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LIFE IN FERNIE

A. P. Walker, P. P. took a prisoner to Nelson on Sunday.

F. J. Mitchell will move to the L. T. W. block about the 15th.

BORN—In Fernie on March 20th, the wife of F. J. Mitchell of a son.

One of the signs of spring is the new awning put up by W. C. Hamilton Co.

Messrs Digby & Walde have the contract for building the Anglican rectory.

The millinery openings in Fernie last week were financially and artistically a success.

The King's hotel will be re-opened this evening under the management of Wm. Mills.

E. H. Bird's children, who have been ill with the scarlet fever are rapidly recovering.

Mrs. Fred Handley will be operated on at the hospital in a few days for appendicitis.

After the May session of the Grand Lodge the Rathbone Sisters will organize in Fernie.

There were eight settlers at the Waldorf on Saturday night upon their way to locate in Alberta.

Last week Oscar Sunstrom sold his residence to P. R. Lundie, and removed his family to Calgary.

Have your eyes examined by Dr. A Howe who will be at the Hotel Fernie from April 7 to 12, inclusive.

There are no new cases of scarlet fever in the city, and all patients suffering from it are out of danger.

Every purchaser of a watch at C. O. D's can have several tunes of music played without extra charge.

Steve Irwin, foreman of the B. C. Telephone crew has gone to Rossland. He took Hodge's dog with him.

One or two fights have occurred in Fernie lately that did not take place in the Opera House, and for which no admission was charged.

Dr. A. Howe, eye specialist, will be at the Hotel Fernie from April 7 to 12 prepared to scientifically and successfully treat all optical defects.

At a recent meeting of the police commissioners, P. C. Burrows was notified that his services would not be required after April 30th.

A first-class fire escape is to be put in from the upper floor of the Hotel Fernie. Later it is the intention of the management to add another story and put in an elevator.

Horses are frequently shamefully treated in Fernie by brutal drivers, and a branch of the society for preventing cruelty to animals might do some business in this city.

Last Saturday P. Burns & Co. received a carload of meat, fowl, eggs, and butter. There was a ton of dry, hand-picked ducks, chickens and turkeys in the shipment.

The contract for the new building of the C. N. Trading Co. will be let next week. Since Mr. Barcley came to Fernie it is reported that T. Eaton has hit the trail for more honeyed fields.

Mable, the little daughter of Wm Mills, Baker avenue, died on April 1st from scarlet fever. The funeral took place on Sunday. Scott & Ross conducted the funeral, and Rev. Dunn the burial services.

A. Dixon and wife, R. E. Ware and wife, and Mrs. Hudson and children, all from Mountain Home, Idaho, were at the Hotel Fernie this week. They were on their way to Red Deer, Alberta, where they will settle on stock ranches

C. H. Levers has resigned his position on the city police force, and will go north in a month to work with a G. T. P. survey party under the leadership of Harry Cummins. John Beaudoin has taken the place of Mr. Levers upon the police force.

Having completed his duties in Fernie, G. C. Hodge leaves this week for the Boundary with a fat check in his pocket. He will always remember the coal metropolis as a place of stirring events, but is thankful that his dog did not lose its ears.

George Carruthers is opening a tailor shop in Rogers' old stand. He is an old-timer in Fernie, and was burnt out in the great fire of last April losing every dollar he had on earth. He is now enabled to again open a shop, and will no doubt do a large business.

Joseph Were, a miner from Coal Creek died in the hospital last Saturday from inflammation of the bowels. He was buried in the Fernie cemetery on Sunday afternoon. His mother, one sister and two brothers came in from Lethbridge to attend the funeral.

The patient in the hospital who lost his feet and hands by amputation some time ago has been removed to the Sisters hospital in Cranbrook. He is without a dollar and has no relatives, and is in his present sad condition through lying outside when the thermometer was away below zero.

The cantata, Agatha, given in Fernie some time ago by the choir of the Methodist church is to be reproduced in Cranbrook on the 15th of April for the benefit of the reading room in that burg. A delightful treat is in store for Cranbrook, as under the guidance of Mr. Biggs it was one of the best entertainments ever given in Fernie.

When Al Bizzuto leased the Roma Hotel he rented the dining and bed room departments to other parties who conducted their branch of the business in such an unsanitary condition that Al called in the health inspector and had them ejected. He has now put the Roma in a position and condition to command a good trade, and under his own management the hotel should easily do a large business.

The Knights of Pythias gave an At Home in the Oddfellow's Hall on Monday evening upon the occasion of the visit of Noble Binns, S R and P. G. C. W. W. Tuttle acted as chairman and short and able speeches were delivered by Messrs Rookes, Mott, Ross, Robson, Dunn and others. Want of space forbids a lengthy report. There are 85 Knights in town, and the Lodge is to be placed on a solid basis.

THE ROYAL HOTEL

W. W. Tuttle will open his hotel on Saturday. The bar will be conducted by Mr. Tuttle, and the rooms and dining room by C. Leo. The bar and fixtures came from Chicago, and cost $3,000. The bar is called the Delmonte. The dining room will be run strictly short order, and will be the first of the kind in a B.C. hotel. All the delicacies of the season will be procured daily from Spokane and other points, and the service will be continuous. The dining room is 28 x 80 feet. The kitchen has a French range, and electric fans. The house has 18 bedrooms, parlor, writing and bath rooms, and is heated with hot air. The bar has a marble base around it, and is lighted with 23 electric lights. Few bars equal this one in the west. In the fire last April Tuttle lost $36,000

BY-LAW NO. 11

There is considerable opposition in the city towards the temporary loan by-law to raise $5000, the voting on which takes place on Saturday. Many argue that they are afraid to entrust the Council with that amount of money for fear that it will be wasted foolishly, and that the defeat of the by-law means the resignation of our present Council. The purpose of the by-law is to raise funds for the intention of paying the debts of the city immediately without waiting until the taxes are paid in June It does not effect the taxes, and if passed will enable the city to pay its debts at once, and save the risk of cases in court for debts.

PERSONALS

Mr. Leblanc and family have removed to Alberta.

Dr Howe, an optician from Montana is in the city.

J. H. McMullin, C. of P. P., went to Cranbrook yesterday.

Thomas Pogue has gone on a two months trip to Idaho.

A. J. Mott has returned from a trip to Nelson, Spokane and other points.

W. C Hamilton spent Sunday in Cranbrook visiting his mother and sisters.

J. L. Gates has returned from his trip to Washington with renewed health.

Miss Gertrude Moore came in from Red Deer last week to act as typewriter for Eckstein & Lawe.

Mrs. Reid, matron of the hospital was called to Lunsden last week owing to the death of her father.

L. P. Eckstein has returned from his trip to Nelson. He found the smelter city slightly troubled with ennui.

J. C. Carruthers was in town this week from Nelson, and says that he always finds business good in Fernie.

J. F. Spalding has put a fine cabinet on exhibition in front of the L. T. W. block. The photos speak for their producer.

R. W. Coulthard has gone to Toronto for a few months. He is still suffering from an injury received while playing hockey last winter

Mrs. Arnold Wallenger returned to Fort Steele last week having recovered from the illness that confined her to the Fernie hospital for many days.

Dr. Bishop of Cranbrook on behalf of the C. P. R. has made a special examination of the injuries received by S. B. Slinn in a train wreck last winter.

Mr. Marks who has been suffering from blood poisoning in one of his hands for three weeks has gone to Frank to visit his sister and rest for a few days.

A pleasant surprise party was given W. J. Morrison and his wife last Wednesday evening by their many friends. Music and table games were the order of the evening with a dainty repast at the finis.

Dan McDonald, one of the proprietors of the Manitoba Hotel, Cranbrook, passed through Fernie on Sunday, on his way back from Detroit where he has been visiting his kin since last December. Dan is a universal favorite, and his many friends are pleased to see him again in East Kootenay.

CITY COUNCIL

Council met on Friday.

It was decided to ask the city attorney for a written opinion upon the rights of the city to take water from Fairy or other creeks outside of the city limits, also the right-of-way through lands.

It was agreed to appoint a new committee to confer with Mr. McDongall re Fairy Creek water supply.

It was decided to employ an engineer at once to give estimates upon water and sewer system

The clerk was instructed to write the manager of the Union bank at Lethbridge asking him what he would charge for a piece of ground between railway and Elk river to be used as a dumping ground.

The Mayor reported making enquiries re water in Vancouver and stated that Mr. Tracey was willing to come to Fernie and make an estimate as to cost of a water system. He also reported that $611 damages were claimed by the B. C. Telephone Co., and that the lawyers claimed no knowledge of a sale to the Coal Co, Lawyers claimed good chance for an appeal against the judgment recently given by the Supreme court in favor of the B. C. Telephone Co.

Council met on Tuesday evening.

Mr. McDougall asked $5,800 for the use of his water right on Ferry Creek. Nothing done in the matter.

The cemetery question was discussed and the committee urged to do something.

Alds. Cree and Tuttle were appointed a committee to wait upon the C. N. P. Coal Co and obtain an offer re supplying the city with water.

It was decided to close the case with the B. C. Telephone Co. and notify the city's Vancouver lawyers to send in the bill of costs, and return all papers connected with the case.

Adjourned until April 10th.

A BIG SUIT.

Vancouver;—The Crows Nest Southern railway is being sued by the Fernie Lumber Company for $92,533.88. The case arises from the forest fires which devastated large areas of the Crows Nest Pass timber country last August. About 85,000,000 feet of standing timber was destroyed and 1,833,833 feet of logs went up in smoke as well as two miles of logging tramway, all belonging to the Fernie Lumber company.

The lumber company claims that the fires originated from a right of way which was being cleared for the railway. It is asserted that the fire grew owing to the carelessness of the company and its contractors in permitting the burning of debris in months when clearing fires are prohibited,

A DEAR PET

Sheppard & Elliott have a pet red squirrel in their store that is thoroughly domesticated. He runs about the shop without any fear, and last Sunday getting lonesome he smashed a few dollar's worth of lamps in search of a cure for ennui. He has a fine cage in which he runs the only wheel game allowed in Fernie. Last fall every time he got out of the cage he got busy laying away stores for the winter. He packed a keg of nuts one by one into the cage, and had stolen all of Bruce Brown's nuggets before his quarters were examined for discovery. He is certainly a pet, but the firm will not advertise him for sale.

SPEAK GENTLY

In ringing up the Central telephone office do not yell, but speak clear and gentle A great deal of annoyance has been caused at the Central by loud calling at the operators. Education is necessary in the handling of telephones in order to save the operators from earache. In calling up over the phone if you should wish to make a second call immediately remember to ring off and wait a minute before making the second call In Fernie the phone does not ring off when you put the receiver up so always turn the call when you are through

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

A C. P. R. brakesman by the name of Miller was brought to the hospital on Monday evening in an unconscious condition. He was knocked off a railway coach a few miles west of the city by a sagging telegraph wire or an overhead bridge. His recovery is doubtful.

At Coal Creek last week John Kier fell on his doorstep and sustained a fractnre of the skull. He is in the hospital and his recovery is doubtful. All his upper limbs are paralyzed.

The Foresters.

During the last four years the Foresters in Fernie have had very few meetings At one last week it was decided to increase the number in the future. There should be a large attendance at the meeting called for Tuesday, April 25th as upon that evening the election of officers will take place, and other important business transacted. All Foresters are extended a cordial invitation to be present

Killed at Coleman

Two miners, John Zatki and Mike Kubinic were killed last Monday at Coleman while thawing dynamite on their cabin stove. Both are Austrians and have families in Europe.

THE CLERICAL [illegible]N

The Nelson Trib[illegible] editorial, evidently w[illegible] manager of the Cro[illegible] Co., which is rather [illegible] miners in the collieri[illegible] Here it is:

"The other ques[illegible] difficult to handle [illegible] is any lack of pub[illegible] the miner's attitude [illegible] because it turns rath[illegible]ic than a humanitari[illegible] further because the [illegible]puted by the employ[illegible] of Sunday labor the [illegible] "necessity." In the [illegible] monopoly in the Crow's Nest Pass the company claim that the[illegible] have no interest in the firm which in the close towns of Michel, Coal Creek, and Carbonado monopolize the business; and further that they are acting within their rights in keeping these as closed towns if they wish, since they own them. Legally the latter proposition cannot be questioned. Morally it is indefensible, when we take into account that the workmen are by force of circumstances compelled to live in the towns owned by their employers, adjoining the mines. There being no alternative they necessarily become subject to the conditions that exist. One of these conditions is that there is only one store in each town, it belongs to the same firm, and the principal partners in that firm is a relative of the financial director of the company. This system pratically perpetuates in its most objectionable form the "tommy shop" of the Old Country, the existence of which was put an end to many years ago by the Truck Act. It was held there, and assuredly is here, that when a workman has earned his wages he has a right to spend them without let, hindrance or compulsion. Theoretically the Crow's Nest employees have this privelege, practically they are deprived of it by the refusal of the company to sell any land, and to allow any competition in stores. Objectionable as the system would be even if it could be shewn that the miners did not suffer monetary loss in consequence, since even then it would involve a curtailment of their rights, and a measure of compulsion which is abhorrent to [illegible] it becomes a positive act of oppression, and injustice when the result is to curtail the earning power of the workmen's wages by permitting the monopolist to charge excessive prices for their goods. The miners assert, and assume the responsibility of publishing the statement, that in these closed towns they pay from 15 to 20 per cent. more for the same goods as the merchants of Fernie, which is an open town, charge. This is only what we should expect. The one object of monopolies is to cinch, and the one object of corporation owned and closed towns is to aid the cinch. Whether the Coal Co. have any direct interest in the monopoly stores we do not know, that is not pertinent to the issue; in any case the result is the same, their employees are at the mercy of a monopoly from whom alone they can purchase the actual necessaries of life, this system was created, and is perpetuated by the Coal Co., and they must therefore take the responsibility. Just what that may mean has not yet fully developed, but the resolution passed at the Convention referred to is understood to be the prelude to a positive demand for the abandonment of the present store monopoly by throwing open the closed towns to other tradesmen, or an advance in wages equivalent to the extra cost of the necessaries of life under the present system. That the miners desire to be perfectly fair is evidenced by the fact that they are willing to abandon their application if the Company will guarantee to charge the same prices at the monopoly stores as rule in Fernie, the nearest open town. W[illegible]ue they will find it difficult, if [illegible]ossible, to refuse this reaso[illegible]equest. Should unwise counse[illegible]it, and the issue have to be fo[illegible]t, there can be but one resu[illegible]ree and enlightened country.

Another Telegr[illegible]ice.

John Tait, assistan[illegible]tendent of the C. P. R. telegrap[illegible]om came in from Winnipeg last [illegible] to make arrangements for a co[illegible] office in Fernie, as the pressu[illegible]ness is too great at the rail[illegible]. This innovation will be a [illegible]onience to business people. a[illegible] of the load from Mr. Fy[illegible]: Mr Tait is a very pleas[illegible]. He looks like a priest, [illegible]hands like a Methodist p[illegible] old parish. Mr. Tait[illegible]ears citizens console the[illegible]os-quitos are ex[illegible] a sign of a go[illegible]

BUSINESS OUTLOOK BRIGHT.

The most important piece of railroad news this week is the fact that the Spokane & International Railway people are going to construct a wagon road up the Moyie to the International line. There is a good road from Bonners Ferry to the Moyie and with the construction of the road up the Moyie, we shall have a wagon road from Bonners Ferry to the International line, a distance of about 35 miles.

This piece of information is important at this time, meaning as it does that supplies for the construction work of the new railroad for the entire distance will be freighted out from Bonners Ferry. This town will therefore become the most important supply point on the entire line, and will profit very greatly by reason of these favorable conditions. Bonners Ferry will be the biggest railroad camp in the entire country. It is not unlikely that the leading contractors will have their headquarters here, and the volume of business that will be done in Bonners Ferry in the next eighteen months will be something enormous It is not an exaggerated figure to print when we predict that there will be 2,000 working men in the construction camps tributary to this place.—Bonners Ferry Herald.

THE DEATH OF JIM

The death of Jim Wardner is reported from El Paso, Texas Jim has been reported dead several times in the past, and the writer would fain believe that this report is false, but the evidence points the other way. Jim was a prince in many ways, and made a freight car or two of money during his day, but never tied many strings on it. Every old time trail blazer and prospector between Alaska and Mexico will regret to hear that Jim has climbed the shaft and gone where the Indians do not break in and scalp the inhabitants, and where gold is used for paving stones. The editor of this paper had planned a long expedition with Jim from which each expected to make a million, but the best laid plans often evaporate. Jim has gone prospecting in a formation from which none have ever returned, and left us to fight the Indians alone in Fernie, although when his will is read we may be a millionaire. "Good-bye Jim, and take keer of yer self." May your wings be the whitest and the band never goes off shift.

BASEBALL

A meeting of the Baseball Association of Fernie was held at the Napanee hotel on Monday evening, T. H. Whelan was in the chair and stated the object of the meeting. The following officers were elected unanimously

R. G. Drinnin, honorary president,
R. W. Wood, honorary vice-president
Fred Stork, honorary president
James Sloan, vice president
C. W. Davey, secretary
N. E. Suddaby, treasurer

A communication was read from the Rossland club and discussed. It was decided that Fernie was too distant from the towns comprising the circuit to play anything but independent ball, and the secretary was instructed to notify Rossland to that effect. Adjourned until Friday evening, April 7th.

"LITTLE MAC."

M. McDonald, of Calgary, has just completed a trip along the Crow and reports business on the roof He is a member of the firm of McDonald, Simpson & Co. "Little Mac" as he is called by his friends deserves all the success that can possibly come his way. He has lived 20 years in Calgary. He remembers the time when if a man took all the land between the great cow camp and the Hat to a bank he could not raise $1.50 on it. Now all has changed and Mac is up to his neck in monetary clover. It is all due Mac for he is more of an angel than any man we have seen from Calgary.

AN ELEVATING SPECTACLE

EDITOR LEDGE

SIR—The city council of Fernie are doing much to educate the youth of this city by making dog catchers out of them. It is a very elevating sight to see a gang of boys roping untaxed dogs and dragging them through the streets towards the pound The cutting off of dogs' ears and laying them before our dignified city dads along with an affidavit shows how advanced and civilized we are becoming in municipal government.

Yours Dogfully
Hiram Cooley.

Busy Pincher

T. Label, of Pincher Creek was to Fernie this week on his way from a trip to Seattle and other points Mr. Lebel is one of the pioneers of Pincher having lived their 21 years, and watched the town grow since the first cabin was erected. He states that Pincher is now well on the way to prosperity, and is showing his faith in its future by commencing this week the erection of a stone block that will cost $25,000.

ALONG THE CROW

BLAIRMORE

From the Times

About 150 men are working on the zinc smelter at Frank.

A short order restaurant has been opened in Frank, to be known as the Frank Cafe, by J. H. Johnson.

Wedding invitations are out announcing the wedding of Miss Ethel Dickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dickson, of McLaren's mill, to Mr. Raleigh Coffey, to take place in the Methodist church here on Wednesday, April 11th.

C. H. Findlay who has been for some time connected with the office of the Coal company at Coleman, and lately in charge of the bank there, left last Saturday for Chicago where he will make his future home.

M. McKenzie, of Macleod, accompanied by John Aird, of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce were visitors in town last Saturday. Mr. Aird was looking the district over with a view of locating a branch of the Bank of Commerce here and was favorable impressed with Blairmore as a location.

The coke ovens at Coleman are all fired up and nearly twice as much coke is being turned out there than there was before the latestrike. Additional miners are being put to work at the mine and the coal output will shortly reach as great a tonnage as ever before and bids fair to be much increased. Around the town things are a little quiet yet, but business is steadily picking up and after next payday the merchants believe that business will again be as good as ever.

THE KOOTENAY CENTRAL.

A representative of The Star this week had an interview on this all important matter with parties known to be able to speak with authority from what transpired in the course of the conversation we gathered t at it is, after all, the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to begin the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway in the immediate future notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, and carry it to completion, if possible, before the snow flies again. Our informant also says the estimates of the company for the current year include an item sufficient to cover the cost of construction of the entire line from Golden to Fort Steele. Couple this with the present activity openly displayed around the C. P. R. yards here and it would seem to convince anyone that the assertion contains more truth than poetry. However, we have many reasons to believe that things will shortly assume definite shape. Golden Star.

COAL CREEK.

The construction of the necessary works goes merrily along The foundations for the building to contain the haulage engines are being dug in the rear of the lamp room. The machinery is now being removed from the ruins of the old building, which was close to the power house to the site of the new building. Three new boilers are to be installed to furnish power for the haulage engine An expert from the Dayton Machinery Works is superintending the removal and re-erection of this machinery.

It is reported that a contract for the erection of the steele tipple has been let to a Chicago firm

The regular Board of Examiners, consisting of D. Martin, chairman; J. McCliment and T. Biggs, (representing T. Addison) met on Monday for the purpose of examining applicants for certificates for competency as coal miners. Fifteen out of the seventeen applicants passed.

The delegation from the Unions will hold a second conference with the Coal Co. at Fernie today.

Pick the Prevaricator.

The Nelson Tribune says that the Trites-Wood Co. has commenced operations upon their new store building in Fernie.

In an interview in the Winnipeg Free Press, Mr. Wood, of the Trites-Wood Co. states that his firm will commence their new store building in Fernie next summer.

A local paragraph in the Fernie Free Press states that the Trites-Wood Co. will probably not build their new block until next year.

Appeal Dismissed

A telegram from Vancouver was received yesterday announcing that the appeal entered by the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co against the taxation of costs in the Lee case and questioning the jurisdiction to tax was disallowed.

MOYIE

From the Leader

It is reported on good authority that Messrs Breckenridge & Lund have been awarded the contract of building the ten miles of railroad between Yahk and the International boundary line, and that the dirt will be flying within a few weeks. The heaviest work on the line is between the boundary and Bonners Ferry.

Yahk station promises to be quite a lively point during construction. Tom Cavern, Jack Swinerton, Frank Clapp and F. J. McMahon are applying for liquor licenses, and in all probability there will be one or two stores opened there.

The St. Eugene mine broke all previous records for the month of March. During the month 3700 tons of concentrates were milled and shipped. This is considerably over 100 tons a day, which is said to be the capacity of the mill. As it takes about four tons of the ore as it comes from the mine to make a ton of concentrates it will be seen that nearly 15,000 tons were handled. Of the concentrates made, 2300 tons were shipped to Germany, 800 to Belguim and the remaining 600 tons were sent to Nelson and Trail smelters.

THE TELEPHONE TRIAL.

The Vancouver Province prints the following report of the B. C. Telephone Co's case against Fernie.

The plaintiffs seeking a perpetual injunction and exemplary damages, the case of the British Columbia Telephone Co vs. the corporation of Fernie came to trial in Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Morrison.

His Lordship held that the plaintiff company was entitled to a perpetual injunction. He, however refused to consider exemplary damages as justified under the circumstances. Had the corporation of Fernie shown malice in its attempt to interfere with the operations of the plaintiff company, then the decision in the matter of damages might have been different.

The plaintiff company was represented by Mr. L. G. McPhillips, K. C. and Mr. J. Lauren[illegible] while for the defendants appeared Hon. Charles Wilson, K. C., and Mr. Edgar Bloomfield.

At the outset Mr. Wilson requested an adjournment in order that he might be able to present to the court details concerning a reported agreement on the part of the British Columbia Telephone Company, to sell out its interests in the Fernie Telephone system to the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co.. Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Alfred Stork, Mayor of Fernie, who arrived in Vancouver yesterday, had telegraphed Mr. G. G. S. Lindsay, an officer of the coal company requesting information as to how matters stood between the telephone company and the coal company with reference to the telephone system. This morning Mr. Lindsay replied This telegram was then read by counsel. Mr. Lindsay stated that the telephone company had transferred its interest in the Fernie telephone system to the coal company on February 6th, and that since that date the telphone company's district superintendent had been working in Fernie for the coal company.

Mr Wilson also pleaded that till March 21st Mayor Stork had not been aware of the transfer.

Why, if he had known it, would Stork have sent such an idiotic telegram to Mr Lindsay asked Mr. Wilson as he held the message in his hand.

Well, since you have used the term, I would like to know too, replied the court.

Mr. Wilson thought that as the telephone company had transferred its interests in Fernie it had no rights whatever in its present action.

Mr. McPhillips contended that though the defendant has ceased to be in a position to annoy the plaintiff, yet the latter was still entitled to the injunction. Counsel characterized as absolutely false in its intent sent by Mr. Lindsay. According to Mr. McPhillips, Mr. Bloomfield knew through his examination of Mr H. W. Kent, general superintendent of the telephone company, that the company had not withdrawn from Fernie, and would not do so till the works there were completed, and they are not yet completed.

According to statements made to the court, the British Columbia Telephone Co. has agreed with the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co to refrain for one year from attempting to install a telephone system in Fernie.

Toward the conclusion of his argument Mr. McPhillips asked the court to grant a perpetual injunction restraining the corporation of Fernie from interfering with the plaintiff company and to award substantial [illegible] damages in view of the fact that Fernie had sought to prevent the plaintiff from doing certain things which knew the company had a perfect right to do

Court adjourned at 12.30 o'clock to 2.30 o'clock At the resumption of the sitting, Mr Wilson made his argument for the defence.

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GOOD FOR SWEENY.

THE United States is good to the Irish. Charles Sweeny has sold his stock in the Federal Mining Co. for $2,600,000. It is reported that the American Smelter Trust are the buyers which means another hole in the cinch around the users of lead in the States. The above sum of money is an awful amount for one man to make in a few years time, and shows the chances that exist in America for men of brains, nerve and gall. Sweeny would have been a long time making such a pile in the land where his ancestors were probably farmers. Sweeny has now sufficient to keep him in a grub stake for the balance of his days unless he blows it in on papal benedictions and politics,

In silver dollars the amount Sweeny has just had placed to his credit would weigh 180,000 pounds. and it would take three freight cars to take it from New York to his cellar in Spokane, although we do not think he would grumble at the freight.

The actual amount of money in circulation in the United States up to October 1, 1904, according to the New York World Almanac was, $2,562,139,479. This same table, figuring the population of the United States to be 82,214,000, estimates that there is $31.16 circulation per capita. If 70,000 people in Spokane have their full share of the money in circulation in cash it only means that there is $2,170,000 in circulation here.

Two and one half million dollars in silver dollars would fill a vault ten *feet high and seven feet square. It* would cover an acre of ground, and, piled dollar upon dollar in a single column, would tower above the highest peak on the American continent.

If $1 bank notes were laid end to end the amount of money under question would make a green streak from Winnipeg to Calgary, and if judiciously expended for booze 25 millions of good drinks could be obtained, or in Ontario double that number. With that roll in his sack a man could lose a thousand every day playing poker, and it would be more than two years before a chap would turn in his last bean. This merely shows how much some make out of mining.

Sweeny might invest his three freight cars of dollars in B. C. to good advantage. For that amount he should be able to buy a majority of the legislators at Victoria, and then get anything he wanted in this province, or he could come to Fernie and still have money left after he had bought a few acres of dumping ground.

THE VALUE OF LAND.

LAND has many values in British Columbia.

Mr. McEvoy, land commissioner for the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. says that land in East Kootenay for dumping ground purposes is worth $500 an acre.

Mr. McEvoy, delegate to Associated Boards of Trade at Nelson says that land in East Kootenay is worth 25 cents an acre.

Mr. McEvoy, member of Fernie Board of Trade says in speaking of giving a grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific that land is only worth 15 cents an acre.

Evidently there is some difference.

PRAYER is the original wireless telegraphy.

WITH all his faults some of the west still loves Sifton.

THIS year the month of March was like nearly everything else in the city.

THERE are no saloons in the burg, but Coal Creek cannot prosper without its tipple.

TIMES may be hard in the Slocan but are not nearly as bad as the bomb times in Russia.

ONTARIO is playing back at Rossland. In Peterboro a gold mining company has been organized with a capital of $2,500,000.

THOUGHT may be what makes a newspaper successful, but printers never take it for wages.

THE traits of every animal are produced in the human race which deepens the mystery in connection with our past history.

UNDERSTANDING the cupitity of the human race the gambler wins by his dexterity. This applies to all schemes were the profits promised are unnaturally great.

THE progress made by every church comes by infidels and reformers hammering on the walls and awakening pastor and congregation out of a conservative slumber.

Within each individual no matter how faint there is a something which tells us that we are immortal. The life that animates clay and makes it walk touches something else when nature claims the material matter.

THE Czar of Russia attempted suicide the other day. Poor man you can't blame him much, although if he wants to climb the golden stairs he should find no difficulty in doing so in his own country without going to the expense of getting a ticket over the suicide short line.

THE papers have said nothing about Jim Wardner lately. He must have got away from the Indians of Mexico by this time. Jim should come to Fernie. The Indians here will not touch him, and the whiskey is the best on earth, and there isn't a good smear player in town. Come along Jim and spend a few years in our midst.

B. C. is an empire within itself and only needs to be advertised and pushed along by enterprising people who do not sit down every few minutes in order to emanate a howl about hard times. There should be no such a thing as hard times in such a province, rich as it is in so many of the natural resources that make nations wealthy.

IT puzzles us to understand how the Japanese soldiers have been so successful in their fight against Russia. Hardly any of them have ever been to a camp meeting, touched holy water or been captured by the Salvation Army, and we are safe in saying that not one Jap in a million ever heard of Laurier or attended a Separate School.

FASHION has a great deal to do with the price of some things. In the Okanagan fruit farms are all the rage, and land has gone up to $200 an acre in spots miles from any town. There is plenty of good fruit land in East and West Kootenay that the owners find hard to sell at $10 an acre. Just make these places fashionable and the situation will be reserved. It can be done with printer's ink and enthusiasm.

JOHN D. Rockefeller, who is baldheaded as a billiard ball has given in his time to churches and colleges $28,753,000, but not a dollar to newspapers. It is said that John did not get all his money by the most honest methods but that does not hurt the innocent money or the institutions to which he gives it. If John sent us a million we would not return it. We would advertise for the rightful owners to claim it.

THE drummers are protesting against the tax placed upon them by the B. C. government. It is easy for them to get even by adding a little more to the cost of their goods. We do not like to see the drummers lose anything for life would often be dreary without them. Still we have got to have money in this province for our revenue according to the latest report shows signs of consumption, and must be fattened with something.

THE Board of Trade in Calgary has liberal notions. It wants the premier of the provine to have a salary of $7,000 a year, and the cabinet ministers $5,000. It also wants the leader of the opposition to have the same amount as the cabinet ministers. This is a reform in the right direction. Pay big salaries and the members of a government will have no excuse for boodling, and the profession of politics will have a chance to become respectable.

IF all [illegible] Fernie pulled together [illegible] etic and enthusiastic ma[illegible]e upbuilding of this city w[illegible] good chance of making th[illegible]lace. But everybody is [illegible]ster, and consequently we a[illegible]t pushing to the front as rapidly as it is possible for us to do. Where many boosters are gathered together you generally find a lively city. Fernie has a chance to be the second city in B. C., but the knocker must be chained before the result will be obtained.

INDIANAPOLIS ministers have started a movement to have churches supported by a direct tax upon the membership, according to the amount of worldly goods they possess. The idea of the ministers is that the ability of a member to pay should be guaged by his property, as represented by the tax assessment books. This is fair and just as a business policy, but it is not the Bible plan. The Saviour of men taught that what was given must be given cheerfully and that he or she gave most rejoiced in the giving. If He were on earth to day he would say to the old miser from whom money is wrung from an assessment law, "thy money perish with thee"

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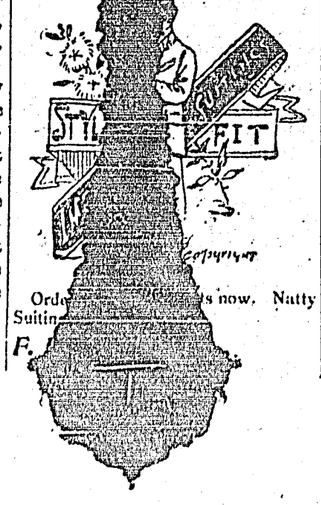

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FORTUNE'S FANCIES

Sandy Bowers was a teamster, and his wife a buxom and not uncomely Scotch woman who took in washing and kept a miners' boarding house. It was in the early days of Virginia city before men had grasped the full value of the discovery, and the teamster, in company with others of his kind, came into possession of several hundred feet on the lode at Gold Hill.

His claim became one of the bonanzas of the region, and Sandy found himself richer than he ever thought any one could be. Neither he nor his wife ever rose to the level of their fortune. They remained the teamster and the washerwoman to the end. There is a story that neither could read nor write. After giving an entertainment at the International Hotel, such as that hostelry of many grandeurs had never before seen, they went to Europe for two years.

When they came back they were still the teamster and the washerwoman Europe had added no veneer. But the money was still in plenty. "Money to throw at the birds," as the old man was wont to say. Nevada was more to their taste than anywhere else, so they elected to remain there, and that strange monument of wealth, which is known all through Nevada and California as the Bowers mansion was built on the shore of Washoe lake.

The site was one of extraordinary beauty, with the walls of snow capped Sierra behind it, and sapphire sweep of water in front. Money was never considered in its construction. It was built of quarried stone and furnished with the costliest San Francisco could supply. A library of books with Sandy's name on every volume was one of its features. The door handles were of silver, the table furnishings the finest to be had at that place at that time.

Here the old people—for they were getting old—settled and dispensed a lavish hospitality. Here an adopted child whom they dearly loved and had named Persia, died. Here, too, later on, Sandy died and was buried in the garden under the shadow of the Sierra. And here—the shades of evening beginning to close on this strange drama—poverty overtook his widow. She strove to redeem her first losses by speculation, throwing good money after bad. In her case, the wheel of fortune made a complete revolution. Her old age saw her as poor as she had been in her youth. She passed from stage to stage and finally made a livelihood by practicing fortune telling in San Francisco, it having been always understood that she had the gift of second sight. The crystal in which she gazed had shown her many things, but nothing stranger, more dramatic and varied than her own life.

HIS MOTHER'S EYES.

Senator Gallinger was talking about certain shipping reforms that he has in his mind.

These reforms, he said, would be made easily, would be made at once, were not human nature the same in shipping circles as it is all the world over.

By that I mean that the people in the wrong always think themselves in the right. They always think the other side in the wrong. They are like a Concord woman whose son enlisted for the Spanish American war.

Her son, a raw recruit, was naturally awkward at first. He was, in fact the most awkward youth in the squad. Nevertheless, his mother, regarding him as he marched away, and music and waving of flags, could hardly admire enough his military grace and skill.

"Oh," she said, "look, look! They're all out of step but our Jim."

LITTLE SERMONS

(By Elbert Hubbard.)

A little more patience, a little more charity for all, a little more devotion, a little more love; with less bowing down to the past, and a silent ignoring of pretended authority; a brave looking forward to the future with more confidence in ourselves, and more faith in our fellows, and the race will be ripe for a great burst of light and life.

Hate hurts the man who nurses it; all selfishness robs the mind of its divine insight and cheats the soul that would know.

Gambling robs a man of rest; and the keen edge of his life is lost in shuffling pasteboards. All he gives to his employer or the world is the discard. Outside of his play he is a weak, inefficient person, and his weakness is very apt to manifest itself in burdening his friends. The curse of gambling does not fall on the gambler alone any more than the drunkard alone suffers for his fault. Suffering falls upon everyone within the radius of the gambler.

I would hold my friend only by the virtue that is in me—by attraction of the worth that is in my soul.

By taken thought you can add cubits to your stature.

Man does what he does because he thinks for the moment it is the best thing to do.

Men are ever forsaking fortune when she is about to smile.

The insane man is apt to be a supreme egotist, and a good way to punish him is to pay no attention to him.

Man, wise as he is, and pluming himself on his ability to defeat his fellows, cannot with impunity play his tricksy games with God.

I say to you that man has not sufficient imagination to exaggerate the importance of love. It is as high as the heavens, deep as hell, as sublime as the stars and great as the galaxy of worlds that fade in our feeble vision into mere milky ways.

Love holds within her ample space all wrecks, all ruins, all grief, all tears; and all the smiles, and sunshine and beauty that mortals know, are each and all her priceless gifts, and hers alone.

As the second commandment was the death of art for a thousand years, so has the forced servility of women held civilization in thrall to a degree that no man can compute.

The only way you can get into the kingdom of heaven is to carry the kingdom of heaven in your heart.

Enterprise means ability to plan, oversee, supervise and direct. It is initiative, and wise initiative is the finest gift of God to man. Man is the instrument of Deity.

Our actions and thoughts are building brain cells, and the gambler is building cells of folly. His face is as astute as the face of David Harum. It gives nothing away. In time the habit of the man becomes fixed—he is a living liar. He lies to friends, family, employer and business associates. He forever plays a part. Life to him is a game of bluff.

You help me and I'll help you. We will not be here forever, anyway; soon death, the kind old nurse, will come and rock us all to sleep, and we had better help one another while we may; we are going the same way—let's go hand in hand.

People who profess to love their enemies are apt to hold averages good by hating their friends.

SOME SCOTTISH JOKES.

Weel, John, how are you today? asked a Scottish minister, on meeting one of his parishioners. Gey weel sir, gey weel, replied John cautiously, gin it wasna for the rheumatism in the right leg. Ah John be thankful for there is no mistake you are getting old like the rest of us, and old age dosen't come alone. Auld age sir, returned John, I wonder to hear ye. Auld age has nuething tae dae wi't. Here's my ither leg jist as auld; an' its soond and soyple yet.

A boy was holding a candle for his master, a plumber, in a Scottish town, who was doing some repairs to a pipe inside a dwelling house. The boy carelessly held the candle too near his master's head, and up went his hair in a blaze. The master turned round in a rage, and said: You stupid idiot! Can ye no watch what ye're doing? The folk of the house 'll think ye've been singeing a sheep's head with the smell ye're setting up! Aweel, said the boy, they'll maybe no' be far wrang.

FINE CUT FACTS.

Sweden's biggest export is timber. She sells £5,500,000 worth a year.

Forests cover nearly one-fourth of the surface of Germany—about 48,000 square miles.

The cost of the war to Russia has been practically £1,500,000 per week since the war began.

There are now over 27,000 Chinese on the Rand, and 7,514 are on their way to South Africa.

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Within the past ninety years the Spanish-speaking population of the world has increased from 26,190,000 to 42,000,000.

At the most sanguinary battle in the South African war the total casualties on both sides did not reach 3,000. There have been at least ten engagements in Manchuria in which the casualties far exceeded that number.

In round figures 300,000 men and 50 warships, large and small; have been placed out of action since the Russian-Jap war began.

Official correspondence now issued tends to show that, on the whole, cancer is less frequent in aborigines than in civilized races.

Perhaps the finest mausoleum in existence is that in Agra, India, which was built by the Emperor Shah Jehan for himself. It was 22 years in course of erection, and on it 20,000 men were constantly employed during that period It cost £800,000.

Spain has more hunch backs than any country. In one small village at the foot of the Sierra Morena there is one in every thirteen inhabitants. France, in the neighborhood of the Loire, has a great many people suffering from deformed shoulders. It has been reckoned that there are a million hunchbacks in the world at present.

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LANDS AND WORKS
CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reservation established in pursuance of the provisions of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," notices of which were published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, and 5th June, 1896 respectively, are hereby cancelled.

Crown lands situated within the area embraced by the said reservation will be open to sale, settlement, lease and other disposition, under the provisions of the "Land Act," three months after the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette: provided, however, that in all cases where lands are so sold, pre-empted, leased or otherwise alienated by the Government and are subsequently found, upon the surveys of the Columbia and Western Railway Company's blocks, to lie wholly or in part within such blocks, then the persons so acquiring such lands shall acquire their title thereto from the Railway Company, who have agreed to deal with such purchasers, pre-emptors, lessees, etc., on the same terms and conditions as the Government would under the provisions of the "Land Act," except in respect to timber lands on the Company's blocks, which shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Company relative to the cutting of timber on the Columbia and Western Railway Land Grant.

W. S. GORE.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd February, 1905.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY

In the matter of the petitions of R. G. Edwards Leckie, Frank W. Peters, Guy H. Kirkpatrick and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper under Section 9, of "The Coal Mines Act."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above mentioned parties have filed petitions to the Judge of this court to decide disputes as to the right or title to prospecting licences for the following described lands, that is to say—

Situate in East Kootenay on the east side of the Flathead River on Oil or Sage Creek and from about 5 to 8 miles north of the International Boundary Line. Description of land staked by the aforesaid R. G. Edwards Leckie: Commencing at a post on the north-west bank of Oil Creek, marked, "R G Edwards Leckie's S. E. Corner" adjoining Sir C. H Tupper's S W. corner post; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Situate in East Kootenay on the east side of the Flathead River on Oil or Sage Creek, and from about 5 to 8 miles north of the International Boundary Line. Description of land staked by the aforesaid Guy H Kirkpatrick: Commencing at a post on the north bank of the Creek, marked "G H. Kirkpatrick's N. W corner" adjoining Mrs. M. E Lane's N. E corner post; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres

Situate in East Kootenay on the east side of the Flathead River on Oil or Sage Creek and from about 5 to 8 miles north of the International Boundary Line Description of the land staked by aforesaid Frank W. Peters:—

Commencing at a post on the north-west bank of Oil Creek marked "Frank W Peters N.E. corner" adjoining R. G Edwards Leckie's S. E. corner post; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Situate in East Kootenay on the east side of Flathead River on Oil or Sage Creek and from about 5 to 8 miles north of the International Boundary Line. Description of land staked by aforesaid Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper:—

Commencing at a post on the north-west bank of Oil Creek marked "Sir C. H. Tupper' corner" adjoining Fred Peters' N. W. corner post; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Notice is hereby given that His Honor Judge Forin by order dated February 23rd, 1905, has ordered that any person interested in the subject matter of said petitions or having any objection to the prayer of said petitions being granted shall on or before the 1st day of May, 1905, file with the Registrar of said Court at Cranbrook a petitions or statement setting forth his claim or the ground of his said objection and verify the same under oath.

And the said Judge has further ordered that a copy of said petition shall be forwarded to any party interested by such petitioners or their solicitors on application being made therefor to the Registrar of said Court at Cranbrook.

Dated the 4th day of March, 1905.

Tupper & Griffin, Vancouver, Solrs. for Petitioners. J. F. Armstrong, Cranbrook, Registrar.

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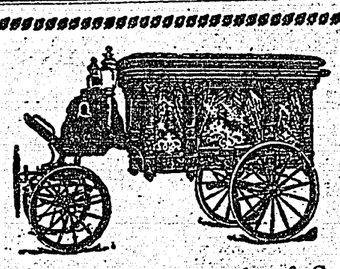

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BY-LAW No. 11

A By-law authorizing the Corporation of the Municipality of the City of Fernie to borrow the sum of Five thousand dollars ($5,000) in anticipation of the receipt of its revenue for the year 1905.

WHEREAS by virtue of the Municipal Clauses Act, every Municipality may, under the conditions therein contained, borrow from any person such sum of money not exceeding an amount equal to the total amount of taxes levied upon land or real property as shewn by the revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality for the current year, and bearing such rate of interest as may be requisite, to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation which becomes due and payable out of the annual revenue before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the tax payers;

AND WHEREAS to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation which becomes payable out of the annual revenue before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the tax payor it is requisite for the Corporation to borrow a sum not exceeding Five thousand ($5,000) dollars.

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of the City of Fernie enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the Municipality of the City of Fernie to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation the sum of Five thousand dollars ($5,000), in such amounts and at such times as the same may be required, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding Eight per cent. (8%) per annum
2. That the moneys so borrowed shall be repayable and repaid on or before the 31st day of December next.
3. That the amount so borrowed shall be a liability payable out of the municipal revenue for the current year.
4. That the form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgement of such liability shall be a promissory note or notes, as the sums may be required and advanced, signed by the Mayor and the Finance Committee and the Clerk of the Corporation, and shall bear the corporate seal, and all of which notes shall be made payable on or before the 31st day of December next.

This By-law may be cited as the "First Temporary Loan By-law of 1905."

Read a first, second and third time on the 16th day of March, A.D. 1905

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council this day of March, A.D. 1905.

Certified correct by

Registered in the County Court of Kootenay this day of March, A.D. 1905.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed by-law upon which the vote of the municipality of the Corporation of the City of Fernie will be taken at the Court House on the 8th day of April, A.D. 1905, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p m (Local Time).

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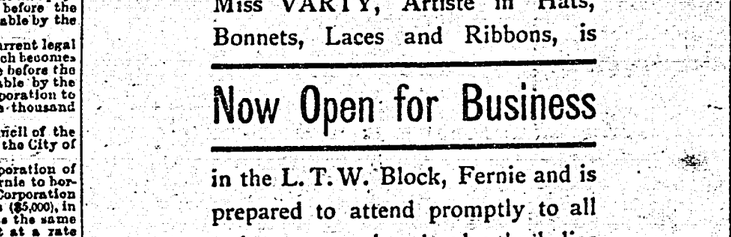

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For that tired feeling that comes with every Spring drop into the King Edward and sample a soda lemonade.

East Kootenay Rifles will parade on Friday evening in Stork's Hall. No. 2 company 7:45 p.m., and No. 1 company at 8:45.

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Simon Dragon was sentenced last week by Judge Forin to three months' upon the charge of aggravated assault. A largely signed petition has been sent to the Governor-General praying for his release.

These days the Fernie Cigar Store is crowded with customers buying choice cigars, and playing English billiards. A coupon is given away with every two-bit purchase. One coupen is liable to make you a suit of clothes.

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In the excitement when you reach Fernie do not forget that the King Edward Hotel is still doing business at the old stand. The proprietor, J. L. Gates, has been here a long time and always makes life cheerful for lonesome strangers.

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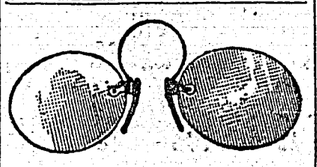

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