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Quadrille Club Concert

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The concert given by the Penticton Quadrille Club on Friday night of last week was the event of the season so far this winter. The musical selections, without exception, were well given, but special mention should be made of the sextette from "Floradora," and the sextette, "Six Little Wives," from "San Toy."

A farce in one act entitled "A Regular Fix" by John Madison Morton, completely captivated the audience. Preparation for this play had only begun on the previous Monday, but as several of the actors had taken part in the play before, it was rendered without a hitch, to the delight of all present.

The concert was somewhat of a departure from the usual form of entertainment given in Penticton, and its success serves to bear out the expression so often heard that for the size of the place Penticton is possessed of an exceptionally large amount of local talent. Another play will probably be presented before the spring opens.

The large attendance at the concert assured success from a business point of view so that the Quadrille Club is now upon a sound financial basis. The following is the program in full:

Piano Duet.....Mrs. Swinton and Mrs. Were.
Song.....Mr. L. H. Plummer
Comic Song (in costume)....Mr. E. B. Chalmers
Song.....Miss Thompson
Sextette from "Floradora".....Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Swinton, Mrs. Were, Messrs. Chalmers, Plummer and Were
Piano Selection.....A. N. Other
Sextette, "Six Little Wives" from San Toy.....Mesdames Swinton, Smith and Were, the Misses B. Thompson, V. Sutherland and H .Mutch, and Mr. C. Were
Piano Solo.....Mrs. Were
Comic Song.....Mr. L. H. Plummer

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Smiler (Sheriff's officer)..Mr. H. Leir
Emily.....Mrs. W. Swinton
Mrs. Deborah Carter (house-keeper to Surplus) .....Mrs. E. B. Chalmers
Matilda Jane.....Mrs. E. Smith
Mrs. Surplus.....A. N. Other

God Save The King.

The furniture, etc. was kindly loaned by Mr. C. A. C. Steward.

Laborers for the Okanagan.

Capt. G. S Johnstone, of the Salvation Army, Vancouver, who is interested in the Army's immigration scheme, was in Penticton on Tuesday, driving to Summerland in the afternoon. Application forms may be had at Wade's, Schubert's, and Layton's stores and those wishing married or single farm help or domestics may secure such by applying to Adj. Wakefield, 301 Hastings St. East, Vancouver, either on these forms or by private letter. In either case the full name and address of the applicant should be given. A number of applications have been received from people in this vicinity and there are prospects for more. Arrangements will be made later for a meeting of farmers interested. Two contingents of immigrants will arrive in British Columbia from the Old Country during the coming spring and summer. Four hundred are due to arrive in March and six hundred in July. Most of these will be located on farms in the Okanagan and Kootenay districts, but some will be placed as far west as Haney, Hammond and Mission. The arrivals will include a number of girls for domestic work, who will go to the coast cities.

MEETING DISCUSS CANNERY

Joint Stock Company About to be Organized at Penticton.

A meeting of a number of the local business men and farmers who are interested in the establishment of a fruit cannery at Penticton was held in J. R. Mitchell's office on Saturday afternoon of last week. The question was fully discussed, and it was finally decided to organize a joint-stock company if sufficient capital could be secured. It was thought that fifteen thousand dollars paid up capital would be sufficient to carry the scheme through for the coming season. A building will be erected at a cost of about $2,500, while the remainder of the sum will be devoted to the purchase of plant, cans, and the produce of the farms for canning. It was thought that the plant last year operated by the Farmers' Exchange, with about three hundred dollars in addition expended for scalding baths, would serve the purpose for a year or two. Tomatoes will be the chief fruit put up during the coming season, although it was suggested that pickling will probably be done. With the equipment contemplated, it would be possible to turn out about four thousand cans daily.

A committee comprising Messrs. Kinney, Mitchell, Huycke, and Clement was appointed to solicit stock. Up to the present time about $7,000 has been subscribed, and there is every reason to hope that the scheme will meet with success.

Oddfellow's At Home.

The members of Penticton Lodge No. 51, I. O. O. F., gave an At Home to a number of friends in the Woodmen's Hall on Wednesday evening. About forty guests were present, and the evening was spent very pleasantly with games, music, songs and recitations. Refreshments were served at about 10:30 and the gathering was brought to a formal close at about eleven o'clock. This, however, did not terminate the proceedings, for no sooner had the At Home ended than a dance was begun. Dancing was kept up for about an hour and a half, after which all dispersed to their homes. The Oddfellows are to be complimented upon the very successful evening which all enjoyed very much.

Weather Report

Compiled by the Dominion Government Meterological Observer at Penticton, for January, 1908:

Date	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.
1	38	33
2	39	35
3	40	33½
4	45	37
5	46½	29½
6	41	31½
7	40	29
8	43	32
9	44	27
10	40	32
11	38	28
12	33	28
13	43	18
14	33	23
15	33	26
16	34	24
17	35	28
18	38	31
19	41	33½
20	49	25½
21	38	18
22	32	22
23	39	18
24	37	21
25	38½	21
26	40	20½
27	40	14
28	34	16
29	34	22½
30	33	4½
31	27	8

January	Rain	Snow
1	.32	
2	.01	
5	.08	
8	.04	
14		1½
19	.31	
28		.5

Local and Personal

A. Smith returned on Monday after a few days' absence at Vernon.

Messrs. Stodders and Jacques, of Vernon, spent a couple of days in town this week.

Thos. Johnson returned from the coast on Monday after being absent since last fall.

John Partridge has opened up his new blacksmith shop on Smith Street. See his ad. in this issue.

D. Lloyd-Jones of Kelowna, passed through Penticton en route to the Similkameen on Monday.

A special feature of the Quadrille Club ball to be given on the 28th inst. will be several leap year dances.

Wm. Haug, of Kelowna, made a business trip to Penticton on Wednesday, returning the following morning.

C. M. Johnson left for Winnipeg on Tuesday, having received the sad news of the death of his brother in that city.

Mrs. Seaton, of Peachland, is in attendance upon Mrs. A. E. Bennett, who has for some time been in delicate health.

Conservatives, remember that the annual meeting of the Conservative Association takes place in Wade's rooms next Tuesday evening. The election of officers will take place.

The Rev. Thos. Greene M. A., or Kelowna, will (D. V.) officiate in the English Church next Sunday' Feb. 23rd at 11 a. m. Mr. Greene will also take the service at 7:30 in the Woodmen's Hall.

Rev. Stuart Muirhead, general Secretary of the Provincial Sunday School Association, conducted Institute meetings in Penticton on Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday evening he addressed the meeting of the Young Peoples' Christian Union.

A surprise party took possession of Mrs. R. Travis' home, Fairview, on the evening of the 10th inst. Tables and surplus furniture were removed and dancing was begun. A few lovely songs were sandwiched in between the changes, and dancing was kept up to so late an hour that some of the young men may have heard the whistle blow before they cared to next morning.

An arrangement has been made whereby a special call may be sent over the government long distance telephone line after telephone hours in case of medical aid being required. The arrangement is specially for the accommodation of the people at Okanagan Falls, Fairview and other outlying places where a doctor does not reside. Should any one at either of those places desire to call up the doctor at Penticton at night, it will be necessary to go to the central office at the Falls or at Fairview, as the case may be, and call up central at Penticton. Connection will then be made with the Doctor's line. Should the doctor be away from Penticton, any person here wishing to speak to him after hours must go to the central office.

Mr. Robert Ganthony appeared for the first time in Canada at Stanley Hall, Montreal, before a large, select, and fashionable audience and scored a triumphant success, all four of the Montreal dailies speaking in glowing terms of this great artist's entertainment. His company of London artists joined him for his Western Canada tour at Montreal after his recital there. This is the first time a company of artists has ever been associated with Mr. Ganthony on a concert tour. This was accomplished by the earnest solicitation of Willis and Cosgrove of Calgary, making their entertainment attractive from every standpoint. See posters for Montreal press criticisms and others. This splendid concert party will appear at Steward's Hall, Penticton, on Monday, March 2nd, and will be the event of the season. Seats on sale at C. A. C. Steward's.

The Literary.

The subject previously announced for the debate at the Literary last Thursday evening proved a great drawing card. It read, "Resolved that Orientals should be excluded from Canada." The question, one of the live issues of the day, was well advertised, and as a consequence the attendance was the largest of the season, the Woodmen's Hall being packed to its full capacity.

The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Winkler, McKenzie and Main, and the negative by Messrs. McLean, Clement and Harris. The debate, however, hardly fulfilled the expectations of those who had come out to hear it, the discussions being hardly up to the average of those heard at the general run of meetings. This was due to the subject being such a large one that the speakers on both sides found it impossible to deal at all fully with any phase of the question in the time allotted them. The affirmative dealt with the subject purely from its economic, or bread and butter standpoint, and the negative confined their remarks to the humanitarian, or ethical phase. Bread and butter, however, proved to be the stronger factor, and the judges were, consequently, unanimous in their decision in favor of the affirmative.

Next Thursday evening an entertainment will be given by the young ladies of the Society. A treat is expected. There will be a collection.

Asiatics Must Work for Less.

The Kelowna people, prominent among whom is T. G. Speer, are circulating the following petition, copies of which have been sent to the various towns throughout the district with a view to forming a strong association: "We, the undersigned members of the White Labor Association, promise that we will not hire Asiatic labor at a greater wage than $1.25 a day, neither shall we rent lease or sell land to Asiatics. The above to take effect on the first day of March, 1908."

Tennis Club.

A meeting of tennis enthusiasts was held on Wednesday evening in the office of W. H. T. Gahan to discuss the organization of a local club. It was decided to go ahead with the organization, and the following officers were elected: Hon. President, L. W. Shatford, M. P. P.; President, A. H. Wade; Vice-President, Dr. R. B. White; Sec'y-Treas., W. H. T. Gahan. Committee: H. Leir, J. W. Edmonds, and J. J. Hunter. A constitution was drawn up, and the annual subscription fee placed at $5 per annum. A committee meeting will be held next week to decide upon grounds for a court, and arrange other details.

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Canada Controls Immigration.

Canadians have been ever ready to blame the mother country for disregard of their interests and of sacrificing Canadian rights when making treaties with foreign countries; and "Imperial reasons" has often been made a pretext for the disallowance of acts passed by the British Columbia Legislature.

The recent statement of Winston Churchill in the British House of Commons that Canada had been given the opportunity of placing immigration stipulations in the treaty with Japan and that the Canadian government had replied that they were prepared to adhere to the treaty absolutely and without reserve, gives a new complexion to the situation.

The government of Canada no matter of what political stripe will in future be unable to retreat behind the phrase "Imperial reasons" or the acts of a Lieutenant Governor, but will be obliged to boldly face the issue. We have always held that Great Britain would not withold from Canada a right which she concedes to Australia and South Africa, the right of controling immigration, and Winston Churchill's statement now makes this clear.

Now comes the announcement that the Dominion government will promptly disallow the Natal Act, and if an attempt is made under the provincial law to prevent the landing of Japanese immigrants, habeas corpus proceedings will be instituted at once.

The question will undoubtedly be carried to the Privy Council in England in order to test the constitutionality of the act. This, however, means a long delay before the rights of the province are finally determined, and it is simply a shame if Japanese immigrants are to be allowed to land indiscriminately during the coming spring and summer. If the rights of British Columbia are to be so completely ignored at Ottawa, there remains but one alternative, the separation of the province from the Dominion. British Columbians must and shall have their rights no matter what may be the cost.

Britain and Protection.

That a marked change of opinion regarding protection is passing over Great Britain is clearly indicated by the recent meeting of the Tariff Reform League in London, when fifteen hundred delegates were present. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the champion for protection, in his message to the League declared that the progress of the doctrine of protection had passed his most sanguine expectations. The doctrine of the Unionist party is gaining strength, and will at length supplant Cobdenism. It will be a gala-day for the colonies and the Empire in general when free trade exists between all sections of the Empire, with a protective tariff against foreign trade.

PEACHLAND.

Mrs. Barber and children, of Sintaluta, who have been visiting relatives in Kelowna for a few weeks, joined her husband here Monday. They are living in Dr. Robertson's cottage. During their six weeks' stay Mr. Barber is preparing his five acre beach lot for planting, and he and his family intend in a year's time to make their home here.

Mr. Wilson, of Winnipeg, was in the town land seeking last week.

Ed. Hayward has finished preparing his property for planting.

Mr. Thacker, a recent arrival, has purchased a five acre beach lot and has started to get it into shape for planting.

Clearing has begun on the new school property.

The semi-monthly Quadrille Club dance will be held in the Orange Hall, Tuesday evening.

Chas. Pope went to Summerland Monday, on business.

Rev. Stuart Muirhead, the General Secretary of Sunday Schools for the Province, superintended the S. S. Convention, which was held here Friday and Saturday of last week. Each session was well attended and enjoyed, and a good programme was gone through. Sunday morning Mr. Muirhead preached to a union congregation in the Presbyterian church, and in the Orange hall in the evening. Mrs. (Dr.) McKechnie sang after the evening service.

Mr. Kirkby, accompanied by his neice, Miss Warnicker, returned Thursday morning to Winnipeg, having received the sad news of the critical condition of Mr. Kirkby's brother, Roland.

A party, comprising Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Town, and Miss Sutton, visited Penticton last week and were favorably impressed.

The real estate agents are busy these days.

H. McColl made a hasty trip to Kelowna Monday, returning the same day.

A special W. C. T. U. meeting was held in the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon. A large number of the members was present.

The weekly Choral Class is doing good work.

Misses Jean Pollard and Bessie Seaton are able to resume school studies after their severe illness.

Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson is able to be out again after the narrow escape she experienced, having been thrown from her carriage.

KELOWNA

The Hospital Aid held a very successful ball in Raymer's Hall last Thursday evening. The proceeds are to be devoted to furnishing the wards. The Aid is doing a good work and any donation is thankfully received.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, who have been enjoying a trip through some of our coast cities, are spending a few days with Mrs. Forbes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

La Grippe has been making its rounds lately and a number of people are sufferers.

On February 11 the Home Department of the Methodist Sunday School held a social at the home of Mr. W. C. Clement. About forty people were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haug are rejoicing over the arrival of a little son and Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Hanmore over a daughter.

The Young Peoples' Society are to hold a Literary on Feb. 24 in the Baptist Church. Essays on the life and poems of Alfred Tennyson, recitations, etc. from his works will make up the program.

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"And the warning—it must have come from her!"

"Exactly."

The shape of some monstrous villainy, half seen, half guessed, loomed through the darkness which had girt me so long.

"But are you sure of this Holmes? How do you know that the woman is his wife?"

"Because he so far forgot himself as to tell you a true piece of autobiography upon the occasion when he first met you, and I daresay he has many a time regretted it since. He was once a schoolmaster in the North of England. Now, there is no one more easy to trace than a schoolmaster. There are scholastic agencies by which one may identify any man who has been in the profession. A little investigation showed me that a school had come to grief under atrocious circumstances, and that the man who had owned it—the name was different—had disappeared with his wife. The descriptions agreed. When I learned that the missing man was devoted to entomology the identification was complete."

The darkness was rising, but much was still hidden by the shadows.

"If this woman is in truth his wife, where does Mrs. Laura Lyons come in?" I asked.

"That is one of the points upon which your own researches have shed a light. Your interview with the lady has cleared the situation very much. I did not know about a projected divorce between herself and her husband. In that case, regarding Stapleton as an unmarried man, she counted no doubt upon becoming his wife."

"And when she is undeceived?"

"Why, then we may find the lady of service. It must be our first duty to see her—both of us—to-morrow. Don't you think, Watson, that you are away from your charge rather long? Your place should be at Baskerville Hall."

The last red streaks had faded away in the west and night had settled upon the moor. A few faint stars were gleaming in a violet sky.

"One last question, Holmes," I said as I rose. "Surely there is no need of secrecy between you and me. What is the meaning of it all? What is he after?"

Holmes's voice sank as he answered:—

"It is murder, Watson—refined cold-blooded, deliberate murder. Do not ask me for particulars. My net are closing upon him, even as his are upon Sir Henry, and with your help he is already almost at my mercy. There is but one danger which can threaten us. It is that he should strike before we are ready to do so. Another day—two at the most—and I have my case complete, but until then guard your charge as closely as ever a fond mother watched her ailing child. Your mission to-day has justified itself, and yet I could almost wish that you had not left his side—Hark!"

A terrible scream—a prolonged yell of horror and anguish burst out of the silence of the moor. That frightful cry turned the blood to ice in my veins.

"Oh, my God!" I gasped. "What is it? What does it mean?"

Holmes had sprung to his feet, and I saw his dark, athletic outline at the door of the hut, his shoulders stooping, his head thrust forward, his face peering into the darkness.

It was a prostrate man, face downwards.

"Hush!" he whispered. "Hush!"

The cry had been loud on account of its vehemence, but it had pealed out from somewhere far off on the shadowy plain. Now it burst upon our ears, nearer, louder, more urgent than before.

"Where is it?" Holmes whispered; and I knew from the thrill of his voice that he, the man of iron, was shaken to the soul. "Where is it, Watson?"

"There, I think." I pointed into the darkness.

"No, there!"

Again the agonized cry swept through the silent night, louder and much nearer than ever. And a new sound mingled with it, a deep, muttered rumble, musical and yet menacing, rising and falling like the low, constant murmur of the sea.

"The hound!" cried Holmes. "Come, Watson, come! Great heavens, if we are too late!"

He had started running swiftly over the moor, and I had followed at his heels. But now from somewhere among the broken ground immediately in front of us there came one last despairing yell, and then a dull, heavy thud. We halted and listened. Not another sound broke the heavy silence of the windless night.

Sherlock Holmes put his hand to his forehead like a man distracted. He stamped his feet upon the ground.

"He has beaten us, Watson. We are too late."

"No, no, surely not!"

"Fool that I was to hold my hand. And you Watson, see what comes of abandoning your charge! But, by Heaven, if the worst has happened, we'll avenge him!"

Blindly we ran through the gloom, blundering against boulders, forcing our way through gorse bushes, panting up hills and rushing down slopes, heading always in the direction whence those dreadful sounds had come. At every rise Holmes looked eagerly round him, but the shadows were thick upon the moor, and nothing moved upon its dreary face.

"Can you see anything?"

"Nothing."

"But, hark, what is that?"

A low moan had fallen upon our ears. There it was again upon our left! On that side a ridge of rocks ended in a sheer cliff which overlooked a stone-strewn slope. On its jagged face was spread-eagled some dark, irregular object. As we ran towards it the vague outline hardened into a definite shape. It was a prostrate man face downwards upon the ground, the head doubled under him at a horrible angle, the shoulders rounded and the body hunched together as if in the act of throwing a summersault. So grotesque was the attitude that I could not for the instant realize that that moan had been the passing of his soul. Not a whisper, not a rustle, rose now from the dark figure over which we stooped. Holmes laid his hand upon him, and held it up again, with an exclamation of horror. The gleam of the match which he struck shone upon his clotted fingers and upon the ghastly pool which widened slowly from the crushed skull of the victim. And it shone upon something else which turned our hearts sick and faint within us—the body of Sir Henry Baskerville!

There was no chance of either of us forgetting that peculiar ruddy tweed suit—the very one which he had worn on the first morning that we had seen him in Baker Street. We caught the one clear glimpse of it, and then the match flickered and went out, even as the hope had gone out of our souls. Holmes groaned and his face glimmered white through the darkness.

"The brute! the brute!" I cried, with clenched hands. "Oh, Holmes, I shall never forgive myself for having left him to his fate."

"I am more to blame than you, Watson. In order to have my case well rounded and complete, I have thrown away the life of my client. It is the greatest blow which has befallen me in my career. But how could I know—how could I know—that he would risk his life alone upon the moor in the face of all my warnings?"

"That we should have heard his screams—my God, those screams!—and yet have been unable to save him! Where is this brute of a hound which drove him to his death? It may be lurking among these rocks at this instant. And Stapleton, where is he? He shall answer for this deed."

"He shall. I will see to that. Uncle and nephew have been murdered—the one frightened to death by the very sight of a beast which he thought to be supernatural, the other driven to his end in his wild flight to escape from it. But now we have to prove the connection between the man and the beast. Save from what we heard, we cannot even swear to the existence of the latter, since Sir Henry has evidently died from the fall. But, by heavens, cunning as he is, the fellow shall be in my power before another day is past!"

We stood with bitter hearts on either side of the mangled body, overwhelmed by this sudden and irrevocable disaster which had brought all our long and weary labors to so piteous an end. Then, as the moon rose, we climbed to the top of the rocks over which our poor friend had fallen, and from the summit we gazed out over the shadowy moor, half silver and half gloom. Far away, miles off, in the direction of Grimpen, a single steady yellow light was shining. It could only come from the lonely abode of the Stapletons. With a bitter curse I shook my fist at it as I gazed.

"Why should we not seize him at once?"

"Our case is not complete. The fellow is wary and cunning to the last degree. It is not what we know, but what we can prove. If we make one false move the villain may escape us yet."

"What can we do?"

"There will be plenty for us to do to-morrow. To-night we can only perform the last offices to our poor friend."

Together we made our way down the precipitous slope and approached the body, black and clear against the silvered stones. The agony of those contorted limbs struck me with a spasm of pain and blurred my eyes with tears.

"We must send for help, Holmes! We cannot carry him all the way to the Hall. Good heavens, are you mad?"

He had uttered a cry and bent over the body. Now he was dancing and laughing and wringing my hand. Could this be my stern, self-contained friend? These were hidden fires, indeed!

"A beard! A beard! The man has a beard!"

"A beard?"

"It is not the baronet—it is—why, it is my neighbor, the convict!"

With feverish haste we had turned the body over, and that dripping beard was pointing up to the cold, clear moon. There could be no doubt about the beetling forehead, the sunken animal eyes. It was, indeed, the same face which had glared upon me in the light of the candle from over the rock—the face of Selden, the criminal.

Then in an instant it was all clear to me. I remembered how the baronet had told me that he had handed his old wardrobe to Barrymore. Barrymore had passed it on in order to help Selden in his escape. Boots, shirt, cap—it was all Sir Henry's. The tragedy was still black enough, but this man had at least deserved death by the laws of his country. I told Holmes how the matter stood, my heart bubbling over with thankfulness and joy.

"Then the clothes have been the poor devil's, and he," said he. "It is clear enough that the hound has been laid on from some article of Sir Henry's the boot which was abstracted in the hotel, in all probability—and so ran this man down. There is one very singular thing, however: How came Selden, in the darkness, to know that the hound was on his trail?"

"He heard him."

"To hear a hound upon the moor would not work a hard man like this convict into such a paroxysm of terror that he would risk recapture by screaming wildly for help. By his cries he must have run a long way after he knew the animal was on his track. How did he know?"

"A greater mystery to me is why this hound, presuming that all our conjectures are correct——"

"I presume nothing."

"Well, then, why this hound should be loose to-night. I suppose that it does not always run loose upon the moor. Stapleton would not let it go unless he had reason to think that Sir Henry would be there."

"My difficulty is the more formidable of the two, for I think that we shall very shortly get an explanation of yours, while mine may remain for ever a mystery. The question now is, what shall we do with this poor wretch's body? We cannot leave it here to the foxes and the ravens."

"I suggest that we put it in one of the huts until we can communicate with the police."

"Exactly. I have no doubt that you and I could carry it so far. Hallo, Watson, what's this? It's the man himself, by all that wonderful and audacious! Not a word to show your suspicions—not a word or my plans crumble to the ground."

A figure was approaching us over the moor, and I saw the dull red glow of a cigar. The moon shone upon him, and I could distinguish the dapper shape and jaunty walk of the naturalist. He stopped when he saw us, and then came on again.

"Why, Dr. Watson, that's not you, is it? You are the last man that I should have expected to see out on the moor at this time of night. But, dear me, what's this? Somebody hurt? Not—don't tell me that it is our friend Sir Henry!" He hurried past me and stooped over the dead man. I heard a sharp intake of his breath and the cigar fell from his fingers.

"Who—who's this?" he stammered.

"It is Selden, the man who escaped from Princetown."

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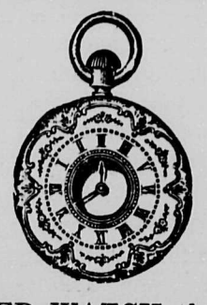
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POMONA

(We three.)

(At Tom's house.) "Ho my comrades! How fares it with you since last we met?" "None the better of your absence from last sitting," said Larry; "were it not for the advent of our brother Mose, there might have been a case of suspended animation." "Well," retorted Tom, "I am two in number though one in mind to-night, so withdraw your motion of censure and call it even at least. Let me introduce you to my wife who knows your names through my respect to her."

Mrs. T.'s cordial greeting and a suggestion of humor in her glance put all at ease. "The wordy warfare in the large and little parliaments," said John, "have led to a request that we have Tom's views to-night on the kind of men who administer public affairs, and the methods we employ in choosing our rulers. Canadians are, or ought to be, the best goverened people in the world seeing we have so large a measure of personal liberty with public order so well maintained." "Very good," replied Tom, "I should know something of government seeing I am under the benign rule of my home queen to whom I bow in all that relates to the Interior Department and to whom I just now introduced you. I was supposed to choose my ruler in this particular, but how I was so wisely guided in the choice I have never fully understood. So I must tell how little I know as to 'How we choose our rulers'

"In theory the individual elector has a wide choice; practically he has a very narrow one, often no choice at all. Two candidates come forward or are brought forward by a few active men or by a committee of each political party. The two are publicly nominated and as a rule each becomes the nominee of the party to whom he owes allegiance. Thenceforth their names are held up for honor or contempt not because of merit or demerit but because each has been nominated by a party opposed to and opposed by the other. But I am going too fast; John is our sage; will he tell us how it came about that half a dozen men in a constituency somehow have the power, choose the two candidates, and then the voter has no choice aside from the two men he has had nothing to do in bringing forward; and if he votes with his party as most do, he has no choice at all.

"All this procedure has grown into our system of party government and is now inherent in it and inseparable from it, not because of any fault in the principle or any wickedness on the part of politicians, not a bit of it. Men are held down to a choice between two men—neither of them being the best or wisest in the community—because four out of five electors will not take the trouble to understand the first principles of representative government or to put the knowledge they possess to a practical use. If you could cure men of sloth first and selfishness afterwards; make a majority as industrious and loyal to duty as Queen Victoria throughout her life; as active and diligent as the Kaiser of Germany, and as self-denying as John Ruskin or Alfred Tennyson or any of the toilers who scorned delights and lived laborious days, the science of government would be simpler than managing the industries of a nation. But Her Majesty, the Queen of this household, has opinions on this subject which will be pleasant and helpful to hear."

"I should consider the proposal favorably," said Mrs. T., "but this is so sudden, you know." A ripple of laughter broke out for a moment and the speaker continued: "Do you really think that those who now are entitled to vote include in their number all the wisest and best of the people? You say not, of course. But could not the qualification of electors be somewhat enlarged? Too democratic, too broad, already? Perhaps so. Let us deal with the concrete and particular. My husband and I fully agree that if a bachelor's shack or a room in a boarding-house has one vote, a home should surely have two. By thus restoring to women the active participation in public affairs which they exercised in every age but this, you would remove some of those blemishes in public business which you now deplore.

"Some of course say that to give two votes to each home would double the voting power of the man in the home. What a left handed compliment to the wives and mothers! Where do our children get their intelligence if their mothers are idiotic or imbecile? Why the public conscience and the 'common sense of most' are at one in this conviction, that to exclude from all share in making or administering the laws that half of mankind who are under the most sacred and binding obligations to live sober, righteous and godly lives, is to make war upon the best and highest interests of the human race.

"But people say, 'Women will be lowered, their fine moral sensibilities will be blunted if they mix in political conflict.' Well, here is a compliment to the men, surely. They have had sole charge of public affairs for a generation or two, and under the management of men only the business has become so unclean that womanly truthfulness and honesty will be tarnished by contact with its practices and methods. Nobody believes anything of the kind, the notion does not rise to the dignity of a belief; such sophisms serve to mislead people who commit to memory certain phrases, and in repeating these phrases think they have enuuciated a principle. But I subside." General applause.

"Well," said Larry gallantly, "neither Mose nor I will offer any opinion to-night. The words of our fair hostess are too good to be spoiled by any comments. Some music would more fittingly close our pleasant exercises."

"And a cup of coffee," said Mrs. T.

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SYDNEY W. BROWN.

Dated Feb'y 3rd, 1908.

OKANAGAN FALLS

Mr. Harry Jones of Fairview visited the Falls during the week.

Miss Bell of Fairview paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. King.

Mr. Reid, Manager of the Oroville Nursery Co., and the representative for Washington of the Albany Nursery Co., stayed for a few days at the Alexandra Hotel lately. It is, we believe, his intention to start a nursery in this neighborhood as soon as weather permits.

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COMMUNICATIONS

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

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I was so pleased on reading the above editorial in the Colonist yesterday that I felt I must just say to you how much we appreciate the newspaper men who "speak out." You will, I am sure, be pleased to learn that our Prov. W. C. T. U. now has Miss Ada L. A. Murcutt in the field for local option campaigning. She will give us until about the end of June. You will have her in Penticton the 16th and 17th of April. We have started in now and will not go back on the fight. Possibly you have seen in the Colonist or the Province something of Miss Murcutt's successful meetings. She surpasses anything we have ever had as a temperance worker, and we are looking for great advance during this year.

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M. E. BROWN
By her agent, C. de B. Green.

Dated 21st January, 1908.

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JOHN L. LOGIE,
Municipal Clerk.

Summerland, Jan. 20th, 1908. 31-3

NOTICE.

Osoyoos Land District. District of Yale, B. C.

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