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LIFE IN FERNIE

Painters are beautifying the English church and manse

Jim Poupore has put in a tender for the Kootenay Central work out of Golden.

The C N. Trading Co will be doing business in their fine store by August 12th.

Last Sunday a sprinkling cart in Fernie would have been highly appreciated.

Some people want the earth but the C. N. P. E L & P. Co. only want the water.

Fernie beat Coal Creek at Football on Saturday. Lots of the "boys" dropped money.

The brakes are not set in West Fernie, and it is flying to the front at a rapid gait.

Six carloads of Sunday School children and their friends left for Elko this morning.

The Coal Co. should take the brakes off Fernie, and give us a faster run for our money.

Fernie will never be a Lucerne but it certainly stands an excellent chance of being the Pittsburg of Canada.

Just now fishing is good in the vicinity of Fernie. Drummers do not require a license to secure a few speckled beauties.

F. B. Hawthorne will be in Fernie in a short time for the purpose of introducing the Royal Seal more generally in the coal regions.

Business is humming at the Elk Lumber Co's big mill, and it is apparent that O. L. Boynton is one of the best managers in B. C

A man named Wood was brought down from the mines this morning with his foot and ankle badly crushed He was taken to the hospital

A carload of pork from the Hammond Co., of Hammond Ind., passed through Fernie last week on its way to Trail. Evidently Canada is short on hogs

The following officers were installed at the last meeting of Gladstone Local, No. 2314, U. M W. of A.:—Pres. H. Evans; Vice Pres, W. H. Moore; Fin Secy, T. Biggs; Rec Secy., J. Barton

About 400 crates of strawberries from the fruit ranches on Kootenay lake are going over the Crow to Winnipeg. In a year or two strawberry specials will be a feature in railroading on the Crow.

Joe Goupille was at Moyie this week and has about concluded arrangements to take over the Manhattan hotel at that place Joe will be missed around the Central where he has made many friends.

Riverbank avenue, one of the prettiest streets in the city has never had much attention from the city or the chain gang it overlooks the river, and a little labor would vastly improve its appearance

James Nicholls came from Nova Scotia to Fernie some time ago and worked in the mines. He has been left a fortune but no one seems to know where he is now located J K Salter, of Nelson, is anxious to locate him as soon as possible.

A recent regulation issued by the postal department is worth bearing in mind by those having boxes. As all the postmasters are liable to make mistakes in putting mail into the wrong boxes, the new regulation requires people to examine their mail before leaving the office, and should they find a piece not addressed to them they must return it at once, or be liable to a fine of $200. That it is the fault of the post office makes no difference.

PERSONALS

Harry Stedman, of Macleod, was in Fernie this week.

S S. Taylor Nelson's eminent lawyer was in Fernie last week.

Ald Bill Tuttle left Fernie on Monday for a trip through the States.

Charley French has returned to Blairmore after his cruise through the Slocan.

Otto Becker was in the city last week looking up special freight business for the C. P R.

E Jarvis went to Coleman on Tuesday as a delegate to a meeting of the football league.

Miss Ethel McDonald, of Cowley was in Fernie last Sunday on her way to the Portland fair.

S G. Yerkes, H A Jackson and G H. William, all G. N men, were in the city yesterday

Thomas Crahan, of Michel is looking at the sights in Portland. He will return in time for payday.

After disposing of a light docket last Friday Judge Forin sliked his shoes and went fishing in the Elk.

J. C. Fernan expects to move his family from Frank to Vancouver, possibly to Los Angeles for the winter.

Sam Wethere, the big hearted brakesman on the Coal Creek run is in the hospital battling with a severe attack of typhoid.

Dr. and Mrs Barber left yesterday on a pleasure trip to Portland where they will take in the Lewis & Clarke exposition They expect to be absent about two weeks.

Miss M. Gates, of the King Edward hotel leaves next Monday via the G. N Ry for a two months visit to her sister and brother at Park River, N. D While away she may extend her trip to her old home in Ontario.

CITY COUNCIL

It was late last night when the City Council got down to business, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, a communication from the school board asking payment of $500 was read. This amount was for salary, $395 and various accounts amounting to the balance. Ald. Cree contended that this would have been paid but he and Ald. Trites had demanded an itemized account which was refused. Letter ordered filed.

City engineer notified Council that specifications for waterworks and sewers were ready and that advertisements for tenders could now be made, ordered filed.

L. J. Eckstein wrote on behalf of Plante account of $50, referred to city solicitor.

Ald. Cree moved, seconded by Ald. Wallace that a public meeting be called for Thursday at 8 30 p m to further discuss Lindsey's letter, re water supply.

City Clerk was ordered to furnish City Solicitor with copies of all by-laws

The auditors report was received and ordered laid on the table. As there were many complaints in this report, there will probably be some improvements suggested when it comes up for discussion. Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 18th inst.

STAND PAT.

The attempt now being made by the C. N. P. E L. & P. Co, aided by the City Council, to obtain a monopoly of the water system in Fernie is one of the finest pieces of gall eve: known in municipal history. The citizens should stand to a man in defence of their rights against the greed of a giant corporation, and the shilly shallying of a weak hearted council, evidently too susceptible to the threats and promises of the local octupus to own their souls The people of Fernie might as well be dead as live in perpetual fear and serfdom of an institution that has a morbid appetite for swiping anything in sight Stand pat, and the game is won. We want no slaves this far west.

Back from Nevada.

J. C. Fernan was in Fernie on Sunday having just returned from Goldfields, Nevada. In that camp one of the companies he is interested in has a customs mill for treating gold ore, and its capacity is to be enlarged from 50 to 200 tons. Mr Fernan who returned to Frank on Sunday evening estimates that the smelter now being erected in that town will cost fully a million dollars It will be ready to treat lead and zinc ores by November. When in thorough working order it will be the most up-to-date zinc smelter in the world. This is the zinc smelter that Fernie missed owing to the greed of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co.

Great Northern Wreck.

About 30 people were injured, one seriously, in the wreck of the Great Northern westbound flyer at Spring Brook, 21 miles east of Williston, N. D, on Wednesday of last week, July 5th. Seven cars were burned by a fire which broke out immediately after the wreck, presumably caused by the explosion of a gas tank under the smoking car. The mail car and special car Joliet, containing Dr. Frank Billings of Chicago, and a party of physicians en route to Portland, did not leave the rails and were unharmed by the flames.

The officials of the road say that it was a miracle that the casualities were not more serious, as the train was running at a high rate of speed when it left the rails. According to the report there was no spreading of the rails, and they are unable to account for the accident As the cars left the track they partially mended, but did not break in two. Most of those injured suffered from burns, the flames spreading so rapidly that many were scorched before they could be extricated from the wreckage.

ON TIME

Napoleon said: I beat the Austrians because they did not know the value of five minutes.

Napoleon's marshal, Grouchy, came up late at Waterloo. For that delay the conqueror of Europe died a captive eagle on the barren rock of St. Helena.

On the great clock of time there is but one word—"Now."

By the streets of "By and By" one arrives at the house of "Never."

Putting off means leaving off, and going to do becomes going undone.

On time! is the cry of progress. Too late! is the groan of failure. The race of success runs on time.

Build your system now. The disorder that distracts you, the loose ends that worry and nag you— these will grow worse with the passage of every hour of time. Go at them before it is too late. Bring order out of confusion before it becomes chaos.

Lose to-day by loitering and it will be the same story to-morrow—and every to-morrow thereafter.

Build your system now.

THAT SECRET PROPOSAL.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co's Suggestions to the City Council.

Full Text of the Proposed Agreement.

FERNIE, B. C., JULY 4TH, 1905.

MAYOR STORK,
CITY,

DEAR MR. MAYOR:—

As a result of the conference which I had the pleasure of having last night with yourself, and all the members of the Municipal Council in Fernie, I am disposed to make the following suggestions for your consideration:

Please understand that these are made subject to the approval of my Board of Directors, but I think that you may confidently feel that the Directors will endorse whatever I suggest.

There is no use, in a communication of this kind, entering into the merits or demerits of the present water controversy. Suffice it to say that two water systems will not pay either party in Fernie As we have a system and are unwilling to sell it, I am prepared to make the following proposition, in consideration of the Municipality refraining from installing a water service, during the period covered by this agreement.

1. I will furnish free water for as many fire hydrants as the Municipality cares to attach to our system, the Municipality to purchase the existing hydrants.

2. I will furnish, free, sufficient water to flush the sewers, provided the amount required is not excessive. I should like to be advised what the water requirements for this purpose will be, but do not anticipate any difficulty in giving you all your requirements.

3. I will furnish water from the hydrants for street watering purposes, at the rate of $10 00 per month per hydrant.

4. I guarantee to have, before the 1st of October, an 80-lb pressure water service throughout the thickly settled portions of the Municipality

5 I am prepared to sell all our water system in the city of Fernie, at the end of ten years, from the 1st day of July, 1905, at a price to be fixed by arbitration, if the parties cannot agree. The Municipality is not to be obliged to take over any portion of the water service outside of the Municipality, and I would free them from any bonus which the existing statutes would require them to pay for the purpose of taking over the service

6. By that time you will probably wish to bring your water supply from Fairy Creek, and I will undertake to give you an easement for use of right-of-way from the bank of the Elk River to the limits of the Municipality, as then existing, provided the route is left to the selection of this company I may say in this connection, however, that I think it would be well to determine what this route shall be, because of possible settlement along the projected line of this easement.

I am not prepared to make any undertaking in regard to water rates, further than to say that the present rates seem to me to be reasonable, and I do not know of any reason why these rates should in the future be increased I think you may safely rely upon it that they will not be increased

If the ratepayers should wish it I am prepared to undertake that the water to supply the town shall come from above the Mines.

Yours truly,

G. G. S. LINDSEY,
General Manager.

TWO MEETINGS

Citizens Meet to Appoint Speakers.

Ratepayers Meet to Hear C. N. P. Coal Co's Proposition.

Last week as an outcome of the secret conference of the City Council with the Manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., rumors flew thick and fast through Fernie, and as the council were pledged to secrecy, the people did not know what they were up against. In consequence the following call was issued:

NOTICE

All persons favoring the City of Fernie owning and operating its own Waterworks System, and who desire the City Council to follow the instructions given by the ratepayers in their vote for the town by-law, are earnestly and respectfully requested to meet in the office of Mott, Son, & Co., Friday, July 7th, at 8 o'clock p m.

J. D. QUAIL.
D. V. MOTT.
L. P. ECKSTEIN.

Fernie, B. C., July 6th

The office of Mott, Son, & Co was found to be too small to accommodate the gathering, and the Eagles' Hall was secured where some 60 odd people assembled. Among those present were Mayor Stork and Aldermen Tuttle, Wallace and Robins

J. D Quail was called to the chair and F. J. Watson appointed secretary.

D. V. Mott stated the object of the gathering:—to appoint speakers to attend the meeting called for Saturday night, and in view of the secrecy that hung over affairs moved that L P. Eckstein, on behalf of the ratepayers, present the legal side of the question before that meeting. Mr. Eckstein was pleased to consent to the wishes of the majority, and a request that any ratepayer desiring to hear any man, to call on him, brought Mayor Stork to his feet who stated that a conference had been held with G G. S. Lindsey and a verbal offer made by him what had been subsequently confirmed in writing and would be submitted to the people on Saturday night

Ald. Tuttle stated that he went as one of the conference to Mr. Lindsey at his request, and the subject was discussed in a fair and impartial manner, and that he was the father of the idea that the outcome of the conference be kept secret

Mayor Stork considered the meeting of ratepayers entirely uncalled for, the council was elected to look after the city's interest and they were doing so

Ald. Tuttle was highly indignant at the idea of anyone harboring the thought that the council had any other than the welfare of the city at heart.

Mr Eckstein said the meeting had not been called to censure but rather to aid and asked that he be privately informed of the contents of Mr. Lindsey's offer in order that he might be prepared to discuss it at the meeting on Saturday. Things looked hot for a time, but calmed down without any blows and the meeting peacefully adjourned.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

On Saturday a meeting called by the Mayor assembled in the opera house. The stage was occupied by the Mayor and city council.

The Mayor opened by saying that he wanted it distinctly understood that no deal had been made with Mr. Lindsey—that the council had met Mr. Lindsey and a verbal proposition had been made them, which had since been confirmed in writing He then read the proposition as appearing in another column.

Ald. Cree was in accord with Mr. Lindsay's proposition, as the borrowing capacity of the city was not sufficient to put in water and sewers and buy out the Coal Co's water plant and that two rival companies could not exist

Ald Trites spoke in the same terms as did Ald Robins.

L. P. Eckstein gave a very lucid explanation of the law on expropriation, also citing other towns where waterworks were installed, and the rates, notably Grand Forks where the price is one dollar a tap.

Ald Wallace thought as a business transaction the offer from the Coal Co. was a very good proposition.

J D Quail thought the ratepayers should be furnished with a copy of the Coal Co agreement.

Ald Herchmer was opposed to the city handling its waterworks and said that the scheme of repayment of the loans was all wrong and that he had agreed to it in ignorance. The city would lose $12,000. It would cost $10,000, $50,000 or $60,000 for the Coal Co plant and stated that until recently the waterworks had not paid the Coal Co.

Mr. Mott spoke briefly placing the citizen's view of the case, and was followed by Ald. Tuttle who astonished the meeting with the statement that Lindsay had submitted nothing. He had not given a proposition. He did not agree to anything. Suggestions were in that letter that never were brought up and discussed at the conference. He would not accept it The people of Fernie said go a head and put in waterworks and so far as he was concerned he meant to follow their instructions unless they told him to stop A motion to appoint a committee to confer with the council was lost.

The matter will be brought up at the meeting of the council Tuesday night.

ALL ABOUT WATER

Up to date the C N. P. E. L. & P. Co. which is a subsidary company of the C. N. P. Coal Co has been supplying Fernie with its water The service has been poor, and the rates excessive For lack of large mains the city burned down over a year ago, and last winter for a time the water was not fit to drink without first boiling it.

The ratepayers recently voted in favor of raising $100,000 for the purpose of installing municipal waterworks and a sewer system. With economy and no grafting the two systems can be put in for about $75,000. The decision of the people was handed to the City Council, but so far they have bucked, and almost to a man are inclined to sacrifice the welfare of the city in order to assist a grasping and marble hearted company to greater riches. They are merely repeating the play of the telephone war, and dancing while George Goldwin Smith Lindsey scrapes the fiddle. George Goldwin is entirely too swift for the obliging gentlemen the people of Fernie chose last winter to execute the business of the city. He can sway the bunch as the wind does the tall sunflowers He called them out of the Council Chamber last week to discuss public business in his private office, far from the ears of the common people, and they went right along like coons to a watermelon patch. Infra Dig. Well, rather, but still the finest piece of municipal toadyism that has come this far west. Ah, George you certainly are clear, sweet stuff and entitled to your salary

The plot thickens, and in the dead of night the city dads slip away home from the shadow (the moon was on shift) of the king's office, well pleased with the material prospects of the future The king is a genius in the art of making all feel happy who come in to his presence. The result of this unparliamentary session was kept secret for several days which is certainly not proper. The people want no mysterious proceedings in the conduct of the city's business. This barring out of the press and public from any meeting of the Council is like an act of the Molly Maguires, and should not be permitted in any rational city The secret was revealed on Saturday evening, a time when merchants with few exceptions could not be present, and was a clever piece of statesmanship upon the part of Mayor Stork. It kept the enemy out of the high seats.

At the meeting Lindsey's proposition was read out, and it is certainly a brute. The Coal Co. sprang into existence through a gift of the public domain, and it seems cannot break the habit. For ten years it wants the exclusive right to furnish this city with water without paying anything for the franchise At $2 50 a house (with no assurance that the rate would not be raised) the company would surely be in clover. To supply Fernie for ten years the franchise is easily worth $50,000, and yet the Coal Co offers nothing. Great snap No wonder Mr. Lindsay pushes it along.

The proposition of the Coal Co which appears in this issue is simply ridiculous, and unworthy the consideration of any body or community of wide awake business men. It is too full of pork If the Coal Co. will give the city water from Fairy Creek, put in large mains, and a sewer system, and charge $1 a month for aqua pura there would be some sense in their proposition. Otherwise it is simply an attempt to further tighten the cinch upon this much burdened city.

THE PRICE OF COKE

The Nelson Tribune contends that Canadian smelters are paying at least $1 a ton too much for Fernie coke, and that the high price charged for this fuel is disastrous to the mining and smelting industries of this province It also states that when the enormous land subsides were given to the B. C. Southern railway it was upon the plea of furnishing cheap fuel. Thus it is evident that the greed of the C. N. P. Coal Co. octupus with all its feelers extends to everything that falls within its grasp from installing telephones to smelter fuel. It is out with the long mit seeking to put on the cinch wherever possible It makes its money in the west, and buys its supplies largely in the east It has filled the Crows Nest Pass with foreign labor, who send most of their money abroad. The government must have had paresis when it handed out the goods to this gigantic leech upon the glorious west. Its blighting effect is plainly seen upon many of the business people of Fernie who crawl upon their hands and knees in trembling fear, and kiss the toe of the coal barons thinking in their knifeblade minds that such servility is necessary in order to get milk for their mush Thus is manhood shattered in worshiping an autocratic and commercial god.

The Engineering and Mining Journal, the leading authority on mining matters in the United States, publishes the following list of prices realized by the producer for coal and coke at the chief centres. The highest, Montana, furnishes a fair standard for comparison with East Kootenay, as the conditions are similar As to coke, Colorado, a western state, is on a parity in almost every respect, yet coke sells there at $3 as against $1.50 at Fernie.

Selling prices of coal:

Montana $1 50; Iowa $1 31; Kansas $1 25; Wyoming $1.25; Missouri $1.21 Alabama $1 20; Indiana $1 00; Ohio; 98 cents; Pennsylvannia 91 cents; Illinois 89 cents; West Virginia 67 cents. An average of $1 02

Selling prices of coke:

Pennsylvannia $2 to $2.60 Colorado $3. Average realized throughout the United States, $2.56.

ALONG THE CROW

COLEMAM

The coke ovens will resume operations this week.

About 200 men are digging coal in this camp.

The new officers elected by the Coleman local, No 2633, of the U. M. W. A. are as follows:

Harry Gate, re-elected President; Chas. Brook, Financial Secretary; Frank Gessler, Recording Secretary; and G Grewcutt, Treasurer. The trustees are: T. Haines, T. Tiffen, and J. Unsworth. The committee elected are: W. Joseph, D. Davis, F. Gessler, C. Brooks, J. Mathovak, L. Julia, and H. Gate. Sick committee J. Salvo and H. Grewcutt.

MOYIE

From the Leader

Since the commencing of work on the Aurora, several new locations have been made on the west side of the lake.

Micheal Sullivan, superintendent of the Aurora property, was in Nelson the first of the week getting ore cars and other supplies for the mine. He already has several men employed and is going right ahead with prospecting and development work The men are boarding in town.

For the month ending June 30th the output of the St Eugene mine was 2750 tons of concentrates.

Next Monday will be payday at the mine, and the company will distribute a little more than $28,000. There are about 300 men on the payroll.

The machinery for the new 30 drill air compressor is being installed as rapidly as possible, and a big effort will be made to have it running by the first of August The company is behind with development work and as soon as this machinery is ready to run, an additional hundred men will be put to work.

This will bring the wages paid monthly up to nearly $40,000.

The mine paid $70,000 dividend on July 1st.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From the Prospector)

In addition to mining in the big stopes of the Sullivan mine, from which 140 tons per day is taken, Mr. James Finely is doing a great deal of prospecting, and is keeping his development work well ahead.

To encourage the shipment of zinc ore from the Kootenays to Kansas and Missouri smelters the Canadian Pacific railway has lately reduced the freight rates to ten dollars per ton.

The marvelous development and production of the St. Eugene mine have attracted the attention of mining men from all parts of the world to Moyie.

Marysville is now a busy little town, and people are coming in from many points. Business is active, and Cranbrook is producing largely from the general prosperity. Kimberley is also feeling the benefit of the improved condition, and the Kimberley Milling Company is now kept busy supplying lumber for both mine and smelter.

At the Marysville smelter power for all purposes is derived from four 48 inch Pelton wheels, operating under the head of 325 feet, the water being delivered in a nozzle from a 21 inch pipe Steel cable transmission from the Peltons delivers the power to all parts of the work, and appears to be satisfactory.

John P. Larsen, owner of the Tiger-Poorman group of mines, has a small force at work clearing the trail on the North Fork of Wild Horse Creek, preparatory to the taking in of supplies. As soon as the trail is opened work will commence at the mine.

It is reported that the Spokane capitalists have secured an option on a Sand Creek iron property. An inspection of the property will be made inside thirty days.

A Miners Theatre

When building a hall for themselves in Fernie the miners should build an opera house in connection with it, and thus obtain a large revenue upon the investment. Fernie is much in need of a proper building for the holding of public entertainments. The miners at Sanden own the opera house, and at Phoenix another one is just about completed If it can be made a successful investment in smaller towns there is no reason why it should not pay well in Fernie.

FRANK

From the Frank Paper.

Sixty-five tickets were sold here on Dominion Day for Fernie and 60 at Coleman.

Miss Bryan, of Fernie, arrived in town last week to open up a dressmaking business.

Joe English arrived Sunday from Cumberland, Eng., to accept a position with the Canadian Metal Co. as assistant assayer.

H. L. Silverman arrived from New York Tuesday morning to take a position as engineer with the Coal Company. He is a brother of Jesse Silerman, vice president of the company.

Coleman has set an example that Frank might very well imitate, having had its main streets cleared of rocks and put in presentable shape. The streets of this town have not had much labor expended on them, yet willing hands would soon make an improvement. Suppose the loose rocks were taken off the main street as a starter. Take pride in your town,

Contractor Morino has about 900 yards of the ditch for the extension of the waterwork system completed and is now awaiting the arrival of the pipe to finish the work.

The Metal Co. has resumed work on the main smelter building, which has been delayed by rainy weather. The walls have risen rapidly during the week. Work is also progressing on the long flue leading from the furnace in the main building to the stack to be built on the hill in the north. The pottery group building is now covered with the iron roofing and is ready for the installment of the rest of the machinery. A pug mill for the fire brick plant has arrived and is becoming installed.

The more or less persistent reports appearing in different newspapers to the effect that the International Coal & Coke Co. contemplates closing its mines at Coleman and ceasing operations indfinitely are to be deplored by all having the interests of the district at heart. It is said the reports emanate from Fernie. It is to be doubted that the report in this respect is true, as it is difficult to understand how the Crow's Nest Pass people could be guilty of so small a piece of business as even wishing, let alone attempting, to injure another company, which can hardly be said in any way to be a rival. But wherever the report comes from, there are no two judgments to be passed on the actuating motive: it is mean and contemptible as it is that of the krecker wherever found. The Frank Paper is in a position to state authoritatively that there is no truth in the report, and that on the contrary the International Co. expects to make no change whatever in its present mode of operations, except that it expects to shortly resume the making of coke.

The Kootenay Central

In order to hold the charter six miles of the Kootenay Central railroad, starting from Golden, will be built this year The balance of it to connect with the Crow line of the C. P R will be finished next year. The road will be about 90 miles long, and will give East Kootenay a quick connection with the coast

The Queen Studio

Since A. McLean established the Queen studio in Nelson he has built up a large and constantly increasing business in photographing, and the sale of views and pictures. He enlarges photos, frames pictures, and offers suggestions upon works of art. Those interested in works of art while visiting Nelson should never pass the Queen Studio. They should go in.

THE ELK LUMBER CO.

Under the management of O. L Boynton, the Elk Lumber Co. is making great progress. Two miles of tramway, 16 feet high, to carry the lumber from the mill to the yards is under construction. At present there are 125 men in the mill and 50 men in the logging camp In a short time the force in the bush will be increased to 150. At Hosmer one mile of horse railroad is operated to haul the logs to the river The C. P R is putting in a spur to the mill The track runs around the mill to the yards. The driving of logs from Hosmer was only stopped for a short time this spring. The company has 400 million feet of logs in sight The mill is lighted by electricity, and the monthly payroll is $10,000. The B.C. government can help the company by cribbing the Elk near the mill, as some day the river might change its course and seriously damage this important source of revenue to Fernie.

Baseball.

Kalispell will play ball in Fernie next Sunday and Monday. A special train will leave Kalispell on Sunday with a large number of excursionists Give them a royal reception when the train pulls in at the G. N.

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R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE is published every Wednesday in Fernie, B.C. The price is $2 a year. Advertising rates given upon application.

In Fernie, water is mighty and will prevail.

In a Pullman the tip is mightier than the pen

In Alberta the wise men know their own brands.

By appealing to cupidity and using dexterity gamblers of every kind get the money.

The C. P. R. before many years will be running strawberry specials over the Crow every June.

Corporations have one advantage over individuals. They may gain the whole world without losing their soul.

The majority of people think too much about what other people say and not enough about what they say about others.

About a million bushels of fall wheat will be produced in Alberta this year which means a great deal to that province.

When your head swells until you think that you are the only good thing in town just go outside and try to count the stars.

Orange is the color that is flying today, it being just 215 years since King Billy crossed the Boyne without wetting his feet.

It is estimated that in ten years New York will be the largest city in the world. At present it is just about half a million behind London.

Onions eaten every other day will beautify the complexion. It is the arsenic in this delightful vegetable that causes the change, and not the odor.

Travellers admit that there are fewer bedbugs in B. C. than any other part of Canada. This is a fact that our Tourist Associations have overlooked.

The mint in Canada seems to be loitering along the road of operation The fact is to be regretted as the government is dead sure to make money with a mint.

Fernie should be a great resort for tourists. It is a town that you cannot see every day, and the world is gradually finding it out. Been reading this paper

At Enderby, Hark Reklaw has come out of the Dark Woods and brought the Owl with him. He is leaving that city to do soul work on an American magazine.

West Kootenay contains really a better winter climate for Canadians than Southern California, but the fact is not yet known to the world for the lack of proper advertising.

The parsons in Ontario are becoming alarmed at the decrease of births in that province, but no complaint is heard from the great west. A new country is the place for big families.

This season so far the C. P. R. has carried more than 2000 private car passengers through the mountains which shows that the tourist business has plenty of life in it when properly pushed.

Judging from the actions of many people in Fernie one would think the air flew to their brain and intoxicated them To the weak-brained too much ozone will sometimes have a similar effect to an excess of boozerine.

Two million boxes of oranges making 6,000 carloads are shipped annually from Riverside, Cal. When Nelson ships 6,000 carloads of strawberries grown around Kootenay lake there will be something doing in the finest climate of Canada.

One dealer in Nelson has shipped this season to Winnipeg 14 000 crates of native strawberries. The growers of the berries received about $20,000 for the fruit. It will not be long before Nelson is one of the great fruit centres of the west, and largely independent of its mining resources.

Snappy Plays

At a meeting of the Actors' Fund of America, Daniel Frohman talked about play writing.

To succeed, said Mr. Frohman, "a play must have snap. Literary men when they write plays forget this fact. They create dramas of literary but of no dramatic, worth. Snap is everything.

A literary man asked me the other day to tell him what snap was I described a play to him, a one-act play that was full of snap.

This play opens I explained, in a drawing room, with a man and woman seated side by side on a sofa, embracing each other passionately.

Into the drawing room stalks a man with a grip and an umberella—of course the husband unexpectedly returned.

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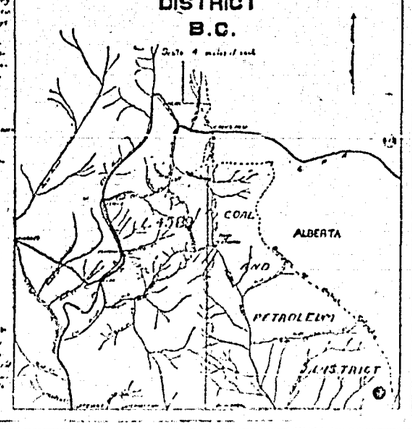

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Municipal Ownership

That so far from being a blessing wherever introduced. public ownership would be a gigantic curse in the United States is the revised opinion which Mr. James Dalyrmple is taking back with him to Glasgow. The Scottish engineer who came out to Chicago to give the corporation of that city advice on the organization of its street railways as a municipal undertaking brought with him a profound conviction that the Glasgow way of doing these things was the best way possible. He probably still thinks it is—for Glasgow, but he is absolutely convinced that it is not for Chicago and still less for Philadelphia. With north country bluntness, he gives his reasons very directly.

To put street railroads, gas works, telephone companies, etc., under municipal ownership, he says, would be to create a political machine in every large city that would be simply impregnable. These political machines are already strong enough, with their control of policemen, firemen and other office holders. If in addition to this they control the thousands of men employed in the great public utility corporations, the political machines would have a power that could not be overthrown. I came to this country a believer in public ownership. What I have seen here, and I have studied the situation carefully, makes me realize that private ownership under proper conditions is far better for the citizens of American cities.

He was a Dime In

In an address to a woman's club, Francis Wilson, apropos of high prices at the theatre, said:

High prices would indeed be baneful if they always brought out a man's worst nature as they did in the case of an elderly janitor. He was complaining to a friend of the theater's rapacity.

Last week, he said, me and the wife started out to see "Her One Sin" and when I laid down 50 cents for two seats in the top gallery, the ticket-seller said he wanted 30 cents more, because during the engagement of the One Sin company the top gallery prices was advanced from a quarter to 40 cents.

Of course, said the janitor's friend, you didn't go in.

Oh yes, I went in, said the janitor, but I sent the wife home, and so, thru the theater's blamed greediness, I put a dime in my pocket.

Indians from all Over

Through various Indian agents and missionaries representatives of nearly all the British Columbia tribes, the fact that the Dominion Fair is to be held at New Westminster this year has become widely advertised among the Indians of the province and the presence of thousands of them on the banks of the Fraser during the great National exhibition is already assured.

The Fair management has set aside $2500 for prizes for Indian exhibits and sports and these promises to be something doing in lively fashion among the redskins every day of the big fair. The sports will include all sorts of canoe races on the river, foot and horse races and tug of war on land in which the females as well as the males will participate.

Ten Indian bands have already entered into the musical competition.

The braves and their wives and families from the most remote parts of the province will also come to New Westminister by their own primitive modes of conveyance and to some of them this means perilous trips by water that cannot be made in less than about two months.

While here the Indians will be guests of the government and the management of the fair.

Girls, Don't Flirt

Ever since the world began woman has occupied the enviable position of being sought after. Man has placed her on a pedestal and has been content to worship her and work for her and woo her. Just as long as she keeps her womanliness she will keep her place on the pedestal. When she, of her own accord, climbs down, making herself easy of conquest, and therefore less desirable, she is in danger of losing her place on the pedestal for good and all. The girl who flirts and has men following her and speaking to her is laboring under the mistaken idea that she is receiving attention. Well, so she is; but it is attention of a most objectional sort and is dangerously near insult.

The Man who Payeth Not

In Texas a dishonest young man married or unmarried, has a puddin' when it comes to getting things without paying for them. There is no law compelling him to liquidate and he goes scott free. Without a mortgage there are no legal processes for collecting a debt from an unprincipled person. The merchant is mis-led by good appearances, holy pretentions and lodge membership. It has gotten to the point where the young man with the spot cash is the only honest one, and those who have no property or responsible relatives in the community should not be trusted. To merchants and landladies we say: Plant not your trust upon the shifting sands of an extravagant youth who has no regard for the truth and brazenly confronts his creditors with smiles. Beware of the man who laughs when you ask him to pay He never pays. The one who gets mad and wants to fight will pay, for he he has some sense of honor which you have hurt. The man who laughs is devoid of honor.

Money is King

The best thing that could happen Montreal would be a party fight turning on the question of municipal boodling, but there cannot be such a fight while liberal capitalists and conservative capitalists together hold the purse strings. It is no great wonder that the Montreal Light, Heat and Power company with all these political and financial ramifications is able to control the city council and to terrorize the city.

Where bribery is practised it is not so much straight cash transactions as it is insidious appeals to the aldermanic pocket. Stock speculations or stock presented as a gift to aldermen, fat contracts, deadhead services of all kinds, these are the present attentions that make the Light, Heat and Power company strong with the City Council It would be interesting to know today how many aldermen of the present council have stock in the Light, Heat and Power company. It would be interesting to know how many paid for their holdings and how many did not. --Toronto News.

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Quit scraping over the value of your business chances; quit remaining content with the pay-dirt on the outer edges of your commercial prospects. There is a nugget in every opportunity —if you only dive deep enough to get it.

And don't merely dig without aim or method. Just as the miner assays his claim before he sinks his shaft, so should you probe each business possibility before you begin to work it.

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Ingersoll on Marriage

I regard marriage as the holiest institution among men. Without the fireside there is no advancement, without the family relation there is no life worth living. We sometimes hear of unhappy marriages. Well, that is the fault of the people, not the institution. Every good government is the family, and everything that tends to destroy the family, is infamous. I believe in marriage and hold in utter contempt the opinion of long haired men and short haired women who denounce the greatest ambition any man can possess is to live and so impose himself in heart and brain as to be worthy of the love of some splendid women, and the grandest ambition that any girl can have is to make herself worthy of some magnificant man. That is my idea. There is no success without marriage. You had better be emperor of one loving heart and her empress of yours than be king of all the world.—Bob Ingersoll.

Verdict of Judge Lynch

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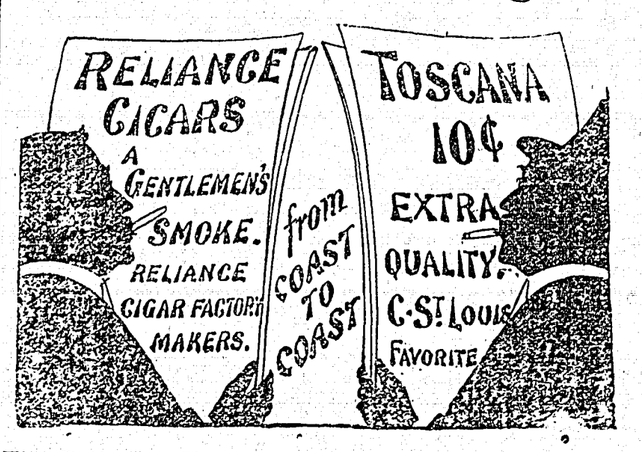

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A. J. Purdy moved the balance of his stock to his new store on Monday.

I. E. Covert has received the contract for painting the Trites-Wood Co. building.

Smoke a K. K. C. cigar and see the lights glimmer on the golden shore of satisfaction.

A. W. Bleasdell will occupy a store in the C. N. T. Co block when it is completed.

W. J. Blundell has filled his window with a handsome display of chinaware imported from England.

Houses are scarce in Frank owing to the activity caused by the erection of the smelter.

Masterson, Griffith & Co., Trout Lake, have all the supplies needed by lumber camps and mines.

P. G. M. Glass of Winnipeg assisted at the installation of officers in the Oddfellow's hall on Friday evening.

The C. N. T. Co. will move into their new store on August 12 with a stock of goods treble the amount now carried.

The Royal Seal is one of the most celebrated cigars in B. C. Ask the barkeeper for one when next you line up to the bar.

During this week the Fernie weather has been a long way above zero, the ice man has given away a smile with every chunk of congealed water.

The King Edward Hotel occupies a prominent position in Fernie only a step or two from the C. P. R. depot, and convenient to business houses in the city.

The Kootenay at Sandon has not locked the door for nine years. Right handy for strangers when they're out late, and cannot trade their thirst for anything.

The increased lead duties should have a beneficial effect upon the Slocan. If that district cannot do business now it might as well die, and have a cheap funeral.

Merchants are complaining in Fernie about the electric light service. On dark afternoons and in cellars they have to use lamps or candles, and think that they pay enough to entitle them to a better service. The city should have an electric light system of its own.

D. D. G. M., O. N. Ross assisted by other grand officers installed to their respective stations the following officers in Mount Fernie Lodge No. 47 I. O. O. F. P. Vandusen, N. G; T. White V. G; Thos. Beck, Rec. Secy; O. N. Ross, Fin. Secy; I. E. Covert, Treas. The financial report shows the lodge in a good flourishing condition. After the installation the members adjourned to Slinn's for refreshments.

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A cricket club of 30 members was formed on Monday evening. Messrs Spalding, Morgan and Howbrook were appointed an organizing committee. J. F. Spalding was deputized to solicit funds for the club from business men of the city.

A Thrilling Climb

Last Sunday one of the most thrilling climbs ever made in B. C. was undertaken to the cave on Hosmer mountain by Messrs Forsyth, Baldrey, Valunie, Miller, O'Neil, Slemmon, and Glendenning. The start was made from Fernie at 4 a. m. and the party returned at 7.30 p. m. Many people have tried to reach the cave and failed. Forsyth and Baldrey claimed to have succeeded last fall but their word was doubted until Sunday proof was found that they had got there as stated. The party on Sunday hung a white cotton banner across the cave. The cave is 60 feet wide, 90 feet high and 100 feet long. The last 200 feet of the climb was a feat that few would care to try. It was around the steep mountain on a little narrow shelf of rock which required great care as a false step meant certain death on the jagged rocks far below. Photos were taken of the cave, but some of the party would not repeat the trip for $100 a minute. The suspense has too tearing effect upon the nerves.

A Queer Sense

Nothing is more offensive, on a beautiful morning than the approach of a man who has been drinking. The odor of alcohol, that emanates from him is a thing the sense of smell will not pardon. Yet let us take ourselves beforehand one little sip of alcohol, and we do not get the tiniest whiff of the other man's aroma.

The speaker, who worked in a garbage converting plant lighted a cigar and resumed:

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Boundary Creek, West Kootenay District

No. 1. Commencing about 10 miles west of Kootenay river at a post adjoining the northwest corner post of A. J. McGuire's No. 5 marked No 1 E. Mallandaine northeast corner thence south 80 chains thence west along International boundary 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 2. Commencing at a post adjoining the Northwest corner of No. 1, marked No. 2 E. Mallandaine northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west along International boundary line 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 3. Commencing at a post adjoining the northeast corner of No. 2, marked No. 3 E. Mallandaine southeast corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 4. Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 3, marked No. 4 E. Mallandaine southeast corner thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 5. Commencing at a post adjoining the southeast corner of No. 4, marked No 5 E. Mallandaine northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west along International boundary line 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 6. Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 5, marked No. 6 E. Mallandaine northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west along International boundary line 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 7. Commencing at a post adjoining the northeast corner of No. 6, marked No. 7 E. Mallandaine southeast corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

Staked and dated June 30th.

E. MALLANDAINE
Agent for A. J. McGuire & Co.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on Boundary creek, West Kootenay District.

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No. 2. Commencing at a post due west 1 mile of the northwest corner of No. 1 marked No 2 A. J McGuire southwest corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post adjoining the southwest corner of No. 2, marked No 3 A. J McGuire northwest corner, thence south 80 chains, thence east along International boundary 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of beginning.

No 4 Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 3, marked No. 4 A. J. McGuire northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence along International boundary west 80 chains thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No 5. Commencing at a post due west 1 mile of the northwest corner of No. 4 marked No 5 A. J. McGuire northwest corner, thence south 80 chains, thence east along International boundary line 80 chains thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 6 Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 5, marked No. 6. A. J. McGuire southwest corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

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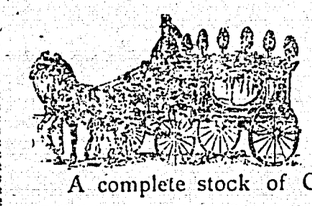

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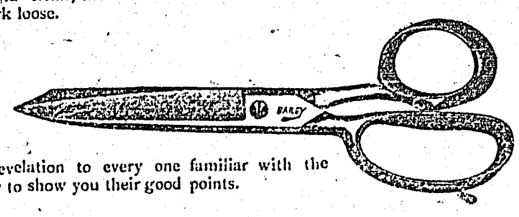

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