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Parker Williams Scores Bowser & Co.

Mr. Parker Williams Says That the Votes of Vancouver's Conservative Members Killed Motion to Investigate Alleged Trouble.

Speaking before a mass meeting of the B. C. Miners' Liberation League in the Horse Show building last night, Mr. Parker Williams declared that responsibility for much of the trouble in connection with the mines was directly traceable to the "solid five" members from Vancouver, who had voted against a motion calling for an investigation into the situation when trouble was known to be brewing at the mining districts. Continuing his address, Mr. Williams went closely into the dealings of McBride, with Mackenzie and Mann to prove that the whole trouble arose out of the other words McBride and Bowser in-miners' opposition to the interests of the Canadian Collieries, Limited, interests, and incidentally Mackenzie and Mann interests.

Using himself and the chairman of the mass meeting as examples, he asked his hearers if they would not think him a pretty sucker should he fail to get his share of a crooked concerned in? He added that there were millions to be divided over the deal which the two of them were McBride railway policy with Mackenzie and Mann as the other party. Mackenzie and Mann were certainly going to get their share out of it, no matter if they lost all concern about their railways tomorrow. The inference he left to the audience who roared their approval of his point.

Laws Not Explicit

"For the last five years," said Parker Williams, "the whole activities of the Conservative party have been under guise of public concerns, towards the building of a political machine. They have done away with all opposition and as far as the house at Victoria is concerned have laid our good friends the Liberals out good and dead." Mr. Parker Williams declared that much of the power of the machine lay in the manipulation of the laws so that the laws today are in no case explicit, and the minister may alter at pleasure to suit the political purposes of the hour. That $17,000,000 is spent yearly to administer the public needs of some 46,000 people, through a "spoils system of patronage," that the government "holds a whip over the mercantile classes" by his, and "holds a mortgage on the life of the poor preemptor by refusing him roads unless he makes music to suit the Conservative machine in his district," and that "unless you are a Conservative you cannot get a job" were all accusations made by Mr. Parker Williams and thoroughly applauded by his hearers last night.

Mr. Williams laid emphasis on the fact that the miners of British Columbia alone had the backbone to bow down and worship the McBride-Bowser Baal, and declared that for that reason the present attitude of the McBride-Bowser administration towards these miners was easily accountable. Sir Richard McBride had said in Vancouver that he was ashamed to look some great war-lord in the face because the Canadian senate had turned down the naval bill. If Sir Richard looked at his own attitude in this strike business he would find far more to be ashamed about in the way he had handled the mining situation of this province. (Applause.)

Fiery Speech

"By the end of this month every last peaceful appeal which is necessary or possible for us to make as citizens of this Dominion for the release of our brothers in prison will have been made By the end of the year all peaceful measures will have been exhausted. If they are not released by the time the New Year is ushered in, if Sir Richard McBride, Attorney-General Bowser, or any of the minions and politicians of the present administration go hunting they will be very foolish, for they will be shot dead. These men will also be well advised to employ some sucker to taste their coffee in the morning before drinking it if they value their lives. In addition, it will cost them one million dollars a week for every week that our brothers remain in jail after the New Year."

The following resolution was carried with an uproar of approval:

Text of Resolution

"In view of the flimsy evidence upon which many of the striking miners on Vancouver Island has been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment, we consider it savors of deliberate persecution on the part of the British Columbia provincial government.

"Therefore, be it hereby resolved that this mass meeting of citizens of Vancouver notify the minister of justice that further delay in the release of the imprisoned miners will be considered a deliberate attempt to override the expressed wishes of the citizens of the Dominion of Canada, and one more, we ask for a definite reply to our peaceful protests.

"We claim that all the demands of justice have long since been fully met and we insist that all these miners should eat ther Christmas dinners with their wives and children as free men."

Ignored by Press

George Pettigrew, of the United Mine Workers of America, complained of never being reported by the "capitalistic press." He wanted particularly to be reported as telling Mr. Bowser that though the attorney-general was absent from this meeting, there was present the man who was prepared to prove Mr. Bowser a liar when he said that the strike on the Island was not caused over gas in the mine.

ISLAND STRIKERS FOUND GUILTY

Contrary to expectations, three of the fourteen Ladysmith miners were found guilty by Judge Morrison. The trial lasted for several days, and it was thought that accused would be discharged. The prisoners were indicted on three counts, riotous conduct, injury to property and unlawful assembly.

Five others, Mike Metro, John Rogers, Geo. Metro, Peter Mackenzie, John Stevenson and Isaac Hortrea, were found guilty of rioting. J. E. Bird and J. W. Farris addressed the jury for the defence. A. D. Taylor represented the crown. The judge's charge to the jury was not favorable to prisoners, but it took the jury six hours to decide upon a verdict.

Sentence upon miners was postponed and will, no doubt, be pronounced next week.

Next Monday the cases against the South Wellington miners will be heard.

MINER INJURED AT THE CREEK

Dave Chanessi, a miner, was brought down from Coal Creek yesterday evening suffering from injuries to hip, and abrasions on both arms. So far as can be ascertained the injured man was struck by an overturning car in No. 5 mine. His injuries are not serious, and the hospital authorities report him as being "comfortable."

PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT

Judge Thompson held court this week in the Provincial court house and dealt with the following cases:

Andre Wallace was fined $10.00 and costs for theft.

The Blakeley trial is still in abeyance, accused fighting extradition, but it is expected that he will have to come across. It will be remembered that on May 30th, 1909, at Lillooet, B. C., Ben Blakeley deliberately shot Archie Thiverge, with whose wife he was accused of being familiar. He has been at large ever since, despite the persistent efforts of police and detectives to locate him. When found, he was, strangely enough, living under the same name as when he committed the crime, a coincidence that the police say is unique, the first act of a murderer being to assume an alias.

HARDIE IS RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF LETHBRIDGE

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Dec. 10.—At noon today Returning Officer Robinson declared D. L. Hardie duly elected as mayor, or first commissioner, with A. M. Grace as commissioner of public works and M. H. Reid as commissioner of public utilities. Mr. Hardie was mayor last year under the old council regime. No protests were entered against any of the elections.

The seats for the Church of England have arrived and are now being placed in the Church. All expense in connection therewith have been borne by the Ladies' Guild.

GLADSTONE LOCAL UNION No. 2314, U. M. W. of A.

Following is the result of ballot taken on Dec. 9, 1913

For District Secretary	
A. J. Carter	468
T. France	309
D. H. Hyslop	120
For Board Member	
W. L. Phillips	713
Wm. Balderstone	190
For Checkweighmen	
H. Martin	324
Tom Biggs	245
Sam Heaney	229
Nic Miscisco	215
(The above were elected)	
W. L. Phillips	204
J. W. Gray	149
John Wilde	142
Chas. Edgar	124
Jos. Knowles	74

T. UPHILL, Secretary.

GRAND THEATRE

During the course of the week, the new management of the Grand Theatre has been showing a program of high-class educational and humorous pictures that it would be difficult to equal in the big cities. Mr. Shoemake informs us that he is here to stay and, realizing what is wanted, will put up the goods. The future of the Grand has better promise than ever before, and if the same class of pictures that last week has witnessed is produced right along, we have entire confidence that the miners' theatre will secure a reputation second to none.

For Saturday afternoon and evening, a special program of pictures will be shown. "The Web," a European drama in two parts, is one of those strong, realisic character plays full of both humor and pathos. "Whiffles tries moving picture acting" is a comedy by the world-renowned Pathe Co., and one of those side-splitters that will keep you laughing for the rest of the week. "The cry for help," a Biograph Western drama, and "Yankee Doodle Dixie" (Selig) are both high-class productions, and are alone well worth the price of admission.

INFORMATION WANTED

James Holden, of Henryetta, Okla., writes us for information about his brother John, who was working in these parts as a miner this year. Mr. Holden gives the following description: Age 27, weight about 160 pounds, height 6 feet.

With reference to the above, we may state that a Harry Holden was killed at Drumheller collieries, Alta., on Sept. 7 last, paragraph in this connection appearing as follows:

"DRUMHELLER, Sept. 8.—A fatal accident occurred at Drumheller, about 9.30 tonight, as the men of the night shift of the Drumheller Collieries were going on duty. Three miners undertook to go down the incline into the mine in a coal truck when the hook of the cable became unfastened, and let the car run the full length of the incline, something like 300 feet, before hitting an obstruction.

"Harry Holden, one of the men, was struck on the head and only lived a few minutes after the doctors arrived; Harry Wheatcroft is seriously injured internally; the third man, Thos. Mackin, escaped practically unhurt."

Any person having any further information should write Jas. Holden, Box 678 Henrietta, Okla., U. S. A.

EMBARBO ON ARMS MADE MORE STRINGENT

BELFAST, Dec. 9.—The embargo on arms and ammunition in Ireland has been made more stringent by an order served on the railways today by the collector of customs, providing for the examination of baggage of all incoming travellers.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Forty years approximately is the time which Judge Grant gave to a defendant in which to repay a judgment of $812.50 and costs obtained against him by one Epstein, a money lender. Epstein had loaned the defendant Taylor a sum of $650 for three months at 60 per cent interest, payable monthly in advance, and to be compounded if payments fell six months in arrears.

Colorado Strikers Vindicated

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 6.—(Special).—The federal grand jury at Pueblo, while failing to indict the coal operators, found that the coal miners' charges of open and repeated law violations, election corruption and general denial of justice to miners were true.

It is explained that no evidence of price agreements or division of territory for the marketing of coal was presented and therefore the operators, although proven lawless in the extreme, could not be punished by the federal government.

The jury reports that evidence proved:

That state laws have not been enforced to give all persons concerned benefits which are derivable therefrom.

That coal companies have nominated, elected and controlled many county officers.

That county officers elected by coal companies have shown undue activity in controlling elections, having in one instance changed precinct boundaries presumably to eliminate unfavorable votes of the miners, and have thus aroused not only political but social dissatisfaction.

That many camp marshals, WHOSE APPOINTMENT AND SALARIES ARE CONTROLLED BY COAL COMPANIES, have exercised a system of espionage and have resorted to arbitrary powers of police control, ACTING AS JUDGE AND JURY and PASSING SENTENCE.

That camp marshals have brutally assaulted miners.

That miners can't complain of real grievances without being discharged.

That the scrip system is still in effect.

That miners feel it an unjust obligation to trade at company stores because of the attitude of mine superintendents.

That many coal companies maintain camp saloons and collect from the keepers of such saloons a per capita sum of 25 to 40 cents per month for each person whose name appears on the company pay roll, as a charge against the saloon keeper for the privilege of enjoying the exclusive saloon business of the camp.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 6.—(Special).—"The unanimous vote of the coal miners to remain on strike should prove the absurdity of the operators' claim that the men had no grievances," said John R. Lawson.

"The operators claimed before the strike that it was the 'paid agitators' and not the men who called the strike, and they claimed that not more than 5 per cent of the men would respond to the call. As a matter of fact, 95 per cent of the coal miners of Colorado quit work Sept. 23. To make good with the people, the operators claimed that but 50 per cent of the men had quit work and they said that 60 per cent of these would return to work if the militia were put in the field. The militia was sent to Southern Colorado but all of the men remained on strike. And now by unanimous vote the strikers have turned down the operator's proposition submitted through Governor Ammons with the comment that they would accept nothing short of recognition of the union and all the other demands made at the Trinidad convention. This should prove to the people of Colorado the falsity of the operators' claim that 'the men had no grievances,' and show the absurdity of the statement that it was not the men but 'paid agitators' who called the strike."

The Isis Theatre Management has decided to give the proceeds (less working expenses) of their house on Friday, December 19, for the benefit of the Children of Island strikers. A Special program has been arranged and every purchaser of a ticket for the Show will receive a handsome souvenir book of Fernie.

Don't forget the Grand Concert on Monday, December 22nd, at the Grand Theatre, when prizes will be distributed to successful contestants in our Heading Competition.

Sad Fatality at Pocahontas Alta.

A sad accident occurred here on Saturday morning, Dec. 6, when three men were drowned in the Athabasca river, whilst in the act of crossing from here to the mine across the river. The men, foreigners, by the way, were working in the prospect mine here, and were laid off from work the preceding morning. It appears that four of them started early Saturday morning to cross the river, when by some mischance they missed the proper trail and got on a portion of thin ice. One man went down and his companion next him gripped him by the hand to try and save him, and was also pulled in. The third in line also gripped the hand of his drowning companion and shared the same fate. The fourth man also extended his hand to help his companions, but luckily for him his glove came off whilst being gripped by one of his companions, else undoubtedly he would have met the same fate. The surviving member of the party returned, reporting the dire disaster to the management here, whereupon a group of men, accompanied by the superintendent and doctor, proceeded to the spot and tried by explosions to induce the bodies to rise. All their efforts, however, were useless, and up to the present nothing more was seen of their bodies.

FERNIE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

This store is fortunate in possessing such able management and we venture to say that never before have its patons had the quality and variety of goods that may now be secured there.

Crawford's and Peek Frean's biscuits have been specially imported for the Xmas trade. These dainty cakes and biscuits are just the thing for those unexpected afternoon calls. They are always ready, and there is a variety, sweet and unsweetened, to suit all tastes.

Stagg's Amber marmalade has just been added to the stock. This marmalade, which is a mixture of lemon and orange and is absolutely the finest breakfast preserve obtainable, is put up in one pound glass jars and five pound tins.

Jap Oranges

The season for Jap oranges is fast drawing to a close, and we would advise the buying of a box or two of this very luscious fruit before the Xmas rush snaps them up. The car of Washington apples is unloaded, and these are, without doubt, the finest apples unloaded in Fernie this fall. Why not put a few boxes in your barement before the severe weather sets in?

IMMIGRATION OF HINDUS FORBIDDEN

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 9.—Decisive action is being taken today by the government to stop immigration of Hindus into this country for the present. At a meeting of the cabinet an order passed prohibiting further immigration of artisans or laborers into British Columbia from the Pacific or the South until March 31 next.

The overcrowded condition of the labor market is given as the cause.

Don't forget grand concert December 22nd.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

For the Year Ending December, 1913

The Society has held ten regular and six special meetings during the year.

Four new members have joined the Society and two of our members have moved to other towns.

There have been twenty cases reported and given help during the past year. A great many of them have been helped a number of times.

There have been many interesting cases brought before the Society during the year and the Society has been instrumental in getting six children into homes, where they would have proper food and care, which they were not getting at home.

The Society has given $10.00 a month for several months to a number of different cases, where it was thought the money would help them more than giving them groceries and meat.

Christmas boxes were given to a number of families where there were children.

The aim and desire of this Society is to help the poor and needy and by judicious help to make them self-supporting and self-respecting.

J. D. McLEAN,
Secretary Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Receipts for Year 1913

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1913	$ 31.87
Amount of fees	32.90
Rent of dishes	.90
Total grants from City Council 1912-1913	350.00
Cheque from B. C. Government, expenses re government cases, 1912	158.20
Receipts New Year Ball	285.65
Receipts for catering T. W. Ball	82.30
	$972.82

Disbursements

To groceries for needy families	$250.80
To care of baby	25.00
To assisting family to Nelson	16.20
To expenses, New Year Ball.	65.50
To catering T. W. dance	29.40
To room rent for girl	30.00
To Chief Hall for 2 children	10.00
To assisting several poor women	60.00
To sending girl to Seattle	14.00
To shoes, merchandise, etc.	5.45
To donation to C. J. Society for Children's Home	25.00
	532.35
To balance on hand	440.47
	$972.82

L. W. WALLACE,
Treasurer Ladies' Benevolent Society.
December 1st, 1913.

W. F. Muirhead is carrying a special line of felt shoes and slippers this week. These are most excellent in the present state of the sidewalks, as it is impossible to slip whilst wearing them. His line of mocassins, too, is exceptional, being guaranteed not to harden after being wetted. Felt shoes and mocassins are certainly the most comfortable and the warmest kind of footwear during the winter, besides being so easy of adjustment.

VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual Meeting Held on December 7th, 1913

The meeting was called to order at 7.15 p.m., Col. Mackay in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A financial report was given by the treasurer. It was moved and seconded that the report be received and submitted to the auditors. Carried.

Nominations for officers were next called for. A short discussion arose as to the advisability of electing a new set of officers for 1914. It was finally moved and seconded that the president, secretary and treasurer be re-elected for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Nominations for first vice president were next called for. There were two nominations, Mr. Jas. Savage and Mr. Robert Speirs respectively. Mr. Speirs declined in favor of Mr. Savage, and Mr. Savage was elected.

Nominations for second vice president were next called for. There were two nominations, Mr. P. Miller and Mr. J. Minton respectively. Mr. Miller declined in favor of Mr. Minton, and Mr. Minton was elected.

Nominations were called for third vice president. There was only one nomination, viz., Mr. Geo. Dingsdale, who was elected by acclamation.

A discussion arose re the appointing of auditors. It was moved and seconded that the auditors retain their positions until their successors are appointed. Carried.

The questions of ways and means for the purpose of completing the memorial fund was brought up. A long discussion followed, and various suggestions were offered by the members. It was eventually moved and seconded that the question be left in the hands of the executive committe, same to report at the next meeting. Carried.

Another discussion followed re the advisability of adopting the proposed bylaws, which were tabled at a previous meeting. It was moved and seconded that the question come up at the next meeting, and that the secretary be requested to bring a copy of the proposed bylaws so that action may be taken thereon. Carried.

The executive committee for 1914 is as follows: Lt.-Col. Joseph Mackay, pres.; James Savage, first vice president; John Minton, second vice president; Geo. Dingsdale, third vice president; Chas. O'Brien, treasurer; George O'Brien, secretary; W. S. Keny and J. F. McIntosh, auditors.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

A very large and enthusiastic crowd attended the opening session of the Fernie rink on Thursday night. Everybody seemed glad that the management had hustled around and got it into shape so quickly, although the ice was rather soft, and the corners were cut up badly. However, a little frost and plenty of water will remedy this defect, and in a week or so the ice should be in perfect condition and hockey will be in full swing around Christmas. Although we do not claim to be musical critics, we would remark that the music at the disposal of the rink patrons is not adapted to those of the skaters—and they are legion—who like to skate in time to it three or four of the pieces seeming to be a mixture of tango and three-step, which, however pretty it may sound when one is sitting down, fails entirely in its original purpose.

George Doherty left on Saturday for a visit to his former home in Ottawa.

ISIS THEATRE

The Isis management is producing an unequalled program of "movies" this week. On Wednesday that world-renowned feature, "The Battle of Waterloo," in three reels, will be projected. For this great historical event, the management have arranged a matinee at 3.30, so that both parents and children may have an opportunity of refreshing their knowledge on the subject. The picture is undoubtedly one of the greatest and most awe-inspiring ever produced, while the costuming of the characters has been accomplished with most painstaking accuracy. In fact the whole production stands forth as unique and unparalleled in the picture world.

On Monday a special aerial production, "The great aerial disaster," in three reels, will be shown, while for Saturday afternoon and evening there is a splendid two-reel feature, "The oath of Conchita." Both these features are splendidly acted, true to nature, and full of exciting incidents.

On Friday next the management has decided to devote the entire proceeds of the house, less expenses, for the benefit of the strikers' children on Vancouver Island. Special pictures have been secured for this evening as follows: "The green god, or the Flower Girl of Montmartre," a three-reel production of the famous French Eclair Co.; "Sally Scraggs, housemaid," Rex comedy; and "Dave's love affair," will be among some of the films shown. We earnestly trust that our readers will reciprocate the generosity of the management and turn out in their hundreds to assist in this worthy object of providing cheer for the children.

Dr. Burnett, who has been with Drs. Bonnel and Corsan for some months, left this evening for the Okanagan.

Mr. O. A. Boucher, auditor for P. Burns & Co., Ltd., is in the city for a few days on the company's business.

Mrs. Marshall, Miss Middleton, Miss Ross and Miss Hammil, teachers of the public school, have resigned.

The B. C. Federationist informs us that their Christmas fund for the children of the Island strikers exceeds $5,000.

Fred Perry, assistant purchasing agent of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, is confined to his home suffering with rheumatism.

Robert Dudley, grand master of the grand lodge of Oddfellows, has returned to Fernie, having paid an official visit to the lodges of British Columbia.

Don't forget the sale of cakes, candies, etc., to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17, in the basement of the Church. Drop in and have a cup of tea.

At the election of officers for Elk River lodge, A. F. and A. M., on Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the year: W. M., Harold Anderson; senior warden, J. E. McEwan; junior warden, J. Lewis; secretary, G. G. Henderson; treasurer, James Marshal; tyler, A. Fisher.

Wm. Ingram has on hand this year a larger stock of goods suitable for Xmas gifts than ever before. The celebrated B.B.B., H.B.B. and all other leading lines are stocked here both in cage pipe and companion, in briar, meerschaum and calabash. Any lady wishing to buy father, son or sweetheart anything in "My Lady Nicotine's" line, might do well to look over Mr. Ingram's stock of Xmas gifts.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church have made arrangements for a sale of fruits, cakes, plum puddings, mince meat, shortbread, salted almonds, cookies and candy, special boxes of which will be sold for 50c, 75c and $1.00 on Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Church basement. Leave your orders early with any member of the aid society and make sure of something good for Christmas.

The fancy dress ball given on Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Herchmer was a pronounced success, about eighty guests being present, who enjoyed the hospitality of the host and hostess until the wee sma' hours. Many of the costumes were quite ornate, most were beautiful, and lent a brilliant touch of color to the scene.

The Pollock Wine Co. have just unloaded another car of wines and spirits in order to fill their enormous demand for the Xmas trade. We had the pleasure of inspecting the wine cellars, and were pleasantly surprised at the cleanliness and hygiene so apparent everywhere. As for the stock itself, there seemed to be no limit to the good things, which included almost every known brand. A very special importation is the Freycinet Freres Extra Dry Champagne, which is very strongly recommended. Another special is the Mencioni wine, which has also been imported for the Xmas trade. Tallisker whiskey, both malt and liqueur, 10 and 20 years old, Sauternes, Cherry whiskey, every variety of rum, hock, porter, Burgundy, sherry, port wine and a host of other good things too numerous to mention. If you want the best at the ordinary rates, pay a visit to the Pollock Wine Co., and your Xmas will be made the merrier in direct ratio to the brand and quality of liquor you purchase. Buy while the buying is good.

OUR Heading Competition Last Week

CLOSES ON December 17

By which Date All Headings Must be sent in

Over Twenty Handsome & Useful Prizes

DISTRICT No. 1—Including Corbin, Michel, Hosmer, Coal Creek, Fernie and the West.

Candidate No. 1	1081796
" " 3	306165
" " 4	344724
" " 7	2925546
" " 8	1586950
" " 9	1029018
" " 10	317326
" " 14	3744342
" " 15	948652
" " 16	1055660
" " 17	537985
" " 18	3607664
" " 19	520211
" " 20	209567
" " 21	2220992
" " 24	2079758
" " 25	400601
" " 26	97899
" " 29	1036771
" " 30	459945
" " 32	214176
" " 33	2262869
" " 34	211247
" " 35	2249670
" " 36	396436
" " 37	614486
" " 40	343830
" " 41	2042586
" " 42	412729
" " 43	1141588
" " 45	212712
" " 47	2581956
" " 48	312032
" " 51	418433
" " 53	224893
" " 54	2644018
" " 55	125152
" " 56	1316715
" " 57	204168
" " 65	312554
" " 58	542518
" " 61	1039464
" " 62	217837
" " 63	221648
" " 64	331323
" " 66	2199119
" " 67	304375

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

DISTRICT No. 2—Including Coleman, Carbondale and Blairmore.

Candidate No. 5	1321460
" " 22	116169
" " 23	384193
" " 38	222344
" " 49	115628
" " 52	123012
" " 69	226903
" " 70	209595

DISTRICT No. 3—Including Frank, Hillcrest, Bellevue, Maple Leaf, Burmis, Passburg, Beaver Mines, Taber, Pocahontas, Bankhead, and East and North.

Candidate No. 2	362194
" " 6	2874342
" " 11	206828
" " 12	4094007
" " 13	3024836
" " 27	218646
" " 28	213190
" " 31	208396
" " 39	235773
" " 44	125777
" " 46	315255
" " 50	206540
" " 59	116425
" " 60	222900
" " 68	216728

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

400 DAY MANTEL GLASS CASE CLOCK
Supplied by A. C. LIPHARDT

LADY'S SKIRT OR PAIR OF GENT'S PANTS VALUE $16.00
Supplied by DeBURLE & BIRKBECK

TWO BOXES OF CIGARS
Supplied by W. INGRAM

FINE FAT TURKEY
Supplied by P. BURNS & CO.

List of Prizes

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

$18.00 POWER WASHING MACHINE
Given by H. G. GOODEVE CO.

FOUR BOTTLE HAMPER
Supplied by COLEMAN LIQUOR CO., Coleman

$10.00 PRIZE
Supplied by FRANK WINE & SPIRIT CO.

$20.00 SUIT
Given by J. H. NAYLOR, Bellevue

$20.00 ORDER ON THE STORE
Given by T. M. BURNETT, Bellevue.

SPLENDID GOLD WALTHAM WATCH
Supplied by C. W. JOHNSON, Lyric Theatre

$16.00 TEA SET
Given by A. I. BLAIS, Bellevue and Frank

$15.00 HEATER
Given by STEPHEN T. HUMBLE, Bellevue.

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THE MEXICAN SITUATION

By John M. Work

The Mexican situation changes so fast that this article may be out of date before it is printed. But I am going to base it upon the situation as it exists at the time of writing.

I believe it is not too much to say that in the spring of 1911 the Socialist party prevented the United States from intervening in Mexico. At that time we took the question up vigorously and raised hell about it. The President and Congress were deluged with letters, resolutions and petitions. Mass protest meetings were held all over the country. These activities had the desired effect.

We are far stronger now than we were then.

The mere fact that we have to our credit more than twice as many votes as we then had is sufficient to give us more than twice as much power and influence. This is what caused the West Virginia jails to open and let the strikers walk out when our committee crossed the State border. Even incipient or threatened political action on the part of the working class is sufficient to accomplish wonders.

Now, let's repeat these performances and improve upon them.

It does not matter that there is no Socialist movement in Mexico. The Mexicans are not the aggressors. The Mexican people have no desire to have war with the people of the United States. If there should be war, it will be because the United States starts it. Therefore, the fact that there is no Socialist movement in Mexico to co-operate with us will not prevent us from being successful. The only thing necessary is to thwart the aggression of the United States. And we can do that ourselves.

It is time for the Socialist party of the United States to rise to the dignity which rightfully belongs to it as a part of the world-wide Socialist movement.

Yes, remember that when the war clouds were hovering over Norway and Sweden, France and Germany, the Socialists of those countries waved the wand of working class solidarity in the faces of the war lords and under its magic spell the sword fell bloodless from their nerveless hands.

These events and the Mexican affair are but child's play compared with the mightier achievements which await the inevitable Socialist movement.

The swing and sweep of ages will record the fact that the Socialist movement was the greatest upward and onward force and urge of the time.—N. Y. Call.

MEDALS FOR BRAVERY

As announced in the "London Gazette," his Majesty the King has been pleased to award the Edward medal of the Second Class to Thomas Thomas and Matthew Withers. The medal is awarded to Thomas for bravery in connection with an accident on April 27, while walling was in progress in a shaft over 500 yards deep, in the Llewelyn Sinking Pit, at Gilfach Goch. The medal for Withers is for rescuing a workman at great personal risk from a fall of roof, at Annesley Colliery, near Nottingham, on August 19.

One of the causes of the "high cost of living" might reasonably be attributed to the number of "experts" who are "commissioned" to "investigate" the subject.

Der Gute Rufe

(THE GOOD REPUTE)

And the Relief Society for the Political Victims of the Russian Revolution (Former Red Cross)

By Hermann Sudermann

The woman problem, with all its ramifications; the woman's psychology; the struggle for freedom and independence; the woman's honor; the dual standard of morality in present society; a woman's love and ability of self-sacrifice; all of these features of the so-called woman's problem are pre-eminently the theme of Sudermann's dramatic works. We are familiar with the characters of "His Honor" (Die Ehre), "The Fires of St. John" (Johannesfeuer) and "Magda" (Heimat).

In the new drama, "Der Gute Ruf," we have a novel feature of three women characters, each supplementing the other in the portrayal of the woman's intellect, her heart and her soul; and all of them seeking, each in her own way, to be "one's self"; at least each one is talking of it, although not one of them has the courage of Ibsen's Nora.

It seems singular that three intellectual women (Karla, Dorritt and Anna) are all in love with one young man, Max Termahlen, who, in the estimation of each is a nobody (nichschen), but Sudermann wants us to understand that this is a psychological possibility. Mme. Karin Michaelis has opened the woman's secret in her "Dangerous Age," but she has not gone so far; perhaps some other good woman will be frank enough to admit the correctness of Sudermann's estimate of woman's psychology. We shall not dare to venture into a dispute. One thing is certain: no man would fail to enjoy the thrill of a late hour erotic scene under a playful masque, enacted by the lovely Dorrit. Surely every woman would be happy to possess the ability of successfully emulating her.

And now, dear readers, look at the play and judge for yourselves: Karla Weissegger, a young woman of about 35, approaching the "dangerous age," is the wife of Geheimaat Weissegger, a man of 50; she married him because of his commercial "genius."

Indeed, he and Termuhlen, Sr., are the leading and controlling figures of a trust that has ruined the independent business man, Schrodt, the father of Dorrit. Dorit, a lovely woman of about 33, is the victim wife of Lieutenant Von Tanno, in the employ of the syndicate. His cynical indifference to his wife's flirtations is responsible for Dorrit's delight in spitting upon the conventional "good repute" of our hypocritical society.

Karla loves young Max, a son of her father's associate in the syndicate, Termahlen, Sr.; Max is a common, every day "little son of the rich," a good for nothing drone who enjoys his ventures with women of society and spends his "lisure" hours after midnight in the Berlin "all night houses."

Karla seeks for an opportunity of keeping up her clandestine relations with Max, preserving, however, her "good name and repute." She asks her charming friend, Dorrit, who has nothing to lose, to add Max to her subjects of innocent flirtations, so that she might enjoy his company under Dorrit's shelter. Dorrit is willing and obliging. But her charms are too great not to alienate the bon vivant Max's attentions from the rather faint hearted Karla.

Quod est demonstrandum: Max is enrapped by the alluring charms of Dorrit. Karla finds that she has played a dangerous game. There is a most interesting scene of "jealousy" between Karla and her friend Dorrit.

"I gave him my body and soul," cries Karla. "You gave him nothing; you took him and from him," wisely rejoins her friend Dorrit. "He shuns you and wants me, but he belongs to neither of us; he belongs to Anna," thus argues Dorrit.

Dorrit is an interesting character, although she has not as yet found herself. "There are now two schools in womanhood, the old and the new one. I have escaped the old school but cannot find the new one," said Dorrit.

Anna Sonlin, an orphan cousin of Max, and the ward of Termahlen, Sr., is a young girl whose inherited wealth has afforded her a good education. She has studied science and art. She has learned to understand that her educaion and living were but a "means to an end" of becoming "one's self."

Karla, however, believes that the aim of every woman is the man; and she has no doubt that Anna's "end" was no other than to gain Max. This notwithstanding the fact that she recognizes the great breach separating the old and new generations. "Is it not wonderful," she says to Anna, "that the insignificant difference of a decade between you and us has wrought such progress in woman's self-education that we might look upon each other as beings of two different worlds."

It would be natural for Karla to recognize this fact and reach the inevitable conclusion that she ought to give up the game, but she won't. At least Sudermann makes her fight. For what is a decade in a woman's age after all! Karla is about to become "one's self," and make a clean breast to her husband and leave him to win Max. But she is warned at the psychological moment by Dorrit. She would gain nothing by a confession, as Max would not have her. She interrupts Karla's attempt by making a confession herself to her husband of her love for Max. Of course the duel follows. The husband, Von Tanna, is naturally wounded. The "bad reputation" of Dorrit is becoming the property of the town. She is shunned everywhere and is refused admittance to Karla's house by the latter's husband. This is more than Karla can stand; we learn from the husband that she, too, has confessed.

To preserve the "good reputation" of Karla and Dorrit, Herr Geheimerat Weissegger plans for the departure of the two for some foreign country and there await in peace until the wind has blown over. And the curtain falls.

The audience is dismissed full of thought of the psychological problems portrayed by Sudermann. But if pleasure be the only function of the theatre, the scene of love making, or, rather, of making a man love a woman, as same is portrayed by Sudermann's Dorrit, reaches the zenith of grandeur, and redeems whatever faults the playgoers might otherwise find.

Fraulein Krause, of the Irving Theatre, in personifying Dorrit, is so charming that one cannot be surprised that Max's father forgives so cheerfully all his son's youthful transgressions, to say no more. . . .

So much for the play. And now what about the other part of our heading: "The Relief Society for the Political Victims of the Russian Revolution." What has Sudermann's play its victims?

Mr. Brisbane once wrote an editorial in the Journal under the heading, "For the Sake of the Cat's Tail." Under that heading he philosophized on the man's function in the family, his duties and obligations toward his children, etc. At the conclusion he said: "And now you ask me, 'Why that heading of "For the Sake of the Cat's Tail"?' Why, that was only to catch the attention of the fools who read the Journal."

No fools read the Call, and we earnestly strive to increase the number of our wise readers. So we need no catch headings.

We connected our review of Sudermann's play with the relief society because the play is to be given for the benefit of the political victims of the Russian revolution by the former Red Cross, on December 9, at the Irving Place Theatre.

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SOCIALISM

Evolution is the continuous and ubiquitous manifestation of an occult and inherent tendency toward perfection.—Lamarck.

Socialism is a conscious endeavor to substitute organized co-operation for existence in place of the present anarchial competition for existence, or the system of social organization calculated to bring this about. This definition, though it gives, perhaps, adequate expression to the active and practical side of Socialism, leaves out of account altogether its theoretical basis. From this point of view, Socialism is an attempt to lay the foundation of a real science of sociology which shall enable mankind, by thoroughly understanding their past and present, to comprehend, and thus, within limits, to control the movement and development of their own society in the near future. Consequently Socialism in its wide sense is not, as is still commonly thought, a mere aspiration for a better state of society, still less only a series of proposals to mitigate the evils arising from the present social arrangements.

Modern scientific Socialism essays to give an intelligible explanation of the growth of human society, and to show that as each step in the long course of development from the institution of private property, through chattel slavery, serfdom, and wagedom, was inevitable, so the next step from capitalism to Socialism is also inevitable

The object which Socialists have in view is that this, the final transformation, should be made consciously by an organized, educated and intelligent people, instead of unconsciously, and therefore tempestuously, by groups of discontented, embittered and ignorant workers. Agitation against the injustice of the present system of production, therefore, is only valuable so far as it educates men and women to appreciate the tendency of the time, and leads them to organize for the attainment of the definite end which the evolution of economic forms has made ready. Whether the great change will be brought peaceably or forcibly has no bearing upon the stage of development which has been reached in each civilized country, and the attitude which the dominant class may adopt in relation to the demands which the economic situation impels the producing class to make. . . .

With the establishment of national and eventually international Socialism, mankind resumes the definite control over the means and instruments of production, and master henceforward for all time instead of being mastered by them. By such co-operative industry, whose power over nature is increased by each fresh invention and discovery, a carapace of repression is lifted from the faculties of each individual, and wealth being made as plentiful as water by light, wholesome labor, all freely contribute to increase their own happiness as well as that of their fellows. Human nature assumes a new and higher character in a society in which the surroundings are such that life is not, as today, a constant struggle against the pressure of want and the temptations of misery. Instead of the personal, limited, introspective, individual ethic is the social, altruistic, broad ethic in which the duty toward society necessarily involves the highest duty toward a man's self. Woman, relieved of economic and social subjugation, will assume her place as the social equal of man.

So far, therefore, from individual initiative and personal freedom in the highest sense being limited and stunted, human beings will have the opportunity for attaining to a level of physical, moral and mental development such as the world has never seen. The golden age of society is indeed, not in the past, but in the future.—H. M. Hyndman in Johnson's Encyclopedia, Article "Socialism."

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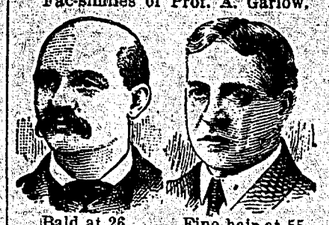

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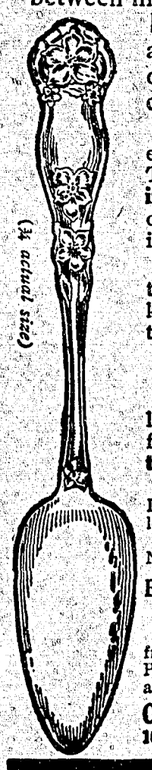
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Color and Caste

By Joseph E. Cohen

There is a saying to the effect that in Boston they ask you: "What do you know?" in New York they ask: "How much are you worth?" while in Philadelphia they ask: "What are your family connections?"

This may or may not be true generally, but there happened an incident in connection with the election in Philadelphia that would serve as an illustration for the point.

In one district the present representative in City Council is a negro. He is a Republican, ran for re-election and was opposed by a white man on the fusion ticket.

The colored man won. The white man happens to be a scion of "one of Philadelphia's first families." Thereby hangs the tale.

For the narrow-minded press could not help comment upon the outcome of this contest.

Entirely irrespective of the parties concerned, if the white man had no better reason for running than that he belongs to an ancient family, then his defeat was a justified rebuke.

The fact that a man is proud of his ancestors is a pretty sure test that he has nothing else to be proud of. It is bad enough to exploit the living; it is more mendacious to exploit the dead. People who do this are cheating the undertaker in the worst way.

Aside from that it is no accident that the pure and immaculate reformers are the very ones to draw the line against the negroes. When one becomes a professional reformer in the old parties it is extremely difficult to keep one's wings trimmed back to a rudimentary condition. The reformers worship the good man idol, and only magnificent modesty prevents them from proclaiming themselves angels in disguise.

Under the circumstances, how is it possible for any one but a member of a "first family" to be a reformer—or, at least, to be trusted with office? And since negroes do not happen to belong to the families that came over with William Penn and swapped a handful of beads for a hundred thousand acres of land, the negro cannot be a reformer.

When all is said and done, the professional reformer stands for the most exclusive caste feeling of any old party politician. The professional reform leader comes as near being a Democrat as Tammany resembles an Egyptian village.

And, to give the devil his due, "the old gang" in the shape of the Republican party in Philadelphia, has an amount of common humanity in everyday use that the reform movement the country over cannot brag of.

Not that the reformers elsewhere are of the same variety as in Philadelphia, or to the same extent as they. We hope not, if for no other reason than for the sake of variety.

Aside from that, it so happens in Philadelphia that many of the old families still reside in the heart of the city, in a district that has been the social centre since historical times. And, whether it may be explained one way or another, the fact remains that behind the homes of the swells are some of the very worst alleys and courts. So much for the first families in Philadelphia.

In this same district there is considerable of a negro element. Whether they are as good as the first families or not, if they are not competent to represent the district in councils then the fault is upon the families of the first residenters for not leading the newcomers in the right direction.

Moreover, and this is the important point, whatever the qualifications of the negro may be to hold political office, their ability is not so poor but that they have to lean upon dead ancestors for support.

We are afraid that with regard to many of the scions of "our first families" the old injunction will be carried out to the letter that "the first shall be last."

A TRUE STORY

By Emanuel Julius

I don't fancy the idea of telling a true story, for when I tell that kind nobody believes me. If I begin a story by saying that I fell liko giving my imagination an outing, that I am smoking dream-provoking cigarettes and that I have been in a state of extreme intoxication for about six months and, as a direct result, I desire to grind out a little dope—mark you, if I admit all this, and if, in addition, I write what goes under the name of a story, rest assured every reader will believe every word I utter.

So, I know beforehand that no one will believe this story just because I say it is true. Again, it is poor art to say a story is true, for it is the purpose of the short story writer to make the impossible so probable that no one will raise questions of doubt. But, I am saved—this isn't a short story. This isn't even a sketch. It's merely a squib.

If this were a little play, I'd begin as follows:

Place: Boston.

Time: The present day. Two o'clock of a bright Sunday afternoon.

Scene: The road in Boston Commons where all the Socialists, I. W. W.s and single taxers, double taxers, triple taxers, Progressives, Methodists, Salvationists, Holy Jumpers and Unholy Rollers hold public meetings. The crowds appear to enjoy these hot air artists.

This road is the community's safety valve to enable all surplus steam to find outlet. One well-dressed, excited speaker has a tremendous crowd. He is orating in Fourth of July fashion, and is apparently impressing his auditors. One soon learns that he is an anti-Socialist, out to save the people from the horrors of Socialism.

"I tell you in all seriousness," the speaker bawls, "the country is at the brink of an abyss and unless we realize our danger the civilization of our day will be hurled to ignominous oblivion. I tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that the Socialists are oganized to break up the home and destroy the family. Yes, I repeat, the Socialists desire to end the family. Unless something is done, the Socialists will become strong enough to place their ideas into practice and then our homes will be destroyed for all time. Save the home, I appeal to you. Save the home from the red horde. Don't let them destroy the family."

So goes the argument of the Socialist annihilator. He continues jamming the wind, becoming more eloquent and enthusiastic in his assault on the homebreakers. Yes, the home must be saved. Suddenly a tall man elbows his way through the crowd and approaches the speaker. Pulling his coat sleeve, the stranger asks:

"Are you David Gold?"

"Yes," says the speaker, returning to his argument, he exclaims, "and the only hope to save the home is to drive the Socialists out of the country. Save the home."

"Just a minute," says the interrupter, "if you're Mr. David Gold then you're the man I'm looking for."

"What is it you want?" the speaker asks, wiping the perspiration from his brow. "Can't you wait until I finish my lecture?"

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KONVENCIJA A. F. OF L.

Delegati za kongressno preiskavanje Michiganske stavke—Proti Naseljevanju

Delegatje A. F. of L. so na svojem zboru v Seattle sprejeli resolucijo Johna Mitchella zahtevajočo, da zvezna zbornica preišče stavko rudarjev v bakrenem okrožju Michigana. Vsebina resolucije je bila takoj brzojavljena v Washington. Federacija se je zavezala, da bo pomagala štrajkarjem in Gompers je imenoval odbor, kateri naj pobira prispevke. Uradniki mednarodnih unij so obljubili, da bodo takoj izposlovali splošno glasovanje za rodno stavkovno podporo v prid rudarjev v Michiganu.

Resolucija za kongresno preiskavo so glasi:

"Ker so lastniki rudnikov prezrli delavske zahtevo in z roganjem zavrgli vsak poskus za poravnavo ter importirali puškarje, barabe in takozvane detektive v štrajkarjev okrožje, ki so ubili več štrajkarjev, napadali žensko in pretepali otroke;

ker je bilo v štrajkarsko okrožje poslanih 2500 miličarjev, ki si se na konjih zaganjali v množice ljudi in s puškami ter bajoneti tolki po možeh, ženah in otrocih zasramujoč žene in dekleta,

sklenjeno, da American Federation of Labor zahteva kongresno preiskavo stavke in vzrokov, ki so dali povod stavki."

Dalje je sklenjeno, da American Federation of Labor odobrava stališče michiganskih rudarjev in pozivlje vse priklopljene unije, da prispevajo najmanj toliko kolikor predlaga eksekutiva federacije. Kjer je mogoče, naj spevajo naj unije večje zneske v svrho, da se preskrbi hrana, obleka in krov za tiste, ki bojujejo boj zatiranega človeštva."

Joseph D. Cannon, zastopnik W. F. of M., je na zboru slikal razmere, ki so prisilile rudarje v Copper Country do revolte in izjavil je, da na razpolago dovolj dokazov, da je Calumet & Hecla Co, osleparila zvezno vlado za zemljišča, v katerih leže bakrene žile. Dotična zemljišča je družba dobila zastonj pod pretvezo, da jih bo rabila za prekop, kar pa ni bilo res. Dalje sta slikala položaj stavke tudi John H. Walker in John D. Lennon, blagajnik federacije. Zadnji je trpko žigosal milico kot bando pijancev in razuzdancev, ki niso vredni, da bi bili vojaki te ali katere druge države.

Resolucijo za samostojno politično akcijo je zavrgel resolucni odsek in Labor "še ni zrela, da bi vodila politnesto tega je dal izjavo da A. F. of lični boj."

Stavko premogarjev v Coloradu je zbor odobni soglasno.

Glede naseliniškega problema, je zbor sprejel resolucijo, katere jedro je: "Proč z Japonci in z vsemi Azijati in proč z izseljenci iz Evrope, ki ne znajo čitati in pisati." Proti temu je glasovalo le pet delegatov. Za to resolucijo se je krepko potegnil tudi sodrug Duncan McDonald, zastopnik premogarjev v Illinoisu. Dejal je, da čitanja in pisanja svojega lastnega jezika onevesci imigrantje so največja ovira organiziranim delavcem in pravi sužniški materijal ze kapitalisto. Co delavec ne zna čitati, nima pritike, da bi se seznanil s principi unije.

Dalje je zbor strogo obsodil sodišča ki skušajo izrabljati Shermanov protitrustni zakon proti delavskim unijam.

Za organiziranje prostih delavcev (laborers) se zbor najbrž ne bo zavzel kakor kažejo znamenja. In to je velika napaka.

V četrtek je zbor obravnaval o raznih razprtijak in rešil večino spornih točk, ki so bile na dnevnem redu. Najvažnejše so: tesarski delavci v premogokopih, ki so doslej bili v področju premogarske unije, so prišli sedaj v področje stavbinskih unij. Vozniki v pivovarnah spadajo odslej k uniji pivovarskih delavcev in delavci v izdelovalnicah sladkih in mineralnih pijač se imajo pridružiti k uniji voznikov. Iz toga sledi, da so delavci ene industrije še bolj razdeljeni, namesto da bi se družili. Slaba taktika.

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V soboto je A. F. of L. zaključila svoj rlintridesetl zbor z izvolitvijo Gompersa predsednikom in večino starih odbornikov. Proti Gompersu ni bilo opozicije, Prihodnji zbor se vrši v Philadelphiji. Pred zaključkom je zbor odobril žensko volilno pravico, vladno žensko v Alaski in zavrgel resolucijo proti intervenciji Zed. držav v Mehiki.

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481	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.
2227	Carbondale	J. Mitchell, Carbondale, Coleman, Alta.
1337	Canmore	Michael Warren, Canmore, Alta.
2633	Coleman	J. Johnstone, Coleman, Alta.
2877	Corbin	J. Jones, Corbin, B. C.
1120	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, 1731 Sixth Avenue, N. Lethbridge.
1189	Lethbridge Collieries	Frank Barringham, Coalhurst, Alta.
2820	Maple Leaf	T. G. Harries, Passburg, Alta.
2334	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.
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See Our Prize in Heading Competition on Page 2

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Alberta

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BELLEVUE NOTES

Lyric Theatre

The Lyric Theatre management (C. W. Johnston) has added a splendid present to our heading competition prize list—a beautiful Waltham watch and a handsome chain. The watch has been secured through Mr. R. Chalfield, the local jeweller. Mr. Johnston has taken considerable interest in our competition and we feel indebted to him for same. Don't forget the grand night, Dec. 23, when the prizes will be distributed to successful contestants.

Mr. Davidson, from Blairmore, has arrived in camp and taken the duties of pit boss. Mr. Davidson has been pit boss for some time at Blairmore.

Mr. Geo. King, of Fernie, is in camp for the last few days.

The skating rink committee had a meeting on Wednesday night to consider the advisability of leasing the rink to a gentleman who made a proposition to the meeting. There was a big crowd in attendance and a lot of business was transacted. After some discussion it was decided that the executive run the rink and a committee of three was appointed to manage affairs for the winter. Price of season tickets was also discussed and the meeting adjourned at a late hour without reaching a decision.

Mr. Louchie Cook met with a slight accident while following his occupation as miner at No. 1 mine on Friday. After getting several stitches put in the wound he was able to proceed home.

Mrs. Edward Bridge and daughter left Thursday night for Creston, where they will reside in the future.

The pool tournament played at Cole's pool room on Wednesday was a good one and great interest was taken in same. Bellevue went to Blairmore the previous week and played Blairmore at home, and this week Blairmore came here to play. The tournament was for 600 points, 300 at Blairmore and 300 at Bellevue. Blairmore beat Bellevue nine points in the first game, and in the second game at Bellevue they won by 27 points.

Bellevue		Blairmore	
Joe Faurshong	50	Sam Cecella	48
Tom Patterson	50	Boyde	48
Cliff Miller	29	Olie Olson	50
Bob Dugdale	43	Godredd	50
J. D. McDonald	37	Dan Lewis	50
	209		236

The tournament was the first of a series to be held this winter.

The memorial service held in the Workers' Hall was well attended.

The hockey players went to Hillcrest on Monday night for a practice game. The game was a good one and a lot of good material was on hand while the spectators witnessed a fast game of hockey. Watch the Bellevue team land the silverware in Bellevue.

Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie were Calgary visitors this week, returning to camp again on Saturday.

David Hyslop, of Coleman, was in camp Tuesday in connection with the election.

The ticket contest was won by Miss Doris Bateman.

Bill Cole, of the Bellevue pool room, has installed a bovril urn in connection with his business.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Humble left camp Wednesday on a business trip to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Orr, of Burmis, are now occupying the house lately vacated by Mrs. Fred Wolstenhome.

Don't forget that Stephen Humble has received a large shipment of Royal Blue dinnerware.

The total amount of money received from the Fisher benefit concert on Nov. 25 was $235.50. The expenditure was:

Rent of hall	$12.50
Teams	13.00
Total expenditure	$25.50
Turned over to Harry Fisher	$210.00

The Bellevue Band will give a concert in the Lyric Theatre on Sunday evening. The following is the program: March, "Sabbath Echoes"; cornet solo, selected; glee "Hours of Beauty"; selection "Maritana"; vocal solo; chorus, "Hallelujah Chorus"; overture, "Trafalgar."

There was a farewell given to Mr. John Woodward at the home of Mr. James Allsop's on Friday evening. An enjoyable time was spent, the star event of the evening being a recitation by Mr. James Allsop, entitled "Buy your own cherries."

Mr. John Marlie, who is one of the best known ranchers around here, sold out and is leaving camp this week en route for his home in Lancashire, England.

Don't forget that James Naylor has a large assortment of sheep lined coats and macinaw coats all at the right prices. Call and see them.

Mr. Davidson, the pit boss, has moved his family into the house lately vacated by Mr. E. Bridge.

The Junior Epworth League gave a concert in the Workers' Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The following took part: Bellevue Band, Bellevue Choir, Mr. Randle, Mr. and Mrs. Lasham (Passburg), Mrs. F. Smith (Hillcrest), Miss Allen (Coleman), Bob Dicken, Mr. Hasham (Coleman), Mr. Thos. Haines (Coleman), Mrs. F. Wolstenholmes, Sam Paton, Tomlinson & Tucker, Miss Thomas (Hillcrest), Isaac Hutton.

Would you like a gold watch—one of the very best—a Waltham? The Lyric Theatre management is giving one away in our heading competition. Get in, the water's fine.

Has it occurred to you how comfortable that heater Steve Humble has in his window would make your room?

T. M. Burnett has $20.00 worth of goods—and then some—for a lucky winner in our heading competition. Just have another try.

James Naylor has a splendid selection of gents' furnishings, and he has a $20.00 suit for some lucky individual. Take a look at his stock, for his prices will be found to compare with those of any catalogue house—and James is here if you are dissatisfied.

A. I. Blais has a splendid stock of groceries and china. If you take a look at his window you will see the handsome tea set he is giving away in the heading competition. This is absolutely free to some lucky winner; it may be you.

Mr. and Mrs. Allsopp entertained a few friends at their home on Friday night, the occasion being the send-off of a friend, Mr. Woodward, who is leaving to spend the Xmas in Nottingham, England. A very pleasant time was spent. The company included Messrs. Sam Paton, F. Parker, C. Richards, Dai Roberts, A. Tristam, J. Lindsay, all of whom gave the company a jolly good time, Mr. Sam Paton amusing the company very much by his humorous song, "The shirt he left behind him."

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Bellevue Local Union Notes

Our regular meeting convened as usual at 2.30 p.m. with the president in the chair with a fair crowd of members present.

The only piece of correspondence was from Rev. W. H. Irwin, stating that the Church felt it incumbent on itself to provide a Xmas tree for their children, seeing that the Local Union and the people in general had failed to provide one. They, the Church, regretted their inability to provide a tree for all children in the camp, but had no desire to make the affair a denominational one, and if any parents in the camp whose children were not attending Sunday School cared to send in a subscription equal to $1 per child they would share in the good things same as the scholars. Perhaps the dollar per child might seem a little high, but it is the Church's intention to give each child a present equal to one dollar.

The report of the examining committee showed the mine to be in good condition, the travelling roads, airways and the ventilation being in first class shape. The management of the mine are to be congratulated on their success in these directions. The committee reported a small shortage of timber in both mines, but that is not really serious around here owing to the nature of the roof, but it inconveniences the men to some extent. The superintendent has promised to remedy this.

The pit committee reported their inability to get in touch with doctor by reason of him being away.

The two shifts in one place reported they had refused to draw their cheques from the office, as they had been paid contract rate, instead of the company work rate, as promised by the superintendent. The pit committee were instructed to take the matter up with the superintendent immediately. For the benefit of the readers of the Ledger, our agreement reads: "Breasts up the pitch, twenty feet wide, ten feet high, $11.10 per yard, to be paid in proportion down to thirteen and a half feet wide." As this place is only about six feet high, there is no price fixed for this work, hence our claim for company work.

Local 431 wishes to know if anything can be done to enable us to receive our Ledgers on Saturday, the same as other camps.

The election for District officers officers took place, the vote polled being the heaviest for some time. The poll was open from 10 o'clock until 5 o'clock, the total vote being 413, divided as follows: Secretary-Treasurer, Hyslop, 156; Carter, 146; France, 96; spoilt, 17; total, 415. Sub-District Board Member, Burke, 283; Pounder, 57; Haysom, 56; spoilt, 13; total, 409.

FRANK NOTES

Mr. W. Simpson and Miss Simpson, who have been in Lethbridge for the past week, returned to town on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Comfort, of North Fork, is now in the Frank hospital under the care of Dr. MacKay. He is suffering from a poisoned wound in the hand.

Mr. George Pattinson, manager of the Frank Lime Works, is visiting Calgary and Edmonton in the interests of his company.

The Frank skating rink is receiving a liberal supply of water at the hands of voluntary workers, and in a short time a good sheet of ice will be in readiness for the skaters.

The collectors for the Christmas tree fund are doing very well, and a good time is expected on the evening of the 25th, when Santa Claus is billed to appear. In case any person or family is overlooked in the town, just report to the committee, who are anxious of having every child's name.

Last Thursday morning, about 8 o'clock, the fire whistle blew, the need for it being a blaze that had started in Mr. Blais' store. The fire brigade were soon on the spot and several streams of water were directed to it. It was a very windy morning and if the fire had ever got a start where the wind could have its way, it would be hard to stop. After a hard fight the fire was put out. The building inside was badly scorched and the stock of groceries damaged. The building is owned by Mr. Bonamica, of Michel, and we understand had no insurance. The stock was insured. The store closed for a few days till the insurance adjustor arrived to ascertain the extent of damage. The store has opened again on the same site.

A whist drive was held at the Sanatorium hotel on last Friday night, which was attended by a large number.

HILLCREST NOTES

At the regular meeting on Sunday, the Local decided to hold a concert in the hall on Monday, the 22nd, for the benefit of Chas. Beaver. Mr Legg is contributing largely towards this concert, as he agreed to put on a moving picture show which will help considerably. We hope everybody will attend in this particular case, as, owing to ill health, Mr. Beaver is unable to provide for his family.

The smoker held on Monday night has proved a success from start to finish. The chairman, Mr. Frank Pearson, managed to keep perfect order. On invitation from the Local, Secretary Carter was present. He treated the audience to a brief speech.

The Co-operative Society held their half-yearly meeting a few weeks ago. The president, Mr. Pearson, took the chair and immediately plunged into business. Quite a number of pointed questions were asked the manager, Mr. Long, relative to certain details, and all were answered to the satisfaction of the meeting. The most important item was the disposal of the net profit, which amounted to $955.62. It was decided, after paying interest on share capital and allowing $100.00 to bad debts, to put the whole of the balance to the reserve fund. The election of a president and nine directors was proceeded with, the new president being Mr. George Pounder, who has taken great interest in the society ever since its inception.

James Gorton has been elected as delegate to attend the International Convention at Indianapolis.

On Tuesday night a very exciting event took place in Hillcrest, when two Slavs, who would like to be tough, started to discharge firearms. Fortunately, Corporal Mead and Constable Wilson arrived on the scene, otherwise results might have proved

(For further notes see Page Six)

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A LIBERAL LAMENT

The lament of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the other day upon the absence of his party from office was truly pathetic, and his speech, delivered at a banquet in honor of the Hon. W. S. Fielding, should go down to posterity. In the course of his remarks, the ex-premier is credited with the following:—

"A new condition has arrived. At the present time for the first time since 1896 men are seeking work and not finding it. There is now such a thing as non-employment in this country. The mayor of Winnipeg yesterday stated that there were 3,000 unemployed in the city of Winnipeg. Today, as we know, in Montreal, Toronto and all the large cities of Canada, men are seeking employment and not finding it. The most powerful employers in the country are decreasing the number of their workers and cutting down the hours of labor. At the same time, the cost of living is always increasing. The result is less work on one side and higher cost of living on the other."

Sir Wilfrid might have found considerably more data had he travelled further West. In Vancouver he would find a condition of unemployment even worse than in Winnipeg. In fact, so bad that the government at Ottawa has taken decisive action, and stopped the Hindu immigration into this country for the present, and also prohibited further immigration of artisans and laborers from the South, until the 1st of March next.

It will be very interesting to the intelligent observer, if he stops here to do a little thinking. Immigration from the South is not very extensive at this time of the year. The Coast city receives its influx from the Eastern and prairie Provinces, and, as will be readily understood, the prohibition of white immigration is simply an apology to India, or an attempt to escape from a rather delicate predicament.

To return to Sir Wilfrid. We question very much whether he or Mr. Fielding would be able to improve the condition of affairs by their presence in the Government house, and even the enthusiasm of his audience in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" does not promise anything definite to the worker for the future.

"HOW TO SETTLE STRIKES!"

The attention of our readers is called to an announcement on the front page of this issue and also to our Heading Competition announcement. The Isis management has decided to give the proceeds of their house on Friday, 19th, for the benefit of the strikers' children on Vancouver Island, while our grand concert and distribution of prizes will take place at the Grand Theatre on Monday, Dec. 22. Prizes will be distributed in Coleman at the Miners' Opera House on the 22nd, and at the Lyric Theatre, Bellevue, on the 23rd.

The festive season, we believe, affects some people to a lesser or greater degree. That the Calgary News-Telegram should have occasion to bewail the prevalence of strikes in the industrial world, and suggest a remedy for industrial disputes, etc., may be excused having regard to the season. "Every country," says the News-Telegram, "but our own, appears to be in a state of turmoil....." The writer does not appear to be very well acquainted with the conditions of the worker in this broad and noble Dominion, otherwise he must know that at no period was there more discontent at prevailing conditions than now. Labor, as every intelligent worker understands, is a commodity and governed by supply and demand. The absence of unrest does not mean concord or content, but that jobs are too few and seekers too many. The worker knows that he dare not kick—there are too many waiting for his job. That is why at present, in this prosperous Dominion, we have no serious kicking.

The suggestion of the Calgary scribe that more co-operation is needed is neither original nor brilliant. The employer wants profits. When the worker is not compelled to work for a bare existence, but can live and enjoy the fruits of his toil, his perspective may be different. So long as men have to compete in the market, and sell their labor power for profit, so long must we be content to endure the present state of affairs, but the moment that an intelligent proletariat decides to have done with it, then will it cease.

We want co-operation, but it must be organized, and not used to perpetuate the present anarchial and suicidal system of competition.

To accomplish this we have to educate the worker that he may better understand the past and present, and lay the foundation of a scientific knowledge of society.

The one-sided Co-operation suggested by this Calgary scribe is but a subterfuge, and has no permanency. It has been tried over and over again, and found wanting. Capitalists do not want strikes and lockouts, neither does the worker, but the difference is the same as between the hare and the dog, the worker is out for his existence and the capitalist for an extra fat meal in the shape of profits. And if we were to suggest co-operation between the hare and the dog, it would be equally as logical a suggestion as between master and worker. We know that it sounds good, but we also know, through bitter experience, that it is illogical and impracticable.

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

Dist. 15, Denver, Colorado, Dec. 4, 1913.

To District Secretaries, U. M. W. of A.

Greeting:

With the approach of winter the strikers and their families in Colorado will need shoes and clothing. If any of our members or friends can aid us in this matter I am sure the striking miners of Colorado will appreciate it very much. Send all supplies to E. L. Doyle, Secretary-Treasurer District 15, 303 German-American Trust Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK J. HAYES,
Vice-President.

Owing to the difficulty experienced by the residents of Blairmore and Hillcrest in obtaining their Ledgers on time, we are in communication with the inspector at Calgary with a view to altering the present postal arrangements, and until further arrangements have been made we intend, starting next week, to despatch the Ledger by express to both of these camps, and arrange for their distribution from one of the stores. Further particulars will be announced next week.

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HILLCREST NOTES—(Continued)

fatal, as the picture show was just over at the time. It looked like a stampede, every one hurrying to get into a place of safety. However, the wooly West men were soon under control. While waiting for a rig to convery them to Bellevue the officers, in order to avoid further trouble, took them into a room in the Union Hotel, when they immediately tried to overpower the police, but a few minutes later they found themselves tied and bound.

The mine was idle on Monday owing to some machinery in the power house getting out of order.

Mr. Bill Smith was visiting friends in Coleman on Tuesday. Oh! you Bill.

Hugh Hunter and John Walker paid a flying visit to Bellevue on Tuesday, returning the same evening.

PASSBURG AND VICINITY
By Observer

The mines here are still working steady and the output steadily increases, which may be due to the fact that quite a number of strangers have been started at the mines during the last few weeks.

We have to report that eventually we will have a wash house, or at least one would think so, seeing that the old hulk is burnt down and the boys have to delve into any old place in order to change, but as long as the boys turn up with their harness on when wanted, why should we build a wash house?

The dance held at the Slavok Hall on Monday evening, the 8th, was the greatest success in the shape of a dance that has ever been held in Passburg and goes to show what may be accomplished if handled in a proper manner. There is no doubt that the dance in itself is a fairly good advertisement for dances which will follow during the winter months.

The Observer has been informed that the school management here at Passburg are advertising for another janitor. What is the matter, Jim? Won't you work for less wages, or what is the trouble?

Miss Alice Maryancik, we are told, has left Passburg for an indefinite period. The Observer has been informed that Miss Maryancik has gone to Lethbridge to get married. If that is a fact, then there will be some very disappointed individuals here at Passburg.

The annual District election here at Passburg on the 9th was quite a surprise to most people, Carter, for the secretaryship, being returned by a majority of 8, and for Board Member Burke a slight majority.

Mr. Simister, formerly superintendent of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, was a visitor here at Passburg last week, and returned the same day for his ranch near Lundbreck.

Our old friend Alf. Severns blew into camp on Wednesday last. It is not known whether he intends staying here or not. Alf. is an old timer in the Pass and one of the right kind too, so there is no one wants to see you get. (Alf., say with us.)

We hear that our old friend Jack Twigg is at Canmore now. We have missed you back before this, Jack. Don't keep us waiting too long or we may forget you. Don't leave it later than Christmas.

We are all pleased to see our old friend Dave Bisset beginning to look a bit better than what he has been looking for the past week or so since the severe accident he received while working in the barn. Dave claims there are lots of things he may have forgotten, but he will never forget that kick.

BANKHEAD NOTES

The Football Club met and presented Tom Connors with a gold watch fob, in apprecation of his services to the club. Tom was the recipient of many other presents, such as safety razor, silk scarf, etc., and we venture to say that he will not know which way to head for his friends by the time he reaches the boat. He left on the 4th accompanied by Dick Forrest.

Mike Bernard, better known as "Millionaire Mike," arrived in camp on the 8th from Pocahontas.

Pay day, with its expectations, commiserations and damnations, is past once more.

The Italian residents of Bankhead held a holiday on the 4th inst. in honor of Saint Barbari. A procession, headed by the band, marched to the Church in the morning, the afternoon and night being spent in music and dancing in the Hall, where an abundance of refreshments were served.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred n the boiler house on the night of the 6th, when Mike Salvaggi, shift foreman, was caught in some of the machinery, resulting in the breaking of one arm and three ribs. He was conveyed to the hospital at Banff.

Miss Lawrence is visiting at Mrs. J. A. Scarr's.

The Curling Club held a general meeting on Monday, Dec. 8.

We have had a gentleman named Beebie around canvassing subscribers to the News-Telegram and have to say, when those responsible for the paper adopt a more just and impartial attitude towards the striking miners of Vancouver Island it will have many more patrons in Bankhead.

Peter Kubany journeyed to Canmore in the capacity of neutral scrutineer on the District elections.

Thos. Nolles, of Canmore, started work in the mine on the 8th.

Miss Dickie, accompanied by Miss Jessie Wilson, left on the 6th inst. for Scotland on a three months' trip.

The preparations for the Christmas tree are well under way and with the different committees, working under the chairmanship of Mrs. D. G. Wilson, there is every prospect of success.

Quite a change has taken place in store and hotel help, Joe Cowles having taken the porter's job at the hotel and Dick Moore on the delivery rig.

Fred Watson was in Calgary two days to attend the examination sittings.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Littler, on Nov. 30, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hume, a daughter.

The board of school trustees met in session on the 6th and amongst other business to receive their serious consideration was the matter of meeting the increased need of school accommodation. This is a good sign that our camp is flourishing.

Our old friend George Haley blew into camp this week. He looks as gaunt as ever.

TABER NOTES

The smoker held on Saturday night was a success both from a social and financial viewpoint, and everyone declared it a good time. The band marched through the town from the Taber Hotel to the hall and played several selections. The players all wore pit caps and carbide lamps. On arriving at the hall, the chairman called order and declared the smoker open. Abe Bateman was chairman and presided in a very able manner. Songs were heard from Jim Yonny, J.

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CHRISTMAS SERENADING —HELP YOUR BAND

The Fernie Salvation Army Band will commence Xmas serenading about Dec. 20. We are desirous of raising a substantial sum of money this year, so we shall make the best possible use of the time at our disposal.

We have several brass instruments which we anticipate getting silver plated, so the money that is raised this year will be utilized for that purpose. You have helped us well in the past, for which we thank you, and trust that you will do your best this year. The band exists solely for the well being of the citizens of Fernie, so by helping us you help yourselves.

Capt. McLean and Lieut. Murray, commanding officers; W. Ratcliffe, bandmaster; W. Ramsey, band sergt.; E. Brown, band sec.

HAIR DOESN'T DIE— IT HAS TO BE KILLED

Hair often continues to live and grow long after the death of the body. But it is often killed through neglect or misuse. Almost always the woman or man whose hair is falling out, or is stringy, lifeless and dull-looking, is entirely to blame because of not giving it the proper care. It is easy to take care of the hair—easy to make it more beautiful. Use Harmony Hair Beautifier, to make it glossy, soft and silky, and Harmony Shampoo to keep hair and scalp thoroughly clean.

Harmony Hair Beautifier, delightfully perfumed with true rose, is very easy to apply—simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before brushing it. It contains no oil, and will not change the color of the hair, nor darken gray hair.

To keep your hair and scalp dandruff-free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo is most convenient to use, giving an instantaneous rich, foaming lather, that immediately penetrates to every part of the hair and scalp, insuring a quick and thorough cleansing. It is washed off just as quickly, the entire operation taking only a few moments. Contains nothing that can harm the hair, and leaves no harshness or stickiness—just a sweet cleanliness.

Both preparations come in odd-shaped, very ornamental bottles, with sprinkler tops. Harmony Hair Beautifier, $1.00. Harmony Shampoo, 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way, or your money back. Sold in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store—one of more than 7,000 leading drug stores of the United States, Canada and Great Britain, which own the big Harmony laboratories, Toronto, where the celebrated Harmony Perfumes and Toilet Preparations are made.—N. E. Suddaby, Victoria Avenue, Fernie, B. C.

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.

SAML. R. ROE,
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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.

Classified Ads.--Cent a Word

FOUR ROOMED HOUSE in rear of 68 McPherson Ave., for rent; has city water and toilet. Apply 68 McPherson Ave. 106

STOLEN OR STRAYED from my yard, six chickens, five Plymouth Rocks and one Buff Orpington. $10 reward for information leading to recovery. Apply C. Ward, Victoria Avenue. 123

MINERS LOOK—Every man who has a wife should also have a home on a fruit farm in Creston. You can buy as good land as there is in B. C. from R. Lamont, Creston, B. C. Only small payments required. 82

COMPETENT STENOGRAPHER and book-keeper requires situation; considerable experience in law offices. Apply Box 380. 122

LOST—From Central School, St. Bernard puppy, black and brown, white on nose. Anyone finding please notify R. M. Young, Coal Co. Reward. 118

YOUNG WOMAN desires permanent work by the day. Apply Mrs. A. Turner, General Delivery, Fernie. 117

FOR SALE AND AT STUD—Pomeranians and Yorkshire Terrier adults; also three fine Pomeranian puppies; males, brown and black; females, brown; from pure imported pedigree stock. Apply Hilton, Box 279, Fernie, B. C. 116

FIFTEEN DOLLARS WEEKLY and expenses for trustworthy man or woman to act as travelling representative; rapid promotion; previous experience unnecessary; commence in home territory. Winston Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont. 110

WANTED—Second hand Empire Typewriter. Apply Box 380. 122

PRIVATE BOARD—Anyone wishing private board apply to Mrs. P. Grant, House 59, Hosmer. 115

SCOTCH WOMAN desires permanent daily work locally. Apply Mrs. Carson, General Delivery. 120

ANCONAS FOR SALE—Cockerels and pullets (May hatched, pullets laying), bred from stock imported direct from Sheppard, of Ohio. Apply Robt. Jones, West Fernie. 124

WANTED—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping by E. B. Shoemake. 125

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See Our Heading "Competion on Page Two. Get a Prize

News of the District Camps

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TABER NOTES—(Continued)

Bateman, Alex. Paterson, Alex McRoberts and others. Several solos, duets, quartettes and selections by the full band interspersed the vocal selections. Liquid refreshments were dispersed to the satisfaction of all, and the proceeds will swell the funds of the band to the extent of about $175. Beer for the occasion was donated by the Lethbridge and Fernie breweries, while soft drinks and cigars were given by the local wholesale house.

Municipal affairs have been engaging the attention of all for the last week or so. Besides the election for mayor and councillors there was a board of directors for the new hospital chosen on Friday night. The council passed a bylaw stating that a board consisting of twelve ratepayers be elected to run the new institution, but instead of having the vote by ballot at the same time as the other elections they called a ratepayers' meeting for Friday night to have the election then. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglas, who explained the business in hand and called for nominations. Immediately one of the "select few" was on his feet and read out six names from a paper as his nominees to hold office for two years. He was followed by another, who read out six more. Then the fireworks started. There was a number of miners present, very much interested about this time, particularly as among the twelve was only one miner. Things got pretty lively for awhile and the mayor and council were asked what kind of a frame up were they trying to put over on a bunch of intelligent people. It is principally owing to the agitation carried on by the miners' union that the hospital has been built, and as the main support of the institution will come from the miners, they insisted they were entitled to fair representation on its management Any way the nicely framed up plan was killed and a new one substituted, in which the miners got two men of their own choice, Ed. Brown from the Canada West and Dave Miller of the Eureka mine.

On Monday the election for councillors for the next two years was held and the labor party succeeded in electing one candidate in the person of Alex McRoberts, who ran away ahead of his ticket and led the poll, with a majority of sixteen. There were four to be elected and the vote was as follows: McRoberts, 135; Primrose, 119; Dickson, 113; Wright, 105; Coulter, 103; Patterson, 99; Van Orman, 99; Legendre, 81; Bateman, 68. Owing to a new provincial law, each elector had to poll four votes or his ballot would be spoiled. There were seven spoiled ballots where the vote was the straight labor ticket, McRoberts, Patterson and Bateman. Those seven votes would have given Patterson a majority of one over Wright, who, as low man, will fill the unexpired term for Powell, who resigned after one year. Never mind, boys, we'll win out next year with a full ticket.

Tuesday being District election day, the mine was idle. This is the first time the holiday has been observed in this camp. The election is usually held at the pit mouth in order to ensure a good vote, but this time was held in the hall. Quite a number did not show up to vote, but a fairly good vote was polled, the total being 219. The vote for candidates was as follows: District Secretary, Carter 129, Hyslop 52, France 36; Sub-District Board Member, McRoberts 199, Larson 18.

The fine weather is having an effect on the coal market, as some of the mines have closed down, it is believed, owing to no orders, although Superior has not paid its men yet. They were told on pay day they would have to wait a week for their checks. The White Ash colliery is closed and the Eureka has not worked since Saturday, but will run tomorrow. The big mine has plenty of orders on hand yet.

Tom Sneddon has started at the Canada West. Tom has five weeks' pay coming at Superior and won't take chances on any more.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Patterson, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, a daughter. Mother and child doing well.

J. Foster was in town on Tuesday acting as neutral scrutineer.

The regular meeting of Local 102 takes place on Sunday, when all members are requested to be present.

POCAHONTAS NOTES

The mine was practically idle one day last week owing to a shortage of cars.

Whist parties are the order of the day in Pocahontas now. A series are being played by Messrs. Ingles, Chambers, James and Scott. Hope you win another prize, Harry, and start up a dry goods establishment.

Our old-timer George has been promoted to the position of fireman at the wash house heating plant. George says he will make her hum some if the old captain don't get after him for a waste of steam. He assures the boys there shan't be any more cold baths for the future.

Saturday last passed without any dance. Hope this is not an omen of what's in store for the coming winter.

Mr. Jas. Hossit left for the Old Country a few days ago.

Harry and Tilt intend taking a trip to town Xmas. Hope you'll find the way back, boys, and don't forget the day of the week when you do arrive.

The dusky knickerbocker may still be seen prowling around looking for any information which may be detrimental to his fellow man.

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CORBIN NOTES

Miss Moore arrived back from Cranbrook on Friday after spending a few days with her parents.

The smoker held in aid of the cheer fund was not a very big success, as there was only $24.50 collected, but every little helps.

We must thank our butcher (E. Carter) for his donation towards the cheer fund.

Mr. Moses, along with L. Hubbard, are away on another hunting trip.

Archie Truba was at Hosmer this week, being the scrutineer sent from Corbin Local.

F. H. Williams, inspector of mines, was up here this week making his usual inspection of the mines.

The mines have only worked two days so far this month, but we hear that they have secured a big order, which will keep the mines working steady.

David Brown, pit boss in No. 3 mine, has moved his furniture down from the big showing into the house lately vacated by the butcher.

Mr. J. Lancaster returned on Tuesday from his visit to Fernie.

Mr. McLean, along with Mr. MacGrath, old timers up here, have secured positions in Fernie. We are sorry to see you go, but you have our best respects.

Mr. J. Price was up here this week, being sent up by the Michel Local Union to act as scrutineer.

LETHBRIDGE NOTES

Thursday of last week Tom Hackman, a driver in No. 6 mine, was fortunate in getting off with a slight injury. He was coming down an incline when his foot caught on a tie, pitching him forward on his face and the car doubling him up underneath it. Luckily he only had one car, and had he had his usual trip the chances are he would have lost his life. Being an exceedingly powerful man, the weight of the car seemed to scare him more than injure him. He was taken to the Galt hospital, to make a thorough examination, where it was happily found that, with a day or two rest, he would be able to resume work.

Jonathan Davenport met with very painful accident on Friday morning in No. 6 mine. It seems he was in the act of taking down a piece of draw slate when, in some unaccountable way, it turned over on him, making a nasty wound in his leg above the knee, which necessitated several stitches. His foot was also severely crushed, being put out of place at the ankle. Jonathan is one of the old timers, having worked in No. 3 mine for several years and this was his first day in No. 6 mine. Hard luck, Jonathan, we hope to see you around again soon.

Mrs. William Goldie arrived home on Saturday last from Fife, Scotland, where she had been on a visit to her many friends.

Tom Whitelaw has quit the mines and gone into the transfer business. Wish you every success, Tom.

Mike Leaman has accepted a situation in the Dallas Hotel as barman.

International Board Member Rees and A. J. Carter, District Secretary, were in the city Saturday of last week en route for Kipp collieries.

Tuesday was the election for District officials and it seems strange that the men don't take the interest they ought to do in these elections, though there were notices posted at the mines for several days stating that the fine according to constitution would be enforced unless everyone recorded their vote. Only about one half of the membership voted. E. Bateman, of Taber, was neutral scrutineer.

The concert and dance held in the Miners' Hall Tuesday, in aid of the Christmas fund for the children in Vancouver Island, was not patronized as it ought to have been, seeing that it was for such a worthy object. Several of the miners whom we know are classy singers and had their names on the programme, failed to show up. Nevertheless the several gentlemen in the audience who volunteered to fill their places, and whom we especially desire to thank for their services, showed their goodwill and sympathy. They were not miners. Miss A. Wheelan sang "Sing me to sleep" in her usual splendid style, and was cheered to the echo. Mr. John Cooper sang "If he had a home," which was received with great applause. The brothers James and Robert Reid were the next on the program, Jim playing the bagpipes while Robert gave the Highland fling and sword dance. This was the star turn of the evening, it being a novelty, especially to our foreign speaking friends, who would take no refusal for an encore. W. McMillan sang "Queen of the Easter," Miss May Moore "You'll remember me," Miss Zamoni "Down by the old mill stream." Miss Nellie Smith did the Irish jig in fine style and to one of those undeniable encores, replied with the Highland fling. This concluded the program, and the hall was cleared for the dance, when the light fantastic was tripped until 2 o'clock, when all declared it was the swellest time they had had for a long time and requested the committee to arrange another at an early date. The Misses Moone and J. Harvey supplied the music.

Mr. Alex. Stevenson went out on Monday's local for Taber, where he will instruct some men in how to work the electrical coal cutting machine in Brook's mine.

COLEMAN NOTES

Mr. Rodgers arrived in Coleman from Rotherham, England, on Friday night and intends to make his future home in Coleman.

The picture shows given by the management in the Opera House are crowded at every show and standing room is only obtainable ten minutes after the doors are opened. A great many people love to hear the good music that is supplied.

Miss Kitty Tracey arrived in Coleman on Saturday night's local from Stirling, Scotland, the prospective bride of William Cowan, of this town. The marriage takes place on Xmas eve.

Granville Greenhalch pulled out on Saturday night's passenger for Lancashire, England, to spend Xmas and

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Are You Working Uphill?

If you are not healthy you ARE working uphill.

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1 Canadian Rye	1 Bordeaux Claret
1 Special Res Scotch	1 Old Port

6 Bottles

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(Weight 50 lbs.)

2 Old Port	1 Old Sherry
2 French Claret	1 John Lee Scotch
6 Beer (Domestic)	

12 Bottles

Hamper No. 4. Price $6.50
(Weight 50 lbs.)

2 Canadian Rye	2 Bordeaux Claret
1 Coudon Brandy	2 Old Sherry
3 Old Port	1 Old Mellow Scotch
1 Jamaica Rum	

12 Bottles

Hamper No. 5. Price $7.00
(Weight 50 lbs.)

1 Oporto	1 Sherry
1 Special Scotch	1 Special Brandy
1 Canadian Rye	1 Jamaica Rum
6 Ale or Stout	

12 Bottles

Hamper No. 6. Price $12.00
(Weight 50 lbs.)

2 pts. Champagne	1 pt. Benedictine
2 qts. Canadian Rye	1 Tom Gin
1 Oporto	1 10 yr old Liqueur Scotch
1 Jamaica Rum	1 Gonzalez Sherry
1 Sauterne N. J.	1 Legrande Brandy

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Why send away when you can get everything to gladden the kiddies at the Hosmer Industrial Store

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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COLEMAN NOTES—(Continued)

New Year in the Old Country.

Matthew Bowman and W. Wilcock were also passengers for the Old Country on Saturday night.

Order of Owls

The installation of officers of the Coleman Order of Owls took place in the Eagles' Hall on Sunday night, 7th. The following Owls were installed for the coming term: President, William Allen; past president, J. Johnston; vice president, G. Fairhurst; secretary, J. Mitchell; treasurer, T. X. O. Smith; invocator, James Lamb; warden, Amy Mowstee; picket, T. Burns; sentinel, William Harrison.

The Coleman Owls intend having a supper and dance on Xmas eve in the Eagles' Hall. All visiting Owls in and around Coleman are welcome. Come and have a good night with us; don't forget the date, December 24.

As was reported same time ago, a quarrel took place in the York Creek mine of the International Coal Company between two miners, one of them hitting the other over the head with his lamp. The assailant absconded at the time, but was brought back to Coleman and sent down to Macleod for trial. He asked and got a speedy trial; result—one year in the pen.

The election of town councillors took place in Coleman on Monday, Dec. 8. The election was very quiet. No one seemed to be excited over the matter. The following gentlemen were elected: Mr. Jack Johnston, Mr. John Swan, Mr Hiram Dougal. The following were also elected trustee for the school board: Mr. J. O. C. MacDonald and Mr. William Fraser.

A row took place Tuesday night in front of the Coleman Hotel between two or three Slavonians and in the melee one of them endeavored to hit his opponent with a large stone, but his shot went wide of the mark. The result was that it went through the window of the hotel. Two of them were apprehended and lodged in coop.

Four Bottles of Xmas Cheer

One bottle of rye, one of port, one of Scotch and one of sherry—this is the fine present that the Coleman Liquor Co. will give in our heading competition. Are you the lucky individual? Get busy now, for this is the last week.

Coleman Local Union Notes

The regular meeting was held Dec. 7 and was somewhat better attended than a great many of our previous ones were.

Our secretary reported that along with President Smith some questions of dispute were settled, more especially the York Creek wash house, but some of our members reported that it is still overcrowded, as a number of men are still washing in the wash house, but have no lockers to put their clothes in, which is decidedly uncomfortable for all concerned.

The question of the coke oven dispute was handed up to the Western Coal Operators' Association for adjustment.

A grievance cropped up on the question of contract miners in York Creek packing their own timber. This matter should be attended to at once and put right in the interest of all concerned.

A discussion arose over the special investigation committee visiting the mine every month as it entailed a very heavy item of expense on the Local. It was decided that this inspection should be quarterly instead of monthly.

Vice President Graham was a Coleman visitor last week, coming in from Fernie. He left on Saturday's local for Taber, which apparently is not out of troubled waters yet.

Some correspondence was read from Local 1223 and tabled. All information can be had from Bro. Johnston in relation to this question of booklets, which will be on sale at an early date.

A collection was taken up at the bank on pay day, Dec. 6, on behalf of a Belgian brother who has been off work for the last eight months and the amount collected was $145.

The question of the Sick and Accident Benefit Society again came up for and received a considerable amount of discussion. The matter was left over until after the election on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

BLAIRMORE NOTES

Stanley Whittaker, son of License Inspector Whittaker, of Pincher Creek, was in town this week on a few days' visit to his sister, Mrs. Shanotte.

The Blairmore fire department received a call from Frank on Thursday morning, which was responded to in double quick time, and, with the aid of Mayor Lyons' auto were soon upon the scene, which proved to be A. I. Blais' store. We understand that the fire caused considerable damage to stock which was only partly covered by insurance

Jack McPhail is feeling important these days owing to the arrival of a fine son on Thursday, Dec. 4. Congratulations, Jack.

Dan Lewis, who will take charge of the skating rink this season, arrived in town last week and expects to have the rink in good shape in a few days.

The Blairmore Brass Band will give a concert in the Opera House on Tuesday night, Dec. 23.

A. J. Johnson left on Saturday for the South Fork, for a few days' hunting.

The Rocky Mountain Cement Co. have installed two more large arc lights for the town, one being at the crossing next the depot and one on Victoria Street South.

Contractor Palmer, who, it will be remembered, came from Butte, Montana, to take up the contract for the removal of the buildings in Frank to the proposed new townsite, has decided to take to the bush and commenced removing his machinery, etc., on Tuesday and will start camp on the coal company's property south of Blairmore, from which place he will supply cordwood to the consumers of Blairmore and district.

Born, on Saturday, Dec. 6, to Mr and Mrs. Wilfred Wolstenholme, a daughter.

J. Grafton, of the new Liquor Co., Bellevue was in town on Monday.

The report of the Blairmore school for the month of November was most satisfactory, the total attendance equalling 4.663, average attendance 233.65, and the percentage of attendance 91.

The Sunday School children of the Presbyterian Church are arranging for a cantata to be held in the Opera House some time before Christmas.

L. E. Miller has purchased the remaining stock of the Pioneer Furniture Co. and removed same to the Budd block, where he has opened up for business

The Opera House was crowded on Saturday night last, when some of the best pictures ever seen in this district were displayed.

Ralph Wilkie was down from Coleman on Tuesday.

The mine was closed down on Tuesday, that being election day for District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

Salvage Sale

Mr. A. I. Blais, whose Frank store was recently seriously damaged by fire, informs us that he intends to sacrifice his whole stock of canned goods and glassware, also fruits, vegetables, pickles, sauces, ketchup, etc. These goods, which have not been damaged beyond the labels, will all be sold far below cost, and the thrifty housewife will have a splendid opportunity of replenishing her stock of canned fruits and vegetables at a considerable saving. All the enamel, china and glassware will be slaughtered and sold regardless of cost or loss. This is a genuine salvage sale, and as we have inspected the stock personally, and are intimately acquainted with Mr. Blais' business principles, have no hesitation in recommending it to everybody.

The roller skating rink in the Opera House was open for ladies, free of charge, on Tuesday night.

Monday, Dec. 8, was election day with the ratepayers of Blairmore. The polling opened at 10 a.m. in the council chamber, with Chas. E F. Hiscocks as returning officer. Three candidates out of the nine nominated withdrew before election time, leaving six only in the running, viz., J. W. Gresham, W. L. Kribs, J. Montalbetti, L. Dutil, D. A. Sinclair and M. Rosse, the former three being on the Conservative ticket and the latter of the Liberal, which caused considerable anxiety as to how the votes would go. From the first it seemed as though the Conservatives were going to win the day and even late in the afternoon the position remained the same At a few minutes to seven o'clock, when it was announced the poll would close, J. W. Gresham and W. L. Kribs were leading by a fair majority with J. Montalbetti close behind, when some belated ratepayers rushed in with their votes for the Liberal candidates, which very soon put that party well in the lead. At the end of the poll the returning officer, after summing up the votes, declared the positions as follows: Liberals—D. A. Sinclair 85, L. Dutil 79, M. Rosse 70; Conservatives—J. W. Gresham 52, W. L Kribs 46, J. Montalbetti 44, giving the Liberal party a majority of 92 votes. The greater part of the ratepayers declared themselves as highly pleased with the result of the election which had been closely followed with great enthusiasm from start to finish. Mayor Lyons and Councillor Hinds did great work for their party, the Conservatives, and it was not through any fault of theirs that they lost the day. At night the Blairmore Brass Band serenaded the streets and played selections before each of the residences of the successful candidates. The boys also took a great part in the celebrations, forming a tin-can brigade and "shivereeing" the victorious three. The line up in the council chamber on Monday night next, for the first meeting of the 1914 council, will be as follows: Mayor H. E. Lyons, F. E. Hinds, R. M. Brisco, Conservatives; D. A Sinclair, L. Dutil, W. A. Beebe and M. Rosso, Liberals. It now remains for the ratepayers to wait and see what the Liberals will do now that they are in the majority.

R. M. Brisco has just received a large assortment of articles suitable for Christmas gifts, either for ladies or gentlemen.

COALHURST NOTES

Great excitement was caused on Saturday when the news of the incorporation of Coalhurst as a village was announced. This resulted in a meeting of householders and ratepayers in general, held on Monday evening, in the School House. The hour for meeting was 9 o'clock. One could notice the interest by numbers of men collecting shortly after eight o'clock. On the stroke of nine, Finlay McDonald, vice president of the Board of Trade, was voted to the chair. J. M. McDermott, secretary-treasurer of the Board, read minutes of the previous meeting, which were appoved and passed. Mr. J. Watson was then called upon to read the communication from the municipality, which was accepted and opened for discussion quite a number of questions were asked and answered as is customary at such meetings. By motion of Mr. Benson with Mr. T. Skeith as seconder, Mr. Finlay McDonald was appointed as returning officer and the School House was selected as the proper place to hold the first council. The majority of the School Board being present, this question was also settled. A few questions were asked as to the advantage of incorporation, which were rather evasively answered.

Did you ever take a walk up or down First Street on a Sunday afternoon and notice the strains of sweet music escaping from one of the homes of one of our prominent citizens? If not, take a walk around about 3 p.m. If I am not mistaken we will have a good brass band to liven things up in the winter evenings. Listen to the band in the Coalhurst park.

Shotlighter Joe Stobbs left this week for the Old Country. We believe he had a big spread and a present handed to him before leaving. Good luck, Joe.

Frank Owens, of Bellevue, is now working on the box cars for the coal company here. He says he is waiting around for the big job that is expected to start here in the spring, the sinking of two new shafts.

Mrs. Charles Connors and family left this week for the Old Country.

Joseph Wilson, late recording secretary of the Local Union, has also left for the Old Country to enjoy Xmas with his family.

We are pleased to learn the chicken supper was a financial success and nobody lost any chickens.

We believe it would pay the baker's boy to quit going to Fort Kipp if he has to lose a shift every time. By all accounts Fred, the water man, was doing the turkey trot with a flour bag on behind at the swell time out McKensie's way. Good thing you were a long way out, Fred.

Hats off to Georgie Bell, the band master. Get a trombone, George, then go to it.

Coalhurst Local Union Notes

A goodly number turned out to the regular meeting on Friday night, Dec. 5. Quite a pile of correspondence had to be gone through owing to the small attendance at the previous meeting, when everything was laid over.

The call to International Convention was read and discussed, and finally it was decided to send a delegate.

Correspondence from Dave Rees was read and accepted, saying he would be in on Sunday, so it was decided to call a special meeting on Sunday to hear what the International Board Member had to say and to call for nominations at this meeting for our delegates to Indianapolis Convention.

Circular was read from Cedar Point Local, Ill. After discussion it was left in the hands of the secretary to order booklets and distribute through the Local Union.

A disagreeable grievance was brought up re the doctor and hospital and the way a certain case had been taken care of at Diamond City hospital. This was left over for a committee to look into and report at next meeting.

Bro. Skidmore was appointed as neutral scrutineer to Chinook Local, and the local work left in the hands of the local officers.

The Sunday Special Meeting

Not a very large bunch turned out on Sunday afternoon, perhaps on account of the several concerts and dances, chicken suppers, etc., the night before. Nominations for delegate being called for, Bro. John Burt and Bro. T. Barringham were nominated to be voted for on election day to help in the excitement a little more.

Bro. A. J. Carter and International Board Member Rees were present at the meeting, and it was thought best to hear as much as we could from these brothers, so the rest of the afternoon was left open for these brothers, who gave a good lecture on things in general.

On Tuesday the men could be seen wending their way to the Miners' Hall to poll their votes. Everybody seemed to be interested to some extent in the different candidates and there was very little growling done about the holiday taken on account of the election. A few of the number 6 and 3 men thought we were doing it too thick by being governed by the Agreement and Constitution and thought work should be done in the mines, etc. The result of the ballot was as follows: District secretary, A. J. Carter, 164; T. France, 52; D. Hyslop, 64; spoilt, 8; total, 288. Sub-District Board Member, Larson, 182; McRoberts, 103; spoilt, 5; total, 290. International delegates, Frank Barringham, 217; John Burt, 53, spoilt, 16; total, 286.

HOSMER NOTES

"Bob" Walker, of Cumberland, was the speaker at a Socialist meeting held in the Athletic Hall, on Sunday last, his subject being the class struggle. The recent visits we have had from various Socialist organizers looks like bearing fruit. Watch Hosmer grow red.

The building now being erected on the lot next to P. Burns & Co. is an overtime job Sundays and nights. Overheard, on Tuesday: "What's the building, Nick?" "Packing case." "Why, going to the Old Country?"

The billiard tournament in the Athletic Hall is proceeding apace. The first round has been played off and the second stage entered on. There's sure to be some strenuous striving for those turkeys.

A committee meeting of the Club was held Wednesday night. Everything is reported in readiness for the big smoker. A good program has been arranged, which, with smokes and a drop of good beer as a side line, should ensure a successful entertainment.

The merchants of the town have donated a large number of prizes to the Club. Crib, checkers, boxing and various other tournaments are being arranged, to the winners of which the prizes will be distributed; in fact, there's a chance for everyone to show his skill at something or other. The Club is still open to receive members; a dollar a month is the damage.

The election for District officers passed off very quietly, little or no wagering being done on the result. A fairly good vote was polled, the following are the figures: For Secretary-Treasurer, France, 105; Hyslop, 87; Carter, 73. For Sub-District Board Member, Balderstone, 237; Phillips, 31. Hosmer's candidate for Board Member got knocked out in Fernie; all same Bombardier Wells.

Don't forget the masquerade on New Year's eve.

The K. P.'s elected the following officers for the coming term: C. C., W. Balderstone; V. C., W. H. Craig; Prel., E. Noddle; M. of W., H. McDonald; K. R. S., Alec Allan; M. of T., W. J. Simmonds; M. of Ex., W. White; M. at A., J. Redpath; I. G., A. Millar; O. G., J. W. Parkin.

The Oddfellows are taking over the Methodist Church and will utilize same as a lodge room after the new year. Incidentally they offered terms to the other lodges to join them, but, unfortunately, like the Duke of Devonshire's pheasants, they are "rhather 'igh."

The Orangemen were also in the picture on Monday night, a few candidates being chased across the turbulent Boyne waters. Quite a number of Fernie Orangemen, accompanied by the bagpipes, wore on hand to assist in the ceremonies. Altogether a very enjoyable evening is reported.

J. D. Mihalcik was at Fernie acting as neutral scrutineer at the District elections. Jack says it needs two, one to keep an eye on the Coal Creek bunch.

(What's the matter with the long distance phone? The service is about as swift as a windjammer trying to round Cape Horn in a contrary wind (while the local service seems all shot to Hades).

It has leaked out who is the author of that famous yellow circular. It's hard to keep anything secret when there's women around.

The election evidently caused the members to think there was such a thing as a Union around, Tuesday night's meeting being a cheering one. Motions and resolutions flew thick and fast. Some will cause dismay and others joy. Keep the good work going; there's a meeting every Tuesday night.

A meeting of local Socialists will be held Sunday night at the Queen's, 7.30 sharp. You wage slaves that object to the present degrading system, make this your place of worship.

There are rumors of weddings down the Queen's Hotel way. As a rule Hosmer weddings are tame affairs, but if this one comes off according to schedule there'll be something doing in this drowsy city.

A. Wellington is working hard gathering Ledger numbers and figures on leading the rest of the Hosmer competitors by a mile.

Frank Ingham is on the sick list and for a while was in bad shape, but is happily pulling round alright.

The following is an account of receipts and expenditure re basket social and dance:

Receipts	
From sale of baskets	$164.75
Sale of tickets	99.15
Donation	3.00
Total receipts	$267.50
Expenditure	
Orchestra, coffe, cleaning Hall etc	$ 32.50
Forwarded to J. J. McAllister, Sec. District 28	235.00
Total disbursements	$267.50

The following tradesmen are cordially thanked for donations of prizes: Hosmer Departmental Store, I. Zisselman, P. Burns & Co., Bennett Bros. and Hosmer Liquor Co.

Miss Elsie Robson has been invited to sing at the concert in Fernie in aid of the Island children.

Tommy McKee and W. Lakey left last week for the Old Country.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ayre was brightened by the arrival of a daughter during the current week.

Alec McKelvie continues to make progress towards recovery.

The new addition to the Hosmer School is rapidly being finished. The principal, Mr. Flett, claims he will have the finest school in S. E. Kootenay, but more of this anon.

The examination of candidates for miners' examining board takes place on Saturday next, at office near tipple. Candidates: M. Jasbec, J. D. Mihalcik and J. Kosloski.

The Hosmer Industrial Co. is making a special display of toys, the finest ever seen in Hosmer. Everything to gladden the hearts of the kiddies. Take your boys and girls along and let THEM select. Just think of the pleasure it gives the youngsters to make their own purchases. They also have the very best stock of choice Xmas groceries and fruits—fresh and sound, that's what counts.

(For further notes see Page Eleven)

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Noble Grand, A. Prentice.
Secretary, J. B. Meiklejohn.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

Meet at Aiello's Hall second and third Mondays in each month.

John M. Woods, Secretary.
Fernie, Box 657.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in their own Hall, Victoria Avenue.

C. C., G Barton.
K. of R. S., Chas. Buhrer.
M. of F., Robt. Dudley.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Meet every Monday at 8 p.m. in K. of P. Hall.

Dictator, T. Uphill.
Secretary, W. F. Vance.

An Aid to the Study of Capital

By Harry Waton

Before proceeding with the subject, let us turn to the two prefaces of Marx. They are important. We could not profitably consider them before, because some preparation was necessary. But now that we have acquired some knowledge of the subject, and have also familiarized ourselves with the method and views of Marx, we are prepared to understand the prefaces.

Preface to the First Edition

George Eliot remarked: "Man can do nothing without the make-believe of a beginning, and yet no retrospect will take us to the true beginning; and whether our prologue be in heaven or on earth, it is but a fraction of that all-presupposing fact with which our story begins." This applies to our case. To the claim of many Comrades, that the study of Socialist economics should be started with some earlier and simpler work than "Capital," the answer is: There is neither an earlier nor a simpler work. Firstly, if we are to go to the true beginning of the subject, we should have to start with the nebular hypothesis, trace cosmic evolution through all its infinite modifications, then follow up the economic history of mankind, until we reached modern capitalism, and then make a study of the latter—a task admittedly beyond the scope of the subject. If, then, we are to limit ourselves to the analysis of the capitalist mode of production, "Capital" is, indeed, the earliest work on the subject. And, secondly, a simpler work does not exist. Concerning the other works on the subject, we may say with Kant, they would have been much shorter and simpler if their authors had not intended to make them so short and simple. I make bold to say one can spend a lifetime studying all the other works on the subject and yet not gain an insight into the mechanism of capitalism. On the other hand, a few years' earnest study of "Capital" will reward the student with a clear and comprehensive understanding of the mechanism of capitalism to Socialism. The student must be impressed with the fact that the subject is a very, difficult one, and that, therefore, there is no easy and royal road to it. It can be mastered only by work, work and work.

"Capital" is a continuation of the previous work, "The Critique of Political Economy," published by Marx in 1859. The substance of the earlier work is summarized in the first three chapters of the later work.

Every beginning is difficult, holds in all sciences; but in a far greater measure does it hold in economics. In the analysis of economic forms neither microscopes nor chemical reagents are in use. Here the force of abstraction must replace both: and that is a rather difficult process. By the force of abstraction we must identify and comprehend economic phenomena, and by the force of abstraction we must reduce them to general economic laws.

Society is an organism, and like every organism it is composed of ultimate units. In bourgeois society the commodity-form of the product of labor—or the value-form of the commodity—is the economic cell-form. But to the superficial observer—and the bourgeois economist is but a superficial observer—the analysis of these forms turns upon minutiae. Now, the analysis does in fact turn upon minutiae; but they are not, as the bourgeois economist takes them, disconnected units independent of each other. They are of the same nature as those dealt with in microscopic anatomy; that is, units that are organically interconnected and dependent upon one another, and together form one organic whole.

Economic phenomena, like physical phenomena, must be studied where they occur in their most typical form, and most free from disturbing influences. Up to the time of the writing of "Capital," England was the most fitting country for the study of economic prenomena. This was the reason for Marx using England as the chief illustration in the development of his theoretical ideas. This, however, should not mislead us to believe that the nature of capitalism as it manifests itself in England is peculiar to that country only. On the contrary, capitalism is of the same nature wherever it appears. "Intrinsically, it is not a question of the higher or lower degrees of development of the social antagonisms that result from the natural laws of capitalism production. It is a question of these laws themselves, of these tendencies working with iron necessity toward inevitable results. The country that is more developed industrially only shows, to the less developed, the image of its own future." Just as when a living organism becomes afflicted with a mortal disease, internal antagonisms and final dissolution are inevitable; so also when society becomes afflicted with the capitalist mode of production, the class struggle and the final dissolution of capitalism are inevitable.

But apart from this, the conditions in the countries that are only incipiently capitalistic are even worse than those in the countries capitalistically more developed; for pari passu with the development of capitalism also develop the social forces for the overcoming of capitalism. Hence, study of the nature and the tendency of capitalism shows that its dissolution is inevitable. Nevertheless, even when a society has got upon the right track for the discovery of the natural laws of its movements, the obstacles offered by the successive phases of its normal development it can neither clear by bold leaps nor remove by legal enactments. "No social order ever disappears before all the productive forces, for which there is room in it, have been developd; and new and higher relations of production never appear before the material conditions of their existence have matured in the womb of the old society." Nevertheless, when society discovers the natural laws of its development, it need not wait indifferently for the process of development to make its own course. Society can and should help the process, and thereby shorten the time and lessen the birth-pangs incidental to the transformation of society.

The capitalist mode of production, though proceeding in accordance with natural laws of its own, is indissolubly bound up with the acts and nature of human beings. And, therefore, to analyze that mode of production it is necessary to study the acts and characteristics of those human beings. But the individuals are dealt with only in so far as they are the personification of economic categories, embodiments of particular class relations and class interests. "My standpoint, from which the evolution of the economic formation of society is viewed as a process of natural history, can less than any other make the individual responsible for relations whose creatures he socially remains, however much he may subjectively raise himself above them." This needs amplification. And for this purpose we shall consider a few cases.

A was the owner of 1,000 shares of stock in a railroad corporation. One day, while attending a directors' meeting he learns the painful truth that the corporation is hopelessly insolvent, and its bankruptcy inevitable. Facing a situation that may completely ruin him, A at once takes his shares and offers to sell them to B. The latter, ignorant of the truth, and knowing only the market reputation of the corporation, buys the shares any pays A for them a large sum of money. A short time thereafter, the corporation is thrown into bankruptcy, the shares of B become worthless and he is ruined.

Now, eliminating from consideration the legal phase of the matter as being wholly irrelevant to the discussion, the question is: Was the conduct of A ethically justifiable? The answer must be an emphatic No! And for this reason: When A sold to B his shares, he knew perfectly well that they were worthless. He knew that he was selling to B useless pieces of paper. Nevertheless, he withheld this vital fact from B and was glad that the latter was ignorant of it, else he would not purchase the shares and pay for them a large sum of money. A expected the ruin of B, and now he is happy that he was clever enough to shift the inevitable ruin frim himself on to B. Was not this a case of plain fraud and deceit? Did not A actually cheat B out of a large sum of money?

Nevertheless, such frauds and deceits are practiced daily to such extent that even our laws and courts connive at them. And why? Simply because the whole fabric of our society is woven out of fraud and deceit. Things have come to such a state that not only ordinary business men, but even moralists and philosophers, have lost the faculty of judging the moral nature of conduct. An illustration in point is the following:

In his younger days, Spencer was working as engineer for one of the railroad corporations in England. Prior to the year 1846, there had been unusually great activity in the building of railways, and Spencer's father, lured by the prospects of gain, invested considerable money in railroad stock. When Spencer learned this he immediately wrote to his father the following:

"I consider the share market in so exceedingly unstable a state in consequence of the circumstance to which I have alluded that I believe it to be imminently dangerous to have anything to do with it. I am fully convinced that some panic will shortly arise, the advent of which may be wholly unexpected, and I would therefore strongly advise you to put yourself in a safe position by selling out at once. I do not speak without good grounds, for I have come in contact with many of the directors and promoters of them, and I know most certainly from their conversation that their great, and I may say, only object, is to get their shares to a good premium and then sell out."

To this Spencer adds (Autobiography, Vol. 1, p. 332): "And on the 21st of the month I expressed by satisfaction that he had acted promptly on this advice, and, as it appears, only just in time, for already the panic was beginning."

Now, not only at that time, but even years thereafter when, at the age of 74, he was writing his autobiography, several years after he had completed his "Principles of Ethics," Spencer expressed great satisfaction at the timely advice he gave to his father, which saved the latter from financial ruin. But it never occurred to Spencer to reflect on the fact that he advised his father to save himself from ruin by shifting that ruin upon somebody else. In other words, Spencer worked upon the principle, each for himself, and let the devil take the hindmost. And this he considered a moral principle!

But this is not all. Spencer be dividuals composing an aggregate determines the character of the aggregate"; and that, therefore, the character of our society is but the character of the individuals. And, if we wanted to modify and improve the character of society, we must first modify and improve the character of the individuals. The individual, therefore, should raise himself above society; and if he fails to do this, he must bear the full consequences of his conduct. For, he declared, the creature that cannot maintain itself must die to make room for the more fit creatures. And all through Spencer was insisting upon the principle that consequences must be proportionate to the conduct. Neither society nor the individual should shift the consequences which necessarily must follow a certain line of conduct. Nevertheless, when a practical case presented itself to Spencer, he with one stroke of his pen set at naught all of his lofty principles.

His father made an injudicious investment. According to Spencer his father should have borne the consequences of his folly. No one else should have been made to suffer for it. And yet, Spencer advised his father to dump his worthless shares upon somebody else, and by fraud and deceit to cheat out of that somebody else a large sum of money. Yes, that was Spencer. And when in the streets of Homestead human blood flowed freely, Spencer was hobnobbing with Carnegie, and receiving from him nice presents. Now, if this was Spencer — who unquestionably was a man of principles—what can be said about lesser personalities? Surely, we are but what the conditions of life compel us to be.

In the domain of political economy, free scientific inquiry meets, not only the same enemies as in all other sciences, such as ignorance, prejudice, bigotry and the like, but also owing to the peculiar nature of the material it deals with, it summons as foes into the field of battle the most violent, mean and malignant passions of the human breast—the furies of private interest. Marx expresses here a fundamental truth which requires a good deal of elucidation. But this is not the occasion for it. I shall only indicate the reason. Man's intellect is not free; it is shaped and determined by the feelings; as one feels so he thinks. The saying, the wish is father of the thought, is an absolute truth. Spencer expressed the same idea by saying the feelings are the masters and the intellect is but their servant; and as the masters decide so must the servant act. We, therefore, think as we are inclined to think, as our feelings shape and determine our thought.

Again, our feelings are shaped and determined through our conduct by the requirements of the material conditions of existence. In other words, we feel as our material interests dictate. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." And since the treasures of most persons lie in their material interests, their heart and mind are there also. And, therefore, when an economic proposition or truth threatens to harm their material interests, men will oppose that proposition or truth with all the vehemence and power they are capable of. And for this reason it is much more difficult for an economic truth to gain recognition than for any other truth. It is, indeed, easier for a rope to go through the eye of a needle than for a bourgeois to enter into the knowledge of economics.

Nevertheless, and in spite of all resistance, the truths of Socialist economics gain ground among the people and even succeeded in penetrating the heads of bourgeois economists. These are the signs of the times, not to be hidden by the purple mantles or black cassocks. They do not signify that tomorrow a miracle will happen. But they show that, within the ruling classes themselves, a foreboding is dawning that the present society is no solid crystal, but an organism capable of change, and is constantly changing.

Marx concludes the first preface with the inspiring words of Dante: Follow thy course, and let the people talk. Indeed, unless one follows unswervingly his course, regardless of what people talk, he cannot accomplish anything. Nature does not reconstruct the world through cowards; she uses strong men for that purpose.
—N. Y. Call.

The Poverty of The Railroads

By H. J. Brimble

One of the arguments invariably advanced by the railways when an improvement is demanded by the public is that it cannot be afforded. The plea is so everlastingly raised that one wonders what becomes of the money. Are the railways really so poor as they profess to be? A conversation in which the writer took part a few days ago seemed to throw light on the subject. I give the facts for what they are worth.

I was talking with an acquaintance, a timberman. We were discussing the advisability of quitting our jobs and going to hewing ties. I knew there was little or nothing in it working by the day for a contractor, but thought that we might secure a tract of land and get out ties on our own account, selling them direct to the railways.

"No good," said my friend. "You can't do it."

"Why not?" I inquired.

"This is why," he answered. "The railways make contracts with men to supply so many miles of road with ties. These contractors are paid from 80 cents to $1.25 apiece for their ties. If you have ties to sell, you must sell to the contractor, and he'll give you from 28 to 40 cents for your ties. The railways simply won't load them for you."

Now, I cannot vouch for the truth of the foregoing, but as it came from one who has had years of experience in the business, I take it for granted that he knew what he was talking about. Assuming that what he said is a matter of fact, I'd like to know who gets the difference between the 28 and 40 cents paid by the tie contractor and the 80 cents to the $1.25 which he receives. It is foolish to think he gets it all. With whom, then, does he "chack up"? This being an item of no small importance in the cost of a railway's maintenance, does what has been stated throw at least a little light on the "poverty" of the railways, and is there in it a partial explanation of the accidents resulting from inferior roadbeds? The New York Call.

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Colorado Notes

The arrest of Ed. Doyle, Secretary of District No. 15, United Mine Workers of America, by General Chase has a deeper significance to miners than an ordinary arrest. It's a peculiar coincident that it should happen directly after a committee of miners met the operators, and following as it did a number of foolishly imitating actions of a well known ring at every time, anything tending towards a peaceable settlement occurred. One is forced to the belief that certain operators don't want "peace" and that these "incidents" are pulled off with the deliberate intention of making "peace" impossible.

There are great trust magnates who have amassed huge fortunes by questionable means; some of these have the redeeming quality of being great builders and while they cannot be said to be very "desirable citizens" compared with the "wrecker" they are spotless angels. The wrecker is undesirable from every point you look at him; he keeps faith with no one but fattens on the wrecking of all who come within the reach of his grasp; you never find him connected with any great commercial success, he is never loved, but often feared, and can never be respected; you can see his path through life strewn with monuments of the ruin of men and women who gave him their confidence for a sufficient time to enable him to ply his nefarious trade; wherever the breath of such a one pollutes the air you see it breeding political, municipal and corporate corruption.

Unfortunately for Colorado, the state possesses a specimen of this scourge in J. C. Osgood, of the Victor-American Fuel Company. John Dee has many sins to answer for, but it's said that the devil himself is not so black as he is painted, and if John Dee's character has any white spots on it at all, one of them must have been put there when after getting control of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company he fired out Osgood, body, boots and breeches; John Dee had too much sense to allow him to get near his pile—Colorado would do well to follow the example of John Dee and of the State of Iowa, and get rid of J. C. Osgood.

After a grand stand display of horror, dismay and disgust that anyone should have dared to place any limit on the militia, using all the assets of the state as they saw fit, which display was so ably engineered by the "operators' press agents" we now find that Roady Kenahan was one of the few men who had kept his head, and by his attitude again saved the State both money and credit; no one knows better than Roady what was done by the same crew when they got the chance in the reign of Peabody when the State paid the rottenest kind of claims instead of a few of the canting hypocrites who have been pouring out their ignorant venom in Roady's direction, they would try going on like this and serve the people with only five per cent of the honesty and energy that he is doing, the State would be a better and a safer place to live in.

The offer of $1,000 for the arrest of the organizer named McGary is a silly piece of bombast; the people who offered it knew well that any organizer would surrender at any time to any ORGANIZED COURT when charges were filed; that $1,000 offer was done with no other intent but to try and discredit the United Mine Workers of America.

The meetings of the committee of miners and operators are suspended for a little time; the operators have been so used to thinking that they could settle everything either with gun men or with "promises," that they very naturally object to do anything else; they didn't make the gun men stunt stick this time, and PROMISES made by men who have been PROMISING for the last twenty years and breaking them as fast as they were made, won't work either—they have got to get down to business, and do things this time, and it will take a little time for them to accommodate themselves to this new condition.

If Chase's court of inquiry really wants to do something, it might inquire into the following:

Under whose orders was ammunition belonging to the State handed over to the Baldwin-Felts thugs before the militia was called out? Under what military law can a meeting of officers be held when on active service to protest against the action of their commander in chief? What officer was publicly burned? If General Chase was not present, why not? And what action did he take with the officer responsible? Why has the militia not obtained possession of the machine guns known to be in the field, and if any of them have been captured, why was the capture not given equal prominence in the public press to the capture of miners' rifles? Why have men who belonged to the Baldwin-Felts and who are known to have taken part in working machine guns and general rioting been allowed to join the militia? How many men now in the militia are also in the pay of the operators' guards? Who gave the order allowing strike breakers to be shipped into the district dressed in the militia uniform, and if not trespassing on their valuable time too much would they say how in the name of all that is decent they exist at all, and under what authority do they presume to exercise the functions of a court?

If they haven't time for this will they kindly reach us down one or two of their "canned confessions" and tell us "how it all happened"?

It's quite peculiar how identically the same rule which a man or a corporation professes to believe in absolutely, becomes at once the most scandalous piece of injustice and a disgrace to American civilization if applied by some outsider to him; as an instance of this, according to the operators, the demand of the United Mine Workers of America to recognition is an unheard of piece of impudence, and in direct defiance of the principles of the American Constitution and so on and so on, and yet the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company itself was formed with the publicly avowed intention of eliminating competition, and the records of that consolidation will prove it.

Recently three operators signed a proclamation in which they claimed they represented 95 per cent of the state coal output.

Those old country people who believe in the "divine rights of the kings" were slow when compared with Colorado coal operators.

One of the principal things the operators were thankful for this thanksgiving was that Chase commands the militia. The principal thing the miners are thankful for is that it's the first thanksgiving in Colorado that they have not been at the mercy of a merciless group of operators, and that the operators' unjust tyranny is forever broken. The operators' reason for thanksgiving is temporary—that of the strikers is permanent.

The district attorney's sherrif in Boulder county had his dignity offended a few days ago—the miners actually laughed at him, so he promptly threw forty-four of them in jail. We haven't heard yet whether they are charged with contempt of court or only with common picketing, and suppose we shall not find out what the charge really will be till the illustrious gentleman who now graces the office of district attorney has time to drag the information. Any way, our northern brethren (even if they do have to put up with a sheriff that it's dangerous to even laugh at) do get tried for minor offences in a real court, whereas we in the south are liable at any time to be indicted for murder, arson, sudden death and a few other items, and tried in a kangaroo court, but we don't grumble, we cannot have everything, and we are making progress. It's only since this strike began that Las Animas and Ruerfano counties were included in the United States even.

The operators have had their innings in the Chase inquiry and the grand jury inquiries; the miners will have theirs when the Congressional inquiry starts in, which will be soon. Now that will be one time that operators will not be able to get in evidence like their fake pay rolls, and their lists of offences against the land which they say were committed by someone else. Then they will have to tell the committee how they arranged their figures and just why they did a few things of which ample has been obtained. During the inquiry you will hear of some transactions having been pulled off by men supposed to be decent citizens which will make President Huerta of Mexico look like thirty cents.

When the inquiry is through, Tom Tynan will have the chance of his life. He will be up against the question of attempting to reform some of the most unreformable critters that ever happened, but he will have every chance of making a good job of it, for several of them will have long terms.

The arrest of Louis Tikas, a Greek organizer, by the military, is another piece of folly. Those who know Tikas know well that he is a conservative, cool headed man, and that he has done excellent work preserving order even under the most provoking circumstances. It looks to many that arresting such men is for the purpose of stirring up trouble; it certainly is not an attempt to prevent trouble.

The arrest of Secretary Doyle is much more readily understood. Anything that a prejudiced and unjust mind cannot understand is viewed with suspicion, and the less they realize what it is the deeper the suspicion grows. Give anyone possessing such a mind the opportunity and you may expect any old thing to happen. Doyle is absolutely honest and sincere, anyone who knows him realizes this; these qualities naturally make people who do not have any conception of either of them suspicious to a prejudiced degree, hence his arrest.—J. R. B.

Trend of Events

Economic Conditions in the West and Future Probabilities

"Go West, young man; go West and grow up with the country!" That famous slogan enunciated by Horace Greeley shortly after the Civil War may have served its purpose very well up to within recent years as safety valve to relieve the pressure of the competitive struggle that began with the introduction of labor-saving machinery and the centralization of capital in the industrial centres of the East half a century ago.

In Greeley's day there was plenty of free or "dirt cheap" land open to the occupancy of any worker who was ambitious to make a home for himself and family and who had no desire to begin and end his natural existence as a wage slave to assist in piling up immense fortunes for corporation magnates, who might use the wealth and power thus accumulated to keep the masses in subjection for generations to come.

But now all the free and desirable land has been pre-empted by the earlier settlers or great syndicates, railway corporations, lumber and mining combines, etc., and the thriving and enterprising cities and towns are being overrun by idle and moneyless working people who not only find it practically impossible to acquire property, but thousands experience great difficulty in securing sufficient employment to keep body and soul together.

The exaggerated and lying claims set forth in advertisements in Eastern and European newspapers by promoters and publicity bureaus of the alleged boundless opportunities that exist in the West have attracted tens of thousands to the Pacific slope in the vain hope of gaining riches or at least a decent and independent livelihood.

The railway corporations entice people Westward in order to secure exorbitant transportation rates, the land and mining speculators sound the praises of the "Golden West" for the purpose of disposing of holdings that are usually highly inflated and frequently absolutely worthless, the mine owners make glowing promises so that they may flood the labor market with unemployed and hungry mechanics and laborers and thus depress wages and obtain workers at their own price.

Without question the Pacific coast country has afforded the big capitalistic buccaneers excellent opportunities to capture the golden fleece, and will continue to be exploited for years to come as an eldorado to which unsophisticated people will be lured from the four corners of the earth and robbed of their possessions.

Those workingmen who are not unbalanced by the capitalistic instinct to pile up a fortune will hardly need to be warned to keep away from the West, but those who imagine that the acme of happiness and bliss can only be acquired with a fat bank account ought to think long and seriously before starting toward the Pacific coast.

Substantially every trade is overstocked with unemployed men, particularly in the larger cities, which swarm with beggars and "down and outs" and those who are on the ragged edge of poverty. Itinerant workers commonly known as "blanket stiffs," wander their dreary way back and forth along railway lines by the hundreds with hopelessness and despair written on their faces and counting it a stroke of good fortune if they secure a few days' work in a lodging camp or at road building.

While wages are slightly higher in the trades in the East, the cost of living is also proportionately higher, and in many respects the housekeeping and working conditions are much better in this section of the country.

But the worst is yet to come in the West. The working people of the whole Pacific coast and the Rocky Mountain States are agitated by the threatened economic turmoil that will follow the opening of the Panama Canal next year.

Reports have been received from Europe that thousands of steamship agents in Italy, Austria, Greece, Russia, Turkey and the Balkan States are selling tickets on the instalment plan for transportation direct to Pacific coast ports, and that the foreigners will emigrate to America by the tens of thousands.

The steamship companies require a prospective immigrant to pay their agent a total of $84. Of this amount $29 is charged for transportation, $5 is the commission of the agent, and $50 is returned to the passenger before landing at the port of entry to secure his admission under the immigration laws and protect him against the accusation of being a pauper likely to become a public charge.

This great influx of foreign labor is being welcomed and encouraged by the capitalistic interests in the West—the mine owners, railways, manufacturers, fruit raisers, ranchmen, oil and sugar refineries and other Big Business interests.

Perhaps there are some theorists and academic philosophers, who stand ready to prove upon the authority of this or that economist that restriction of immigration is unjust and unscientific, who will loudly condemn the demands of the Western workers that they be protected against this impending unfair competition, but it so happens that these wise persons are outside of the ranks of labor and are seldom compelled to fight for jobs and to maintain a decent standard of working conditions. They have no practical knowledge of the problem they sagely discuss.

If the government owned the land this is held out of use, likewise the mines, railways and manufactories, so that provision could be made to give all workers who flock to our shores the opportunity to engage in productive labor to sustain themselves, or if the newcomers were at least organized and would agree to maintain fair wage standards under the present system, there might be some good reason for the alleged leaders of thought to object to the growing demand for the further restriction of immigration.

But no such conditions exist. The West is as thoroughly monopolized as the East, and the working people who will pour into this country in ever-increasing numbers from Southern and Eastern Europe are ignorant of American customs, utterly unorganized and demoralized and are bound to undermine the present wage scales and other conditions of labor.

True, neither the Wilson administration or any other crowd of capitalistic politicians at Washington are likely to make any serious effort to solve this immediate problem, and labor will be left alone to fight its own battles, as usual.

So for the present the workers here in the East and Middle West will do well to remain away from the Pacific coast sections unless they possess comfortable sums of money to sustain themselves if they should contract the wanderlust.

As for the threatened foreign invasion, there is no sign anywhere that the schemes of the plutocratic conspirators can or will be circumvented. The immigration question is bound to remain a more or less intensified problem so long as the capitalistic system of wage-labor and profit-grabbing is exploited.

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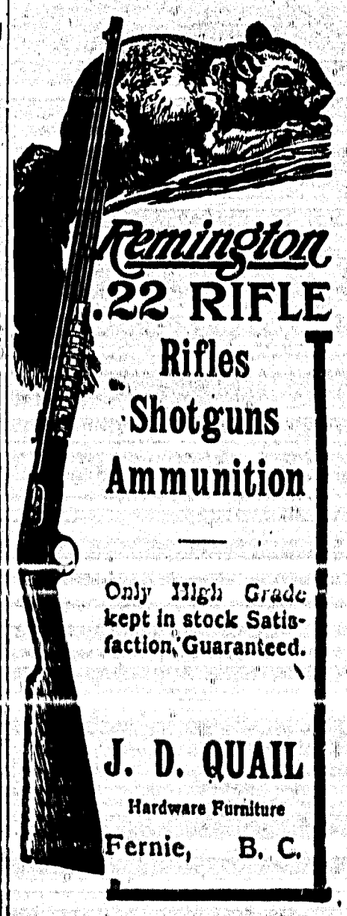

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News of District Camps

(Continued from Page Eight)

Rev. D. M. Perley, B. A., of Fernie, gave his lecture on China in the Methodist Church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, to a good house. He showed his intimate acquaintance with conditions that obtain in the great new republic and his 100 new limelights are very fine. Mr. Perley's visit was very much appreciated.

The annual entertainment and Christmas tree will be given by the Methodist Sunday School on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 23. A good time is assured.

Two of our local nimrods, Billy Branch and Jack Ferguson, arrived back in camp last week end after a very exciting time spent in the vicinity of Olson. A fire started in the shack, woke them up to discover all their provisions alight, thus leaving them without food for two days. They never once saw anything to shoot at until the day they were returning home, when all kinds of deer were to be seen. Rather too bad, boys. Anyhow, better luck next time.

The Rev. Dr. Ferguson, of Calgary, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last. He also administered communion during the afternoon.

The stork has been in evidence around the camp this week, having been seen in the vicinity of the team road on Saturday. Eventually he alighted on the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, leaving a fine son. Mother and child doing well. Keep smiling, Jim, and then some!

After lying around for a few days, the stork visited, on Tuesday, the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. France, Coyote St., leaving a son. All doing well. Tom still smiling.

Mrs. William Wheeler arrived back in camp after a vacation spent with her people in the homeland. No place like Coal Creek, eh?

Band Concert at Coal Creek

The Fernie-Coal Creek Band held their concert in the Club Hall on Wednesday evening, as advertised, before a moderate attendance. Owing to the non-appearance of some of the artistes, the program had to be rearranged. The band rendered selections, the following artistes rendering vocal and oratorial pieces in the following order: Song, "Sands of the desert," Mr. J. McMillan; song, "Good-bye, sweetheart," D. Oliver; song, "Wild Woodbines," encore, "Must you," R. Billsborough; dramatic recital, "How Bill Adams won the battle of Waterloo," Mr. J. Findlayson; song, "How are you," encore, "Round there every night," W. R. Puckey; song, Mrs. Percy; recital, "The gramaphone of Ford-du-lac," Jesse Baugh; J. McMillan, R. Billsborough, D. Oliver, W. R. Puckey, J. Baugh, also contributed further items to the program. Accompanist, Mr. C. Percy. The committee of the band desire to thank the artistes for their services, the board of management of the Club for the use of the hall, and the people for the respond they made to their appeal for aid, and the company for permission to use the trains.

The gymnasium in connection with the Club will be open on Tuesday and Friday evenings, between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock, for the convenience of members' sons from the age of 12 to 18 years. Entering by the side door and leaving same way.

Tuesday being an idle day was spent in various ways by the residents, sleigh-riding being greatly indulged in.

Don't forget Dec. 22, the night of the big concert in town and presentation of "heading" prizes. A capital program is being arranged. Watch for bills and program.

We take this opportunity of wishing bon voyage to Jim Steele, who leaves here Saturday en route for the Old Country. Rumor has it there is to be a wedding. Is that so? It was ever thus!

Venison is all the rage on Riverside Avenue this week, owing to the prowess of some of our local nimrods. That was certainly a fine specimen you brought, Alf.

We would advise the shiveree band to watch a certain house in the Morrissey Cottages as an important event is to take place on Wednesday next. Nuff sed.

Strains of music have emanated from a certain house on Riverside Avenue since the arrival of the new piano!

An accident, necessitating his removal to hospital, befel W. B. Phillips while following his employment in 1 North mine, on Wednesday morning, a bruised back being the injury received through a fall of coal.

Mrs. Ed. Bridge and daughter, of Bellevue, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Worthington for a few days prior to going on the ranch.

Our local "Paderewski" Charlie is quite busy these days between furniture moving and teaching pupils. Good for you, Charlie.

The dancing class took advantage of the idle day on Tuesday and held a dance in the evening, which was well attended.

We are asked to record that the sum of $30.50 has been forwarded to Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Whitehaven, from a few Cumbrians and others. Enquirers in regard to this apply Wm. Branch.

Voting on the election of checkweighman and District officers took place in Club Hall on Tuesday. The voting on Secretary-Treasurer for Coal Creek being as follows: Carter, 98; France, 111; Hyslop, 28; Fernie and Coal Creek: Carter, 468; France, 309; Hyslop, 120.

Mrs. James Rodgers left camp on Tuesday evening en route for her old home in Wiltshire, England. Jimmy is now singing the "Bachers' lullaby."

BEAVER MINES NOTES

After being idle for a month, work was again resumed at the mine on Monday, and although the number of men that can be employed regularly at present will fall short of that formerly employed, yet the restarting of the mine was hailed as a God-send to most of the inhabitants of Beaver. Most of the miners left the camp when operations ceased, but many of them failed to find purchasers for their labor power and returned, whilst others, on hearing that work was about to be resumed, hastened home, with the result that on Monday morning there were more men offering their services than the management could place. Since then men keep streaming into the camp from all parts, but of course old hands got preference, whilst strangers had to be turned down for the time being. The management, however, entertain high hopes that one or more large orders will come here in the near future. If so, readers of Beaver notes will be made wise at the earliest opportunity.

About 2 o'clock on Friday morning a big blaze was seen to be issuing from the Italian provision store, belonging to Aeillo Bros., near the creek in the hollow opposite the lamp cabin. So far the cause of the fire appears to be a mystery. One of the brothers, known as Mike Aeillo, was recently employed as a miner here, and he, with his wife and family, occupied the dwelling house connected with the store, and it was here that the fire originated. The other brother lived in the house about 40 feet east of the store. From what we can learn, at the time the fire occurred Mike was from home on a hunting expedition, and as the whole building was soon enveloped in flames. Mrs. Aeillo and the children, who were sleeping at the time of the outbreak, were rescued at great personal risks, as the children had to be carried through the flames to a place of safety. As a strong wind was blowing at the time in the direction of the house occupied by S. Aeillo and family, that structure was quickly in flames and, needless to say, the contents of the store and both dwelling houses were completely consumed. The store was becoming very popular in this district, as the brothers carried a very large stock of provisions; in fact there were few articles in their line that they could not supply, and as their prices were always 15 or 20 per cent cheaper than either of the other stores in the town, they were fast building up a good connection and doing a large trade. Of course the other store keepers are now wearing the smile that won't come off. The damage caused by the fire is estimated at $3,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

The election of District officers took place on Tuesday as arranged, but owing to the mine being idle the poll was a very light one. Wm. Davies was elected by the Local to act as neutral scrutineer and the 23 members who received their votes divided them as follows: For Secretary-Treasurer, Carter 16 votes, France 2, Hyslop 5; Sub-District No. 2 Board Member, Burke 17 votes, Haysom 4, Pounder 2. Several old members who were anxious to record votes were found to be in bad standing.

The lady members of the Presbyterian Church, Beaver Mines, held a bazaar in the new Church in aid of the Church funds on Tuesday, the 9th, and considering that the mine was idle so long, the bazaar was well patronized. Mrs. and the Rev. Hamilton were present, whilst Mr. Norman Morrison was busily engaged during the afternoon making himself generally useful. Besides all kinds of useful and ornamental goods which were on sale, an excellent supper was also provided by the ladies and very much enjoyed. After supper, which was over at 7 p.m., the floor was occupied by the children, who had a rare old time playing all the games which juveniles love to indulge in. The proceeds of the bazaar totalled over $90, which was very creditable considering the state of affairs here lately.

Suggestions For Christmas

Combination No. 1
5.50
1 quart Peter Dawson's Scotch
1 quart Hennessy 3-star Brandy
1 quart Very Old Madeira Wine

Combination No. 2
5.00
1 quart Jamaica Rum
1 quart Monopol Brandy Med'l Reserve
1 quart Invalid Port Wine

Combination No. 3
5.25
1 large bottle Burke's Irish Whiskey
1 large bottle Geneva Gin
1 bottle sealed Rye

Combination No. 4
5.00
1 bottle Anisette "Brizard & Rogers"
1 bottle Blackberry Brandy
2 bottles Parnay Sparkling Wine

Combination No. 5
4.50
1 bottle Gordon's Dry Gin
1 bottle Chianti Wine
1 bottle Vin St. Michel

Combination No. 6
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COMMUNICATIONS

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents)

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE Y.M.C.A.

To the Editor,
District Ledger.
Dear Sir:

An interesting thing about last week's article from the Senator on the Y. M. C. A. was its ingenious distorting of the facts to harmonize with a prejudiced point of view. If one contrasts it with a quotation from a letter written to a Y. M. C. A. secretary recently by the manager of an eighteen million dollar corporation, he may see another side if he keep both optics open.

"I have been much dissatisfied," the letter reads, "with the Y. M. C. A. ever since seventy-four men walked out of camp No. 1 on the fifth day of June. This is the most men that have walked out of any camp in the country. In our camp No. 2, where there is no Y. M. C. A., not a man walked out."

This speaks for itself. The Association has proved itself to be the ally of the worker and the foe to class privilege. The Senator's oddly artificial account of the origin of the organization is still farther from the facts. The church at first was very distrustful of the new body and manifested an open hostility, because a lot of the professional "good men" saw in it an enemy, not a vestibule built on the church. That it offered a career to the easy-getters is a strange perversion of truth in view of the fact that for years after George Williams founded it, there were no paid secretaries at all. Only when the Association grew as complex in usefulness to all ranks of society as it is today, did it demand the services of specially trained leaders who gave their whole time to it at half the wages they could have earned at any other sort of work.

This leads to the question "Is there any truth in the Senator's vague generalities regarding the 'brother' who lives easily at the expense of those who toil?" When we look at statistics we see that those professionally employed by religious organizations are paid a lower wage than any other class of men with similar education and ability. That although times are improving in this respect and these employes are better paid, the number of applicants for these positions decreases in direct proportion to the increase of workers. If easy living be the bait, why does it not attract? There is nowadays no lack of candidates for the Far North or Far Southern missions in frozen Arctics or fever stricken tropics. Why? Simply because the Spirit of the Man of Nazareth still lives and energizes those whose Gospel is that of work and not the utterance of worn-out platitudes.

Yours, etc.,
D. M. PERLEY.

CHECKERS—RESTRICTED OPENINGS

Editor, District Ledger.

Sir,—I notice a letter from Mr. J. F. Thompson, Edmonton (recently of Bellevue), with a second challenge at checkers. Now, sir, it is out of respect I reply to Mr. Thompson's letter, after he uses my name.

In the first place, why did Mr. Thompson not play me here before he went away? He had every chance to play eight or ten games straight off. He cannot put up any bluff to a player who knows the game, about repeating games. I will defy Mr. Thompson to repeat games with me if I don't want them. It ought to be the same with him if he doesn't want them.

Now this is plain talk; I want nothing else but business. When Mr. Thompson compares our efforts with such renowned players as the "Herd Laddie," R. Martin, W. Gardner, etc., it makes one smile. Mr. Thompson knows quite well he doesn't intend to play. And one thing sure, I don't intend to go to Edmonton to play. Where does it come in? Only he evidently wants his name classed before the people as a checker player. That he may be one I won't dispute. A challenge came to me from Mr. Thompson at a time I could not accept, owing to certain circumstances. Checkers is a game of skill and not gambling. Further I play for the sport and pleasure of the game.

However, I am prepared to meet Mr. Thompson or any other player in District 18, any reasonable time within one month or within two weeks after signing articles to play eight or ten games straight off; or I will concede Mr. Thompson what he wanted here, the two-move opening, or we will draw the 26 standard opening, match to be played in Bellevue. Purse can be fixed at what Mr. Thompson wants.

This letter closes the matter so far as I am concerned.

I am, yours truly,
EDWARD BRADLEY.
Bellevue, Alta.

As infamous and dastardly as was the Harry Orchard conspiracy it is now being repeated on the same blood-stained soil of Colorado. Not satisfied with their brutal and lawless rule of the Colorado coal fields, the mine owners are now determined to hang innocent men because they preferred to serve their fellow workers rather than to feed at the masters' crib. History is repeating itself. A mine guard is found murdered. A man confesses that he did the killing and that he was paid to do it by strike leaders. So did Orchard confess. Immediately follows wholesale arrests and endless distortion of the truth in the capitalist press, just as occurred in the great Moyer-Haywood conspiracy.

Blood! The Colorado capitalists are hungry for it! These miners who have interrupted the orderly course of exploitation must be put out of the way! What matters it if these men are innocent? What do they care if wives and children of these men sleep not tonight because their loved ones have been thrown into filthy dungeons awaiting trial by a drumhead court martial?

The same jackals wanted the blood of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone only a few years ago. They would have had their lives, too, were it not for you. It was the aroused Appeal Army that saved these men. Appeal to Reason.

From the Island

MR. K. A. ACKLAND ATTEMPTS TO OPEN UP NEGOTIATIONS AT NANAIMO DURING HIS VISIT.

In accord with the desire of Local 2155 of the U. M. W. of A., and at the earliest opportunity, we here present to the public the nature and extent of the work accomplished by Mr. K. A. Ackland, deputy minister of labor, with a view to opening up of negotiations with the W. K. Company for a settlement of the present dispute. Upon the 12th of November Mr. Ackland stepped into the offices of the U. M. W. of A. in the Gibson block, and there met some of the officials of the union, and talked freely with the men on various matters respecting the present trouble. He expressed a desire to hold conference with the men affected, for the purpose of gaining some desirable information relating thereto, and was informed to do that properly it would be better to have the executive board meet him. This was immediately accepted by him, and the conference between him and the committee was arranged for the following day, the 13th ult. This enabled the minister and the men to discuss matters relative to the question of opening up negotiations with the Western Fuel Company, and as his request on leaving the committee the minister was informed that the men would consider the matter carefully and then let him know the decision arrived at. The men sent a delegation to see Mr. Ackland from this meeting to inform him they had decided at his request to meet Mr. Stockett, the manager of the Western Fuel Company, with a committee of his former employees, if he could so arrange.

The executive again met Mr. Ackland on the 15th ult. and to the committee on this occasion was submitted the following reply of Mr. L. Stockett to the proposal made by the men through Mr. Ackland, which was "That Mr. Stockett was willing to meet a committee composed of three employees presently at work below ground, and three of his ex-employees." After careful consideration of this proposal from the management, a subcommittee was appointed to draw up a suitable reply and after the same was adopted by the full executive it was despatched through Mr. Ackland to Mr. L. Stockett, the reply being as follows:

Nanaimo, B. C., Nov. 15, 1913.
Mr. F. A. Ackland,
Deputy Minister of Labor.

Dear Sir,—We very much regret our inability to agree to the proposition submitted by the management of the Western Fuel Company through you to us, as the men working for the Company now and we are apparently of very diverse opinions, on some points. We do not think it would serve any good purpose to agree to a joint representation. Further, we do not think that the top hands should be represented at any conference that may be held or in any settlement that may be agreed to. Therefore we beg leave to submit through you, to the management for their consideration the following proposition, viz., "That a committee of five men be chosen without restriction from the former employees of the company to meet the management, to discuss all questions at issue, and arrange a basis of settlement that may be as nearly as possible mutually satisfactory to the men and the company."

Signed for the committee,
W. WATSON, Secretary.

On the 18th of November, a delegation waited upon Mr. Ackland, and was informed that he had no further reply from Mr. Stockett and advised the delegation that he may be in the district for some time, also that he would be willing further to respond at any time to any further effort that may be made by the company or the men for a continuance of the negotiations.

No further reply has been received to date from Mr. Stockett to offer made by the committee as mentioned previously, therefore we take this method to allow the public to know the exact truth of what has been done and the nature of the attempt that was made at the request of Mr. Ackland looking to the opening up of negotiations between the Western Fuel Company and Local 2155 of U. M. W. of America.

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Silk Hose are always acceptable for Christmas gifts. Our lines of Silk Hose are exceptionally good. We have every wanted color in pure silk and silk, boot length, with lisle heel, toe and top. Every pair boxed neatly in a holiday box at from **75c** to **$1.75** per pair.

GIVE HER GLOVES

Whether it is Kid Gloves, Fur Lined Gloves, Silk Lined Gloves or Wool Lined Gloves, we have them in all sizes and qualities. They are all well sewn and finished. Priced from **$1.00** to **$3.00** per pair.

LADIES' NECKWEAR

We have just received a shipment of all the newest designs in Ladies' Neckwear. We have everything from the dainty little flower bow to the coat sets. All priced specially at from **25c** to **$3.50**.

Headquarters For Toys

Our Toy Department is larger than ever. The variety is greater. We have all the new ideas in mechanical as well as novelty toys. There are toys for all ages of children, also toys to amuse the older people as well.

Toys from 5c to $5.00 each.

Ladies' Boot & Shoe Department

LIKELY XMAS GIFTS IN THE SHOE DEPARTMENT

Ladies' High Top Felt Romeo Slippers, fur trimmed, with leather sole and medium and high heels. Ranging in prices from **$1.50** to **$2.50**.

Ladies' All Felt Slippers, fur trimmed, in Brown and Black. Price **$1.25**.

Ladies' Bedroom Slippers, low foot form shape, in Red, Black and Brown. Price **$1.50**.

Ladies' Moccasin Slippers, fur lined, with fancy work on toes, Indian style; colors Brown, Green, Blue and Grey. Prices from **$1.75** to **$3.00**.

Ladies' All Felt Slippers, in Plaid, plain felt sole and no heel. Ranging in prices from **35c** to **$1.25**.

Ladies' Travelling Slippers, put up in a leather pocket, just the thing for travelling, made in leather and poplin, in Brown, Red and Blue. Prices **$1.75** and **$2.25**.

Ladies' Snow Shoes in the different sizes. Ranging in price from **$3.50** to **$6.00**.

Ladies' Shoes and Skates combined. These are neat and serviceable. Price **$4.50**.

Ladies' Buckskin Moccasins, with fancy worked toes. Prices **$1.00, $1.25** and **$1.50**.

We are headquarters for Christmas Toys of every description. Come and see our stock

Saturday Specials

Mrs. Stewart's Liquid Blue	2 for	.25
Mooney's Mixed Biscuits	2 lbs. for	.25
Two in One Black	3 for	.25
Whitemore's Gilt Edge Black	per bottle	.20
Robertson's Elline Chocolates	per lb.	.30
Braid's Best Coffee, fresh ground	2 lbs. for	.85
Heinz Catsup	pints	.30
Silver Label Extract, 4 oz.	2 for	.25
Domestic Sardines	2 for	.25
Prairie Pride Flour	98 lb. sack	2.90
Robin Hood Flour	49 lb. sack	1.65
Sherriff's Marmalade	2 lb. glass	.40
Sherriff's Marmalade	4 lb. tin	.60
Empire Hams	per lb.	.23
Empire Bacon	per lb.	.24
Libby's Roast Beef, 1 lb. tin	2 for	.25
Grenoble Walnuts	per lb.	.20
Red Cross Pickles	18 oz.	.25
Heinz Baked Beans in Sauce, small size,	2 for	.25
Canada First Beans in Sauce, large size,	2 for	.25
Castile Soap, small bars	8 for	.25
White Swan Laundry Soap	12 bars	.45
Heinz Tomato Soup	small tin	.10
Heinz Dill Pickles	per dozen	.20
Lyle's English Syrup	2 tins	.35
Rogers Golden Syrup	per tin	.15
Special Blend Bulk Tea	3 lbs.	1.00
Turnips	18 lbs.	.25
Beets	14 lbs.	.25
Crisco	3 lb. tin	.60
Liquid Veneer	large bottle	.35
Scott's Emulsion	large bottle	.85
Gin Pills	per box	.40

Ladies' Handbags

An extra large showing of real leather Handbags, made in the new shape with soft leather strap handle. We have them in both silk and leather lined and some are fitted with all the toilet accessories. The colors are Black, Navy, Tan, Green and Grey. The leathers are Seal, Pebble Swede and Velvet. Priced from **$1.00** to **$18.50**.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS

We imported our Handkerchiefs direct from Switzerland, had the choice of all the patterns made to pick from and we believe we are showing newer designs in both corner effects and side effects than we have shown before. We have two hundred different designs to choose from. Have them put up in folders and boxes for mailing

Handkerchiefs from **5c** to **$2.00** each.

Money Saving Prices

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