, a Frenchman, lost a valuable horse while out hunting last week. On leaving his camp one morning he left his horse on a picket rope and upon his return he found the animal dead and partly torn to pieces by a huge grizzly. The grizzly made good his escape, but according to the threats used by some of our sportsmen we believe the grizzly will pay the penalty before long.

John McDonald left on Wednesday to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Chris Mauser, of Michel, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fuches on Monday.

George Heigan, who was ill for a few months with a broken leg, returned to work on Monday.

Mr. Bill Wilson, of Lundbreck, paid a flying visit to Hillcrest on Tuesday evening.

For further camp news see page 8.

J. H. Naylor

SPECIAL THIS WEEK

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Xmas Cards, Pin Boxes, Writing Cases, Hand Bags, Work Boxes, Ladies' Dressing Cases, Shaving Sets, Military Sets, Bill Cases, Toys of all Kinds and hundreds of other articles and novelties to be displayed the first week in December.

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Bellevue Hardware Store

BELLEVUE, Alta.

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Let us sell you some of these comforts from our stock, which is the largest in the Crows Nest Pass. Remember, we are always here to remedy any complaints and exchange unsatisfactory goods—no delays—no disappointments.

Our prices will compare with any Catalog House when you consider freight rates and the many disappointments you experience when sending out of town

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Inspect our selection of dry goods
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Our Quality is THE BEST ALWAYS

Help Yourself by Helping us---we are here to stay

The Peoples' Store HOSMER B. C.

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News of the District Camps

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FRANK NOTES

Mr. Mark Drumm, of the Calgary Albertan staff, spent a few days at his home at Blossomwood Ranch here this week.

Mr. W. Simpson and Miss Sally Simpson went to Lethbridge on Monday, where they expect to spend a week.

Mr. P. Carruthers, one of the switch crew conductors of Frank, is spending several weeks in Winnipeg, where he went to attend a convention of railroad men.

Mr. Joseph Roper, a C. P. R. fireman here, left on Tuesday's train for Liverpool, England, to visit his home and spend Christmas there. He has three months' leave and will return here again. His brother from Cranbrook accompanied him.

Miss M. E. Simpson came seventh in the final count of votes of the candidates in Lethbridge Herald contest.

The skating rink has been rebuilt and preparations are being made to commence flooding it, so that we will soon have ice to skate on.

On December 1 the marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage of Mr. Duis Zamis and Miss Roza Hmizova, both of Hillcrest.

Mr. A. I. Blais paid Lethbridge a visit during the week.

A meeting was held on Wednesday night to discuss the possibility of holding a Christmas tree for the children this year, and it was decided to have one and include all children whose parents are willing to allow them, that will be practically every child in town. Accordingly, committees were appointed to find out how many children there were to be provided for, also to ask for a donation to go toward defraying the expenses. A program appropriate for the Christmas season is also being prepared by the children.

Coleman Local Union Notes

The regular meeting was held in the Coleman Opera House on Sunday, Nov. 30. The meeting was fairly well represented, but more interest ought to be taken in the meetings when a matter of any importance is being brought before the Local.

After the regular business was attended to, the matter of a Sick and Accident Benefit Society was discussed and was left over until a joint special meeting of Local 2633 and Carbondale Local was called to discuss the question on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The joint special meeting called or Dec. 2 of Local 2633 and Carbondale was held in the Opera House and was well represented by both Locals. Some considerable discussion took place as to whether it ought to be joint or whether each Local should manage its own fund.

It was moved and seconded that a ballot be taken in the Opera House on Dec. 9, each Local to vote separately on the question for or against a joint Sick and Accident Benefit Society being established.

COLEMAN NOTES

A somewhat serious accident befel Nick Brolozozski while at work in pillar 120. A large piece of rock fell, striking him on the right hand and injuring it severely. He will not resume work for some time to come.

A peculiar accident occurred to an Italian named Mike Missiona in the employment of the McGillivray Coal Company on the tipple. He had been taking coal from the tipple to the boiler house and stepped on a plank which was lying on the scaffold, the result being that he fell a distance of about twelve feet, breaking his left arm and spraining his right wrist. He was taken to the hospital and attended to by Dr. Connoly and is getting along nicely.

News comes from Butte, Montana, of the death of Denis McClafferty, late of Coleman, an old timer in the Pass. It transpires that the deceased had been a considerable distance from home at the time he met his death and apparently lost his way. He was found next morning dead in a snow drift.

A distressing accident occurred to Mrs. Brindley on Sunday morning. It appears that Mr. Brindley wanted some chicken for his Sunday dinner and had two guns loaded. In passing one of them to Mrs. Brindley to hold for him, in some unaccountable manner it went off and bullet passed through her leg. Mrs. Brindley will be confined to bed for at least a fortnight.

Mrs. William Thompson underwent a serious operation in the Coleman Miners' Hospital last week, Drs. Ross and Connoly performing same. Glad to report she is now out of all danger and progressing very well.

Three vacancies occur in the Coleman Town Council this term, some interest being taken in the nominations of various candidates. The following gentlemen were nominated for the Council and School Board, there being two vacancies in the latter: Nominations for Town Council are—Mr. Hiram Dougal, nominated by Mr. W. Hayson and John Boyce; Mr. H. S. Goodeve, by H. W. Clark and Mr. W. L. Ouimette; Mr. Jack Johnston, by Mr. Frank Leary and W. Haysom; Mr. John Swan by Mr. W. A. Niel and Mr. J. Scott (master mechanic). The following gentlement were nominted for the School Board—L. O. McDonald, nominated by W. Hayson and J. Johnston and F. Leary; C. Gower, by Mr. H. W. Clark and H. G. Goodeve; Mr. William Frazer, by H. D. Hyslop and T. Wakelim.

As was reported in the columns of the Ledger some time ago, a fracas occurred in the York Creek mine of the International Coal & Coke Company. One of the men engaged in the fight absconded at the time and no trace of him could be found when wanted, but through the vigilance of the Mounted Police he was located in Lethbridge and brought back to Coleman, and given a hearing before Inspector Gunkett. Sequel: Sent down to Macleod for trial on two or three accounts under the Mines Act.

"Bob" Walker, Socialist, gave a very interesting lecture in the Coleman Opera House on Sunday night, Nov. 30, on the conditions of the strike on Vancouver Island and kindred matters, before a very full house. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded the speaker after his lecture and a collection was taken up on his behalf.

Miss Snow, operating room nurse in Dr. R. T. Ross's private hospital, leaves Coleman for a month's holiday in her home in Montreal to spend Christmas with her parents and to visit her sister who is lying seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, of Lundbreck, leave this week for the Old Country to spend Christmas at his old home in Wales. Bon voyage and a merry Xmas.

W. L. Ouimette will continue as mayor for another year, his election last year giving him a two year term.

A. N. Scott, of Lethbridge, mine inspector, was a Coleman visitor on Wednesday.

H. E. Lowe, of Fernie, representing the Swift Canadian Co., called on Coleman merchants on Tuesday.

Jas. Underwood, prop contractor, of Crow's Nest, transacted business in town Wednesday, returning Wednesday evening.

Andrew Wyckholm, of the Summit Lime Works, Crow's Nest, was in town on Monday purchasing supplies for the men and business under his charge.

Miss W. Ball, of the public school staff, was unable to teach for several days during the week because of illness.

Mrs. Parker, of Lees Lake, near Burmis, was the guest of Mrs. H. C. McBurney for several days during the past week.

Miss Mary Simpson, of Frank, one of the hustling candidates in the Lethbridge Herald subscription contest, was in town during the latter part of the week and secured some good business in town, which will tell materially when the votes are counted.

Thos. Clark and Miss May Ballartho, of Crow's Nest, were joined in happy wedlock on Monday, Dec. 1, by Rev. T. M. Murray, at the manse. The bride came not many months ago from Leeds, England, while the groom formerly resided here, being a brother of Mrs. Geo. Grafton, and will have the best wishes of his friends in this vicinity.

Stephens—Sparhawk—At the Presbyterian manse, on Tuesday, Dec. 2, a ceremony uniting in the holy bonds of matrimony Florence Laverne Sparhawk, of Portage la Prairie, Man., and Foster Stephens, of Fernie, B. C., was performed by Rev. T. M. Murray.

A. C. Gourlie and G. Greenier will open for business in the Cameron block about the first of the year. They intend keeping a well assorted grocery stock and may add other lines later. Their store will occupy part of the premises at present being vacated by W. L. Ouimette.

The Belgians of town and district held a grand concert and dance at the Eagles' Hall on Wednesday evening.

G. Grenier left with Mrs. Grenier on Wednesday's local to spend the Christmas holidays with friends at points in Southern Alberta.

Coleman has not had many travelling shows lately, but the two moving picture houses seem to be supplying the demand for entertainment. The superior music at the Opera House supplied by Madame Howells and Mrs. Davies is proving to be a great drawing card.

BANKHEAD NOTES

A new seam of coal is being worked on C level, and is known as Four O. The seam is four feet in thickness and is all clean coal and gives promise of being a most favorable seam to work.

If anyone is wanting an incentive to prepare for the Children's Xmas Tree, let them call at the primary department of the schools. Miss Gooderham will give you a kindly welcome and the little ones will entertain you with the most interesting songs and recitations which will make you start in right away.

The family of Mr. John Gorton have arrived in camp and taken up their residence in one of the new houses.

Preparations are under way for the opening of the skating rink. A week or so ago there was a doubt as to whether the rink would be opened this season, but the cloud has lifted.

Louis Yagosz accepted $800 in settlement for the loss of his eye and has been missing since he received the cheque. We presume it to be another instance of "fools and their money."

Joseph Nobilich was nominted for the position of District Board Member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of N. D. Thachuk, of Canmore.

A change of policemen has taken place at Bankhead, Constable Ware being replaced by Constable Wheatley. We trust the new arrival will have no more to do than his predecessors.

The X ray photograph of Thomas Strogny's broken thigh shows the broken ends of the bone overlapping about two inches and one marvels on looking at it how the man gets around at all. It would be interesting to have had X ray photos of all the bones treated in the Brett hospital from Bankhead; perhaps it would have brought some pressure to bear on the company when the Local Union petitioned them to build a hospital in Bankhead, for in addition to showing where we could save some needless suffering, we could have shown where a pile of money might have been saved in compensation, and "money talks."

The Italian residents are preparing for a festive day on the 4th inst. in honor of their patron saint. The Hall is engaged and the band is to play for dancing. We understand it is to be private to Italians.

As both Canmore and Bankhead had nominated a Board Member, President Smith appointed Frank Wheatley to attend a board meeting to be held in Fernie on the 1st inst.

The sawmill at Lake Minewauka owned by Dr. Brett has closed down for the season.

The ladies of Bankhead are proposing to hold a dance on New Year's Eve, which will be welcome news to the dancing fraternity, for the ladies' dance has always been a success.

Tom Connors leaves for the Old Country this week. Much credit is due Tom for the way he has stayed with the water wagon this last two years. We wish him a safe trip to the land of his birth and a good time when he gets there.

A number of local Orangemen journeyed to Banff on Sunday, Nov. 30, to hear their provincial organizer give a lecture on the history and aims of their Order.

BLAIRMORE NOTES

James Callan, of the Bellevue Hotel, was in town on Thursday.

Owing to no claimant coming forward, the cow that was impounded a month ago was sold by auction on Friday afternoon last by Poundkeeper Irwin. Mr. Wilfred Wolstenholme was the purchaser.

Rev. Father Delestre was down from Coleman on Thursday.

Andy Bryden was interdicted on Friday last and will now help to swell the crowd on the water wagon.

Miss Mary Simpson, of Frank, who met with a slight accident about a week ago while driving from Blairmore to Frank, is now able to be about again and was visiting friends in town on Friday.

The electors of Blairmore held a meeting in the office of the secretary-treasurer on Monday, Dec. 1, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of three councillors for the next ensuing two years, also for the office of two school trustees. Those nominated for the council were: L. Dutil, D. A. Sinclair, J. W. Gresham, L. W. Kribs, Ike Lougheed, Archie McLeod, D. C. Drain, Mike Rosse and J. Montelbetti. J. W. Gresham and A. A. Sparks were elected by acclamation for the office of school trustees, those being the only ones nominated.

Mrs. W. James is again able to be about after her recent illness.

A horse owned by an Italian made a getaway on Saturday morning and caused considerable excitement in its dash through the back yards of the houses on Dearborn street, but, fortunately, no serious damage was done.

Rev. C. C. McLauren, superintendent of missions for Alberta, came to town on Saturday last. Rev. Mr. McLauren preached both morning and evening services in the Central Baptist Church and addressed the young people in the afternoon concerning the B. Y. P. U. work. Mr. McLauren left on Sunday evening's train for Calgary.

Mr. Walter Howe, sr., paid a visit to Medicine Hat this week. We understand that Mr. Howe has taken up some land near Warner, Alta.

The skating rink was flooded on Tuesday night.

The banquet given at the Alberta Hotel by the Oddfellows on Thursday night was a brilliant success, over one hundred guests attending. Addresses were given by Rev. J. F. Hunter, Rev. W. H. Muncaster, C. Green, J. M. Carter, A. Brown (past grand master of Edmonton), J. A. Tully (P. G. of Calgary) and A. E. May (Grand Patriarch of Edmonton). Mr. May spoke at considerable length on the good work being done by the Oddfellows and expressed his great pleasure for having the opportunity of being present at the banquet and enjoying the hospitality of the people of Blairmore. In concluding his address Mr. May presented Bro. F. W. Doubt with a Past Chief Patriarch's jewel, which is the first jewel received through the local encampment. Mr. Fairhurst, of the Coleman lodge, entertained the gathering with several songs and Miss Agnes Green gave an interesting reading. In closing, the committee in charge extended their thanks to Messrs. Decastro, Trono and Pistor, of the Blairmore orchestra, and also to Miss M. Williams, for the valuable assistance rendered by them to the musical part of the programme.

The Women's Guild of the Presbyterian Church held a sale of work on Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Mission Hall. The sale commenced at 3 p.m. The goods offered by the ladies consisted of fancy aprons, knitted and crocheted goods, hand embroidered goods and several other articles. The refreshment stall did a first-rate business. The proceeds went towards the new church building fund.

J. M. Callie was in town this week on business connected with his branch furniture store here.

The piano contest is getting stronger each day. Several who were at the bottom of the list are now gradually rising to the top and people are beginning to wonder who will really be the fortunate one.

The F. M. Thompson Co. are putting on a big money raising sale which, they declare, will surpass any sale of its kind ever held in this district. The sale opens Friday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Roberts left on Wednesday for a visit to their former homes in the States. Mr. Roberts will return after a short holiday, while his wife will make an indefinite stay.

The case Kidd versus Warner came up for a hearing in the District Court on Wednesday afternoon. Judge McNeil, who presided, gave judgment in favor of Mrs. Kidd and J. Warner will have to pay $440, that being the amount owing to Mrs. Kidd for rent of the Cement Lodge boarding house.

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TABER NOTES

A smoker will be held in the Miners' Hall on Saturday night in aid of the band. Tickets $1.00. A good program has been arranged and some outside talent will take part. Everybody turn out and give the band a start.

The municipal elections will be held on Monday, Dec. 8. Nominations took place on Monday. There are three seats in the council to be filled and there are nine candidates in the field. Only one of the retiring councillors is in the contest, being Van Orman. Don Malo, the lumber man, was elected mayor by acclamation. Dr. Leach was expected to oppose him, but drew out at the last moment. The candidates for council are: Coulton, a real estate man; Wright, of the Taber Hardware Co.; Van Orman; R. Legendre, otherwise known as "Frenchy"; Alex Primrose. The latter two are running on a workman's ticket. On the miners' ticket: Alex McRoberts, A. Patterson and Abe Bateman Dickson. The manager of the Royal Bank is also in the field, but is expected to draw out. The miners stand a good chance of electing one or two of their ticket this year as a great many people are tired of the real estate men.

A miner named McDonald met with an accident on Tuesday, having several ribs broken. It seems to be a bad season for serious accidents here, this being the third in three weeks.

Joe Lyons, the machine man who was hurt some time ago, has been taken home from the hospital at Lethbridge. His condition remains about the same with small chance of recovery. He had been married only six months.

Taber mines are pretty well supplied with men this season. Men are applying for work every day. Some are being hired, and more there is no room for.

Quite a number of complaints are being made about the small number of cars each loader is getting. The men say that there are so many men that the coal cannot be taken away from them. The mine is hoisting more coal this year than ever before.

The old question of the wash house is again to the front. The Canada West mine enjoys the distinction of having the dummest wash house in Alberta. For the last three years the management has been promising to erect a new one, but it never materialized. However, Mr. Howard has informed the pit committee that a new one will be built in the spring and in the meantime everything possible will be done with the old one, so that it will be made as comfortable as possible for the winter.

Angus McIntyre, the blacksmith, was married last Thursday. Now Angus, as you are married yourself, just think of the poor men with families in the mine trying to make a living with those picks you've been sending down lately.

Charlie O'Brien addressed two meetings last Sunday. A fairly good crowd turned out to the Miners' Hall to hear him.

The hall presents a fairly respectable appearance now. It has been painted outside and in, and the furniture that was formerly in the company's building at the mine has been moved down. The library has been taken over by the Local and in future will be in the hall.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nugent, on Nov. 23, a son. All doing well.

CORBIN NOTES

At a special meeting of the above Local held on Nov. 30, in the Union Hall, a motion was passed that four members canvass the camp to see what they can get for the defence fund; also that we hold a smoker on Saturday, Dec. 6, proceeds to go to the cheer fund. Come one and all and help the children of Vancouver Island.

At the same meeting Bro. David Rees gave a fine long speech touching the strikes in the various parts of the country. We are sorry you did not get a better attendance, David.

Tony Benick, Yorky and Jack Ireson are leaving on the 6th for the Old Country via New York.

For further camp news see page 11.

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Socialist Victories In England

Triumphant Progress of Labor in Municipal Elections — 174 Socialist Victories — Net Gain of 70 Seats Over Previous Election.

London, Nov. 6.—The flowing tide is with us.

We can to-day boast 70 more Labor and Socialist Councillors than we could a week ago. The Liberals and Conservatives are compelled to confess 70 fewen Councillors than a week ago.

This result is no flash in the pan. Each year the number of Labor and Socialist Councillors grows—steadily and without interruption. Our increasing strength on the local authorities of the country is the surest sign of our increasing power and influence. The decreasing strength of the Liberal and Conservative parties on the local authorities of the country is the surest sign of their decreasing power and influence.

Consider the results during the last three years.

In April, 1911, we had 41 net gains; in November of the same year 74.

In April, 1912, we had 30 net gains; in November of the same year 40.

In April, 1913, we had 115 net gains; in November of the same year 70.

This means that during the last three years 370 Labor and Socialist representatives have displaced 370 Liberals and Conservatives. In this year's results many of the Scottish victories—which were only announced on Wednesday—are not included.

These results are all the more remarkable by reason of the fact that in many towns the Liberal and Conservative parties have combined against Labor. Wherever the Labor and Socialist movement has become a power threatening to overthrow the old parties, Liberals and Conservatives have forgotten their differences and have closed their ranks in face of the common enemy—the organized working class. The Liberals and Conservatives fear the workers. It has been their game to divide them—to get half of them to label themselves as Liberals, the other half Conservatives. And thus, divided against themselves, the workers have been kept in subjection.

But the Labor and Socialist movement is preaching the gospel of solidarity; unity at the ballot box, as at the strike. And the workers are beginning to respond. Where that response has been so great as to shake the power of the Liberals and Conservatives the capitalist parties are joining hands. They realize that the old game is up; that they cannot afford to appear in opposite camps any longer; that if they are to defeat Labor united they must stand as capital united.

In many towns the Labor and Socialist movement is so strong that the old tactics have been dropped for many years. Every year, with the growing strength of the Labor and Socialist movement, the number of cases in which the capitalist parties united grows, too. In last week's election, for instance, the Liberals and Conservatives co-operated against Labor in the following among other cities: Barnstaple, Birmingham, Bradford, Brighouse, Colchester, Duckinfield, Hallifax, Keighley, Leeds, Liverpool, Morley and Stockport.

In many other cases the capitalist parties joined to oppose the Labor and Socialist candidates in those wards which are our special strongholds.

A notable feature of the elections is the number of successful Independent Labor party candidates. Of the 174 Labor and Socialist nominees returned at least 120 are members of the I. L. P. This fact is sufficient proof of the influence the I. L. P. has obtained in the Trade Union and Labor movement.

Some very remarkable victories have been gained this year. Bradford deserves highest praise. Four seats have been gained and three held.

The Labor and Socialist Party on the Bradford City Council is now twenty strong, and aldermanic appointments should further strengthen it. This is a triumph of more than local interest, for Bradford was the birthplace of the I. L. P., and it is to be the scene of the Coming-of-Age Conference of the party next Easter. The one cloud is the defeat of Mr. W. Leach in the Great Horton Ward. Mr. W. Leach was the leader of the Labor party and one of the ablest and most indefatigable councillors the I. L. P. possessed. We trust Bradford will have an opportunity to redeem, and will redeem, this blot on its record in the by-elections which the aldermanic appointments will occasion.

Wigan can claim the greatest number of gains. No less than five new seats have been won. This triumph suggests that at the next parliamentary election the workers of Wigan will realize how they have been misrepresented since 1910, and will once more return a Labor member to the House of Commons.

In the Black Country the workers have not forgotten the lesson of solidarity taught them by the recent strikes. In Smethwick they have gained three new seats, and Birmingham can boast two gains, and two Labor councillors have again been returned. Mr. George Shann, Labor's prospective parliamentary candidate for East Birmingham, defeated Mr. D. T. Timins, the prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for North Worcestershire, by 199 votes.

Barrow and Stockton, where the Labor and Socialist movement is strongly organized, have each three gains to their credit; Hull, Sheffield, Middlesborough, Leigh and Conway, two each. Signs of the awakening in the South are given in the results at Bristol, Southampton, Croydon and Norwich, where two gains have been recorded in each case.

In Manchester two seats were lost, but Mr. Edgar Whiteley, the manager of the National Labor Press, won a notable victory in Longsight, where the Conservatives have long been supreme. Blackburn, too, has to acknowledge one loss, but here, again, a victory was gained which merits special mention. Recently Councillor Higham, who has been looked upon as one of the I. L. P. leaders, joined the Conservatives. The electors of his ward have not changed their opinions with him. They have elected his I. L. P. opponent by 191 votes.

The Scottish elections, which took place on Tuesday, are as encouraging as the English. In Glasgow six Labor and Socialist candidates have been returned—a gain of four seats. In Edinburgh the results give two gains, in Anbroath, Falkirk, Musselburgh and Paisley one each. We anticipate that when the full results are received many more victories will have to be recorded in Scotland.

From north to south, from east to west, the Labor and Socialist movement marches on to triumph.

Old England is waking up and Socialism and the Labor movement have become the leading problems of the day.—St. Louis Labor.

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The future of the world depends upon me. If I grow great and good the world will be better.

If I am neglected, warped and twisted, future society must suffer for it.

I, the child, who should know no mission but that of affection and love, am being sacrificed on the altar of capitalist greed.

I curse you in terrible tones from the dark alleys. My face is wrinkled as the parchment upon which the fathers wrote the constitution and the declaration, which you use to uphold your mastership and my slavery.

From joyous freedom and life in the open I am forever denied. I am blunted and deformed from long hours of work in the cotton mills, textile factories and sweatshops. My lungs are full of lint and my system poisoned past recall.

From my bed of rags I call you to account. My blood is upon your hands. My misery and suffering lie at your door. You who believe in profits, who believe in exploitation; who believe in robbing little children of their right to play and make the world happy by the light of laughter in their eyes.

I say you are guilty against this great wrong and deprivation you have brought upon me—the child that must work, and starve while working.

I speak in the voice of millions who are being forced to give up every shread of that to which childhood is entitled.

Before I have reached manhood or womanhood, I reached the senile decay of old age. You who must reckon for this, take warning. Your child may be with us, or the child of your child.

Hear my voice as I cry of hunger. Hear my voice when I cry for one glimpse of fresh air and green grass. Hear my voice as I cry to run and play as the lambs in the meadow.

Hear my groans that go up in the black smoke of the factories; see my blood stains as you wear the shoddy results of my hours of ceaseless toil. Every thread bears a heartache. Hold it to your heart and say: "Poor little children, whose lives lie entombed here in this garment."

I stand in the battle-scarred ranks of labor with father, mother, brother and sister to fight for our freedom.

I, the child of work, can only be free when the workers of the world own the means of life.

I, the child slave of capitalism.—Exchange.

PREPARING TO UNLOAD

The Appeal isi n possession of a "confidential letter" "given in strict confidence for the use of subscribers only," dated at Boston, September 16, 1913, and signed by Robert W. Babson, a confidential adviser of bankers and financiers, that in discussing the working class movement makes a significant suggestion. To quote:

I wish to warn you that the movement will continue to grow, because, in my opinion, it is founded on an economic fact, namely, that the labor problem will never be permanently solved until the workers actually own the mills. We hear much about the interests of capital and labor being mutual: but this is not economically true. Capital and labor are by all economic laws antagonistic, and attempts at combining these two forces are sure to be only temporary makeshifts. . . . One of these two opposing interests must and will ultimately rule. Wise are the bankers, manufacturers and investors who recognize that it will be labor who is to rule. . . . Capital will not much longer rest content with present conditions. The question is, as to the methods by which this change of ownership can be brought about. Personally, I think it may come either through the readjustment of the present system of interest payments or the issuance of government loans along the lines followed by the English to enable the Irish to purchase their farms.

It will be seen from this confidential communication that the capitalists are considering how they may unload ownership and get instead guaranteed interest without trouble of management or worry of strikes. The fact that the circular talks learnedly about the workers owning the machinery indicates a danger which has been little considered. They hope to sell to the workers actually employed in the mills on a sort of joint stock principle, as many who are loud in agitation openly suggest; or, if they cannot do that, to the government in return for government bonds. Neither of these is the Socialist ideal. The one is a class ownership instead of collective ownership as proposed by Socialism. The other is state capitalism. We must free ourselves from ALL exploitation, and not seek a mere change in exploitation that will admit of the old tribute in the guise of interest rather than profits.—Appeal to Reason.

INSANELY PARTISAN OR CRIMINALLY CORRUPT

It seems to be hard for some to overcome or outgrow the results of previous associations and environment. Take Chase, of Colorado, for instance, he who as adjutant-general of the state is doing so much for the peace and welfare of the operators. His tutelage under the regime of Peabody, Sherman Bell and others, has left its indelible impress on him. It was during those stirring days when Bell's spurs jingled like sleigh bells on a frosty night that a militia officer gave expression to that classic in Colorado literature, "To hell with the Constitution." Those were the gladsome days! Thugs and gunmen were recruited into the militia, and courts and public alike were overridden by these military satraps in joyous abandon.

It was during this reign of Peabody the First and Soldier Bell that prisoners were taken by force from the custody of a district judge and carted off to a "military" prison as a matter of military expediency. It was during these days that General Chase was given his first "bath of fire," and the heroic figures of Sherman Bell made such a deep impress on his artistic nature that he would fain imitate him. So we see what issued forth a plain under official of the governor's, burst into blomm as a military dictator. The governor says that no strike breakers shall be imported into the strike field. "Huerta" Chase not only countenances this small fracture of the executive's orders, but obligingly lends a militiaman's uniform lest the strikers might see, and have just cause for complaint.

The governor says that there will be no military court to try alleged violations of the law, ergo, the general signs a call for the assembling of the court to try the prisoners. The brave general safely ensconced in the automobile of the friendly coal operators sees daily "cause for alarm" in the movements of the strikers. It is impossible for them to do aught but offend him. He wears his dignity like a large mantle that it may be brushed and give him cause for complaint. He has the bombast of Bell without his sense; his contempt of all civil procedure without his courage, to put it into practice. If he could he would have every strike leader in military jails. His ideas of justice are as warped as the roof of an Arkansas cabin. While other militia officers have won the high regards of the strikers by their eminent fairness, he has merited only their contempt by his open partisanship for the side of King Coal. Bell is a poor discredited political hanger on in Denver, all but forgiven, but in Chase his spirit, like the soul of John Brown, "goes marching on." It is the presence of such as he who have caused the militia to be viewed with such distrust. He has shown himself the ally of the corporations in a struggle where he was ordered to preserve an impartial position. He is either insanely partisan or criminally corrupt.—Wyoming Labor Journal.

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The Colorado Strike Situation

WALSENBURG, Colo., Nov. 22.—Every device known to a cunning and deceiving mind has been resorted to in the last week in the hope of deluding the strikers. The subsidized press has published fake letters, alleged to have been written by members of the organization, making all kinds of sinister charges about those in charge of affairs, hoping thereby that the strikers would lose confidence in the officials and return to work. No trick has been too low, no charge has been too vile, for the agents of Standard Oil to resort to in an effort to break the solid front of the strikers. The practices of Hinky Dink's herd pale into insignificance before the brazen effrontery of the polished gentlemen in charge of affairs for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. and the Victor-American Fuel Co. But all of the ingenuity in the service of the Wall Street Blunderbund has been in vain and the strikers stand as firm and determined today to have their legal rights established as on the day they responded to the strike order. Never in the history of the United Mine Workers of America have men stood more loyally and courageously in defence of the organization and its lofty principles. Their devotion to the cause challenges the admiration of the nation and marks them as men worthy of all the support that a sympathetic people can give them.

When the militia was first put into the strike field we were told that they *were our friends and would treat the* strikers with impartiality. A great percentage of the privates and a number of the officials are in sympathy with our movement, but General John C. Chase, the commander, is the same General Chase who served the Mine Owners' Association and the Citizens' Alliance so valiantly during the days of the infamous Peabody.

The latest move of this military satrap is the suspension of civil authority and the establishment of a court martial. This act of despotism is by no means helping to pacify the indignation of the strikers, but, on the contrary, is arousing them to revolt. The time has past in the history of industrial conflicts in this state for the people to silently submit to the dictates of despots of any description, and if General Chase should attempt to go through with his court martial, hell will tear loose in every corner of the state. The people of Colorado have revolted against the piracies of the Wall Street minions, and they swear by all that is holy that they will resist with all the powers at their command any encroachments upon their liberties, even though they come from a General Chase.

The subsidized press would have the public believe that the strike is hopeless for the miners. Those mouthpieces of corporate greed eclipse a Munchhausen in the art of lying and will bring upon themselves the disgrace and contempt that perverts justly merit.

All of the capitalist agencies may combine against the striking coal miners, but they will be helpless before this army of determined men, who are staking all in their fight for justice. Unless an early and satisfactory adjustment of the present strike is brought about the conflagration will spread to every quarter of the state, and perhaps the entire West, and the combinations of wealth that have tyranized over the people will be taught a lesson which they will long remember.

The rebellion against political and economic injustice is in the ascendency and will not be halted until the workers are permitted to exercise their inherent rights.

The more military impositions, the more court martials, the more arrests of strikers, the more cause will the strikers have for continuing this struggle until the banner of triumph floats over every camp in the strike zone.—Adolph Germer in St. Louis Labor.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT SOCIALISM

From Allan L. Benson's Book

Benjamin Harrison was never regarded as a radical, but in 1888 he was regarded as an improvement upon Cleveland. After Harrison had done nothing for four years, Cleveland was believed to be an improvement upon Harrison. Four years more of Cleveland were enough to send him out of office with the condemnation of everybody but the grafters in both parties.

Business revived somewhat under the presidency of McKinley, but the revival was not so much due to anything that McKinley did as it was to the fact that the time had come for the pendulum to swing back from panic to "prosperity." Nor did the revival solve the problem of poverty. Not so many men were denied the right to work, but those who worked toiled only for a "full dinner pail." They paid all they received to live poorly. Only their employers fared wonderfully well. For them there was real prosperity.

Which brings us to Mr. Roosevelt and his Progressive Party.

Mr. Roosevelt was the first President of that type that is now regarded as "radical." He held office seven years and a half. He had a "perfectly corking time." He did business with all the bosses, including Hanna, Quay, Cannon, Payne, Aldrich and a host of others, but we have his word for it that his intentions were good. Maybe they were. For the sake of argument, let it be granted that they were. Let it be conceded that he believed the things he did would enable the average man to earn a living more certainly and more easily. Still, is it not a fact that the things he did failed to accomplish what he expected they would?

Is it not a fact that it is today more difficult for most persons to make a living than it was when Mr. Roosevelt became President?

Is not the cost of living vastly more?

Are not more millions of men out or work?

Is there not greater uncertainty with regard to continuity of employment?

Are not more men, women and children living upon the hunger line, or close to it?

Each of these questions must be answered in the affirmative. Mr. Roosevelt, himself, would not dare, even if he were so inclined, to answer them in the negative. The facts are notorious and scandalous, because poverty, in this rich country, is unnecessary.

Yet, Mr. Roosevelt is not wholly to blame. He is only partly to blame. Mr. Roosevelt is not the government. As part of the government, Mr. Roosevelt advocated measures, some of which were enacted into law, that he believed would do good. Subsequent events have proved that he was in error. The measures that he believed would help have not helped. If they had helped, times would be better than they were, instead of worse.

Therefore, we are brought face to face with these questions:

"If Mr. Roosevelt, during seven and one-half years in the White House, could do nothing to make the conditions of the average man's life easier, how long should we have to elect him President in order to give him time to do something worth while?

"If we were to elect him for life, are you sure that the rest of his lifetime would be long enough?

"In any case, the you prepared to wait so long to be helped?"

Mr. Roosevelt's friends, following this thought, reply that he is not the same man that he was when he left the White House; that he has grown with vision enlarged.

No, he is not the same man. The American people have forced him into the advocacy of some things. They have forced even some Socialist measures upon him. The initiative, the referendum and the recall are Socialist measures. For a good many years Mr. Roosevelt tried to damn them with faint praise combined with a medley of doubts and strangling provisos. But after these measures, in one winter, fought their way into every state capitol west of the Mississipi, as well as into some of the state capitols of the East, Mr. Roosevelt saw a great light. Then he came in favor of them.

When Mr. Roosevelt was President he had nothing to say against the courts. He criticised individual judges, as he criticised Judge Anderson of Indianapolis, whom he called "a damned jack-ass and a crook." But Judge Anderson, be it remembered, had just decided against Mr. Roosevelt in the libel suit that he brought against several newspapers because of articles reflecting upon the part played by himself and others in the acquisition of the Panama Canal property.

Now, Mr. Roosevelt is convinced that our judicial system is in need of reform. In searching this opinion, however, he is somewhat late. The courts are no longer popular. The people have not yet begun to strike at them, but they are watching them out of the corners of their eyes. Mr. Roosevelt senses the situation and responds with a proposition to give the people the right to recall the dicisions of state courts. He says nothing about giving the people the right to recall the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, though he must know that this court is the chief judicial offender. Yet we are asked to believe that Mr. Roosevelt in belatedly joining the fight against the tyrannical power of the courts, is but giving proof of the greatness to which he has grown and the increased fearlessness with which he fights.

The women of the country have forced Mr. Roosevelt into the advocacy of woman suffrage. Mr. Roosevelt used to say that Mrs. Roosevelt was "only lukewarm" toward woman suffrage, and that his interest in it was the same. After the women of California gained the ballot, and Mr. Roosevelt again became a candidate for the presidency, he changed from "lukewarm" to very hot. From that moment woman suffrage became not only a right, but a necessity. Of course, the fact that women vote in several western states that he hoped to carry had no part whatever in changing his opinion. Mr. Roosevelt is not that kind of a man.

Mr. Roosevelt's 1912 platform—or "contract with the people," as he calls it—bristles with new devices and new plans for the public good. Some of Mr. Roosevelt's plans would probably help a little—provided he could get a Congress that would put them into effect and courts that would declare them constitutional. Mr. Lincoln probably could have helped the black slaves a little if he had made it a legal obligation upon slave owners to provide each negro, semi-annually, with a red necktie and a paste diamond. Mr. Lincoln might have gone even further and provided that each negro should be supplied, during the water-melon season, with all the melons he could eat. Instead, he wrote the Emancipation Proclamation.

Militia Favors Operators Charged

Unions Demand Ammons Recall

The developments or the past few days are convincing proof that the union men of Colorado will require something more from their chief executive than well worded promises, of neutrality on the part of the militia. Notwithstanding the governor has been repeatedly notified of the fact that General Chase was open in his favoritism to the coal companies and was doing all he could to help them secure strike breakers, believing in his loyalty the governor refused to act. As the strike lengthens, and the abuses of the strikers' rights continue, even the most ardent friend of Ammons is forced to concede that he is being advised poorly in his relations with the miners. Demands have been made by various labor bodies for the removal of Adjutant-General Chase, which are the result of his decidedly unfair attitude toward the strikers. Evidence has been submitted that he has loaned the uniforms of the state militia for the purpose of taking imported strike breakers into the coal mines, the uniforms being returned to be again used in the same traffic.

The strikers have found many of the militia to be really impartial, including some of the officials, but Chase is not numbered among these. The state convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginement at Trinidad, last week, by a unanimous resolution demanded the recall of Governor Ammons. This was supplemented last Sunday by the Trades Assembly of that city passing a similar resolution. These are prompted by the refusal of the executive to enforce the militia commandant to maintain an attitude of strict impartiality. There are some who think the action of the unions on this score as premature, and that the governor should have been given time to work out his plans for mediation, before being so roughly handled, but when men are being subjected to arbitrary military dictatorship they are not apt to look into the ethics of their movements.

Regardless of the outcome of present plans for mediation, the governor has shown a lack of comprehension of the merits of the struggle, as well as an inability to hold in check those to whom he has delegated power that will mark him as a failure, in an executive capacity. There is every indication that if allowed to run his course, Chase would again "Peabodyize" the militia by filling its ranks with all the mine guards and thugs and turn it completely over to the coal operators. It was this procedure which placed a stigma against the name of Colorado that time alone can erase. The Huerfano County Democratic club have sent a communication to the governor citing specific instances of Chase's violation of the executive order against the importation of strike-breakers, and demanding that the governor enforce his orders. This coming from a political source may have more weight than a protest from mere unions. The methods that have been invoked to break up the strike, are the same ones in use during the Peabody regime. While Ammons issued instructions to the military authorities, that if obeyed would have resulted in good to the strikers, or at most would have caused them little trouble, these might have well not been issued, as they have remained a dead letter so far as their observance is concerned.

The sum total of the numberless efforts to effect a settlement of the struggle, has been the gaining of the consent of the operators to meet with a committee of the striking miners, the personnel to be satisfactory to them. That the Mine Workers have acceded to a proposal so utterly unfair shows a keen desire to do all in their power to bridge the chasm. No say was given the miners as to who was to constitute the operators' committee, nor have they insisted on this right, even though it is almost a foregone conclusion that the members will be men who are unalterably opposed to any fair plan of settlement. Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, himself a miner, has agreed to remain in an effort to help achieve a settlement.

Several of the prominent labor men who have been delegates to the American Federation convention at Seattle have arranged to stop over in Denver and Colorado, to inform themselves at first hand of the conditions in the "Little West Virginia of the West." The action taken by that body has demonstrated that labor, nation wide, is back of the striking coal miners in their fight for justice. Unless the operators agree to the recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, the fight must go on. The miners dare not give in, for if the operators are allowed to again hoist their banner of robbery and thuggery over the mining camps of the state, hope will indeed be dead. President White, former President Mitchell and Secretary Greene of the mine workers' organization, together with President Gompers of the Federation, are in Colorado assisting in every way possible to bring the strike to a successful conclusion. —Wyoming Labor Journal.

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WHERE IS MOTHER JONES?

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Where labor is hardest pressed; where hunger, pestilence and death stalk most openly about the homes of the strikers; where the sick are to be nursed and the dying comforted; where missiles of death menace life and the heat and rage of passion vex the souls of the workers, there is Mother Jones.

Last summer Mother Jones was in jail in West Virginia. Not because she had done anything wrong but because she could do less good for the miners when she was locked up in jail. After the settlement of the Paint Creek strike came the strike at Calumet, Mich. The militia was not on the ground any sooner than was Mother Jones. Last week the papers had much to say of the strike situation in Colorado. A telegram to Mother Jones at Trinidad ten days ago ought to have been delivered the same day it was sent. Her next address will be where the next big strike story breaks. God bless Mother Jones. —Labor Journal.

THE GREAT WAR OF OIL

Mexico produced more oil last year than any country in the world, with the exception of United States and Russia. A dozen years ago the oil deposits of Mexico were undiscovered. The Standard Oil company enjoyed in that unhappy country an exclusive monopoly of supplying the refined products of petroleum to the Mexican people, which was shipped to Mexico from Oklahoma fields. It is a matter of general knowledge in financial circles that the Waters-Pierce company, a Standard subsidiary which operates in Mexico, paid 600 per cent per annum on its stock, all wrung from the unfortunate subjects of Diaz. So exacting became the greedy Standard Oil that Diaz granted a concession to the Pearson oil syndicate of England. Then began the war.

Before a United States senate committee last January a Mexican state official testified that Francisco Madero made arrangements with the Standard Oil company under which he was to grant concessions to the American syndicate that would kill the competition of the English corporation. This is the true inwardness of the war in Mexico. These two rival captains of industry took advantage of the spirit of rebellion that prevailed throughout the country and used the enslaved peons as the fighting pawns in the great war for oil. These facts, which are familiar to Appeal readers, are now becoming to be recognized by the capitalist press.

Diaz was the official representative of the English oil syndicate. He was succeeded by Madero, who favored the Standard. Madero was assassinated by Huerta, who is Pearson's man. Carranza, the leader of the constitutionalists, is being backed by the financiers of the United States, who are supplying him with money with which to buy arms. The indications are now that the United States will raise the embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico. This will give the Standard Oil the upper hand again.

What an unhappy condition! The natural resources and wealth of Mexico, which should be the means of making the poor of that nation happy and prosperous, are hung up as prizes to be fought for by capitalists who have no interest in the Mexican people. If the Mexican people had brains enough to take over and operate the great oil industries, there would be no prizes for foreign capitalists to fight for—hence there would be no war.—Appeal to Reason.

THE FAILURE CLASS

The Socialist can win in this country only when the majority of the people are in the failure class.—Manufacturers' News, Chicago, Ill.

According to the information furnished by the commercial agencies 95 per cent of those who embark in business enterprises fail. If the reasoning of the editor of the Manufacturers' News is correct, then we ought to be pretty well along towards the Socialist goal. But there is something besides "failure" needed before we can hope to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth. And that something is education. Ignorance today stands in the way of a realization of Socialist hopes and aspirations.

It is true that after a man has failed in business he sometimes turns his attention to a study of the causes that brought about his failure. When he does this, he is most likely to land in the Socialist camp.

On the other hand some of the most enthusiastic advocates of Socialism in the United States today are men who have made conspicuous success in business. But these recruits from the strictly business world to our ranks are, after all, of small importance, except insofar as they are able to change the political opinions of the workers. The working class alone can bring about the change in society necessary before Socialism can come.

As the juggernaut of business requires many victims and as these victims find themselves in the ranks of those who work, their previous experience and brief taste of the joys of good living make them vigorous agitators against the existing order.

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431	Beaver Creek	J. Loughran, Beaver Creek, via Pincher, Alta.
431	Bellevue	James Burke, Box 36, Bellevue, Alta.
2163	Blairmore	W. L. Evans, Blairmore, Alta.
949	Burmis	T. G. Harries, Passburg, Alta.
2327	Carbondale	J. Mitchell, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
1287	Canmore	Michael Warren, Canmore, Alta.
2653	Coleman	J. Johnstone, Coleman, Alta.
2377	Corbin	J. Jones, Corbin, B. C.
1126	Chinook Mines	Jas. Horne, Chinook, via Diamond City, Alta.
2178	Diamond City	J. E. Thornhill, Diamond City, Lethbridge.
2314	Fernie	Thos. Uphill, Fernie, B. C.
1263	Frank	Evan Morgan, Frank, Alta.
2497	Hosmer	W. Balderstone, Hosmer, B. C.
1058	Hillcrest	Jas. Gorton, Hillcrest, Alta.
574	Lethbridge	L. Moore, 1721 Sixth Avenue, N. Lethbridge.
1189	Lethbridge Collieries	Frank Barringham, Coalhurst, Alta.
2289	Maple Leaf	T. G. Harries, Passburg, Alta.
2134	Michel	H. Elmer, Michel, B. C.
14	Monarch Mines	Wm. Hynd, Elcan P. O., Taber, Alta.
2352	Passburg	T. G. Harries, Passburg, Alta.
2589	Royal View	Geo. Jordan, Royal Collieries, Lethbridge, Alta.
102	Taber	A. Patterson, Taber, Alta.

News of District Camps

CORBIN NOTES—(Continued)

Miss Sissie Gregory, Miss A Parsons and Miss Alexandra are visiting friends up here.

The Oddfellows gave their annual dance on Monday last. Quite a lot of invitations were sent out and everybody had a good time, which lasted until the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Mr. Jasper Moses has taken a visit to Spokane.

There was a free dance given on Wednesday night in the Club Hall by the Corbin musicians.

Corbin is quiet as far as work is concerned, as No. 4 mine is closed for an indefinite period.

The wife of Wm. Walker arrived in town on Monday from Vancouver. They are staying in the house lately vacated by Thomas Ball.

Save your headings and get one of the big prizes offerred.

We are sorry to say that David Brown, pit boss of No. 3 mine, is laid up with pleurisy. We hope for a quick recovery.

We are glad to see our old doctor, Mr. Gladwin, back in our midst. He started on his new contract Dec. 1.

Mr. Hubbard along with Mr. Moses returned from Elko with a fine deer.

Miss Moore is visiting her parents in Cranbrook, B. C.

We must thank Mr. Jack Johnson and Mr. Roberts for their kindness towards the smoker which is for a good cause.

COALHURST NOTES

The mines are working steady at Coalhurst these days with plenty of railway cars to keep things going, and the output keeping up around the eight hundred ton mark.

Quite a lot of men are being hired and several old timers have drifted back into camp for the winter. The town of Coalhurst is populated as never before. The one big trouble seems to be to get a boarding house. Several married men have been in camp some time and are unable to rent a house to move in their families, causing great inconvenience to these people.

Fred Gullett returned to Coalhurst and is working at his former occupation in the mine. He intends moving in camp again as soon as he can get a house.

William Clapham returned from the Old Country after spending a few months' vacation. He reports having a good time, but prefers to live on the prairie. We welcome you back again, Willy, but the question is, What did you do with the wife?

Mr. Check-off Man resumed his regular duties again on Monday after being off a month on the sick list. He found quite a harvest of strange faces awaiting his pleasure. The new ones evidently thought there was no union in Coalhurst, but we are pleased to know none of them bucked his worship with the slip, and enrolled right away. That's right, boys, get in while the assessment is on and don't be cranky.

The fence that has been recently erected around the shaft has caused quite a difference in the crowding in the morning, and is just what was needed long ago.

Donald McNab secured a job with the company and is now working in the mine. He says he is glad to get away from the busy life of the city just now but he may return after the hot stuff is done flying and all the clammissioners have secured their jobs. May be Donald heard Coalhurst was looking for a mayor.

The concert that was got up to swell the Xmas cheer on the Island proved a success in every way. The exact amount that was cleared is not known yet owing to tickets being sold by out of town people, but something like $175 was cleared, so together with the assessment of twenty-five cents per member that was voted through the union, there will be quite a little help from a small camp like Coalhurst Great praise is due all who assisted to make this concert and dance a success. Next week the exact amount cleared will be reported in the Ledger.

We are sorry to learn that John Henderson, the driver who was hurt some two months ago, is not making very good progress. He is now being attended by Dr. McNally at the Galt hospital at Lethbridge, and we hope the change from Diamond City to Lethbridge will be favorable to him and that better progress will be made.

Louchie McMillan is away on a vacation. We believe he is gone up North looking for an oil well or a homestead. Success, Louchie; we hope you strike oil.

Danny McMillan was visiting friends in Coalhurst this week. Danny reports good times on the flyer.

If you want to spend a dollar well this week and buy a ticket for the chicken supper for thirty-five cents and with the balance a padlock for your hen coop. It's no good sending for the mounties after your rooster is gone like the fellow in Wigan did.

Tommy Hale pulled out for the mountains last week. He says he didn't savvy the bone coal.

Lethbridge Local Union Notes

At the regular meeting the question of the examination of both No. 3 and No. 6 mines was discussed at some length, after which a motion was passed to appoint two men to go round and examine all workings, etc., as per Coal Mines Act. Bro. Whitelaw and Sec. Moore were elected to go. The secretary drew the attention of the members to the activity of other Locals in the District in getting up socials or entertainments in order to raise a Christmas fund for the children on Vancouver Island.

A motion was unanimously adopted authorizing the secretary to order 300 tickets, and that it be left in the hands of the executive to arrange a concert and dance for Dec. 3, in Miners' Hall.

Applicants for the week were 15; applicants received and obligated.

On Thursday of last week the secretary notified the management that Bros. Whitelaw and Moore had been appointed by the members of Local 574 and that they would start their inspection on Friday morning with the morning shift at No. 6 mine. On arriving at the pit bottom the under manager and pit boss being handed a duplicate copy of the notification forwarded to the superintendent, they put the question if the secretary was a qualified person to examine the mine according to the Coal Mines Act, as according to clause 90 of the act they thought he was not. They claimed that the one word, working miner, disqualified him, as he had not been working in the mines for nearly two years. Taking it from this definition, the act is practically the same, insofar as the men are concerned, as before it was amended. A special meeting was called for Sunday afternoon to consider this matter, when it was decided to leave it in the hands of the District Executive to name two men of the District to carry out this work, with the approval of Local 574.

John Wallete, a loader in No. 6 mine, had his right hand dislocated at the wrist by a piece of draw slate falling on it while in the act of putting a large piece of coal in his car.

Two drivers and a trapper boy were slightly injured Friday last by jamming of cars. The drivers were able to work on Monday, but the trapper is still unable to work.

The wholesale firms, at least some of them, seem to be aware of the fact that the Co-operative Store is the store of the people, as an entirely new California fruit firm are giving a demonstrative table of their line of goods and a young lady is in attendance for two weeks. This is their first appearance in this city. The festive season of Christmas is already apparent in the store and it has been found necessary to engage another clerk to cope with the extra business usually attributable to this festive season.

The wife of Karl Theodovitch, International Organizer, has so far recovered that she was taken home from hospital on Tuesday. He intends going to Halifax directly she has sufficiently recovered to look after the house, to place his eldest boy, who is a mute, in an institution there for education. It is claimed for this institution that after a time they can teach him to speak. We hope their claim may be justified in this case.

The mines are having many visitors this week as some of the civic candidates and others are all interested in getting the miners' vote on the 8th.

Mr. H. Anderson is building two fine houses on 12th St. N. E. The flat around the Miners' Hall will soon be all built up. Three years ago, when the hall was built, there was only one dwelling house, but now it is becoming one of the most populated parts of the city.

Dr. Galbraith is opening a class for first aid pupils in Miners' Hall, Friday, Dec. 5, and it is to be hoped that a good number take an interest in this work, as a miner never knows when his services may be required in the mine.

BEAVER MINES NOTES

Owing to the mine being idle, there has been no meeting of the Local for the past two Sundays. At the last meeting, which was held on Nov. 16, it was agreed to reduce all running expenses by half, including rent and officers' salaries and as this was agreed to by the hall proprietors, we hope to keep the Local intact until work is resumed. It was further agreed that instead of meeting weekly, two meetings per month be held and that they be convened on the first and third Sundays in each month, viz., the Sunday following each pay day.

There is nothing fresh to report in connection with the mine except that the management have no intention of closing tight and that great hopes are entertained of regular work being resumed in the course of a week or two.

Tom Broadhurst, who left here for Kipp over a month ago, returned to the camp last week and, finding nothing doing, started to work for Jack Reddy on his ranch. Tom had an adventure towards the end of last week which might have been serious. Whilst engaged in filling a load of coal from the dump head at No. 2 mine for his employer, someone fired a rifle shot and it is alleged that the bullet passed over the horses' heads. This startled the gee-gees and before Tom could secure the ribbons the horses were galloping towards home full bang. Fortunately Jack McKay headed them off at the boarding house corner, so they ran along the road in front of the office and, making a right wheel at the end of the row, doubled back again behind the office row. They were secured at the top of the bank near Joe Libergali's tent without doing any damage, and apparently none the worse for their frolic. The firing off of rifles in that quarter has not only become a nuisance but a source of danger lately, as several men had narrow squeaks from bullets that whizzed past their heads.

The following is a copy of a letter received by our local secretary last Thursday:—L. Darias Method, barrister, etc., Pincher Creek. To Mr. Loughran, secretary, local miners' union. Dear Sir,—I have received instructions from Mr. H. Graham, Beaver Mines, to claim from your union the sum of $65.00 for livery, and to garnishee the money coming to you next pay day from the coal company if this amount is not immediately paid. Let me hear from you immediately, and oblige, yours truly, L. D. Method." The $65.00 claimed by Mr. Graham for livery is part of the funeral expenses in connection with the burial of Patrick Ryan and the shipping to Nova Scotia of the body of Allen McDonald, who were killed whilst working in the same room, No. 2 mine, here last April. The lawyer's letter was forwarded to our solicitors by the next mail from here, but its receipt has not been acknowledged yet. Finding that Mr. Graham and the undertaker were likely to take action to recover their accounts, the Local passed a resolution instructing the secretary to write Messrs. Palmer & McLelland for information in connection with the compensation due for burial expenses of the brothers named, as there were no dependents in either case. The secretary wrote as instructed on Nov. 14, but up to date received no reply.

Our pit boss and the three fire bosses have been very busy for the past few weeks timbering and getting the mine in good shape for an early start.

The proprietors of the Pioneer Picture Hall have decided to show their pictures in future on Wednesday and Saturday evenings instead of Tuesday and Friday evenings, as they had been doing previously.

COAL CREEK NOTES

As next Sunday will be the world's Bible Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Philp will give his congregation his celebrated sermon entitled "The Bible the Wonderful Book." This discourse has been given over one hundred times and for it the speaker has received unlimited praise.

Rev. Mr. Philp gave his popular travelogue, "My Pilgrimage Through Palestine," at Baynes Lake on Thursday evening in the interests of the reading room and free library just established at that place, Dec. 2.

The interior of the Club Hall presented a very animated appearance on Friday evening last, the occasion being the invitation ball given by the local Oddfellows. The room was tastefully decorated, which reflected credit on the committee responsible, beautiful strains of music being wafted from behind the pine trees supplied by Ramsey's orchestra. Ed. Coughlan filled the duties of floor manager creditably. Refreshments were served by a capable corps of ladies. A special train from Fernie convoyed a goodly number of guests. Dancing was indulged in till the wee sma' hours of the morning, everybody voting having had a good time.

This camp has certainly added its quota to the Christmas visitors to the homeland, as this week has seen a further exodus, the following leaving camp for England and Scotland respectively: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Foster and family for Lancashire; Richard Hartley for Lancashire; Tom Armstrong and Jock Lindsay for the land of the thistle. We wish them a pleasant and enjoyable holiday.

Mr. George Harrison, brother of the late J. Harrison, desires to express his sincere thanks to the residents of the camp for their many expressions of sympathy extended to him during his recent sad trouble, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, with whom the deceased lived.

Three of our local nimrods, Jim Yates, Ike Cartmell and Pete Dawson, returned from a hunting trip in Olson and vicinity, bringing back two fine specimens of deer as a result of their prowess.

Frank Licker, an old timer of this camp, has left for fields and pastures new, but will return in the sweet subsequent, maybe.

Whilst following his employment and erecting timber in No. 1 South mine on Saturday night last, Edward McCarty received a fractured pelvis caused by the timber falling back on him. He was conveyed to hospital after receiving attention by Dr. Workman.

Our local tonsorial artist had occasion to think that sleigh riding in this camp was rather an expensive pastime, as, on Sunday last, after a few trips on the "bob" he discovered the loss of his gold watch and fob, which were not found till Wednesday evening. All's well that ends well.

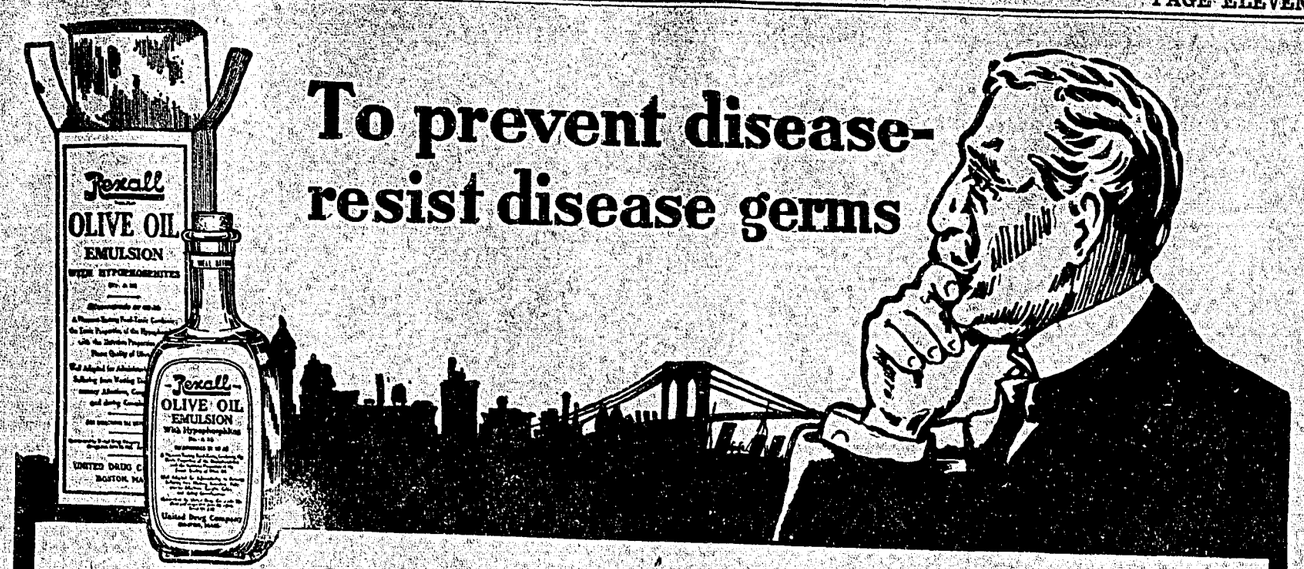
Voting for the District and International election of officers will take place in the Club Hall on Tuesday next between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Don't forget the grand concert in the Club Hall on the evening of Dec. 10. A splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music is to be provided. Tickets now on sale, 50c each; commence at 8 p.m. Come early and avoid the rush. Door open 7.30 p.m.

One is reminded of the near approach of Christmas on entering the local branch of Trites-Wood Co., the manager having catered to the wants of the most fastidious. A visit to the toy department will repay you, fruit and candies in abundance.

Jimmy Hunter is back in camp from Nakusp. Pleased to see you looking so well, Jimmy.

There will be a grand masquerade ball in the Club Hall on New Year's Eve. (We are open to give and receive suggestions for publicity costumes.—Ed.)



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Special $12.50

Our Men's Section holds a wonderful variety of useful gifts, priced to suit everyone's purse. Handsome Club Bags in genuine Sea Lion, Pig Skin and a great variety of different grained leathers, made on steel frames. Every Bag carries our guarantee. Priced at $5.50, $6.50, $7.50, $9.50, $10.00 and up to $35.00.

Fitted Club Bags for Ladies or Gents, with best quality fittings, are here for your inspection. $15.00 to $35.00.

Practical Christmas Gifts For Men

MUFFLERS

Fine all wool Jaegar Muffler in Fawn, Grey, Brown, Heather; very soft and warm, with deep wool fringe. $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00.

Knitted Silk Mufflers with fringed ends, in Grey, Brown, Black, Blue and Green, also color combinations of Red and Black, Silver and Black, Black and Gold. These are the very newest ideas in Mufflers. $1.50 up to $5.00 each.

The Monarch Knitted Muffler in wool or silk, made with dome fastener to fasten in front, gives perfect protection. Stocked in all colors and color combinations. Priced at 50c, 65c, 85c and $1.00.

Silk Squares in heavy brocaded silks in beautiful designs and colorings. $1.50 each.

Dr. Jaeger's Wool Muffler and Chest Protector, made to fasten at back of neck with dome fasteners, in good range of colors. Price 75c, 85c, $1.00.

SUSPENDERS

We carry an immense variety of Suspenders put up in fancy boxes for gifts, from the light weight webbs at 50c to the pure silk fancy webbs at $1.25 pair.

Brace Sets, composed of Armbands and Braces to match, in big variety of colors, put up in beautiful boxes. Priced at $1.00, $1.50 to $2.50.

Fancy Brace Sets in gift box, composed of Armbands, Garters and Braces to match. Priced at $1.50, $2.00 to $3.00.

Fancy Silk Armbands put up in fancy boxes make a very useful and inexpensive present. 35c, 50c, 65c and 75c pair.

Men's Garters, put up in fancy boxes for Christmas. Per pair 25c and 35c.

Men's Belts, made from imported leather with fancy novelty buckles for Christmas. 50c, 65c, 75c and $1.00 each.

TIES

We have imported the latest New York novelties in velvet and silk Neckwear. There is beautiful neckwear here to suit every taste and every purse.

Men's Silk Ties, assorted patterns, put up in separate boxes at 50c each, 65c each and 75c each.

Wide flowing end ties in brocaded silks, put up in fancy boxes at $1.00, $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50 each.

High class velvet novelties direct from New York, in beautiful brocades and patterns, wide flowing end shape. These are the last word in high class neckwear. Priced at $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00 each.

Here's a novelty. The new Tie Set, put up in fancy boxes composed of Silk Knitted Tie with Cuff Buttons and Tie Pin to match. This makes a very desirable present. Price $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Silk Handkerchiefs are always acceptable gifts. Plain white hemstitched, large size, at 50c each.

Large hemstitched white silk, with initial embroidered in corner, at 50c.

Extra large and heavy white silk hemstitched, at $1.00 each.

Souvenir Handkerchiefs in white with colored embroidered Season's Greetings, large size, at 50c each.

Pure linen Handkerchiefs, guaranteed genuine Irish linen, at 25c each, 40c each, 50c each, 65c each.

Very fine pure linen Handkerchief, with embroidered initial, put up in boxes of half dozen. Price $2.00 per box. This makes the nicest Christmas gift possible for any man.

Colored Silk Handkerchiefs in great variety at 50c each.

Excelda and linen lawn Handkerchiefs in plain white and colored at prices ranging from 60c to $1.75 dozen.

Items of Interest for your Boy

Every boy, no matter how young, looks forward to Christmas as the one time in the year when his heart's desire will be gratified. Our display includes hundreds of items that will make your boy happy.

Watches	Mackinaw Coats	Boys' Underwear	Boys' Belts
Chains	Boys' Suits	Boys' Mitts	Souvenir Handkerchiefs
Pocket Knives	Boys' Overcoats	Wool Caps	Initialed Handkerchiefs
Cuff Links	Boys' Sweaters	German Sox	Gloves and Gauntlets
Tie Pins	Boys' Ties	Boys' Braces	Boys' Shirts
			Boys' Collars

This Store will be a Great Exhibition of Pretty Things on Every Floor Saturday and all the Special Prices.

Suit Cases in all qualities and sizes. Priced at $1.75 to $35.00 each.

Fitted Suit Cases range from $15.00 to $35.00.

Steamer Trunks, $4.50 to $25.00. Wardrobe Trunks, up-to-the-minute in style and fittings, priced from $22.50 to $75.00.

Call and see our big range.

SATURDAY WILL BE MEN'S OVERCOAT DAY WITH US

Choose from the largest stock of Overcoats we have ever had. Great variety of cloths and styles made by the best tailors in Canada. Prices Saturday, $10.00, $15.00, $16.50, $18.50, $25.00. See these values; they are exceptional.

Men's Sweater Coats make an ideal gift. Our stock is complete with the finest productions of the best makes. Shawl Collars, Converto Collars, Norfolk Sweaters. We have all the novelties in Sweaters.

See these on display in our Men's Department.

Boot & Shoe Department

Visit our Shoe Department and see the many Xmas suggestions on display. We have much to show you in the way of dainty Slippers and House Shoes.

The skating and snow shoeing season is at hand. Get in line with a pair of Lightning Hitch Hockey Boots. They are the very best make and are strong and durable. We have all sizes in Men's, Women's and Children's, in Black and Tan.

We have a large variety of Hockey Skates to choose from, ranging in price from 60c to $6.00.

You will soon need a pair of Snow Shoes. We have them for the Girls and Boys as well as Men's and Ladies'.

We have a specially made Snow Shoe for Men, 12 in. wide x 60 in. long. This size is specially good for fast or quick travelling. We also carry the Bushman's Shoe, size 14 x 42.

Men's House Slippers, in Carpet, Felt and Leather. We also have a Fur Lined Moccasin Slipper in Dark Brown Leather, Fur Trimmed, with fancy work on toe.

Men's Felt Slippers range in price from 35c to $2.00.

Men's Leather Slippers from $1.35 to $3.50.

Our Ladies' and Children's Department

Ladies' Kimonas

In our window we are exhibiting an exceptional line of fancy Kimonas for women. These Kimonas are all made in the latest style and of the newest materials. A Fancy Silk Crepe or Silk Kimona would make a very acceptable Christmas present. We have them in all colors in all qualities. Ladies' Kimonas from $1.75 to $25.00.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs

Is there anything more acceptable for Christmas than Handkerchiefs? We have them in abundance in plain hemmed, hemstitched, corner embroidered, and side embroidered. The patterns are dainty and new. We have some specially attractive lines put up in folders ready for mailing. They are pure linen and exceptionally good patterns. Handkerchiefs from 5c to $2.50 each.

Ladies' Neckwear

We are showing all the newest designs in Ladies' Neckwear for the holiday season. Have all those new color combination in the latest styles. Our line of Jabots, Bows, Collar and Cuff Sets and separate Collars are exceptionally fine and the prices are less than usual. 25c to $1.50 each.

Toyland Holds Many Attractions—Your Children Will Enjoy them

Toys Toys Toys

Our Toyland is larger than ever; more Toys of all descriptions than we have ever shown. We have everything made in Toys from the smallest to the largest.

Blocks from 5c to $3.50.
Horse and Cart fro 15c to $3.50.
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Arks full of animals from 10c to 50c.
Dolls from 5c to $10.00.
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Dishes from 10c to $4.50.
Stoves from 35c to $3.00.
Rattles from 5c to 50c.
Teddy Bears, Dogs, Cats, Monkeys and Horses, in all sizes at various prices.

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Our Book Department is now full of all the latest editions of Books. We have a full line of Children's Books. All the popular titles, such as Boy Scout Series, Boys' and Girls' Annual, Children's Annual, Fairyland Happy Days, Buster Brown, Foxy Grandpa and a thousand others. We also have all the popular fiction by the better authors.

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Special lot of Mark Twain's books, paper covered, all good reading. Per copy 25c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are showing an extra large assortment of Christmas cards. The covers are very daintily gotten up in two and three tone effects, some are embossed. The inscriptions are very appropriate for the coming season. All marked specially at from 5c to 50c each.

Ladies' Jewel Cases, Manicure Sets, Dresser Sets, Jewel Boxes, Clocks, Comb and Brush Sets, Military Sets, Cigarette Cases, Collar Cases, Paper Knives and Hand Mirrors and thousands of other articles which make useful and acceptable gifts. A visit to our Dry Goods Department will assist you to make your selection.

Grocery Specials For Saturday

Special Mixed Candy	2 lbs. for	.25
Large Grenoble Walnuts	per lb.	.20
Tuxedo Baking Powder	12 ozs. for	.15
Lima Beans	3 lbs. for	.25
New Zealand Butter	per lb.	.40
Peaches	2 lb. tins	.15
Sliced Pineapple, 2 lb. tins	2 for	.25
Sultana Raisins, 12 oz.	3 pkgs. for	.25
Evaporated Prunes	90-100's	.10
Evaporated Peaches	2 lbs. for	.25
Spearmint Gum	3 pkgs. for	.10
Jelly Powder	4 pkgs. for	.25
Lard	5 lb. pails	.85
Queen Quality Pickles	20 oz.	.25
Heinz Dills	per doz.	.20
White Laundry Starch	3 pkgs. for	.25
Pear's Unscented Soap	2 for	.25
Sago	4 lbs. for	.25
Tapioca	4 lbs. for	.25
Fresh Beets	14 lbs. for	.25
Carrots	14 lbs. for	.25
Turnips	18 lbs. for	.25
White Swan Yeast	6 for	.25
White Laundry Soap	6 for	.25
White Swan Washing Powder	pkg.	.25
Lyman's Talcum Powder	large tin for	.25
Lyman's Beef Iron & Wine		.45
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