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Two weeks ago Frank Thornton had the misfortune to fall from a wagon and severely injure his arm. On Wednesday last the doctor was called in and found that in addition to a bad sprain the bone had been fractured just above the wrist. The re-setting of the bone after such an interval was difficult and extremely painful.

Death From Exposure.

Death from exposure in a climate such as the Southern Okanagan enjoys seems almost incredible but such is reported to have been the sad fate of two negroes on the road between Summerland and Penticton on Christmas day. A third negro, the companion of the two who perished, managed to make his way back to the hotel at Summerland, more dead than alive from horror and exhaustion, and gave an incoherent account of what had occurred.

The three negroes were employed as menials at the Summerland hotel and on Thursday were allowed leave of absence to visit Penticton on the understanding that they would be back by two o'clock on Friday, or in time to prepare Christmas dinner.

They made the trip on horseback, appear to have passed a convivial night at Penticton and left for home at eleven o'clock the next morning. As the distance between the two places is only 17 miles this should have allowed them ample time under ordinary circumstances to reach home by the specified hour. In the blinding snow storm which set in, however, they must have become confused. Their horses either escaped from them or were allowed to go and the men, being clad only in light summer clothes, were soon wet to the skin by the soft melting snow. Two appear to have succumbed at an early stage as their bodies were found within two or three miles of Penticton. The other, with more grit, and better protected than his comrades by a pair of chaps which he wore, kept going and finally managed to reach home next day in a pitiable condition.

The above details were given us by R. Wolverton, who has been engaged on the staff of the Summerland Review and passed through here on Tuesday on his way to join his father at Spokane. Further details may be forthcoming which will explain much in connection with the tragedy that at present seems almost incomprehensible.

Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree and entertainment given in the church on Thursday evening of last week proved a most enjoyable event. Neither was the merriment restricted to the more youthful element for whose especial benefit the occasion had been arranged but was heartily shared by the parents and other grown-ups present.

Preceding the distribution of presents from the tree by Santa Carle a short and spicy program was rendered, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cameron, performing the duties of chairman in his usual happy and humorous style. A number of recitations by the smaller children, a chorus by the senior girls and a couple of selections by the church choir were ably rendered and well received. Then followed a little variety in the way of fifteen or twenty minutes spent with the magic lantern, a form of entertainment which the smallest child can appreciate.

The distribution of presents furnished still more fun and was of course the event of events. We regret, however, to have to say that many packages, under the guise of presents, were permitted to go on the tree, which were neither in good taste or in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Another year those in charge of the tree would do well to guard against a repetition of the same offense.

Proceeds of School Concert.

Miss Fergusson has handed us for publication the following statement of receipts and disbursements in connection with the school concert, showing a balance on the right side of $36.90, which will be used in purchasing prizes for the pupils.

RECEIPTS.

Sale of tickets	$67 25
Sale of programmes	10 00
Hire of hall (returned)	10 00
Total	87 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Hire of hall	$10 00.
Printing	10 00
Enlarging stage	12 00
Mr. Nesbitt	5 55
The Crescent	6 80
Ribbon	2 20
Sateen	2 00
Boracic	1 00
Masks	80
Total	50 35

OLALLA.

The quietest Christmas in Olalla's history. The camp was nearly depopulated by the number who visited outside points, a partial list of whom I give below. There is an old poem the refrain of which is: "The one who goes is happier than those he leaves behind." But I don't think this sentiment hits our case exactly. It may. But before we can be sure on that point we'll have to wait till the other fellows get back—and that won't be this year.

It was ideal Christmas weather. Old Mother Goose began plucking her goslings about ten in the morning, and until dusk the beautiful white feathers came floating down slowly, silently, clothing the rough face of Nature with a soft, pure mantle of white. In the slums of the big cities—

"Covering the gutter where garbage is piled,
Visiting the scenes of gaunt famine and woe;
Kissing the cheek of the lone, homeless child
Who loves while it fears the beautiful snow."

The remnant of Olallanians left at home honored the grand old festival pretty much as their forefathers across the sea used to do in the days when the holly and the mistletoe, the wassail bowl and the waits were deemed indispensable features of Christmas-tide. We feasted on home-grown turkey and vegetables, plum pudding with cake, fruits and nuts galore, not entirely neglecting "the cup that cheers."

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wallace of "Th Cottage" had a small but select dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Moyes, of the hotel, had a number of invited guests around their bounteously-spread table, among whom was Mr. George Loudon, manager of Richter & Co.'s store at Keremeos Centre, who came up on the mail stage. It is quite unnecessary to mention that our village holds a great attraction for George.

None of the bachelors or grass widowers "bached" that day except Pete who stuffed his own turkey and excellently done it was too. Even the dogs fared well. I saw one racing along Main Street with a pound of butter in his mouth.

J. H. Hayes and M. Alexander went to Spokane. Jim will return Jan. 5th but Mat will stay with friends in that city till the Bullion starts up again—some time in February.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald returned on Wednesday from a short visit to friends at Kelowna.

L. M. Lyon went to visit his brother near Seattle; J. C. Reilley to Penticton sa the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes; Pat Murphy to Cœur d'alens, Idaho; F. A. Parsons to Paterson, N. Jersey, where "Somebody's Waiting, Waiting." George Price obeyed the "call of the wild" and ate his Xmas dinner (roast marten) in his cabin up Cedar Creek; Tim Lynch and his pup went up to Billy Stitt's ranch, but the latter came down Boxing day to help Pete tackle a big demijohn. John Pritchard and John Buchan took Christmas dinner at the Central. Jimmy Riordan—well Jimmy didn't go anywhere, not even up the hill "To see how deep the snow was about his cabin door, Or if those pesky bush rats were carrying off his ore."

An effort was made to secure a party of ten to drive to Princeton and attend the masquerade ball being held there this evening, but, tho' Messrs. Tweddle and Elmhirst generously offered to provide the most comfortable and expeditious transportation possible, free of charge, a sufficient number could not be found who would face the long drive and the effort had to be abandoned. Since then an impromptu dance has been arranged for this evening in the town hall.

Jack Evans, nurseryman of Omak, Wash., was in town between trains on Monday, having come up this far in the interests of the fruit growers of his district to have a look at a new variety of apple which Mr. Richter has grown on his lower ranch. He was greatly delighted with the new specimen and prophesies a brilliant future for it on our market. He was no less pleased with the appearance of the valley as a fruit district and broadly intimated that we don't appreciate what a good thing we have here. He urges that a fumigating station for fruit trees should be established in southern B. C. so that fruit trees may be imported from the neighboring states. As an inducement he says the nurserymen there would undertake to defray all expense in connection with establishing and maintaining such a station.

ANOTHER LETTER.

W. J. stover Writes From California.—Says That Keremeos Can Hold its Own With That Favored Country for Fruits Which are not Tropical.

We are in receipt of another letter from our old friend W. J. Stover, who is now basking in the sunny south. In places the writer's thoughts appear to run in advance of the more tardy pen and, combined with a chirography that is at times puzzling and was no doubt acquired in the practise of law in earlier days, forces us to jump at conclusions occasionally. In substance it is as follows :

San Diego, Cal.,
Dec. 16, 1908.

To the editor of the Keremeos Trumpet :

"During my two days' visit in Boyne River Valley, Oregon, I had a good chance of viewing the country. It is a fine fruit and farming district, but farms and fruit lands are too high priced. Ashland is a splendid place for a rich loafer to stop.

"I had a splendid view of the mountains in Northern California. The highest peaks reach an altitude of 14,000 feet and are snow-capped. I reached Sacremento on Sunday. It was foggy and rainy, but cleared later and I had a good view of the Sacremento valley. Saw 8-horse teams plowing and sowing wheat fields. Some fields of grain were up and pasture fields were as green as those of the north country in June.

"On every side were splendid orchards and farm houses with a town every four or five miles and cross railroads at frequent intervals. The valley is wide and level and one of the finest on earth. On Monday I had a day run between Los Angeles and San Diego. There was bright sunshine and for miles the road ran along the sea shore through groves of lemon, orange and olive trees loaded with the golden fruit. The gardens were looking fine and full of cabbage, tomatoes, peas, etc. Saw corn in tassel with the ears ready for roastin' and flowers blooming in every yard, the gentle breeze coming from the sea at a temperature of about 60 degrees, and rolling the white caps against the shore.

"Here is the Garden of Eden sure. It is not in Palestine now as of old for the god of nature has transplanted it to the sea-washed shores of California. The equitorial Japanese current has driven Jack Frost entirely out of these regions. If there is any place on earth that is paradise or heaven it is here.

"I am staying at the Corona hotel in the business part of the town and find it no more expensive than living in Keremeos. Yesterday while I was in a cafe a man came up to me and extending his hand said 'Hello Stover.' He was an old Wyoming friend of mine whom I knew at Sheridan. I am going out to his place, about 18 miles from here, to spend a few days.

"San Diego is a city of about 45,000. I am quite lost in it. Grapes are selling at two pounds for five cents and peaches are also on the market. Except for tropical fruits, however, California can't beat Keremeos. Wish you all a Merry Christmas."

W. J. Stover.

Will Petition The King.

Mr. Dan McCurdy, than whom a more zealous Orangeman never wore the colors, was in Keremeos last week securing signatures to a petition which, through his efforts, is to be circulated throughout all the lodges in Canada. The petition is addressed to His Majesty, the King, and sets forth :

"That whereas organized efforts are being made to set aside the laws of the church and realm of England, as defined by the crown in council, by bringing back the vestments, peculiar to and distinctive of the Mass, which were set aside by the Reformation and have never since been worn until the middle of the last century etc.," the petitioners humbly pray that the king will "Refuse to sanction revolutionary changes which encourage the restoration of mediaeval superstitions with which the use of these vestments is inextricably bound up by the associations of 800 years."

The petition was circulated throughout the lodges in the old country and Mr. McCurdy's attention being drawn to it he conceived the idea of having it circulated throughout Canada thereby increasing its weight and influence. The approval of Dr. Sproule, the Supreme Grand Master, was secured and copies of the petition ready for signatures are being sent out by the supreme secretary to all the lodges in the country.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1909.

Notes and Comments.

A Happy New Year.

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Resolve to be a booster during the year 1909.

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1909. Will our public school building be erected this year?

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Nominations for the by-elections in Nanaimo and Revelstoke will be held on January 9th.

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Two seperate departments now exist in British Columbia where formerly it was the department of lands and public work. Hon. Thomas Taylor is Minister of Public Works and Hon. F. J. Foulton is Chief Commissioner of Lands. Parties having occasion for correspondence with the government should note the change.

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Three promoters of mining companies in Ontario have been fined recently for issuing prospectuses not in accordance with the facts. The same measure might be applied with good effect to the issuers of certain fruit land booklets in B.C. It is at best a fool policy which only the desperate will undertake, but it makes the public wary and reliable concerns find it more difficult in consequence to do business.

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Another two weeks and our local legislature will be in session. Now is the time for the fruit growers of the inland districts to get busy and urge the establishing of fumigation stations at points which will permit of nursery stock being brought in advantageously from either the States or Eastern Canada. The present arrangement is alright for the coast, but simply rotten as far as the inland districts are concerned.

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A recent re-adjustment of the police districts, which takes effect Jan. 1st, places the Similkameen in a district with Grand Forks and Greenwood, with C. J. Bunbury, formerly of Kamloops, as chief, with headquarters at Greenwood. It is to be hoped that with the new arrangement a better surveillance will be maintained, though we doubt if there will be much improvement until such time as the authorities see their way to establishing a mounted corp for the boundary district.

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Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance and agriculture, who has returned after a ten weeks' trip to the old country, brings back the news that British Columbia is so well advertised in Great Britain that it is now one of the best known of the provinces of any of the colonies. He came across a large number of people who are investing here and others who are forming companies for investment purposes, and he expects that the demand for fruit lands will be heavy during the coming year.

The Kelowna Courier presumes to read the Nelson News, the Keremeos Trumpet and the coast papers a windy lecture in its last issue for what it chooses to call "sectional jealousy revealed in all its nakedness," because they did not enthuse over Kelowna's success at the Spokane fair to an extent suitable to our erudite friend.

The Trumpet does not have to be shown its duty by the Courier. We have always urged the great advertising value to any fruit district of exhibits at outside fairs, and in the present instance have not sought to belittle the grand success of our friends to the north. But because we chose to devote our limited space to dealing with features of the fair that would prove interesting and educational to residents of our own district, instead of in fulsome flattery of those so capable of tooting their own horn, is another matter.

A far better instance of "sectional jealousy revealed in all its nakedness" is the Courier's tirade against the "Province" because it inadvertently mentioned Mr. DeHart as hailing from the Similkameen instead of the Okanagan. The mistake was excusable in view of the close proximity of the two valleys and the greater prestige which fruit from the Similkameen has won at the coast. The Courier should get out of its glass house or cease throwing pebbles.

The organization of a Farmers' Institute at Myncaster has been authorized and tomorrow the farmers of that district meet at the Myncaster Hotel for the purpose indicated.

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FAIRVIEW.

At Okanagan Falls the new year will be ushered in with a ball.

"Jumbo" has to fight wild cats for possession of the Stemwinder camp. For this season he has two of their scalps in his belt.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone have moved from John Burnett's ranch to their homestead near the Dominion Mine and Mr. Burnett is now living in his own house.

Mrs. J. R. Brown will entertain the Sunday school scholars and officers on Wednesday evening at her home.

After the Christmas eve entertainment Mr. Corstine missed his gold watch and chain. Later he found it in the snow near Shatford's store.

Constable W. B. Haynes, Osoyoos, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. Piper has the lumber that was in the house on the east end of Mr. Morris' lot piled and ready for loading. It will be used with the large quantity taken from the Strathyre camp for a house on his ranch.

For a few days at the Golden Gate Hotel "John" held up the liberal cause with wonderful courage. He is 80 years of age but has the vim and fire of a young politician.

A special baptismal service will be held in the church here by the Rev. Mr. Cameron on Sunday, Jan. 31st, at 11 a.m.

C. de B. Green spent Cnristmas and Sunday at home. He is suffering a little from the effects of an accident that dates back to the days of his college games.

The Christmas tree and entertainment given in the Golden Gate Hall on Christmas eve passed with the eclat of the most properous days of Fairview. It was a decided success and speaks volumes for the three young lassies who had to do with it. The program was the right length and well rendered. There were two quartettes by "grown ups" with carols, solos and recitations by young folk. Mr. Corstine, as director of ceremonies, filled the bill most acceptably, and Santa Claus in distributing his gifts gave perfect satisfaction.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron came from Keremeos by way of the Stemwinder pass on Saturday. He reports ten inches of snow at the summit of the trail.

A New Apple.

As the result of an experiment made years ago while living at the lower ranch Mr. Frank Richter has originated a new variety of apple, and one which, on account of its beautiful color, delicious flavor and symmetrical shape is destined to take a place among the leaders on the market.

The parent tree is one of seven which grew from seeds of the Red Astrachan. Five of the trees proved unproductive and the fruit of the other producing tree is entirely unlike the apple here referred to. Mr. Richter has been calling the new variety the Winter Banana but it does not in the least resemble the fruit ordinarily known by that name.

Proverbs.

What is a proverb? A proverb is a short sentence drawn from long experience.

The Book of Proverbs, containing three thousand, was written by Solomon. They were exhortations to fear God and believe his word. Many proverbs of a different nature have been added to those written by Solomon, as the following:

"Home is where the great are often small and the small are often great."

"Better dry bread at home than bread well buttered abroad."

"One's own thistle field is dearer to him than his neighbor's garden of roses."

"An empty purse and a new house make a man wise, but too late."

"If you have anything good to say about a man, say it while he is living, for no doubt his hearing is better now than it will be after his death."

Kettle River Assessment District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Courts of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Assessment Act" will be held as follows:

Rock Creek Hotel, Rock Creek, January 6th, 1909, at 2 p. m.

Sidley Post Office, Sidley, January 7th, 1909, at 2 p. m.

Constables Office, Keremeos, January 8th, 1909, at 2 p. m.

Court House, Fairview, January 11, 1909, at 2 p.m.

Dated at Fairview, B.C., this 18th day of December, A.D., 1908. HENRY NICHOLSON, Judge of Court of Revision and Appeal.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

Take notice that I, William Ring, land agent, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted 20 chains west of the south-west corner of lot 172, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to the point of commencement, being about the area within which lies an island between lots 172 and 276 and the Similkameen river and containing about 35 acres to which this application refers

WILLIAM RING.

Keremeos, B.C., December 17, 1908.

Apex Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Similkameen Division of Yale Mining District. Where located—On Manery Mountain, adjoining the Eclipse group on the east.

TAKE NOTICE that the Eclipse Mining and Milling Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. B19,232, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1908.

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We have laid out a Town Site at Keremeos, and the surrounding land in 3, 5 and 10 acre plots. A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF IRRIGATION is under construction and is expected to be completed this fall.

Now is the time to come and get a piece of this property while it is going at the present price, for when the water is running on the ground it will double in value.

Home-seekers or excursionists from the East have a choice of routes to Keremeos. The Great Northern Railway, which taps the Prairie Provinces at numerous points, furnishes a quick, comfortable and convenient means of reaching the Similkameen at rates the same as to corresponding points on the C.P.R. Or excursionists may come as far as Midway over the Crow's Nest branch of the C.P.R. and the remaining 90 miles over the Great Northern.

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Christmas.

Christmas day passed off quietly in Keremeos, the weather man having things pretty much his own way. Arrangements had been made for some skating on the river but the heavy fall of soft snow which set in about eleven o'clock and continued most of the afternoon, while putting a beautiful mantle, appropriate to the occasion, on Mother Earth, effectually checked all attempts at outside sports.

In the evening the Central Hotel, under the new management, entertained. About 40 guests sat down to a sumptuous Christmas dinner after which the spacious dining-room was cleared and, others arriving, dancing was commenced and continued, under the most agreeable conditions imaginable, until a late hour. The hotel had been tastily decorated for the occasion and presented a cheerful and hospitable appearance, while no detail was overlooked that would add to the comfort of the guests; the sending of a conveyance for parties from the lower town, and taking them home afterwards, being a special mark of thoughtfulness. May the hosts and hostess of the Central long be spared to dispense such liberal hospitality.

Local and General.

D. F. Jelly left on Wednesday on a business trip to Vancouver.

Mrs Lowe entertained last evening at the Ranche in honor of her son Dick.

Service as usual in the Keremeos church on Sunday evening next, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Remember the annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' association in the Keremeos Land Company's office on Monday evening next at 7; 30 p. m.

A serviceable calendar with large figures is the one issued by the Manitoba Assurance Co. for 1909. Call at this office and get one while they last.

F. H. Fairweather, of the E. T. Bank staff at Grand Forks, arrived on Wednesday and is temporarily filling O. L. Clarke's position in the office here.

The afternoon tea at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Armstrong, Maplehurst, on Wednesday afternoon, was well patronized and resulted in a substantial increase in the funds of the Guild.

It was thoughtful of the Lieutenant-Governor to proclaim Saturday, Dec. 26th, and Jan. 2nd, public holidays. In two days it should be possible to fairly test the New Year resolutions or considerably reduce the worst swelled head.

For 1909 the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co. have issued a handsome calendar, in colors, with an apt illustration showing a fire engine rushing to the rescue of a burning building. While they last you may secure one of these at this office.

In reporting the school concert last week we represented Mrs. W. H. Armstrong as having given the hall free of rent. In doing so we unintentionally made a mistake which we hasten to correct. The hall was not given free of rent. It was rented and paid for in the usual way and the amount of the rent afterwards refunded as a donation to the fund for the purchase of prizes for the school children.

By an order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to-morrow, (Saturday) has been proclaimed a public holiday. Last Saturday was also proclaimed a holiday and was observed as such by banks and other institutions generally throughout the province. In Keremeos it was either not generally known or else the people did not feel the need of a day in which to sober up, as, with the exception of a few gentlemen of leisure, everybody proceeded with the every-day routine of business. Tomorrow this office, the bank and a few of the other over-worked business places around town intend taking advantage of the proclamation and will close shop, but we trust our readers will refrain from making any unfriendly inferences.

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