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FIRE PROTECTION

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED.

Great Interest is Being Taken by the Citizens and Several Contributions Have Been Received. Ball on Feb. 22nd.

Last Saturday night a general meeting was held by the residents and property owners of Merritt to consider what measure should be taken for the prevention of fires in the town.

The meeting agreed to ask the government to appoint three fire wardens. The following were chosen by the meeting to be submitted to the government: Geo. E. Hygh, Walter Clark and S. Hyland. The meeting then proceeded to organize a Volunteer Fire Company and appointed H. S. Cleasby as Chairman; J. A. Menzies, Secretary; A. Jackson, Treasurer; S. U. Thomas, A. J. Gordon and N. Peterson, Committee, with power to add to their number. A. S. Howes was unanimously elected Captain with power to appoint subordinate officers.

The Captain announced that a practice would be held in a few days with a lowdown pump kindly offered by Mr. Menzies.

The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday evening when another meeting took place and G. B. Armstrong was appointed chairman for the meeting. The matter was discussed whether to use the private wells and have them dug deeper or dig a few large wells on the public road. Several contributions have been received. G. B. Armstrong and L. G. Lobsinger were then appointed committee men with power to add to their number, to hold a ball in the near future which will take place on Monday, February 22nd in order to raise more funds. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, February 3rd.

Killed Two, Then Suicided.

W. L. Seeley, an attorney and former national bank examiner, his wife Mrs. Kate M. Seeley and his daughter Miss Rene Seeley, recently a student at the University of Washington, were found dead at their Capital hill home, Seattle, with their heads submerged in water that filled the bathtub. On their heads were visible the marks of some heavy blunt instrument such as a hammer, with which their lives had been crushed out.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denis Murphy of Ashcroft took a trip to Victoria.

Mr. Jas. Chapman is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre.

Mrs. Pooley has gone to Vancouver and Victoria on a month,s visit.

B. R. Trevor from Buffalo, N. Y. is now bookeeper for the Diamond Vale Collieries, Ltd.

Karl Anderson left for Nanaimo. He intends prospecting in the Klondyke in the Spring and retun next Fall.

The many friends of Archie Jackson will be pleased to learn that he is able to be around again.

The ambulance class resumes lectures on Sunday at 10 a. m. at Middlesboro. Examination will take place in a couple of weeks.

W. J. Henderson of the Otter Flat Hotel, Tulameen, invites YOU to his dance on Friday night, February 6th. Everybody welcome.

Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in British Columbia, arrived in the Valley on Friday's train.

BORN.

BERKELEY.—At Merritt, Friday, Jan. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Berkeley, a daughter.

T. F. Vicary of Lower Nicola who has spent the last few months at Coldwater trapping and shooting was in town today, getting a supply of hunter's outfit.

A party of ladies consisting of Mrs. Mickle, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs Pooley and Miss Thompson from Nicola enjoyed a sleigh drive down to Willowdale last Saturday.

The report published in a Coast paper this week stating that Mr. Gottlieb, a former Nicola Valley resident had committed suicide is of no foundation as the last issue of that paper shows.

W. H. Richardson of Ashcroft arrived in the metropolis on Monday. Mr. Richardson is a first-class hockey player which will strengthen our team a good deal when they will have another practice match with Middlesboro on Sunday afternoon. The Middlesboro team has also been strengthened by the arrival of Wm. Kneale, so that a good game is being looked for.

Church Services.

Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, B.A. will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Nicola, on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 11 a. m. and Rev. D. K. Allan at 7.30 a.m.

The Rev. Geo. A. Wilson will conduct services in Hyland's hall, Merritt on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 7 p.m.

Church of England:

Rev. Jas. Thompson will hold services in Hyland's hall, Merritt on Sunday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m.

OF LOCAL IMPORT

JIM JEFFRIES AND JACK JOHSON EXPECTED TO MEET.

12,000,000 Acres of Grain Planted in the Three Prairie Provinces During the Past Year.—Chinese Celebration.

Those who are on the inside and know the ways and habits of Jim Jeffries are of the the opinion that the big boilermaker will be seen in the ring in a champion contest. That his opponent will be Jack Johnson and the fight will take place inside of a year is the general belief of fight fans around San Francisco.

Every indication points to the big fellow's re-entry into the roped arena.

His recent decision to do light gymnasium work is taken by keener observers as the first step of the former champion to get ready for a battle with Johnson.

When they asked Jeff to fight the black champion ha replied that he did nit want to fight any more. "I have all the money I want and intend living here in Los Angeles with my family." But, now the champion is doing light work in a vaudeville stunt. All of which goes to show that he means business.

12,000,000 Acres of Grain.

The statistics covering the production and distribution of grain in the three prairie provinces during 1908 show that the season was the most successful in in the history of the west. The aggregate quantity was the largest ever secured there, while the quality was above the average. The rapidity and ease with which the bulk of the export surplus was moved out established a record in transportation which is not likely to be surpassed for many years to come, and which is little less than remarkable when the facilities for grain movement are analyzed. The farmer as a general rule, secured a big yield, found a ready market at high prices, and received his returns at an earlier period in the season than he had ever done before.

The principal attention is still paid to the cultivation of wheat, although oats is becoming a more and more important factor in the total output. Barley is not yet a conspicuous item, except in Manitoba, but it is a good third. Flax ranks next in order, and the other grains are minor considerations.

Chinese New Years Day

Yesterday was Chinese New Year's Day, a moveable feast, corresponding to our Easter. The Chinese have two years, civil and astronomical, the latter being similar to our year. This system has prevailed for over 4,000 years. The civil year is of 12 lunar months, but another is accordingly added by the astronomer at Pekin. The rule for determining the date of the New Year came into force with the Ham Dynasty 1,115 years ago, and in the first day of that moon, in the course of which the sun enters the constellation, which we call "Pisces," or the fishes. This would lead to confusion between the two years, therefore periods of 19 years were established, 12 of which have 12 moons each and 7 thirteen moons. This will serve to explain how it happened that the date of the Chinese New Year varies. For a few days the Chinese will keep holiday.

George C. Bent, a pioneer resident of the Nicola country, is registered at the Winters Hotel. Mr. Bent emigrated from Cumberland County, N. S. in 1849 and about nine years later entered British Columbia by the Fraser River route. Staging was then the modern method of transportation known to British North America, when he left the Atlantic province, and his first acquaintance with the steam railway was made in the Rocky Mountains, at Spences Bridge.—News-Adv.

Local Option in Ontario.

The results of the local option campaign recently carried on in Ontario are quite significant. In the new contests on the Local Option question 17 municipalities voted for local option and 21 against. In this connection a three-fifths vote is required to carry the local option measure.

Kelowna's water and electric light plant is in operation. The total outlay will come to about $30,000 for the electrical equipment and $6,000 for the pump trenching and water mains for the area to be provided with water at the outset for fire protection.

Mr. A. E. Miller, who, for the past five years has been principal of the public schools at Revelstoke, was notified on Monday of his appointment to the position of inspector of public schools for the province of British Columbia.

John Cowley is erecting a residence on the Conklin Townsite, Nicola Ave., and the Armstrong Cottage that he is vocating will be occupied by a new arrival in town namely R. J. McGregor and family. Mr. McGregor is a painter and decorator of the best and the handiwork can be seen on the handsome posts in G. B. Armstrong's store and house.

Nicola Correspondence.

T. Johnson, section foreman on the Nicola branch, and residing in town got his leg injured two weeks ago. He is progressing fairly well and will be able to attend to his duties 'ere long.

Wm. McIntyre of Merritt was a Nicola visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hygh of Merritt were at Nicola Tuesday.

E. Dodd engineer on the Nicola branch took a trip to Vancouver Monday.

George Bent accompanied by two horse dealers took a business trip to Douglas Lake Tuesday.

The general meeting of the Nicola Athletic Association held at the Bank of Montreal on Tuesday evening was well attended.

Mrs. E. Dodd is a Nicola visitor.

J. Guichon was in the burg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jackson and daughter spent Thnrsday in town.

Mrs. Fish of Vancouver arrived on Monday for a days' visit.

A lecture on the Holy Land will be given by the Rev. O. M. Sanford on Friday evening at 8.30 p. m. in Pooley's Hall. Everybody welcome.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING

WAS WELL ATTENDED AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS TOOK PLACE.

Delegate Instructed To Bring Several Interesting Questions Before Central Farmers Institute, Such as Cattle Guards, Etc.

The Farmers' Institute meeting was held on Wednesday at Hyland's Hall and was well attended.

The following officers were elected:

President, H. S. Cleasby.
Vice-Pres., Thos. Heslop.
Sec.-Treas,, W. B. Jackson.

DIRECTORS:

D. Dodding, C. D. Collett, J. H. Collett, H. H. Matthews and R. Clarke.

AUDITORS:

R. M. Woodward, R. W. Dodding.

Delegate to Central Farmers' Institute; H. H. Matthews.

The delegate was instructed to bring before Central Farmers Institute the following questions:

The state of the Railway fences and cattle guards, neither of which will keep stock off the track.

The question of compensation by Railway Company for stock killed on tracks.

The sending of a speaker or speakers on Irrigation questions to Institutes in the Dry Belt.

Also the question of stricter enforcement of Thistle Act, particularly on road allowance and Indian Reserves.

The Delegates to the Irrigation Conference at Vernon gave a concise and interesting account of their trip. The secretary was instructed to see that the provisions of "The Horse Breeders Protection Act,' were observed in Nicola Institute District.

Kootenay Fruit Growers.

The Kootenay Fruit-growers' Association has made arrangements with the Dominion Express company for the agents of that company to arrange sales and to do other business in connection with the disposal of the next season's crop.

This action will do away with the services of a good many middle men, and will probably prove to be a very satisfactory way of handling the fruit shipped to the prairies.

THE NICOLA HERALD

L. G. LOBSINGER, Publisher.

MERRITT, B.C., JANUARY 22, 1909.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Petition is in circulation of getting a central telephone office put in town, which would be a great benefit for both business men and private residents. It would give more satisfaction all around and would be highly appreciated and patronized by our citizens. Keep the ball rolling.

The Merritt citizens are not satisfied with the present state of affairs in regards to fire protection. Something should be done of course, if we want to get a real outfit we should get it on time, for it would be too hard on the present residents, to raise enough funds to meet the demands. Therefore let's all get together on February 3rd and discuss the matter thoroughly.

The mineral production in the United States now exceeds $2,000,000,000 per annum, and it contributes more than 65 per cent. to the total freight traffic of the country.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Estate of Charles M. Newkirk. deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late Charles Mortimer Newkirk, who died on the 20th September, 1908, at Merritt, B. C., are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned solicitor herein for H. S. Cleasby and Sophia M. Newkirk, the executor and executrix of the will of the deceased, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the 1st March 1909 the said executor and executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated 15th January, 1909.

M. L. GRIMMETT.

Nicola, B. C., Solicitor for the executors.

NOTICE

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase 480 acres mountain pasture land.

Beginning at the S. W. corner of my pre-emption on the Pot Hole Creek in the Nicola district, running 80 chains west, 40 chains horth, 40 chains east, 40 chains north, 40 chains east then 80 chains south to place of beginning, making 480 acres more or less.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all placer claims, legally held in the Kamloops, Ashcroft, Nicola and Similkameen Mining Divisions of Yale District will be laid over from the 1st day of November ensuing until the 1st day of May, 1909.

G. C. TUNSTALL,
Gold Commissioner.

Kamloops, B.C., Oct. 31st, 1908.
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GEO. WARD, - PROP

LAND ACT

Kamloops Division—Yale Land District, District of Nicola.

Take notice that Dell King of Nicola, occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described Lands: Commencing at a post planted at S.E. corner of Lot 704, thence south 20 chains, west 80 chains, north 20 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement. DELL KING

28th December, 1908 9

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COUTLEE.

LOCAL NOTES

The British Columbia Legislative Assembly met yesterday.

Abel Wain and Vietor Hansan arrived to-day from Vancouver.

J. A. Menzies received a carload of Flour and Feed this week.

George Dickson from Quilchena went to the coast yesterday on a short trip.

Don't forget the Jeweller at Nicola. Your repairs will be promptly attended to at coast prices. J. B. Haddad, Nicola, B. C.

Mrs. Bills and Mrs. Kaleen beg to announce a sheet and pillow slip dance next Thursday, January 28th, at 9 p.m. Everyone cordially invited.

Leeworthy & Scribbens took possession of the Middlesboro Boarding house yesterday which was formerly conducted by George McMillan.

A picked team comprising of members of Nicola and Middlesboro played a clean game of hockey against the locals on Sunday afternoon. A large crowd assembled to witness the game, ending in a tie of 3 to 3.

FORESTERS' ANNUAL BALL.—The first dance of the year will be given by the Foresters of Court Nicola, in Pooley's Hall, on Saturday, February 12th. Everything will be in first-class shape and a sumptuous supper will be served by Bro. Kirby in the Driard Hotel at 12 p. m. Tickets: Gentlemen, $2.00; Ladies, free.

NOTICE

All persons having accounts against The Nicola Herald and Ric. A. Fraser are requested to send them to the undersigned. All accounts owing to The Nicola Herald up to December 31st, 1908, are payable to the undersigned and all accounts against will be settled by RIC. A. FRASER.

Merritt, B. C., Dec. 31st, 1908.

NOTICE.

Jimmie Smith is back at the old stand —Lower Nicola blacksmith shop—and is prepared to do all kinds of horseshoeing, wagon and machinery repairing, general blacksmithing and wheelwrighting. Will be pleased to serve all old customers and the public promptly. Satisfaction guaranteed. 34tf.

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M. A. A.

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NICOLA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that the Provincial Revenue Tax, and all assessed taxes and income tax assessed and levied under the Assessment Act, are now due and payable for the year 1909. All taxes collectible for the Nicola Assessment district, are due and payable at my office, situated at Nicola. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Nicola, January 2nd, 1909.
GEO. MURRAY,
Assessor and Collector, Nicola Assessment District.
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