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BY ARTHUR H. MARTLEY.

OCTOBER RECREATION MAGAZINE.

But I failed to catch the right spot before he disappeared in the bushes. We got out the glass and tried to locate him but could not make him out. He was about a mile and a half off, and far up. It was very warm, so we took it easy, and got to where he was in an hour or so. We could see nothing of him. We felt sure he was lying somewhere near, so, at last, we concluded to separate and hunt him up.

We were now just below the edge of the snow, and a little above the place where Henry had seen the bear. There was a light breeze blowing up the slide.

Henry now went across through the bushes, and I above, in the open round the edge of the snow. Soon after we parted I came upon huge tracks going up on the snow. I did not follow them, but kept on across them, parallel with Henry. I heard a swishing sound and, looking up, saw a monster grizzly coming down the snow with swift strides, evidently in a hurry, and almost in a line between me and the sun, and the snow was flashing around him in a sparkling haze. There was not the slightest sign of hesitation. When he viewed me at a distance of about 20 yards he raised his great head and fixed his eyes on me. Swerving slightly from his course, so as to come straight at me, his forefeet appeared to paw the air.

I aimed at his broad breast and fired, and with a deep, low growl he plunged headlong down the slope, tearing up the snow and earth. He brought up against some small firs, a few yards below, and tried to crawl up to me, when I finished him with a shot behind the ear, though, as he started struggling down through the bush I gave him a couple more. There was no blood from any of the four bullet wounds.

As he breathed his last, Henry came up, and we had a shake hands, and went back on the bear's track, to see where he had been lying. Upon the snow about 150 yards off we found two beds, and the fresh tracks of his mate going off in the other direction. If we had known there were two, we would probably have got both. It was 18 yards from where I fired to where the bear fell. The first shot was fatal, smashing the left shoulder and cutting the arteries of the heart.

We guessed his weight to be between 700 and 800 pounds, but there was no superflous flesh on him, and he could easily put on 200 pounds of fat. The skin measured about 9 feet by 6 feet. Henry presented a fine appearance packing it down the mountain across his shoulders, both ends trailing on the grass. It weighed about 100 pounds.

The grizzly was a fierce old fighter. One of his lower tusks was broken off and hanging to the gum, and must have been so for years, being worn quite smooth. One of his front claws was missing and a large bullet embedded in the skin on his back.

A few days later we crossed the South Fork, which was in flood. We had to swim the horses and use our canvas boat which worked capitally. Henry constructed an excellent frame for it in a short time. We had a little excitement in the shape of a stampede, and a couple of the horses ran over me, but there was not much harm done, and we soon repaired damages.

A day's travel over a very rough trail where we had to do a lot of cutting, brought us to Cadwallader Creek. We found it so high that we did not fancy trying to cross with the horses.

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I had just cut down a tree for a foot log when a tall stranger in a buckskin shirt, and carrying a rifle, appeared on the other side, and started to come over to us, but he had only taken a few steps on the tree—which was very shaky with the water splashing over it—when he slipt and lost his balance, and went in to about his waist in the foaming torrent, on the upper side of the tree. The current was so strong that he could not extrieate himself, and in a few moments went under, losing his rifle and hat, but, fortunately, managed to hold on to the limbs and pull himself out on the lower side or he would most likely have been drowned. He injured his knee badly in the water, and could not move, so we crossed part of our camp and stayed with him until his own outfit came over next day. We found he was a Mr. C., from the States on a shooting trip. We were much pleased to meet him, but regretted the circumstances. He had shot two bears, but was disappointed at not getting a grizzly. He eventually reached Lillooet safely.

One day we came on a small brown cub,—whose mother had probably been shot—sound asleep in the trail. If there's anything meaner to carry in the arms, through brush and fallen timber than a young bear, I don't want to know it. I packed this one four or five days, over rough country, and got very fond of it, in spite of its biting and scratching. Once I tried packing it in a sack on my back, but it managed to work up and fix its teeth in the back of my head, where it left a scar that lasted a couple of weeks. But she was a beauty and got nicer and more full of fun as she got stronger. She would hold her cup of porridge or rice in her little paws. Poor Mamie! One night just as we were going to bed, she got loose and came and sat on a stump near the fire. I went up to her too quickly in the dim firelight and frightened her, —and she sprang into the dark brush and was never seen more. She was only a little wild bear, but we mourned her loss deeply, as she would have a hard time to pull through.

We now by a strategic movement got our horses safely across Cadwallader and were on familiar ground again, and at the Bend'or Mines met old friends who gave us a hearty welcome. How delightful is good company and good fare, after roughing it in the wilds for weeks! Our kind and charming hostess, who is as expert with the rifle as she is at making pies and cooking barellos, had a few days previously shot a fine brown bear.

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AUSTRALIA'S BIRTH RATE.

An Ominous Condition of Affairs—Little Industrial Occupation—How Will It All End Is the Question.

The Australian Commonwealth finds itself confronted by a new problem, says the Sydney correspondent of The London Globe. Under the dictation of the Labor Party the Federal Government has adopted a policy intended to discourage immigration of every description, white as well as colored, into the Federated States, and at the same time it has to deal with a rapidly declining birth rate, which, if not speedily remedied, will result in a largely decreased population. Recently published statistics show that the lowest Australian birth rate is only three per one thousand above that of France. A few years ago it was considerably higher; but the real decline is shown by the total number of births in wedlock compared with the number of women of child-bearing age. Without going into statistical details it may be mentioned that in New South Wales, between 1886 and 1901, the number of married women increased by 63,219, while the number of children born in 1901 was almost the same as in 1887. Taking the whole Commonwealth and New Zealand there are annually twenty thousand fewer births than there would have been had the birth rates of ten years ago been maintained. This shows a decline of two hundred thousand in the natural increase of Australian population during the decade.

It has also been ascertained that the average marriage age of Australasian women is steadily advancing. In 1881 it was twenty-two and a half years; in 1901 it was twenty-four years. This is regarded as an indication of a tendency to accept with reluctance the responsibilities of the marriage state; that the Australasian declining birth rate is due less to physical incapacity than to individual unwillingness. The New South Wales Government statistician, in connection with these very facts, remarks: "There have been very striking changes in the (birth) rates for the periods mentioned, and a persistent and astonishing decline among women of every class. It would seem that an increasingly large number of women make up their minds not to have children, or to delay child-bearing as long as possible. After each successive confinement, an increasing proportion of women, still of child-bearing age, cease to give birth to any more children, and the extraordinary condition of things has now come to pass that the fertility of women who have had two children is less than that of women who, in 1891, had nine children." There is no necessity for going into details, the broad facts are sufficient; but there is one point which has become overlooked by all concerned in the enquiry, and that is that the decline in the Australasian birth rate practically commenced with the discouragement of over-sea immigration, which was a means of systematically infusing fresh blood into Australasia.

The increasing reluctance of Australasian women to accept the responsibilities of maternity is traceable to several causes, one of the principal being the increasing love of pleasure. The numerous holidays and lessened hours of labor have strengthened the popular taste for outdoor amusement and weakened the feeling in favor of household enjoyment. Then the warm, sunny climate has a somewhat enervating effect on the younger population, which seems to pass the greater part of its existence in the open air. All this assists in loosening the ties of domestic life. There is too much holidaymaking and too little industrial occupation.

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BY C. W. ARMSTRONG

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Mark R. Eagleson, Victoria Hotel, Renewal.

George Hurley, Excelsior Hotel, Renewal.

A Meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners will be held in the Court House at Clinton on the 15th day of December, 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to consider the following applications for Liquor Licence, viz.—

Colin F. McDonald	of	12-Mile House
George Hardy	of	Hat Creek
Mrs. Robt Ferguson	of	20-Mile House
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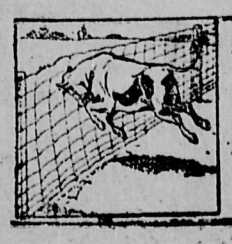

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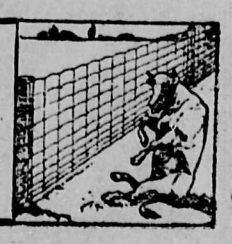

CLINTON.

Louis Dussault, a resident of Chimney Creek, committed suicide on the 17th at the 150-mile House. This is the fourth case of this kind, within the last few months, the victims all young men, and so far as known, no motive can be assigned to their unfortunate actions.

Again the registered mails are reported to have been tampered with, while in transit from the 150-Mile House down. The sacks were found by the postmaster at the 150-mile House, in a woodshed, cut open, and the contents extracted. The authorities are as usual making an investigation. No arrests have been made so far.

The Fortin Brothers, who went north last Spring on a prospecting trip, have returned, and report an unsuccessful season. Owing to an accident to R. Fortin, in which he cut his leg badly with an axe, it was found impossible to move camp and return for two months or more, during which time the patient was delirious. At present, however, he has sufficiently recovered to make the journey to Vancouver, where he goes for medical treatment. It is the intention of these gentlemen to return in the spring and renew their attempt of last spring. Success to them.

At the earnest request of a number of Clinton ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Burks the well known pianist, gave a piano recital on Wednesday evening last at the home of Mrs. J. Sanson. There were present a good number of musicians who formed an appreciative audience. The renditions were well received, and the audience much impressed. Mr. Burks is a graduate of the English Conservatory of Music, London, Eng.

George Forbes, 122 Mile House, R. K. Felker, 118 Mile House, H. B. Felker & wife and family, Chimney Creek, A Hemans, Cache Creek, T. McEwen, Ashcroft, Bert Glassey, 150 Mile House. Douglas R. Wilmer of Big Creek, C. Wycott, Empire Valley, W. Shermer, Empir Valley, George Carson, Pavilion Mt R. Carson, Pavilion Mountain, R. Fortin Big Creek, Frank Fortin, Big Creek, are among the notable arrivals this week.

The social, advertised to come off on the 24th took place and was well attended. The games and amusements were of a character best suited to children, in whose entertainment the committee took especial interest and certainly succeeded well. An event of this sort would be welcome weekly. Keep up the good work.

A heavy snowfall here on the 25th,—and still snowing. Weather very mild.

TRUTHFUL JAMES.

DREDGE.

A surprise was sprung on the full court when the appeal of the Iowa-Lillooet Co against the winding-up order, came up. Mr. Russell, for C. T. Hancock, asked for dismissal of the appeal, as leave was not asked.

He read a section stating in any proceeding under the winding-up act, if a sum of over $500 was involved, leave must be asked.

The Chief Justice suggested that it applied to interlocutory proceedings.

But the Court turned the statutes over in vain looking for such a limitation. Mr. Senkler for the Trustees, said never in his experience was leave asked. The Judges also agreed that local practice had not furnished an instance.

"Nevertheless, —said the Chief Justice, practice does not make Jurisdiction.

Later in the day, the full court sustained Mr. Russell, and ordered the appeal to be struck off the list with costs.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 40 acres of meadow land described as follows, seven miles from Alkali Lake; Long Johnnie's Ind x Res. Commencing at a post marked Ind x Res N W corner, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains.

Alkali Lake, JOHN HANES.
Oct. 6th, '05.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 480 acres of pasturage land starting at a post half mile from the mouth of Little Churn Creek, thence south 120 chains thence west 40 chains thence north 120 chains thence east 40 chains to point of commencement.

JAMES A. McLEAN.
Empire Valley, Oct. 30, 1905.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honourable, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase forty acres of pasture land, more or less, starting from the southwest corner post of Lot 800, Lillooet District, — thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains to point of commencement.

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