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SANTA CLAUS VISITS PENTICTON.

Successful Entertainment by School Children, followed by Distribution of Presents.

Christmas has come and gone once more and the hearts of children all over the country have been gladdened by the "peace on earrh, good will to men" spirit which pervades the air at this season; but it is safe to say that in no town of its size in the country could be found a brighter and happier group of children than that which, with their parents and friends, filled Steward's Hall almost to overflowing on Christmas Eve, the occasion being the general Xmas. tree and entertainment. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion; the large Xmas. tree standing in the centre of the platform was brilliant with the many - colored candles whose light was reflected by the numerous gilt and silver ornaments wound among the branches; while the eager, happy faces and beautiful dresses of the children completed as charming a Yuletide picture as old Santa Claus would see in all his travels.

Principal Barker, of the public school, performed the duties of chairman very acceptably, maintaining good order throughout the evening. After an appropriate opening address by the chairman, the following program was given by the children:

Chorus	Maple Leaf
Recitation	Leslie Roadhouse
Piano Duet,	W. Matthias, Allie Barnes
Drill Song,	Grandpa's Guard Group of Boys
Recitation	Ruth Layton
Action Song	The Windmill
Recitation	Three Boys
Piano Study	Hazel Randolph
Recitation	Reggie Shatford
Drill Song	Group of Girls
Recitation	The Christmas Cure Constance Kinney
Chorus	Never Forget the Dear Ones
Piano Study	Winnie Matthias
Recitation	Christina Power
Musical Drill	The Little Ones
Chorus	Christmas Song
Recitation	My Troubles Winnie Matthias
Recitation	Santa Claus A. Barnes
	Santa Claus Appears
Round	Good Night

Among the numbers receiving special applause were the choruses by the pupils of the school. They had been carefully trained by Mr. Barker, and their singing reflected great credit on his ability as leader as well as on the pupils themselves. The recitation of Constance Kinney was also a specially well - rendered number and shows her to be possessed of much talent and ability in this direction. In fact the whole program reflected great credit on the children themselves as well as on those who had taken such pains to train them.

At the proper time Mr. J. Edmonds, as Santa Claus, appeared on the scene, wrapped up in his usual fur coat, cap, etc., and wearing his customary string of bells. Owing to the very large number of presents to be distributed, he brought his private secretary (Mr. L. H. Plummer) to assist him. The latter wore his official uniform and cap, and, besides rendering valuable assistance to his master, kept the whole audience amused by his laughable sayings and actions. Over 210 presents were given out, every child in the community being remembered, and receiving also a bag filled with candies, nuts, oranges, etc.

Before the singing of the "Good Night" chorus by the pupils, the chairman called for three cheers for Mrs. C. A. C. Steward, who had been indefatigable in her efforts to make the entertainment a success. Needless to say, they were given with a will by the children, as were also three cheers for the chairman, called for by Rev. Mr. Cleland.

After singing God Save the King, Santa Claus and his assistant shook hands all round and wished everyone a merry Xmas; and, judging by the satisfied looks and the remarks of the children, his wish would come true as far as they were concerned at least.

Besides those already mentioned, Miss MacKinlay and Miss Yuill are among those to whom credit is also due for helping to make the entertainment a success.

PENTICTON vs. KELOWNA

Football Match Score Two to One Favor Kelowna.

Quite an exciting football match was played on the Penticton grounds Thursday afternoon when the Kelowna team met that of Penticton in the first game of the season.

L. A. Hayman brought the Kelowna boys down in his steam launch, arriving about 2:30 p.m.. the hour at which the match had been announced to begin. Most of the business places closed and a good number of people turned out to witness the event, notwithstanding a rather disagreeable wind was blowing. It was 3:30 before all the players arrived at the grounds and Norman Hill, the referee, gave the signal to begin playing. The Penticton line up comprised, W. Corbishley, goal; Geo. Corbishley and Brown, full backs; Huycke. Rowe, and Wootten, half backs; Scott, Adams, McLean, Gibbons, and Johnson, forwards. The Kelowna line up consisted of, Harvey, goal; Hudson and Willis, full backs; Wilkinson, Davis, Barker, half backs; Cummins, Fraser, Davies, Scholl, and Mathie, forwards.

Throughout the first half, although the wind rather favored the Kelowna team, the ball was kept pretty evenly distributed over the field occasionally coming dangerously near the Penticton goal, and then working its way back to the Kelowna end of the field. During nearly half an hour's playing, it was difficult for the onlookers to form an opinion as to which side would win. It really began to look as though neither side would score. Both goal-keepers did their work well, and often by a hair's breadth kept the ball from passing between the stakes. In just twenty-seven minutes after the start, the ball, which had been lingering for a time near the Penticton stakes, by a few fortunate kicks was sent to the opposite end of the field, where it was kicked through by Homer McLean, making a goal for Penticton. Fifteen minutes later, just before half time was called, Davis scored for Kelowna.

The game was now even and interest increased as the boys lined up for the second half. In ten minutes Scholl scored a second for Kelowna, and after this the visiting team merely played defence, while the local boys vainly endeavored to retrieve their fortunes and make the game a tie. Darkness coming on, it was found necessary to cut the last half from forty-five to thirty minutes, so the score stood two to one in favor of Kelowna.

The game, throughout, was contested in a friendly spirit, both sides putting up a clean though vigorous fight. The Penticton boys had only been out to practice once, while one of their players was not in the game. The Kelowna team also lacked some of their leading lights.

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WILLIAMS' JUBILEE SINGERS

Delight Large and Appreciative Audience.

The concert given by the Williams' Original Dixie Jubilee Singers on Monday evening was the finest musical entertainment ever given in Penticton. Although the weather was very unfavorable Steward's large hall was filled almost to its full seating capacity by a most enthusiastic audience. The entertainment consisted of familiar plantation melodies and other popular songs. It was one of the few occasions on which the people here had the privilege of listening to the old favorites, and the manner in which the clever Dixie Singers rendered them, left nothing to be desired.

The company was probably best in chorus work, although the solos rendered were also very good and the quartettes superb. C. P. Williams was the funny man of the company and was perhaps the most acceptable performer, his humor being of the refined order, and, although rich in laughter, was at no time offensive. Mrs. Williams has a powerful contralto voice and is also possessed of a great deal of humor, while the company possesses an exceptionally good basso in J. S. Crabbe. G. L. Johnson, the tenor, has a very sweet voice, powerful enough to be heard in every part of the room, yet rich with melody.

Every part of the performance was bright, clean and enjoyable, and should the company ever again visit Penticton, they will be greeted by a still larger house. The programme, with the exception of a number of extras was as follows:

1. "Bridal Bells," chorus.
2. "We'll have a high old time," Mrs. Williams.
3. "Ding, Dong, Bells," Mrs. Williams.
4. "Love me and the world is mine," Mr. G. L. Johnson.
5. "Massa's in de cold, cold ground," Mr. Crabbe.
6. "Dreaming," Mr. J. H. Johnson.
7. "Way down upon the Swanee River," Mrs. Pitts.
8. "Sunset," male quartette. Encore, "Dried apple pies."
9. "Roll around," chorus.
10. "what the chimney sang," ladies quartette.
11. "Asleep in the deep," Mr. Crabbe.
12. "Poor John," Mrs. Williams.
13. "Philomel," Mrs. Green.
14. "All in, down and out," Mr. Williams.
15. "The old oaken bucket," male quartette.
16. "The old flag never touched the ground," chorus.

Local and Personal

BORN—On Dec. 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hill, a son.

R. Butt, of Kelowna, spent from Wednesday to Saturday in town.

J. D. Kearns, of Vernon, paid Penticton a short visit on Christmas evening.

Pansies are still blooming in the gardens within a few days of New Year's.

Homer McLean is home from Okanagan College, Summerland, on his Xmas vacation.

Word has been received from Dr. R. Mathison, dentist, of Greenwood, that he will open up an office in Penticton about January 10th.

Leon Blatchford, who has been living with Mr. W. J. C. Ede since his arrival in Penticton, two years ago, left on Thursday for his home in Woodstock, Ont., where he will reside with his parents in the future. His sterling qualities of heart and head won him the esteem of the entire community, and he will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

A. H. Harris, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, is spending the Christmas week here with his sons, Frank and Lloyd, of the Harris Nursery Co.

The family of Dr. Size, who have been attending college at Summerland, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents here.

Ernest Woods, who has been working with Mr. Latimer all summer and fall, left on Saturday last for Victoria, where he will pursue his studies for a few months. Ernest's pleasant smile and inspiring whistle will be greatly missed around town.

Jas. McRavey, of Banff, Alta., who is on a trip through the Boundary and Okanagan sections of the province, spent a couple of days in Penticton during the past week, a guest of W. A. McKenzie. Mr. McRavey drove in from the south, and is highly pleased with the country through which he passed, as well as that in the vicinity of Penticton. Our admirable townsite, climate and country, he thinks, assure the future importance of Penticton.

COMMUNICATIONS

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

To the Editor of THE PENTICTON PRESS:

DEAR SIR,—Your suggestion in a recent issue of the PRESS that a public reading room be opened at some central point in town for the benefit of the large number of young men in our midst who are without homes, is certainly timely and one which will no doubt meet with enthusiastic support of the best class of citizens as soon as the matter is taken up in earnest, and there could be no more fitting time than NOW while the days are short and so many would be glad to take advantage of the opportunity to improve their evenings amid such congenial surroundings as a reading room would afford. Another point in favor of an immediate start is that subscriptions to magazines, etc., could begin with the first issue of the new year.

A very small contribution from each one interested would be sufficient for a beginning. Most of the daily newspapers would, in all probability, be willing to donate a copy for such a worthy purpose if approached on the subject, and private parties have offered to contribute other current literature. What is most needed is a suitable location and a board of management to see that the same be kept clean and comfortable and proper order maintained. Such quarters as the front room over Wade's store or the rooms adjoining the post office would be very convenient if they could be obtained on satisfactory terms, or possibly other quarters might be secured equally desirable.

I would suggest that the PRESS follow up its practical proposal by opening a column for subscriptions for this object and as soon as the amount reaches $50 that a public meeting be called, and appoint the necessary officers to take the matter in charge.

Yours sincerely,

CITIZEN.

FRUIT GROWERS' EXCHANGE.

The Regular Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Southern Okanagan Fruit Growers' Association will be held on Monday evening, January 6, 1908, at 8 p. m., in the Woodmen's Hall, over W. R. King & Co's store.

The purpose of the meeting is the Election of Officers for the coming year and consideration of such other business as may come before it.

24-2 E. W. MUTCH, Sec'y.

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Shall We Incorporate?

The question of incorporation is one often heard discussed in Penticton, and there appears to be a pretty evenly divided opinion upon the subject. One point, however, upon which all will agree is that there are many questions upon which the powers given to a corporation couid be used much to advantage. For example, in the present unorganized condition of the place, it is next to impossible to deal with such questions as fire protection, water works or electric lighting. On the other hand, with additional powers, come additional responsibilities. The increase of taxation would be inevitable. This, however, may or may not be considered a disadvantage. If people are taxed heavier, but get better returns for their taxation, the increase may be looked upon merely as an investment. If competent men can be secured to administer municipal affairs, things may go well; if not, there is sure to be no end of trouble.

Up to the present time there can be no doubt that Penticton has fared much better than it would have done had it been incorporated and been obliged to foot the bill in opening up streets and roads.

The total assessment of Penticton and vicinity for 1906 amounted to about $270,000. In 1907 it had risen to $420,000. The taxes collected during the past year at two-fifths of one per cent., therefore, amounted to about $1,680, exclusive of school tax, a small amount to run a corporation with, particularly as the salaries of city clerk and city police would have to come out of that sum.

However, the year 1908 will see another increase in assessment raising it probably to $600,000. A tax of one per cent. levied upon that assessment would bring in a revenue of $6,000. This would be adequate for improvements and administration. We are, therefore, of opinion that it is now not too early to lay plans for the future administration of what we consider is destined to become the largest and most influential town in the entire Okanagan. The increased prestige the town and community would receive from incorporation, and the increased public spirit consequent upon the assumption of self government would, we believe, adequately compensate for any increased responsibilities.

Retrospect.

Although no figures, from which an exact calculation can be made, are obtainable, it is safe to estimate the increase in population of Penticton at not less than fifty per cent. for the year 1907. The population now exceeds six hundred, and, notwithstanding the unfavorable season for immigration, it is constantly being added to. This must be considered very favorable, in view of the fact that the place dates its history from little over two years back. So far developments have been made and people have subsisted almost exclusively upon imported capital. Nevertheless the improvement work of the past year has been up to the expectations of the most sanguine. Fully double the amount of land has been brought under cultivation or planted in orchard over the previous year. Building operations have kept pace. Numerous residences have gone up, a number of them as fine as can be found anywhere, while even the business portion of the town has witnessed important additions in buildings. Two new groceries have been established and a telephone system installed. Added to this roads in every direction have been extended and improved, and the foundations have been laid for even more extensive developments in the future.

With the year 1907 will pass most of the difficulties encountered by a struggling yaung community, and steady and even more rapid progress may be expected during 1908. Many of the orchards will begin bearing next summer, and this, of itself, will inspire a confidence never before experienced. Next spring and summer will see a growth and improvement in Penticton and vicinity far surpassing that of previous years, and, if the end of 1908 does not see the population somewhat over the thousand mark we are greatly mistaken.

Sunday School Anniversary.

The entertainment given by the Sunday School in the Methodist Church on Friday evening of last week was well attended, the building being packed to the full extent of its seating capacity by the parents and friends of the pupils. The children, without an exception performed their parts well and reflect considerable credit upon A. E. Bennett and others who were instrumental in training them, as well as upon the Sunday School itself. A very encouraging report of the work done by the school during the past year, showing a large increase numerically, was read by the secretary. An interesting feature of the programme was the awarding of diplomas to the scholars who had taken the highest number of marks in their classes during the year. The successful pupils numbered fifteen. Rev. Jas. Hood, of Summerland, made a very efficient chairman. Twenty-five cents admission was charged, the proceeds going towards the purchase of a library for the school. The programme was as follows:

Opening chorus, Who is this Child? by the School.
Address of welcome, Roy Rogers.
Prayer by the Supt., Rev. R. W. Hibbert.
Chorus, The King is Born, School.
Recitation, Visit of the Wise Men, by three Boys.
Exercise, Behold He Comes, five girls.
Recitation, Hail Him, Willie Nesbitt.
Exercise, Light of Lights, seven girls.
Chorus, What Song is This? by School.
Address, A few Christmas Thoughts, Rev. Mr. Hood.
Chorus, Behold o'er Syrian Plains, by the School.
Recitation, If you were a Little Boy, George Campbell.
Song, The Christmas Letter, Primary Class.
Recitation, The Owl Critic, Tom Martinson.
Solo, O Holy Babe, Miss Kate Ede and girls' chorus.
Exercise, The Night is full of Song, by nine girls.
Chorus, Christmas Bells, by the School.
Recitation, Grandpa's Version of Slang, Charlie Thompson.
Duet, Joy is Everywhere, Gladys Weeks and Pearl Laird and chorus by School.
Report of Secretary and Treasurer.
Awarding of Diplomas, Ass't Supt., W. J. C. Ede.
Announcements by the Superintendent.
Closing chorus, At the Portals of Light, School.
Benediction.

A dinner was served the children in the church on Monday afternoon.

School Closing.

The Public School held its closing examination on the afternoon of Friday the 20th. inst. The trustees and a number of the parents and friends of the pupils were on hand to witness the proceedings. The little people acquitted themselves well, and very thorough work appears to have been done in the three departments. The attendance of the school is rapidly increasing, and by the end of next term four teachers will doubtless be required. The intermediate and junior grades congregated in one room where a short program was given by the pupils, after which Santa Claus appeared and presented each scholar with an orange and a bag of candy. School then closed to re-open on the 6th. day of January.

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The Hound of the Baskervilles

Another Adventure of Sherlock Holmes.

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

Author of "The Green Flag" and "The Great Boer War"

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On our way back we stayed for lunch at Merripit House, and it was there that Sir Henry made the acquaintance of Miss Stapleton. From the first moment that he saw her he appeared to be strongly attracted by her, and I am much mistaken if the feeling was not mutual. He referred to her again and again on our walk home, and since then hardly a day has passed that we have not seen something of the brother and sister. They dine here to-night, and there is some talk of our going to them next week. One would imagine that such a match would be very welcome to Stapleton, and yet I have more than once caught a look of the strongest disapprobation in his face when Sir Henry has been paying some attention to his sister. He is much attached to her, no doubt, and would lead a lonely life without her, but it would seem the height of selfishness if he were to stand in the way of her making so brilliant a marriage. Yet I am certain that he does not wish their intimacy to ripen into love, and I have several times observed that he has taken pains to prevent them from being tete-a-tete. By the way, your instructions to me never to allow Sir Henry to go out alone will become very much more onerous if a love affair were to be added to our other difficulties. My popularity would soon suffer if I were to carry out your orders to the letter.

The other day—Thursday, to be more exact—Dr. Mortimer lunched with us. He has been excavating a barrow at Long Down, and has got a prehistoric skull which fills him with great joy. Never was there such a single-minded enthusiast as he! The Stapletons came in afterwards, and the good doctor took us all to the Yew Alley, at Sir Henry's request, to show us exactly how everything occurred upon that fatal night. It is a long, dismal walk, the Yew Alley, between two high walls of clipped hedge, with a narrow band of grass upon either side. At the far end is an old tumble-down summer-house. Half-way down is the moor-gate, where the old gentleman left his cigar-ash. It is a white wooden gate with a latch. Beyond it lies the wide moor. I remembered your theory of the affair and tried to picture all that had occurred. As the old man stood there he saw something coming across the moor, something which terrified him so that he lost his wits, and ran and ran until he died of sheer horror and exhaustion. There was the long, gloomy tunnel down which he fled. And from what? A sheep-dog of the moor? Or a spectral hound, black, silent, and monstrous? Was there a human agency in the matter? Did the pale, watchful Barrymore know more than he cared to say? It was all dim and vague, but always there is the dark shadow of crime behind it.

One other neighbor I have met since I wrote last. This is Mr. Frankland, of Lafter Hall, who lives some four miles to the south of us. He is an elderly man, red faced, white haired, and choleric. His passion is for the British law, and he has spent a large fortune in litigation. He fights for the mere pleasure of fighting and is equally ready to take up either side of a question, so that it is no wonder that he has found it a costly amusement. Sometimes he will shut up a right of way and defy the parish to make him open it. At others he will with his own hands tear down some other man's gate and declare that a path has existed there from time immemorial, defying the owner to prosecute him for trespass. He is learned in old manorial and communal rights, and he applies his knowledge sometimes in favor of the villagers of Fernworthy and sometimes against them, so that he is periodically either carried in triumph down the village street or else burned in effigy, according to his latest exploit. He is said to have about seven lawsuits upon his hands at present, which will probably swallow up the remainder of his fortune and so draw his sting and leave him harmless for the future. Apart from the law he seems a kindly, good-natured person, and I only mention him because you were particular that I should send some description of the people who surround us. He is curiously employed at present, for, being an amateur astronomer, he has an excellent telescope, with which he lies upon the roof of his own house and sweeps the moor all day in the hope of catching a glimpse of the escaped convict. If he would confine his energies to this all would be well, but there are rumors that he intends to prosecute Dr. Mortimer for opening a grave without the consent of the next-of-kin, because he dug up the neolithic skull in the barrow on Long Down. He helps to keep our lives from being monotonous and gives a little comic relief where it is badly needed.

And now, having brought you up to date in the escaped convict, the Stapletons, Dr. Mortimer, and Frankland, of Lafter Hall, let me end on that which is most important and tell you more about the Barrymores, and especially about the surprising development of last night.

First of all about the test telegram, which you sent from London in order to make sure that Barrymore was really here. I have already explained that the testimony of the postmaster shows that the test was worthless and that we have no proof one way or the other. I told Sir Henry how the matter stood, and he at once, in his downright fashion had Barrymore up and asked him whether he had received the telegram himself. Barrymore said that he had.

"Did the boy deliver it into your own hands?" asked Sir Henry.

Barrymore looked surprised, and considered for a little time.

"No," said he, "I was in the boxroom at the time, and my wife brought it up to me."

"Did you answer it yourself?"

"No; I told my wife what to answer and she went down to write it."

In the evening he recurred to the subject of his own accord.

"I could not quite understand the object of your questions this morning, Sir Henry," said he. "I trust that they do not mean that I have done anything to forfeit your confidence?"

Sir Henry had to assure him that it was not so and pacify him by giving him a considerable part of his old wardrobe, the London outfit having now all arrived.

Mrs. Barrymore is of interest to me. She is a heavy, solid person, very limited, intensely respectable, and inclined to be puritanical. You could hardly conceive a less emotional subject. Yet I have told you how, on the first night here, I heard her sobbing bitterly, and since then I have more than once observed traces of tears upon her face. Some deep sorrow gnaws ever at her heart. Sometimes I wonder if she has a guilty memory which haunts her, and sometimes I suspect Barrymore of being a domestic tyrant. I have always felt that there was something singular and questionable in this man's character, but the adventure of last night bring all my suspicions to a head.

And yet it may seem a small matter in itself. You are aware that I am not a very sound sleeper, and since I have been on guard in this house my slumbers have been lighter than ever. Last night, about two in the morning I was aroused by a stealthy step passing my room. I rose, opened my door, and peeped out. A long black shadow was trailing down the corridor. It was thrown by a man who walked softly down the passage with a candle held in his hand. He was in shirt and trousers, with no covering to his feet. I could merely see the outline, but his height told me that it was Barrymore. He walked very slowly and circumspectly, and there was something indescribably guilty and furtive in his whole appearance.

I have told you that the corridor is broken by the balcony which runs round the hall, but that it is resumed upon the farther side. I waited until he had passed out of sight and then I followed him. When I came round the balcony he had reached the end of the farther corridor, and I could see from the glimmer of light through an open door that he had entered one of the rooms. Now, all these rooms are unfurnished and unoccupied, so that his expedition became more mysterious than ever. The light shone steadily as if he were standing motionless. I crept down the passage as noiselessly as I could and peeped round the corner of the door.

Barrymore was crouching at the window with the candle held against the glass. His profile was half turned towards me, and his face seemed to be rigid with expectation as he stared out into the blackness of the moor. For some minutes he stood watching intently. Then he gave a deep groan and with an impatient gesture he put out the light. Instantly I made my way back to my room, and very shortly came the stealthy steps passing once more upon their return journey. Long afterwards when I had fallen into a light sleep I heard a key turn somewhere in a lock, but I could not tell whence the sound came. What it all means I cannot guess, but there is some secret business going on in this house of gloom which sooner or later we shall get to the bottom of. I do not trouble you with my theories, for you asked me to furnish you only with facts. I have had a long talk with Sir Henry this morning, and we have made a plan of campaign founded upon my observations of last night. I will not speak about it just now, but it should make my next report interesting reading.

CHAPTER IX.

Baskerville Hall, Oct. 15th.

My dear Holmes,—If I was compelled to leave you without much news during the early days of my mission you must acknowledge that I am making up for lost time, and that events are now crowding thick and fast upon us. In my last report I ended upon my top note with Barrymore at the window, and now I have quite a budget already which will, unless I am much mistaken, considerably surprise you. Things have taken a turn which I could not have anticipated. In some ways they have within the last forty-eight hours become much clearer and in some ways they have become more complicated. But I will tell you all and you shall judge for yourself.

Before breakfast on the morning following my adventure I went down the corridor and examined the room in which Barrymore had been on the night before. The western window through which he had stared so intently has, I noticed, one peculiarity above all other windows in the house—it commands the nearest outlook on to the moor. There is an opening between two trees which enables one from this point of view to look right down upon it, while from all the other windows it is only a distant glimpse which can be obtained. It follows, therefore, that Barrymore, since only this window would serve his purpose, must have been looking out for something or somebody upon the moor. The night was very dark, so that I can hardly imagine how he could have hoped to see anyone. It had struck me that it was possible that some love intrigue was on foot. That would have accounted for his stealthy movements and also for the uneasiness of his wife. The man is a striking-looking fellow, very well equipped to steal the heart of a country girl, so that this theory seemed to have something to support it. That opening of the door which I had heard after I had returned to my room might mean that he had gone out to keep some clandestine appointment. So I reasoned with myself in the morning, and I tell you the direction of my suspicions, however much the result may have shown that they were unfounded.

But whatever the true explanation of Barrymore's movements might be, I felt that the responsibility of keeping them to myself until I could explain them was more than I could bear. I had an interview with the baronet in his study after breakfast, and I told him all that I had seen. He was less surprised than I had expected.

"I knew that Barrymore walked about nights, and I had a mind to speak to him about it," said he. "Two or three times I have heard his steps in the passage, coming and going, just about the hour you name."

"Perhaps then he pays a visit every night to that particular window," I suggested.

"Perhaps he does. If so, we should be able to shadow him, and see what it is that he is after. I wonder what your friend Holmes would do, if he were here."

"I believe that he would do exactly what you now suggest," said I. "He would follow Barrymore and see what he did."

"Then we shall do it together."

"But surely he would hear us."

"The man is rather deaf, and in any case we must take our chance of that. We'll sit up in my room to-night, and wait until he passes." Sir Henry rubbed his hands with pleasure, and it was evident that he hailed the adventure as a relief to his somewhat quiet life upon the moor.

Sir Henry suddenly drew Miss Stapleton to his side.

The baronet has been in communication with the architect who prepared the plans for Sir Charles, and with a contractor from London, so that we may expect great changes to begin here soon. There have been decorators and furnishers up from Plymouth, and it is evident that our friend has large ideas, and means to spare no pains or expense to restore the grandeur of his family. When the house is renovated and refurnished, all that he will need will be a wife to make it complete. Between ourselves there are pretty clear signs that this will not be wanting if the lady is willing, for I have seldom seen a man more infatuated with a woman than he is with our beautiful neighbor, Miss Stapleton. And yet the course of true love does not run quite as smoothly as one would under the circumstances expect. To-day, for example, its surface was broken by a very unexpected ripple, which has caused our friend considerable perplexity and annoyance.

After the conversation which I have quoted about Barrymore Sir Henry put on his hat and prepared to go out. As a matter of course I did the same.

"What, are you coming, Watson?" he asked looking at me in a curious way.

"That depends on whether you are going on the moor," said I.

"Yes, I am."

"Well, you know what my instructions are. I am sorry to intrude, but you heard how earnestly Holmes insisted that I should not leave you, and especially that you should not go alone upon the moor."

Sir Henry put his hand upon my shoulder, with a pleasant smile.

"My dear fellow," said he, "Holmes, with all his wisdom, did not foresee some things which have happened since I have been on the moor. You

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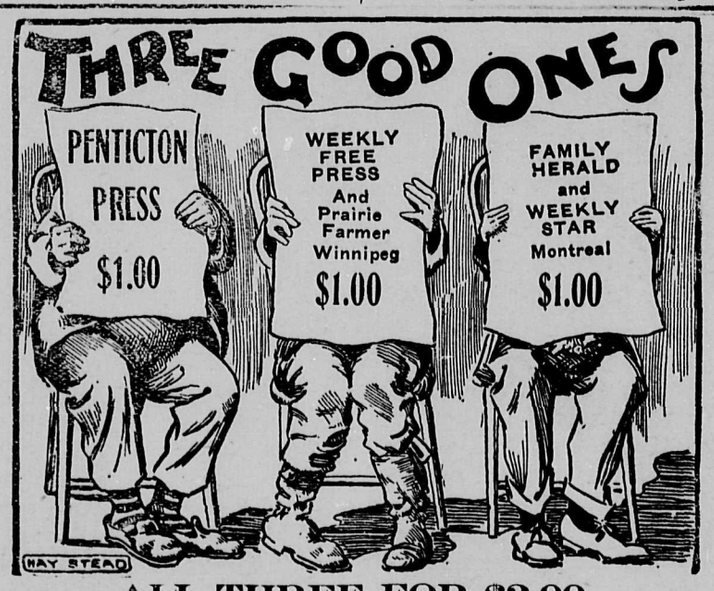

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"I would not like to depreciate or exaggerate by improbable stories this great historical tragedy, but will faithfully relate the frightful distress which was experienced even by those in the highest ranks during these last days of the retreat.

"The Emperor might often be seen tramping through the deep snow supported by a stick, walking half doubled up with a bitterly cold north wind full in his face. Once he passed the night in a wooden shed in his carriage near which a small number of superior and grenadier officers took turns in mounting guard. Random shots from flying (Russian) batteries crossed the plain and grazed at times the headquarters whose fires were covered up with ashes in the night time, so that they should not prove a target to the enemy. When the long-wished-for daylight at length returned, the Emperor lowered his carriage window, and, looking out on the snow-covered plain strewn with dead men and horses, called his aide-de-camp, Mr. Marbonie, and said to him in a feeble voice, 'What a terrible night, my dear general! It has been no worse for the sentinels than for myself who have passed it in meditation. See that the guards are relieved, and take this to revive you, for courage alone cannot keep you warm when the thermometer is twenty-eight degrees below zero.' At the same time he poured into a large cup a boiling mixture of coffee and chocolate from a jar heated by spirits of wine which was placed in his carriage.

"The aide-de-camp respectfully received what the Emperor offered him, and having made a few paces towards the back of the carriage, he almost stumbled over a soldier of the Guard laid on a hillock of beaten snow, who was grasping his musket in his convulsive hands and wearing on his contracted features the indescribable expression of vanquished suffering.

"The officer bent over him saying, 'Well, my good man, we have had a bad night, but daylight has come at last. Get up.' The soldier made a desperate effort to rise, but seemed overcome by numbness. 'Come, we must help each other a little,' said Mr. Marbonie, presenting to him the still warm beverage, 'take this; we have more of it at head-quarters.' The soldier hesitated with a kind of respectful pride, put his hand to his bear-skin cap, then took the cup and, having emptied it at a single gulp, he again tried to get up by placing the butt end of his gun in the deep snow; and, having this time succeeded in rising, he appeared what he really was,—one of the finest grenadiers of the old imperial guard.

" 'Ah! general,' said he, 'how hunger and cold demoralize men of spirit! Surely I ought not to have taken that from you as you need it yourself. I must beg your pardon, for I am quite ashamed of myself now that I feel warm.'

"The general then said to the soldier who returned the golden goblet from which he had drunk: 'No, no, my good fellow, keep this for the expenses of the journey; the outside as well as what it contained belongs to you, and may prove useful to you on reaching Poland which we shall shortly enter.' But the soldier, falling back a step and again making the military salute, said: 'Ah! as to that, God forbid, general, that I should take it, for I have never accepted anything but my pay, and my rations when there were any.' And he placed the cup on the snowy mound he had just left. As, however, the general excused himself for not having anything else to offer, the soldier took up the cup and, breaking a piece off the golden rim with his stout finger and thumb, 'I will keep,' said he, 'this Napoleon (coin) as a souvenir of this awful retreat and of the frightful night just past.'—Translated from the French of *Villemain* by J. Barker.

HITCHENER'S CAMP.

Things are pretty lively around this neck of the woods just now and the "chef," Walter Allen, is on the jump day and night.

Mr. Moorehouse, P. L. S., is surveying pre-emptions for W. C. Hitchener and J. S. Moore.

Jimmy Moore, sometimes known as "Silent Jimmy," is up from Peachland, working on the survey.

Lewis Hitchener is through moving the diamond drill from Hall's Landing to the point on the creek where they are going to bore, and the drillers are at work fitting up.

Mr. Robert McKellar and Mr. Alcock, of Penticton, paid us a visit on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. Childers, of Bear Creek was here last week circulating a petition for a post office at Bear Creek and obtained numerous signatures from the Bear Creek boys.

One of Hitchener's team committed suicide the other night in a curious manner. On being turned loose after the day's work he rolled on the logging tongs and cut his throat. Everything possible was done to save him but without success.

There are about three inches of snow here and hauling logs will start shortly.

It is rumored that there will be a new cook here soon—a long-haired one.

A. E. Thomas, of Penticton, is here with the diamond drill.

PEACHLAND.

The two schools had their closing exercises Friday afternoon which were very enjoyable. Principal Murray's scholars presented him with a dainty box of useful articles. He left Saturday morning to spend his vacation at the coast. Miss Sharpe's program was entertaining. The little tots sang their choruses well; the recitations by Masters Arnold Ferguson, Carl Rourke, and Verner Winger were good; and songs by Marie Lapsley, Ella White, and Master Wilbur Pollard were very much enjoyed. Mr. J. L. Vicary, trustee, and Mr. Morrison congratulated Miss Sharpe upon her work during the past term. Miss Sharpe replied very suitably, and hoped that when the new school was ready still better progress would be made. The audience was disappointed that Mr. Vicary's speech was so short, but owing to indisposition he was unable to say more.

The Presbyterians had their Xmas. concert on Friday evening and the Baptists on Christmas Eve. Both were well attended and enjoyed.

Weather Report

Compiled by the Dominion Government Meterological Observer at Penticton, for November:

Date	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.
1	57	37
2	57	41
3	52	46
4	60	48
5	56	47
6	57	27
7	52	25½
8	50	29
9	50	30
10	49	37
11	41½	36½
12	42	37
13	42	38
14	46	37
15	50	37½
16	53	28
17	46	22½
18	43	38½
19	45	33
20	44	35
21	48	38
22	51	35
23	46	34½
24	47	26½
25	46½	36½
26	50	17½
27	39	21
28	43½	37
29	47	37
30	50½	33

November	RAINFALL
6	.04
15	.01
21	.03
23	.02
25	.05
28	.06

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To my place near White Lake, a dark chestnut mare; weight about 1,200; white strip on face; hind feet white; black mark on right hip; no brand visible. Grey filly, white hind feet, weight about 900; faint brand on right hip.
23tf JAMES GRANT.

STRAYED

Bay Horse, white nigh hind foot, brand on right hip, sold by me three years ago, has returned to my place.
If not called for within two weeks I will claim property. IGNACE,
Shingle Creek.

FOR SALE.

A good, young, new milch cow in fine condition. Apply at PRESS Office. 18tf

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Jas. F. Tupper, Local Representative.