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LATE ITEMS.

Mr. F. H. Hale left on Thursday on a business visit to Fernie.

P. H. Barnes returned the end of the week from a visit to Revelstoke.

Kelowna curlers are challenging the valley.

H. W. Harvey and W. A. Dobson were business visitors to Vernon on Monday.

Dr. Fraser, dentist of Armstrong, will be at the King Edward Hotel on Monday next, and will remain for one week.

MARRIED.—Thomas—Scott. In St. James' church, Armstrong, on Tuesday, 16th inst., by Rev. F. Vernon Venables, Vicar, Thomas Thomas and Annie Scott, both of Armstrong, B.C.

R. McQuarrie, accompanied by Mrs McQuarrie, passed through on Wednesday for the coast, where they will reside in future. They were recognised by several friends as they passed by.

There are prospects of a game of hockey at Enderby on Saturday, says the Vernon News. The bankers there have organized a team, who will try conclusions with a team composed of the local bank staff and the office staff of the Kamloops Lumber Co.

Capt. G. L. Estabrook, S. C. Smith and J. P. Burnyeat of Vernon, passed through on Tuesday to Revelstoke to attend a meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter, A. F. & A. F. Capt. Estabrook is the W. M. of the Vernon Lodge. The party was joined here by Mr. F. H. Barnes, the Master of Enderby lodge.

SALMON ARM ITEMS.

Nominations for Reeve and Councillors passed off quietly.

The following were nominated: For reeve, J. W. McCallum and J. Harbell. For councillors, Jas. Evans and W. Baker in Canoe Creek ward; Wm. Monteith and J. Johnston for the Arm ward; W. J. Kew and E. Blake for the North ward; and Jas. Rabie by acclamation for the south ward.

T. M. Engram, general agent for B. C. for the Best Light Co. of Canton, Ohio, is visiting the Arm.

At a school meeting held on the 11th, the following Trustees were elected for the centre school:

A. B. Currie, Ed. Toombs, and E. Bromen. Auditor, J. W. McCallum.

Dr. Reinhart has opened an office here and should be welcomed by all.

Miss May Hoover, of Armstrong, was visiting friends here last week.

MARA NOTES

The Annual School Meeting of the Mara School District was held on Thursday, Jan. 11th. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted, and the previous year's accounts passed. The regulations of the new School Act called for the election of three Trustees and an Auditor. E. Bennett, John Moser and W. Owen were nominated for trustees, and H. M. Law for auditor. A ballot had to be taken in order to ascertain what length of term each trustee would have to serve. The result was as follows:

Ernest Bennett, 12 votes, term of service, 3 years; Wm. Owen, 9 votes, for 2 years; John Moser, 6 votes, for one year. H. M. Law was elected as auditor by acclamation.

Mr. H. J. Johnson carried out the duties of Chairman of the meeting.

We are pleased to be able to report that C. L. Zeltergreen, who cut himself badly while at work at the Columbia River Lumber Co's. camp at Kault, although still in the hospital at Kamloops is progressing favorably.

The CIVIC ELECTIONS

For mayor, G. Bell and H. W. Wright were nominated. As Mr. Wright withdrew later, the retiring mayor was returned by acclamation.

For north ward Messrs. Kenny, Evans Worthington and Hutchison were nominated: and south ward, Messrs. Bradley, Lawes Barnes and Sharpe.

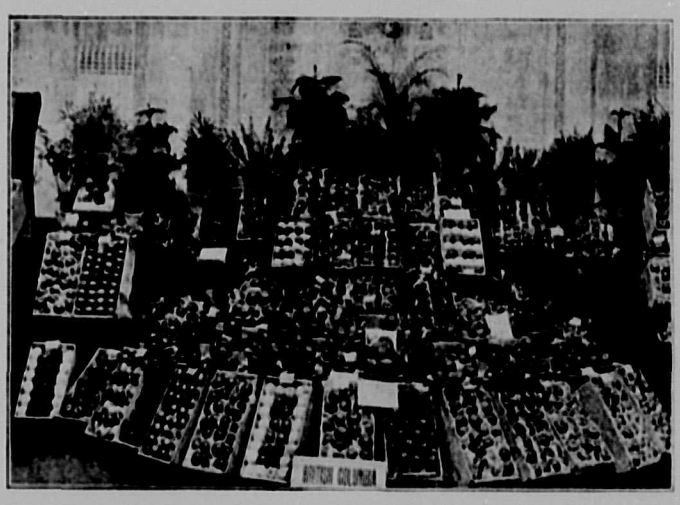
What promised to be an interesting contest was spoilt by two nominations, those of W. R. Lawes and W. Hutchison, not containing the necessary property declaration. Therefore, a poll was only necessary in the south ward, which resulted as follows: R.P. Bradley, 20; F. H. Barnes, 16; G. R. Sharpe, 13.

Therefore, the make-up of the council is as follows: Mayor, Geo. Bell; aldermen, Messrs. F. H. Barnes, R. P. Bradley, J. Evans, N. H. Kenny, and H. H. Worthington.

Council Meeting

The Council meeting of Wednesday, the last of this Council's term of office, was short and sweet. Those present were Mayor Bell, and Aldermen Bradley, Smith Kenny and Sharpe, with a prospective Alderman looking on—we suppose to gather hints by the way. Mayor Bell gave a verbal report of an interview with Supt. T. Kilpatrick, of the C.P.R., with reference to the Mill St. drain. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he thought a cedar box drain would be sufficient under the track, and that he would look up all correspondence on the subject and let the Council know. After some further unimportant business the Mayor read a resolution thanking the City Clerk, Mr. Rossman, for the capable and cheerful manner in which he had performed his arduous duties on a very small remuneration, and in recognition thereof the Council authorized Mr. Rossman to draw for himself a cheque for $20. Carried unanimously. Mr. Rossman thanked the Council for their kind expressions and the unexpected gift, and hoped that arrangements would be such as would enable him to continue the happy relations.

The Exhibit of B. C. Fruit at the Show of Colonial Fruit Recently held in London



This is the central portion of the exhibit which captured the Gold Medal offered by the Royal Horticultural Society and which established a reputation for B. C. fruit that is second to none.

Mr. McDonald, principal of the public school, returned on Saturday from attending the teachers' convention at Kamloops. Mr. Wilson of Armstrong was also among the teachers returning to their respective charges. A profitable and enjoyable time is reported.

Those who took "An Easy Trip to the Klondike" last Wednesday evening in the Methodist church, had a most enjoyable time. There was a good audience, who listened with rapt attention to an interesting lecture, illustrated by many pictures typical of that northern land. Mr. Barraclough has an excellent delivery, and certainly knows his subject.

We are informed by an old resident of Enderby that an earthquake shock was felt in this valley only as recent as five years ago, which was of greater severity than that of two weeks ago. Also, that six years ago there occurred a fall of sulphur ashes, which was plainly seen on the leaves of the trees and plants. A peculiar fact was noticed, we are also informed, in connection with the recent shock. This is, that the settlers who live three or four miles up the Mable lake road felt nothing of it. This is vouched by one who was travelling along that road at the time Enderby was quaking.

School Promotions.

The following pupils of Enderby public school have been promoted from Division II. to Division I.:

Gertie Teece, Vivian Nichol, Nellie Radley, Emma Carlson, Tillie Logan and Fred Johnston.

The Skating Carnival

There was a large attendance, both of sightseers and participants, at the carnival at the rink on Friday last. Many beautiful and characteristic costumes were worn by the skaters, and the scene presented to the spectator was a brilliant one. Space forbids more than a mention of the prizewinners, who were:

Ladies fancy skating, A. Shields (1); Ladies fancy dress, Miss Hanson, Norwegian girl; Gents' fancy skating, A. E. Hale; Gents fancy dress, R. Hamill, Ancient Knight; Girls fancy dress, Hilda McCormick, Princess; Boys' fancy dress, A. Collins, Turk; Girls race, E. Johnson; Boys race, H. Moffet; Men's race, C. Hancock.

Mention must be made of Enderby's (Best) Band, whose sweet discordant strains enlivened the proceeding during the earlier part of the evening. The members displayed no mean talent in the manipulation of their instruments, and there is here the nucleus of a good band in the near future.

Next carnival on Friday, January 26

With the Curlers

The curling competition is now well under way and many interesting and exciting games have been played. The following is the standing of the rinks to date:

Skip	won	lost	p'ge	Skip	won	lost	pc
Nairn	5	2	.714	Scott	3	4	.428
Matthews	3	2	.600	Evans	2	4	.333
Gooch	3	2	.600	Pyman	2	5	.286
G. Bell	4	3	.571				

Dr. T. Verner, late of Toronto, Ontario, came in on Saturday's train. Dr. Verner has opened an office in the building that was used by Mr. Truesdale as an office, and is ready to see any who desire to consult him. Dr. Verner has practised in Toronto for over twenty years, and was connected with the hospitals there. He is also a graduate of London, England, and Dublin, Ireland. Owing to the delicate state of Mrs. Verner's health, a complete change of climate became necessary, and that of the northern Okanagan being considered the most suitable, the Doctor decided to locate here. We understand that until the doctor has secured a house, he may be found, outside of office hours, at the King Edward Hotel.

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The FARMERS' EXCHANGE

As we said last week, it is necessary for all those who intend to take shares in the Armstrong Farmers' Exchange, for the express purpose of having a branch established here in Enderby, to make payment at once. The need for this must be clearly seen. It will take some time to make all the arrangements, erect the building, etc., and if this branch is to be in readiness for the coming season's business, it must be known at an early date whether the requisite number of shares will be subscribed for or not.

If you intend to support the scheme, come forward at once. Enderby would have had a branch last year but for lack of decision.

If the present shareholders had not faith in either the business or the management, the shareholders present at the annual meeting would not have subscribed for over two hundred additional shares, with the prospects of twice that number at an early date. This is a compliment to its energetic manager, and shows the unbounded confidence the shareholders have in him.

As we have said before, it would be a splendid thing for Enderby to have a Farmers' Exchange here, and one that would be of great benefit to both country and town alike.

The opportunity is ours—and yours—to-day. Let it be not written that we failed to grasp it.

WHY NO TELEPHONE?

In its last issue the Armstrong Advertiser says that "as it seems highly improbable that any local agitation will urge upon the government the necessity of telephone connection between towns of the Upper Okanagan, why cannot some private company be formed to put a line into operation."

We certainly agree with our contemporary, that a telephone line through this part of the valley would be a great convenience, and that it would be a paying proposition, and we were the first, at the time when construction was commenced on the line from Kamloops to Penticton and Hedley, to draw attention to the fact that the northern part of the Okanagan valley was being side-tracked.

While a line between Armstrong and Enderby would do a great deal towards facilitating transaction of business, yet to be a on a branch of the government line would be a far greater boon and convenience. For note the places one could talk with then! It is certainly worth striving after.

We do no know whether the government or the member for this constituency has ever been approached in the matter. If not, perhaps we need seek no further for the reason "why not." Nothing comes to this part of the Dominion, so far from Ottawa, without being asked for. We would suggest that a petition or memorial be circulated for signatures, and then either sent to the local member or direct to Ottawa.

We should appreciate any expressions of opinion that our readers may have on this subject.

NOTES

After a considerable amount of trouble and expense we are enabled to present to our readers a picture of the famous B. C. fruit exhibit that gained such high honors at the Colonial Show of fruit held under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural Society in London, England, on December 5 and 6. Though the honor of being one of the represented districts was not ours, yet we, as part of the Okanagan, can look upon it as an honor. For cannot we produce, and do produce every year, apples of as good quality and flavor as what were shown in London? The answer is most assuredly yes. The northern Okanagan when its merits become known, will produce the greatest quantity of the best varieties of winter apples, of the finest quality and flavor. We may say that this is the first picture of the exhibit that has appeared in the Provincial press, or of that of the Dominion, as a matter of fact, and we hope that our readers will take advantage of our offer, to be found on another page.

The civic balance sheet just issued makes interesting reading. It must be apparent to all that the late council have been very careful of their expenditures. This they had to be, considering how problematical was their income. And it is very creditable to be able to show a balance in hand of $186.91. The actual cost of running the city (exclusive of the school) was $559.33. There was also spent on drainage $441.85. This refers to the drain now in course of construction along Mill street, and which would have been completed ere now had it not been for the C. P. R. There is no doubt but what the benefit of this will be felt in the spring, for in draining the low lying spot crossed by Mill street, the whole town will be drained.

Kelowna City council are able to show a credit balance of $317.99 as a result of the first year of incorporation as a city. In making a comparison between that of Enderby and that of Kelowna, we notice that the taxes refunded by the Government amounted to $1,000.14 and licenses, $682.50. The total income amounted to $2,849.49. On the expenditure side we notice $639.41 spent on streets, sidewalks, lumber, etc., school board $600, engineer re waterworks $250, and $206 to general account. But we see no item relating to cost of incorporation, as compared to the heavy bill of corporation expenses charged against Enderby.

The local legislative body got a move on last Thursday and actually passed a bill on the opening day. And indeed it might. The bill passed was one to remedy the anomaly in the Municipal Clauses Act, whereby the new councils were called upon to meet before they were elected. All house rules were suspended in order to pass through all its stages the bill amending this Act, so that the first statutory meetings of the newly-elected bodies is fixed for one week later than previously prescribed.

In the speech from the throne on the opening day of the British Columbia Legislature reference is made to that much maligned Municipal Clauses Act. This, it is promised, is to be further consolidated, the extension of self government and the decentralization of administration by the creation of municipal bodies being endorsed, as calculated to promote the interests of the people.

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My Strangest Case

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

Author of "DR. NIKOLA," "THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE DEVIL," "PHAROS, THE EGYPTIAN," Etc.

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I seated myself, and we discussed the affair to such good purpose that, when I left the board room, it was on the understanding that I was to take up the case at once, and that my expenses and a very large sum of money should be paid me, provided I could manage to bring the affair to a successful termination. I spent the remainder of that day at the bank, carefully studying the various memoranda. A great deal of what I had read and heard had been mere hearsay, and this it was necessary to discard in order that the real facts of the case might be taken up, and the proper conclusions drawn therefrom. For three days I weighed the case carefully in my mind, and at the end of that time was in a position *to give the board a definite answer to* their inquiries. Thereupon I left England, with the result that exactly 12 weeks later the two men, so much wanted, were at How street, and I had the proud knowledge of knowing that I had succeeded where the men who had tried before me had so distinctly failed.

As will be remembered, it was a case that interested every class of society, and press and public were alike united in the interest they showed in it. It is not, however, the trial itself as much as another curious circumstance connected with it that has induced me to refer to it here. The case had passed from the magistrate's court to the Old Bailey, and was hourly increasing in interest. Day after day the court was crowded to overflowing, and, when the time came for me to take my place in the witness-box and describe the manner in which I had led up to and effected the capture of the offenders, the excitement rose to fever heat. I can see the whole scene as if it had occurred but yesterday. The learned judge upon the bench, the jury in their box, the rows of counsels, and the benches full of interested spectators. I gave my evidence and was examined by the counsels for the prosecution and for the defense. I described how I had traced the men from England to their hiding-place abroad, and the various attempts that had been made to prevent their extradition, and had just referred to a certain statement one of the prisoners had made to me soon after his arrest when an interruption caused me to look behind at the rows of spectators. At the further end of the bench, nearest me, were two men; one was evidently tall, the other very short. The taller was the possessor of silvery white hair and a long and venerable beard. He was a handsome-looking man of about 40, and my first glance at him told me that he was blind. As I have said, his companion was a much smaller man, with a smooth, almost boyish face, a pair of twinkling eyes, but a mouth rather hard set. Both were evidently following the case closely, and when on the next day I saw that they were in the same place I took an even greater interest in them than before. It was not, however, until the trial had finished and the pair of miserable men had been sent to penal servitude for a lengthy term of years, that I made the acquaintance of the men I have just described. I remember the

"YOU ARE MR. FAIRFAX, ARE YOU NOT?" INQUIRED THE TALLER OF THE MEN.

circumstance quite distinctly. I had left the court and was proceeding down the Old Bailey in the direction of Ludgate Hill, when I heard my name pronounced.

Turning round I discovered to my astonishment the two men I had seen in the court, and who had seemed to take such an interest in the case. The smaller was guiding his friend along the crowded pavement with a dexterity that was plainly the outcome of a long practice. When I stopped, they stopped also, and the blind man addressed me. His voice was deep, and had a note of pathos in it impossible to describe. It may have been that I was a little sad that afternoon, for both the men who had been condemned to penal servitude had wives and children, to whose pitiful condition the learned judge had referred when passing sentence.

"You are Mr. Fairfax, are you not?" inquired the taller of the men.

"That is my name," I admitted. "What can I do for you?"

"If we could persuade you to vouchsafe us an hour of your valuable time we should be more grateful than we could say," the man replied. "We have an important piece of business which it might possibly be to your advantage to take up. At any rate, it would be worthy of your consideration."

"But why have you not come to me before?" I inquired. "You have seen me in court every day. Why do you wait until the case is at an end?"

"Because we wanted to be quite sure of you," he answered. "Our case is so large and of such vital importance to us, that we did not desire to run any risk of losing you. We thought we would wait and familiarize ourselves with all that you have done in this affair before coming to you. Now we are satisfied that we could not place our case in better hands, and what we are anxious to do is to induce you to interest yourself in it and take it up."

"You pay me a very high compliment," I said, "but I cannot give you a decision at once. I must hear what it is that you want me to do and have time to think it over, before I can answer you. That is my invariable rule, and I never depart from it. Do you know my office?"

"We know it perfectly," returned the blind man. "It would be strange if we did not, seeing that we have stood outside it repeatedly, trying to summon up courage to enter. Would it be possible for you to grant us an interview to-night?"

"I fear not," I said. "I am tired, and stand in need of rest. If you care to come to-morrow morning, I shall be very pleased to see you. But you must bear in mind the fact that my time is valuable, and that it is only a certain class of cases that I care to take up personally."

"We are not afraid of our case," the man replied. "I doubt if there has ever been another like it. I fancy you yourself will say so when you hear the evidence I have to offer. It is not as if we were destitute. We are prepared to pay you well for your services, but we must have the very best that England can supply."

My readers must remember that this conversation was being carried on at the corner of Ludgate Hill and the Old Bailey. Curious glances were being thrown at my companions by passers-by, and so vehement were the tall man's utterances becoming that a small crowd was gradually collecting in our neighborhood.

"Very well," I said, "if you are really desirous of consulting me, I shall be very glad to see you at my office at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. I must ask you, however, not to be late, as I have several other appointments."

"We shall not be late," the man answered, "you may rely upon that. We have too much at stake to run any risks of losing your assistance. We will be with you to-morrow at ten o'clock punctually."

He thereupon bade me good-by, and, raising his hat politely, was led along the street by his companion in an opposite direction to that I was taking. They seemed delighted that I had given them an appointment, but for my part I am afraid I was too absorbed by the memories of the day, and the punishment that had been allotted to the two principal members in the swindle, to think very much of them and their business. Indeed, although I made a note of the appointment, it was not until I had arrived at the office on the following morning that I recollected their promised visit. I had just finished my correspondence, and had directed a few letters to my managing clerk, when a junior entered with two cards, which he placed before me. The first I took up bore the name of Septimus Cold, that of the second, Mr. George Kitwater. When I had finished the letter I was in the act of dictating, I bade the clerk admit them, and a moment later the blind man and his companion whom I had seen on Ludgate Hill the previous evening were ushered into my presence. I cannot remember a more venerable appearance than that presented by the taller man. His was a personality that would have appealed forcibly to any student of humanity. It was decidedly an open countenance, to which the long white beard that descended almost to his waist gave an added reverence. His head was well shaped and well set upon his shoulders, his height was six feet two if an inch, and he carried himself with the erectness of a man accustomed to an outdoor life. He was well dressed, and for that reason I surmised that he was the possessor of good manners. His companion was as much below the middle height as he was above it. His face, as a peculiar countenance resembling that of a boy when seen at a distance, and that of an old man when one was close to him. His eyes, as I have already said, were small, and they were set deep in his head. This, in itself, was calculated to add to his peculiar appearance. He steered his blind companion into the room and placed him in a seat. Then he perched himself on a chair beside him and waited for me to open the debate.

"Good morning, gentlemen," I said, "Allow me to congratulate you on your punctuality."

"We were afraid of missing you," observed Kitwater. "Our business is so particular that we did not want to run any risk of losing our appointment."

"Perhaps you will now be good enough to tell me what that business is?" I replied, taking my note book out of a drawer, preparatory to writing down what they had to say.

"In the first place, sir," the man began, "we of course understand that everything we have to tell you will be regarded by you as strictly private and confidential?"

"That goes without saying," I replied. "If I were to divulge what my clients tell me, my business would not be worth a day's purchase. You can rest assured that everything you may impart to me will be treated in strictest confidence."

"We thank you," said Kitwater. "The story I have to tell you is perhaps the strangest that has ever been told to mortal man. To begin with, you must understand that my companion and myself have but lately arrived in England. We have been for many years missionaries in China, sowing the good seed in the western provinces. I do not know whether you have ever visited that country, but, even if you have not, you must be aware to some extent of the dangers to which our calling is subjected. We carry our lives in our hands from the moment we leave civilization until we enter it again. There are times, however, that compensate one for all the trials that have to be undergone."

"You must excuse me," I said, "if I remind you that my time is valuable, and that, however interested I may be in the missionary work of China, I cannot allow it to interfere with my business. The sooner you tell me in what way you want me to help you, the sooner I shall be able to give you the answer you are seeking."

"I must implore your pardon," the man continued, humbly enough. "I am afraid our calling, however, is apt to make us a trifle verbose. If you will allow me I will put what I have to say in as few words as possible."

I bowed and signed to him to proceed.

"Our case is as follows," he began. "As I have told you, we have been in China for several years, and during that time we have had the good fortune to enroll not a few well-known names among our converts. To make a long story short, we were so successful as to be able to persuade even the mandarin of the province to listen to our message. He was an enormously rich man, one of the richest, perhaps, in China, and was so impressed by the good news we brought to him that, on his death-bed, he left to us for the benefit of the mission all his wealth, in gold, silver and precious stones. It was a princely legacy, and one that would have enabled us to carry on our mission with such success as we had never dreamed of."

"But if you were so lucky and so much in love with your profession, how does it come about that you are in England now?" I inquired.

"I will tell you why," he answered, leaning toward me and tapping with his fingers upon the edge of the writing-table. "It is a sad story, and the mere telling of it causes me more pain than you would believe. You must understand that at the time of the mandarin's death an English traveler, who had been passing through the western provinces, reached our city and took up his abode with us. Needless to say, we were overwhelmed with grief at the loss of our patron. The treasure he had presented us with we took to the mission and deposited it in a safe place. We had no suspicion of any sort of treachery. I fear my companion and I are not men of the world, that is to say we do not go about suspecting evil of our neighbors."

"I think I understand," I said. "You brought the treasure home, put it in what you considered a safe place, and one day awoke to find your estimable guest missing and the treasure gone with him. Have I guessed correctly?"

"You have hit the mark exactly," Kitwater replied. "We woke one day not only to find the treasure gone, but also ourselves and our mission seriously compromised. The relations of the dead man not only accused us of having alienated him from the faith of his forefathers, but also of having robbed him of his ancestral treasure. We could not but admit that we had been presented with the wealth in question, and when it was demanded of us we could only explain that we had lost it in our turn. You can imagine the position for yourself. At the best of times the foreigner is not popular in China, and our situation was particularly unpleasant. Situated as we were in one of the wildest portions of the empire, and accused of the lowest sacrilege, that is to say of violating the home of a dead man, we could hope for but small mercy. The man who had robbed us had entirely disappeared, and no trace of him could be discovered. To attempt to offer any explanation, or to incriminate him, was out of the question. We could only suffer in silence."

He paused and heaved a heavy sigh.

"And what form did your punishment take?" I inquired, for I was beginning to be interested in their story.

"Can you not see for yourself?" the man answered. "Can you not see that I am blind, while my companion is dumb? That was what they condemned us to. By that man's villainy I am destined never to look upon God's earth again, while my companion will never be able to converse with his fellow-men, except by signs. We are in the world, yet out of it."

I looked at them both in amazement. Their tale seemed too terrible to be true. And yet I had the best of evidence to show that it was correct.

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Date	Maximum Thermometer	Minimum Thermometer	General state of weather	Rain	Snow
1	22	12	cloudy		
2	30	18	"		1 in.
3	35	28	"		
4	34	28	"		
5	36	27	"		
6	46	27	sunny		
7	45	28	"		
8	34	24	cloudy		
9	34	27	"		
10	34	28	"		
11	32	28	snow		5 in.
12	35	22	cloudy		
13	37	23	sunny		
14	29	24	cloudy		
15	37	25	sunny		
16	35	20	cloudy		
17	29	25	"		
18	35	30	"		
19	39	28	clear		
20	38	19	"		
21	34	10	"		
22	32	15	"		
23	34	22	"		
24	35	22	"		
25	40	30	"		
26	41	28	"		
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28	26	6	cloudy		
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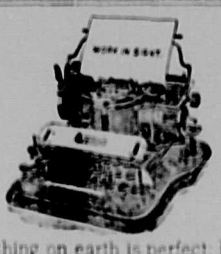

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TOWN & DISTRICT . NOTES .

Mr. Geo. McCormick returned on Saturday from a trip to Toronto and other Ontario points.

T. Fletcher of Armstrong passed through on Saturday, returning from a trip to main line points.

H. McCormick was over from Kamloops this week, spending a few days at his home in the city.

Ira C. Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Jones, returned on Monday from a trip to Lumby. Enderby is good enough, says Mr. Jones.

Miss Beattie, of the public school staff, returned on Monday from Kamloops, where she spent the Christmas holidays visiting friends there.

Chauncey Depew, bartender of the King Edward Hotel, returned last week from a visit to the famous Halcyon Hot Springs sanitorium, and is feeling greatly benefitted thereby.

Price Ellison, M. P. P. for this district, passed through on Saturday to Victoria, to attend the session of the B. C. Legislature just opened.

Invitations are out for the annual masquerade ball to be given under the auspices of the Armstrong Gun Club in the I. O. F. hall on February 14—St. Valentine's Day.

A large quantity of snow fell between Friday night and Sunday morning. This has put the roads into first-class shape and the hauling of heavy loads is now in order.

An extra British Columbia Gazette was issued on January 13, setting forth the new school districts created, the re-definition of existing districts, and those that have been cancelled.

J. F. Dale left on Monday on a trip to Kelowna and other lake points.

Mr. F. H. Hale was visitor to Vernon on Tuesday.

Wm. Elson paid a visit to Vernon on Tuesday.

Mr. G. McCormick was a business visitor to Vernon on Tuesday.

It is reported that the Steele estate has been sold.

The ladies' guild of St. James' church, Armstrong, intend to give a dance on Wednesday, January 31.

Rev. F. V. Venables went to Armstrong on Tuesday to officiate at a wedding there.

Tonight takes place the I. O. O. F. ball at Armstrong. It is said that quite a number will journey thence.

Trade licenses for 1906 are now due being payable on January 15, and should be paid promptly to the City Clerk.

It may be gathered from the speech from the throne at the opening of the B. C. legislature that an appeal to the people will be made before another opening of the house.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Okanagan Creamery Association will be held in the office of the Secretary at Armstrong on Saturday next, January 20.

It is said that a Winnipeg real estate firm is contemplating providing an up-to-date office can be erected or obtained, the opening of a real estate business in this town. This concern has a chain of offices throughout the North West and a few offices in the States, and it is to be hoped that the country tributary to Armstrong can get the benefit of their wide and varied connections.—Advertiser.

It is said that in the spring the C. P. R. will inaugurate a daily service on Okanagan Lake between the Landing and Penticton. It is certainly high time this growing section of the valley had adequate means of transportation.

Clement Ehmke, son of H. Ehmbe, south of town, was taken ill the last of the week, and on Saturday Dr. Vankleek pronounced the disease that of typhoid fever. He has since been getting along quite satisfactorily.—Armstrong Advance.

A special session of the members of Court Armstrong No. 3429, I. O. F., will be held on Wednesday, 24th inst., to meet Bro. F. E. Hand, D. S. C. R., who will address the members on that evening. All members are urged to attend this meeting.--Advance.

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Any person engaging in or carrying on any business without applying for and obtaining from the Corporation a license so to do, thereby renders himself liable to a maximum penalty of $250.00, in addition to the amount of the license fee.

The City office is open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon daily.

GRAHAM ROSOMAN, City Clerk

NOTICE

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