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LIFE IN FERNIE

Local Happenings in and About the City

Interesting Items About Many People You Know

A. E. Green, of Vancouver is in the city.

R. Simpson of Winnipeg was in town yesterday.

J. W. Gleason of Ottawa was in town yesterday.

Mrs Alma Humes and son are at the Imperial.

W. H. Fleet, of Calgary was on our streets Monday.

H. N. Scarett, of Calgary was in the city last week.

E. B. Cole, of Stratford was in the city on Monday.

F. J. Wilson, Blairmore, was at the Waldorf Friday.

George Bell, of Enderby, was on our streets Saturday.

Constable Dow of Wardner was in the city Monday

Mr. and Mrs. A. Joyce entertained a few of their young friends at euchre on Friday evening last.

R. H. Richardson, Morrissey Mines, was in town Saturday.

R. Howard of Calgary stopped at the King Edward Monday.

Constable Fred Lorch of Morrissey was in town on Monday.

Miss E. R. Steeder, of Revelstoke is a guest at the Imperial.

Mrs. Keay entertained friends at an afternoon tea last Friday.

J. A. Nash of Modesto, Cal., was at the Waldorf last Saturday.

A. W. Clark, of Kansas City, Mo., was in the city last Monday.

John Lincham, president of the Rocky Mountain Development Co., passed through Fernie last Thursday on his way to Spokane.

Conductor Hibbard is back again on the Fernie Rexford run on the Great Northern and conductor Robertson has gone to the main line.

Mr. A. P. Cheunette of Marysville was in town again last Friday. Mr. Cheunette is always in good humor and glad to meet old friends.

A. Caravetta has the walls of his new two story brick store and dwelling in block 21, ready for the roof and hopes to be at home in it in a few weeks time.

The Junior Guild, composed of the young ladies of Christ Church have taken up their work for the winter and propose to give a series of fortnightly socials.

All the Fernie visitors to the Spokane fair are back again and report a good time in the hub of the Inland Empire The fruit and stock displays were fine and the races were exciting.

Wm. Colpman of Cowley was in the city last Saturday. Mr. Colpman is engaged in the general merchandise business at Cowley and reports business good. He left on the local for Cranbrook to join his family.

The Rossland Star comes to us bright and newsy H. Aitkins, its editor, is a man of experience in the business and is still connected with the Nanaimo Herald We wish the Star a long and successful life at Rossland.

A. T. Claxton came in from Alberta on Saturday and left on a trip through West Kootenay and the Boundary country. He will also visit the Coast cities and eat Thanksgiving turkey with his sister in New Westminster before returning to Toronto.

Walter Harwood missed his way to Sunday school last Sunday and found himself at Andy Good's hotel at the summit. Before finding himself back in Fernie, over 90 fish contrived to get out of Summit Lake into his bag, and his Fernie friends have been happy.

Constable Morris was in town Friday He brought Thos. McKee down and placed him in the jail here to await his trial at the next sitting of the county court. Baldy wasn't riding the "Sway backed horse" this time but carried a knife up his sleeve and a certain newspaper man was observed to treat Mr. Morris with great respect and consideration.

Cards are out announcing the second anniversary ball at Coleman, Oct. 25th, Lady patronesses: Mrs. H. N. Galer, Mrs. G. L. Fraser, Mrs. J. F. Povah, Mrs. J. Westwood, and Mrs. O. W. Benedict. General committee: Messrs. H. N. Galer, A. Cameron, G. L. Fraser, D. J. McIntyre, J. F. Povah, H. W. F. Pollock, O. W. Benedict. There need be no doubt as to a good time. Those Coleman people don't know how to handle a poor proposition.

Louis McKenzie and Richard Davis were before Magistrate Whimster last Friday charged with cruelty to animals They were drivers in No. 5 mine at Coal Creek and were accused of unmercifully beating their horses. Chief McMullen prosecuted and L. P. Eckstein defended. After some horse talk the case was adjourned to Saturday morning but when Saturday morning arrived it was discovered that the accused had departed without leaving their future addresses.

W. O'Rourke of Moyie was at the Central on Monday.

Geo. Robinson of Wardner, was at the Central last week.

Mrs. A. Berridge, of Coal Creek, will receive on Thursday, Oct. 26th.

D. N McIntyre, of Nanton, Alta passed through town last Sunday.

R. A Merithan, of Woodstock, N. B. was a King Edward guest Monday.

G Windley of Ladysmith was a visitor at the King Edward on Monday.

Geo. Heartavan, of Lemona, Wash., was a visitor at the Napanee Monday.

Lionel J. Chute, of Strathroy, Ont., stopped at the King Edward last Sunday.

Mrs. R. W Wood entertained her lady friends at an at home Wednesday last.

C. M. Lockhart, of Elkmouth was in town stopping at the King Edward on Monday.

T. V. Lowney, the hotelman at Moyie, registered at the Central last Thursday.

P. R Johnson, and N. S. Neilson of Edmonton were guests at the King Edward Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Bonnell entertained about forty of their friends at progressive euchre last Monday evening.

Robert Jaffray, Thos. Walmsley, Col Pellatt and other directors of the Coal Co. are expected in Fernie in a day or two.

G W. Downing, of Jaffray, was in town last Thursday sampling Tom Whelan's grub. Mr. Downing reports good business for hunters and fishermen around Jaffray.

No. 97 won the organ which was raffled off last night by R. Dudley. The party holding the lucky number will please call, present ticket and receive the organ.

The C P R. Telegraph Co have strung a wire from Calgary to Cranbrook and men are at work stringing from Cranbrook to Macleod. This will enable the company to give a much better service.

Con Whelan, while taking in the fruit fair last week, had a "con" game put up on him at the race track. He went backing "Young Pilgrim" just like a young pilgrim till he had to wire "Tom" for money to get away with.

Provincial Superintendent A. Robinson, of Victoria, was here last week looking into school affairs His stay was very short. The field is rather large for one man to look after and in consequence some portions of it are not as well looked after as they should be. The growth of population requires a continual expanding of school facilities. Almost every place in East Kootenay is asking for more school rooms and more teachers

Buttinsky.

It seems that a few days ago some members of the "First Families of America" butted into the mountain home of the "Kings of Butters" and killed some of them.

Then one James McCormick butted into the game with a little hard cash and secured a few heads of these sheep Happening to meet Mr. W. W. Tuttle, who is a fancier of heads a trade was consummated whereby the heads of two of the big horns became the property of Mr. Tuttle, who at once arranged to have the heads sent to Calgary to be mounted and returned to him to be placed alongside "Old Paul Kruger's" head in the Royal bar. At this stage of the game the Game Protection Association butted in and Mr. Tuttle went through the unpleasant experience of being under arrest for violating the game law by trying to ship game out of the province without having secured a license. Mr. Tuttle was in ignorance regarding this stringent provision of the law, but ignorance of the law excuses no man and he was fined $5 and costs by the magistrate who butted in at this juncture. This last butt was so hard that the heads were butted clear out of the possession of Mr. Tuttle, and are at present the property of the offended province.

McCormack is butting his head against the jail walls and it is said that some of the railway officials are looking for a soft place to butt out of the game.

James McCormack was fined $10 and costs in the sheep head case this morning and Mr Reading is still enjoying his liberty pending further developments. Baa! Baa! Baa!

Supposed Murderer Caught

Andre Hammond the supposed murderer of young Oliver in Lewis and Clark county, Montana, registered at the Waldorf on the 9th inst. He came in on the Northern from Gateway and left over the C. P. R. the next morning for the west. He was arrested in Vancouver on Monday and will be taken back to Montana for trial. Mr. John Hunter, of the Waldorf, remembered this man very distinctly and gave young Oliver's father a good description of him when that gentleman was here a few days ago in pursuit of him.

Off on a Hunt.

Postmaster Johnson, Wm. Forsyth, Wm. Baldry and Jas. Miller are up the Elk looking for game. They have their guns loaded for bear, elk, deer, sheep or goat as the case may be and their friends are looking for fresh meat on the return of these nimrods.

Brewers Must Pay.

It would appear from the finding of Mr. Justice Irving in the appeal case of Joseph Niederstadt, of Moyie, that brewers must take out provincial licenses to sell beer.

According to Justice Irvin's decision the act of 1900 is intra vires and brewers are liable to a license fee on both retail and wholesale business.

Railway Accident.

By the spreading of rails the westbound express was turned wrong side up one mile west of Jaffray last Saturday morning. A few of the passengers were badly bruised but no fatalities occurred. Mr. and Mrs. McBride, of Cranbrook were amongst the most seriously hurt. The C. P. R. luck held good once more. No serious delay resulted and trains were running as usual the next day.

Railroad Extension.

It is rumored that J. J. Hill is negotiating for the charter of the Macleod, Cardston & Montana railway company and that if he secures it the Great Northern will build to Macleod in the near future. This would shorten the distance between mines here and Great Falls, a great deal and it is sure to come to pass that the Great Northern will be built through to the prairies to connect with an extension from the main line.

Grand Trunk Pacific.

Active operations have begun on the G. T. P and 2,000 men will be at work in a few days. The contract price of the Lake Superior section is $5,000,000 for 210 miles of road. Much of this distance will be rock work. This part of the road is to be ready to haudle the wheat crop of 1907.

The McDonald, McMillen & Co. contract, reaching from Winnipeg to Touchwood Hills, a distance of 825 miles, is to be completed by Aug. 31st. 1906, and will cost $4,000,000.

Leading Actor Dead

Sir Henry Irving died very suddenly after taking his usual part on the stage at Bradford, England. Oct. 13th. John Henry Brodribb, was born at Keinton, Feb. 6th, 1838, and was 67 years, 8 months, and 7 days old when an attack of syncope removed him from the stage of life's theatre. Sir Henry Irving had been for long years the leading character upon the English speaking stage, and did much to elevate the calling to which he gave his life. He was an example of what long continued, pains-taking effort can accomplish, rather than that of the meteoric brilliancy of genius.

Our Ottawa Representative

W. A. Galliher, M. P. was in town a day or two last week stopping off on his way home from Ottawa.

W. A. is always ready and willing to be advised as to how best to serve his constituency, and gets lots of free advice along those lines from entirely disinterested patriots who live for no other purpose than to see that everything goes right, and that the government dosen't get held up by bad men with axes to grind.

Mr. Galliher was on the train that turned turtle at Jaffray Saturday morning but came out of the wreck safe and sound, and journeyed on to Moyie to see the boys and to have a look at the big silver lead mine at that place.

The Flathead Oil Fields.

J Fisher and R. H Hutchinson, of Rossland, have been making a prospecting tour through the Flathead oil fields during the past month. They report to the Rossland Miner that they had travelled 500 miles on horseback and found a rough country to get through.

This party outfitted at Elko where a LEDGER representative met them at the store of Mr. Hurtz. If there had been a road from Fernie to the oil field these people would have made our town their base and with such a road as could be made from Coal Creek their trip would have been much easier and shorter. Mr. Fisher staked eight oil claims and three coal claims and is optimistic as to the wealth of the field. He predicts activity in that direction next year.

Prominent Railway Officials.

S. G. Yerkes, assistant general passenger agent for the Great Northern, accompanied by travelling freight agent W. C. Wilkes and H. S. Collins, general agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Ry., were in Fernie last Thursday and made the LEDGER office a friendly call.

Mr. Yerkes is one of the live railroad men of the west and takes genial sunshine with him as he travels about the country He reports increasing business for his line at all points and has no pre-emption in his make up.

Mr. Collins of the Northwestern comes to see us about every six weeks and as business for the G. N. eastward travel interests his company indirectly, he takes a great interest in railway affairs in East Kootenay.

ELECTORS BEWARE

A Plot to Rob Us of Our Water Franchise

DON'T BE BAMBOOZLED

"It shall be the duty of the Municipality or Company to provide a sufficient supply of water for the use of the Municipality or unincorporated locality in the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and for such purposes to provide, equip, place and maintain a sufficient number of hydrants in such places as may be most readily available for such purposes, and the same to keep supplied with a sufficient quantity and force of water."

And this Act is by Sec. 20, Chapter 46, 1900, made applicable to the C. N. P. E. L. & P. C. o.

Last Thursday night seemed unfavorable for the transaction of city business. With Robins in Fort William, Wallace gone to the races, and Cree and Herchmer otherwise engaged, the Mayor and Alderman Tuttle and Trites had a lonesome time of it waiting for a quorum and finally gave it up as a bad job and went home. A special meeting was called for Friday morning at which the Mayor and Aldermen Tuttle, Cree, Trites and Herchmer were present.

The bylaw subject was dealt with and five new ones were started on the way for acceptance or rejection by the voters on the 30th of this month. When these bylaws had passed the committee stage and the committee had risen and reported, Alderman Herchmer treated the Council, and the few spectators present to an address in which he dwelt feelingly upon the martyr like conduct of the city council and of the uncalled for abuse that had been heaped upon their devoted heads by an unfeeling ungrateful public. He spoke of how the Council had used every endeavor to secure from the C. N. P. E. L. & P. Co. the best bargain possible. After having tried in vain to raise money upon the debentures voted by the people, and stated that their efforts had resulted in utter failure in the endeavor to sell the water debentures. He did not, however, read Peacock's celebrated letter or refer to the Simpson proposal to place the bonds at par or better if he were commissioned to place the securities.

Peacock's letter, coming from a company owned and controlled by the company most interested in defeating the people of Fernie in their effort to build and own their own water works, seems to take the courage out of these councillors and make babies of them.

Some people in Nelson insisted that it was impossible to place the debentures of that city at any where near par, in face of the opposition of a private corporation bent upon defeating the project, but the bonds were disposed of at a good figure and the power plant is being constructed.

The Mayor responded with a here! here! to Alderman Herchmer's plaint as to the abuse in such a fervid tone as to remind one of the old time Ameus in a good old fashioned Methodist prayer meeting.

After being thus relieved of pent up feelings, the council went on with the reading of the bylaws and they were made ready to submit to the unappreciative voters. Bylaws No. 20 and 21 provide for the repeal of bylaws 14 and 15 voted last spring for water and sewer bylaws. These two bylaws will doubtless be voted, as in that way the city will be saved the expense of litigation which would result in their repeal by the courts.

Bylaw 19 authorizing the borrowing of $5000 to equip and maintain an efficient fire brigade has only one objection. Five thousand dollars is more than is required in the near future for that purpose, and as city clerk Nunn manifests a decided reluctance to placing any funds at the disposal of future Councils it is presumed that he will use his influence against this $5,000 scheme and it may be defeated.

Bylaw 22 is a sugar coated snare which if adopted at this time will place the city in a still worse position than at present as regards the ownership of its own water system, and this fact explains the anxiety for its passage in certain quarters. There is no immediate necessity for its passage at this time as nothing can be done towards installing it until next summer.

If the people of Fernie should be so foolish as to put in a sewer system before they do a water system they will only be aiding to fasten fetters upon themselves for all time to come. A sewer system without water is of no use and after taxing themselves with the cost of it they would have to go to the Electric Light and Power Co. to make terms and it has recently developed in an unmistakeable manner, what such terms are to be. Mr. Lindsey practically says to the city that unless his terms as to hydrants and water rates are complied with he will not give us fire protection and this in face of the fact that the law compels his Co. to do so. It may be that his Co. can demand payment for water for fire protection, but there is no doubt about the company being bound to furnish the protection. It is hardly to be believed that the rate of compensation is the real object aimed at by Mr. Lindsey. He has refused point blank to sign an agreement to surrender to the city the right of his company to put in a water system at any time in the future that the company may so decide, notwithstanding that he agrees to sell his old plant to the city at the end of ten years. To vote for the sewer bylaw now would only be aiding this scheme to place the water supply of Fernie in the hands of the C. N. P. E. L. & P. Co in perpetuity.

Alderman Wallace and other members of the Council have been telling us that we must hurry up and make any bargain with Mr. Lindsey's Co. that he may desire because the longer we delay, the stronger will the Power Co. become entrenched in its position in the city; that possession is nine points of the law, and according to this kind of boundless wisdom on the part of these Solons, we will be in a much better position to battle for our rights after surrendering the tenth point.

"Whom the Gods wish to destroy they first make mad" was never more clearly demonstrated than in the instance of our city council emphasizing the fact that "now or never" is the motto to be adopted by every well wisher of the city of Fernie.

Don't vote for the sewer bylaw, No. 22 impowering the city to borrow $10,000 if you don't want to aid in destroying all hope of ever owning and operating your own water plant.

As to bylaw 23, It seems such a ridiculous proposition viewed from the standpoint of the Municipality that it is to be wondered at, that time should be wasted in its discussion. True Mr Lindsey has amended his former suggestions so far as to agree to put in 20 hydrants at the expense of his company but that is only agreeing to do what he is under obligation to do according to the terms of the charter under which his company is allowed to sell water to the public. The easement business is one of the same nature. No company could prevent the City of Fernie laying water pipes across its lands, and the expropriation regulations provide for such contingencies If there is any meaning to be attached to this part of the agreement it is to be found in the statements of some of the opponents of municipal ownership that the Co. would resort to all kinds of technicalities to prevent the municipality from entering into the water business upon its own account. If the city owned its own system the water for flushing sewers would be furnished by any agreement to be arrived at by any "competent engineer to be agreed upon by the parties." Water for street sprinkling and fire protection would be free and unlimited, so that all the legal phrasing about that part of the deal means only that the city must harness itself up with conditions that mean nothing to it and everything to the company by way of safeguarding the water supply, and for the consideration of one dollar and these other one-sided arrangements the city is asked to bind itself to pay present rates and not to enter into or allow anybody else to enter into the water business in the city for the space of ten years and to buy the company's old plant at the end of that period at the price that it would cost the city to put in a new one. Provision is made in section 7 for the appointment of arbitrators who are to act in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Acts of British Columbia in arriving at the price to be paid, and then section 8 specifically limits the power of those arbitrators to fixing the price the city shall pay for this old plant at what it would cost to install a new one like it. In the absence of Robins we must confess our inability to understand how so much wisdom could be condensed in so small a space as is occupied by these two sections 7 and 8 in this proposed agreement.

As is well known Mr Robins claimed to be the real author of the 4th of July suggestions and that Mr. Lindsey adopted them at the suggestions of the absent bodied councillor now sojourning in the distant city of Fort William. The one particular clause that was of any value to the City of Fernie in the agreement as drawn up by city solicitor Lawe was peremptorily and emphatically turned down by Mr. Lindsey, and this part of it tells the whole story. This clause as written by Mr. Lawe, was numbered 7, and read as follows:

"And that should the city purchase the said water works system of the Co. at any time, under the powers herein contained, the company shall not at any time or times thereafter, directly, by itself, or in connection with any other company or corporation, carry on or operate any waterworks or system of waterworks, or supply, or attempt to supply any person or persons, corporation or corporations, other than The Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., within two miles of the present boundaries of the City of Fernie, nor shall, nor will, at any time thereafter, do, or cause to be done, any act, matter or thing whereby, or by reason, or by means whereof, the said city shall or may be injured or damnified in the operation and maintenance of the said water works system to be purchased hereunder, or in the sale or supply of water to any person or persons, corporation or corporations within such radius."

The clause would make the deal a real sale to the city of Fernie of the water plant which clauses 7 and 8 in the agreement as now submitted make a pretense of doing. If the agreement as now submitted were to be adopted the company could turn over their old plant at the end of each succeeding ten years at the price of a new one, and so go on indefinitely in the water business, magnanimously allowing the city to appoint arbitrators whose duty would be to ascertain the cost of a new plant in order that the city should relieve the company of the necessity of renewing their old plant at their own expense. What a beautifully arranged endless chain machine this would be. Nothing could disarrange this perpetual motion agreement except the failure to keep on tap a sufficient supply of the right kind of councillors.

If the game should succeed this time its application would be easier next time. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast, man never is but always to be blessed." If the people of Fernie were to surrender their rights now, they would, as Ald. Wallace has so unwittingly stated, be in a much weaker position than ever, and as we weaken our own position we give strength to our opposition. The time to settle this difference between the C. N. P. E. L & P. Co and the city of Fernie is now, and if the people are as careful in guarding their own interests as is Mr. Lindsay in looking after the interests of his employers, there will be no very serious trouble in securing the rights to which the city is entitled.

Pretty October Wedding.

(Pincher Creek Echo)

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place last Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., at the residence of John Herron, Esq., M. P., when his second daughter, Kate, was given in marriage to Mr. John Loche Jamieson of Medicine Hat.

Mr. Jamieson is well and favorably known here, having at one time been on the Mounted Police staff at this place while the bride was one of the most popular young ladies in Pincher Creek, which was abundantly attested by the numerous and costly presents she received. She will be greatly missed from social circles here.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. G. McPhail in the presence of the members of the family, and the near relatives of the bride, only. The bride's sister, Mrs. E. G. Ambrose, presided at the piano, and at the appropriate moment the bride appeared leaning on her father's arm. Her younger sister, Miss Edith did the bridemaid's part very sweetly and Mr. W. H. Upton attended the groom.

Under a floral wedding bell, with foliage and blossoms everywhere, and with fervent prayers in the hearts of all present for their future happiness, the beautiful marriage service was read, the ring given and received, and John Loche Jamieson and Kate Alberta Herron were pronounced husband and wife. They received immediately the warm congratulations and hearty good wishes of all present.

The bride was dressed most becomingly in white eclienne, with guipure applique trimmings, and with regulation veil and orange blossoms, her only jewel being a handsome pearl pendant, the gift of the groom.

After the ceremony a delightful dejeuner was served in the dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson left on the westbound train the following morning to spend a month visiting points on the Pacific coast; returning they will reside in Medicine Hat.

HOSMER

Axel Walter Welander, the 14 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Welander, died at the Cranbrook hospital on Wednesday and was buried at Fernie on Friday. Rev. Mr. Dunn performed the sad rites from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Telfer, hymns being sung by Mrs. Stork and Mrs. H. Watson.

ELKO

From our own correspondent.

Mr. McKee came in from Cranbrook Monday night.

Mr. A. C. Vickery was in Fernie Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper left on Thursday for Brandon.

Mrs Todhunter and family have removed from Fernie and taken up their residence here.

Wm. McEwan and George Printess who have been working on the C. P. R., are out on a holiday.

Miss Shaw opened her school on Monday. Owing to illness it has been closed for the past month.

Messrs. Hanbury and Knappel returned from Spokane on Saturday and Mr. Hanbury left for Brandon on Sunday.

Mrs. Holbrook and Geo. Burdsley wish to express their thanks to their neighbors and friends for their kind assistance in their recent bereavement.

COAL CREEK

From our own Correspondent

The grand ball and supper at the club on Nov. 2nd promises to be the event of the season.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett, of Fernie, will hold service in the school house on Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Owing to alteration of the mine cars and connecting the track with the new tipple, No. 2 mine was idle on Monday.

Some of the ladies who visit Fernie and return on the 11 p. m. train are so noisy as to cause us to wonder if they fell from the water wagon.

Mutz will install his beer system in the new club house next week but pilgrims are cautioned to stay on the water wagon until Lindsey gets time to install the electric lights on the streets.

The visit of Supt. Robinson, paid us last week, was altogether too short. The trustees would have liked to have met him and impress on him the necessity of increased school accommodation.

Last spring a petition was handed in to the Coal Creek office of the Coal Co. Mr. Lindsey never received such so he says. It was signed by a deputation appointed at a meeting of citizens, and was a request for street lights. Why was it not delivered?

Lindsey's suggestion, that two or three electric lights will be placed on the new tipple, hardly meets with the approval of the residents here and he asks what we would be willing to pay if he installed a street lighting system. He states that Fernie gets along without street lights and infers that we should too. Have we to suffer because he has his knife into Fernie?

MacDonald Won.

His Honor, Judge Forin, who heard the case on Saturday has handed in the following reasons for his award:

In the matter of the Workmen's Compensation Act. Hector McDonald, Applicant, vs. The C. N. P. C. Co., Respondent.

In the case submited the maximum earning capacity of the applicant before the accident was $15 a week and after the accident $12 a week, this was fixed by consent.

The question to be decided is: How much by way of compensation is the applicant entitled to receive since he went to work as a lamplighter at $12 a week, working 10 hours a day?

Following the weight of cases and upon hearing the facts and able arguments by counsel, I am of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to $3 a week as compensation during the period when his wages are $12 a week. In the event of his wages being increased over $12 a week, but less than $15, he shall only be entitled to the difference between the increased weekly wages and $15 per week.

Costs should be paid by respondents as their offer was less than amount allowed.

"J. A. FORIN"
Arbitrator.

Mr. L. P Eckstein appeared as counsel for the applicant and Mr. H. W. Herchmer for the respondent company.

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A NEW BROOM SHOULD SWEEP CLEAN.

Sir William Mulock has resigned the position of Post Master General in the Dominion Cabinet, and is retiring from active life on account of ill health.

Sir William proved himself an able administrator of the postal department and succeeded in transforming an annual deficit of $800,000 into a surplus, while at the same time reducing the rate of postage.

The only adverse criticism that could be passed upon his policy was his failure to keep up with the needs of the people in the far west, where the continued increase of population and the extension of new railroads into new districts calls for a thorough knowledge of the wants and conditions of this "great west" to enable the postal department to keep up with the march of the immigrant.

A residence in the interior where mails are infrequent and irregular would be a beneficial preliminary education for a Postmaster General. As an instance of what often happens in this western country, we wish to call attention to the lack of proper mail service between Fernie and so nearby a neighbor as Elko. There is one mail train a day each way on the C. P. R., and one train each way on the Great Northern, but with all these trains running—we cannot send a letter from Fernie to Elko and get an answer the same day. Letters mailed here go through to Cranbrook where they lay over and come back to Elko by the next mail so that an answer cannot be sent by the same train.

This is an inexcusable state of affairs and we think the matter has been brought to the attention of the department, but as yet no results have been attained. We believe the first duty of the postoffice department is to provide the best possible service to the people and we trust that whoever succeeds Sir William Mulock in the position of head of the postal department will be a man who is familiar with the conditions in the west, and alive to the fact that rapid communication by mail is one of the necessities to be provided by that department.

The fact that it takes longer to send a letter by rail from Fernie to Elko, a distance of 19 miles and get a reply over a railroad on which a mail train passes each way every day, than it would for a mail carrier on foot to do the job is ample evidence to the people of these two places that there is room for improvement in the mail service in this particular part of the west. This condition of the mail service between Elko and Fernie is not a new one. It has existed for over seven years, as to the trains on the C. P. R. and for two or three years of that time a mail clerk has been on duty on these trains so that the extra cost of good service would be almost nil. A little extra compensation to the Elko postmaster would do the work.

The transformation of a deficit into a surplus in the postoffice department is a good thing, provided it is accomplished without interfering with the thorough efficiency of the service. The number of daily deliveries have been increased in all the large cities of the east, and the cost of trans-Atlantic postage has been reduced, all of which is very good and we hope the new Minister, whoever he may be, will be able to continue the good work done by Sir William along these lines, and that he will add to the efficiency of the service in the west by seeing to it that where good train service exists that good mail service will follow.

LET US IMPROVE OUR OPPORTUNITY.

The Nelson Board of Trade held a very interesting meeting on the evening of the 12th inst. and amongst other things discussed was a resolution from the Rossland Board of Trade recommending a wagon road being built into the coal and oil fields in South East Kootenay by way of South Kootenay Pass to Sage Creek. It was claimed that this road, 16 miles in length, could be built at a cost of $3 500 00. The Nelson board endorsed this resolution and the Nelson and Rossland people can be depended upon to push this scheme with energy.

What are the merchants and people of Fernie going to do about this effort to side track the proposition to extend the very good road already existing from Fernie to Coal Creek, on into the Flathead valley? Five hundred dollars have already been expended by the city and board of trade in this project, and why should we go to sleep and lose what has already been expended and let the road go where it is certain to divert trade from our city and throw the travel that should come to us, to other towns? Do not let us delude ourselves by thinking we have done all that is necessary. The trade of the Flathead country can be brought to Fernie if our people make continued and united effort to bring it this way. It is of the utmost importance to the future of our city to have every possible avenue for trade and travel opened up, and no competing city is going to aid us to do this. A meeting of our own board should be called at once and every member, every merchant and every hotel man should be there, ready to assist with time and money to hasten action upon the project of the extension of the road from Coal Creek to the Flathead.

It developed at the Nelson board meeting mentioned above, that the Hon. Wm. Fielding had suggested to some of the Nelson people that a petition be presented to the Railway Commission asking for the building of the gap in the C. P. R. between Kootenay Landing and Proctor. A committee was appointed to take this matter in hand and to report at the next regular monthly meeting.

The people of Nelson are wide awake and no problem is too big for them if it involves future good to their city. We should be as wide awake to our future growth as Nelson or any other town. "A strong pull, and a long pull, and a pull together" will get us what we want.

Lethbridge Waterworks

Through the courtesy of city clerk Bowman, of Lethbridge, we are able to lay before our readers a statement showing the extent, cost and rates charged the consumers of water in that city. Mr. Bowman's letter is as follows:

Lethbridge, Oct 13th, 05.

D. V. Mott, Esq.
Fernie, B. C.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 11th of October and in reply beg to give you the following information, which I trust will be of service to you.

The town of Lethbridge has laid
122 feet of 12 inch main
6308 feet of 10 " "
5624 feet of 8 " "
18956 feet of 6 " "
9669 feet of 4 " "
and installed 53 hydrants. They also laid down 24,960 feet of tile sewer.

We paid the contractor for laying this pipe $47,897.52 and his work consisted simply of excavating and laying the pipe. He furnished his own supplies for so doing, other than the pipe itself. By supplies, I mean lead, cement, gaskets, hemp, yarn, etc.

The total cost of our system will, I expect, be in the neighborhood of $170,000. We have been extending it this year and the work is not quite complete so I cannot tell definitely the exact amount.

We do our pumping by electricity. The town purchased two electrical pumps from the Allis, Chalmers Bullock Co. at a cost of $16,850, which price included the installing of them at Lethbridge and turning them over in perfect running order. The power for these pumps is supplied by the Lethbridge Electric Co. Ltd., who hold a five year contract with the town. We pump at the present time 250,000 gallons a day and this costs us on an average of $215 a month for power. We have only been operating our system since the 1st of April and so far our revenue has averaged $1,000 a month. This is sufficient to pay all expenses of operating and interest on the debentures. We have also a frontage tax of 5 cents a foot that is applied to all property traversed by the water pipe. This was found necessary on account of Lethbridge being so scattered and large blocks of lots held by non residents along which the pipe had to pass to get to the inhabited portions, so we applied this frontage tax on all land, thereby reducing the actual cost of the water to the consumer.

I am enclosing you a schedule of rates adopted here and which so far, with one or two exceptions has proved satisfactory.

We have been experimenting a little with wood pipe and on the whole it gives good satisfaction but is apparently very difficult to repair. We have about two miles of this pipe, but I think it is too early yet to say very much about it.

The town of Lethbridge is running the waterworks entirely separate from the municipal business, having a separate bank account and set of books; the object being to make this department pay for itself. We have at the present time nearly 400 connections and these are being added to so that our revenue is increasing nearly every month.

If there is any further information I can give you I will be pleased to do so.

Yours truly
C. B Bowman
Secretary-Treasurer

We find from the table of rates, which Mr. Bowman furnishes us that two taps, one bath and one water closet in a private house costs the consumer $27 per annum or $2.25 per month, a single tap costing $1.66. It will be seen by Mr. Bowman's statement that it costs $215 per month to run the pumping plant which is a charge that Fernie would not have to meet. The total cost of the Lethbridge plant is just about double what the proposed municipally owned plant here would cost. The number of consumers at Lethbridge is 400, the revenue $1,000 per month. Now if we take from this $1,000 the $215 which it costs the Lethbridge people to pump their water, we have $785 per month from consumers. Our system costing half as much as that at Lethbridge, the fixed charges would be just half as much and as that plant is bringing in revenue enough to meet fixed charges it follows that we could meet fixed charges of a system costing half as much, with a revenue of just one half $785, or $392.50 per month. At the present rate of $2 50 per month just 157 consumers would meet these charges.

If, as some of our people assert, the C. N. P. E. L. & P. Co. were to remain in the field and could secure half the water patronage of the town the city system would still be able to pay its way. But, to assume that the people of Fernie would vote a debt upon themselves for a water system and then buy their water of an opposition company, is to assume that they are lunatics. If they paid their money to another company thus cutting off the revenue which should go to pay for the water plant they would have to vote a direct tax upon themselves to pay the deficiency. The proposition carries its remedy with it and as sure as the city of Fernie puts in its own water system it will supply its own citizens and will be able to pay for its plant out of the profits of the business. All these figures are based upon present conditions. Who can doubt but that in ten years the consumption of water in this city shall not have doubled, thus adding 50% to the revenue, if present rates are maintained or a corresponding reduction in rates if so desired.

LETHBRIDGE

While in the city last week Mr. Vibert of the Union Bank at Lethbridge called at THE LEDGER office and gave us a few items of news about his progressive home town.

The Bank of Montreal has erected a fine new building three stories in height.

A. Southerland has built a two storey business house of pressed brick.

The Bentley Co., Ltd., are just finishing a three story, pressed brick front building and the Chinook Club will soon have new quarters in their new three storey brick building.

Our coal mining neighbors of Lethbridge, living in a climate where the wind always speaks in a "still small voice" seem to have lofty notions and are climbing up in the air with their new buildings. This is because there is not room enough on the ground and they have to occupy the upper spaces.

Lethbridge with her new water system and irrigation ditches should be able to reduce the consumption of intoxicating beverages and keep sober.

DIED

LYNCH—At Coal Creek, Oct. 13 th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch aged 2 months and 3 weeks.

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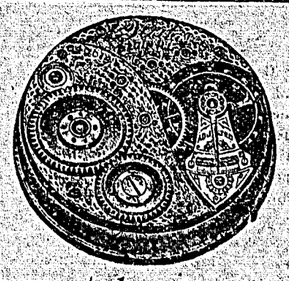

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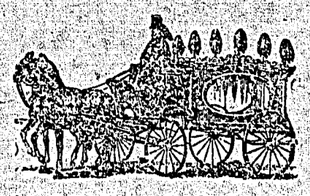

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A. W. BLEASDELL
Next Door to the Post Office.
Fernie, 4th Oct. 1905.

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having an Inducement to offer, should state the fact through the local newspaper whose advertising columns are an Index of Trade of the community.
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to ascertain the extent and variety of the Trade and Industry of Fernie. THE LEDGER has the largest paid up circulation, and its street sales far exceed those of any other newspaper along the line of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and its readers have the money to pay for their requirements.
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And Tribune shares we'll confiscate,
Malevolential
Pestilential,
Consequential
Fourth estate,

I'll have "Windy" Young for chief of staff,
His merry jests will make us laugh
Coal for coking
Glee invoking
Mirth provoking,
Chief of staff.

My specialty will be high finance,
My fortune I will thus enchance,
Nerve distracting
Scenes enacting,
Most exacting
High finance

I shall induce the rich magnate
To introduce a new freight rate,
A referential,
Differential,
Preferential
Freight rate.

I'll hire a large and roomy hall,
And there display my massive gall,
Rudimental,
Ornamental,
Monumental
Native gall.

I'll be the C. P. R. candidate,
For it alone I'll legislate,
Most potential;
Influential,
But essential
Syndicate.

I'll swipe a pair of Houston's pants,
Which I may fill in time, perchance,
Hypothecated,
Electro-plated,
Insulated
Houston pants.

The judges I shall subjugate
And thrust them from their high estate,
Unessential,
Reverential,
Eminential
High estate.

Every night a new sensation.
(There shall be no condensation,)
Goodness gracious!
Most salacious,
If fallacious
New sensation.

And thus we'll win a circulation
Far beyond all computation,
Quite exclusive,
Yet elusive,
Oft delusive,
Circulation.

—Nelson Economist.

The Mother's Poem

At one time Mrs. Kate Cleary was one of the most talented writers in Chicago. She became the slave of drugs and liquor, and fell dead one day this summer just as her husband was taking away from her their two children, one of whom was the dearest thing to her life. A few days before her death she wrote a poem that breathes a mother's deathless love and contains some of the sweetest lines ever woven into verse. Here is the poem:

I love the world with all its brave endeavor,
I love its winds and floods, and suns and sands,
But, oh, I love—most deeply and forever—
The clinging touch of timid little hands.

I love the dawn all pearl and primrose glowing,
Or that which covert comes—all wet and gray;
Or the blue gleam through frosty windows showing,
That ushers in the day.

And love of man—the love that's worth the winning,
(Not always worth the keeping, sad to say)—
Because of all the sorrows and the sinning,
Like this—who did betray?

But, oh, above all love for man or story,
Above all friendship for the human race,
Above all nature's passionate great glory,
Give me the sunlight of a little face.

Give me the head against my shoulder lying,
The feel of one soft body close to mine,
The strength to face the world for him—defying
All power—the rest be thine!

But ever still afar the laddie lingers,
And ever still alone do I repine,
While longing for the touch of trusting fingers,
And a little loving hand in mine!

Space in Advertising

Suppose that two clothiers—merchants of about equal standing—should divide equally between themselves a very large purchase of goods, thus being able to offer to the public stocks of approximately even value.

Suppose that the advertisements of the two merchants were practically alike in text—prices and descriptions of goods actually duplicated.

But suppose that one merchant confined his advertisement to one column of space in this newspaper, and that the other used a whole page. Is there any doubt at all about what the result would be? Would anyone imagine for a moment that the merchant who used a column of space would do as much business as the man who used a page—even though everything else were equal?

Most experienced advertisers will agree that in this kind of a case the results would be very nearly in direct proportion to the space used.

SIZE is still so much a factor in the world — it DECIDES SO MANY THINGS in business as well as in statecraft, that the advertiser who gives too little consideration to it handicaps himself in the race.

In many an instance the mere doubling of the space occupied by a store advertisement in this newspaper would double the store sales resulting from it. An advertisement will not "stand out," in an eye-catching way, if it is crowded space—if it lacks "elbow room."

The advertiser who has learned things about publicity is as careful to provide space in which his advertisement may come out and be separate as he is to make the text matter dignified and convincing.

ONE MO' CHANCE

In a little town between Cleveland, Tenn., and Chattanooga, it was the purpose to give a donation to the colored minister. One of the brothers in the church volunteered to make a collection of the offerings from the various homes of the members, and an old colored woman, somewhat well to do, loaned her cart and a pair of steers to this brother to facilitate the gathering of the donation goods. After he had been throughout the neighborhood and secured a reasonable load of groceries, and clothing he drove off to Chattanooga and sold everything, including the cart and the steers, pocketed the proceeds and departed for Atlanta on a visit to his relatives. Consternation and then indignation reigned supreme in the home community when it had become known that he had gone. After some time the culprit drifted back in deep contrition, but having spent all. Indignation once more arose to a white heat, and it was determined to give him a church trial without waiting for any legal formality. The day was set, the meeting was crowded; the preacher presided, and after a statement of the charges he announced that the accused would be given a chance to be heard. He went forward and took the place of the preacher on the platform.

I ain't got nuffin to say fo' myself, he began in a penitent voice; I'se a po' mis'able sinner. But Bredren, so is we all mis'able sinners. An, de good book says we must forgib. How many times bredren? Till seven times? No till seventy-seven times. An' I ain't sinned no seventy seven times, and I'm just going to suggest that we turn dis into a forgibness meetin' an' everybody in dis great comp'ny dat is willin' to fergib me, come up now, while we sing one of our deah ole hymns, an' shake ma' hand. And he started one of the powerful revival tunes, and they began to come, first those who hadn't given anything to the donation and were not much interested in the matter anyway, then those who hadn't lost much and then the others. Finally they had all passed before him except one, and she stuck to her seat. And he said: Dar's one po' mis'able sinner still lof' dat won't forgib, she won't forgib. (She was the old lady who had lost the steers.) Now I sugges' dat we hab a season ob prayer, an' gib dis po' ole sinner one mo' chance. And after they had prayed and sung a hymn, the old lady came up too!—Frederic Morgan Davenport

How Many Such

A human derelict, a miserable man—weak, wayward and dissolute, moved by remorse, despair or the consciousness of his own unworthiness, committed suicide in Cleveland, Ohio, recently, and in his pocket was found a letter from his wife, living in another city, which reads as follows:

Think of the good times—the woods and the brooks and the country walks—the old happy days in the flat. Are you letting it go? I have believed in you. Before we were married I was afraid you were in danger, but I believed the good would triumph. I can believe in you still—oh, so heartily, with just a little encouragement.

My dear, you are the heart of my heart. I have done all I could. If I have not been acceptable, God pity me. I would give my life to make you the man you were intended to be if I knew how. Sometimes I have given without avail.

This was your time, this is your time to show what manner of man you are. I write severely but my heart goes out to you, and you know it in spite of my works. I shall send the money though it will be a little less than $40. Your telegram broke my last $40. It is just as well, for I want to know what you are doing. If you return, it means you need my nursing and will resume your work as soon as you are able. It must not mean that you have petered out and have no backbone. That I will not face. Ask yourself if you have done the best you could.

Don't send more telegrams collect for I am sending you all my money. You know how much I had when you left, and I have no more. Don't think I don't love you. You know I do, but don't delude yourself into thinking that there is any work in New York that is sure, or any that is possible if you are not doing right.

Only a woman could write such a letter as that. A man having such a wife—loyal, loving, sensible, tenderly sympathetic yet insisting on courage and not excusing the lack of it—ought to be able to succeed, to conquer weakness and assert himself a man. But here is one who failed, as others have failed before him. It is an old story repeated; one of life's tragedies. "Before we were married I was afraid you were in danger, but I believed the good would triumph." How many women have made that mistake? It is a strong love that survives the misery of it. The love and the faith of women are sublime, but to each may come the sunset of hope. The hope and sacrifice of this wife end at the grave of a self murderer. Her love may live on. The letter, so full of pathos of loving appeal, wifely devotion and womanly hope and courage, was of course, not intended for publication. The close of the tragedy gave it publicity.

Le Roi Mine Affairs

Northport, Wash. News. With the well founded rumor that A. J. McMillan has cabled to friends that he has secured absolute control of the majority of the stockholders of the Le Roi, that the three-year contract with the Trail smelter is null and void, and that a meeting will be held on or before the 16th inst., also the further fact that the C. P. R. has not yet put its engineers in the field to survey a line from its main track to the Le Roi ore bunkers, should give our citizens every reason to believe that if the smelter closes at all it will be for only a short time.

Are Great Men Little?

Two tall men were conversing, and one made the hackneyed remark: "Little men are conceited."

That saying is false, the other objected. It would be truer to say, "Little men are great." So many of the world's greatest men have been physically little, that if I were five feet four instead of six feet two, I should feel more confident of future success.

Look at Andrew Carnegie, he went on. Look at Mark Twain. Look at Rodin. Look at Wm. Dean Howells. Look at Swinburn. All great, all little.

Look at Napoleon. Look at Shelly. Look at Whistler. Look at Pope. Look at Heine. These great men were little men.

Look at King Edward. Look at Lowery. Look at Lindsey. All great, all little.

Even the president, so far as height goes, is little. I met him once in Philadelphia, and it shocked me to perceive, as we conversed, that I had to look far down at him and he had to look up at me.

Be little, if you would be great. That is the paradoxical advice that I would give to all growing lads.

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Scott & Ross have ordered a car of hard coal from Bankhead Look out for local next week

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A meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary Society of the Miner's Union will be held in the hall on Thursday evening Mrs. D. R. McDonald, President

Carmichael, the tailor, has just received the nobbiest stock of Tweeds for Fall suits and overcoats ever brought into Fernie.

The ladies of the Methodist church are going to serve baked beans and brown bread at their Thanksgiving social, Thursday 26th Oct A good time is promised. Don't forget the date

You know you have to get that ring Why not buy it now when bargains are going at Wright's the jeweller.

The people of the old world seem to be on the move The arrivals of immigrants at New York during the month of September established a new record for that part. The total was 90,712 as against 82,708 a year ago.

Let us make you a fancy vest from one of those choice new patterns. Come in and see them. J. Carmichael, the tailor.

It is stated that A. E. Aylsworth is to succeed Sir William Mulock as Postmaster General and will stand for election in North York. It is also reported that Sir William Mulock will receive the appointment of Chief Justice of the new Exchequer Court division in Toronto.

The King Edward Hotel occupies a prominent position in Fernie only a step or two from the C. P. R. depot, and convenient to business houses in the city.

One week ago today the grain shipments over the C. P. R. from the first of September to ... led 12,615,000 bushels During the corresponding period last year the total shipment was 5,799,000 bushels. Less than half of this year's shipments.

The S. A harvest festival services will be conducted next Sunday, commencing in the morning at 11 o'clok. The service will be continued in the afternoon at 3 as well as in the evening at 8 o'clock. On Monday evening, the 23rd inst., the annual harvest festival dinner will be given. Immediately after the dinner the festival gifts will be disposed of. Everybody heartily welcomed. The best of everything will be provided Come along. Only 25c.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of thesix Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn telegrpahy and be assured a position.

The Prospector of last week has a fine cut on its front page of the fall on the Elk river at Elko. The great energy which is going to waste here every day will be harnassed to machinery some day and will be supplying power to many mines and factories in this part of the country. A power plant large enough to utilize all the water going through the gorge would be of great benefit to all the surrounding country and a source of steady and constant profit to the company that will take hold of and improve it.

A. Clark, of Spokane, was at the Napanee Saturday.

F. B. Hawthorne, of Nelson, registered at the Napance Monday.

E. E. Case, of Colfax, Wash, stopped over at the Central on Monday.

L. W. Peeks, of Cranbrook, was a guest at the Central Monday.

Charlie Fuljames Jr., came down from Cranbrook last night on a short visit to his parents

Death of Aged Citizen

On Monday the 9th inst., Mr. Thos. Bardsley, father of Mrs. E. M. Holbrook of Elko, left the home of his son, George J. Bardsley with whom he had been living, presumably to go to a neighbor's, Mr. Peterson's, but missed the road in some way and wandered off into the woods. Mr. Bardsley had been subject to fainting spells at intervals, and when his son reached home about noon of Monday and found that his father had gone away, he was alarmed and immediately began a search for him Failing to find his father that afternoon he communicated the facts to his neighbors and had people from Elko and surrounding country engage in the search for the missing man. A reward was offered for the discovery of Mr. Bardsley and the Indians who were in the neighborhood took active part in the search.

The Indians found the lifeless body of Mr. Bardsley about one mile to the northwest of the road leading from the Bardsley ranch to Peterson's, last Thursday. Whether the unfortunate old gentleman had become bewildered and lost his way and died from over exertion and exposure or whether he was overtaken by one of the fainting spells to which he was subject, is not known.

Thomas Bardsley was born in England in 1820 and was past 85 years old. He came to Canada in 1865, Six years later he removed to Minnesota where he was joined by his family. His wife died four years ago at Kalispell, Mont.

He leaves five sons and three daughters. The oldest son, Adam, lives at Bradford, Pa.; one son, John, at Los Angeles, Cal.; Thomas at Duluth, Minn., and George and Arthur at the ranch south of Elko. Mrs. Holbrook has been a resident of Elko since the town was located and is postmistress at that place. Mrs. J. A. Davis of Kalispell and Mrs. F. P. Bolls of St. Paul are sisters of Mrs. Holbrook.

Mr. Bardsley was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers from the inception of the order and belonged to lodge No. 144 of Braierd Minn.

He ran a locomotive on the London and North Western road for 21 years after which he served a number of years on a railroad in Egypt. In all he served as locomotive engineer for over 43 years.

He was also a Mason, being a member of Garnett Lodge No. 166 at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

The funeral took place on Sunday at Elko under the auspices of the Masons and was largely attended.

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Base Ball Ball

The Fernie Base Ball Club is advertising a Benefit Ball to be given in Stork's Opera House, on Oct. 27th, in aid of the Ball Club. It takes money to run a good base ball club, and our boys have spent a great deal of time and money during the season just closed and find themselves still in debt. It is for the purpose of clearing up this old score, that they are giving this ball which will be a good one and should be well patronized by the lovers of good base ball.

Ambrey-Moore

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Mr. Lindsey's park house this morning at 8 30, Rev. E R. Bartlott of Christ Church officiating The high contracting parties were Mr. Edward Foster Ambrey, formerly of Toronto, and Miss Mary Crawford Moore of Peterboro, Ont. Miss Macoun was bridesmaid while Mr Rocheford assisted the groom. After the ceremony, a light breakfast was served, the bride carving the wedding cake, and the happy couple departed amidst a shower of rice. They left on the Great Northern for a ten days trip to Spokane and other cities. Mr. and Mrs Ambrey will make their home in Fernie.

Trafalgar Day

A meeting of a few of our citizens was held in Mr. Reading's office last night and it was decided to celebrate "Trafalgar Day" in an appropriate manner next Monday night. Stork's opera house has been secured and a smoker will be a feature of the evening. A fee of 50 cents will be charged.

A committee was appointed to solicit funds for the purpose of securing some permanent token of Lord Nelson's great victory to be placed in the public school building The miners are joining in the movement and a second meeting will be held in Mr. Reading's office to-morrow night at which the necessary committees will be appointed and the details of the celebration will be arranged.

Coal Output.

The output of the mines for the week ending Friday, Oct. 13th, was as follows:

Coal Creek,	9,337 tons
Michel,	4,356 ,,
Carbonado,	1,496 ,,
Total,	15,189 ,,

The output for the month of Sept. was:

Coal Creek,	38,278 tons.
Michel,	25,049 ,,
Carbonado,	8,159 ,,
Total for month,	71,476 ,,

More About the Flathead

The ball of litigation over conflicting and overlapping claims in the Flathead district has been set rolling. The parties to the contest are too well known syndicates, one of which is from Spokane and the other a provincial concern. The details of what promise to be a most interesting fight are not given out but it is stated that they will bring into issue many of the heated questions which have arisen in regard to the wholesale and indiscriminate methods of issuing coal and petroleum licenses in the now famous district and not the least question is that respecting the surveys. We expect in a short time to say more about the case.

The parties initating the fight have retained Mr. L. P. Eckstein of this city, but it is safe to say that by the time the case reaches beyond the initial stage quite an array of prominent counsel on will be concerned on either side.

For Oakland, California.

Jas. Ryan, Tom Caven and Vic Rollins returned from Spokane fair on Monday evening over the G N and went on to Cranbrook yesterday.

Mr. Ryan is sending his racers to Oakland, California, under the care of George Wentworth, where they will winter, if it can be called wintering to stay in Oakland from November to April. Mr. Ryan has seven horses in his stable.

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