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Keremeos Directory.

Board of Trade—George Kirby, President; R. H. Carmichael, Secretary.
Similkameen Farmers' Exchange—J. J. Armstrong, President; W. M. Frith, Secy.
Public School Board—George Kirby, Ezra Mills, R. Elmhirst, Secretary.
Customs' Office—W. M. Frith, Sub-Collector.
Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. H. Cameron, Pastor.
Methodist Church—Rev. G. R. B. Kinney, B.A., Pastor.
Church of England—Sunday services: 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion, and at midday first Sunday in month; 11 a. m., Matins; 7.30 p. m., Evensong. Rev. A. H. Ransome, M. A., Incumbent.
Constable and Deputy Game Warden—M. B. Ewart.
Coroner—Dr. M. D. McEwen.
Justices of the Peace—T. W. Coleman, Frank Richter.
Postmaster and Telephone Agent—Geo. Kirby.
Member of Parliament—Martin Burrell, Grand Forks, P. O.
Member Provincial Assembly—L. W. Shatford, Penticton P. O.
Town Hall—J. J. Armstrong, Mgr.
Keremeos Hall—Geo. Loudon, Mgr,
Great Northern Ry—Daily train, arrives 10:30 a. m., leaves at 2 p.m., H. A. Cook, Agent.
Mails—Daily from the west via Hedley Stage; from east via G. N. Ry.; Tri-weekly via Penticton Stage from the north.
(For Mercantile and other Business institutions see advertiements in this paper.)

LOCAL NOTES.

E. M. Crooker left on Monday on a business trip to Vancouver.

O. H. Carle held a shooting match on Christmas day in which chickens were the stakes.

Superintendent Morgan had his car hitched to Tuesday's train for a trip up the valley.

Thos. Daly leaves next Monday for Portland, Oregon, where he will attend school during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gillespie of Hedley returned home yesterday after a brief honeymoon trip to Spokane.

Quite a number of Keremeosians will attend the masquerade ball to be held in Princeton this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, the new host and hostess of the Alkazar, gave a ball in the house last evening.

Dr. McEwen has decided to take up his residence at Hedley and to make trips to Keremeos as occasion requires.

J. R. Shaw moved yesterday from the ranch which he recently sold to Mr. Spencer to the house he has rented from Geo. Milburn.

The Keremeos Reading Club received as a Christmax box from G. H. Knowling of Victoria a book entitled "The Art of Living Long."

Geo. Allison left on Monday for Long Beach, Calif., and will spend most of the winter with friends there and at other points in the south.

Owing to a rush of business in the saddlery line, F. Prosser of Princeton came down on Monday and is helping his brother C. V. over the holiday time.

George Northern and Herbert Cole lost their lives, and Charles McIvor barely escaped drowning through the overturning of a canoe on Kootenay lake on Sunday.

It is reported that the townsite of Midway, owned by a Montreal company of which Peter Lyall, contractor, is president, has been sold to the Kettle Valley railway company for $45,000.

Geo. Connors and a partner from Nighthawk came up on Monday, bound for the wilderness east of Penticton. They have an elaborate trapping outfit and expect to make a good haul of furs.

The party of G. N. surveyors working under Mr. Russell have finished their work above Princeton and leave to-day for Oroville to begin surveying the line up the Okanagan valley to Penticton.

The Vancouver Information Bureau's Bulletin for December is to hand, and is a more than usually interesting number. Among the advertisements is one of the Similkameen valley which has already brought inquiries to the secretary of the Keremeos Board of Trade.

A subscriber writes: "I here remitt you the subscripeson fo the Papere for the year ninteen hundred and nine and you stop the peper from the first of the next year. Yours Truley." Sure thing we will.

J. H. Stanton, of Moncton, N.B., was in Keremeos from Saturday to Monday, in the course of a tour of the fruit valleys of British Columbia. He has been through the Kootenay country, and after visiting the Similkameen went next to the Okanagan.

Single carloads of coal from Princeton went through this week to Grand Forks and other Boundary points, as instalments on large orders, and a carload is expected in Keremeos to-morrow, consigned to Tweddle & Reith. The freight charge from Princeton is $1.50 a ton. If the mine owners are satisfied with decent profits, the price here ought to be quite moderate.

Geo. Cawston's holiday display of meats and poultry is the subject of admiring comment on all hands. An immense variety of all kinds of poultry and other meats filled the shop in the early part of the holidays, making such a fine display when it was artistically arranged that it was photographed by Arthur Mattice for future record. Mr. Cawston also sent a large quantity up to Hedley.

To-day, the last day of the year, the Keremeos-Hedley stage carries the mail for the last time; hereafter Jim Hill will tote it. The change will work to the disadvantage of the upper valley in one respect, for the mail from Penticton, instead of going through to Hedley the same day, will now have to lie over at Keremeos until the next day. The westbound mail from Keremeos will hereafter close at 10 o'clock instead of 12, and the eastbound mail at 3.45 instead of 1.30.

Recognizing that S. Claus, Esq., would be overwhelmed with work on Christmas day proper, the school children of Keremeos summoned him two days earlier than the usual time, to wit, on the evening of Thursday the 23rd. The old gent seemed to appreciate the chance to get in some overtime instead of being rushed in regular hours, for he brought so many gifts that it required two Christmas trees to hold them. The gathering was held in the town hall, and an entertaining program of recitations, etc., was given by the youngsters.

Queer Accidents.

A series of curious accidents of happily non-fatal character is reported from interior points. Miss Everett, daughter of the proprietor of the hotel at Tulameen, is the victim of one of these. She was suffering from neuralgia, and applied a hot water bag in the endeavor to assuage the pain. Ill-advisedly she filled the bag with boiling water. It burst and she was so badly scalded that she was taken to hospital.

Mrs. Gheringer is the occupant of another hospital cot at Vernon, under treatment for blood poisoning contracted through a scratch from a slightly rusted hat-pin.

At Eholt a mining man named Thorndyke is nursing a broken arm, his souvenir of the dying activity of a wounded buck that he had shot, but which revived sufficiently to secure a partial vengeance upon the hunter, who was endeavoring to carve a trifle prematurely.

Breaking With Tradition.

Spokane, Dec. 27.—Glare-in-the-Sun, a member of the Spokane tribe, whose forefathers hunted and fished and smoked, as they were inclined, while their faithful squaws prepared the food, tanned the skins of big game, and did other menial tasks without a word of complaint, created no little sensation among the old-timers in Spokane when he appeared in Riverside avenue carrying a papoose with an ease and indifference seemingly born of practice. His squaw, gowned in a bright dress and shawl, walked by his side, apparently unconscious of any irregularity, and, judging from its smile, the fat, copper-hued youngster shared the satisfaction of his parents.

Randall H. Kemp, a newspaper man and mining prospector of thirty years' experience in the Pacific Northwest, says this is the first time that such a sight has been witnessed in Spokane. Glare-in-the-Sun is a wealthy Indian, and owns several large tracts of land on the Columbia river.

Busy burglars in Vancouver blew open three safes in one night last week, but got very little spoil.

Becoming separated from his companions last week, Thos. Knowling wandered for three days in the woods near Kaien Island, and was found by Matthew Kritz, who accompanied him to Prince Rupert. When found the unfortunate man was in a half famished condition, having had nothing to eat from the time that he lost his companions until he was found.

POINTS FOR IRRIGATORS.

Moisture in Soils and Methods For Conserving It.

While irrigation has been practiced for many centuries in some of the older countries, the conservation of irrigation waters has not been given any serious attention until the demands put upon the supplies have shown the imperative need for a greater duty to be performed by the waters available. With the expansion of irrigated areas, and with the development of fruit interests, there is a cry on every hand for more water. However, in many instances—in fact, in most instances—the available supply is ample for areas covered by a given ditch where the water is used properly. And the problem really becomes one of how little irrigation water to use instead of how much.

The fruit-growers in the irrigated sections can learn much about the handling of water by studying the work of the dry farmers, whose crops must be produced solely by the scanty rainfall their soil secures.

Of particular interest to the fruit-grower as well as to the dry farmer is the fact that as much as 95.6 per cent. of the precipitation during the winter months may, under some conditions, be stored up in the upper eight feet of irrigated land; while of the maximum series a total of 82.13 per cent. was thus stored. Investigations go to prove that the drier the soil is in the fall the greater will be the amount of the precipitation that will be taken up by the soil in the winter. But where the soil contained a relatively large percentage of water in the fall a less quantity was found in the spring. While this appears as a loss of water from the soil, it is only because of readjustment of the water film due to saturation. From the investigation it was determined that the soil contained 17.5 per cent. of water for saturation under field conditions, and the winter precipitations were passed to a level below eight feet. A large number of determinations were made which show conclusively that as much as 5.5 of the winter precipitations will reach the soil to eight feet below the surface. The determinations go to show, however, that when soils in the fall are nearly saturated, there is less water in the eight foot level the following spring. This is accounted for by the fact that the water undoubtedly passes to still lower levels.

While fall plowing did not show any greater increase in moisture over spring-plowed land, it undoubtedly conserves the moisture at levels below eight feet. By winter irrigation it is possible to store up quantities of water to be used early in the next spring season. However, Dr. Widtsoe (an expert on fruit land culture and irrigation) sounds the warning not to "apply so much water as to further the water-logging of the land." This is one of the great dangers of winter irrigation, or of the use of too much irrigation water, and it is pointed out that as the lower levels become filled with water, often even to the surface of the soil, it brings about the rise of alkali with its many unpleasant complications.

"The amount of water that may be stored safely in a soil depends upon the water capacity of the soil, the depth to which the sucking roots are felt, the distance to an impervious soil layer, and the climatic and cultural conditions prevailing on the farm. If the farmer has some idea of these conditions, as he should have, and knows further the approximate amount of water he is using, it should be possible to avoid the disastrous results that follow the water-logging of agricultural soils in an arid district. The haphazard methods still in vogue can only lead to disastrous results."

Far too many irrigated orchards are given very much more water than they need, and the conservation of the winter precipitation would largely reduce the amount of irrigation water necessary. Dr. Widtsoe's statements about water-logging of soils are especially important since so many orchard sections have been ruined by the increasing alkilinity of the soil.—Fruit-Grower.

Flotsam.

Slum Worker—What a well behaved little boy he is!

Burglar's Wife—And he comes by it natural, ma'am. His poor father always got his sentence reduced owin' to good behavior.

"What's the matter, daughter?"

"Ferdy and I have parted forever."

"Um! In that case I s'pose he won't be around for a couple of nights."

"So he praised my singing?"

"Yes; he said it was heavenly."

"Really?"

"Well, something like that. He said it was unearthly."

Ted—Isn't Tom thinking rather seriously of getting married?

Ned—He couldn't have thought very seriously about it, for he has gone and done it.

Teacher—Johnnie, do you know what a blotter is?

Johnnie—Yessum. It's de t'ing wot youse hunts fer while de ink gets dry.

"Why doesn't some one invent a new puzzle?"

"Cheer up; the spring change of railway time-tables is about due."

Percy—"Um—er—er—ah—I want—er—um—a——"

Jeweler—"Certainly, sir. Samuel, bring me that tray of engagement rings."

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A fresh stock of Fancy Chocolates just received.

Remember, cash buyers get a discount at our store.

J. R. SHAW.

The Keremeos Chronicle.

Published every Friday at the office, Keremeos, B.C.

Subscription $2.00 a year, $1.00 for six months, in advance.

Advertising Rates.—Legal notices, 15c per line first insertion, 10c per line each subsequent insertion. Land notices—Certificates of improvement, etc., $8.00 for 60-day notices, $5.00 for 30-day notices. Contract display advertising, 25c. per inch per week. Transient advertisements, such as Lost, Found, Wanted, etc., not exceeding one inch, $1.00 first insertion, or three insertions for $2.00. Local reading notices, 25c. per line first insertion, 15c. each subsequent insertion.

J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Valedictory.

It has been decided to discontinue the publication of the CHRONICLE, and the present number will be the last to be issued, unless it should be found advisable at some future time to resume the issue.

It is rather in view of the prospects of the immediate future than on account of the course of the business during the two years or so since the CHRONICLE was established, that this step has been decided on. At the beginning of 1908 it was apparent that a new era of close settlement and horticultural development was beginning for the valley, and the CHRONICLE was established with the idea that while it could hardly be expected to be remunerative in the early stages, it would nevertheless be a valuable aid in the forward movement, and that in the course of a couple of years or so the growth of the community would have proceeded sufficiently far to justify it as a business proposition. In some respects that forecast was a correct one—what was overestimated was the future rate of progress. It is now evident that some time must still elapse before the district will begin to reap the full advantage of its natural endowments, and until that time arrives it will not be advisable to carry on such an expensive undertaking as a newspaper.

The CHRONICLE has had the loyal support of its constituents, to the fullest extent that could be expected or asked for, and it is on account of the future outlook rather than of past experience that it is now discontinued. We do not by any means regard it as a mistake to have started it; it has served a good purpose, and at the proper time it may reappear and do so again. For the present it bids its readers good-by.

An arrangement has been made with the Hedley Gazette by which those subscribers to the CHRONICLE who are paid in advance will be sent the Gazette for the unexpired term of their subscriptions; or, if they wish it instead, their balance will be refunded on notifying us. J. A. Brown will act as correspondent of the Gazette, and a portion of that paper will be devoted to Keremeos affairs.

Subscribers to the CHRONICLE who are in arrears will oblige by settling their dues as early as possible.

The Old Prospector's Love.

[By R. W. N.]

Poor Jimmy was a prospector who owned a high-grade claim,
Located on the topmost peak of a well known mountain chain;
He dug and delved for many a year with shovel, pick and drill,
But when you asked him if he'd sell, his eyes with tears would fill—

"I cannot, oh, I cannot, for she's all the world to me!
I never had another love that was so fair to see!
She assays high in copper, and in silver she's not low,
In gold she runs near twenty, and I cannot let her go."

All through the long, bright summer days up on that lonely hill
Contentedly he'd swing his pick and pound upon the drill;
With eye to glass he'd scan each piece and turn it every way,
But if you asked him name his price he'd shake his head and say—

"I cannot, oh, I cannot," etc.

And after supper he would sit beside his cabin door,
And eagerly again he'd scan each little piece of ore;
He'd murmur "She's a dandy,' and he'd smile at what he'd said,
But if you asked him what he'd take he'd only shake his head—

"I cannot, oh, I cannot," etc.

And so the time sped swiftly on and Jimmy older grew,
He'd take all day to drill a hole about an inch or two,
To make his get-away he'd use a fuse quite six feet long,
But if you asked to buy the claim you'd get the same old song—

"I cannot, oh, I cannot," etc.

At last the Reaper came along and laid poor Jimmy low;
We buried him in an open cut in fifteen feet of snow;
In his beloved mountain now he sleeps the time away;
We often think of Jimmy, but no more we'll hear him say—

"I cannot, oh, I cannot," etc.

Words of Wisdom From Hill.

J. J. Hill says on the subject of "Future Transportation Requirements": "The problem of finding railroad equipment to-day is not what it was ten years ago. There are plenty of cars and engines. What is needed now is terminals, and they are the hardest things to get. The only way, if the road has the money, is to buy improved property in desirable locations, tear down the buildings, and erect terminals on the sites. That is dreadfully expensive. Also it may destroy whole business sections. But where it can be done it may not prove a simple business proposition to get the money."

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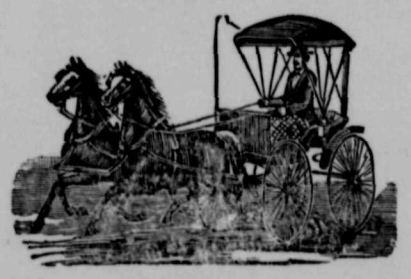

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Our fruit lands are free from timber and rock and are ready for planting. No mountain side, but in the centre of a beautiful valley and a prosperous settlement.

The properties are being offered in 1, 3, 5 and 10 acre Blocks with a well laid out townsite now doing an active business.

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Acreage properties are from $175 to $300 an acre. Town lots $100, $200 and $300.

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KEREMEOS. B. C.

The Chronicle

Wishes

All Its Readers

A Happy New Year

BEGINNING OF A NAVY.

Canada Buying Cruisers From British Admiralty.

The first Canadian warship will be in commission in Canadian waters next spring, according to advices from Ottawa.

The government has arranged for the purchase from the British admiralty of the second-class twin-screw cruiser Rainbow, one of the Apollo type of unarmored cruisers, and the vessel is now in drydock in Great Britain undergoing necessary alterations and repairs preparatory to being sent across the Atlantic early next spring.

Arrangements are also being made for securing from the admiralty another second-class cruiser of somewhat larger type for service in Canada next summer.

Both vessels are to be used in the dual capacity of fisheries protection cruisers and training ships.

The Rainbow will probably be put in commission on the Pacific coast and the second cruiser on the Atlantic coast.

It had been the intention of the government at first merely to secure a loan of the Rainbow from the admiralty pending the construction of seven new ships contemplated in the initial naval construction program, but the arrangements now made are for purchase outright, the vessels being offered at a reasonable price.

The vessels will be manned at first, of course, by British officers and men, whose places will be taken by Canadians gradually as officers and men are trained.

The main object of getting the cruisers at once is to secure speedy training of crews for the new warships, which will of course not be completed for probably a couple of years or so. The complement of the Rainbow's crew is 273. She was launched in 1891 and cost $920,000. Her tonnage is 3400, length 380 feet, draft 16.6 feet, speed 20 knots. She carries two 6-inch guns, six 4.7-inch guns, eight 6-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

Nickel Plate Dividend.

At a meeting of the directors of the Hedley Gold Mining Co. in Boston recently an initial dividend of 30 cents per share was declared, payable on Jan. 4, 1910, to stock of record Dec. 20, 1909. As there are 120,000 shares outstanding, this dividend amounts to $36,000, or a disbursement of 6 per cent.

The 40-stamp mill has been running smoothly, and within a short time the company hopes to determine from experiments what changes will be necessitated in the mill to reduce tailing losses. The company expects by mill improvements to increase the profits by $1 per ton. The operation of the mill previous to the new company taking control resulted in a loss of approximately $2.50 per ton in the tailings.

ETCETERA.

Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis was outwitted by a compatriot recently with a joke so good that it cost his grace a new hat.

An Irish laborer was placing wood-block paving at a crossing in front of the Mercantile Trust Co.'s bank, in which the archbishop keeps his account. The boss of the gang was an Italian. The prelate, who dearly loves his joke, bantered the son of Erin.

"Well, my good man," said he, "how do you like having an Italian boss?"

"Faith, your grace," retorted the man with the wood blocks, "an' how do you like havin' one yourself?"

No one was more delighted than the archbishop, who went to the nearest hat store and fitted the muddy Irishman with the finest hat he had ever worn.

A country clergyman on his round of visits interviewed a youngster as to his acquaintance with Bible stories.

"My lad," he said, "you have, of course, heard the parables?"

"Yes, sir," shyly answered the boy, whose mother had inducted him in sacred history.

"Good!" said the clergyman. "Now, which of them do you like the best of all?"

The boy squirmed, but at last, heeding his mother's frowns, he replied:

"I guess I like that one where somebody loafs and fishes."

"Now, Tommy," said Mrs. Bull, "I want you to be good while I'm out."

"I'll be good for a nickel," replied Tommy.

"Tommy," she said, "I want you to remember that you cannot be a son of mine unless you are good for nothing."

The Village Grocer (peevishly)—Look here, Aaron! What makes you put the big apples in the top of the bar'l?

The Honest Farmer (cheerily)—What makes you comb that long scalplock over your bald spot?

Excited Individual—Is this where they swear people?

Commissioner for Oaths—Yes, sir. What can I do for you?

Excited Individual—I want to take an oath never to put down another carpet.

Wigg—Old Gotrox is devoted to music. There is a clause in his will leaving $25,000 to establish a home for poor singers.

Wagg—How inadequate! Twenty-five million wouldn't begin to house all the poor singers.

Tourist—I suppose travelers often fall over this cliff?

Guide—Nein, mein Herr; never more than once.

One day Elsie's mother sent her to find a switch with which to chastise her little brother, who had been teasing her. After a time she returned with a dozen or more pebbles in her apron.

"I couldn't find any switch, mamma," she explained, "but you can throw these rocks at him."

Some Americans interested in criminology were making an inspection of a penitentiary in England.

"I presume," observed one of the party, "that here, as elsewhere, you prison officials find existence painful enough."

"I think you may fairly say so, sir," responded the warden, with a grim smile, "seeing the number of felons we have on our hands.

The Church Aid will give a pink tea in the town hall on New Year's eve, Dec. 31. Everybody cordially invited to attend. A spicy program will be rendered.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that Frederick P. Sadler, of Cambridge, England, Inspector of Inland Revenue intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of lot 1761, group 1, Osoyoos, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, 80 acres more or less.

FREDERICK PERCY SADLER
By his Agent,
W. C. BATE.

5th October, 1909.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that H. A. Barcelo, of Keremeos, occupation Farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about one and a half miles east of the south-east corner of William Cohen's pre-emption, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, 40 acres.

HENRY ALLAN BARCELO.

27th October, 1909.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that Manuel Barcello, of Keremeos, occupation Farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of lot 289, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, 80 acres.

MANUEL BARCELO.

26th October, 1909.

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OLALLA.

Through the generous initiative of Mr. and Mrs. Moyes, of the Olalla hotel, Christmas in this sequestered village was made a most enjoyable function, and one which stands unique in its ten-year-old history. Invitations had been extended to the entire population, as well as to various friends at the Centre and Station, to attend a real old-fashioned Christmas dinner at the hotel, and knowing the good cheer and attendant festivities that awaited them, most of the recipients did not fail to put in an appearance.

The tables, which extended the full length of the long dining room, were loaded with good things, and presented a most enticing appearance with decorations of evergreens and real flowers. The number of diners was so large that about a dozen had to wait for the second sitting, but as these were chiefly bachelors of a bashful disposition, they were rather relieved than otherwise that there were no ladies at their table.

The fare consisted of roast goose, roast turkey, roast pork, stuffing, and all the various concomitants in the shape of vegetables, soups, sauces, jellies, fruit, nuts, coffee, tea, cake and pie—especially the mince pie. The pulling of bonbons and exploding of crackers afforded great amusement to the young people—and of course most of them were young people. Then came the climax of the night's entertainment—the Christmas pudding, brought in, enveloped in flames, by Mrs. Moyes, assisted by Max Ewart, who helped serve. The pudding was great in every way, and, as one youngster expressed it, "the best ever."

After supper the crowd adjourned to the school-room, where dancing was indulged in until midnight, music being supplied by Messrs. H. A. Barcelo (violin) and W. Benzie (melodeon), while P. Bromley acted as M.C.

On returning to the hotel the dining room was speedily filled, and all who could find seats sat down to a light repast of coffee and cake—many varieties of cake. A feature which was not overlooked was a Christmas cake sent from Mr. and Mrs. Moyes's relatives in Scotland. Mr. P. Bromley, on behalf of the visitors, made a short speech of thanks and congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes, and called for three cheers and a tiger for the genial host and hostess, which was heartily responded to. The party then broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

On Monday evening the school room was filled to overflowing by the school children and their parents and friends, the occasion being the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree—this being the first of its kind to occur in Olalla. Mr. Andrew Moyes acted as chairman, and Col. James Riordan, of Riordan Hall, filled the role of Father Christmas, otherwise Santa Claus, a character for which he seemed eminently fitted. The tree presented a very pretty sight, and reflected great credit on those who carried it out so successfully. Between thirty and forty children were present, and every one of them received from two to eight presents. Both the teacher (Miss Vance) and the secretary of the school board (J. Pritchard) are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of their labors. An excellent programme was presented by the children, of which the duet by Betsy Marsel and Alfred Brewer and the recitation by Hazel Chase were exceptionally good and evoked applause.

Mrs. Shurson and daughter left on Tuesday for a week's visit to friends at Midway, B.C.

Mrs. John A. McDonald and her two children left yesterday for Coleman, Alberta, to join her husband, who located at Carbondale, near Coleman, about three months ago, where he is now in business. Mrs. McDonald acted as assistant deputy mining recorder for the western portion of Osoyoos mining division, which position is now vacant, no appointment having as yet been made. It will be more convenient for prospectors and mining men generally if the office is continued in Olalla, where it has been continuously held since 1899.

Miss Vance, our clever young school teacher, leaves to-morrow (Friday) for Vancouver, where she intends taking a six months term in the Normal school to fit herself for teaching in the higher grade schools. She has made a host of friends while here, not only amongst the scholars but also among the grown-ups, and the wish is generally expressed that she will return to Olalla at some future date and take charge of the school again. The bachelors of Olalla last night presented Miss Vance with a gold chain as a token of their high esteem and regard. John Pritchard made the presentation on behalf of the other bachelors, and Miss Vance made a feeling response, expressing her regret at leaving Olalla.

To the great regret of everybody here it has been learned that this is the last issue of the CHRONICLE. Personally I will say the CHRONICLE has nothing to be ashamed of in its whole history. Typographically it was superior to any other publication in the interior; editorially it held its own with the best of them; its articles and news items were clean and wholesome, and although what may be termed a rather small infant, it was altogether a paper to be proud of. True, it was very young, and we may thereby console ourselves by repeating the old adage that "*the good die yonng.*" Another consolation is that it will rest in good company where it is gone. I have seen no less than five offspring of my own creation laid away in the journalistic boneyard. Every old newspaper man in the province can say "ditto." The trouble is that to "get in on the ground floor" the newspaper man brings in his plant and starts up when a town is in the nucleus state, expecting to rough it till the town really becomes a town, and in some cases—especially in a mining or a wheat country—he guesses right. But a fruit town is a different proposition; it takes many years for a fruit section to become a producer and a self-supporter. Well, peace be to the ashes of the greatest little newspaper ever seen in the Similkameen.

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NOTICE.

TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE.

I, Percy Mark, intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, F. S. Hussey, Victoria, B.C., for permission to transfer the retail liquor license held by me, in respect of the premises known as the Alkazar Hotel, Keremeos, to George Burton Bennett and Chester Bert Ford.

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