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IN AND AROUND FERNIE

Interesting Locals About Folks You Probably Know

PICKED UP BY OUR OWN BUSY REPORTERS

Mrs. A. Buckley is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. A. B. Trites entertained a few friends at bridge whist and euchre last Thursday night.

If you can't be elected Mayor of Fernie, buy a few bottles of Peruna and get your picture in the paper.

Mrs. Bonnell entertained a number of friends at an afternoon tea last Friday in honor of Mrs F. B. Smith.

The second fancy dress carnival of the season will be given tonight at Coleman, and promises to be even better than the first one.

The eyes of the world are on British Columbia these days.—Cranbrook Herald. And the eyes of British Columbia are upon the Legislature at Victoria.

The International Coal & Coke Co., of Coleman is steadily increasing its output. The daily shipments average 1,100 tons, and one day recently, the output was 1,260 tons.

At the regular meeting of the official board of the Methodist church at Cranbrook last week, Rev. Westman was unaminously requested to remain as pastor for another year.

His Hon. Lieutenant Governer Mortimer Clark, formally opened the Ontario Legislature last Thursday. Premier Whitney expects to get through with all legislative work before Good Friday.

Harry Bently, so well known in Fernie, and formerly of Lethbridge is now doing business at Daysland, Alberta, and has been appointed a Justice of the Peace. Daysland is a new railway town with great expectations.

Mr. A. Carney, provincial timber inspector, of Kaslo, arrived in the city Saturday to finish business which he had to abandon a few days ago on account of sickness, and returned to his home in Kaslo for a brief rest.

Don McKay, the knight of the government roads came here last week and has had some men shoveling snow on the road to the mines. He went down to Morrissey Monday to look after repairs to the approach to the bridge

Mr. J. Binns, representing R. J. Whitla & Co., of Vancouver, was in the city last week and illuminated THE LEDGER sanctum with the brighest of his bright smiles. Mr. Binns reports business extremely good and looks for a record year.

The remains of King Christian of Denmark, the father-in-law of European royalty, were laid to rest on Sunday morning among the tombs of other Danish kings, who for the last thousand years have found a resting place at the Cathedral of Roskilde, thirty miles from Copenhagen.

Colin N. Campbell, for many years clerk of the court at Macleod, died very suddenly at 4 a. m, last Wednesday morning. He had been ill only a day or two, having attended to his duties at the court house on Monday. Mr. Campbell was one of the oldest residents of the district.

G. Kelly, Hillcrest, was down the first of the week and reports that thirty men are at work in and around the Hillcrest mine, and the company will soon be ready to ship coal. The tunnel is being run in a ten foot vein of very good coal. Our old fellow townsman, Charlie Burrows is at Hillcrest with his family and is working in the mine.

The citizens of Pincher Creek voted almost solidly on the 13th inst. in favor of incorporation, and the town will be incorporated as soon as the necessary legal formalities can be complied with. The new town will start on its corporate existence with a population of nearly one thousand, one half of which will consider themselves as eligible and competent material for civic position. The women, we believe, do not aspire

L. M. Proctor, who for the past five years has been an active member of the Fernie Lumber Co., will feel like a fish out of water for a while after severing his connection with the lumber business, and getting the sawdust out of his shoes and socks. He says he is just going to loaf for a while, but he will find that pretty hard work and will soon be looking for a softer job. THE LEDGER would advise him to buy a printing press and have some fun.

J. H. Schofield, one of the oldest of the old timers of Pincher Creek, was a Fernie visitor last week and paid The Ledger office a friendly call. Mr. Schofield, who is president of the Crows Nest Pass Hockey league met Mr. A. C. Liphardt while in the city, and the result of the conference was an amicable adjustment of the controversy over the Liphardt and Henderson cups. The Liphardt cup is to remain the property of the Fernie team and the Henderson cup goes to Pincher Creek. It was further arranged that two leagues will be formed for next year one to cover the territory from Crows Nest Pass west; the other to embrace the territory to the east.

A. B. Trites and R. W. Wood went to Michel Monday and have not yet returned.

P. Patterson, of the International Executive Board U. M. W. of A., left last night for Lethbridge.

Mr. A. McDougall, of the Fernie Lumber Co., is just back from a hurried trip to Calgary. He reports things as being lively in the good city.

A night school will be opened in Fernie March 1st for the study of typewriting and shorthand. For particulars and terms apply at this office.

President Sherman and Mr. Moore of the United Mine Workers, left Monday night for Victoria. They have gone to assist in looking after legislation in the interest of the miners.

The re-opening services of the new Baptist church will likely be held on Sunday, March 4th. Inability to secure seats has occasioned delay but it is hoped they will be in place for the opening. Definite announcement will be made next week.

The first use of our newly installed Monoline will be seen in the special Ledger dispatches from Victoria on this page of this issue. Hereafter we expect to have all type set by the Monoline and our press will be run from gasoline power.

A local branch of the the U. M. W. of A. was organized at Lethbridge on Sunday, the 18th inst., with 363 members, by P. Patterson, International Executive Board Member, Venzel Soula acting as interpreter. L. P. Eckstein of Fernie, spoke before the Local on the Compensation Act.

On Tuesday evening the Rat Portage hockey team defeated the Winnipegs on the latter's ice by 7 to 5. This leaves these clubs tied for the championship and another game will be necessary to decide who is to go after the Stanley cup, emblematic of the world's championship, and now held by the Ottawas for the fourth season.

There has been a change of management of the dining room at the Royal hotel. Mrs. Hoelzel, who ran a boarding house in West Fernie, near the big mill, some time ago, has taken charge of the dining room and sleeping apartments and is employing all white help. She will run a first class business and hopes to secure a large patronage.

The Trail smelter has made a reduction of $3 per ton on freight and treatment charges on lead ores. This reduction from $15 to $12 per ton on these charges will make a very appreciable difference to the owners of lead producing mines and will still further stimulate the production of ores from them and also bring into the list of shippers other mines.

Albert Dunn, the unfortunate young man who was in charge of the police a few weeks ago, because of insanity but who had been released after having recovered to some extent, had to be taken in charge again yesterday and placed in confinement awaiting an examination as to his condition which will probably result in his being sent to New Westminster.

A small boy, not over five years old by the name of Ryan, narrowly escaped being seriously injured just in front of the Ledger office on Monday. It seems he was riding on the pole of a large sleigh which was being trailed behind another one drawn by one of Handley's coal teams and fell off, the runner of the first bob passing over him before the driver could stop the team.

The sale of needle work and refreshments by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church last night at the Richard's store in the Todd block was as is usually the case with such things gotten up by these ladies, a blooming success—no slang intended—the needle work was blooming so were the good things to eat and now the finances of the Ladies' Aid are in a blooming condition in consequence.

R. W. Armstrong a former partner of L. P. Eckstein at New Westminster in the law business and now permanently located at Rossland has been in the city a week assisting Mr. Eckstein in his office work until the latter gentleman can get a peep at a fellow over the top of accummulated business awaiting his attention. Mr. Armstrong is a very pleasant gentleman and the Ledger would like to see him become a permanent Fernieite.

Dr. Bell, in company with Dr. Tolmie, Dominion Veterinary Inspector for this province came in from Cranbrook yesterday to take a peep around at the condition of horses and other live stock in this locality. Stringent methods are being pursued in an effort to stamp out the last vestage of glanders and altho it entails loss to owners and much expense to the government it is the thing to do and Dr. Tolmie is overlooking nothing that will aid in eradicating this dread disease.

Judge Wilson arrived in the city on Monday night and Herman Nordgren was brought before him yesterday for speedy trial upon the charge of perjury. His Lordship read the young man a severe lecture upon the crime he had committed and sentenced him to six months in the Nelson jail at hard labor. The young man had pleaded guilty and asked for the mercy of the court which fact probably contributed to lighten the sentence pronounced upon him. There will be a regular session of the county court here on the 27th inst.

Important Meetings

City Council and Board of Trade Co-operate in Petition to the Government

Provincial Government Buildings Wanted for Fernie

Mayor Bleasdell called the city council together Monday morning to consider a communication from Victoria intimating that prompt action upon the part of the City Council and the citizens of Fernie, might result in securing a sum in the estimates soon to be brought down for the erection of a jointly owned public building here in Fernie, somewhat after the proposition taken up at Cranbrook. The following resolution was passed unaminously by the council.

"Resolved that this council recognizing the necessity of provincial government buildings in Fernie and feeling that on account of the large revenue the government derive from the city and district, we are entitled to a liberal measure of recognition in this respect. Be it therefore resolved that this council in special session assembled ask that the Provincial government of British Columbia do place in the estimates for 1906 a liberal amount for the purpose set out above. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trade and the citizens generally be asked to co-operate with the Council in attaining the above object."

A meeting of the Board of Trade was called for the same evening and the above resolution was submitted for the consideration of the members, a very large number of whom turned out and took great interest in the proposition.

The resolution passed by the council was endorsed by the board and a supplental resolution asking the member for Fernie in the house at Victoria to urge upon the government, the necessity of placing the sum of $10,000 in the estimates for the purpose of building a public building here, the city, to join in the building if satisfactory arrangements to that effect could be arrived at.

The board also recommended the city be asked to appoint two delegates to go to Victoria to urge upon the government, the appropriation of the amount named in the resolution, and also to urge action relating to the Flathead wagon road, for which the City of Fernie has already expended $500 in preliminary surveys, and to endorse the action of the associated boards of trade recently taken at Cranbrook asking that a reserve of 50,000 or 60,000 acres of pine lands be set aside somewhere in East Kootenay as a public park.

A letter from the secretary of the board of trade of Vancouver asking the Fernie board to co-operate in an endeavor to defeat bill 29, relating to paydays of laboring men, providing for two paydays each month instead of one, as is now the practice, was read and after some discussion was filed and the secretary instructed to inform the secretary of the Vancouver board that the matter had been laid over for future consideration.

The verbal report of the delegates to the annual convention of the associated boards at Cranbrook was heard and a vote of thanks passed thanking the delegates for their services.

A committee was appointed to ascertain as nearly as possible the amount of revenue paid to the provincial government from all sources in the Fernie district during the last year, and report the result to the delegates going to Victoria to ask for a $10,000 appropriation for a public building. The meeting then adjourned.

The committee consisting of Sec. Alexander, Sherwood Herchmer and D. V. Mott was appointed to ascertain the amount of revenue contributed by the district to the provincial treasury during the last year met yesterday, and after getting information from the nearby mills, Mr. Joyce and other officials, and after estimating as nearly as possible the revenue from all sources, found that approximately $160,000 had been collected last year, and that of this sum not more than $80,000 had been returned to the district for all purposes. These are only approximation figures, but the committee believe they will be found to be substantially correct.

A more flagrant example of bad methods of government poorly executed it would be hard to find than is exposed by such showings as the above. Here we have a new district continually increasing in population and the consequent requirements of the rapid increase calling for new schools, new government buildings of all kinds, new roads and bridges and yet the industrial life of the district is being taxed over $100,000 per annum more than expended within its borders for what are absolute requirements of its people, and the further development of the resources to be found within its limits. Roads are being constructed over the border to deflect the trade of the Flathead to foreign markets; while the miners, lumbermen and other people of the district are pouring into the provincial treasury, more than $100,000 per annum, which goes to lessen the burdens of Dewdney dyke land farmers and to fill up the holes left vacant in the treasury boxes at Victoria caused by the failure of the ministry to properly safeguard the land revenues which might have been procured for the benefit of the province had not the Larsons and Andersons been permitted to gobble up valuable land for themselves, while they were so assiduously assisting the government to give to the Grand Trunk Pacific Co. through the help of a middle man, all the land they wanted for terminal purposes at $1 per acre with the tide flats thrown in.

The Ledger is well aware of the fact that it is not on the list of those regarded with favor by the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., but if that great corporation would forget for a little while the little water, light and telephone matters upon which they seem to differ so radically from the views of this paper and join hands with the people of this town and district in a united effort to drive out of existence such methods of taxation and the distribution of the results in this province, it would be making more money for itself and doing so great a good for the people at large that it could afford to forget all about water plants, electric light and telephone tolls for all time to come, and pull all the teeth out of the jaws of the little Ledger dragon.

COAST SCANDAL

Victoria, B. C. Feb. 20. — As complicated a criminal case, and at the same time one of the most remarkable among those the Pacific Coast police have had brought within the scope of their official duties in many years, is now under examination, growing out of the arrest some weeks ago at Los Angeles, of E. L. Hazard, a comparatively wealthy real estate operator and owner of a profitable automobile garage, for a criminal assault upon sixteen year old Lulu Rowland his stenographer. Hazard was admitted to bail in $5,000, and pending the date of trial, Lulu Rowland with her sister Mabel, disappeared. So also did Hazard's son Roy, a pleasant young chap of 21, whom it was not suggested had any connection with the case.

Then came the awful tragedy of the Valencia wreck, and for the time being Los Angeles lost all interest in the Hazard-Rowland case. It was revived by the appearance in Victoria of Hazard and Rowland, the father of the girls, bitterest enemies united apparently in common grief, as according to their joint statement their children had all been lost with the unlucky California liner. It was suggested that the trio of young people were members of an eloping party, and hence had assumed fictitious names of West, Martin and Simpson, which accounted for no thought of them being aroused by the publication of the Valencia passenger lists. After checking description lists and viewing many of the recovered bodies brought to this city from the bleak west coast, Hazard identified a body as that of the younger girl, although it was three hours later interred among the unknown dead.

Subsequent developments induce the police to regard the story that the Rowland girls and young Hazard were Valencia passengers with distinct suspicion, the theory being generally accepted here that in order to bring about a cessation of investigations with the object of locating the missing witnesses, Hazard has employed a dummy letter from his son, and invented the story of the departure by the Valencia.

Whether or not the girls are located, Rowland declares he will press the case against the betrayer of his daughter.

CALGARY & FERNIE RAILROAD

Application is Being Made for a Charter Through the Kananaskis Pass

A company styled the Calgary and Fernie Railway company is applying for a dominion charter to build a railroad from Calgary to Fernie through the Kananaskis Pass, thence down the Elk river to Fernie, here connecting with the C. P. R. and G. N. roads. Such a road would pass through an almost continuous coal field from the place it enters the mountains on the east to its junction with the other roads here at Fernie, and would have immense tonnage to haul as soon as it could get in working order.

With such a road leading direct to Calgary, and the building of the Kootenay Central to connect with the C. P. R. at Elko or Jaffray, Fernie will be the railroad centre of East Kootenay and everybody who has a property interest in the city should resolve himself into a committee of one to work continuously for the early completion of these two projects. Let us all pull continually for this result and we will see the two enterprises develop into realities in a very few years.

BUSINESS CHANGES

Mr. D. H. Cook, of Cowley, has taken over the dairy business formerly owned by J. C. Hutchison, and will be able to supply all comers with the best of dairy produce. Mr. Cook has a fine ranch and cows of his own at Cowley, which, added to the stock purchased of Mr. Hutchison, puts him in a position to handle a large business.

Mr. Hutchison is leaving in a day or two for a trip to the west, after which he is liable to settle down with us again and remain a good Fernieite as he always has been.

Mr. J. H. Hale, of the Cedar Valley Lumber Co., has purchased the entire interests of L. M. Proctor in the Fernie Lumber Co. This deal which has been in progress for some time was completed last Friday, and Mr. Hale left on the evening train for Elderby, B. C. He will return in a week or ten days, and it is probable that he will complete a deal with Mr. A. McDougall for his half of the lumber business. This probably means the investment of more capital in the business, and an increased output of lumber in this district.

Mr. Hale is thoroughly acquainted with the lumber business and The Ledger extends its congratulations to him and wishes him and those interested the success due such enterprising people.

A BLAZE AT CRANBROOK

Last Sunday at the wee sma' hour of one a. m. fire was discovered in the millinery store of Miss McLeod, next the Canadian Bank of Commerce building, Cranbrook. An alarm was at once sounded and in a very few minutes three lines of hose were laid and three streams were turned on the fire, which was confined to the wooden shell of a building and finally extinguished.

The entire stock of millinery was destroyed and much damage to the building was sustained. It is understood that the building was insured for $1,000 and that there was $3,000 insurance upon the stock and fixtures. The latter is a total loss.

The Cranbrook people are justly proud of their magnificently trained volunteer fire brigade and upon this occasion they certainly prevented the spread of a fire which might have resulted in the destruction of a whole block of wooden structures. Fire Chief Bradley handled his little force like a veteran. The boys were armed with smoke protectors which enabled them to enter the burning building and direct the streams of water most effectively.

Our fire boys in Fernie are made of the same stuff as the Cranbrookers and the city should see to it that they have frequent calls and runs to all parts of the city, for it is only in this way that efficiency can be attained. If it were not for the awful fear of the law The Ledger would be tempted to go down and pound that old triangle at the fire hall at all hours of the night and day until the fire laddies should know every possible run in the city and be able to find and couple onto every hydrant blindfolded. These drills might cost a few hundred dollars but as in the Sunday fire at Cranbrook thousands of dollars might be saved by prompt, well-directed action in one run. Give our boys a chance and they will show us what can be done.

OUR VICTORIA LETTER

Victoria, Feb. 20th—Special to Fernie Ledger.—The remarkable activity of Mr. Ross in seeing reasons for the disallowance of questions likely to produce disclosures constituted the feature of this evening's proceedings before the Kaien Island committee.

Mr. Anderson was on the stand being cross-examined. Several important disclosures were made, including the statement that the witness was paid ten thousand dollars in his settlement with Mr. Larsen in addition to which he retains certain coal and townsite lands. Each motion by Mr. McDonald for the production of evidence or the answering of questions was promptly and unqualifiedly sustained by Deputy attorney-general McLean as requisite to the inquiry, but Mr. Ross nevertheless continued to provide obstacles, being much more in evidence in this regard than Mr. Eberts, the recognized counsel for the witness.

Victoria, Feb. 20.—Special to the Fernie Ledger.—Abundant evidence that any trifling differences between conservative government of British Columbia have been adjusted to the satisfaction of the other parties was afforded by the course today of Leader Hawthornthwaite and his party, Mr. Parker Williams, when the motion for the third reading of the Royal Institution Bill authorizing the provincial adjunct of McGill to assume control of higher educational work in British Columbia.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite had at the last appearance of this measure declared himself uncompromisingly antagonistic warning the government that they were following in the footsteps of the British conservative party that went down to recent extinction. He also joined in an adverse vote which greatly troubled the government on that occasion. Then there was a hurried comparison of notes. The government with almost a solid vote re-established Mr. Hawthornthwaite's defeated petition bill respecting provincial election candidates and Hawthornthwaite and his associate voted reciprocally on the government petition educational measure today. The day was largely taken up with educational matters, the debate on the motion for the second reading of the school act amendment bill being continued by Premier McBride, Mr. C. W. Munro, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Evans, Mr. Munro making a speech which will rank among the best of the session, his argument being that the present system is distinctly discriminatory as against the poorer districts.

The opposition have offered an amendment to the effect that the school act of last session be discarded and the province revert to the system hitherto prevailing.

Just prior to today's adjournment Premier McBride requested that the member for Okanagan, Mr. Ellison, either withdraw or allow to stand over indefinitely his bill to provide for public control of telephone rates. As a reason for the request the premier stated that the investigations had been undertaken by Manitoba and by the Dominion as to the desirability of government control and operation of telephones. He advised that the results be awaited before British Columbia took action. The bill stood over, its introducer declining to withdraw it.

Victoria, Feb. 20.—Special to the Fernie Ledger.—At a meeting held by the conservatives here tonight it was unanimously decided to oppose the election of Hon. Wm. Templeman on the 6th of next month.

Hon. Mr. Templeman will nevertheless be elected by a rousing majority and liberals generally while regretting that the new minister of inland revenue should be subjected to a contest for his seat, welcome the fight as it is sure to react upon the so-called conservative provincial government and aid in opening the eyes of the public to the extreme slenderness of the thread by which they are holding on to their positions and drawing their salaries.

NEW BUILDING

The Crow's Nest Trading Company will erect, as soon as possible, a new fire proof sales room and ware house in place of the old store building which has been used for storage since the main stock was transferred to their fine large building on Victoria Avenue. Mr. Barclay, the enterprising manager, has also fitted up a commodious sitting room over the main store for the accommodation of their lady customers while in town. The room is well furnished and supplied with magazines and papers. This is a feature that will be greatly appreciated especially by their out-of-town customers who have to wait for trains.

The large store will also be increased in size by extending back to the alley as soon as the building of the new warehouse have been completed.

Nothing succeeds like success.

IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS

What is Considered Important Enough to Print

SPECIALLY CULLED FOR THE LEDGER

FRANK

From the Frank Paper

Peter Patterson, national board member of the U. M. W. A. for this district, who has just returned from the international convention of that order held recently at Indianapolis, went to Lethbridge Monday evening to complete the work of organizing that camp.

Frank H. Sherman, district president of the U. M. W. A., was a visitor to the Pass Tuesday. Mr. Sherman attended the Indianapolis convention and he states that he cannot see how a big strike in the Pennsylvania coal regions can be averted. Mr. Sherman expresses deep gratification at the splendid condition of affairs now existing in this district.

John Nelson of Livingstone, known among his neighbors as "The Cabbage King," was a visitor to Frank last week. He was marketing a load of the products of his foothills farm. Mr. Nelson is the man who made an extraordinarily successful experiment last season with growing fall wheat sown in the spring.

CRANBROOK

From the Herald

Mrs. Routh, of Moyie, Mrs. Leavitt and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fenwick, of Fort Steele, were among the out of town guests at the Gurd party.

J. F. Armstrong, T. M. Roberts, and S. J. Mighton bought what lots the townsite company still owned on Norbury avenue on Saturday last.

William Wilson, of Winnipeg, stopped off a day in Cranbrook to visit with Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Broley, as he was on his way home from Vancouver.

A. Leitch was called to Winnipeg this week by the serious illness of his brother, Angus Leitch, who has been confined in the hospital in that city for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gurd entertained a large party of friends in their handsome new home last Tuesday evening. Dancing was the programme, and the evening proved most enjoyable to all present.

Geo. Wells, secretary of the Mountain Lumbermens' association, spent two days in Cranbrook this week.

Maurice Quain had his electric automobile out again this week. Maurice is getting proud of his vehicle.

Otis Staples, of Staples Lumber Company, returned yesterday from his trip to St. Paul. Mr. Staples came round by Calgary and stopped at several points on the prairie and feels that the demand for lumber this year will be better than at any time since he has been here.

The annual ball of the Oddfellows will be given next Thursday evening at Fraternity hall. The Fernie orchestra will be in attendance and everything is being arranged to give the guests a splendid time. The ladies know what kind of a floor that hall has to dance on and they will all want to be there.

From the Prospector

Road Superintendent Don. Mackay drove over from Fort Steele Tuesday

Harry White, customs officer, was at Eastport Monday on official business.

R. Clothier and T. Lowery, of Moyie, were at Cranbrook Monday on business.

H. Kershaw, postmaster at Fort Steele, was in the city Thursday on business.

The Fernie Ledger will have a monoline typesetting machine in operation in a few weeks.

J. A. McLean, James Joyce and L. M. Proctor, all of Fernie, were at Cranbrook Tuesday.

After a period of nearly a year spent in development work, the North Star has resumed shipments.

R. L. T. Galbraith, of Fort Steele, was in the city Tuesday to meet Senator Page and A. J. Devlin on mining business

Miss Jameson returned to her home in Calgary on Monday accompanied by Mrs. E. H. Bagar, who will spend a week visiting friends.

The steel for the new Corbin road is being rushed to the front as rapidly as possible and tracklaying will be resumed as soon as the weather will permit.

J. Millar, M. A. Kastner, C. Clark, E. Sherman, R. Armitage, T. Poque, F. Delaney and A. Glendenning, the Fernie hockey team, were guests at the Royal Tuesday.

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PROVINCIAL MISGOVERNMENT

The evident reluctance on the part of the government members of the Kaien island investigating committee to proceed vigorously and thoroughly with the taking of evidence grows more apparent as the work drags along, and this reluctance does not diminish as the indications of what must at least be termed gross negligence upon the part of the government to look after the interests of the province, increase.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and works flounders into deeper and darker waters at every step in the hearing and has admitted that he might have spoken to Mrs Jimmie Anderson upon the street or possibly at her house in a jocular way about the Kaien island deal.

It seems from the evidence of Bodwell and Green that only Larson, a Seattle real estate man and Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson knew of the minutes of the Council transfering the 10,000 acres on the island and important tide land frontage to Bodwell provisionally for the benefit of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company.

The ministry kept this secret from the legislature and the public excepting of course Mrs Anderson with whom Mr. Green admits he might have discussed it in a jocular way being on joking terms with that lady as is to be infered, until Larson and the Andersons had had ample opportunity to locate as much of the public lands adjacent to the proposed terminal as possible, whilst the public were told that these lands were under reserve. While the people of this province who are tax ridden and impoverished to raise monies with which to pay interest on huge debt which has accumulated from the negligence and incompetency of former governments the present ministry sell to a middle man a valuable piece of land at $1.00 per acre to be by him in turn sold to a railway company for terminal purposes, keep the secret from the public as well as the Legislature long enough to allow of a foreign contractor and two or three other people to goobling up as much as possible of the adjoining lands of any great value. We are told by these ministers that it was a good deal for the province although as Mr Green admits these lands will prove to be worth millions of dollars to the company who have acquired them in such a questionable manner.

Lands worth hundreds of dollars per acre, the moment it became known that the terminus was to be established at that point, were transferred to E. V. Bodwell, secretly, for the insignificant sum of $1 per acre when the province was begging for money of the banks to meet current expenses, and two or three persons were let into the secret and used their knowledge to still further loot the province and the public by being allowed to take up lands supposed to be held in reverse. How a legislature can sit from day to day, and dogedly support a ministry guilty of such inexcusable disrespect, not only of people at large, but of the these very members themselves, can only be accounted for by the fact that they seem to love their sessional indemnity more than they do their self respect and the interest of the province they were elected to protect. It was thought, three years ago the depth of governmental depravity had been reached and passed when the Columbian and Western land grant thimble-rigging was exposed, but the attempt of the present government to take from the legislature, the right to pass on land granted to railways, by the substitution of a "go-between" and to keep the affair a secret long enough to allow of favorites to take advantage of the situation, makes the 4593, 4594 nightmare take on an air of respectability, especially when it is remembered that the people behind the Columbian and Western deal, had a keen enough sense of decrency to keep foreign contractors and petticoats out of the muddle. The government supporters in the legislature seem to view this piece of trickery with complacency, and go on supporting it with whatever appearance of faithfulness, their over taxed consciences will permit.

Meanwhile our Fernie representative is too busy with his arduous task of confining the scope of the enquiry being made by his committee into this Larsen Bodwell-Anderson family affair, to as narrow limits as possible, to spend any time looking after the interests of his constituency until at last his staunchest supporters have taken to letter writing, and are charging him with being entirely too subservient to the will of the government to be of any use to them. It is intimated that they have called his attention to the fact that his efforts to secure any return from the government for the vast amount of revenue poured into the provincial treasury from the Fernie district have proved barren of results, while adjoining districts represented by opposition members and which do not produce nearly so much revenue, are getting libraries appropriations for buildings, etc., that naturally belong to this district.

Our member has gone down to Victoria each year proclaiming from the house tops that he is an unqualified supporter of the government, and has each year returned to Fernie without needed appropriations, but full of promises for the future, until his own party supporters have become disgusted with his course and are calling him down.

To call the present government at Victoria, a government of the people, for the people and by the people would be the wildest kind of fiction. With eight conservatives and three socialist members sitting in the house representing minority votes in their constituencies and a shiftly government kept constantly on the watch to keep off the rocks, we are as near burlesquing popular government as is possible to go and keep up the merest shadow of a semblance to parliamentary usages in an English speaking country.

How long this state of affairs will continue seems to depend more upon the tricky shiftiness of the ministry than upon the sense of honor and self respect of their supporters in the house. One regretable feature about the muddle now being mixed at Victoria is the attitude of the socialistic element which pretends to represent the interest of the laboring man in the house as against the greed of the monopolists. These three members are never found antagonizing the government except when it is evident that such antagonism will result in no danger to the life of the ministry.

On the other hand, unfortunately for the people whom they are supposed to represent, they are always found voting with the government whenever such deals as the Dewdney district affair or the Kaien island iniquity comes before the house. The working men of this province are not so sordidly selfish as to sanction such action in their name and are possessed of sufficient intelligence to perceive that aiding a shakey government to inflict such gross injuries upon the people of this province will not assist them in getting just laws upon the statute books in their own behalf. The welfare of the province can not long be ignored by any class of its citizens with impunity, and the only way to get honest government for any class is to insist upon that kind of government for all. The working people of this district have learned that they cannot depend upon the government supporter now representing us at Victoria for any thing of vital importance to them and it remains to be seen how long they will allow themselves to be misrepresented by the three men at Victoria without whose support the present government could not live a day. When the honest intelligent working men of this province arouse themselves to action and bear in mind that they, like all other classes of people, owe their best efforts to their fellow citizens as well as to themselves in an endeavor to secure a genuinely representative government, such shams as are being enacted at Victoria in the name of popular government will become impossible and honest representative government will take its place and give to this province what it sorely needs, a plain, straight forward administration of public affairs. A manly, straight forward appeal to the working men, who after all are the back bone of our industrial life, will in our opinion demonstrate that they are also more than willing to stiffen the political backbone of the province and aid in bringing about honest government.

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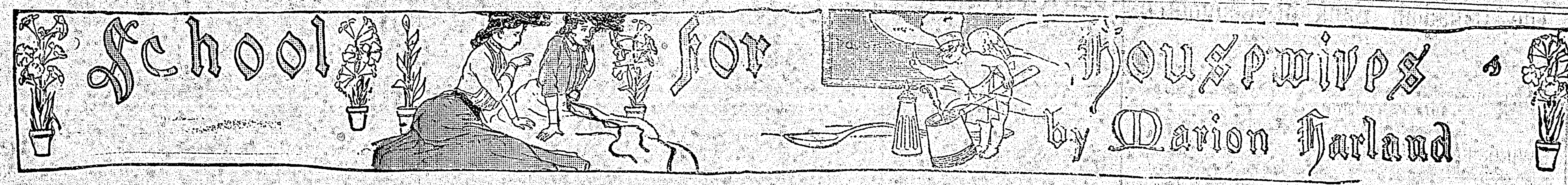

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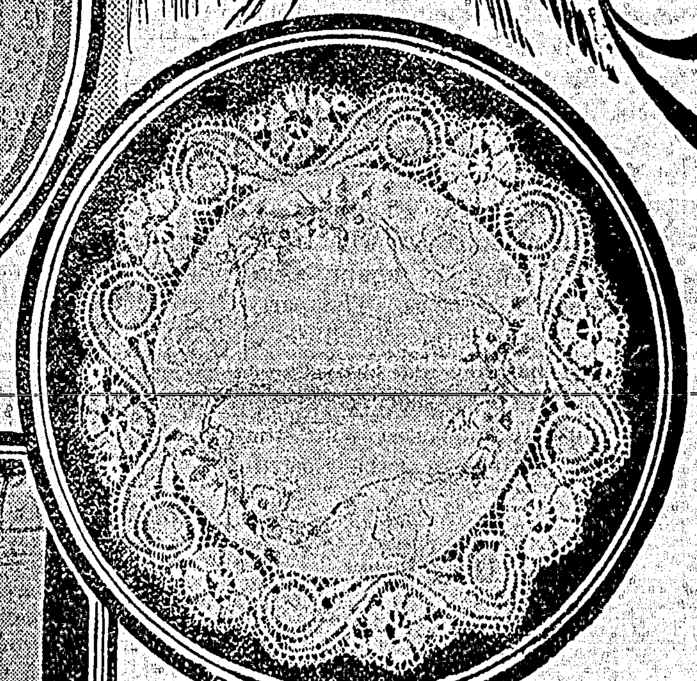
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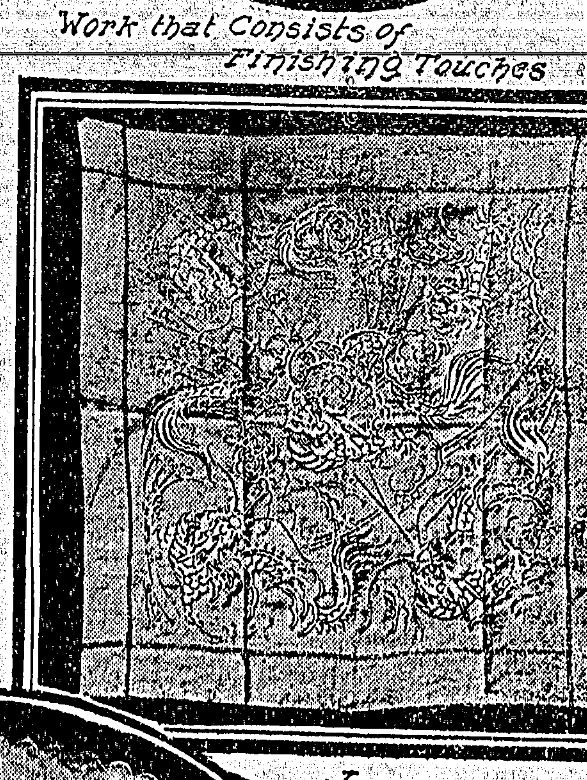
Japanese Blind Work

The Simplest Treatment of Eyelet Work

YEAR in and year out those tablecloths and napkins, with, for design, nothing but squares and dots of varying sizes, are used—they are patterns so simple that you never get tired of them, and the fact that inexpensive cloths come in those patterns has no effect at all upon the popularity of the more costly ones.

They come in every form, from the linen with dots all of the same size liberally sprinkled over the surface, that sells by the yard, to the woven complete cloths, with smaller dots and squares rather sparingly applied in the centre and interesting borders. And nothing shows off the quality of fine damask like these plainer cloths.

But the richest of all the many new tablecloths are those with flowers inspiring the design. Upon an almost plain centre were flung two or three roses, with the long, full stems, and buds shaped in the way characteristic of American Beauty roses. Roses and their leaves made the border, the whole cloth as artistic, yet as simple and dignified in its application of the designs as anything could be. To go with it were the prettiest napkins—big ones, of course—which were modified copies of the cloth. Imagine it with American Beauty roses in the centre, and with the sparkling glass and silver—the pretty gowns of the women set off by the sober black suits of the men—a picture it is bound to conjure up by its very richness.

Some others, a little less rich, are a great deal more involved in design—flowers and scrolls flung together to make effective, beautiful designs.

Plenty of cloths come of a good quality of damask, but unbleached, and sold, in consequence, at a very low figure. Many a woman buys them and uses them for every day, gradually bleaching them to a snowy whiteness—not so gradually, either, if the laundering is carefully looked to; and those cloths wear like the proverbial iron, every woman who has tried them says.

There are wonderful bargains to be picked up in the shops just now, either in the extra, exquisite linens, or in those necessary every-day pieces. Napkins—if you don't need more than half a dozen of a kind—sold for fractions of their original prices, in little "lots" of half a dozen of a kind, or three, or, perhaps, nine. Or, perhaps, too many of the napkins that match certain cloths will be sold, leaving a cloth by itself, which is very much reduced in price in consequence.

Towels have taken unto themselves new beauty of design. Many of them stick to the conventional borders (although even those conventional borders have developed into unusual, beautiful things); but some of the newest have designs that are flung all over them—some echoing the flower motif in a way that suggests, though remotely, that stunning tablecloth and its attendant napkins.

Among towels, too, the same bargains are to be found—single towels, of styles intended to be sold in pairs, but which have become broken in some mysterious way; long towels and short ones, mussed ones and soiled ones, jumbled up together. If you know qualities (and it's a rare woman these days who doesn't know the difference between good linens and—the other kind), there are opportunities on every hand to pick up kinds that a good washing will set right as a trivet.

As to centrepieces and tablecovers—since the whole lace world, apparently, decided that there was nothing in which lace could not be suitably combined with some form of linen for table use—ideas upon such things have been turned topsy-turvy. Under the head of "art linens" comes a bewildering variety of table-covers—marvels of filet lace worked out in story patterns, and of centrepieces and tablecloths alike made exquisite with borders and motifs—inset—of its finest form, or perhaps that newer, bolder version which shows so well the French influence.

There is wonderful German work in embroidery, and drawn-work and lace, set together in the substantial (though artistic in every sense of the word) German fashion; bits of Italian work, reminiscent of rare old hangings, so like the designs usually found only in tapestry are some of them; and a whole wealth of the flat Japanese work, and of English eyelet work and its cousin, Danish cut-work.

In spite of all-white being the rule, there's the inevitable exception. For certain things, nothing takes the place of centrepieces done in delicate silks—roses or orchids the favorite designs. For libraries and dens, tablecovers done in bold, Oriental colors on a ground of linen color are far more effective than all-white could possibly be for the same occasion.

Ironing Day

NO. III OF MARION HARLAND'S PRACTICAL TALKS ON LAUNDRY WORK

IF ever the curt command, "Clear decks for action," should be issued and obeyed in the household, it is on ironing day. If your kitchen be also your laundry, the order "Stow close" is added.

Arrange culinary operations so as to have as little cooking as possible done while ironing table and clothes-horse occupy the centre of the stage. A spatter of fat upon a flatiron or across a freshly laundered garment is a disaster. Boiling pots crowd the top of the range when you need all the space you can get for the irons. Meat and bread are likely to burn in the overheated oven unless watched closely. It is true economy of time and nervous forces to devote the greater part of one day to the serious task of getting what Yankee housewives used to call "the heft of the ironing" out of the way of other and lighter duties.

An oblong table on which sheets and tablecloths may be spread at half length is a "must-have" to the skilful laundress. The ordinary ironing board, supported at each end by a chair back or stout legs attached to the board and folded under it when not needed, is excellent for smaller pieces; but as a foundation upon which heavy bed and table linen are to be manipulated, it is a clumsy contrivance. Even when a clean cloth is spread upon the floor to keep the trailing folds from the dust, the necessity of continually shifting the sheet or tablecover, to bring every part of the surface under the iron, adds sensibly to the labor of the laundry.

COVERING FOR BOARDS

Table, ironing and bosom boards must be covered, first with several folds of flannel, or with an old blanket, in order to get the degree of elasticity, yet firmness, requisite to produce the softened gloss pleasant to the cultivated eye. The jar upon the worker's bones and muscles is also much less for the slight yielding of the woolly substratum. Over this tack smooth and taut a stout cotton sheet, made fast to the underside of the board. This covering must be invariably clean. The damp clothes and hot iron will betray any stain or dust by transferring it to the article under treatment. Have at the laundress' right hand a trivet or ring on which to set the iron in the intervals of active operations, and beneath the trivet a square of asbestos. If you cannot get asbestos, use a flat stone. Within easy reach have a block of folded wrapping paper on which to rub the iron and to test its heat, and with the paper a cloth for wiping dust and chance flakes of soot from the handle and top. A bit of wax or spermaceti, or, best of all, paraffin, should lie in a saucer nearby. It imparts gloss to the iron.

MAKING WORK EASY

An asbestos "holder" is a good thing, but any thick square made up of enough folds of flannel, calico or bed-ticking, to serve as a non-conductor of heat, will serve the purpose of the average laundress. If the irons are rough, rub them upon a smooth board on which you have strewed table salt.

In preparing the clothes for ironing, sort them intelligently, laying each kind in the order in which it is to be ironed. Begin with a couple of pillow-cases or towels, to make sure your apparatus is in good running order; then attack the starched and finer articles while day and energies are at the freshest. If there are embroideries, pull every scallop and point into shape; if not pliable, dampen with a sponge dipped into a bowl of warm water—another reachable accessory to the ironing day outfit—and press steadily and hard on the wrong side bearing your weight well upon the iron. Work steadily, pressing without thumping.

As you iron table and bed linen handkerchiefs and towels, fold and press the folds into sharp, clean creases. They will look neater and keep fresh longer for this final touch. When pressed into shape, lay the smaller articles aside in neat piles; hang the larger upon the clothes-horse to air. Do this carefully, not to wrinkle them, and use like care when the time comes for taking down the sweet, thoroughly dried "clothes" and laying them in the basket or trays in which they are to be carried to linen-press and bureau drawers.

One word as to sheets: Some of my correspondents deprecate ironing them except at the hems. One authority too respectable to be lightly questioned says boldly: "Why iron them at all? Fold them to hems down the middle, then across again, lay on the table and smooth with your hands as you fold. Finally, press the hems with a hot iron and hang up to air. Can't you see the sanitary wisdom of all this? The air circulates freely between the meshes that are not crushed flat. You will sleep more soundly and healthfully between unironed bedclothes."

Perhaps my correspondent is right, and I am an unsanitarian, unprogressive sybarite! For I insist that my sheets shall be ironed, and well. Consulting Mrs. McParson's capital little manual, "Ethics of Household Economy," I note that she likewise discourages the "waste of time, strength and fuel" involved in ironing sheets. Yet she adds:

"If they are for your spare bed, then iron the whole surface."

Catching at this goodly straw, I elect to regard my own dear couch—my friend and comforter—as a spare bed. I rest better and maintain my self-respect more surely when I lie between well-aired sheets that retain the smoothness and crisp creases left by the swift passage of a hot iron throughout their length and breadth. If I were a millionaire, I would have them renewed daily, always laying me down to sleep between clean sheets, ironed all over on both sides.

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Fried Chicken.

Joint the chicken in the usual way; salt, pepper and roll each piece carefully in flour. Into a heated frying pan put a large spoonful of lard and the same of butter. In this lay each piece of chicken, cover with a lid and fry for thirty minutes, turning each often and trying a golden brown. It must be carefully watched, and when cooked is perfect.

M. F. McL. (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Barbecued Hare in Virginia Style.

Wash the cleaned and beheaded hare thoroughly, and cut it open all along the under side of the body. Make deep incisions along the backbone, that the heat may penetrate to the centre of the flesh. Spread the hare open on a gridiron and broil, turning frequently. When done, transfer to a hot platter, rub with butter, cover and keep warm in the oven while you make the sauce that is to accompany the game.

In a small saucepan melt three tablespoonfuls of butter, and stir into it two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, a tablespoonful of French mustard and a teaspoonful of minced parsley. When very hot, pour this over the hare. Let it stand covered in a hot dish five minutes before serving.

THE KITCHEN CONVENIENCES

By Mary E. Carter

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IF YOU want to make cake in a great hurry and think that you have not time to be neat about it, then, before you begin, spread over the table a large sheet of strong paper and keep the mess on it. When you get through gather up the paper with all the droppings inside and burn it. Transients going into a kitchen to do odd jobs ought to find out when it will be least inconvenient for the cook to have them there. The approach of some persons is enough to set a cook's nerves all throbbing at once, because they carry confusion along with them and make a great deal more work than they do.

A little while ago I saw a review of a new book in which the writer had drawn a most enticing picture of window gardening in the kitchen. She seems to have supposed that a cook would have plenty of time for planting and weeding, etc. Her idea was that the cook could raise her own parsley and herbs, and even have beautiful little rosy radishes peeping up between the green things all ready to be pulled for garnishing. It seemed to be the very poetry of kitchen gardening, but—it was far more poetical than possible; albeit it was written in prose, the poet's license was freely indulged therein and stretched to its uttermost limits, at least so it appears to me. In the first place, the average cook has all that she ought to have to do without any new responsibilities being laid upon her.

However convenient it might be just to step to a window for a sprig of parsley or a few radishes—provided the pretty green and pink things should consent to grow and thrive in such adverse conditions—from what I know of cooks and their lives, my impression is that without an exception they would much prefer to get their herbs and radishes from the market all tied up and ready for garnishing and seasoning than to have their light obstructed by boxes of earth with a few sickly things struggling for air and leaning wistfully toward the light if they should have push enough to get above the soil. The nurture of the things would subtract from the cook's time for much-needed rest and recreation. No, no, let in every ray of light at the kitchen windows, study to reduce the work there—it already constitutes the major portion in most households—but leave kitchen gardening to the gardener, who makes a study of it and will furnish what you require cheaper than the cook can raise it. Give her a rocking chair, let her rock when she has time for it; lend her the daily paper, a magazine or a book occasionally, if she has time to look at them, but leave window gardening for those who have plenty of leisure. However aesthetic it may seem when read about, it will not be desirable in the kitchen from the economical or any other viewpoint.

Those who expect nice pastry from their cook should have a marble slab in the kitchen for that work. Good pastry cannot be made unless it is kept icy cold until it is baked. It requires the two extremes of cold and heat; but, until it goes to the oven, which should be extra hot, pastry, to be edible, must be as cold as ice water for mixing, hard butter for enriching and the marble slab for rolling out can make it.

The table in the centre of the kitchen and convenient to the range should be neatly covered with zinc. This saves labor, as the zinc absorbs no grease and is easily kept clean with hot water and a cleansing powder. Except in very elaborate kitchens where a chef presides and must have copper utensils, agate ware is the best for those who cannot afford the new porcelain-coated iron in pure white, or the beautiful aluminum ware that comes. Every housekeeper who likes to go into her kitchen to do nice cooking should have her own utensils and allow no one else to use them. She can then be certain that they are clean and ready for her whenever she chooses to make any dainty for the table.

The kitchen needs at least three double boilers of different sizes, and for special purposes. They are a great comfort to a cook because they spare her from much anxiety when crowded with work, as nothing ever burns in the double boiler. It must, of course, be kept supplied with water in the lower compartment when on the range.

Beside the range should hang a metal rack for holding cooking spoons and forks. It needs cleaning as often as anything used in the kitchen, but it is a great convenience and prevents soiling a table when the cook is attending to something that is over the fire.

HOUSEWIFELY TOPICS DISCUSSED AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

A brief chapter concludes last week's "Serial Story":

For the benefit of those mothers who are in doubt of the advisability of sending their daughters to college, I should say, "Do so by all means!" The college training will make them better wives and mothers and help them on all points through life.

It has been my happiness to possess such an education, and I am heartily thankful for it. My household duties are a pleasure. I reduce them to a science, ferret out the principles (thanks to my biology) and apply all rules of hygiene. Every one pronounces my home the essence of cleanliness, my table a delight to sup at. There is no "best" silver or china or linen tucked away. It is always ready, dainty and inviting. We enjoy our home and all we have. It will [illegible] to embroider, read a great deal, keep up my music and even a little literary work.

There, now. I am afraid I have presumed too much on your time and good nature, for I seem to wax egotistical, for which I humbly beg pardon.

Now for my request:

(1) What can be done with flatirons that persist in rusting? I once made the dire mistake of rubbing them with salty grease. I am indebted to you for learning it was a mistake. A. L. B. (Chicago).

Keep your flatirons in a dry place, if you have such in the house—the attic—rather than have them rust. When I leave my house for a month's vacation, or six months of travel, I have the irons cleaned carefully, wrapped in tissue paper, then in soft butcher's paper and pack them in a box. This is set away in a dry closet on the second floor.

A Baby's Going

After eight years of childless married life I thought my time would be taken up with the holiest of duties—that of a mother caring for her babe. Oh, I was happy! and had wanted my baby so much, and was filled with such joy when I held my beautiful baby-girl in my arms. But she could not live. It seems my life went with her, almost, and what bereaved mother does not [illegible] baby? Let the woman be content that has her baby. She is blessed indeed. W.

Your sad little story of the baby's coming and going will awaken the sympathy of many. At Christmastide the childless and the orphan must be the objects of peculiar pity among the an- [illegible] face.

A Cure for Frosted Feet

I have learned something of so much value I must pass it on. For years I suffered with chilblains so that often I could not wear my shoes. About a week ago I read that permanganate of potash, thirty grains, dissolved in one ounce of water, applied frequently with a swab was a sure cure. I tried it (five cents bought sixty grains), and my feet are well. I used it several times a day. H. S. W. (Pennsylvania).

The simple remedy could not be more timely. Melting snows and sudden frosts engender a woeful crop of chilblains and frosted toes—and it is not in boy and girl nature to keep out of snow and off the ice.

Tiny Dents on Furniture

I have a dining room and library table which are very highly polished. On the former I always keep a plateau mirror, with cut glass bottle and glasses. The plateau has five little feet, and, although I have it on a doily, my table is just full of tiny marks where the feet rest. I pasted bits of felt on the feet, hoping to stop the marking, but to no purpose. Now, can you tell me how to get rid of the little spots? My library table is the same from the library lamp. It looks as though the polish [illegible]. H. E. W. (Pittsburg, Pa.).

Rub well with olive oil until the tiny indentations are full of the oil. Leave thus for two days before polishing with chamois. Hereafter keep an asbestos mat under the doily.

"Softwood" Floors

I have solved the problem of covering for "softwood" floors, to my own perfect satisfaction, and feel that I must tell you about it.

Hardwood floors are to "we'uns" in small country towns a weariness to the flesh and vexation of the spirit. It is impossible for the housewife, unless she is a painter by trade, to wax, polish and keep a hardwood floor in good condition, and few housewives possess purses of sufficient depth to admit of sending to the city for "a man" to do the work. Then, too, most of "we-'uns" do all our own housework, including washing and ironing, and have little time or strength to spare on hardwood floors.

Carpets that are nailed to the floor are a dusty abomination, to say nothing of the labor involved in caring for them properly, and it is small wonder that our "men folks" cry out against the annual spring housecleaning, when everything has to be turned out and torn up, as it were, by the roots.

Many rooms measure twelve feet, or less, in width, and as the plain colored linoleums in tan, green, terra cotta or brown can be procured in twelve-foot widths and nailed at the edges of the room with a quarter round, giving a smooth floor surface that is easily cleaned, is softer to the tread than boards of any kind, does not need to be "taken up" at housecleaning time and can be covered [illegible] cheap or costly, I think it is the ideal floor covering to use in connection with softwood floors.

When the linoleum begins to show signs of wearing out, paint the surface of it, as it is still nailed to the floor, with any good floor paint, allowing a longer time for the paint to dry than if applied to a board floor. This may be repeated time after time, making the linoleum an enduring floor covering.

To clean it, simply wash it with clean [illegible] dered wax, and the rust and germs are "non est."

The linoleum may possess one disadvantage in some people's eyes, in that the dirt is all in sight!

I prefer linoleum-covered floors to hardwood floors. In many poorly built houses the linoleum prevents the cold wind from driving up through the floors, saving fuel and adding to the comfort of the inmates.

In case of sickness or accident, when it becomes necessary to transpose one room into an emergency hospital, I find the wide width linoleum just the thing for covering the floor. A. J. (Wolcott, Indiana).

There is clean, hard common sense in what our woman of affairs says. I have let her fill more room than belongs of right to a single correspondent because she knows so well what she means to say, and has such a sprightly way of saying it. May we hear from her again?

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INTERNATIONAL COAL & COKE CO.

The annual meeting of the International Coal & Coke Co., of Coleman, was held in Spokane last Thursday, and all the officers were re-elected as follows:

President, A. C. Flumerfelt, Vice-President, General Manager and Treasurer H. N. Galer; Secretary, W. G. Graves. Besides the above, Officers D. Shults and C. S. Houghton are on the Board of Directors.

This company has an authorized capitalization of $3,000,000, of which $2,800,000 has been issued. There is a surplus of $201,527.69 on hand and the assets amount to $3,273,283.39.

This company owns 4,000 acres of coal lands extending for seven miles along coal seams, two of which measure respectively 8 and 12 feet in width. The company employ 300 men, all residents of the flourishing new town of Coleman, which has a population of 800, a good water system and electric lighting.

The cars in this mine are operated by compressed air, and everything is up-to-date. Operations were begun at Coleman in October, 1904, and no company operating in the Pass can show a better record. During last year, despite a shut down of three months on account of labor troubles, the output was 173,032 tons and the operating expenses footed $237,029.11 or $1.37 per ton of coal produced. During the year the company expended $39,272.80 on new plant and equipment.

This "infant industry" is sitting up and taking notice of things in a particularly bright and lively manner under the direction of Mr Galer and bids fair to be one of the best paying coal properties in the country. Having reached a daily output of 1200 tons in so short a time big things may be looked for in the future.

EASTERN LUMBERMEN HERE.

Mr. James M. W. Hall, his son, H. B. Hall, nephew, Mr. A. Hall of Boston and Alfred R. Ames, of Machias, Maine, were at the Hotel Fernie a few days ago having traveled west over the C. P. R., and after stopping here a short time they will continue their journey to the coast by way of Nelson and the lake route.

A LEDGER representative had a very pleasant chat with Mr. Hall, who is president of the Machias Lumber Co., one of the largest operating on the continent. Mr. Hall's ancestors were Plymouth Rock Pilgrims having landed in 1620. He lived for a long time in Cambridge and was Mayor of that city for several terms and a member of the board of works for twenty years. Mr. Hall is one of the committee of three selected from the committee of one hundred, which was formed in the state of Massachusetts for the purpose of promulgating and promoting a policy of reciprocity between Canada and the United States. In this connection, he, with the other two members of the special committee visited Washington a short time ago, and had a long interview with President Roosevelt upon the subject, so important to the New England States. Both president Roosevelt and vice president Fairbanks are much interested in the matter. Mr. Hall informed the reporter that public sentiment in his state was very strongly in favor of reciprocity and is daily growing stronger. "What are you going to do with Senator Lodge?" asked the scribe. "We are going to give him a rest from his official labors when the time comes," was the prompt reply. "Mr. Lodge is what is now known as a stand patter and does not represent the interests of the people of Massachsetts in his endeavor to continue present tariff conditions.' Mr. Hall was delighted with the grand scenery here and said he had not seen anything to surpass it in Switzerland or elsewhere. He was also very much surprised to find such fine stores and other buildings in so young a town. He frankly stated that for neatness and convenience the Trites Wood store was equal to the best he had seen anyplace.

Mr. Hall, while a very enthusiastic and active business man, is also of a literary turn, and it was a pleasure to have him speak with pardonable pride of his personal acquaintance and friendship with Longfellow, Lowell, Whittier, Holmes, Emerson and others so well known to all lovers of pure English literature. To have personally known those celebrated authors was a priceless privilege, and it was a treat to hear Mr. Hall talk of his personal intercourse with men and women of letters, of whom, not only Bostonians, but all the world are justly proud

Mr. Hale of the Cedar Valley Co., took the party of Bostonians out for a sleigh ride one day, and they left for a day or two on the next train for the south, and will likely stop here a day or two again before taking final leave of us. The party has an eye open to the possibilities of the lumber industry, and THE LEDGER would be glad to see such people become directly interested with the industrial possibilities of the Kootenays.

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according to the minister's own statement only 65 per cent. of the districts had made any effort to comply with the law of 1905. The minister had also said that the amendments now proposed was the result of the experience of the new act, but Oliver showed that the act had only been in force since the 7th January so that it had taken a very few days to demonstrate the necessity for 68 amendments to 120 paragraphs or sections passed last year.

The Hon. Mr. Fulton holds the record on amendments to crude legislation of his own creation. Crude is a very descriptive word and people will not forget it when thinking of the provincial secretary and his colleagues.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEET

The "At Home" given by the Knights of Pythias at the Castle hall last night was a very pleasant social event. The room was full of people who enjoyed themselves at cards, crokinole and other games or in social conversation until the regular program of the evening was taken up by Chancellor Commander Tuttle who occupied the chair. He opened the proceedings in his usual happy style after which a well selected program was rendered. Messrs Biggs, Smith, Turney and Miss Suddaby, of the Fernie orchestra, contributed instrumental and vocal numbers.

The Knights of the Fernie lodge presented Jacob Fleischman with a beautiful Past Chancellor's jewel, Chancellor Tuttle making the presentation speech. Mr. Fleischman was taken completely by surprise, but rallied and made a very feeling and fitting little speech of acceptance. During the course of his remarks he took occasion to urge upon the ladies to join in forming a branch of the Rathbone Sisters. After this part of the program had been completed the guests were treated to tastily prepared refreshments and then to the strains of sweet music,

The tipsy toe kept on the go
Till rudy cheeks were all aglow.

A sufficient number of ladies signed the call to insure the installation of a lodge of Rathbone Sisters in conjunction with the K. P's.

The Fernie lodge of this order now has a membership of 115 and is growing, only three other lodges in the province outnumber them.

Very much of the success attained by the Fernie lodge of Knights of Pythias is due to the untiring energy of Mr. Fleischman and the Fernie Knights fully appreciate his efforts as was evidenced by their actions last night.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

All members of the council were present last Wednesday night with the mayor in the chair.

After the reading of minutes of previous meetings the city clerk read the petitions of rate payers asking for the passage of a by-law authorizing the city to borrow the sum of $2,300,00 to pay off over-draft at the bank and one authorizing the issuing of debentures to raise $5,500.00 to pay for the side walks constructed under the direction of the old council.

The by-law asked for by the first petition, which is designated as by-law number 30, was introduced and read three times. The over-draft at the bank totals $3,372.66, but as there is $1075.46 of uncollected taxes on the books the amount of the loan by-law was placed at $2,300.00.

By-law 31 authorizing the borrowing of $5,550 00 to pay the side walk bills were put through its third reading. Both these loans run for five years and are to bear interest at the rate of 5%.

The city solicitor reported that he had met Mr. E. P. Davis at Nelson and obtained his opinion upon the water agreement and other questions but thought best not to discuss the matter in open council. He stated however that the McLean suit would go to trial.

After some discussion the printing tenders were again laid over.

By-law 32 fixing the place and date of holding the elections on by-laws 30 and 31 were introduced and passed their third readings.

Alderman Tuttle made a strong plea for the strict enforcement of the fire limit by-law and the law relating to fire escapes.

As Mr. Tuttle's appointment as fire chief was made at a public meeting, the council, in order to give him legal standing, formally appointed him to that position.

A motion to divide the city printing until the contract was let was passed.

By-laws 28 and 29 received their final consideration and passed.

Whereupon council adjourned.

The City Council held a short meeting last Thursday night. Present the Mayor, Aldermen Tuttle, Quail, McIntyre, and Biggs.

By law number 32 was reconsidered and finally passed.

On motion the City clerk was instructed to place the plant of the Crow's Nest Electric Light and power company on the assessment roll.

The City clerk was also instructed to notify the same company that its license fee for 1905 had not been paid and that the fee for 1906 is now due. Adjoured.

Special Council Meeting

Minutes of special meeting of the city council held this afternoon to further consider the advisability of sending delegates to Victoria to discuss appropriations for a public building in Fernie and other matters. There were present the mayor, Alderman Tuttle, Quail and McIntyre.

On motion of Tuttle and Quail the council at once proceeded to consider the resolutions passed by the Board of Trade and submitted to them.

Moved by Tuttle and Quail that the mayor and Dr. Bonnell be asked to to proceed to Victoria for the purpose of urging the government to appropriate at least $20,000 for a public building at Fernie this year. Carried.

On motion of McIntyre and Tuttle that the city treasurer be instructed to issue a check to his worship Mayor Bleasdell for $250 for use toward expenses of delegates re trip to Victoria. Carried.

On motion of McIntyre and Quail that Alderman Tuttle be acting mayor in the absence of His Worship Mayor Bleasdell. Carried.

The resolution of the Board of Trade re instructions to delegates to Victoria was laid on the table.

On motion of Quail and McInty the delegates were empowered to discuss and arrange with the government in the matter of clubs operating in cities; the extension of school district boundaries in Fernie; high school lots and other school matters; the provincial park and game season.

The city clerk was instructed to see Mr. Alexander and ask him to wire W. R. Ross, M. P. P., to hold the Board of Trade resolutions until the arrival of the delegates. The council then adjourned.

THE 1905 SCHOOL ACT

The 1905 School Act was under fire in the house at Victoria last Friday when Hon. Mr. Fulton moved the second reading of the amendments to that act proposed by the government. The Hon. Provincial Secretary said the act of last year was necessarily crude. Most people will heartily concur in this statement. Everything in the nature of a bill which is brought before the legislature by the ministers at Victoria seems to be "necessarily crude" and takes more time to correct and amend than it would to formulate a good bill to start with. This is a result of having a crude set of ministers in charge of affairs.

The Hon. gentleman also said that 124 out of the 285 school districts had decided to undertake to comply with the act. Only one district had failed to hold a meeting for want of attendance; four had protested against the new responsibility; and in one district the elected trustees had refused to act.

John Oliver scored the government most unmercifully, pointing out that

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A. J. Mott and sister Miss. Lettie Mott are in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs Lou Pollock have gone to Washington to reside permanently.

Wm. Connel left last week for Frank where he has been engaged to install new machinery in the zinc smelter plant.

Mayor Bleasdell, Dr. Bonnell and Chief Constable McMullen leave over the Northern to night for Victoria.

M. McInnis arrived in town this morning from Calgary and goes west to Cranbrook this evening.

The proprietors of the Imperial and Roma hotels were each fined $30 and costs for selling on Sunday.

L. P. Eckstein left over the C. P. R. Saturday evening for Alberta points on business and returned to the city yesterday.

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

All those interested in the formation of a Rebecca lodge here are most cordially invited to meet at the I. O. O. F. hall Friday evening at 8:30.

T. H. White, N. G.

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

S. F. Wallace was up before the bank this afternoon on a charge of selling beer on Sunday, and as it was his second offence he was fined $60 and costs.

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.

A night school will be opened in Fernie March 1st for the study of shorthand and typewriting. For all particulars and terms apply to this office.

F. C. Winkler, of the Canadian Oil Company, arrived in town yesterday. He reports the business outlook good for the season. Mr. Winkler happened to be in Cranbrook on Sunday evening and witnessed the plucky fight made by the fire laddies.

Last Saturday The Crows Nest Pass Coal Co paid out a total of $185,512,55 for January wages.

Coal Creek	$79,566.55
Michel	43,047.80
Carbonado	12,008.20
	$185,512.55

The Dominion Meat & Cattle Ranching Co., Ltd., of Calgary has leased the Purdy building on Victoria avenue for one year, and are preparing to establish a branch of their extensive meat business here. We understand this company has ample capital and will go into the business here in no half hearted way. There is plenty of room for two companies in this line here, and our new neighbors will doubtless get a full show of trade.

On Monday afternoon at 2.30, Mr. Thomas A. Spruston, of Coal Creek, was married to Miss Ellen Jenkenson, of the same place by Rev. J. A. Robson B. A. The groom was supported by Mr. Vickers, while the bride was attended by Miss Dooley. Immediately after the wedding, a sumptuous wedding dinner was served to the guests. Numerous rich and beautiful presents attested the popularity of the young couple, among them being a valuable bronze and marble clock, given by friends in England. The young couple will reside in Coal Creek.

Much larger acreage has been sown to fall wheat in the Pincher Creek district, than the last year, and the present prospects are most encouraging for a much larger crop than was harvested last year. The weather conditions could not have been better for the young wheat, and the farmers smile as they watch the green carpets grow deeper and deeper over their fields each day. Cattle too, are looking fine, and had a most favorable winter. Stock men are hoping for better prices for cattle the coming season. It may be news to the buyer of meat to learn that for two years the price of beef cattle has been unsatisfactorily low for the stock raisers, but nevertheless such is the fact.

BY-LAW No. 31

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Fernie, to raise by way of Debentures the sum of $5,550.00, to pay cost of Constructing certain Sidewalks and Crossings.

WHEREAS Margaret Kerr & Company of the City of Fernie Contractors did construct and build certain sidewalks and crossings in the City of Fernie in the year 1905 at the request of the Mayor and Council thereof.

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Fernie is indebted to the said Margaret Kerr and company and her assigns in the sum of $5,502.40 for building and constructing the said sidewalks and crossings.

AND WHEREAS for the purpose of paying said Margaret Kerr & Company and her assigns the said sum of $5,502.40 now due and owing upon the said sidewalks and crossings it is deemed expedient to raise by way of debentures a loan of $5,550.00 repayable on the 10th day of March 1911 with interest in the meantime payable yearly at five per centum per annum. Such loan when raised to be applied for the purpose aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS the said Corporation has no existing debenture debt.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the whole rateable land and improved real property, according to the last revised assessment roll is $530,310.

AND WHEREAS for the payment of the said debentures, sinking fund and interest, it will be necessary to raise the sum of $1177.00 by a special rate in each and every year,

AND WHEREAS for the purpose of raising the said yearly sum of $1177.00 an equal special rate on the dollar will be required.

AND WHEREAS this By-law shall not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council

NOW THEREFORE, The Mayor and Council of the City of Fernie, in open meeting assembled, enact as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Fernie to raise by way of loan, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same, on credit of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, the sum of $5550:00 and cause the same to be paid into the hands of the City Treasurer of the said City of Fernie, for the purpose aforesaid, and with the object hereinbefore recited,

2. It shall be lawful for the Mayor to cause any number of debentures to be made, not exceeding in the whole the sum of $5550:00 for such sum of money not less than $100 as may be required; and all such debentures shall be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation of the City of Fernie, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Treasurer of the said City.

3. The said debentures shall be made payable in five years from the date herein mentioned for this by—law to take effect, at such bank in the City of Fernie or Canada as the Council may by resolution direct.

4. The said debentures shall have coupons attached for the payment of interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on the amount of said debentures, and shall be payable yearly on the 10th day of March in each and every year.

5. A special rate on the dollar shall be levied and raised in each and every year in addition to all other rates, on all rateable property of the City, sufficient to pay interest and create a sinking fund for the payment of the debt hereby created at and when the same shall become due.

6. The sum of $1000:50 shall be raised annually for the payment of the interest on the amount of the debt incurred during the currency of the debentures hereby authorised to be issued.

7. The sum of $1000:50 shall be raised annually for the payment of the debt hereby incurred.

8. It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time to purchase any of the said debentures at such price or prices as may be mutually agreed upon, and all debentures so purchased shall be cancelled, and no re—issue of any debenture or debentures shall be made in consequence of any such purchase.

9. This By—law shall, before the final passing thereof receive the assent of the electors of the Corporation in the manner prescribed by the "Municipal Clauses Act".

10. This By—law shall take effect and come into force on the 10th day of March, 1906.

Passed the Municipal Council this 14th day of February 1906.

Received the assent of the electors of the City of Fernie this day of March 1906.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed the Council this day of 1906.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By—law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at Fernie B. C. in the Court House on the 5th day of March 1906 from eight o'clock a. m. to four o'clock p. m. (Pacific Standard Time.

J. W. Nunn, City Clerk.

Fernie B.C. Feb 15, 1906.

The Coal Output

The out-put of coal at the mines for the week ending Friday, Feb. 16th, was as follows:

Coal Creek	8,592 tons.
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