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Miss M. R. Suddaby will arrive in Fernie next week from Brandon. She will follow the profession of music teaching in this city.

If you want to buy a newspaper, printing plant, gasolene engine, real estate or old newspapers drop a line to the editor of this paper.

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G. C. Hodge and his men after spending many stirring weeks in Fernie are leaving this week for Phoenix to repair a telephone line in that city recently damaged by fire.

James McFarlane who left Fernie a month ago to have his eyes treated in the hospital at Calgary has lost the sight of one eye, and the other is in a dangerous condition.

The English church will be painted and other improvements made when the weather is suitable. The rectory will be built next summer upon the lot adjoining the church.

The Waldorf is nicely decorated with palm trees in the hall, dining room and first landing of the stairway. This hotel is furnished in an elegant manner, and has an excellent fire escape.

The passenger train from Spokane was stopped by a slide three miles from the city on Monday evening. The fact was phoned, and an engine and two box cars were sent out to make a transfer.

Robert Strathearn is leaving Fernie for Armstrong where he will open a jewelry store. He is one of the pioneer watchmakers of the interior of this province and should easily make a fortune in the Okanagan.

The local telephone system will be in full operation this week. It starts with 77 subscribers in addition to the many instruments in use by the Coal Co. The service will be continuous, and three operators will be employed.

A. P. Chenette has sold his interest in the Queen's Hotel at Cranbrook, and will devote his time to his hotel at Marysville. He made $550 during his stay at Cranbrook, and says the hotel business is good in that town. Everything is humming at Marysville and the smelter will blow in on April 15th. About 250 men will be employed at the smelter.

George Vincent and Harry Huby have opened up a shooting gallery in the Beck block next to the bowling alley. Mr. Vincent has recently returned from Stavly, Alta., where he has been since losing his leg while acting as timekeeper at the coke ovens.

Wm Handley has had his team first to every fire in Fernie. His teamsters have orders to drop everything when the gong rings and make for the scene of trouble. He receives no pay for this service, and is entitled to the thanks of every property owner in the city.

The carpenters are making the cabinets in the undertaking parlors of Scott & Ross Ten different lockers will be used for the exhibiting of as many different caskets. A carload of caskets and trimmings left the east on the 9th, and the parlors will be open on the 1st of April.

After a residence of three years in Fernie, H. L Staebler will return to Toronto on Monday where he intends to travel for the Mason and Risch piano. He has been a music teacher in Fernie and organist in the Presbyterian church, and carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

On Saturday night, P. C. Burrows went into the Napanee and arrested Ed. Sheldon for gambling. One of the proprietors, T. H. Whelan disputed the authority of the policeman for arresting a man in his house without a warrant, and the dispute ended in a fair imitation of life before Mukden. The case of Sheldon will be heard this morning when some fine points in law will be explained.

PERSONALS

Dr. Corsan is visiting his sons in Calgary.

Fred Dunn has taken up his residence in Spokane.

Joe Carter took another look at Fernie last week.

Leslie Mills has just recovered from a severe attack of quinsy.

Joseph Gopell has had a severe time with quinsy and la grippe.

Dr. Corsan is suffering from blood poisoning in one of his hands.

Miss Marjorie Wright left on Sunday evening to attend school in Calgary.

Miss Murray, of the staff, of Trites Wood Co. has been ill with the grippe.

W. H. Clark looked in from Montana last week.

S. F. Tolmie came in from Victoria last week.

Charles Burt was in town with his line of samples on Monday.

Alex Cameron, for some time with P. G. McLeod, has gone to Rossland.

L. H. Hunter, the Hudson Bay manager at Pincher was here on Monday.

W. J. Timlick is selling lumber for the Fernie Lumber Co., in the Northwest.

Mrs. Bolton, mother of G. H. Bolton has gone to visit her son in Neepawa, Man.

F. C. Malpas, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Cranbrook was in Fernie this week.

L. E. M. Dudley, American consul at Vancouver, and wife were in Fernie this week.

J. A. M. Pinkham, manager of the Imperial bank at Cranbrook was in the city this week.

W. H. D'Arcy, general claims agent of the C. P. R. was here last week upon local business.

G. H. Webster manager of the Calgary Cattle Co. visited the local branch this week.

Arnold Wallenger came over from Cranbrook on Sunday to visit his wife at the hospital.

Mrs. M H. Hall was in Medicine Hat last week visiting her son who is ill in the hospital at that city.

Miss Dodd of the hospital staff left for Winnipeg on Monday evening. Nurse Moore, of Cranbrook is her successor.

Herb Irvine, of Nelson came in last week to enjoy the whirl of our busy city and to watch the tape on Chicago wheat

Miss Dorothy Proctor will leave in June for an extended tour of Europe. She will be accompanied by her grandmother.

Mrs. Arnold Wallenger, of Cranbrook who has been in the Fernie hospital for several days is rapidly recovering from her severe illness.

E. A James and wife have gone to Calgary where he has secured a position with Little Bros. Mr. James was a tailor lately in the employ of Mr. Laidley.

H Allenberg, of Spokane was in Fernie looking up insurance and real estate investments. He will put up a large building in Cranbrook.

THE PAY ROLL.

Last Saturday was pay day for the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., and the amount paid out in wages for the three collieries was as follows.

Coal Creek	$35,623.75
Michel	35,352.15
Carbonado	17,972.50
Total	$118,148.40

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT

The concert on March 17th at Stork's Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Altar Society of the R C Church, was a great success, many people being present, from all denominations. Mr. L P. Eckstein presided and an excellent and varied entertainment was given. The following is the program: Traviati, piano and clarionet; court minuet, six boys and six girls; song, Mr. Jones; recitation, Ella Sheppard; song, Mr. A. D. Kildahl; recitation, Douglas Stork; chorus, by infants; Highland fling, Miss Dolly Barnette and Mr. R. Tucker; song, Mrs. Kennedy; recitation, Mr. Cox; operatic chorus; drill, sixteen girls in fancy costume; song, Miss Maggie Smith; recitation, Miss Margery Robson; sword dance, Miss Dolly Barnett; song, Mr. A. Berridge; cake walk, Clara and Jennie Cody; recitation, Mr. M. Bryan; operatic chorus, sixteen girls; song, Mrs. Kennedy; sailor's hornpipe, Miss Dolly Barnett; song, Mr. A. D. Kildahl; accompaniets, Miss Gertrude Graham, Mr. H. L. Staebler, Miss M. McHale; choruses, Susie Telford, Laura Telford, Mary McDonald, Amy McDonald, May Davies, Amy Wells, Maggie McCain, Cecilie Eckstein, Mable Graham, Jean Todhunter, Nellie McDougall, Dolly Barnett; juvenile choruses, Valentine Fawcette, Marguerite Fawcette, Cora Graves, Margery Robson, Ella Sheppard, Douglas Stork, Chester Mills, Billy Corsan, Mate Lambert

Miss D Barnett took a considerable part in the entertainment; her complete self possession and graceful movements pleased all onlookers. The minuet was most gracefully rendered in old fashioned costumes. The recitations by the children were excellent, the words being clearly enunciated and caused much amusement. The cake walk by the Misses C. and J. Cody scored a big hit and the choruses and drill were admirably rendered. Mr. Cox gave the speech for the plaintiff in Bardell v. Pickwick, and Mr. Byran an Irish romance, both greatly appreciated by the audience. The songs by Mrs. Kennedy, and Messrs. Kildahl, Jones and Berridge were each excellent and amongst the brightest stars of the evening. Miss M Smith received an encore for "Killarney," the only Irish song of the evening. The Italian band played during the interval.

THE FERNIE LUMBER CO.

The mill of the Fernie Lumber Co. turned on the steam on Monday, and will cut three millions of feet of lumber. If the market picks up more stock will be put in. During the winter from 80 to 100 men and 30 horses were worked in the bush, and the force of the mill this summer will number 50 men. The capacity of the mill is 35,000 feet every ten hours with a lath and planing department in addition. The product of the mill is sold in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Proctor and McDougall are among the early residents of Fernie. Only two log cabins being in the camp when Proctor came over the trail. He is originally from Ogdensburg N. Y., and is an expert in the lumber trade having travelled for a large firm for many years in the eastern states. Mr. McDougald hails from Arnprior, Ont., and has been nearly all his life in the lumber business, and railroad contracting. When it comes to figuring on railroad contracts it is said that McDougall is the greatest expert in B. C.

PROGRESS AT COAL CREEK.

Progress at the Coal Creek colliery is rather slow upon account of the time it is taking for the mills to cut the necessary timbers for temporary shipping structures. Four days after the fire 500 tons of mine run coal were shipped and the production is now 650 tons a day. Preparations are being made to screen the coal. A temporary tipple will enable No 2 to work in ten days, and by the first week in April the colliery will be sending out its old time quota of coal. All the material has been ordered for the construction of a permanent tipple and other works.

THE RECENT FIRE.

Last Friday afternoon, just west of the hospital, on Pellatt avenue some of the oldest houses in Fernie were destroyed by fire. The fire started in Kent's boarding house it is said from a defective chimney or stove-pipe This house was on fire once or twice last summer. The fire spread until four buildings were destroyed and two badly damaged. The occupants of all the houses except Mr. Kent saved their household effects. The loss will amount to about $5,000 partially covered by insurance. The foremen worked with great energy, but were handicapped by the lack of water and proper appliances.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank all those who so kindly came to my assistance at the late fire. I also wish to thank those who offered shelter, and sheltered my family during my recent trouble

R. Dudley.

A NEW DAIRY.

A new dairy will be doing business in Fernie within ten days. At first only a few cows will be kept, and the bulk of the milk sold will be brought from Spokane.

RESOLUTONS BY MINERS

DISTRICT 18 OF U. M. W. A. HOLD CONVENTION

Second Annual Convention of District 18, U. M. W. of America, held in the Miners Hall, Fernie, B.C., on March 15, 1905. President F. H Sherman was in the chair, and the following district officers were also present: P. Pattison, vice president, John N. Howbrook, sec.-treas. Delegates: Thos Addison, Fernie Local, 2314; John S. Laurenson, Michel Local, 2334; Robt. Evans, Frank Local, 1263; Harry Gates, Coleman, 2633; W. H. Jenkins, Lille Local, 1233; Jas. Severns, Morrissey Local, 2318; Andrew Hood, Bellevue Local, 431.

Much business was gone through, amongst which was some of interest to the general public. The following resolutions were read and adopted

Whereas this convention representing District 18 favor the idea or advisability of bringing out labor candidates for the Provincial Parliament for the Fernie Riding and the Crow's Nest district of Alberta and that this convention instruct the district officers to take steps to inaugurate a monthly holiday and that it be left to the locals what day that should be.

It was also further resolved: That we abolish Sunday work as near as possible with exceptions, and that the Sunday Observance Act be in force in Alberta, and in case of necessity that all men employed on Sundays be paid at the rate of time and a half.

That we elect an international board member by a referendum vote of district 18 and that said election take place on the 28th day of March and return handed in to District sec.-treasurer not later than the 30th day of same month

Furthermore, let it be resolved that: Whereas the government of this country granted 250,000 acres of public lands—the said lands being considered the richest coal lands in Canada—to a company which is now called the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd.

Whereas the policy of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd. is and always has been to keep the town closed to the general public,

And whereas this policy has resulted in one firm possessing a complete monopoly of the store business to the detriment of other tradesmen in this district.

And whereas this policy has also [illegible] the people excessive prices for the necessities of life, owing to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd. supporting said monopoly.

And whereas we, the workmen, do not consider this to be justice or fair play, and also do not consider these methods consistent with the British idea of liberty and honest dealing.

Whereas today, as said lands are situated in the towns of Michel, Carbonado and Coal Creek, where hundreds of workmen and their families live.

Therefore, be it resolved that this convention, representing the workmen employed by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd. thoroughly condemn the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd in keeping their towns closed to the detriment of their workmen.

And that we call upon the C. N. P. C. Co., Ltd. to immediately place upon the market plots of land at a reasonable price in the towns of Michel, Coal Creek and Carbonado for the purpose of allowing any tradesmen to conduct a a store or other business, and also for the purpose of allowing the workmen to build their own homes if they so desire.

And be it further resolved, that if the company fail to do this we make an appeal to the government to introduce legislation making it illegal for any company to keep any town or village closed to the general public.

And let it be resolved that we send copies of this resolution to each director of the coal company and the government and the members of parliament.

Whereas, we believe the time has arrived when the miners of district No. 18 U. M. W. of A. ought to be paid every two (2) weeks.

Therefore, be it resolved that this convention take steps to secure same.

A resolution was passed re smeltermen similar to the one from the Michel union printed in THE LEDGE last week.

And let it be further resolved that we do not think it advisable that members of the U. M. W. of A. join the militia in any coal camp under the present circumstances.

TIRED OF THE CINCH.

Judging from the report of the convention held in Fernie last week the coal miners are getting very weary of the Trites Wood Co. collar that they have had around their necks for such a long time at Coal Creek, Michel, and Carbonado. They have grown tired playing against the cinch, and have spoken in favor of commercially open towns.

THE CEMETERY.

Fernie needs more than five or six acres of ground for a cemetery. Fifty acres is none too little if we pay any attention to the needs of the future. In addition to this what right has the City Council to deal with ground that is not within the city limits?

CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting on Thursday evening a letter from the manager of the Coal Co. was read in reference to the new cemetary site. A committee was appointed to look into the matter.

The city's Vancouver lawyers sent a telegram stating that the B.C. Telephone Co. insisted upon their suit for damages against the city going to trial. The mayor was instructed to attend the trial at Vancouver if necessary.

The clerk was instructed to advertise (not in THE LEDGE) for tenders re the grading of Thompson street to the G. N. depot.

The health by-law was read a second and third time.

By-law No. 11 was introduced as a temporary loan by-law for the purpose of borrowing $5,000 for immediate use to be paid out of the proceeds of this year's taxes.

Aldermen Cree and Tuttle were appointed street commissioners to look after chain gang and contract work.

At the meeting last night the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

A letter from Mr. McEvoy was filed.

It was agreed to appoint a committee to call on the Coal Co and obtain the best terms for a dumping ground.

Ald. Cree was appointed acting mayor during Stork's absence at Vancouver. The suit of the B. C. Telephone comes to court on Saturday in Vancouver.

The G. N. Ry. will be asked to pay a certain proportion for grading the street to their depot.

J. G. Cummings letter re water was read.

Ald. Cree and Tuttle were appointed a committee to see Mr McDongald and the Coal Co. in reference to water, sewers and right of way.

Council adjourned to 23rd.

THE ELK LUMBER CO.

Mr. F. B. Lynch of St. Paul, managing director of the Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Co., arrived in Fernie last week, accompanied by his wife. They will spend several days in the city, returning via Winnipeg.

The machinery for the new plant of the Elk Company, which was brought to this point in a solid train of seventeen cars as a special, is rapidly going into position. This shipment has been followed by several other cars, one of them containing the material for a very large refuse burner, and there is now on the way a car load of structural steel, to be used in the construction of their fire proof boiler and engine room. An order has also been placed for a carload of planing mill machinery, which is expected to arrive about the first of April.

The work of installing will probably require an additional month or six weeks, when it is hoped the mill will be turning out lumber. A complete water system will also be installed, their being now at the machine shop, a thousand gallon fire pump; and when the mill and yards are piped, it will be possible to have a strong stream of water at any time.

A large engine went into place last week, and is put up on a concrete foundation in which there was used over a carload of cement. The machine shop is now in operation, and the company has all the necessary tools and machines to make its repairs, which is affording a great convenience at the present time in the erection of the new plant.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

Fernie needs a well drilled fire brigade with a chief elected by the members. It also needs a hook and ladder truck, and a more plentiful supply of water. If necessary a powerful engine should be procured and stationed at the Elk River until the city completes its waterworks. No city is safe with a lawn sprinkler for fire protection and a chemical engine that is left on the street all night after a fire, and choked up when a blaze does occur. Fernie has material for a grand fire company, but men cannot work without officers, and proper apparatus.

A WILD SON.

Leo Smith is a young man who should be put in an asylum for fools. He got Tom Whelan to cash a bogus check drawn upon the Cardston bank and then blew the money in upon delusions that haunt a wine soaked brain. When arrested he had 25 cents Before his trial came off he broke jail and has not been seen since. His father arrived in town this week and made good to those who had lost by his son He should now find the son, and soak him in ice water.

A BOXING CONTEST.

Kid Scaler of Spokane, and D. McCarthy, of Coal Creek will box 15 rounds Marquis of Queensbury rules for a purse of $100 hung up by T. H. Whelan. The contest will take place at Stork's Opera House on the evening of March 22nd, and the winner will take the stake and purse A referee will be chosen at the ringside.

ALONG THE CROW

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

E. Sproule has opened a drygoods men's furnishing store in Marysville. Mr. Sproule is well known in his district, and what is more he stands high with the people. In this new move he will be successful for the reason that he will treat the people right, keep the best of goods and make his prices to suit.

Joseph Ryan, accountant, journalist, mining expert and general broker will make his home in Kimberley this summer. The inhabitants of that part of the district will have an opportunity of meeting a genial gentleman who shows by his brogue that he did not come from France, and who is an excellent entertainer.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

An early spring will favor placer mining in the Fort Steele district, and operations will be resumed at Wild Horse and Perry creeks much earlier than has been usual for several years past.

The Sullivan mine at Kimberley, is now running steadily and it is turning out lots of silver lead ore.

Indications point to greater activity in mining explorations in the Kootenay and Columbia valleys during the approaching summer.

The Sullivan mine at Marysville during February brought down 800 tons of ore from the mine to the smelter. This ore is being brought down at the rate of four cars daily. It is estimated when the smelter is running it will earn $100,000 a year from the lead bounty.

MOYIE

From the Leader

James Graham, a miner employed at the St. Eugene, has given a bond on his interest in the Yankee Girl property near Ymir, and if the bond is taken up his share will amount to over $12,000. R. J. Doyle was over from Ymir yesterday securing the necessary papers from Graham. Graham located the property in 1899 and said faithfully with it ever since

The St. Eugene, the greatest silver lead mine in Canada, paid another dividend on March 15th. The dividend just declared is at the rate of two cents a share, and is for $70,000. Up to date the dividends aggregate $350,000 instead of $338,000, as stated in a recent Toronto dispatch. There have been two dividends of three cents a share or $105,000 each, or $210,000 for the two. There have also been two dividends of two cents a share each or $70,000 or $140,000 for the two. This makes a grand total of $350,000. The St. Eugene is in splendid shape, has large reserves of ore in sight and the outlook is favorable for a continuance of dividends at regular intervals for a considerable period. A 30 drill air compressor is to be installed this spring, further particulars of which will be given next week.

AROUND BELLEVUE.

The Bellevue mines, which are one of the properties of the West Canadian Collieries Co., and which is situated about five miles east of here has developed into one of our principal coal producers. The mine which is situated within a few feet of the main track of the Crows Nest R. R. is most advantageously situated for both working and shipping. The series of coal veins on this property are being rapidly developed under the supervision of Chas. Emmerson, resident superintendent, and has within the space of a few months developed from a grass root proposition into a well opened and equiped mine which is producing and shipping some 300 tons of coal per day. Two tipples have been erected and sidetracks with room to accommodate forty cars put in. The coal produced here is of most excellent quality for both steam and coking purposes and is practically all taken by the C. P. R. for locomotive purposes.

The town of Bellevue, which has been established for the convenience of the employees of the coal company and those who do business with them is situated on a beautiful and large flat overlooking the railroad and mine. Here the company have laid out a town and erected a number of neat and substantial cottages, residents for Managing-director, boarding house and other necessary buildings. It is the intention of the company this spring to erect another lot of cottages for the accommodation of their working force which they expect increasing shortly. Bellevue at present boasts of but two stores, one a branch of the Western Mercantile, of this place, and a general store erected and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. James Paden. Robert Connely, who owns the ground immediately adjoining the townsite, laid out by the company has platted an addition to the town, known as Connely's addition to Bellevue, and it is on lots purchased from him that the Paden general store is situated. This store is not only doing a large business with the miners but is also working up an extensive trade with the farmers who live in the valley below Bellevue. The situation of Bellevue is such, having a good mining camp at home and a chance to draw a large trade from the farmers, that it promises to soon become one of the most important towns in the Pass. Blairmore Times.

SETTLERS FROM WASH.

Last week a special car brought a party of American settlers to Fernie on their way to Alberta. The party stopped a day in Fernie under the hospitable roof of the Waldorf. The party contained over 50 settlers from Pullman and Palouse counties in Washington, and they are all well-to-do, and the finest class of people Canada can have on its western plains. None of the party have sold their farms in Washington, but have rented them at good figures and are settling in Alberta for the benefit of their children. The party has secured about 16 square miles of land south of Calgary and 20 miles from the railroad. There is plenty of coal some little distrnce from their new homes which can be had for the digging. Quite a number of the party already have houses ready, and the balance will live under tents for a time. Seven carloads of grain, stock and household effects have been sent ahead in charge of 14 young Palousers. Seven of the party had $22,000 with them. Others who came along to spy out the land have bank accounts and holdings in Washington that run into six figures. Beat Galicians by many miles.

In the Palouse country during the panic of '93 many of these farmers had to sell their wheat for 16 cents a bushel and fully 25 per cent of those tilling the soil went broke. At that time they paid 18 per cent for loans while the rate is now 8 per cent. The Palouse section is now in a prosperous condition, and land sells for from $50 to $60 an acre. The farmers have telephones in their houses, rural mail delivery, bank accounts, and other luxuries of civilization, but no chance to get large tracts of lands for their sons so they are coming by thousands into Alberta. Let them come! We want millions of them.

The names of those in the party are: Mrs. Devant (Spokane), P. Murphy and wife (Garfield), P. Breeding, Geo Hill, F. G. Malliner, Mrs. Smith, Rebecca Jonson, G. T. Newman, J W. Newman and wife, Mrs. Mona Boner, J. F. Hardsley and son, H Spray (Palouse) L. G. Pickel and wife (Pendleton), Mrs. Pickel (Portland), F. Blachly (Colfax), S. C. Williams (Moscow), Mart Low and family, Mrs. McGennes and family (Farlon).

CARD OF THANKS.

The committee in connection with the Miner's Union Ball in aid of the hospital here on the evening of St. Patrick's day desire to convey their sincere thanks to all who participated in making it a grand success.

They wish to make particular mention of the colliery officials and mine host, Mr. Thomas Graham of the Michel Hotel. Beside the handsome donation of twenty-five dollars received from Mr. Graham, a gratuitous supper together with the free use of the hall on this occasion went far towards making it the financial success it proved to be.

Michel, B. C., March 20, 05.

Press Committee

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Staff captain Cass, of Spokane, and lieutenant Willie McMillan conducted the Salvation Army services last Sunday. There were 35 children dedicated to God and the Army. The Spokane officers and some of the local corp went to Cranbrook on Tuesday with their Bioscope lecture or S. A. International Congress. They expect to have a good time in Cranbrook as the people in that village have a kindly feeling towards the work of the Army. Cass thinks that the progress in Fernie is surprising and that the Lord will soon capture the entire works.

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James McFarlane who left Fernie a month ago to have his eyes treated in the hospital at Calgary has lost the sight of one eye, and the other is in a dangerous condition.

The English church will be painted and other improvements made when the weather is suitable. The rectory will be built next summer upon the lot adjoining the church.

The Waldorf is nicely decorated with palm trees in the hall, dining room and first landing of the stairway. This hotel is furnished in an elegant manner, and has an excellent fire escape.

The passenger train from Spokane was stopped by a slide three miles from the city on Monday evening. The fact was phoned, and an engine and two box cars were sent out to make a transfer.

Robert Strathearn is leaving Fernie for Armstrong where he will open a jewelry store. He is one of the pioneer watchmakers of the interior of this province and should easily make a fortune in the Okanagan.

The local telephone system will be in full operation this week. It starts with 77 subscribers in addition to the many instruments in use by the Coal Co. The service will be continuous, and three operators will be employed.

A. P. Chenette has sold his interest in the Queen's Hotel at Cranbrook, and will devote his time to his hotel at Marysville. He made $550 during his stay at Cranbrook, and says the hotel business is good in that town. Everything is humming at Marysville and the smelter will blow in on April 15th. About 250 men will be employed at the smelter.

George Vincent and Harry Huby have opened up a shooting gallery in the Beck block next to the bowling alley. Mr. Vincent has recently returned from Stavly, Alta., where he has been since losing his leg while acting as timekeeper at the coke ovens.

Wm Handley has had his team first to every fire in Fernie. His teamsters have orders to drop everything when the gong rings and make for the scene of trouble. He receives no pay for this service, and is entitled to the thanks of every property owner in the city.

The carpenters are making the cabinets in the undertaking parlors of Scott & Ross Ten different lockers will be used for the exhibiting of as many different caskets. A carload of caskets and trimmings left the east on the 9th, and the parlors will be open on the 1st of April.

After a residence of three years in Fernie, H. L Staebler will return to Toronto on Monday where he intends to travel for the Mason and Risch piano. He has been a music teacher in Fernie and organist in the Presbyterian church, and carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

On Saturday night, P. C. Burrows went into the Napanee and arrested Ed. Sheldon for gambling. One of the proprietors, T. H. Whelan disputed the authority of the policeman for arresting a man in his house without a warrant, and the dispute ended in a fair imitation of life before Mukden. The case of Sheldon will be heard this morning when some fine points in law will be explained.

PERSONALS

Dr. Corsan is visiting his sons in Calgary.

Fred Dunn has taken up his residence in Spokane.

Joe Carter took another look at Fernie last week.

Leslie Mills has just recovered from a severe attack of quinsy.

Joseph Gopell has had a severe time with quinsy and la grippe.

Dr. Corsan is suffering from blood poisoning in one of his hands.

Miss Marjorie Wright left on Sunday evening to attend school in Calgary.

Miss Murray, of the staff of Trites Wood Co. has been ill with the grippe.

W. H. Clark looked in from Montana last week.

S. F. Tolmie came in from Victoria last week.

Charles Burt was in town with his line of samples on Monday.

Alex Cameron, for some time with P. G. McLeod, has gone to Rossland.

L. H. Hunter, the Hudson Bay manager at Pincher was here on Monday.

W. J. Timlick is selling lumber for the Fernie Lumber Co., in the Northwest.

Mrs. Bolton, mother of G. H. Bolton has gone to visit her son in Neepawa, Man.

F. C. Malpas, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Cranbrook was in Fernie this week.

L. E. M. Dudley, American consul at Vancouver, and wife were in Fernie this week.

J. A. M. Pinkham, manager of the Imperial bank at Cranbrook was in the city this week.

W. H. D'Arcy, general claims agent of the C. P. R. was here last week upon local business.

G. H. Webster manager of the Calgary Cattle Co. visited the local branch this week.

Arnold Wallenger came over from Cranbrook on Sunday to visit his wife at the hospital.

Mrs. M H. Hall was in Medicine Hat last week visiting her son who is ill in the hospital at that city.

Miss Dodd of the hospital staff left for Winnipeg on Monday evening. Nurse Moore, of Cranbrook is her successor.

Herb Irvine, of Nelson came in last week to enjoy the whirl of our busy city and to watch the tape on Chicago wheat

Miss Dorothy Proctor will leave in June for an extended tour of Europe. She will be accompanied by her grandmother.

Mrs. Arnold Wallenger, of Cranbrook who has been in the Fernie hospital for several days is rapidly recovering from her severe illness.

E. A James and wife have gone to Calgary where he has secured a position with Little Bros. Mr. James was a tailor lately in the employ of Mr. Laidley.

H Allenberg, of Spokane was in Fernie looking up insurance and real estate investments. He will put up a large building in Cranbrook.

THE PAY ROLL.

Last Saturday was pay day for the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., and the amount paid out in wages for the three collieries was as follows.

Coal Creek	$65,823.75
Michel	35,352.15
Carbonado	17,972.50
Total	$118,148.40

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT

The concert on March 17th at Stork's Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Altar Society of the R C Church, was a great success, many people being present, from all denominations. Mr. L P. Eckstein presided and an excellent and varied entertainment was given. The following is the program: Traviati, piano and clarionet; court minuet, six boys and six girls; song, Mr. Jones; recitation, Ella Sheppard; song, Mr. A. D. Kildahl; recitation, Douglas Stork; chorus, by infants; Highland fling, Miss Dolly Barnette and Mr. R. Tucker; song, Mrs. Kennedy; recitation, Mr. Cox; operatic chorus; drill, sixteen girls in fancy costume; song, Miss Maggie Smith; recitation, Miss Margery Robson; sword dance, Miss Dolly Barnett; song, Mr. A. Berridge; cake walk, Clara and Jennie Cody; recitation, Mr. M Bryan; operatic chorus, sixteen girls; song, Mrs. Kennedy; sailor's hornpipe, Miss Dolly Barnett; song, Mr. A. D. Kildahl; accompaniists, Miss Gertrude Graham, Mr. H. L. Staebler, Miss M. McHale; choruses, Susie Telford, Laura Telford, Mary McDonald, Amy McDonald, May Davies, Amy Wells, Maggie McCain, Cecille Eckstein, Mable Graham, Jean Todhunter, Nellie McDougall, Dolly Barnett; juvenile choruses, Valentine Fawcette, Marguerite Fawcette, Cora Graves, Margery Robson, Eila Sheppard, Douglas Stork, Chester Mills, Billy Corsan, Mate Lambert.

Miss D. Barnett took a considerable part in the entertainment; her complete self possession and graceful movements pleased all onlookers. The minuet was most gracefully rendered in old fashioned costumes. The recitations by the children were excellent, the words being clearly enunciated and caused much amusement. The cake walk by the Misses C. and J. Cody scored a big hit and the choruses and drill were admirably rendered. Mr. Cox gave the speech for the plaintiff in Bardell v. Pickwick, and Mr. Byran an Irish romance, both greatly appreciated by the audience. The songs by Mrs. Kennedy, and Messrs. Kildahl, Jones and Berridge were each excellent and amongst the brightest stars of the evening. Miss M Smith received an encore for "Killarney," the only Irish song of the evening. The Italian band played during the interval.

THE FERNIE LUMBER CO.

The mill of the Fernie Lumber Co. turned on the steam on Monday, and will cut three millions of feet of lumber. If the market picks up more stock will be put in. During the winter from 80 to 100 men and 30 horses were worked in the bush, and the force of the mill this summer will number 50 men. The capacity of the mill is 35,000 feet every ten hours with a lath and planing department in addition. The product of the mill is sold in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Proctor and McDougall are among the early residents of Fernie. Only two log cabins being in the camp when Proctor came over the trail. He is originally from Ogdensburg N. Y., and is an expert in the lumber trade having travelled for a large firm for many years in the eastern states. Mr. McDougald hails from Arnprior, Ont., and has been nearly all his life in the lumber business, and railroad contracting. When it comes to figuring on railroad contracts it is said that McDougall is the greatest expert in B. C.

PROGRESS AT COAL CREEK.

Progress at the Coal Creek colliery is rather slow upon account of the time it is taking for the mills to cut the necessary timbers for temporary shipping structures. Four days after the fire 500 tons of mine run coal were shipped and the production is now 650 tons a day. Preparations are being made to screen the coal. A temporary tipple will enable No 2 to work in ten days, and by the first week in April the colliery will be sending out its old time quota of coal. All the material has been ordered for the construction of a permanent tipple and other works.

THE RECENT FIRE.

Last Friday afternoon, just west of the hospital, on Pellatt avenue some of the oldest houses in Fernie were destroyed by fire. The fire started in Kent's boarding house it is said from a defective chimney or stove-pipe This house was on fire once or twice last summer. The fire spread until four buildings were destroyed and two badly damaged. The occupants of all the houses except Mr. Kent saved their household effects. The loss will amount to about $5,000 partially covered by insurance. The foremen worked with great energy, but were handicapped by the lack of water and proper appliances.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank all those who so kindly came to my assistance at the late fire. I also wish to thank those who offered shelter, and sheltered my family during my recent trouble.

R. Dudley.

A NEW DAIRY.

A new dairy will be doing business in Fernie within ten days. At first only a few cows will be kept, and the bulk of the milk sold will be brought from Spokane.

RESOLUTONS BY MINERS

DISTRICT 18 OF U.M.W.A. HOLD CONVENTION

Second Annual Convention of District 18, U. M. W. of America, held in the Miners Hall, Fernie, B.C., on March 15, 1905. President F. H Sherman was in the chair, and the following district officers were also present: P. Pattison, vice president, John N. Howbrook, sec.-treas. Delegates: Thos Addison, Fernie Local, 2314; John S. Laurenson, Michel Local, 2334; Robt. Evans, Frank Local, 1263; Harry Gates, Coleman, 2633; W. H. Jenkins, Lille Local, 1233; Jas. Severns, Morrissey Local, 2318; Andrew Hood, Bellevue Local, 431.

Much business was gone through, amongst which was some of interest to the general public. The following resolutions were read and adopted

Whereas this convention representing District 18 favor the idea or advisability of bringing out labor candidates for the Provincial Parliament for the Fernie Riding and the Crow's Nest district of Alberta and that this convention instruct the district officers to take steps to inaugurate a monthly holiday and that it be left to the locals what day that should be.

It was also further resolved: That we abolish Sunday work as near as possible with exceptions, and that the Sunday Observance Act be in force in Alberta, and in case of necessity that all men employed on Sundays be paid at the rate of time and a half.

That we elect an international board member by a referendum vote of district 18 and that said election take place on the 28th day of March and return handed in to District sec.-treasurer not later than the 30th day of same month

Furthermore, let it be resolved that: Whereas the government of this country granted 250,000 acres of public lands—the said lands being considered the richest coal lands in Canada—to a company which is now called the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd.

Whereas the policy of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd. is and always has been to keep the town closed to the general public,

And whereas this policy has resulted in one firm possessing a complete monopoly of the store business to the detriment of other tradesmen in this district.

And whereas this policy has also [illegible] pay excessive prices for the necessities of life, owing to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd. supporting said monopoly.

And whereas we, the workmen, do not consider this to be justice or fair play, and also do not consider these methods consistent with the British idea of liberty and honest dealing.

Whereas today, as said lands are situated in the towns of Michel, Carbonado and Coal Creek, where hundreds of workmen and their families live.

Therefore, be it resolved that this convention, representing the workmen employed by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd. thoroughly condemn the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd in keeping their towns closed to the detriment of their workmen.

And that we call upon the C. N. P. C. Co., Ltd. to immediately place upon the market plots of land at a reasonable price in the towns of Michel, Coal Creek and Carbonado for the purpose of allowing any tradesmen to conduct a store or other business, and also for the purpose of allowing the workmen to build their own homes if they so desire.

And be it further resolved, that if the company fail to do this we make an appeal to the government to introduce legislation making it illegal for any company to keep any town or village closed to the general public.

And let it be resolved that we send copies of this resolution to each director of the coal company and the government and the members of parliament.

Whereas, we believe the time has arrived when the miners of district No. 18 U. M. W. of A. ought to be paid every two (2) weeks.

Therefore, be it resolved that this convention take steps to secure same.

A resolution was passed re smelter men similar to the one from the Michel union printed in THE LEDGE last week.

And let it be further resolved that we do not think it advisable that members of the U. M. W. of A. join the militia in any coal camp under the present circumstances.

TIRED OF THE CINCH.

Judging from the report of the convention held in Fernie last week the coal miners are getting very weary of the Trites Wood Co. collar that they have had around their necks for such a long time at Coal Creek, Michel, and Carbonado. They have grown tired playing against the cinch, and have spoken in favor of commercially open towns.

THE CEMETERY.

Fernie needs more than five or six acres of ground for a cemetery. Fifty acres is none too little if we pay any attention to the needs of the future. In addition to this what right has the City Council to deal with ground that is not within the city limits?

CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting on Thursday evening a letter from the manager of the Coal Co. was read in reference to the new cemetary site. A committee was appointed to look into the matter.

The city's Vancouver lawyers sent a telegram stating that the B.C. Telephone Co. insisted upon their suit for damages against the city going to trial. The mayor was instructed to attend the trial at Vancouver if necessary.

The clerk was instructed to advertise (not in THE LEDGE) for tenders re the grading of Thompson street to the G. N. depot.

The health by-law was read a second and third time.

By-law No. 11 was introduced as a temporary loan by-law for the purpose of borrowing $5,000 for immediate use to be paid out of the proceeds of this year's taxes.

Aldermen Cree and Tuttle were appointed street commissioners to look after chain gang and contract work.

At the meeting last night the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

A letter from Mr. McEvoy was filed. It was agreed to appoint a committee to call on the Coal Co and obtain the best terms for a dumping ground.

Ald. Cree was appointed acting mayor during Stork's absence at Vancouver. The suit of the B. C. Telephone comes to court on Saturday in Vancouver.

The G. N. Ry. will be asked to pay a certain proportion for grading the street to their depot.

J. G. Cummings letter re water was read.

Ald. Cree and Tuttle were appointed a committee to see Mr McDongald and the Coal Co. in reference to water, sewers and right of way.

Council adjourned to 23rd.

THE ELK LUMBER CO.

Mr. F. B. Lynch of St. Paul, managing director of the Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Co., arrived in Fernie last week, accompanied by his wife. They will spend several days in the city, returning via Winnipeg.

The machinery for the new plant of the Elk Company, which was brought to this point in a solid train of seventeen cars as a special, is rapidly going into position. This shipment has been followed by several other cars, one of them containing the material for a very large refuse burner, and there is now on the way a car load of structural steel, to be used in the construction of their fire proof boiler and engine room. An order has also been placed for a carload of planing mill machinery, which is expected to arrive about the first of April.

The work of installing will probably require an additional month or six weeks, when it is hoped the mill will be turning out lumber. A complete water system will also be installed, their being now at the machine shop, a thousand gallon fire pump; and when the mill and yards are piped, it will be possible to have a strong stream of water at any time.

A large engine went into place last week, and is put up on a concrete foundation in which there was used over a carload of cement. The machine shop is now in operation, and the company has all the necessary tools and machines to make its repairs, which is affording a great convenience at the present time in the erection of the new plant.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

Fernie needs a well drilled fire brigade with a chief elected by the members. It also needs a hook and ladder truck, and a more plentiful supply of water. If necessary a powerful engine should be procured and stationed at the Elk River until the city completes its waterworks. No city is safe with a lawn sprinkler for fire protection and a chemical engine that is left on the street all night after a fire, and choked up when a blaze does occur. Fernie has material for a grand fire company, but men cannot work without officers, and proper apparatus.

A WILD SON.

Leo Smith is a young man who should be put in an asylum for fools. He got Tom Whelan to cash a bogus check drawn upon the Cardston bank and then blew the money in upon delusions that haunt a wine soaked brain. When arrested he had 25 cents Before his trial came off he broke jail and has not been seen since. His father arrived in town this week and made good to those who had lost by his son He should now find the son, and soak him in ice water.

A BOXING CONTEST.

Kid Scaler of Spokane, and B. McCarthy, of Coal Creek will box 15 rounds Marquis of Queensbury rules for a purse of $100 hung up by T. H. Whelan. The contest will take place at Stork's Opera House on the evening of March 22nd, and the winner will take the stake and purse A referee will be chosen at the ringside.

ALONG THE CROW

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

E. Sproule has opened a drygoods men's furnishing store in Marysville. Mr. Sproule is well known in his district, and what is more he stands high with the people. In this new move he will be successful for the reason that he will treat the people right, keep the best of goods and make his prices to suit.

Joseph Ryan, accountant, journalist, mining expert and general broker will make his home in Kimberley this summer. The inhabitants of that part of the district will have an opportunity of meeting a genial gentleman who shows by his brogue that he did not come from France, and who is an excellent entertainer.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

An early spring will favor placer mining in the Fort Steele district, and operations will be resumed at Wild Horse and Perry creeks much earlier than has been usual for several years past.

The Sullivan mine at Kimberley, is now running steadily and it is turning out lots of silver lead ore.

Indications point to greater activity in mining explorations in the Kootenay and Columbia valleys during the approaching summer.

The Sullivan mine at Marysville during February brought down 800 tons of ore from the mine to the smelter. This ore is being brought down at the rate of four cars daily. It is estimated when the smelter is running it will earn $100,000 a year from the lead bounty.

MOYIE

From the Leader

James Graham, a miner employed at the St. Eugene, has given a bond on his interest in the Yankee Girl property near Ymir, and if the bond is taken up his share will amount to over $12,000. R. J. Doyle was over from Ymir yesterday securing the necessary papers from Graham. Graham located the property in 1899 and staid faithfully with it ever since

The St. Eugene, the greatest silver lead mine in Canada, paid another dividend on March 15th. The dividend just declared is at the rate of two cents a share, and is for $70,000. Up to date the dividends aggregate $350,000 instead of $338,000, as stated in a recent Toronto dispatch. There have been two dividends of three cents a share or $105,000 each, or $210,000 for the two. There have also been two dividends of two cents a share each or $70,000 or $140,000 for the two. This makes a grand total of $350,000. The St. Eugene is in splendid shape, has large reserves of ore in sight and the outlook is favorable for a continuance of dividends at regular intervals for a considerable period. A 30 drill air compressor is to be installed this spring, further particulars of which will be given next week.

AROUND BELLEVUE.

The Bellevue mines, which are one of the properties of the West Canadian Collieries Co., and which is situated about five miles east of here has developed into one of our principal coal producers. The mine which is situated within a few feet of the main track of the Crows Nest R. R. is most advantageously situated for both working and shipping. The series of coal veins on this property are being rapidly developed under the supervision of Chas. Emmerson, resident superintendent, and has within the space of a few months developed from a grass root proposition into a well opened and equiped mine which is producing and shipping some 300 tons of coal per day. Two tipples have been erected and sidetracks with room to accommodate forty cars put in. The coal produced here is of most excellent quality for both steam and coking purposes and is practically all taken by the C. P. R. for locomotive purposes.

The town of Bellevue, which has been established for the convenience of the employees of the coal company and those who do business with them is situated on a beautiful and large flat overlooking the railroad and mine. Here the company have laid out a town and erected a number of neat and substantial cottages, residents for Managing-director, boarding house and other necessary buildings. It is the intention of the company this spring to erect another lot of cottages for the accommodation of their working force which they expect increasing shortly. Bellevue at present boasts of but two stores, one a branch of the Western Mercantile, of this place, and a general store erected and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. James Paden. Robert Connely, who owns the ground immediately adjoining the townsite, laid out by the company has platted an addition to the town, known as Connely's addition to Bellevue, and it is on lots purchased from him that the Paden general store is situated. This store is not only doing a large business with the miners but is also working up an extensive trade with the farmers who live in the valley below Bellevue. The situation of Bellevue is such, having a good mining camp at home and a chance to draw a large trade from the farmers, that it promises to soon become one of the most important towns in the Pass. Blairmore Times.

SETTLERS FROM WASH.

Last week a special car brought a party of American settlers to Fernie on their way to Alberta. The party stopped a day in Fernie under the hospitable roof of the Waldorf. The party contained over 50 settlers from Pullman and Palouse counties in Washington, and they are all well-to-do, and the finest class of people Canada can have on its western plains. None of the party have sold their farms in Washington, but have rented them at good figures and are settling in Alberta for the benefit of their children. The party has secured about 16 square miles of land south of Calgary and 20 miles from the railroad. There is plenty of coal some little distance from their new homes which can be had for the digging. Quite a number of the party already have houses ready, and the balance will live under tents for a time. Seven carloads of grain, stock and household effects have been sent ahead in charge of 14 young Palousers. Seven of the party had $22,000 with them. Others who came along to spy out the land have bank accounts and holdings in Washington that run into six figures. Beat Galicians by many miles.

In the Palouse country during the panic of '93 many of these farmers had to sell their wheat for 16 cents a bushel and fully 25 per cent of those tilling the soil went broke. At that time they paid 18 per cent for loans while the rate is now 8 per cent. The Palouse section is now in a prosperous condition, and land sells for from $50 to $60 an acre. The farmers have telephones in their houses, rural mail delivery, bank accounts, and other luxuries of civilization, but no chance to get large tracts of lands for their sons so they are coming by thousands into Alberta. Let them come! We want millions of them.

The names of those in the party are: Mrs. Devant (Spokane), P. Murphy and wife (Garfield), P. Breeding, Geo Hill, F. G. Malliner, Mrs. Smith, Rebecca Jorson, G. T. Newman, J W. Newman and wife, Mrs. Mona Boner, J. F. Hardsley and son, H Spray (Palouse) L. G. Pickel and wife (Pendleton), Mrs. Pickel (Portland), F. Blachly (Colfax), S. C. Williams (Moscow), Mart Low and family, Mrs. McGennes and family (Farlon).

CARD OF THANKS.

The committee in connection with the Miner's Union Ball in aid of the hospital here on the evening of St. Patrick's day desire to convey their sincere thanks to all who participated in making it a grand success.

They wish to make particular mention of the colliery officials and mine host, Mr. Thomas Graham of the Michel Hotel. Beside the handsome donation of Twenty-five dollars received from Mr. Graham, a gratuitous support together with the free use of the hall on this occasion went far towards making it the financial success it proved to be.

Michel, B. C., March 20, 05.

Press Committee

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Staff captain Cass, of Spokane, and lieutenant Willis McMillan conducted the Salvation Army services last Sunday There were 25 children dedicated to God and the Army The Spokane officers and some of the local corp went to Cranbrook on Tuesday with their Bioscope lecture or S. A International Congress They expect to have a good time in Cranbrook as the people in that village have a kindly feeling towards the work of the Army Cass thinks that the progress in Fernie is surprising and that the Lord will soon capture the entire works.

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THE AUTONOMY BILL.

THE autonomy bill is liable to be hoisted at Ottawa until the opinion of the Privy Council of England can be obtained upon the matter. The matter should be settled in two minutes. Give equal rights to all. Churches are bound to fight each other when one thinks that the other is given an undue advantage. The war between creeds makes it possible for us to enjoy freedom. If any church had the entire monopoly, liberty would be dead, and the nation slaves to one line of religious action and thought. We must have freedom in these matters or the human race will become intellectually dead. History proves that the exclusive cinch in state, church or individuals breeds tyranny and makes the people abject slaves. We need in order to keep up interest plenty of opposition in creeds as well as business. Give a man the absolute cinch in any line of business and he makes a lunch of everything and generally becomes insane through the intensity of greed. So for the peace and safety of all it is necessary to roughlock any church that attempts to monopolize the entire business. Preaching today is largely a business and just like the great commercial trusts it requires curtailment when the liberties of the people are threatened. We need more Christ and less dogma in all our churches, but while man craves power and wealth the lesser minds will have to be there with the dollar. Each individual no matter how humble should be allowed to worship God in the way that best appeals to him and with as little expense as possible. At present salvation is too expensive for the majority of people, especially those of limited means and large families. We hope Canada will be torn by no sectional strife over any special route to heaven. They are all good if the teachings are followed, and the tolls are not excessive.

A PAPER'S VALUE

It is wonderful how a newspaper helps a town. Since we moved into Fernie the city has shot ahead like a comet chasing stars. A new church has been opened and two of the finest hotels in the Rockies. A great clothing store has been established, and one more up-to-date cigar store. A new city council has blossomed, and the Salvation Army has held an all-night prayer meeting. The Great Northern Railway has linked us with Spokane, and a city bus flies along our streets. A cash grocer has sold fresh eggs, and three photographic studios have come into the scenery. The post office has been esconced in commodious quarters, and the telephone become a stern reality. The price of coal has advanced, and at times water has been scarcer than wine. Marriages have been of almost a weekly occurrance, births numerous, while death has been almost a total stranger. The bank has got a new home, and a $1000 hearse has come to town. Dozens of buildings have been completed, and many more are in contemplation. These are just a few of the blessings that have followed in our wake. It pays to have a live paper in any community. Come in early with your ads. Never mind the bull-dog. He is dead from inanition.

THE HAMMER FIEND.

The knocker is worse than a buzzard. The buzzard lives on the dead, and helps to purify the atmosphere. The knocker tries to live on the living, but as a rule only creates a stench in the community. You find this despicable creation of personified mud in every community, and every walk in life. As a rule the knocker is low grade in ability, morality, activity and mentality. We have met the knocker upon many occasions. We have heard his chirp in the pulpit, and his wail in many a jackleg newspaper office. We have listened to his bazoo in the store office and on the street. Then we have looked up at the stars, and they were still doing business. The chap who has his hammer always lifted against his fellow man is invariably a liar, and never had an introduction to the truth. No man of reason objects to just criticism, but the knocker as a rule is not brainy enough to be a critic. He is just a sorehead, whose soul drags in the muck for lack of ballast.

THE Nelson Tribune says that the B. C. government has much trouble in trimming down the exorbitant bills of the Nelson lawyers. The majority of the lawyers of Nelson do not lack nerve when it comes to picking the feathers off a fat goose. Their demands for pay are out of all proportion to the quality of their talent.

THE Cochrane ranch in Alberta has been sold for $400,000. An American capitalist has bought it and he will no doubt make a million. Canada is becoming a great field for the outsiders who are quick to see the great future of the Dominion.

THE appreciation of humor changes with time. A generation ago the jokes of Artemus Ward were the proper caper, but now they sound like the ravings of a fool sloppy with stale beer.

Fernie will probably burn down again before it has a proper water system installed. A four inch pipe is of small use in fire times. It is better adapted for sprinkling lawns.

A SEATTLE contractor will build the C. P. R. hotel at Victoria. When finished it will have cost $750,000. The company will not build one like that at New Denver this summer.

A PAGAN ruler of Rome was the first to pass Sunday laws. It was in 325 A. D., and his example is still being followed, although for different reasons.

FROM reading the Nelson papers we have come to the conclusion that the fire engine in that city should be carried around in a balloon.

THE onion is not very wicked, but it has caused many a tear to be shed in every land and come between many a sweet friendship.

NEARLY all the political grafters in Canada have set their traps for big game. They are after the Grand Trunk Pacific.

OVER in Alberta the gophers are once more coming out of their holes. This is said to be a sure sign of spring.

WHILE we are wrangling over separate schools the Americans are slipping in and buying up the country.

A TELEPHONE is a great luxury in a city but it will not put out fires nor drive typhoid out of a milk wagon.

Oatmeal porridge is just as good as any patent breakfast food, and costs only a fraction of the fad ticklers.

ST. PATRICK is the patron saint of Ireland, and not particularly of any religious body.

A MAN without an enemy usually has less force in him than a stack of cold hot cakes.

KUROPATKIN might make a fortune in America lecturing on foot racing.

IN FERNIE the knocker prevails but is not mighty.

A BURST OF ELOQUENCE.

A lawyer in Milwaukee was defending a handsome young woman accused of stealing from a large unoccupied building in the night time, and then he spoke in conclusion. Gentlemen of the jury—I am done. When I gaze with enraptured eyes on the matchless beauty of this virgin on whose resplendent charms suspicion never dared to breathe; when I behold her, radiant in the glorious bloom of lustrous loveliness, which angelic sweetness might envy, but could not eclipse; before which the star on the brow of the night grows pale, and the diamonds of Brazil are dim; and then reflect upon the utter madness and folly of supposing that so much beauty would expose itself to the terrors of an empty building in the cold, damp, dead of night, when innocence like hers is hiding itself among the snowy pillows of repose; gentleman of the jury, my feelings are too overpowering for expression, and I throw her into your arms for protection against this charge, which the outrageous malice of a disappointed scoundrel has invented to blast the fair name of this lovely maiden, whose smile shall be the reward of the verdict which I know you will give! The jury acquitted her without leaving their seats.

She Followed Instructions.

Mrs. N. was giving instructions to her new servant. "Before removing the soup plates, Mary, always ask each person if he or she would like any more."

"Very good, madam."

Next day Mary, respectfully bowing to one of the guests, inquired: "Would the gentleman like any more soup."

"Yes, please."

"There isn't any left."

British Cruiser Fast.

The British cruiser Drake, on her way from Gibraltar to Portsmouth the other day, averaged 24.16 knots on a test run of eight hours. It is the British navy's record for cruisers. The Drake has Belleville boilers.

Print the grandest sermon that ever fell from inspired lips and not 20 per cent even of the professedly pious will read it, print a detailed account of some female bunco game or a sensational divorce in high life and 99 per cent of the very elect will make a dive for the paper before breakfast, swoop down on it like a hungry nigger on a bowl of crab soup, devour every word, then roll their eyes heavenward, like a calf with the colic, and wonder what this wicked old world is coming to.

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A FIGHTING PARSON

An "unwashed sinner" called a preacher a horrible name on the Texas side yesterday and was knocked out in shot order, his nose being spread over his face in a manner calculated to arouse the envy of Corbett or Jefferies. A little later a street preacher with long hair and a sepulchral sounding voice and claiming to be the "second Christ" undertook to give the same preacher, (the one who had just won the fight) a most fearful tongue lashing from his improvised street pulpit, but he likewise came to grief. The pugilistic preacher was the Rev. Chas. W. Hughes, pastor of the Rosehill Methodist church, and he had stopped to hear the street preacher's discourse. The latter spied him and, knowing his face and calling, turned his entire attention to Methodist preachers in general, whom he denounced as liars and miscreants of the worst kind, without exception." They are all a gang of lying hypocrites," he shouted, "take the money and the women out of the proposition and every one of them would quit preaching." Finally he made a personal application of what he had said to Bro. Hughes, who, after standing a perfect torrent of billingsgate, and the vilest epithets, at length warned him to let up. But this only served to still further arouse the "second Jesus," and he ranted worse than ever. "You are mean enough to hit me," he shouted, "but you can't. God won't let you," he yelled, "and you have not got nerve to try it," "Haven't I though?" quietly responded the outraged little pastor, "Well suppose you just watch me and see if I have not. And if you think your God can protect you, you had better call on him quick and fast and a heap of it, for I am going right now to proceed to unjoint your neck." Biff, biff the little preacher's good right shot out and down went the "second Christ" rolling in the dirt and mud as though he had been struck with a pile driver or been kicked by Opper's famous mule, Maud. As fast as the "reformer" got up he was knocked down, and at last losing all self-control Brother Charley jumped astride the long gangling body of the now demoralized and thoroughly frightened fellow and placing his head "in chancery," proceeded to maul him in the manner which he doubtless very richly deserved and greatly to the delectation of the large crowd who a moment before had been listening in awe and wonder at the long-haired fellow's peculiar kind of "gospel." The police finally interferred and took the "second" and now somewhat disfigured "Jesus" to jail, where it is presumed he spent last night unless the Philippian earthquake experienced of Saul and Silas after we had gone to press.—The Texarkanian.

These days a bench show can be seen at the pound.

THE NEW MAN.

Women unconsciously divide men into two general social classes, Davids and fads.

The Davids are those who grow up in a community without causing a ripple of excitement and who have never been mixed up with a scandal or a sensation. They are the true and tried.

The men who are fads are those men who are strangers, landed in town for a time, men who, while they stay, make a great hit with the women folks.

When this new man comes, the old beaux, the Davids, with long lines of ancestry and unexciting pasts, step aside and huddle together in a corner while the women dine and banquet the newcomer.

It is the same old story, young girls and middle aged women going crazy over a man for no other reason than because he is something new.

Plain, honest men see this new arrival strut about, capturing by storm the hearts that for years they have been trying to win.

Hearts palpitate that have never before quickened at a man's glance.

There is much waving of handkerchiefs, fluttering of fans and gleaming of teeth when the "fad" appears.

Women who have always been thought sensible and sane go into adjectives over this stranger. "What polish! What poise! What a mind! What gallantry! How well he wears his clothes!"

Mid the beating of drums and fluttering of susceptible hearts the stranger, this new adored one, robs a bank, holds up a train, produces a wife or departs as he came, without announcement.

The women wash and iron and lay away their best linen table spreads and dust and hang away their best clothes. The Davids come out of their corners and the world moves on again at its usual pace. Nobody says a word. The ripple on the surface is a thing of the past. The day of the "fad" is past.

Someone has said, "when women arrive at the age of discretion such infatuation will cease."

Age of discretion! There is no age of discretion. If a woman is going to lose her head she will do it at 45 as soon or sooner than at 18. Hoch's wives were 45.

What would the women care for this sleek, silk-hatted stranger if he had been born and brought up in their midst? They would have liked him, endured him or hated him, according to his deserving, but there would have been no sensation. If he lived well enough he would have been another David. A mere creature with hands, feet and a head. But he never would have had "poise, mind, gallantry."

The man who is home-produced need never hope to be a fad. He's but a David.

Strenuous Post Mistress.

From a Texas town a courteous citizen sent this mild protest against the too strenuous manners of the "lady postmistress" to the Postoffice Department at Washington. "We don't set up any claim that our manners are all they should be but we'd like to be reasoned with and helped along. The post mistress here is a worthy woman, all right but she certainly is rude and hasty. One day last week, the mayor being flushed up and careless, refused to remove his hat and bow on asking for the official mail, whereupon his hat was shot off and plumb ruined. There's another thing we don't think is fair. The post mistress won't let niggers and greasers come into the office under any consideration. We ain't over found of niggers and greasers ourselves but it is sure discommanding for the leading citizens to have to go to the post office personally to get their mail, just because this lady don't like to see anything but a gentleman. We don't like to appear fault-finding and picayunish where a lady is concerned, but this one I am talking about is sure arbitrary and abrupt, and we'd like to have her toned down some."

PUTTING IT GENTLY.

The young man had been to sea, and on his return was narrating to his uncle, an old Montgomeryshire farmer, an adventure which he had met with on board ship.

"I was one night leaning over the traffrail, looking down into the ocean," he said, "when my gold watch fell from my fob, and immediately sank out of sight. The ship was going ten knots an hour, but, nothing daunted. I sprang over the rail, down, down and after a long search found the watch; came up, and chased the ship, and climbed back to the deck without anybody knowing I had been absent."

"William," said the uncle, "I believe thee, but there's many a thousand that would not."

"What" exclaimed William, "you are politely insinuating that I'm a liar."

"William," said the old man, gravely "thee knows that I never call anybody names: but if the mayor were to come and say, 'Josiah, I want thee to find the biggest liar in all Montgomeryshire,' I would come to thee and put my hand upon thy shoulder and say to thee, 'William, the mayor wants to see thee.'"

BOTH SCARED.

When Henry Mayer, the artist, was roughing it in Texas some time ago his chance outdoor bunkie for the night on one occasion was a villanous looking native, armed to the teeth. After they had turned in Mr. Mayer, suspicious from the first, noticed that every time he became quiet enough to suggest that he was asleep his companion wriggled a little closer to him. The cartoonist became so terrified that not until the man had slipped his hand under his blankets did he rouse himself to action and spring to his feet.

You've stolen my revolver! he cried.

Yep, said the native.

Then, yelled Mr. Myer. I can't stand this any longer! Shoot me now and be done with it!

Yuh blamed fool, growled the man. I tuk yer gun because I was afeared ye was goin to shoot me!

Kept each Other Awake.

In the congregation of a clerical friend were two erring brothers, who troubled him greatly by the habit they acquired of snatching a little repose during worship. Finally the pastor spoke after this wise to one of the wandering sheep.

Brother Park, did you ever notice that Brother Benjamin had fallen into the habit of sleeping during service?

Brother Park had not noticed it, but he was pained at the information.

Well, might I ask you to sit beside him next Sabbath and nudge him in case he falls asleep?

Brother Park would most certainly do it.

The clerical brother then sought his esteemed co-worker in the vineyard, Brother Benjamin.

Brother Benjamin have you noticed Brother Park's habit of sleeping during the sermon?

Brother Benjamin had noticed it and had been pained.

Well, would you do me the favor of sitting beside Brother Park next Sunday and nudging him in case of drowsiness?

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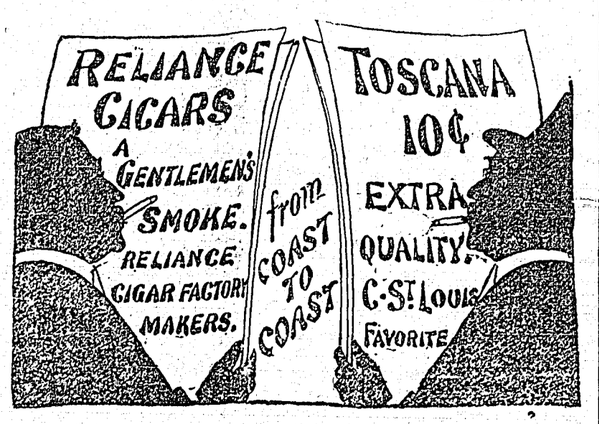

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

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.

Dissolution of Partnership

THE partnership heretofore existing between J. F. Spalding and Robert Strathearn as photographers has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. J. F. Spalding will collect all accounts and pay all liabilities.

J. F. SPALDING
R. STRATHEARN
Fernie, March 7, 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. Lizzie'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:—

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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's 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 petition 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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J. E. Rogers closes his store today.

Subscriptions to the Italian band are coming in freely.

Stop at the Queen's Hotel when in Trout Lake City.

Sewing machines to rent at the B. C. Furniture Company.

Thos. Hammond opened a studio in Coal Creek last Friday.

S. R. hand tailored clothing have no equal. See F. J. Mitchell.

A. J. Purdy is getting his soda water fountain ready for the hot day.

The citizens of Elko are already making ready for the tourist season.

Fernie's best dressers wear Semi-Readys finished up by F. J. Mitchell.

Pete Wilson, of Nelson, will probably be the new judge for East Kootenay.

The sun got over the line yesterday with the usual amount of bluster over the event.

Mayor Stork left for Vancouver today via G. N., while G. C. Hodge went via the C. P. R.

J. C. Hutchison is still making suits at the old stand. Leave your measure and avoid the rush.

We buy, sell or exchange new or second hand furniture. The B. C. Furniture Company.

S. Slinn had a narrow escape on Sunday from serious injury by riding a horse that stumbled.

The Coal Co. will construct their new offices of concrete. The building will commence about May.

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

There is quite a demand for coupons at the Fernie Cigar Store. They are valuable on the 1st of June.

For stove use the Carbonado coal is low in ash, but lacks the dynamic force of the diamonds from Coal Creek.

Mrs. J. Telfer is a valuable church member. She sold $30 worth of tickets for the St. Patrick's concert

W. O. Robbins has received his spring stock of wall paper. Prices range from 10 cents to $1.50 a roll.

H. Plante will be awarded the contract for rading Thompson street to the G. N. depot. His tender was 24 cents a yard.

For a stylish and up-to-date suit or top coat see S. R's. A complete stock that will fit the stout man as well as the normal.

This is the time of the year when bed bugs annoy the community. They can be got rid of by catching them in a noiseless manner, and holding them over a coke oven in action.

Fernie's postmaster probably works harder than any other official of the same kind in Canada, and yet his smile never deserts his genial countenance. He must be a real Christian.

At the Kootenay Saloon in Sandon you do not need an introduction to get a drink. Put the price on the bar and the mixer will do the rest.

D. J. Robertson & Co., Nelson have received several carloads of spring and summer furniture recently that they are selling at prices compatible with the financial pulse of the country. Drop a line and catch their prices.

There are several cases of typhoid in and around Fernie. As typhoid is more dangerous to life than smallpox it would be well for the people to beware of the deadly germ that generally attack the people through milk or water.

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.

The Coal Co. advertises that water may at any time be taken from the lower dam, and that it is allright as a potable water. If it is only good for boiling purposes what will we do when we want a drink? This is a question for the local temperance society to decide.

The Council should consent to judgement in the suit of the B. C. Telephone Co. against Fernie. To let the case go farther means more money for the lawyers, and less for Fernie. In addition if the Mayor goes to Vancouver over the matter it means a loss to his Worship's business, and no gain to the city.

The cantata Agatha given by the Methodist church in Stork's hall Tuesday evening was the greatest musical success of the season, and surprised many critics in the audience who had no idea that Fernie possessed so much musical talent. Great credit is due the participants and management of this most worthy entertainment. It was equally successful in a financial sense.

A CHICKEN RANCH.

W. A. Webster, G. M. McDonald, and T. N. Lawe have established a chicken ranch near the abattoir of the Calgary Cattle Co. The firm already has 100 Plymouth Rocks for which they paid $9 a dozen, and this week ordered by telephone 240 more from a firm in Kalispell, Montana. An incubator was set with 120 eggs two weeks ago, and another incubator has been ordered with a capacity of 200 eggs. If successful this summer the firm will go into the egg and milk business upon a large scale.

THE WATER SYSTEM.

Fernie needs a system of waterworks with pure water running swiftly through big mains, and a sewer system beneath it, both put in at the same time to save expense in construction. The water of Fairy Creek has been pronounced excellent so all we have to do now is to issue debentures for the amount of money required and get to work immediately. To hesitate simply means that some windy night we will lose the city.

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Re WATER SUPPLY.

THE Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Campony, Limited, have submitted two samples of water, one from the dam above the mines, and the other from the lower dam, to Professor Ruttan of McGill University, Montreal, for analysis. Dr. Starkey at the same time made a complete and thorough bacteriological examination of the waters. Both reports are now to hand and state that in the water from the lower dam they say that no dangerous germs could be isolated.

In view of this report made by the most competent authorities, the Company feel assured that the supply from the lower dam is safe to use as a potable water, and at any time after this date the water supply of the City of Fernie may be taken from that source.

JAS. McEVOY,
Land Commissioner

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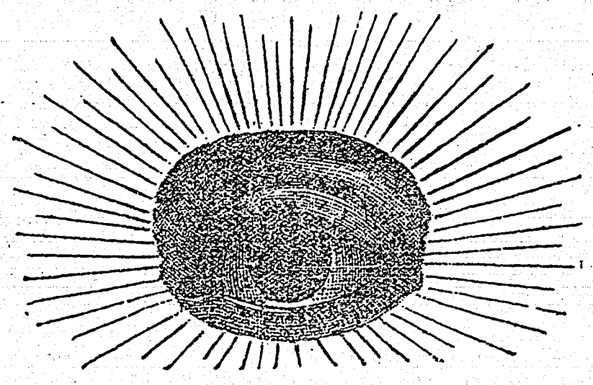

On The Flathead

A Few Remarks Which Occur to Us anent Last Week's Fire

YOU are a property owner. Your money is invested in a mill or a warehouse filled with valuable merchandise, or in a store stocked with costly goods or a residence filled with the invaluable appurtenances of a home. You are insured? Of course you are. Your policy stands for a guarantee between you and loss from that most dreadful of the elements—fire. Does it? Let us see! Through the ignorance of your workmen or servants, or the carelessness of your clerks or employees, your mills, your warehouse, your stores or your residence takes fire and are burned. The insurance companies appraise the damage and pay you a partial or even a full value, but do they compensate you for the vexatious inconvenience and loss of time and money caused by the stoppage of the business? No. Do they bring back to you the skilled workman or trained employee that has been obliged to seek employment elsewhere? No. Do they bring back those familiar objects without which you are a stranger in your own home? Thrice—No. Insurance at its best is but a partial indemnity. Prevention is better than cure. Insure yourself. How? By self protection. The flames of many fires that might have been serious conflagrations have been quenched by the London Chemical Fire Extinguisher. A few of these enemies of fire distributed through your mills, your warehouse, your store or your residence will doubly guard you, and, if called upon will save your property and may save your life.

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