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LIFE IN FERNIE

J. C. Fernau was in Frank on Saturday.

Office and pocket diaries for 1905 at Bleasdell's.

P. Burns & Co. received a carload of poultry this week.

Beck's bowling alley will open for business on Monday.

O. L. Boynton is on a business trip to Washburn, Wis.

Dolls in great variety—quick-selling prices—at Suddaby's.

Jack Scott is almost ready to again commence carving steaks.

Richard Nimmo is in Vancouver as a delegate to the Socialist convention.

Malaga grapes, Jap oranges, celery, etc., at S. Slinn's, in the A Beck block.

There is no truth in the report that J. E. Rogers is to be married. He is too busy.

The Bank of Commerce will be ready for business in its new quarters on January 3rd.

B. Dawson is laid up at the King Edward with a mild attack of inflammation of the lungs.

O. R. Larer came in from Coleman this week to assist his brother in his painting contracts.

S. P. Dawson goes next week to Sarnia, Ont., where he will spend several weeks at his former home.

S. McDougall has returned from Winnipeg, where he was on business in connection with his lumber trade.

The Salvation Army banquet on Saturday evening was a pronounced success, over $55 being realized in solid cash.

The lovers of the fistic arena will have an opportunity to witness a swift glove contest in Stork's hall on Thursday evening.

Rev. A. Dunn will conduct special Masonic services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All invited.

L. Atkinson has received a combination pool and billiard table at the cigar store. He will in a short time put in an English billiard table.

N. E. Suddaby is selling his immense stock of holiday goods at reasonable prices, as he has no desire to carry any of it over until next season.

Just after the churches were out on Sunday evening the electric light went off shift and gave kerosene a chance for several hours. Strangers thought they were in Nelson.

The Methodist Sunday school children will have a Christmas tree and entertainment in the church on Monday evening. Admission is free, with a collection to defray expenses.

Travelers should not forget the King Edward hotel when they reach Fernie. It takes less than 50 seconds to reach it from the depot, and the bus passes the door every little while.

A. F. Shewan, a veteran commercial traveler from Montreal, and well known in Fernie, is retiring from the road after 38 years of active service. The story of his travels in Canada would make a huge book if but half was told.

Two rich men from a little town called Cleveland in Ohio went over to New York the other night and dropped $64,000 gambling. They should have come to Fernie with their roll. That amount of money would last them a lifetime, even if they stood pat on deuces and drew to 17 every night.

Charles Sweeney, the big gun behind the Marysville smelter, has given $1,000 to the building of the Y.M.C.A. in Spokane. Charles is probably after votes, but he might get better value for his money by handing it over to Sid Norman, who is hot on his trail with a brand new paper called The Critic.

A. Beck is having the basement under his store fitted up as a bowling alley, and adding an addition 18 feet in length to his building. The bowling alley will be 70 feet long. It will have an entrance from Victoria avenue; also an inside entrance from the Fernie Cigar Store, and be lighted with electricity. A shooting gallery will be run in connection.

This evening at 8:30 Miss Eva Beatrice Beckett will wed Frederick C. Wildman. The marriage will take place at the residence of the groom's brother, Bert Wildman, on Howland avenue, and the Rev. A. Dunn will tie the knot. A large number of friends will be present, and an elaborate dinner will be served after the ceremony. Miss Becket formerly lived in Norwood, Ont., and Mr. Wildman spent many years in Virden, Man. THE LEDGE, along with their hosts of friends, wishes them every joy and success.

A quiet wedding will take place this evening when Miss Christina Dunlop will wed Wm. J. Broley. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H Dunlop, and one of the belles of the city. Mr. Broley is the well known contractor and is to be congratulated upon securing such an estimable young lady for a life partner. Rev. A. Dunn will perform the matrimonial ceremony. THE LEDGE, in offering congratulations, trusts that the blending of their lives will bring naught but joy, peace and prosperity.

J. Gray the contractor is on a visit to Ottawa.

Christmas numbers of the magazines at Suddaby's.

Twenty below zero would move the postoffice in a day.

For an art gem see Gibson's "Greatest &ame in the World" at Suddaby's.

The ladies of the English church had a very successful bazaar on Monday.

Andrew Hamilton of Cranbrook is on a visit to his brother, W. C. Hamilton.

In Fernie strangers can see the elephant at the Trites-Wood Co. It is gray

The Burlingham sawmill has been moved to Gateway from Bayne's lake.

H. R. Larer of Fernie has secured the contract for painting the C. N. S stations

When completed the Episcopal church will be the finest building of its kind in Fernie.

Sign Painter Hawthorn is visiting Simcoe, Ontario, after an absence of nine years.

A constable has been appointed for Fort Steele. The inhabitant must have changed his brand of whiskey.

Tributary to Cranbrook the men working in the woods are only about 30 per cent of che number employed a year ago.

The Chinese cook at the Angel's Rest is an artizt. He has constructed a Christmas cake that takes the cake for artistic design.

H. H. McLellan was taken on Sunday night with symptoms of poisoning, and Dr. Carson had considerable difficulty in bringing him around.

Ald. Trites returned on Saturday from his trip to St. Louis, Salt Lake City and California. He left Mrs. Trites ill in the hospital at Los Angeles.

Porter Bros. have gone to Grand Forks. Part of their railroad outfit has already been shipped and the balance will follow in a few days.

Contractors have been ordered to leave their outfits at Fernie, which would indicate that the Crow's Nest Southern will be extended in the spring.

About 5,000,000 feet of logs will be sent down the Koolenay river next spring. The loggers are thick along Sheep, Skookum Chuck and Wolf creeks.

Robins makes more money out of weddings than the parsons. He has orders to supply seven homes with furniture, all from couples on the brink of matrimony.

During Alderman McLean's absence in the East D. A. McRae will have charge of his business. Mr McRae recently severed his connection with the Carbin mill at Lauraville.

During November the St. Eugene and North Star mines produced 60 per per cent of the lead production in this province. These two mines are in East Kootenay, a few hours west of Fernie.

Lewis Williams came to town last week suffering from typhoid fever. He is from Strathcona, Utah, and being an Eagle, he is now in the hospital and is being well taken care of by the local brethren.

At the drawing in the Fernie Cigar Store, J. Doornbecker, the well-known cigar manufacturer, won the meerschaum pipe, while J. Josling of the Fort Steele Brewery carried away the case of two pipes.

W. W. Brown, after an absence of six years, left on Saturday for a visit to his home in Petrolia, Ont, Mr. Brown is superintendent of the electric light plant in Fernie, and has a daughter who is a milliner at Mrs. Todd's, and a son who is one of the engineer's at the Coal Creek mines.

A. W. Bleasdell has secured the sole agency in Fernie and vicinity for McKinley's celebrated sheet music. The line contains some of the most popular music ever produced. Comic, sacred and sentimental selections. Every sheet is printed in clear type, on good paper, and the price is only 10 cents.

Last Thursday in a C. P. R. boarding car at Fernie, J. Scott hit Chas Sanford on the head with a hammer and fractured his skull in two places. Sanford had an operation performed on his skull Monday and may die. Scott is in jail and will come up for trial Friday. In a statement made to the authorities Monday Sanford said he was wholly to blame in the matter and exonerates Scott in every way.

G. H. G. Boulton's mother, Mrs. L C. Boulton, of Hertfordshire, England, is expected to arrive here the first week in January where she will remain for a couple of months visiting her son at the King Edward hotel. Mrs Boulton is the wife of Staff Captain J. G Boulton, R. N., who for years had charge of the hydrographic survey in Canada, and is at present on a visit to her other two sons in Quebec and Neepawa who remained in this country, together with G. H. G. Boulton, when their father was recalled by the British admiralty some twelve years ago. Shortly after his mother's visit, Mr. Bolton's sister Muriel, who is now studying portrait painting in Paris, France, will come out to him.

The schools closed last Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Barney Mooney will spend the Christmas holidays in Spokane.

Special services and music in the Methodist church Christmas.

There is only one case of typhoid in Fernie and that was imported.

When you want a Bell piano write to D. J. Robertson &Co., Nelson.

As stated by THE LEDGE two months ago, the zinc smelter will be built at Frank.

The Calgary Cattle Co. received this week a carload of Christmas meat, fish and poultry.

Mr Page of Coal creek was married on Monday. His bride arrived from Scotland Sunday.

H. L. Stephens came in this week from Morrissey after a load of turkeys for his Christmas boarders.

The Napanee hotel will give the best dinner ever served in East Kootenay from 5 to 8 Christmas evening.

The Elk Lumber company is putting the roof on their new mill. The machinery will arrive in ten days.

Bob Irwin of Nelson was in town this week looking for a chance to lease the Waldorf. He was unsuccessful.

Soon as the government inspects the C. N. S. the regular passenger service will commence. The agent arrives here today.

A. P. Chenette was in town on Saturday and stated that he had leased the Roma hotel, and would take possession next month.

The local consumption of coal is over 400 tons a month at this time of the year. It is delivered to your door for $3.50 a ton.

The Flathead survey party has reached McEvoy creek. By this creek the route is five miles shorter than by Michel creek.

The International Coal Co. at Coleman ships over 400 tons a day of clean and screened coal. The screenings are made into coke.

Hector McDonald, who had his leg badly crushed at Coal Creek last week, is lying in the Fernie hospital in a critical condition.

Robert Strathearn has joined J. F. Spalding in the photographic business The firm will turn out the finest photo work in East Kootenay.

Sheppard & Elliott have a line of snow shovels that are hard to beat. Attached to a strong boy one of them will lift a ton of the beautiful every hour.

Leonard Sherman, a blind boy, and his brother Albert were badly hurt yesterday while coasting on the Elk river hill by running into a barbed wire fence.

All the Fernie hotels had their licenses renewed at the last meeting of the local commissioners. All the renewals of hotel licenses in the district were granted by the government last Thursday evening.

Thos. Wezontmerch and James McCoy will open a Turkish bath establishment in Fernie some time next month The Turkish is one of the greatest blessings of the age, and should have an immense run in this city.

The Bank of Commerce in this city has sold its fine brick building on Victoria avenue to the Dominion Realty Co., but will occupy the building as a tenant. The price has not been made public, although reported at $15,000.

A HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Crow's Nest Pass Hockey association held its annual meeting in Pincher Creek last week. For the ensuing year the following officers were elected:

Patrons—G. G. S. Lindsey, general manager of the C. N. P. Coal Co., Fernie; Mr. Justice Harvey, Macleod; J. H. Farmer, Frank; H. N. Galer, Coleman; M. Morden, Pincher Creek.

Honorary President—A. C. Liphardt, Fernie.

Honorary Vice-President—John Henderson, Pincher Creek.

President—J. H. Schofield, Pincher Creek.

Secretary-Treasurer—W. A. Ross, Pincher Creek.

First Vice-President—W. A. Kastner, Fernie.

Second Vice-President—W. H. Buchanan, Frank.

Third Vice-President—T. J. Moore, Pincher Creek.

Fourth Vice-President—Mr. Tinning, Macleod.

Fifth Vice-President—Mr. Tripp, Coleman.

The league games were arranged as follows:

Jan. 2—Pincher Creek at Macleod.
Jan. 5—Fernie v. Turtle, at Blairmore
Jan. 9—Macleod at Fernie.
Jan. 9—Turtle at Pincher Creek.
Jan. 11—Macleod v. Turtle, at Blairmore.
Jan. 13—Fernie at Macleod.
Jan. 16—Turtle v. Coleman, at Coleman.
Jan. 17—Fernie at Pincher Creek.
Jan. 24—Turtle v. Fernie, at Fernie
Jan. 24—Pincher Creek at Coleman.
Jan. 30—Macleod at Pincher Creek.
Jan. 31—Macleod at Coleman.
Feb 6—Pincher Creek at Fernie.
Feb. 6—Turtle at Macleod.
Feb. 8—Coleman v. Turtle, at Blairmore.
Feb. 14—Coleman at Macleod.
Feb. 14—Pincher Creek v. Turtle, at Blairmore.
Feb. 17—Fernie at Coleman.
Feb. 22—Coleman at Fernie.
Feb. 27—Coleman at Pincher Creek.

In order to shut out crack players from Sandon and other points from playing occasionally according as they are paid, Rule 15 was altered, stating that players must live fifteen days in a town before they can become members, and must be registered 15 days before they can play in a league game.

A COPPER BONANZA.

In East Kootenay, on White Fish creek and about eighteen miles from the smelter town of Marysville, are copper properties that give every indication, whem properly developed, of being the largest producers of red metal in British Columbia. Owing to a lack of transportation and capital the prospectors in this section have been unable to do much in the past with their rich showings, but the approach of the iron horse is drawing attention to the locality and before many months a veritable boom will deluge the district with capitalists in search of the metal that has grown so valuable in recent years.

For ten years Mrs. Jennie E. Harris and her son, O. M. Harris, have owned and worked ten claims on White Fish creek. Through all these years Mrs. Harris, who is well known in West Kootenay, has never lost faith in the ultimate success of the district and, aided by her son, she has held and worked the properties in spite of difficulties that would apall and drive the most of men crazy. Once, through a set of middle men, she bonded the properties for $125,000 to Senator Brynes of San Mateo, Caliornia, who aimed to float the properties in New York for $2,500,000. Through the crooked actions of the middle men litigation sprang up, and before it was settled the death of Senator Brynes put an end to both deal and lawsuit. The romance connected with the history of these claims if woven into literature would make a truthful work that would outrival the flower of Dumas' genius.

D. V. Mott is one of the most energetic business men in Fernie or East Kootenay. He has been the means, through his untiring efforts, of inducing more capital to invest in this district than probably any other man, and this means the exploiting of our natural resources, with the added concomitant of greater population and prosperity. Recognizing the ability on Mr. Mott as a promoter and financier, Mrs. Harris has secured his co-operation in the placing of her properties with men who have the money to develop and the intellect to recognize the wonderful resources of White Fish creek. Mr. Mott is thoroughly familiar with the district, having gone over it some time ago in company with one of the best copper experts from the United States, and has a map in preparation of the locality. The expert gave the most favorable report of the claims lying on that side of Kootenay river. On from the Harris group of claims can be seen at the office of Mott Son & Co. in this city; also the diploma awarded by the Nelson Fair for the best exhibit of copper ores. An assay recently taken from a showing on the surface gives 29 per cent. copper, or a value of over $80 to the ton. The price set upon the ten claims is $125,000, although they are easily worth a million. Having completed her mining and other business in the city, Mrs. Harris will return to Nelson this week to spend the holiday season with her family and friends.

CITY COUNCIL

The council met on Monday evening. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

A communication was read from W. H. Whimster regarding his salary as police magistrate. The city clerk was instructed to write the provincial secretary re the matter.

It was ordered that certain improvements be made in and around the jail.

A letter was read from J. C. Cummings accepting the position offered him as city engineer.

The government analyst at Ottawa stated that the quantity of Coal and Ferry creek water sent him for analysis was not sufficient and advised the council to send a larger quantity to the analyst at Winnipeg.

A communication was read from the B. C. Telephone company in reference to regulations regarding the placing of telephone poles in the city. Nearly the entire council were opposed to the B. C. Telephone Co. doing business in Fernie, and it was agreed to send the B. C. Telephone Co. a letter stating that the city council are not prepared to instruct where telephone poles are to be erected in Fernie.

Mr. Beck's offer to gravel the streets was laid aside until spring.

It was resolved that the next meeting and election of the next council take place in the court house, and J. A. Rennie as returning officer and W. H. Whimster as deputy returning officer.

Owing to the lateness of the season the building of a sidewalk on Hemlock street was laid over until spring.

R. Hammond's letter re telephone laid over until next meeting.

A letter from L. P. Folkstein, re assisting the city in raising war loan, and will receive consideration.

After passing our accounts and Cascella and Bell's petitions were by the finance committee, they were ordered to be paid.

To provide clothes the police had their salaries increased $10 a month.

The council adjourned until Monday.

NEWS IN FERNIE

Coal and silver are present in some quantities in the ore being shipped from the mines near Moyie Lake, which is distributed by the rights, the ore comes out in carloads and the mineral carries the precious metals. The coke made from the coal is used in the smelting works at Deadwood, South Dakota, and averages from 30 to 35 pennyweights of gold to the ton, which is enough to compensate for the base content.

LATE IN BY WIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Joe Gans of San Francisco defeated Oscar Gardner last night for the lightweight championship of the world in the seventh round.

The capacity of the Dominion Trust has been doubled.

OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND

The Payroll of the Crow's Nest Coal Company Now the Largest of Any Company in the Province—Output Could Be Increased Tenfold.

Last Saturday was payday for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co's collieries, and the amount paid out for the month's work was as follows:

Coal Creek	$ 73,271.80
Michel	38,054.85
Carbonado	15,515.90
Total	$126,842.55

Although the output of coke and coal was greater than that of the previous month, the payroll was not so large, owing to the fact that outside work at which carpenters are employed, is always suspended when the snow falls. Work of this kind is handled to greater advantage in the summer.

At present between 1,800 and 1,900 men are working in the collieries around Fernie. Of this number nearly 800 are employed at Coal Creek, the nearest colliery to the city.

Last Thursday the Michel, Fernie-Morrissey Railway company took over the branch line of the C. P. R. to Coal Creek, under lease, and will operate it in future. The M. F. & M. railway is owned by the Coal company, and it gives them connection with the two great railway systems now in touch with Fernie. The advent of the Great Northern system into Fernie will immediately have the effect of increasing the output of coke and coal, and already cars are arriving from Jim Hill's road. Increased quantities of coke will be shipped to the smelters at Butte, Helena and Great Falls. At these points Wyoming supplies the coal and Fernie the coke. There is quite a market for Fernie coal for steam purposes in and around Spokane and other points in Eastern Washington and Idaho. The recent opening up the feeder to the Great Northern means a great deal for the coal mines in the mountains around Fernie. The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. at present is a million tons a year, and it can be increased to ten millions when a market is found for it. Coal shipped from Fernie into the United States pays a duty of 60 cents a ton.

ALONG THE CROW

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

L. M. Mansfield of Marysville was in town Monday, arranging for a meat supply, as he has opened a market in Marysville.

F. Dillinger, a former superintendent of the C. P. R., has left the company to engage in the lumber business at Kitchener. He was in town several days this week consulting with local lumbermen.

Mr. Hemneberry, who has charge of some mining operations on Perry creek for a Macleod syndicate, returned from a visit to that town today. He expects to increase the force of men at once.

J. F. Adams, who owned a ranch just below Marysville a few miles, has sold his holdings, and within a few days will leave for a visit to England, where he will remain the balance of the winter. Mr. Adams has sold to a good advantage, a fact that all who know him will be pleased to hear.

Joe Boulange leaves for Barryville, Ont., where he will make a protracted visit with relatives, and Mrs. Boulange will accompany him. Joe came west with the construction and helped to cut the right of way, helped grade the road bed, helped lay the steel, worked on the first train that ran, and for some time has been yard master in the Cranbrook yard. During all this time he has not been farther east than Medicine Hat or farther west than the Landing. He has earned a good rest and a good time.

A. Chenette of Fernie and George Geougeon of Cranbrook bought A. McPeak's interest in the East Kootenay hotel this week, and took charge yesterday. Mr. Chenette will give very little personal attention to the hotel, as it will be in charge of Mr. Geougeon, who is very popular with the people of this community, and for years had charge of a train on the Crow. Already carpenters are at work making some repairs, as the manager proposes to have one of the neatest places in town. "You won't know the place," said Mr. Geougeon, "when the carpenters get through. We propose to make a number of changes and have an hotel where one can get the best."

MOYIE

From the Leader

Wm. Johnson of Trout Lake has opened a restaurant in the Farrell block.

The members of the Moyie Methodist church will hold a Christmas tree and entertainment in their church next Monday evening, December 26.

Dr. Watt of Fort Steel has been appointed quarantine officer for South East Kootenay.

There is good sleighing around Moyie but as yet there is not a particle of ice.

John Nichols left Wednesday for his home in Wallace, Idaho, and after remaining there a short time he will go to Arizona, where his father has charge of the building of a concentrator.

Frank McDevitt met with a painful accident Tuesday at the upper workings of the St. Eugene mine. He sprained his right ankle so badly that the services of a doctor were necessary. He was taken to the Cranbrook hospital Wednesday.

A. R. Clement, alderman, and one of the heaviest property holders in Nelson, and Wm. Cornell, a brewer of the same city, were here this week adjusting the estate of the late Robert Reisterer. Mr. Reisterer died some time in the Moyie brewery with Mr. Niederstadt.

Father Cloots was up from Fernie this week looking after some matters pertaining to the new Catholic church. The church has been painted and plastered, and Contractor Johnson has a little more work to do when it will be finished. According to present arrangements the first service will be held in it on Christmas day. The dedicatory service will be held later.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

South East Kootenay has at least five [illegible] Coal Creek, Michel, Morrissey, Fording river and Elko districts.

A gas coal of good quality, such as that found at Fording river, will readily give from [illegible] cubic feet of gas to the ton.

In the Crow's Nest areas the coal seams vary from [illegible] feet in thickness.

Authority of Southeast Kootenay possesses certain features that place it in a [illegible] attained by implicit adherence to business principles and the expenditure of economy and sound judgment.

The [illegible] production of minerals and the prosperity of the mineral region of Southeast Kootenay will not be attained until the completion of the Kootenay Central railway.

Journeying to the mines of Southeast Kootenay that already belong to the [illegible] paying class, there are a considerable number located in the main [illegible] that will be developed and prove [illegible] on the completion of the Kootenay Central.

The St. Eugene Mining Co. have a big contract on hand. They have to get out of the mine 19,000 tons of ore and concentrates before the first of July next. This means a daily output of 270 tons.

BLAIRMORE.

Last Monday evening our ratepayers again expressed their confidence in W. A. Beebe by electing him overseer for the ensuing year.

G. M. Fripp of Coleman has been re-elected by acclamation by the citizens of that place to succeed himself as overseer of Coleman for next year.

The machinery for the rope haulage system which is being installed at the Frank mines, is expected to arrive within the next few days.

The main entry at the Hillcrest mines, below Frank, is now in to a depth of 650 feet. It is being driven on a 14-foot vein of excellent steam and coking coal.

A company with a capitalization of $500 has been formed in Coleman for the purpose of putting in a rink at that place. Already considerable work has been done and the rink will be opened to the public in a few days.

KOOTENAY CENTRAL.

Southeast Kootenay is upon the threshold of prosperity. From the international boundary through the Kootenay and Columbia valley to Golden, a distance of about 180 miles, surveys for the Kootenay Central railroad are nearly completed.

The untold resources of East Kootenay, of mineral, lumber and agriculture, which are rapidly being developed, the large influx of settlers into these valleys, are the prime factors in the construction of this most important railway.

The route to be taken, on the east or west side of the Kootenay and Columbia rivers is as yet undetermined, and remains a matter of conjecture. It would seem from reports that the line will follow the east bank of the Columbia from Golden to Canal Flat, crossing the Kootenay river at a point near Finley creek, thence recrossing the Kootenay near Wasa, thence following the east bank of the Kootenay to Fort Steele, thence to a point on the Crow's Nest near Jaffray.

That this road will be built and without unnecessary delay early in the coming spring is a foregone conclusion. The promoters have declared that construction will commence at an early date and that work will be pushed as rapidly as possible

The building of the Kootenay Central will mean much to East Kootenay, and it is impossible to overestimate the benefit to be derived. The road will open up a new district with great agricultural possibilities and lumbering and mining resources of great potentiality. That the Columbia and Kootenay valleys will be changed from a scene of depression, caused by a lack of transportation, to a hive of busy industry by the advent of the K. C. R

That trade will be stimulated beyond calculation is a certainty, but with all the benefits direct and indirect that will accrue from the construction of this railway, the prospect of giving to the Canadian Pacific an almost direct route and a comparatively easy grade through the Rocky mountains is a most economical point, and a large portion of passenger and heavy freight traffic will pass over the Kootenay Central on its way to the Pacific coast. [illegible]

MINING PARAGRAPHS.

Skylark camp, between Greenwood and Phoenix, though long neglected, gives evidence of becoming the banner one of the Boundary district. The Rex is the finest producer of good specimens yet exposed. The [illegible] is a producing mine and the Skylark and Silver Cloud have been yielding some high grade ore.

Owing to the shortage of water on Twenty-mile creek, the Daly Reduction [illegible] temporarily stop the stamps [illegible] crush work in the Nickel Plate mine. It would be a misfortune if the stoppage were prolonged, as the company gives employment to a lot of men and is today the backbone of the Hedley camp.

A new [illegible] arc has begun by the discovery out of the ground from the grass roots sufficient product to meet the payroll. That is what is happening in a dozen high grade [illegible] camps. Money capital was necessary to put the Granby at Phoenix on a paying basis, and the Montreal and Boston in their present paying position, but nerve, faith and good management are a kind of capital which brings success.

A Strong Demand.

[illegible] dinars. There has been no attempt made to [illegible] the reason that there is no copper [illegible] ner. Stocks on hand amount [illegible] fully [illegible] of [illegible] All the copper taken out of the mines now is being rapidly put on the market.

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HERE'S TO CHRISTMAS

The sun has made its annual halt, and turned north to gladden the heart of man. Christmas is upon us, with all the joy that comes when we sink self and make glad those who are near or far from us. It is the time of the year when the Christian world thaws out, and does more to brighten the lives of each other and touch the leaden sky in this vale of tears with the silver of merriment, generosity and goodwill, than at any other time of the year. Families have reunions and amid the carving of turkeys and the slicing of plump plum puddings, moral man makes merry, and for the nonce forgets that every trail has its thorns, and he is very poor, indeed, (or dyspeptic) who cannot upon this joyful day bring danger of separation very near to the buttons on his waistcoat.

At Christmas we should forget everything that is evil and remember everybody, even the printer.

Then, here's to Christmas! May it endure while this sphere runs on schedule time, and THE LEDGE wishes everyone in the world unspotted merriment upon the day around which cluster our sweetest memories of the forms that have vanished, and the voices that are stilled.

A BILIOUS INDUSTRY.

The lumber industry in East Kootenay is suffering from an attack of commercial biliousness, and is aiming to receive the necessary physic at Ottawa in the form of protection against the mills of the United States. While the policy of protection is not in line with the former principles of the Liberal party, it seems about the only medicine that will blow health into the lumber business around these parts. The present condition of the industry has been brought about by the greed of the lumbermen in Oregon and Washington. When they saw the great demand for lumber in the Northwest territories they rushed into the market like a drove of hogs into a ripe corn field. Their policy was to cut and slash prices, and with no regard for their Canadian brethren, to get trade at all hazards. The policy has acted as a boomerang, for at the present moment the mills of Washington are in a state of financial collapse. The loggers refuse to sell logs below a certain price, and the railroads maintain the same position in reference to freight so that our greedy neighbors are forced to shut down their mills or raise the price of lumber. The latter course will make protection from Ottawa unnecessary, but it will take a few months for the mills of B. C. to recover from the rash raid made upon their natural market by a lot of grasping meddlers to the south of this glorious province. In an editorial upon the matter the Winnipeg Commercial says:

"Manitoba and the territories want a convenient market for produce. Already large quantities of dairy products from Manitoba are bought by British Columbia, and the Pacific province is an important market for Alberta producers. The development of the British Columbia market is, then, a matter of great importance to Manitoba and the Territories, and undoubtedly the growth of that market is retarded, if not seriously threatened, by the demoralization of the lumber industry in British Columbia, which is very largely, if not entirely, due to the existing tariff.

"A few weeks ago we commented upon the free lumber clause and altogether we saw unmixed blessing, and subsequent investigation has confirmed us in the opinion that the lumber industry should receive more protection. While the city in Manitoba and the Territories has been for cheap lumber, it is a fact that this has resulted in seriously retarding the growth of their own particular market across the Rockies. The prosperity of British Columbia depends upon the development of the natural resources of that province, one of the most important of which is languishing for lack of protection. It seems to us that merely from the improved market for produce, Manitoba and the Territories would almost find greater protection of the lumber industry worth while.

"But the question is of wider importance. The single aim of every province should be the upbuilding of the Dominion as a whole. The United States has proved the value of a home market. By the development of a home market every province is eventually a gainer. Imports and exports are principally valuable as they build up the home market. The farmer this fall realizes the value of the home market when he notes the price of wheat across the border, sees himself debarred from his own particular foreign market, because Russia happens to be exporting very heavily. It is the home market that counts, and why, by the way, should we buy so much lumber from the States, when they buy so little from us?"

MUZZLING THE PRESS.

When the press can be controlled by wealth it augurs ill for the community or nation. The people are largely to blame for this. As a rule they are indifferent in support to a paper whose editor is honest. They often allow him to starve while fighting their battles. The following statement from the Springfield Republican will show how wealth muzzles the press, even in England:

"One way to undermine a cause or a party is to buy up its newspapers. In the passing of the London Standard into the proprietorship of Arthur Pearson, the free trade Conservatives, who have been standing out against Mr. Chamberlain's tariff schemes, have lost their only support in the daily journalism of London. The Standard, with its Tory traditions, has been an irritating obstacle to Mr. Chamberlain's efforts in turning the Conservative party into a protectionist organization. So Mr. Pearson, the millionaire friend of Mr. Chamberlain and the publisher of many journals and magazines, comes along and snaps up the Standard almost while you wait. The power of money is nowhere seen so clearly as in its ability to dictate what the people shall read in their newspapers. Such, indeed, is the lesson of the sudden flop of the London Standard from free trade to protection."

EVERYTHING is not brass that Glitters.

TODAY is the shortest day in the year, although within the past six months we have seen shorter.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER can afford to seek health amid the flowers and sunshine of the glorious climate of Southern California, while Borden has to content himself with the rigor of the breeze that blows against Nova Scotia.

THOUSANDS of people attribute Laurier's success in Canada, and Roosevelt's in the United States to the personality of the men. The real reason is known to the wise, but it will do no good to discuss it in a local paper.

ONE of the best ways to build up a town is to subscribe for the local paper, and send as many to your friends as your means will permit. At a distance the people judge a town more by its newspapers than anything else.

THE LEDGE was the first paper to advocate the building of a mint in Canada, and the other day the contract to build one in Ottawa was let at a cost for the building alone of $265,000. This shows the power of the press even if it does take a few years to bring certain things about.

IT has been recently discovered that there is a crack in the moon. With spots on the sun, a crack in luna, and the Grits at the sack in Ottawa, we would not be surprised to see this old earth tilt over, collide with some mightier planet and be smashed into broken and floating atoms upon the endless expanse of space.

Intolerable Provocation.

I admit that I hit the plaintiff, said Sobbobs, and I'd do it again if—

Come! Come! interrupted the magistrate, don't talk that way.

Judge, I was down in my cellar last night, trying to coax the furnace to give out some heat. In the midst of my work the bell rang and I had to answer it. When I opened the door this man stepped in and tried to sell me a patent fire extinguisher!

DRINKS NOT WELL KNOWN

Violet cordial, a drink beloved of Yorkshiremen, is one of the best of the home-brewed drinks. Made from freshly-plucked sweet violets, it is often kept for years by farmers, who drink it sparingly in tiny glasses, yet it retains all the delicious aroma of the fragrant flower from which it takes its name.

Home-made sloe wine is a drink which takes a lot of beating as a thirst quencher. It is especially popular in Durham.

Cowslip wine is another prime favorite unknown to the inhabitants of cities. So, too, are a host of "teas," famous in rural parts not only for their refreshing, but also for their curative powers.

Years ago, before the tea from India and China could be bought cheaply, beverages brewed from mint, pennyroyal, dandelion, wild thyme, marjoram, camomile, balm, calamint and similar herbs, were almost universal.

Even today their fame is not dead, and they are frequently resorted to by housewives in hot weather, and when any small ailment shows itself in their families.

Leaves plucked from strawberry plants and currant bushes make a fragrant beverage, as do ribwort and thoroughwort, the latter both as a refresher and curative, being found in very many households.

Strange as it may seem, a drink can be made from sawdust. Here is the recipe:

Two tons of sawdust are boiled with sulphuric acid for three hours, the liquid matter then extracted by pressure, neutralized, left for eighteen hours to cool and clarify, and then fermented for four or five days.

The resulting alcohol is then distilled and rectified, but a yield of about nine and a half quarts of spirit to every hundredweight of sawdust is obtained. Quantities of this are consumed in France.

Palm wine is made from the sap oozing from the cut-off blossom stems of the oily palm tree, and of the cocoa tree. It is a pleasant, refreshing beverage, and not sufficiently known.

Isitshimiyana is the weirdy name given to a deadly intoxicant made from molasses by the natives of Natal. An analysis of this drink made some time ago by an eminent doctor showed that it was 50 per cent stronger than any known alcohol.—Straw Stories.

Fashion Fooled.

Thomas Fogarty, the illustrator, was talking about modern fashions in dress.

"It is hard to keep up with the fashions," he said. "They are certainly confusing. The other night at the theatre a man in the rear seat all of a sudden jumped up excitedly.

"'Down with that red umbrella in front!' he cried.

"But his wife pulled him back into his chair.

"'For mercy sake, hush!' she whispered. 'That isn't an umbrella; it's a new winter hat'."

Up-to-Date Costume.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, famous for her dramatic art and her pet dog, Pinky Panky Poo, a Japanese spaniel of high culture, while in Washington recently went driving one day and incidentally dropped in to see a friend. The air was chilly, in fact cold, and Mrs. Campbell wore a long coat of Russian sable. Pinky or Panky or Poo was in a warm spot underneath the coat, his shaggy little head, his eyes and white teeth peering out.

"Oh, what a lovely coat that is," exclaimed Mrs. Campbell's hostess as she stroked it; "and what an odd frog you've got there at the button," as she took hold of Pinky's head. Pinky repulsed the gentle squeeze with a snap.

"My heavens!" exclaimed the actress's friend. "What is that?"

"Oh!" exclaimed the actress laughingly. "It's just a little Jap that's got under a Russian's hide."—New York Times.

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HORRORS OF WAR

Wild orgies and the stillness of death, the boisterous singing of jovial soldiers tonight and the heart-piercing cries of the singers tomorrow as they lie wounded in the Manchurian millet fields, calling vainly for human help or divine succor—such are the two stages of the grim dance of death which is now being performed by hundreds of thousands in the Far East. Official and journalistic reports, indeed, describe the men as cheerful and eager for the fray, but athwart the smoke of the battlefield we catch a glimpse of soul-searing pictures which words cannot reproduce; and the Russian people, realizing them in their dim, vague way, hate the very name of war. Death, certain death, awaits so many; but it is not only the end they fear, but the nameless tortures that accompany it—the long nights spent in muddy trenches or on slippery hill-slopes, the long days of gnawing hunger, maddening thirst, and mortal terror, and then the endless ages to be passed amid the dying and the dead in agonies of unrelieved pain. That is one reason why so many men, summoned to arms, prefer to blow out their brains or enter the "open door" in their own way rather than to be drafted to the front. In Odessa, during the mobilization, strong men went stark mad; women, praying that their husbands might be released, brought dead children prematurely into the world; and whole families sought speedy death by suicide, and murder, rather than face the horrors of the battlefields. For they had learned some details.

A wearisome journey of weeks in a mephitic railway truck, and the soldiers are dumped down in Harbin. Healthy, pleasant, simple-minded fellows, most of them from the soil. In Harbin they "rest" and "prepare." Vodka, cards and coarse pleasures are the preparations made by most, their maxim being "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Drunken soldiers, General Volkoff declares, in his order of the day, are met with at every hand's turn, in the streets as well as at the railway station. Many of them are insolent and disobedient, he adds, and have to be tried by court martial. And the general's sketch is thus filled in by a Russian:

"Scarcely had I quitted the train at Liaoyang when the wounded began to come in. Some were in Chinese two-wheelers, others on stretchers; while many limped along holding each other. Gradually the moaning and groaning and shrieking of the bleeding and bandaged soldiers grew in volume, till it deadened the din of the railway station. More and more the the atmosphere became saturated with that peculiar smell of blood which is known only on the battlefield.

"But that melancholy picture had no sobering effect upon a group of elegant, dandified Cossack officers who had just arrived from St. Petersburg. Five paces from the dying and the dead they sat merrily drinking their champagne and flavoring it with obscene jests. Only in war are such contrasts possible, for here men cease to wear their masks, and show themselves as they are. Hard by lie the wounded, the dying and the dead, among them the black figures of Catholic and Orthodox priests, walking to and fro, now you hear human moans and shrieks, now the thunderous boom of cannon, and you note the arrival of officers, lean and wasted by hunger and hardships, and, cheek by jowl with these, you witness the orgies of half-drunken men, faultlessly dressed by the most fashionable tailors of the capital; you hear the pop of champagne bottles, the laugh that greets ribald jests and and anecdotes, the requests of painted women, who, even at this supreme moment, try to wheedle tipsy officers out of their last rubles. It is to be regretted, writes the leading war correspondent, Nemirovitch Danchenko, that some officers on their way to join their regiments go so far as to treat the Sisters of Charity as they are wont to treat women of the class that follows in the rear of the army."

Soon the men are rested and ready to be sacrificed to the Moloch of war. They march over hills and mountains, dragging heavy guns up muddy slopes, stumbling and falling on the way. Five miles for a day's march is often the extent of their progress. At night they sleep on the side of a mountain, which is often so steep that the more experienced put a heap of stones to keep them from falling. A rainstorm [illegible] to the skin. At night, jaded and footsore, they are told that the food transports have not yet arrived, so most of them throw themselves on the ground, wrap their bodies in their overcoats, and seek the short peace of sleep in anticipation of the endless sleep of death. Well built, cheerful, brave young fellows, they often die without getting a glimpse of the enemy. It was thus that a fine body of colossal Caucasians came recently to Mukden, resolved to justify their reputation for intrepidity. They had been the scourge of Daghestan.

"I should like to see you at work," a correspondent remarked to one of the chiefs. "You cannot see us," was the answer. "We shall creep out at dead of night, and the crack of rifles and the moans of our dying victims are all you can hear. Next day hundreds of Japanese wives will be widows." And the same correspondent saw the men a few weeks later, tottering into Mukden, haggard, pale, dejected, their heads bandaged, their arms in slings—piteous objects, all of them. "At what battle were you wounded?" he inquired of one of them. "I don't know. None of us knows." "How is that?" "We were at no battle." Where did you get wounded, then?" "We don't know." "But surely you fired on the Japanese or they on you." "We didn't fire on anyone. We never saw the Japanese. Fire from heaven came down and destroyed us."

That fire from heaven has been often likened to a hell upon earth by the soldiers who passed through it and outlived the experience.

The clouds rained bullets, shrapnel, and bombs like hailstones in a summer storm, says one man who witnessed the last great engagement. Whole companies were literally riddled with steel, and the soil was made muddy with their blood. A few remained, but seeing no officers, nothing but corpses and quivering forms, calling for speedy death, they turned and fled. The colonel stopped them on the way.

"How dare you run away, you——" he shouted. The men hung their heads. The officer used strong and still stronger language. Then one of the men said: "We cannot face the fire your excellency. There are no officers, no sergeants, no—" "Back to your places or I'll have you shot. Begone this minute!"

And they went slowly to the butchery and returned no more.

It was appalling to watch the officers, each one advancing at the head of his men, writes the correspondent of the Russkia Viedomosti, trying to keep up their courage. For death was writ large on his white face. The soldiers followed him, making the sign of the cross. The second battalion marched into that field of carnage, then two companies of the reserve, followed by two others, then another company and another battalion, but not one came back.

For three days we have had nothing to eat, said a soldier to a war correspondent. Here, take your fill, replied the hospitable reporter. I can't eat here. Why not? There is an officer with me, and he is worse off than myself. Well, call him too. He won't come. He's ashamed. But if you let me take him some food he will be grateful.

And the journalist saw from his tent the figure of a famished officer leaning against a wall. The commissariat is said to be much better than it was during the Turkish campaign, but judging by the private letters of officers and the casual revelations of correspondents, it could hardly be worse. True, the roads are often impassable, and transports cannot reach the troops for days. Sometimes, too, a whole detachment is clean forgotten.

We suffer endless hardships, writes an officer, and we live in filth. It is the Red Cross and the societies for succoring the wounded that have frequently to feed the soldiers on active service. The head delegate of the Red Cross writes: The troops at the front are suffering horribly from the lack of victuals, of linen, and of clothing. The Red Cross society distributes bread, tea, sugar and tinned meats to the soldier in battle. Boots and overcoats come from the same sources, not from the commissariat. Sleep is almost as hard to obtain as food. We officers cannot lie down at night, writes a captain to his wife, even after a day of killing fatigue. We must stand over our sleeping men and watch, for, restless and nervous, they jump up every now and again, fire off their rifles and a panic ensues, one part of the troops blazing away at another. We are responsible, and have to take it in turns to watch.

[illegible] in battle, writes an officer, for hell's torments await the wounded. When we were fighting the Boxers, we each one kept a bullet in reserve for himself, for fear of Chinese tortures. But those sufferings [illegible] what hundreds of our poor fellows undergo now. Hours often pass before they are picked up, and many lie hidden in the millet fields or in the trenches for a whole day. Darkness and loneliness, silence broken by harrowing groans, cold, thirst, and piercing pain, the feeling of utter helplessness, the fear of creeping madness or advancing death, are experiences realized only by one who has undergone them. And when at last the wounded are removed, they often beseech the assistants to put an end to their lives. To be conveyed in a Chinese arba is exquisite torture. Men with limbs almost severed throw themselves out, refusing to be drawn in those vehicles. And even of these there is only a small number. Crowds of wounded soldiers have to drag themselves along for sixty-five miles to have their shattered arms or injured bodies washed and dressed.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Oh, Christmas tide is coming soon with mirth and merry cheer;
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What matter if we're very poor and destitute of pelf,
Why, don't you know, the nicest gifts are those you make yourself.

We'll take a broken sewer pipe for an umbrella jar,
Just put a coat of gilt paint on—and there's a gift for pa!
A sofa pillow for mama—oh how her eyes will dance;
She'll never guess 'twas once a pair of father's pants.

A quinine pill-box painted blue will make a bonbonniere,
A picture painted on the top, to give a stylish air;
From uncle's old suspenders we can fix a belt for Kate,
And mark it "Price $2.00," it will please her, sure as fate.

An empty pickle bottle will make such lovely vase;
Tie scarlet ribbon round it, label "With much love for Grace."
A box with ma's old wrapper, too, upholstered nice and neat,
Will be a handsome footstool for our dear old grandma's feet.

Oh, won't our friends be glad to get these presents we have made.
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NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of 30 clear days from this date, I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the District in which the undermentioned lands are situate for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum for a term of one year over the following described lands; situate in the District of South East Kootenay about three miles West of the summit of the Rocky Mountains and about twelve miles North of the Kootenay Pass trail, commencing at a post marked North West corner of David M. Carley's coal and petroleum location, thence running South 80 chains, thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.
Located and dated the 6th day of November, 1904.
DAVID M. CARLEY, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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Located and dated the 6th day of November, 1904.
RICHARD C. CLARK, Locator.
David Black, Agent

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Located and dated the 4th day of November, 1904.
J. G. GORDON, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of 30 clear days from this date I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the district in which the undermentioned lands are situate for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum for a term of one year over the following described lands; situate in the District of South East Kootenay, about four miles west of the summit of the Rocky mountains and about thirteen miles north of the Kootenay Pass trail, commencing at a post marked South West corner of Ambles S. Gray's coal and petroleum location, thence running North 80 chains, hence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.
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The lands to be affected by the said works are all land adjoining on the said Elk River for the full distance of the proposed works.
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