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NEWS OF THE CITY

Many Interesting Items About People--A Week's Round-Up of Local Happenings

John McIntosh, late of Grand Forks, was in town yesterday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMullen, last Friday, Sept. 28th, a son.

A. W. R. McLeod, secretary of the Michel union, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. R. Lawry will be at home the 2nd and 3rd Friday of each month.

W. R. Ross, M. P. P., K. C., is in Nelson in connection with the big fire suits.

Mrs. J. W. Nunn and Dalton left on Friday's train for Vancouver on a couple of week's visit to friends.

John Laurenson, of Michel, was down yesterday attending a conference of the officers of the district and of Gladstone union.

L. P. Eckstein is away at Nelson on legal business connected with the big damage suit against the Great Northern railroad.

Mr. Brown, the new teacher at Coal Creek, is still teaching the young idea how to shoot up at the mines, as the children have not as yet decided to strike.

Mrs. Grant and children arrived in town Monday from Pincher Creek. As soon as the addition to the manse is finished, Rev. Mr. Grant and his family will be comfortably settled down in our city.

J. S. Carter, district passenger agent, Nelson, and Mr. Proctor, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R., were in town Wednesday, and went on to Spokane to have a peep at the big fair and do a little recreating on their own account.

Mr. James M. Phillips, accompanied by Mrs. Phillips, are stopping a day or two at the Fernie. Mr. Phillips home is in the smoky city of Pittsburg, Pa., and each year he takes a trip to the Rockies. He is a great nimrod, and delights in the chase for big game.

C. P. Hill, general manager of the Hillcrest Coal and Coke Company, accompanied by Mr. W. P. Davis, a heavy stockholder in the company, arrived in town yesterday. The Hillcrest mine is closed on account of difficulties arising between the management and the men.

John Brown, of Hosmer, was in the city yesterday, and reports everything progressing favorably in his camp. Mr. Brown told the Ledger of a trip he had taken through the Coleman mine some time ago, and he is an admirer of that property and the intelligent manner in which it has been opened up.

A. T. Claxton came in from the east yesterday, and will be in town a day or two looking up business and visiting old friends. A. D. Kibald was in town over Sunday, and A. J. Mott left on Saturday for Spokane. These three Arthurs used to be all together in the Elk Lumber Co. office, and were called the tripple A's. They have just missed by a day or two being together in a kind of a tripple re-union.

H. B. Alexander, a cousin of J. S. T. Alexander, of our city, and a resident of Calgary, passed through town yesterday on his way from Calgary to Spokane. Mr. Alexander is one of the famous polo players belonging to the High River polo team, which won such renown last year, and was defeated at Montreal a few weeks ago because of their ponies failing, owing to climatic change. Mr. Alexander is an old-time Albertan, and is still heavily interested in Calgary real estate and other property.

A new firm has opened up for business in West Fernie. Davies and Monkwitz have leased the well equipped machine shops of the Elk Lumber company near their big mill, and are prepared to do all kinds of repairing and machine work. The new firm will be able to do all kinds of brass and iron work for saw mills, mines, builders, contractors, etc., etc. This is the kind of pluck the Ledger likes to see, and we will watch with interest the growth of their business, for it is sure so grow, and wishes the boys all the success that is due to grit, skill and enterprise.

Mr. P. Patterson, an old Fernieite, and now international board member for this district of the U. M. W. of A., returned Monday from an extended trip east. During his absence Mr. Patterson attended a meeting of the board, and visited Nova Scotia. While in the old province, Mr. Patterson attended the meeting of the annual convention of the Nova Scotia Provincial Workmen's Association, and afterwards some fifteen local societies or branches of that order. Mr. Patterson's mission was to place before this society the proposition to affiliate with the United Mine Workers of America. The matter was taken up and discussed in the branch societies, and then left in the hands of the general convention for final disposition next year.

Tom Keith, of Coal Creek, was in town the other day.

The company have taken the pumps out of number three mine at Coal Creek.

Dave Patton, secretary of the football team at Coal Creek, was in town Monday.

Miss McFarlane returned Monday from her holiday trip, and has taken up her duties at the hospital.

W. H. Evans, of Coal Creek, was in town yesterday. He reports everything quiet up at the mines.

Arthur Berridge has returned from his trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis looking well after his recreation.

Jack O'Brien and Harry Baker have shaken the coal dust of Coal Creek from their feet and gone to Seattle.

Miss Walker, who has been nursing at the hospital for the past three months, left yesterday for the Coast.

Miss Jennie Palmer, of Coal Creek, is still visiting with friends in Idaho, but is expected home in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wood, accompanied by Master Jack, have gone to Cranbrook and Wasau for a few days rest and recreation.

Mr. Logie, accountant of the Trites-Wood store, and treasurer of the C. C. L. A. A. at Coal Creek, is away on a two week's vacation.

Secretary Biggs, of Gladstone local posted notices yesterday notifying union men, excepting boiler firemen and power house engineers, to keep away from the mines.

President Sherman stated to the Ledger a few days ago that he expects a visit from President Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis, or Sec.-Treas. Wilson, of the U. M. W. of A. io a short time.

Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., of Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Davis, was in the city a day or two last week. Mr. Davis is engaged in the big fire damage suits now being tried in the supreme court at Nelson.

There are about 400 tons of coal available for the power plant at Coal Creek. It will take about 40 tons a day to keep the light plant going, so that if no more coal is to be had, the light plant can not run for more than ten days.

Last Saturday District President Sherman sent a notice to the Michel Union to quit work, pending a settlement here, and the Michel men Saturday voted unanimously to go out, and in consequence work was suspended there on Monday.

H. J. Johnson and wife, accompanied by Gordon Johnson, left for Vancouver last Saturday. Gordon joins his brother Fred in the Collegiate School, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are taking a rest from the cares and turmoils of city life, and rusticating in the Coast villages.

Fernie is very quiet, and everybody is taking the situation philosophically, and hoping that the strike will not last long. So far as the public are concerned, a spirit of toleration and moderation prevails on both sides of the controversy, and it is hoped that this commendable state of affairs will continue to the end of the trouble.

Supesintendent Erickson, District Engineer Brooks, Mr. Parker, resident engineer and bridge and building engineer Martin, of the C. P. R., arrived in town yesterday evening from Crow's Nest on motor cars, and went west this morning. Superintendent Errickson reports the work being done at Crow's Nest as progressing favorably, and the whole line has been wonderfully improved since last year's trip.

Byron E. Walker, general manager of the great Canadian Bank of Commerce, was in the city last Friday on his annual tour of inspection. Mr. Walker was accompanied by members of his family and others, and was travelling in a special train. Mr. Walker is recognized as one of the great financiers of this country, and is an enthusiastic friend of the great western end of it. British Columbia has a warm friend in the manager, and he leaves nothing unnoticed in the province's growth.

Mr. Charles Tuttle and family will leave Fernie for Seattle early next week. Mr. Tuttle is in Nelson as a witness in the fire damage suit, and as soon as he returns, the family will take their departure. During their residence in Fernie, Mr. Tuttle and family have made many warm friends who will be sorry to see them go away. Mr. Tuttle will be engaged in the lumber industry at Seattle, and while all are sorry to loose such good citizens and neighbors, they are equally glad to know that they are going where prosperity awaits them. The Ledger wishes them all success in their new home.

Born, at Fernie, on Oct. 2, to the wife of Jas. Godber, a son.

Born, at Fernie, on Sept. 24, to the wife of Wm. Henderson, a daughter.

Rev. Wilkinson, of Christ Church, held service at Michel on Tuesday last.

Mr. A. W. Hayden, representing the Canada Paper Co., of Montreal, is in the city.

A. McDougall is down at Nelson attending the big suits in the capacity of plaintiff.

J. G. Cummings, D.L.S., is in Nelson this week Doing Land Surveying in the big fire cases.

W. F. Gurd, the busy lawyer, of Cranbrook, found time to spend a few hours in Fernie last Friday.

Wm. McKay has taken the place of the bartender who went away and forgot to come back to the Coal Creek Club.

Wm. Hughes has taken the place of A. B. Alexander at the Coal Creek Club, and will look after the comfort of the boys.

Most of the members of the famous Coal Creek football team have left Coal Creek, and are scattered from Alaska to Australia.

Mrs. Frank Lander and two children have left over the G. N. to visit her mother at Denver, Colorado, during the winter.

Sandy Alexander, late manager of the C. C. L. A. A. Club, at Coal Creek, has left for an extended visit to Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Vandecar, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Cranbrook, was in the city last Friday on his way to the Spokane fair. Mr. Vandecar looks like the embodiment of good times.

Milt Kastner returned from Spokane yesterday morning looking well, and reports having had a fine time among the apples and the pears, and the peaches at the fair.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, who deals out religious medicine according to the Presbyterian prescription at Michel, oh, well, is in town helping to settle the Grant beehive down to comfortable order.

A band of our first families, of the Kootenay variety, passed through town today on their way back to their native tepee grounds to the west. The Minnehahas in the band looked like a good sousing in some laughing water might improve their dusky beauty.

Rev. Dr. Bryce, professor of English in Manitoba College, Winnipeg, was in the city a few days during the first of the week. He is travelling in the interest of Manitoba College. The Dr. is one of the best known, as well as oldest pioneers of Manitoba, having come to Winnipeg before it was much of a Peg, in 1871. Although getting up in his age record, he is still as active and bright as a man of 40.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whelan left over the Northern for Spokane last night, bent on having a good time at the fair. Tom arranged to have the Ledger follow him, so that he could have a Night Cap that fits him while he is gone. They expect to visit the Coast before returning.

Pat Whelan arrived in town yesterday, accompanied by his bride, and is settling down to the usual rounds at the Napanee. The Ledger wishes the happy couple long lives, long purses, and no need of doctors or nurses.

Now it's up to Con to get a move on,
To see if he can't improve on
His bigger brother Tom
Or his smaller brother Pat,
But no, he can't do that!

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor and children arrived in town last Saturday, and after a brief stay of a day or two, went on westOund Monday. They will stop a few days in Nelson, where Mr. Proctor will be present at the big trial with the G. N. over the fire losses of two years ago. Mr. Proctor and family will take up their permanent residence in Vancouver.

The Epworth League meeting at the Methodist church Monday night was well attended and much enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Grant, of Knox church, was present and delivered a very interesting address. He talked of the very harmonious relations existing among the local churches, and expressed the hope that he might live to see the consumation of the church union movement. A very interesting programme was presented, and Rev. Mr. Hall spoke feelingly of his gratitude at having a brother minister take part in the league meeting. Such gatherings should be reciprocal, and no doubt will prove a factor in the union movement.

Nero fiddled while Rome was burning,
so it is said,
But Fernie fiddles while the ovens are
dead.
Oh, fiddle sticks!

PRESIDENT JOHN MITCHELL MAY COME TO FERNIE.

Everybody will be glad to extend to John Mitchell a hearty welcome to Fernie, if he should be able, as he desires, to pay this valley a visit.

A good way to size up a man is by the warmth of the affection and adherence of his friends, and no man in any way connected with public life today can lay claim to warmer friendship or more constant adherence of those friends than can John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America. He has been pitted against the ablest and most experienced of corporation lawyers in his many struggles for the rights of the members of the great organization, and in many cases he has emerged from the conflict with honors bright and commanding the respect and admiration of his opponents.

He has won the respect of all good American citizens from Theodore Roosevelt to the most humble toiler in the lowliest walks of life. Springing from the ranks of the toilers, he has carried with him in his advancement to stations of high honor and trust the memories of the trials and tribulations of the poor, and the brightest jewel in that crown of public approval which he has won is this—that he, like Lincoln, seems to love more constantly as he rises higher in his course of usefulness, the men and women of toil whose battle he is directing and whose trust he holds sacred.

No one will ever know what pressure may have been brought to bear upon John Mitchell by masters of the art of corruption. He seems to be a man of science in so far as his own trials and temptations are concerned, keeping the great trust he carries constantly in view, and thinking nothing of John Mitchell's welfare.

To lamented Lincoln's hold upon the people was due to this same unselfish martydrom of action and feeling, and it is this utter lack of self-seeking that has made of Mr. Mitchell the leader of the workmen of America today, and which will keep him in that position so long as he manifests such a spirit.

To meet personally the man whom presidents, governors and all classes of good citizens delight to honor, will be a source of great pleasure to the people of this valley, and the Ledger hopes, with all well wishers of the district and province, that Mr. Mitchell will be able to spend a few days in our midst, and that with his good judgment and tact, that he may be able to smooth away the difficulties which have so unfortunately arisen between the two parties to the agreement which has, until the 23rd of next May to run.

He has the full confidence of the men of his order, and his standing in the country among all classes is of such a character as to compel the respect of the other party to the local struggle, and a speedy settlement would be most hopefully looked for as the result of a visit from him.

SLOPPY WEATHER DEAD.

Sloppy Weather is dead. It has been raining the last day or two at a pretty rapid rate, but Sloppy Weather is dead. He had no feathers on and wore nothing in the shape of clothing excepting a dejected air and a pin feather or two about the tips of his wings and on his head.

Sloppy Weather has a depressing effect on most people, and Sloppy went about looking as though he was the depressor of everybody, and had a painfully guilty conscience.

But Sloppy Weather can't last always, and Fernie's Sloppy Weather committed suicide by filling himself too full of wheat. There was a break in the weather in the region of the Crop, and his owners, having a pecuniary, as well as a humane feeling about Sloppy Weather, undertook to sew up the break in Sloppy weather, and thus prolong his life, but Sloppy slopped over, and has passed away.

The funeral took place down Howland Avenue. No cards.

OUR FRUIT DISPLAY.

Who Won the Prizes and a Word of Consolation to Others.

In response to the Ledger's call for displays of vegetables for the Ledger window, five displays have been placed on exhibition, all fine samples of what can be done here in the way of gardening.

City Clerk Nunn was the first to come forward with a display, and although he has a fine collection of vegetables, the product of his own garden grown from the planting in ten weeks, he finds himself in the position of the fellow who tells the first fish story. All the others have had the advantage of him by being able to have a squint at his vegetables, before placing their own in the window.

Mr. J. McLachlan, of West Fernie, came next with his fine collection, and then Mrs. Davies, with her samples grown in Edgecliffe garden.

Mrs. John Whales, of West Fernie, then came with her widow's mite, which proved, as of old, the greatest of all. Mr. Whales planted the seed, did the cultivating, and has done their own harvesting. Her display of the fruits of her toil and of sunshine and rain, and good, West Fernie soil, would be credit to any collection seen at any fair.

The Ledger gladly places Mrs. Whales name on its subscription list for one year, as the winner of the first prize. Mr. John McLachlan having the next best display, gets the Ledger for six months, with the Night Cap thrown in, and the third prize goes to Rev. Mr. Hall.

The Ledger wished to publicly express its thanks to those who have failed, and trusts that next year they will try again.

The Ledger feels that its first attempt to arouse a spirit of friendly rivalry and of interest in this line, has proven eminently successfully to all parties.

To the winners and all other readers, we modestly say, read your Ledger carefully every week, kick hard about what don't suit you, pat us on the back, if its ever so little a pat, for what we say that does suit you, and give us all the aid you can to make our paper better each week than it was the week before.

Pull the Night Cap down over your eyes and ears when you go to bed, and get as much fun out of reading it as does the Kid in writing it for you.

Don't worry if the Cap pinches a little sometimes; that's liable to happen to anyone. It's a queer kind of fellow who don't sometimes feel a little swelling of the head, and the Night Cap is intended to reduce the swelling.

ANOTHER GUESS COMING.

Nelson News.

Fernie, Oct. 1.—The mines at Coal Creek and Michel were shut down tight today, the fans being stopped and the pumps drawn out of the mines, Coal has been purchased from outside sources to keep the electric light plant of Fernie in operation for some time to come yet.

Manager G. G. S. Lindsey has left Fernie with Mrs. Lindsey for a prolonged visit to Southern California. Before going he caused to be circulated amongst the men the following copies of correspondence that had passed between him and Mr. Sherman.

Mr. Lindsey "caused to be circulated" all right, but hasn't left Fernie yet. The Daily News should change to a weekly.

THE GENERAL MANAGER AND THE PRESIDENT.

G. G. S. Lindsey, Esq., General Manager, C. N. P. Coal Co.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your last letter, dated Sept. 26, I wish to point out that you should be the last person to speak of a breach of contract. Your company deliberately broke all solemn assurances, pledges and contracts when you refused to pay the schedule of wages to the blacksmiths and miners of Coal Creek in June and July, 1905, and only did so after a three days' strike of your employees in August, 1905.

We had your solemn pledge and assurence that all old customs pertaining to your employees should remain during the life of the agreement. Against our emphatic protest you changed the method of payment of wages to your employees, and also introduced an agreement foreign entirely to the one we signed and agreed to work under, and compelled all men to sign who desired employment by your company. While professing friendship for the union, you have deliberately upheld those who desired to bring disruption in our ranks. Now, when we have given you the opportunity of choosing between us, you issue pamphlets charging us with a breach of faith, which we deny.

We understand that you have locked out your men, and desire to punish them; the issue is clear.

You claim an indemnity from our people; you will get none.

Do you desire a resumption of operations at Coal Creek? If so, let bygones be bygones. If not, say so.

Awaiting a prompt reply. Yours truly,

(Sgd.) F. H. Sherman, President District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

Fernie, B. C., Sept. 28, 1906.

Frank H. Sherman, Esq., President District No. 18, U. M. W. of A.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of Sept. 28. Before answering your questions I must refute the statements made by you in the early part of your letter.

The question of the rate of wages to be paid blacksmiths was a minor issue ultimately settled under Article 2, there being only a few dollars involved. This came up at the same time as the McGinty question. You yourself told me their striking on this point was wrong without first disposing of the matter under Article 2 of the agreement, and that you were forced to call them out, preferring, as I said in another letter, to act against your proper judgment in doing so.

The payment of the men by cheque instead of currency involves this amount of extra effort on the part of the men; they are handed a cheque at one wicket and two feet away get their money at another.

The new agreement which we have asked the men to sign as to the day on which they are to be paid, does nothing more than effect new employees of this company with notice of a custom as to the day of payment, which has prevailed in this camp since it has been in existence.

I only mention these matters in case this correspondence should have to be referred to in the future.

You state that we have now locked out our men and desire to punish them. We have no desire to punish our men. If they had been told of the undertakings given by you and Mr. Biggs and National Board Member Jones at our conference that there would be no discrimination against non-union men, the men at Coal Creek would never have responded to the call to go out on strike rather than work with non union men. Are you ready to say now that it was agreed at our conference that there should be no discrimination against non-union men? If so, that will go a long distance towards clearing the ground for a favorable consideration of any request preferred on behalf of the men to go back to work. Yours truly,

G. G. S. LINDSEY, General Manager.

Sept. 28th, 1906.

Following is the notice to leave their houses, the property of the coal company, which was served on the miners at Coal Creek.

You are hereby given notice by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Limited, to quit and deliver up to them possession of the premises now held by you as their tenant, situate at Coal Creek, in the district of West Kootenay, in the Province of British Columbia, and known as house number ..... with the ground appurtenment thereto, on the first day of November next.

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL CO., Limited.

James McEvoy, Land Commissioner.

Dated at Fernie, this 29th day of Sept, A.D., 1906.

INTERNATIONAL COAL AND COKE COMPANY.

H. M. Galer, general manager of the International Coal and Coke Co., at Coleman, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Spokane.

Mr. Galer stated to a Ledger representative that the flooding of a portion of the Coleman mine had not interfered with the continuous operation of taking out coal, and that all the men who had been drowned out of the level when the water broke in were put in other levels, and every man is at work as busy as ever, and all the coal that they can get cars for is being taken out. From 1,500 tons upward is mined every day.

The water in the little creek which had got into the one level through a cave-in, has been diverted to another course, and that level will be ready for operation again as soon as the water has been removed.

The development work in the mines at Coleman has been pushed systematically, and 40,000 tons could be taken out each month for the next three years without further developing or pushing of levels or clearing up the slopes.

The International Co. have one of the finest coal properties in this country, and the plant and the development work show fine thought and care upon the part of the management.

Mr. Galer states that the closing of other mines will not affect Coleman so far as output is concerned, as they are finding market for all they can turn out anyway.

The little town of Coleman is neat and clean as a new dollar, and the people up there are engaged in making new dollars to add to those they already have.

B. E. WALKER'S PROPHECY.

Byron E. Walker in the Nelson News.

"Now," concluded Mr. Walker, "you people must not think I am dreaming or that I am prophesying. No such thing. There are certain factors which exist here. When against them comes the pressure of a 100,000,000 people in the United States and Canada, impinging upon this far west, all this must come. It must infallibly happen. It may not be in my generation. I don't say when it will happen, but happen it must.

"But I sympathise with this province. It has an empire to develop, and it has a fringe of people upon its southern border to do it. It reminds me of a farmer with a thousand acre farm who is living comfortably off two acres cleared. When asked why he does not clear the rest, he simply says that he cannot afford it. Now, on the other hand, can this province be asked to return the land, it is not developing to the north to be turned into a territory and thus administered. It was with this land that the province entered Confederation. But there are two railways coming across that northern half. You will have cross railways up and down your valleys. The question is one of finance. And here I might make a suggestion to you newspaper men. Why don't you make the east thoroughly conversant with the situation? They know little or nothing about this province. They think it prosperous and it is prosperous after the manner of the farmer I just told you about. Educate the east, especially Ontario. It costs British Columbia farm acurably more than any other province, excepting Ontario and New Brunswick, and in asaraly no such a hase two to develop the country. It is not a question of a canal here or two over a few rivers, and the farmer and the land account to do the rest. The rivers to be spanned have twelve mighty bridges, the wire roads have to be hewn from the mountain side. Then when the conference of provinces comes off British Columbia would have its case before the public. There is the question of lands taken over by the Dominion Government, there is also the question of the fisheries being taken over by the Dominion Government. Surely there is a quid pro quo to be had out of these. Better terms are of course political questions, and I don't want to be quoted on politics, for I am only pointing out the financial possibilities. But the day will come for British Columbia, sooner or later, according to the manner in which you people get after the issues at stake."

A REFUTATION

International Board Member Sharp has called the attention of the Ledger to a statement in yesterday's Nelson News, which runs as follows:

"So far as we know, it is not on record that President Mitchell has persisted in forcing upon any American colliery company the terms he now, apparently, insists that the Canadian colliery company must agree to before they can operate their mines."

Mr. Sharp makes the following statement, which is a refutation of the above statement.

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Texas, and all agreements in Montana and Wyoming recognize the closed shop principle and joint agreements, signed by both operators and miners are in force in all those States.

NO SETTLEMENT

The Company and Men in Conference--Company Opposed to Closed Shop Principle.

General Manager Lindsey yesterday consented to meet the official representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, and this morning at ten o'clock, President Sherman, National Board Members Sharp and Patterson, Secretary Macleod, Laurenson and Jones, of Michel, and President Dicken, Secretary Biggs and D. Paton and W. H. Moore, representing the Mine Workers, held their first conference with Mr. Lindsey in his office. This first meeting lasted till half-past twelve, when an adjournment to three o'clock was taken.

At this afternoon's conference of the officials of the United Mine Workers and General Manager Lindsey, the union men submitted the following proposition as their views of settlement, but Mr. Lindsey has refused to accept a settlement on such a basis, and negotiations are once more at an end.

The miner's proposition:

Fernie, B. C., Oct. 4, 1906.

G. G. S. Lindsey, Esq.,
Gen. Mgr. C. N. P. Coal Co.,
Fernie B. C.

Dear Sir,—

We beg to submit the following:

Provided you are willing on behalf of your company to accept the attached order as legal, and will deduct the moneys as requested during the life of the agreement, to March 31st, 1907.

And provided that all employees are given their old places back.

And also withdraw the agreement re payment of wages.

We will resume operations just as soon as we have the orders signed by your late employees.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the U. M. W. of A.

F. H. SHERMAN,
Pres. Dist. 18.

This is the agreement referred to in the above:

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To The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.

By the agreement entered into between you and the United Mine Workers of America, on the 23rd day of May, 1905, I authorize and empower you to deduct and pay to their legal representative from my earnings from month to month during the life of said agreement, initiation fees, dues and such other assessments that may be designated by the Financial Secretary of Local Union No. 2314, U. M. W. of A.

Signed

Check No.

This is the agreement Mr. Lindsey has been having the men sign:

Working Number.....

AGREEMENT.

No.....

I hereby engage and hire with The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, as....., at a daily wage of $....., same to be paid monthly, but not to be payable to me until the fifteenth of the month following that in which I have earned them, if said fifteenth be a Saturday, if not, then to be payable on the first Saturday after the said fifteenth.

Dated the.....day of.....190

Witness

Working Number.....

THE FERNIE LEDGER

TWO DOLLARS A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

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D. V. MOTT - - Editor
G. G. MEIKLE - Manager

CORPORATE GREED.

The Ledger from time to time during the last year has commented upon what it has termed the one great evil of the new century, carried over from the last, and which seems to be nearing that stage in its course which indicates the beginning of its end—corporation greed.

This is the disease which is gnawing at the vitals of corporate wealth, and unless the gluttonous greed of officers, directors and managers can in some way be checked, the disease will destroy the whole system.

Every week new instances of directors diverting the moneys belonging to companies, of which they have control, into their own pockets, or into the treasury of other companies, of which they are also directors and holders of much larger interests, thereby increasing their proportionate profits by robbing Peter to pay Paul, being sure that both Peter and Paul do the suffering to the personal profit of the dishonest director.

One of the latest of these exposures is that brought to light through the probing of the affairs of the I. O. F. insurance, the Union Trust Company, and the Great West Land Co.

An ex-cabinet minister and some members of parliament are the ones this time to get caught.

While Mr. Lindsey is keeping a circular factory running extra time printing startling, stunning questions as to the value of a contract with the United Mine Workers of America, these organized robbers are keeping steadily at it, until common people are beginning to wonder whether there is such a thing as an honestly conducted corporation of any kind with which John Mitchell or anybody else could make a contract with any degree of certainty that it would be adhered to in spirit as well as in letter.

As the Ledger has stated before, it believes there is only one remedy for this evil—the removing of the cause.

The cause is so apparent from the all too frequent examples brought to light from time to time, and from which it is fully and clearly demonstrated that multiplicity of directorship is at the bottom of all the evil, that time is wasted in its discussion. Experience and investigation has proven that from this same cause nearly all the commercial corruption of the age has sprung.

The vast sums of money stolen from rightful owners and transferred to the pockets of corporation robbers would, if it were possible to arrive at an accurate estimate, make a total that would stagger the human mind to contemplate. All the petty little train robberies and hold-ups at the points of pistols from Jack Cade's time to the present, would sink into insignificance when compared to the fruits of the corporation directorate way of doing the job.

The size of the stealings would put the Jack Cades to shame, but Jack has one redeeming thing to his credit—he don't pretend to you that he is a paragon of honesty to whom you are asked to entrust your cash for safe keeping. He has the courage to take it by force instead of by lying.

The only real remedy for this doubling up of directors is to limit a man to one directorate, or one office. If a man could not be a director in more than one company, then he could not cheat himself in one company for the benefit of himself in another company.

That looks simple, and is as simple as it looks. No company of any magnitude but what has more stockholders than directors and officers and a board of directors who are not directors in any other company could be found.

If not, then the company should not exist. No other remedy will ever cure the disease.

The opportunity to rob is so great under the present system, that the wonder is that more of it has not been done, rather than that less should have been accomplished in the heaping up of unearned millions by the directorate route.

If the truth were known, there are hundreds of companies formed with no other object than to make it possible to rob other companies or individuals.

Go into any of the financial centres of the continent, and it will be found that all, or nearly all, the directors of the large corporations are the same people.

The directors of one company will crop up in dozens of others, and these directors do business with themselves in a way that would make a shell game man ashamed of himself. This directorate business has got to be a science.

One fellow who has had a lot of experience as a director, undertook a little while ago to make use of the doubling-up director business to cheat Uncle Sam out of some customs dues by dividing himself up into two companies, one on the Canadian side and one on the American side of the line. He organized a company over in Uncle Sam's pasture, consisting of himself and two others, and coming back on this side, began shipping goods from his company on the sale to his three-man company on the other side. Of course, he naturally felt like helping himself on the other side as much as possible, and so sold himself goods at a very low price, so that the duty would be very light. It is not known whether he intended to, or did, cheat his stockholders on this side, or whether he whacked up the profits, but somehow or other Uncle Sam's servants got onto the job and spoiled the game.

This is only an extension of the double director, double manager business to both sides of the line in order to make smuggling easy, but straddling the International Boundary line made a little too much of a spread, and matters had to be fixed up.

Now, it is likely that if one was to run across that fellow he would find a great defender of organized capital and a hater of organized labor.

He would likely be found preaching about the unreliability of such fellows as have to work for a living.

He would defend the double director business, and prate about the impractability of labor unions.

He would even talk about honesty as exemplified by himself and his associates, and of the dishonesty of other people.

It is such people as this that are bringing socialists and anarchists into the world every day.

Labor unions are the product of the unscrupulousness of such fellows, brought into existence by selfish, dishonest methods reduced to a science by long practice and training.

Legally trained minds are pitted against plain, ordinary people for the purpose of robbing them according to law, as dishonest directors rob their stockholders and others by machinery set up and put in motion by the law.

If there was no law allowing one man to be a director or manager of more than one company, there would have been no life insurance swindling; no Kamloops lumber dealing by which I. O. F. and Union Trust companies have been robbed.

A great bank could not secure control of the funds of trust companies, or vice-versa. Beef trusts, railroad combinations to control rates, and all the thousand and one ways of robbing by the director method would be shut off.

How many of these directors do any directing aside from the directing of the funds of one company into the hands of another?

In almost every investigation that has taken place since this inconvenient and impertinent habit, as Mr. Foster might term it, has manifested itself, it transpires that a lot of the directors didn't know, don't you know, just what was going on. As in the case of Mr. Foster, there were only himself and two others looking after the business of the Great West Land Company.

Now, if Mr. Foster and those other M. P.'s could be directors in only one company, they would not be in the very unenviable position in which they now find themselves.

If there were separate directors and managers for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, and all the other companies with which the management of the mines is mixed up, there would be far less probability of friction and strikes than now exists.

There are a lot of editorials being written these days with the evident intention of weakening the influence of Mr. W. J. Bryan, because he has declared himself in favor of government ownership of railroads, but that gentleman hit the nail squarely on the head when he said that the railroad companies had themselves been demonstrating by their actions that it was a case of owning the roads or being owned by them. And this statement can be made large enough to include other large corporations

Labor unions may be composed of ignorant men, who are easily led, as is stated by some people, and some of their leaders may be dishonest, self-seeking demagogues, but it would be a big contract for a man to undertake to prove that the unions have been able to make a greater showing along those lines than have these fellows of the double-directing unions.

Corporations have no souls, say some people, but it begins to look like some corporations have more souls and meaner ones than they can keep hid from view.

A corporation is not the same as an individual, as is declared by those who are full of legal lore, because it is composed of a number of individuals, and the composition has been brought about by the operation of human-made law, not by the act of God. There are as many souls in a corporation as there are individual members, and the soul of a corporation as a whole is just as honest or dishonest as are the souls that go to make the whole, and the average of some of the corporation souls must be rather low.

The Ledger does not wish to be misunderstood as thinking that all stockholders and directors of corporations are dishonest. Far from it.

The ordinary stockholder in a large corporation lives in an Egyptian gloom of ignorance as to what is being done with his capital, and relies almost entirely upon the rectitude and honor of his directors and officers. He hardly ever sees one of them or takes any active part in their selection, and if ignorance is in such a case bliss, then the ordinary stockholder must be happy.

But these people are honest as a rule, just the same as are the members of labor unions honest and square.

That is not the trouble. Where dishonesty crops up, is generally in boards of directors or their agents, and in dishonest officers of the unions, but to say that all the members of a union or the stockholders of a company are dishonest and unreliable, because directors or officers may in some cases be self-seeking and double dealing, is far from the truth.

Public sentiment is being rapidly aroused to the danger that lies lurking in the double director devilishness, and the remedy will some day be applied.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

And now comes the statement that there will be no election before another session of the Provincial House. Of course not; that would be sure to cut off a few more month's salary than waiting to take chances in the house, with one chance in a thousand, that the government may slip through once more without being caught. The Ledger will believe in an election when it sees the writs.

D. V. Mott, of the Fernie Ledger, kept telling the boys that he was a baby in the business, and therefore he did not care to say much on the various matters brought up. But nevertheless he did, and he made what he said count. That priest-like face and angelic smile was looked upon with fear and trembling by some of the younger members, but they got over it in time.—Cranbrook Herald.

Now wouldn't that drive the priesthood to drink?

Premier McBride has made a formal denial of the report that he has asked the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the Provincial Legislature and order a general election in December. If any one is able to speak authoritatively on this matter, it is Mr. McBride himself.—Daily Canadian.

Correct! Mr. McBride can speak with authority as to whether he has asked the Governor to dissolve the House or not. That is not what troubles the Hon. Dick. What he has been troubling about for a long time is, whether the Governor would grant his request if presented, and if he did grant it, whether it would be of any use to him.

Dave Elton, of the Cardston Star, one of the brightest quill drivers in the Province of Alberta, was here with both feet, and they were not small either. Dave is a good newspaper man, but after hearing him sing coon songs, and keep up a flow of wit for hours at a time, we wonder what he would have done if he had taken up legitimate minstrelsy instead of running a newspaper in Alberta and working fourteen hours a day, while he watched the town grow.—Cranbrook Herald.

This don't harmonize with the write-up given of Dave in the Night Cap last week, but the Night Cap is not responsible for the statements of the Herald. Neither is the Night Cap accountable for the inability of the Herald man to distinguish between a hymn and a coon song.

NOTICE

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described land in Elk River Valley.

Commencing at a post marked N.E. O's north east corner, thence 80 chains south to S. E. Oliver's application to purchase; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres.

N. E Oliver, Locator
S. E. Oliver, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post marked E. E Goodwyn's north west corner adjoining N. E. Oliver's application to purchase; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres.

E. E. Goodwyn, Locator
S. E. Oliver, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post marked G. J. L's north west corner adjoining E E. Goodwyn's application to purchase; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres.

G. J. Lovell, Locator
S. E. Oliver, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post marked W. F. H's south west corner adjoining N. E. Oliver's application to purchase; thence 80 chains north thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres;

W. F Hull, Locator
S. E Oliver, Agent.

Sept. 5th, 1906

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works Victoria, to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post marked H. S Edward's south west corner adjoining N. E. Oliver's application to purchase; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres

H. S. Edwards, Locator
S. E. Oliver, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post marked Ernest Pollard's south east corner adjoining N.E. Oliver's application to purchase; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres.

Ernest Pollard Locator
S. E. Oliver, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906 —15

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

For the above event, the Canadian Pacific Railway are quoting very low round trip excursion rates, same being on sale Sept. 28th to Oct. 2nd good for return passage till Oct. 11th. Rate from Fernie is $23.65. Daily through sleepers are being operated from Arrowhead. For berth reservations on Columbia river steamers or sleeper, apply to local agents or write

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

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A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 an acre.

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The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. COREY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land. Commencing at the South East corner of lot 801 thence East 20 chains South 20 chains west 20 chains and thence north 20 chains to point of commencement.

JAMES CLARK.

August 20th 1906 —13

COAL & PETROLEUM NOTICES

THIRTY days after date, we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province of British Columbia for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands, in Lot 4593, South East Kootenay, and more fully described about three miles south of the Flathead River, being the Initial post of Robert Reading's claim, south, and adjacent of Hattie L. Smith, being the re-location of Charles Austin's claim, one of the original claims of the Hackett group, thence south 80 chains thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 6th, 1906.

ROBERT READING, Locator.
ANDREW HACKETT, Agent.

Sept. 5th, 1906

The Initial Post of Charles Walde, Coal and Petroleum claim, Re-location of Annie S. Prather's claim. Commencing at the south west corner post, south and adjacent to Marion Powell's claim which is a surveyed claim in the Hackett group, and also adjacent to the north east corner of Robert Reading's claim. Thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 6th, 1906.

CHARLES WALDE, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Sept. 5th, 1906.

The Initial Post of Thomas Whelan's Coal and Petroleum claim. Re-location of D. K. McDonald's claims. Commencing at the north west corner post south and adjacent to Charles Walde's claim. Thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west to place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 28th, 1906.

THOMAS WHELAN, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Sept. 5th, 1906.

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim being the south east corner post of H. J. Johnson's claim, south and adjacent of Robt. Reading's claim, and being re-location of T. Waldo Murphy's claim. Thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 6th, 1906.

H. J. JOHNSON, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Sept. 5th, 1906.

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim commencing at a post planted on the south west corner, being the initial post of Jessie H. Johnson and a re-location of Cameron Lewis' claim. Thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to the place of beginning containing 640 acres, dated August 7th, 1906.

JESSIE H. JOHNSON, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Sept. 5th, 1906.

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim, commencing at the north west corner of V. M. Pollock's claim, south and adjacent of Jessie H. Johnson's claim; and being re-location of Albert Beck's claim. Thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 7th, 1906.

V. M. POLLOCK, Locator
A. HACKETT, Agent

Sept 5th, 1906

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim, commencing at the north east corner of J. R. Pollock's claim, south and adjacent to H. J. Johnson's claim, being the re-location of Edward Grubb's claim. Thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 7th, 1906.

J. R. POLLOCK, Locator
A. HACKETT, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim, commencing at the south east corner of John R. Ross' and south and adjacent to J. R. Pollock's claim, and re-location of Samuel K. Green's claim. Thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 7th, 1906.

JOHN R. ROSS, Locator
A. HACKETT, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim, commencing at a post on the south west corner of H. L. Blackstone's claim, south and adjacent to V. M. Pollock's claim, and a re-location of Thomas Foster's claim. Thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 7th, 1906.

H. L. BLACKSTONE, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906

Initial Post of Coal and Petroleum Claim, commencing at a post being the north east corner post of W. A. Ross' claim, south and adjacent of John R. Ross' re-location of Ollie L. Hull's claim. Thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 640 acres, dated August 7th, 1906.

W. A. ROSS, Locator
A. HACKETT, Agent

Sept. 5th, 1906 —9

TIMBER NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE, that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about two miles west of Elk River and about three miles south of Morrissey, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of commencement.

P. A. MCDERMOTT

MORRISSEY, B. C. SEPT. 12TH, 1906. —11

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J. R. EDMUNDSON,
Sept. 5th 1906 Locator.

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post marked S.E. Oliver's south-east corner adjoining John H. Oldfield's land; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres.

S. E. OLIVER,
Sept. 5th 1906 Locator.

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described land: in Elk River valley

Commencing at a post marked John H. Pratt's north-east corner, adjoining John H. Oldfield's land; thence 80 chains south thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains east to the point of commencement the whole containing 640 acres.

John D. Pratt, Locator.
Sept. 5th 1906 S. E. Oliver, Agent

SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, to purchase the following described lands in Elk River valley:

Commencing at a post marked John H. Oldfield's north-west corner to J. A. McDonald's land; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west to the point of commencement, the whole containing 640 acres.

John H. Oldfield, Locator.
Sept. 5th, 1906 S. E. Oliver, Agent. —14

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Commencing at a post planted on the West bank of Elk River, about three miles below Chas. Weigert's pre-emption, and marked Thomas Crahan North West Corner, thence South 60 chains, thence East 40 chains, thence North about 55 chains to the bank of Elk River thence along said bank to the place of commencement, containing 240 acres more or less.

Sept. 1st, 1906. THOMAS CRAHAN

TAKE NOTICE that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in South East Kootenay:—

Commencing at a post planted on the west bank of Elk River about two miles below Chas. Weigert's pre-emption, and marked John Crahan North West Corner, thence South 40 chains, thence East 40 chains, thence North about 35 chains to the bank of Elk River, thence along said bank to the place of commencement and containing 160 acres more or less.

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A Peep Under The Lid

By The Ledger Kid

Some days ago the Spokane papers were full of the sickening details of a filthy case of wrong doing by some devilish men and undutiful daughters of two negligent mothers. With uncalled for brutality the papers gave the names of the girls and their mothers, and thereby caused burning shame to enter into and destroy the peace of more than one home.

Last week the two girls in the case arrived in Fernie in company with Winnie Simpson, who, it appears, paid these girls fares from Spokane to this city, and came along with them. Whatever may have been the character of these two girls, it is evident that they are young, and that when they found themselves in the house presided over by Winnie Simpson, they repented of their rash action, and coming up town sought the police station and asked that a telegram be sent to a friend in Spokane asking him to send them money to pay their expenses back to their homes.

As explained by one of the girls in giving her evidence, they did this in order to keep from their families the knowledge of what had happened to them.

Instead of wiring for the money to send them home as they had been requested the police reported the state of affairs to higher authority and an information was laid against Winnie Simpson, charging her with the offence of procuring, and she was arrested and placed in durance vile.

Winnie winked and blinked, and finally awoke to the fact that she needed bailing out and after begging around town awhile, she found somebody willing to do the bailing out on condition that she deposit with him for safe keeping a small bale of diamonds, etc., and she got herself bailed.

Meantime the girls, who were being detained as witnesses, were restive and pined for the Spokane atmosphere with a pining that grew and grew until it became overpowering and while the police were vigilantly guarding the G. N. station lest it pick itself up and flit over the border with the two girls inside, the girls took a walk and forgot to come back. The next heard of them they were clean outside of the Dominion and in the bosoms of their families, where the Ledger Kid with his Night Cap on can't see for the life of him why they were not permitted to remain. But kids with Night Caps on can't see much anyway.

A policeman was despatched with hurry up orders to bring the runaways back and after some combination play with Spokane officials the girls and one mother (the girls were not sisters) came back to sample the quality of Canadian justice. They arrived in town last Friday morning and a Ledger representative, learning they were in town, undertook to see the mother, but his way was hedged about with all kinds of legal thorns and brambles, and he found that he would be subject to all kinds of legal terrors if he persisted in his effort to see a person not charged with any offence or detained even as a witness.

Calling at the boarding house where the women were stopping, and asking the landlord to be allowed to see the mother of the girls, Mr. Landlord put on a very serious air and didn't know, you know, whether he could allow such a liberty, don't you know, without first consulting the policeman. So the policeman, who stated he had these fleeting birds under the shadow of his official wing, came in to size up the reporter. He must have discovered dynamite to destroy or a diamond to delight the eyes of the lady somewhere about the handsome personage of our long-legged scribe for he would have none of this interview business. The scribe swore mildly, but emphatically, and wanted to know if the woman was a prisoner or a detained witness, or any other kind of dangerous combination of lady and legality, but it wouldn't go, and he was cordially invited to see higher authority, and he took another step up on this legal ladder, which had been placed beneath the window of the Juliet he wished to see.

Having secured a good foothold on the next round up, he repeated his request to be permitted to see the lady of his quest, but was told he must cadance that he'd have to go still higher.

This last step brought him to the foot of the throne, as it were, and the representative of the Crown, that is, the Crown Council, who was firmer in the belief that the newspaper man should not see the unoffending woman than was any of the others. He was also told that the trial that was to be held that evening would be behind closed doors, and went away with a gloomy air, but a determination to be there, and he was.

Upon the opening of the court the learned judge was asked by the Crown to exclude the public, but the court overruled the request.

The prisoner was brought in and placed in the prisoner's dock. The first witness, the oldest of the two girls, whose age was about 18 years, was brought in and sworn.

The Crown examined the girl, and elicited the statement that she had first met the prisoner in a bar-room in Spokane in the evening about 8 o'clock. Think of that! An 18-year-old girl meets a strange woman in such a place, and the strange woman treats her and her companion, a girl of some sixteen summers, to beer. Then other glasses of beer are drunk, and then the girls are too drunk to be able to tell just what happened from that time until they awoke and find themselves in a compartment of a sleeper at Rexford next morning.

According to the evidence given by both girls, they came on to Fernie with Winnie Simpson and went to her house. After sleeping an hour or two they take lunch and then go up town, seek the police station and ask the police to wire their friends in Spokane for money to get back home, having refused to remain in the Simpson house after learning its character.

Then Mr. Robert Duthie was sworn, and told of having gone back to the house with the girls to get some clothing that had been left there, and of the arrest of the Simpson woman, the nature of the house she kept, etc.

The Crown rested. The defence offered no evidence, but Mr. Ross, K. C., cross-examined both the girls and rested his case upon the statement that the court had no jurisdiction, citing several cases bearing upon the case at bar.

The learned judge took a few minutes to look over the authorities cited, and agreed with the counsel for the defence, that his jurisdiction ceased at the Boundary line, and told the prisoner that she could go, and she did.

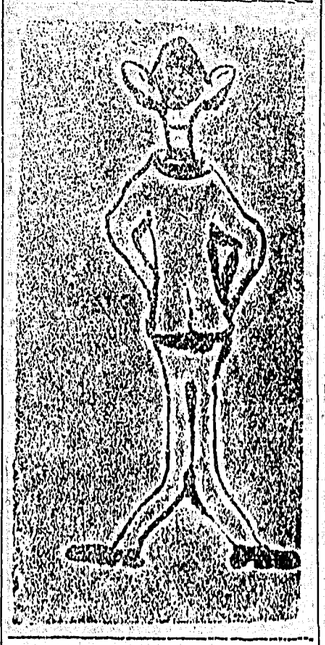
Winnie won her freedom,

With the aid of Lawyer Ross,

And blind justice is still blinking

O'er the greatness of her loss.

The Crown seemed to have got lost



in a kind of Sherwood forest of legal brambles and thorny thickets, and when it emerged from the thicket, found itself over in Teddie Roosevelt's timber belt, while Winnie danced out on the other side of the thicket like a merry wife of Windsor after a jolly night with some modern Falstaff.

The Ledger Kid couldn't help wondering, after seeing the trump card Mr. W. R. Ross had been holding up his sleeve all the time as to that jurisdiction business that wouldn't reach from Fernie to Spokane, why in thunder he took up so much time cross-examining those girls, unless he had received a tip from them that they liked that kind of thing.

The Kid couldn't see for the life of him why the girls were kept in that witness box at all after their examination by the Crown.

But there are lots of things that kids can't see into, and he gave it up.

We had to look at that sixteen-year-old girl as she stood there in that witness box facing His Lordship, the Judge, the centre of the prying eyes of the spectators, the lawyers plying her with questions which kept the blush of shame dancing upon brow, cheek and neck, like the scorching, blasting, writhing flames of perdition feeding upon all that is dear or of value to womankind in his world, was not a pleasant experience to the Kid, and he thought that a lawyer should be in good pay, even as much as the lawyers union in British Columbia allow its members to collect, for doing such work. And what about that mother just behind that door in the next room?

That young girl was only a few years ago a soft, cooing, nestling babe, resting upon that mother's bosom.

Continued on Back Flap of Night Cap

NIGHT CAPS.

Why couldn't the city have a few of those bright-burning gasoline lamps on the streets? They could pay for them on the instalment plan, and the police could climb the poles so smooth and slim each morning and thus be able to douse the glim.

If the streets had been lighted with such lights, these two girls could not have got away in a coach and two, and the province would have been saved the expense of that second trip to Spokane.

Then the city could have explained to the Hon. Richard how his show had been saved that expense by the Fernie city light, and he would have dived down into that provincial cash box and handed us out a glittering gold brick of a promise of what he intended to do for us in the sweet by and by.

Then we could have sung:

By bee be by-o,
By bee be by-o;
By bee be by-o,
Good by my money
Good by!

Down at London they are stirring up things about the bye-election at which Mr. Hyman was re-elected after having been appointed Minister of Public Works. The wicked Tories are trying to prove that the Hon. Minister has been having unlawful Hymaneal connection with a jade called corruption, and want him kicked out of his political soft bed.

And over in that sanctimonious Sunday school town of Toronto, they are broiling Foster, Powell and McCormick on gridirons.

The man with the muck rake must be a rake himself. The result of his work seems to be that one party machine is as bad as the other, if not worse.

The game wardens have had another experience in stopping the shipment of an elk head out of the province. It seems that a young Englishman with a bridge gang up the river, took his gun upon his shoulder and a-hunting went. He ran across what he thought was a fine large deer, and by accident he hit the animal and killed it. He took off its head and brought it to town, and arranged to ship it to Vernon to be mounted.

It is evident that he was ignorant of the law prohibiting the killing of elk, and also that it was an elk instead of a deer, for he made no effort to conceal his actions, and consequently had to buy $50 worth of legal knowledge at the counter where they deal out such things.

Last Monday the Coal Company ordered the shoes taken off all the horses at the Coal Creek mines. In case the horses catch the strike fever, it is thought that a strike from a bare foot will not hurt so much as one from a foot with iron knuckles on.

We are 2,000 simple miners, said a
lad with pinkey fingers.
Now nineteen hundred and ninty-nine
are gone, and the simple lad
with dainty fingers is the only
one that lingers.

SALVATION ARMY WEDDING.

Last Thursday night the double wedding came off at Stork's Hall as was arranged, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large houseful of very interested spectators. Brigadier Sweeton, officiated, and it was evident from his easy manner and perfect control of everything that he has had experience.

The first couple to plight their vows was Mr. Joseph Owen and Miss Amy Waterhouse, and they were supported by Mr. Arthur Harrison and Miss Lizzie Donald. Captain Basingthwaigthe and Miss Christina Campbell, who were supported by Mr. William Long and Miss Margaret Campbell, came next.

The Salvation Army band was on the stage, and filled the intervals with good music.

A striking feature noted of the audience was the number and the neatness of children present with their parents to witness the interesting ceremony.

Numbers of bright-eyed, fully half-dressed little children from the size that just can toddle about to children in their teens were to be seen scattered through the audience and gliding up and down the aisle.

In ultra fashionable life children are regarded as very much out of place at weddings, or after either, for that matter, but the Salvation Army people have not as yet advanced to that stage of genteel society, and keep on adding to the sum of human existence, and looking after those who are the blasted fruits of sin and shame, just as though it was right to do so.

May God bless the Salvation Army everywhere, and especially here in Fernie.

No more striking illustration of the virtue of perseverance could be found than has been shown by that little army here in Fernie during the last two or three years. Every night, rain or sunshine, hot or cold, the little band has made its parade. For a long time not more than two or three were to be seen in the ranks, but last Sunday night the Ledger reporter noticed that there were thirty soldiers in line, and this increase seems to keep going right along. There is no way by which the good accomplished by these heroic soldiers can be measured or estimated, but if they were taken out of Fernie, and no more parades were to be seen, what would be the result? Let us not think of it.

The Ledger doffs its cap and bows its head to the Army, and joins with everybody else in wishing the newly-married soldiers a long and happy life, free of domestic battles and full of lithesome prattles.

SATURDAY—NOTICE!

After Sunday, the 30th inst., and for so long as the strike continues at Coal Creek, we will not be able to supply light to Fernie.

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MONDAY.

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"Bob" Moore's dream of future bliss.

Mary Douglas, a 15-year-old negro girl employed as a nurse at the home of Captain E. Oliver Mahon, of Chester, Pa., was arrested this week charged with sticking pins in 3-months-old Jeannette Mahon, whose fretful illness puzzled the attending physician.

Making an examination, he took from the outside of the child fourteen small pins and a safety pin.

Mary confessed to the doctor and Mrs. Mahon that she used the baby as a pincushion.

Of course, it is very handy, when you wish to dispose of an unnecessary pin and do not wish to bother to get up and run over to the bureau, to stick it into the baby, but this will hardly excuse the act in the eyes of the mother, who is usually absurdly prejudiced in favor of the infant.

This story, unhappily true, for the baby's life is now in danger, is only equaled by that of the brutal father who, on retiring in cold weather, used to take the naked baby and run his little body up and down the cold sheets to take the chill off the bed before getting in himself. Now, what do you think of that, mamma?

In a climate like this there might be some excuse for the act, but the case is said actually to have occurred in Kentucky! There would seem to be absolutely no excuse at all for it in a climate like that of Kentucky—unless the house was one of those carelessly constructed affairs often found in the south.

I once mentioned this anecdote to one of those people who strive to find good in everything, to see always the best side. He remarked that it was at least cheerful to find a man thoughtful enough to attempt to utilize some of the superfluous heat generated by our youth instead of having it dissipated to the manifest advantage of no one. This broader view of the affair is certainly worth consideration.

Well, anyhow, no matter what his troubles and triumphs, the baby is all right, and in testimony of our love for him, night work and all, we lay this little tribute, this wreath of night blooming cereus, upon his crib.

AMAZEMENT.

"I was amazed to find the fruit industry at Nelson had reached such proportions. I visited several fruit ranches and could hardly believe that so many apples could hang on the trees as I saw there," said D. W. Bole, M. P., who returned from a westerly trip on Tuesday night. Mr. Bole, in connection with his business, visited Regina, Calgary, Revelstoke and Nelson.

"Nelson has always been looked upon as a mining town, and its progress is supposed to depend on the progress of the mining work. Today this condition of affairs is, to a great extent, changed. The people have discovered that the land adjacent to the city is most admirably adapted to the growth of all kinds of fruit. Apples, pears and cherries I saw, and small fruits are grown in abundance. The fruit industry will give stability to the city. I anticipate that in time the entire district from Revelstoke to Kootenay Landing will be one vast fruit garden. I took a trip up the Kootenay lakes with a friend, and had an opportunity to see things for myself.

"In all the towns I visited one of the remarkable things noted was the extraordinary advance in the price of farm lands and city property. In Nelson the fruit lands have jumped from $5 to $100 per acre, and the city property has also made a rise. Regina property has made a great advance since last year. In Calgary prices are going up fast," continued Mr. Bole.—Winnipeg Free Press-Bulletin.

If Mr. Bole could take a look at the fruit in the Ledger window, which has been grown at Kasio, he would be able to extend the fruit growing possibilities of the eastern part of British Columbia far beyond the lands lying adjacent to the fine City of Nelson.

The Ledger has been at this subject before, and is going to keep at it until the people who are looking for places to grow good fruit near the best market in the Dominion will not ride past the wild lands in the Kootenay Valley extending from Fort Steele to the International Boundary at Gateway and Roosville, in a blind rush to places further west, and further from the market, just for the privilege of paying $100 or more per acre for land upon which to grow fruit, when lands just as suitable can be had for one-tenth of the money. The Kootenay Valley altitude is from 2,000 to 3,000 feet in that part lying as stated above, and fruit can be successfully grown there, as has already been demonstrated.

There are numerous stretches of land, the soil of which is of just the proper composition for the production of fruit.

In some places this can be done without irrigation, and in others water is available for that purpose.

The Ledger will do all in its power to promote an interest in these possibilities, and hopes to be receiving apples in exchange for subscriptions in a few years.

Editor Lee, of the Mountaineer, speaking of a Great Northern conductor who is to remove from Walhalla, N. D., delivers these eulogistic lines:

"He was always gentlemanly and obliging, so far as the rules of the company allowed."

Even this is much. But you take a conductor who abides carefully by the rules and then adds a nature embittered by friction with the travelling public, and you have a party of whom you ask a question at your peril—to say nothing of the forlorn hope of trying to borrow $5 of him.

STOP RILING THE WATER DOWN THERE WITH THAT PICK

Manufacturers' Association

THEY SHOOK FERNIE

Not all the manufacturing industries are located in Calgary. The Night Cap woke up one morning a few days ago, after taking an Eye Opener from that city of cheerful liars, and though it might be well to get ready for those manufacturing fellows in case they should be wise enough to come back east over the finest route in the country. So the Night Cap captured the shadows of

C. C. BALLANTYNE, Montreal,
Past President, C. M. A.

three of the officials of that organization, but has since learned that they have taken chances at getting stuck in a snow bank up Edmonton way, and have given Fernie the dirty shake.

Perhaps it is best that way this time, for by next year Fernie's greatest and only Mutz will have a booze factory to show those fellows that will be too Blutz for them to pass by.

That crowd of makers of things passed through Fernie and made the Ledger Kid climb the greased pole and ride the goat till it bucked him off a few years ago.

Come this way next time, boys, and we will show you a water factory, a coke mill, and such a mixed lot of mixers as you have never seen before.

Meantime, those three good-looking pictures make nice spots on the Night Cap.

J. F. M. STEWART, Toronto,
General Secretary, C. M. A.

HARRY COCKSHUTT, Brantford,
President C. M. A.

HOSE REEL SQUABBLE STILL ON

The unseemly squabble over the wet test contest at Cranbrook between the Cranbrook team and the Moyie team still goes on.

The Cranbrook Prospector, in its last week's issue, was at it again trying to make out a case for the home team based on technicalities.

C. A. Foote's letter is quoted as saying that clause 9 of the rules under which the race was run reads: "Judges and time-keepers to be appointed by competing teams." Clause 6, "that judges decision be final."

All these things partake of the nature of hair-splitting. Nobody disputes the time as taken by the judges as having been 27, 26¾ and 26 1-5, and nobody but the judge can explain how they arrived at a tie decision from those figures.

To an ordinary layman it looks as though the average time was 26 2-5, but if Cranbrook insists on holding the money and cup on a decision that seems not to be borne out by the record made by the three watches, then the game is settled, and there is no way out, but the very unpleasant one of disagreement in perpetuity.

Ex-Minister Foster went to Kamloops
to get a forest of trees.
When he returned, he found the trees
burned, and he had started a
breeze.

Minister Hyman met a spy man
Who wanted to knock him out.
So they're having a fuss, and raising
a muss,
Trying to put Hyman to rout.

A REVERSAL MAYBE

Pope's January and May Reversed--It is now J. A. R.'s May and December.

Gordon Vincent Norton, age 22 or 23, gained some prominence at the University of Chicago through his connection with the Alphi Delta Phi fraternity, in which he was a leading member. He was also a prominent member of the Three Quarters Club, the freshman honor society. He took part in college dramatics, and was interested in university Y. M. C. A. work. He was also deeply interested in botany.

Florence May Lyon was preceptress in the botany department and had been interested in the flowers growing up along the pathway through this vale of tears for thirty-five years. At least she had been on earth that length of time, and must have noticed the flowers for thirty years. When Gordon saw Florence handling the posies and explaining how they played their little flower games and just blooned and bloomed, he forgot the Y. M. C. A. and the Alpha Delta Phi and heaved a mighty Hinky Dinky Sigh that sounded like the cough of a gasoline engine. Gordon was palpably smart. To be sure, teacher was ten or thirteen years older than Gordon, but that never phased him. The language of the flowers told him that he loved her passionately, devotedly! And when he let her in on the secret, into her own beautiful blossoms, wilted and sighed, "I am thy ampelopsis," or something equally as tender.

And so they were wed. Papa hollered a little and tried to stop it, but he did not holler quite soon enough or loud enough.

Great secrecy regarding the wedding has been maintained by the university authorities, who have sought to escape publicity ever since the stories raised by the premonitory antics of Professor Zoulin and other teachers on the subject of love and marriage. But one of the Chicago papers found it out and released a bunch of pictures and put a nice, front page, big head, on the story. [illegible] and it is all over but the cooing in the pigeon hole and forgotten. It's all right now, and we may praverfully trust that it will be equally all right when Gordon is 47, full of life, [illegible] when little Florence, no longer so partial to the flowers, is 60 and her teeth are troubling her.

The oldest inhabitant died in London this year, aged about 200. He lived in the zoological garden, and was known as "Dick the old tortoise." The tortoise was captured in the Galapagos Islands toward the end of the eighteenth century. At that time the scanty inhabitants of this wild archipelago regarded him as a patriarch, relying on a date cut into his shell with a knife, which, though half effaced, appeared to begin with a sixteen. From this it was

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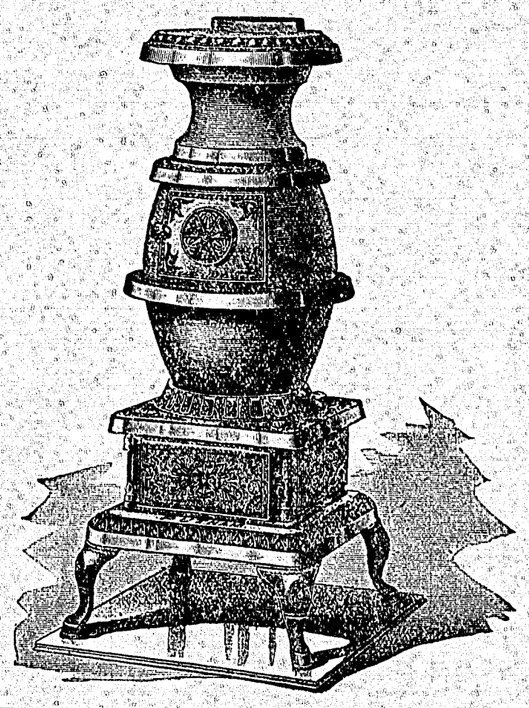

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A PEEP UNDER THE LID

CONTINUED FROM NIGHT CAP.

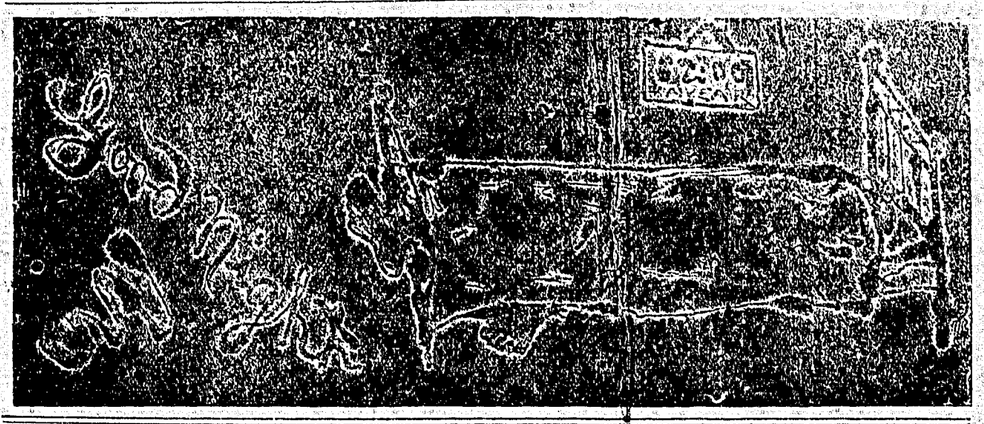
That mother's arms were the shield which protected that babe from danger, oh, so short a time ago!

Those lips, which now parch and blister as those words of evidence are wrung from between them, were like two cupids bows, and so soft and so sweet, when she was a prattling babe, oh, such a short time ago!

Woman, the dearest, sweetest thing
on earth to man,
How much you love and live;
What would become of cruel man,
If you did not too forgive?

Fare of policeman to Spokane and return	$17.50		
Expenses in Spokane	7.50		
Fare of policeman, second trip and expenses	25.00	Expense of sending the two girls back as they had requested	$17.50
Fare of the girls and mother to Fernie and return	52.50	Balance to charge to profit and loss	107.58
Their expenses	22.50		
Total	$125.00	Total	$125.00

He went to figuring on his slate, and got as badly muddled up trying to find out what good had been accomplished by the expenditure of so much money, and had to give that up as a harder nut to crack than the other and went to bed and covered up his head, lest the goblins should gobble him if he didn't play dead.



To the Officers and Members of the Trade Unions of the Province of British Columbia, GREETING:

FERNIE, B. C., SEPT. 29TH, 1906

We the undersigned Executive Committee, acting under the instructions of the 22nd annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada held at Victoria, B. C., on Sept. 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21st, 1906, hereby issue a call for a convention to be held on Monday, Oct. 29th, 1906, at the Labor Hall, Vancouver, B. C.

All Trade Unions and Trades Councils are requested to send one delegate each. In remote districts Unions are requested to combine and send at least one delegate to represent the riding.

Objects: To organize and consolidate the Labor vote at the coming elections in the interests of the working class and to draw up such platform as shall best conserve the interests of the working class of British Columbia.

Appended is the Draper Resolution as passed by the Victoria Convention, together with the platform of principles as recommended by the convention.

(SIGNED)
G. F. GRAY, Vice-Pres., Victoria.
A. G. PERRY, Vancouver.
A. H. DUTTON, Vancouver.
F. H. SHERMAN, Sec'ty, Fernie.

RESOLUTION No. 80.—By delegate P. M. Draper, Ottawa, Typographical union No. 102—Whereas the organized workers of Canada have for years through this congress, been endeavoring by legislative action to secure the amelioration of their conditions and to promote the passage of laws concerning the welfare of the workers in the mines, the forests, the factories, in fact, in all walks of life.

And, whereas, it has been made manifestly plain that effective legislation in this regard and sympathic and energetic enforcement of the laws can best be obtained by the presence in parliament and in the local legislature of representatives elected by labor for the direct interests of labor.

And, whereas, this congress has been and must continue to be, the legislative mouthpiece of organized labor in Canada, irrespective and independent of any body engaged in the effort to send representatives of the people to parliament and the legislatures of this country.

And, whereas, the platform and principles of this congress contain, the epitome of the best thought and effort of organized labor during the period of its existence and struggles in Canada. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That this congress endorse the idea of sending representatives of labor to parliament and to the local legislatures for the direct purpose of conserving the interests of the working people of this country.

2. That such action as may be necessary to attain this object shall be independent of this congress.

3. That the platform of principles of this congress be recommended as the platform to be adopted by those engaged in this independent effort.

4. That immediately upon the adjournment of this convention the provincial executives of the congress take the preliminary steps to summon a convention of the trade unionists of their respective provinces, and those in sympathy with organized labor, for the purpose of forming the necessary association to carry on thereafter the work of electing labor men.

5. That upon such conventions being summoned and convened the functions of the provincial executives in this regard shall cease.

PLATFORM AND PRINCIPLES—DOMINION TRADES CONGRESS

1. Free, compulsory education.
2. Legal work day of eight hours and six days a week.
3. Government inspection of all industries.
4. The abolition of the contract system on all public works.
5. A minimum living wage, based on local conditions.
6. Public ownership of all franchises, such as railways, telegraphs, waterworks, lighting, etc.
7. Tax reform, by lessening taxation on industry and increasing it on land values.
8. Abolition of Dominion senate.
9. Exclusion of Chinese.
10. The union label to be placed on all manufactured goods where practicable and on all government and municipal supplies.
11. Abolition of child labor by children under 14 years old, and of female labor in all branches of industrial life, such as mines, workshops, factories, etc.
12. Abolition of property qualification for all public offices.
13. Voluntary arbitrations of labor disputes.
14. Proportional representation with grouped constitutencies and abolition of municipal wards.
15. Direct legislation through the initiative and referendum.
16. Prohibition of prison labor in competition with free labor.

ADOPTED FROM QUEBEC PLATFORM

1. State insurance for old age and sickness.
2. Prohibition of prison labor in competition with free labor.
3. Suppressing of all private banks and founding of a national bank.
4. Complete liberty of the press in public affairs.
5. Election of judges by the people.
6. Suppression of usury interest.
7. Creation of a labor minister.
8. Abolition of the Dominion senate.
9. Suppression of harbor commission.
10. Regulation of immigration.
11. That the general elections be at regular date every four years, without regard to general elections taking place between these four years.
12. All public land to be declared inallenable and reservation of all grants of land to corporations or individuals not in accordance with law regulations.

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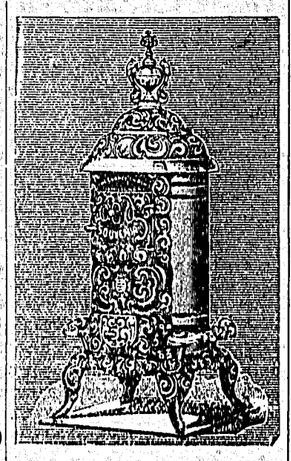

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by any false alarm. If you want an Alarm Clock that is always right, get it of Wright and it will be right, all right, quite right. You will find them at the Wright Jewelry Store, opposite the Post Office.

NOTORIOUS SENATORS.

Senator La Follette isn't doing anything at all in his speeches in New Jersey. With the senatorial courtesy carefully put away in moth-balls and tied with a strong string, he is pointing out to the interested New Jersey people that the senators, Dryden and Kean, "are notorious throughout the country for their support of corporations." He then adds significantly that the "representative part of the government in Washington does not represent the people. The people must work themselves and get men in office who are representative of the people, not of corporations."

People who have been watching Messrs. Dryden and Kean since the [illegible] fire on their sacred soil, state that a small cloud of steam has been arising from each senator due to heat under the collar. Rumor has it that they have been getting their heads together with Elkins and Foraker and other well-known representatives of the old school, and are about ready for the biggest hazing in the history of the senate. This is about what the Wisconsin man would like.

Once there was a big boy entered freshman in our college. He had been delayed from enjoying the privileges of the institution for several years by excessive farming, and he had whiskers. He had also taught school on the seashore, where the pupils used to fish, and were very strong and salty. They held it a religious duty to throw the teacher out once during the winter. The window was preferred. The new college man had licked this crowd and broken the head of George Perkins with a poker. So, when the sophomores told him to "cut off them whiskers," he told them to go—on second thought we will not state exactly where he told them to go, but it was not a place usually chosen for summer residence. They refused to take his advice, and chase.

Say, if you never saw action before you saw it there! His whiskers seemed to unloosen everywhere, and he acted like eighteen or twenty stout steel springs wound up tight and let go at once.

Not all the big freshmen with whiskers have his recoil, but it is well to look them over before jumping them. Sometimes they don't care.

The Dryden-Foraker-Elkins crowd is not likely to try to trim our Wisconsin friend's whiskers as openly as this. They are of the kind of statesmen that prefer the slungshot and the sandbag. In any event, the next session of the senate ought to be interesting.—A. J. R., in Minneapolis Journal.

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ETHICS IN PIRACY.

I wonder if Morgan the Pirate,
When plunder had glutted his heart,
Gave part of the junk from the ships he had sunk
To help some Museum of Art;
If he gave up the role of "collector of toll"
And became a Collector of Art?

I wonder if Genghis the Butcher,
When he'd trampled down nations like grass,
Retired with his share when he'd lost all his hair,
And started a Sunday school class?
If he turned his past under and used half his plunder
In running a Sunday school class?

I wonder if Roger the Rover,
When millions in looting he made,
Built libraries grand on the jolly mainland
To honor Success and "free trade";
If he founded a college of nautical knowledge
Where Pirates could study their trade?

I wonder, I wonder, I wonder,
If Pirates were ever the same,
Ever trying to lend a respectable trend
To the jaunty old Buccaneer game;
Or is it because of our Piracy Laws
That philanthropists enter the game?

Wallace Irwin, in Life.

A REVERSAL MAYBE

CONTINUED FROM NIGHT CAP.

inferred that he had been first captured by some of the hardy English or French pirates who were then disputing the passage of Spanish galleons.

At first sight, it would seem that if a tortoise could live 400 years a man ought to, but a little consideration will at once show the obvious disadvantages to the world of a life as extended as this. Suppose our persecuted friend Rockfeller had 330 years more of life. Before he had rounded half his term, unless the laws were changed, he would have about all the property there was. Death wipes the slate and starts you off all over again on another lease.

Politics in Congressman McCleary's district has caused a rift in the lute. The Lake Crystal Union says:

"The Butternut Corner Land went to pieces while in that village last Thursday evening. Several of the members wanted to play for a McCleary rally Monday night, and about one-half said 'no.' About the same number refused to go to Mankato for a Guttersen gathering Thursday night, because they were in favor of McCleary. These two factions warmed up and played quit each going their own way."

Now doesn't that beat the Land.

THE MINERS' SIDE

L. P. Eckstein in an Interview with the Nelson News.

L. P. Eckstein, of Fernie, general counsel for the United Mine Workers of America, is in the city to attend the assizes. Discussing the strike situation at Fernie, he yesterday gave the following statement of the union's side of the case:

"The strike is a culmination of many grievances which the miners claim to have, but more particularly and directly responsible for the situation is the employment of non-union men. The number of non-union miners and mine laborers has been steadily increasing, while secessions from the ranks of the union had become somewhat numerous. It is claimed by the miners that the company is largely responsible for this situation. In order to appreciate the facts, it is necessary to understand the meaning of what is locally known as the check-off system. Under the agreement of May 23, 1905, it is provided by Article 5 as follows:

"The company will give to the United Mine Workers of America full recognition and concede the check-off system; that is to say, upon the individual request in writing of any of the company's employees, the company shall deduct such monies from their wages each month as is designated, for dues, assessments, fines and initiation fees. In other words, the company will retain from the wages due employees, any sum they may have given orders upon the company for, in writing, payable to such officers of the United Mine Workers of America as may be designated in such orders."

"For the purpose of effectuating the intent of this article, the whole agreement was annexed to a blank or minute book, in which was written a memorandum in the following words:

"'We, the undersigned employees of your company, hereby each for himself executes the foregoing annexed contract and authorizes the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, to deduct from his wages each month such sum or sums for dues, assessments, fines and initiation fees as may be designated to the company in writing from time to time by the lawfully authorized officers of the United Mine Workers of America, and to pay over such sum or sums to the secretary of the local union of the United Mine Workers of America for and on behalf of the United Mine Workers of America, in accordance with a certain agreement entered into on the 23rd day of May, 1905, between the company and the men.'

"Almost every man employed in and about the mines signed the book referred to, and up to a recent period the company made the deductions authorized to be done in that way. It seems that word was passed among the men who had thus signed the book that such of them as wished to do so, might revoke the authority thereby given by him, and it is charged that the company, to enable the men thus to cancel what they had done, provided another book or document for that purpose. Quite a number of men, belonging to the union availed themselves of what, it is said, they were advised by the company they might do, to cancel the right of the union to collect the monthly dues. In this way union men practically ceased to be such, and, of course, became non-union employees. The free employment of non-union men and the encouragement which it is said the company held out to union men to leave the union, made it possible that non-union men would outnumber the organized force, or, in other words, the union would have to go out of existence.

"It is fair to the company to say that it denies very emphatically that it had anything to do with men withdrawing from the union, but still it is hard to make union men believe that it is entirely innocent in the matter.

"On the 5th of the present month, international board member Joseph Sharp and President Sherman, of District No. 18, met Mr. Lindsey and warned him that trouble would result if he sanctioned the course that was seemingly being upheld by his company in allowing men to withdraw from the understood obligation which they were under by having signed the memorandum above quoted. Mr. Lindsey, so it is said by the miners' representatives, said that he would appeal to President Mitchell. The delegates agreed that he might do this. Failing a settlement of this trouble, and after giving one week's notice that they would not work with non-union men, the union men walked out.

"Besides this grievance, the miners claim that they have several others. They charge the company with acting mala fide in respect to the agreement which was entered into on the 23rd of May, 1905. Article 2 of that agreement provides the procedure whereby in any case where it may appear that a member of the United Mine Workers of America has not been fairly treated, his grievabce may be adjusted.

"There has been, so it is claimed by the miners, no chance given to a man claiming to be aggrieved to have his case heard under the terms of this article, but he has been fired without any compunction on the part of the company. It is claimed by the company that this article is as well applicable to the general body of men or to an individual, and that any grievance arising on their part as an aggregation, should not come under such article, but the language seems clear that it has no application to a general grievance, but is confined to isolated and individual cases, e.g., that where the company pays men off as it did some time ago at less than schedule wages, it could invoke the procedure of Article 2.

"Another grievance which the miners have is the attempted circumvention by the company of a judicial decision in favor of the working men. Where a man working by the day was discharged or quit, the company refused to pay him his regular wages until the regular pay day of the company. In this way a man might have to loaf around for a month or more for his wages. The miners took one of these cases into court and won. The company then had printed forms of agreement which it required all men entering its employ to sign, binding them by individual contract to abide the arbitrary rule of the company not to pay before its pay day. This agreement was drawn up and enforced without any reference to representative labor. It was because of the trouble which men had in collecting their wages when they quit or were discharged that the agitation in British Columbia for a fortnightly pay day arose, the miners of Fernie initiating what was done in that respect.

"The miners also object to the innovation of paying them by cheque instead of coin. Some protest was made against this innovation, which took place about three months ago, but it was not sufficiently important a matter to raise any substantial trouble about.

"At the present time, instead of paying the men in coin, the procedure adopted is to have the clerical force of the Canadian Bank of Commerce go to the mines at Michel and Coal Creek, respectively, and cash the cheques. At one wicket the paymaster of the company distributes the cheques. At another wicket the paying teller of the bank pays them. This innovation requires a draft to be made every month upon the clerical force at Cranbrook. It is also claimed by the men that the wage schedule has not been adhered to."

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THE I. O. F. SWINDLE.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—That the Union Trust Company was swindled out of $55,000 in connection with the Shields-Ryan timber property at Kamloops, B. C., and that the parties who profited by it will be prosecuted was the revelation which Elliott C. Stevenson, supreme councillor of the I. O. F., made before the insurance commission today.

Shepley produced cheques for $45,000 paid to George Fowler, M. P. Fowler, M. P., and McCormick, M. P., had stock in this Kamloops Co.

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—The disclosures before the insurance commission in connection with land deals, allegedly in the interests of the Foresters' order are all the talk here.

Transactions engineered by George E. Foster, Fowler and Lemieux, M. P.'s, read like a romance and these members will certainly be called on to make explanations at the next session of parliament.

The exposure which Duncan Ross, M. P., made, in connection with the matter last session, merely skimmed the surface of some of the most extraordinary land deals that have ever been perpetrated in the Dominion of Canada. The funds of the Foresters' organization appear to have been utilized for purely personal ends, and from evidence so far adduced, it would appear that very large sums of money found their way into the pockets of certain men without any quid pro quo.

Where the savage used to wander
looking for a crop of hair,
Now the farmer takes his porker to
the nearest county fair;
And the corn is daily growing where
the grassy wigwam stood;
Where he burned the wailing captive,
now the poultry scratch for food

SOME MISTAKES

"The city that flouted Earl Grey bends the knee to the C. P. R. magnate." In this insulting way the Regina Leader refers to the visit of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Both statements are untrue. Calgary did not flout Earl Grey. Calgary did not bend the knee to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. With the exception of these two mistakes, the statement is comparatively true.

The City of Calgary has made every endeavor to have Earl Grey visit this city, and the invitation would have been accepted but for the fact that he was summoned to Ottawa earlier than he expected.

The City of Calgary did not bow the knee to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, though we must confess that the business men of Calgary did have a conference with the president of the road when he was in this city.—Calgary Albertan."

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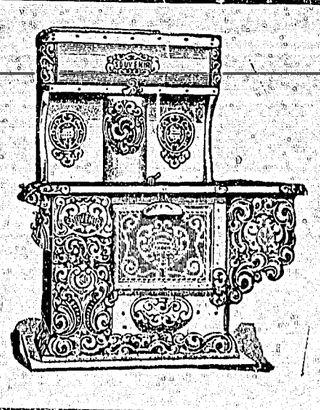

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HONEST CORPORATIONS.

Nelson Daily News.

The Wall Street Journal, commenting upon the anomaly of directors who do not direct, a condition of affairs by no means uncommon in Canada, remarks: "If we are to continue to do business by means of corporations, it is imperatively necessary that there shall be honest and faithful directors. The weakest link of the whole company system is exactly where it should be the strongest, namely, the board of directors. Is there any way to provide by law for

COAL FAMINE THREATENS.

Serious Situation Facing the People of Calgary this Winter.

Calgary Albertan.

What promises to become a very serious situation in the City of Calgary has just begun to make itself evident here, and that is the scarcity of coal. In brief, there is every reason to believe that before many days elapse the city will be in the throes of a coal famine. At the present time it is impossible to walk into an office where soft coal is sold and order any quantity of the fuel and get the assurance from the seller as to exactly when he will be able to deliver it.

Knowing this to be the condition at the present time, what then will be the situation of affairs when the first cold wave strikes here. Galt coal has predominated in this city so far as the amount used is concerned, but those mines, owing to a strike that has been in progress for some months past, are unable to turn out anything near equal the demand made on them at present.

Yesterday afternoon a reporter called on Mr. Peet, agent for the Galt coal.

Mr. Peet said: "Well, it is just this way. Our company has told us to go ahead and take all the orders we could get for winter coal, and they would see that we got the coal to fill them with. At the present time coal is very scarce with us, as we could easily use about three cars a day, while we are only able to get about one car in three days. Orders are stacking up in our books at a rapid rate, but we are making no assurances when we will fill them. That is the condition of affairs with us. Our firm tell us that we will get the coal, but we ourselves are making no assurances when that time will be."

From this interview then the public can form its own opinion as to what the supply of Galt coal here will be for the winter. When their mines are running in full they employ about 500 men, but owing to the strike that is on there at present, and which has been running for some time past, there are not now more than 100 working, and those non-union, a class that can seldom be depended upon.

The other mining company that has helped to supply this city with soft coal is the Canada West Coal and Coke Co., the successors to the Tabor Coal Co. R. C. Thomas, the local agent for the company, was interviewed, and his observation of the situation is a very gloomy one. He said in part:

"I made a visit several days ago to the mines which I represent in an endeavor to discover why I could not get the coal that I needed for my trade, and discovered several reasons for it. One of them is that our mines are located a short distance below the Galt mines and their output at the present time is so small that the vicinity in which they are located is drawing on our output to such an extent that it is taking a large proportion of our product to supply the immediate vicinity in which the mines are located.

"Another reason is that while the freight rates are somewhat cheaper for our company to send their coal westward, still by doing so they have run into opposition from western mines, and by shipping what excess coal they have to Moosejaw, Regina and other points east, they do not run into opposition, and receive 60 cents a ton more for it at the mines than they do by shipping here. This reason, then, to a large extent offsets the cheaper freight rate for western shipments, and makes the eastern market a more favorable one for the shipper.

"In conclusion, I will say that I have a standing order for five cars of coal a week, and the very best that I can possibly get is one. As far as I myself am concerned, I saw this condition of affairs coming some time back, and laid in for my own use a goodly supply of wood."

Let the reader then draw his own inference when a local merchant stocks up on wood for his own use.

The next man interviewed was C. S. Lott, who handles Bankhead coal. The output of this company is hard coal, and the interview with Mr. Lott was sought merely for the purpose of discovering, if the worst came to the worst, if there might be an abundant supply of hard coal. Mr. Lott, when asked this question, replied: "Well, at the present time we are filling all the orders that we get, but then I cannot prophesy what the future has in store for us, with so many coal strikes on at the present time it is hard to tell just where the next one will start at."

This, then, concluded the interviews, which certainly place the situation in a bad light. Last winter the demand for coal for the city was between 300 and 400 tons a day. The Banff mine, it is understood on good authority, can only put out 1,000 tons a day when running full blast, but out of this Moosejaw, Regina and many other towns east that are facing the same condition of affairs in the coal situation as Calgary is, will have to draw on that output.

Summing the whole matter up, it looks very much as though there will be considerable wood burnt in the city this winter.

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ELKO, ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS NOTES.

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Wm. Labb's of Elkmouth, was an Elko visitor this week.

Contractor McKay, of Elko, was visiting Roosville this week.

Hance Vickory was visiting Cranbrook and Fernie this week.

Fred Bowman, of Jaffray, came in from the Flathead this week.

Aylmer McKee, of Elko, is visiting down at Roosville this week.

Barney Mullhern, of the North Star Lumber Co., is registered at the Elk Hotel.

Young's celebrated company of bridge builders, are located at Elko for a while.

Spence Lyons shot a fine black-tail deer and mountain lion on Lodge Pole creek Monday.

Fred Zeller left for Edmonton to complete the contract for several million feet of piling.

An Elkmouth young lady gave a tea for a girl friend the other day and forgot to invite her.

The bridge crew that shot the elk near Fernie last week, is studying up the game laws on No. 2 siding, Elko.

The Roosville Cash Store is putting up a three-story building in Elko, with large warehouse in the rear.

Miss May Nicholson, of Moyie, passed through Elko on her way to Elkmouth. She will take charge of the new school at that point.

Frank Church, who is head packer for the McEwan exploring expedition on the south fork of Elk river, was in town Tuesday with his pack train.

Herman Frey, the well-known orchadist and pumpkin wrangler, was visiting the city of Elko Friday on his return from Fernie and Roosville.

Otto Van Hough was piloting a party of Okotoks millionaires around Roosville and Tobacco Plains this week. They were well pleased with the whole district, and made a large purchase of fruit lands.

Tommy Youatt drove out a large party of missionaries to Baynes Lake Sunday evening. They had been holding revival services in Elko while the advance agents of The Two by Four Comedy Company was billing the town.

The Lester Display Co. is billed to show in Elko Tuesday night, also a big dance at the Columbia Hotel. At noon Bill Tracy, of New York, will do the broncho act on Sayer's taffy colored cayuse. The saw mill will be closed down between 12 and 1 to give the boys a chance to see the fun.

JAFFRAY.

Mr. Martin, travelling for Fairbanks Manufacturing Co., was in town Monday.

Messrs. Jewell and Pearson returned on Friday from the prairie with a carload of fine horses.

Mr. Arbuckle, a young man with an interesting history, has recently left Jaffray, en route for Australia.

MOYIE.

Next Sunday a flower service will be held in the Methodist church. Rev. Thos. Sowerbutts, pastor, will be the preacher.

J. Attwood, the C. P. R. agent at Moyie, along with his wife and family, are in Winnipeg for two week's holiday and rest.

The Methodist ladies are bent on giving all the comforts of home to their present and future pastors, having just completed very important extensions and renovations to the rooms at present occupied by the Rev. T. Sowerbutts.

Two large statues were installed in the Catholic church last week, and were blessed at the service on Sunday evening, Fathers Chionel and Traverhier, of Cranbrook and Fernie, being the officiating priests. The statues, one of the sacred heart of Jesus, and the other of St. Peter, are the work of Mr. Carli, of Montreal, and are the gift to the church of Mrs. Jas. Cronin and the ladies of the Altar Society.

Last Tuesday, before the local J. P.'s, Messrs. E. A. Hill and Trevor, John Morrison, was charged with criminal assault on the person of Robert Scott. Both men are employed at the St. Eugene mine as car runners. It appears from the evidence of witnesses, that Morrison and Scott whilst at work in one of the levels of the St. Eugene mine, became involved in a quarrel re their respective employment. Hot words passed, and then Morrison challenged Scott to fight. At 11 p. m., when coming up the shaft for supper, Morrison laid in wait for Scott, and as Scott passed him, rushed out in the dark and struck him a severe blow on the face. The supposition is that Morrison assailed his victim with a piece of rock or some other hard substance, the wound inflicted leading the Justices in their supposition regarding this point. It is probable that Scott will be permanently disfigured. The verdict was reserved until Wednesday morning, when upon the court re-assembling, sentence was passed upon the accused. Mr. Hill, commenting upon the cowardice displayed in the manner adopted by Morrison in his attack upon Scott, pointed out the seriousness of the assault committed, and called upon Mr. Trevor to pass the sentence. Accused was fined $50 and costs and three months in jail, the three months sentence being suspended, pending his good behavior. Scott is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his wound.

NORTHPORT PLANT BLOW IN UNTIL FERNIE COAL IS SUPPLIED.

Albert Goodell, manager of the Northport, Wash., smelter, when seen at the Spokane last night, said: "We were all ready to start up one furnace on October 15, a second one on November 1, and a third as soon as the present contract for the Le Roi ore at the Trail smelter was out, but now I can not tell when we will blow in; it all depends on the settlement of the coal strike at Fernie, B. C.

"I had a wire from Fernie today stating the strike would be settled in three or four weeks, but that is indefinite. It may be a long time yet, and if it continues the Trail and all the Boundary smelters will have to close.

"We have six furnaces at Northport, and can treat 1,200 tons of the Le Roi ore a day. We would have run two furnaces at least after November 1, and given employment to 120 men."

GRANBY STILL WORKING.

(Special to the Ledger.)

Phoenix, B. C., Oct. 3.—Fernie Ledger, Fernie—Granby mines working as usual. Two smelter furnaces blown out, leaving six in operation. A partial coke supply is being obtained from the West Canadian collieries mine, of Blairmore. There is no appreciable reduction of the mining forces as yet, owing to new construction and development.

About 1,500 men are idle as a consequence of the strike here and at Michel.

THE DRUM STRIKES A WRONG NOTE.

The Lynch people have already organized a company which, it is reported, has taken over the property of the Northwest Coal & Coke Company at the Gap, where the Livingstone cuts the lime range, giving 27 shares of the new stock which is of a par value of $1 for one share of the Northwest Company's stock, par $100. The Northwest Company had a charter for a railroad, which it is said has also been taken over by the new concern. But whether or not the new company utilizes the old charter, it is reported to be the intention to build a railroad from a point somewhere in the vicinity of Cowley, up the north fork to Calgary. The route is feasible and would open up a very fine country."

The above is from the Frank Paper of the 27th September. The Ledger known nothing of the relation existing between the Clergs and Northwest Coal and Coke Company, but is in a position to state that there has been no arrangement or business or agreement of any kind entered into between St. Paul people and the North west Coal and Coke Company, so that the report that the Lynch people had arranged to take over the property of that company, or any kind of a valuation, is erroneous. Neither has Mr. Lynch recently visited the locality of the property held by his people. His last visit to the locality was last spring.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 2.—The treasury report of the Granby Consolidated Company for the years ended June 30 was issued today, and is as follows:

Pounds fine copper produced, 19,939,004; sold at average price of 17.78 cents. Fine silver, 316,417 ounces; sold at average price of 64.68 cents. Fine gold, 50,020 ounces; sold at average price of $20. Total receipts, $4,751,058.69; operating expenses, etc., $2,697,164; foreign ores purchased, $930,276; total, $3,027,441. The cost per ton, including all expenses, was 3.298; the net cost of copper per pound, after deducting gold and silver values, was 8.35. The surplus carried over from the previous year was $1,554,875. Net profits for the year were $1,823,017; less exploration expenses, $20,753, and dividends, $800,000. The net surplus was $2,547,738.

Mr. Ward, of the Free Press staff, left for the Coast via C. P. R. Tuesday morning.

John Galvin, of Lethbridge, was in the city a few days last week.

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COAL AND PETROLEUM NOTICES.

THIRTY days after date we intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, of the Province of British Columbia, for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on Lot 4593, South East Kootenay, commencing at a post planted on the south east corner, being the initial post of J. L. McGuire, and about two miles south of the Flathead river, and east and adjacent to Charles Waldo's claim, and south and adjacent to C. W. McDorman's claims, which are four surveyed claims that McDorman holds. 80 chains north from the initial post, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres. Dated Aug. 27, 1906.

J. L. McGUIRE, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Commencing at a post planted on the southwest corner of Peter Haggart's claim, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, and east and adjacent to J. L. McGuire. Dated Aug. 27th, 1906.

PETER HAGGART, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Commencing at a post planted on the north east corner of Simon Dragen's claim, being the initial post of Simon Dragen's claim, south and adjacent to J. L. McGuire's claim, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 640 acres. Dated

SIMON DRAGON, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Commencing at a post planted on the north west corner, being the initial post of E. J. Peltier's claim, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 640 acres, and south and adjacent to Peter Haggart's claim, and east and adjacent to Simon Dragen's claim. Dated Aug. 27, 1906.

E. J. PELTIER, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Commencing at a post planted on the south east corner, being the initial post of W. D. Hill's claim, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, south and adjacent to Simon Dragen's claim. Dated Aug. 27, 1906.

W. D. HILL, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Commencing at a post planted on the south west corner, being the initial post of D. Hoover's claim, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres, east and adjacent to W. D. Hill's claim.

Dated Aug. 27th, 1906.

D. HOOVER, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

Commencing at a post planted on the north west corner, being the initial post of Paul Gaston's claim, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 640 acres, and south and adjacent to H. L. Blackstone's claim, and east and adjacent to W. A. Ross' claim. Dated Aug. 28, 1906.

PAUL GASTON, Locator.
A. HACKETT, Agent.

Dated Sept. 26, 1906.

GLADSTONE LOCAL.

Gladstone union of United Mine Workers of America met yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in their hall in the Todd Block, and made their nominations of candidates to be voted on for officers of the district, and for international officers for the next year. The result is as follows:

National President, John Mitchell.

National Vice-President, Left Open.

National Sec.-Treas., W. B. Wilson.

Auditors and Credential Committee, W. H. Moore, W. H. Evans, Tom Biggs.

Tellers, F. H. Williams, Harry Miard.

Delegates to American Federation Left Open.

President, F. H. Sherman.

Vice-President, Tom Biggs.

Fin. Sec., W. McFegan.

National Board Member, W. M. Dicken.

Auditors, Jas. Lancaster, Harry Miard.

District Board Member, W. H. Moore.

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WANTED

WANTED—Carpenters to work on the new C. P. R. station.—Apply on the job, to Digby & Waldie.

WANTED—A nurse girl.—Apply Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, Fernie, B. C.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A good William's piano. Apply D. McLennan.

FOR SALE—20 lots in West Fernie; easy terms....Apply W. T. Healey, West Fernie.

FOR SALE—One Washington Hand Press, 7 col. folio, one Gordon Jobber, 7x11. Both these presses are in fair condition, and are offered for sale cheap on account of having installed larger presses in their stead. Write for prices and terms to

THE FERNIE LEDGER,
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MOTT SON & CO. have instructions to look out for two or three hundred acres of good land suitable for fruit growing in the Kootenay Valley. This land must be so situated as to allow of irrigation, either by gravity or by a well-equipped pumping plant with an abundant supply of water. Improved ranches are within the scope of the instructions. Locality, quality of soil and access to water come before price in the consideration of the purchaser, who is a practical fruit grower, and knows what he wants. Send us your descriptions, locations and prices.

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LOST—Large Silver Heart, with monogram S. E. R. Please return to Miss Reading —7

LOST—On Saturday night, between town and Elk mill, a hand-bag containing pocketbook with sum of money. Finder kindly return to Ledger Office or Mrs. Whales, West Fernie.

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FOUND—A watch. Owner can have it by paying for this ad.—W. R. McDougall. —7

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NOTICE.

TAKE notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. corner of J. McInnes' limit, thence running W. 80 chains, thence S. 40 chains, thence E. 80 chains, thence N. 40 chain, to place of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less.

M. McINNES,
Locator.

Dated at Elkmouth, B. C., September 27th, 1906.

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Vacation Necessities

We are offering you an extra quality Suit Case made of Kestol, 24 in. long and has two straps and good brass trimmings and lock, solid leather corners, secured with copper rivets.

A Trunk made over a strong wooden frame with iron bottom, covered with 5 oz. canvas well painted and fitted with two heavy straps and iron trimmings stitched leather handles at

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The Ledger is one day late again this week, but the quantity of its news makes up for the wait.

Mrs. W. H. Whimster is visiting friends in Coleman this week.

A hotel that furnishes quiet, commodious accommodation for its patrons is a source of pleasure to the travelling public. Such a one is the King Edward Hotel, of Fernie, corner opposite post office.