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MRS. McGREGOR IS THE LIBERAL CHOICE

MR. E. J. CHAMBERS WITHDRAWS IN HER FAVOR AFTER OTHER CANDIDATES ARE ELIMINATED

"It was the largest nominating convention we have ever held in this riding," stated G. G. Lyall, district secretary, in referring to the Liberal convention held at Keremeos last Thursday afternoon.

The announcement that Dr. Sutherland, minister of public works, and Attorney-General Manson would address the convention and a public meeting in the evening proved a stong drawing card.

Representation was based upon one delegate for each 25 names on the voters' list in the different polling districts. Of the total 105 thus provided for 72 delegates were in attendance and 29 proxies were carried, making a voting strength of 101. Princeton sent its full quota of 13 delegates.

Some delay was occasioned in the opening of the convention by the late arrival of a number of the Princeton delegates and in the meantime Mr. Turgeon, provincial organizer, Dr. Sutherland and Attorney-General Manson addressed the delegates.

Six names in all were placed in nomination: Mrs. (Dr.) McGregor, Penticton; E. J. Chambers, Penticton (Liberal candidate at last election); Perley Simpson, Oliver; L. H. Patten, Keremeos; G. A. B. Macdonald, Penticton; E. A. McDonald, Penticton. After four ballots had been taken and the four last mentioned candidates had been eliminated, in the reverse order to that in which their names appear, Mr. Chambers courteously withdrew in favor of Mrs. McGregor. It was seven o'clock before the work of the convention was concluded. Officers for the district executive were elected as follows: Hon. pres., Hon. John Oliver; president, Mrs. McGregor; vice-president, J. R. Campbell; secretary, G. G Lyall (re-elected.)

Public Meeting

The crowd that assembled in the Victory Hall in the evening comfortably taxed the spacious seating capacity of the building. Dr. Netherton, president of the Keremeos Liberal Association, occupied the chair and introduced the speakers. After a few appropriate remarks from the newly appointed candidate and a brief address by Mr. Turgeon, provincial organizer for the Liberal party, Dr. Sutherland took the floor and in defending the regime of the present government severely castigated the leaders of the two opposition parties—W. J. Bowser and Gen. A. D. MacRae. He, quite inadvertently (as he explained later) failed to refer to the question that was uppermost in the minds of his audience—the coast-interior highway.

Mr. Manson, in the course of his address, dealt largely with the royal commission appointed to inquire into the charges of mismanagement and mis-appropriation of funds preferred against the government by the third party in connection with the building of the P. G. E. He defended his own action in restricting the scope of the inquiry to the specific charges made by the Provincial Party. He emphasized the point that of all the charges preferred, counsel for the third party had been unable to establish a single one.

It was at the conclusion of the meeting and in response to a query by the chairman, "Has anyone any question to ask?" that a voice rang out: "How about the Hope-Princeton road?" Dr. Sutherland, after explaining that it had been his intention to refer to the matter during the course of his speech earlier in the evening, proceeded to say that whichever way the road was built it would cost the province over a million dollars and that it was not his intention to announce any decision as to route until the question of liability on the part of the railways for destruction of the old Cariboo road had been settled. Engineers, representing the C. P. R. and the Dominion government (on behalf of the C. N. R.) were in conference at the time and he expected a decision would very shortly be arrived at. Press reports, appearing in the coast dailies, he stated, were unauthorized and mis-leading. Should the provincial government succeed in getting compensation from the railway companies it would in no way bind them to build through the Fraser Canyon. They would be absolutely free to select the route they thought best. He also stated that whichever route was followed connecting roads would be established north and south so that all parts of the province would be connected up. It would only be a matter of a few years, he stated in conclusion, until two roads would have to be built.

The Toronto Mail says: The notion that a merchant advertised out of the goodness of his heart in order to help the newspaper and ought, therefore, to have something to say about the policy of the paper, used to prevail widely.

One hears little of it now, except from persons who know nothing of the facts. An advertiser advertises because it increases his business, and if he stops his business decreases.

"K. C." BOOSTS HOPE-PRINCETON ROUTE

The following letter by K. C. Brown, a former resident of Princeton, appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Vancouver Sun, over his own signature, and in the New Westminster British Columbian over the signature of "A Native Son:"

For some time past newspapers have published statements printed under Victoria date lines to the effect that the government had definitely decided to build the last link of the provincial highway through the Fraser Canyon.

In the face of Hon. Dr. Sutherland's reiterated denial that a decision had been reached in the matter, and the Hon. Dr. MacLean's flat contradiction of these inspired announcements at Nelson recently, it is evident that some person or persons with an axe or two to grind is busily engaged in an attempt to persuade the country to provide the grindstone. This propaganda is calculated to sway the government from its earlier inclination, arrived at when Dr. King was a provincial minister, to build via Princeton.

If the Coast cities permit these gentlemen of the axe to have their way they will have acquiesced in the infliction of a rank injustice and their business men will have overlooked a rich opportunity to double their turnover in the tourist trade in the shortest possible time. I shall no more than mention the fact that even the proponents of the Canyon-Kamloops route admit it is by far the costlier scheme in time and money.

Let me first show you what an injustice the Canyon route would work. If you draw a line west to east across our Province, forty miles or even less, north of Vancouver you will find south of this line four-fifths of the population of the interior; and these people, or the overwhelming majority of them, from the Crow's Nest Pass to Hope, have expressed, from time to time for years, through their newspapers, their public men, and their Boards of Trade, their desire to have the highway completed via Princeton, the southern route. And if you will realize that Vernon, practically the only considerable centre of population within this prescribed area that has not definitely pronounced for the southern route, is actually nearly 50 miles closer to Vancouver via Princeton, and that Kamloops itself is 22 miles only further away, you begin to appreciate the unfairness of the demand for the Canyon route to the exclusion of the other.

Then look at the matter from the angle of peculiar interest to the Coast merchant. You find a large number of the tourists to B. C. arriving at Vancouver or Victoria via Blaine or ferry during the late spring or summer months only; and I venture to say that most of the foreign visitors do not go to the Island. Consequently after they have visited the government vendor they quickly come to the conclusion that, after all, one large Coast city is very much like the rest. The urge to spend, both time and money, is gone, and with it goes your tourist trade until next season. How foolish to spend large sums of money to attract the tourist to B. C. and then confine your visitor to the thirty odd miles of pavement between Blaine and Vancouver. What would you think of the business sense of Spencers or Woodwards if they took page advertisements in the daily papers and when the crowd came closed all departments but one?

How different the result is, after the tourist had visited the Coast, you could direct him to the Interior where he could travel for weeks through a beautiful and varied country, leaving his dollars for value received behind him. With the exception of the money spent by mining concerns for machinery not manufactured in this province 50 per cent. at least possibly 65 or 70 per cent. of every dollar produced in the interior comes sooner or later directly or indirectly to the Coast. If the conecting link of the highway was built the Coast merchant would be scratching paydirt in the tourist poke for twelve months in the year instead of a scant four.

The indifference of the Coast section of the province to the needs and activities of the Interior is so widespread that it is doubtful if one in five hundred know there are enthusiastic and growing international organizations that exist (another was formed last month) for the express purpose of encouraging tourist travel north and south between the States and the Interior. Very few of these travellers will reach the Coast but the highway was completed many would undoubtedly enter or leave the province via New Westminster and Vancouver.

Every day's delay loses the country thousands of dollars. The Coast needs the highway and it needs it now, not three or four years hence. If the contract via Princeton is let this spring it would be possible for your August tourist next year to travel the road. If you allow the Yale Canyon idea to be slipped over it is doubtful if 1927 would see the completion of the highway to Kamloops.

Not always has one the opportunity to boost and at the same time be use to the majority, economical with one's country's revenue and canny in one's own interest.

Get Together, Growers and Canners

(W. M. Frith, Keremeos)

The situation of the tomato grower this year is, to say the least, a little complexed and, in that it is complexed, it seems that it is not satisfactory either to the Tomato Growers Association on the one side nor the Canners' Association on the other. It is possible that a few remarks and suggestions from one who is unprejudiced, has no axe to grind, nor is directly interested except in so far as it effects the district as a whole, might not be amiss.

The situation is this, and though well known by the growers themselves, will stand repeating for those who are not directly interested but are likewise indirectly affected. The award of the board of arbitration, agreed upon last year by the growers and canners, set the price at the canneries at $19.00 per ton for all smooth varieties of tomatoes, usually classed as John Baer, while the Earliana, which is a rough tomato and subject to considerable waste was placed at $17.00 per ton. This award is usually conceded to be favorable to the grower.

The Dominion Canners had set their acreage requirements at Keremeos at 150 acres, which is generally conceded to be a minimum requirement for their plant to handle. Accepting the award, as of course they were committed to, they were not willing to take a greater tonnage than the 150-acre yield at $19.00 but made a counter proposition to the effect that they would accept all the tonnage offered, even if it involved an extention of their plant, at $17.00 per ton.

This offer was considered at a meeting of the growers last Thursday evening and it was decided to stay with the award, the growers cutting down their acreage pro rata to come down to the required 150 acres. The acreage requirements of the Keremeos Canning Co. have not been stated but it has been unofficially stated that they cannot see their way to paying $19.00 per ton.

The Growers' Association's decision is natural. So too is the canners' decision by their minimum requirements, under what they consider adverse conditions, but the loss to the district is severe and, to put it at the extreme points, may be summed up as follows: One hundred and fifty acres at a yield of 6 tons per acre will give 900 tons, which at $19 per ton gives the district $17,100.00 On the other hand close on to 400 acres would be planted, giving at 6 tons to the acre 2400 tons, which at $17.00 per ton would give the district $40,800.00. That this is the extreme of course shows on the face of it as it allows no acreage to be taken up by the Keremeos Canning Co. Also if the acreage is reduced to the smallest requirements, the yield per acre will be greater, as the grower will plant only on his best land and will give greater attention to a smaller acreage and the average yield should be eight tons or better, but this still will leave a considerable difference in the total return to the district.

Looking at it from the canners' point of view, they claim that in Ontario they have contracted at 35c per bushel, which is a little under $12.00 per ton. At this rate it will pay them better to put up their tomatoes in Ontario and ship them west than to pay $19.00 per ton for their western canneries. To the unprejudiced this claim, will appear fair and, without knowing the actual conditions, it would appear that $17.00 in the west would be a fair equivalent to $12.00 in the east. We again draw attention to the fact that we are trying to look at this matter in a perfectly fair light. Take into consideration the local company, the Keremeos Canning Co. If rumors can be relied upon and we make this statement only on rumors, having no inside information, this company made a fair margin of profit last year during a season which proved advantageous to the canner. Had they paid $19.00 per ton on their known tonnage accepted this profit would have been more than cut in two. Had they paid $19.00 per ton and had a bad year's market instead of a good one they would have lost money. These figures may not be correct, but we believe the company would give a fair statement if asked and it would be undoubtedly better if there was a clear understanding between the growers and canners.

It has been stated in the columns of this paper and frequently on the outside that the solution of the difficulty lay in the co-operative ownership of the canneries. While the writer is a thorough believer in co-operation and has given the matter much study, there is one point which always looms up and is a sticker; that is capital. Co-operation holds a magic touch to the farmer but, as we have pointed out again and again, co-operation of itself is nothing. Co-operation is only a means to an end and the end is control and control can only be obtained by capital strength. It is the lack of this capital that causes so many failures in the name of co-operation.

The farmer is looked upon as the greatest kicker on earth, but he is not. On the contrary he is the easiest satisfied man going. Give him a fair return for his produce and you never hear a murmur of complaint from him. He goes on his way rejoicing; lets the other fellow make all he can out of his produce and never says a word. He is also one of the best spenders there is. Give him money and he will surprise you how much butter and canned milk he will buy rather than keep a cow. He will buy canned tomatoes and has the greatest failing in the world for those well known canned goods—Ford cars. Only a few short years ago he was making all kinds of money but today he is broke. When he is broke, and this is no uncommon thing, he does make a kick because he is the worst paid laborer in the country. When he is this way he turns to co-operation because he feels he is being exploited; but because he is broke and has no capital to draw on he goes into business on borrowed capital, usually at a time when it is most disadvantageous to go into business and has a hard time.

It was stated in this paper last week that the co-operative cannery at Cawston was satisfactory, we would like to think so, but we know that it was not. It is stated that money was made from the produce of the cannery, but the money was made by the holder of the capital not the members of the co-op, in fact the experience there goes to prove that to make a real success, an association should have, not only sufficient capital to pay for their own plant, but also enough to enable them to hold their production for a good market.

The position of the canners seems to be that they have to work on a margin of safety which will protect them in a poor market. The Dominion Canners are said to control the market of Canada which they undoubtedly do to a limited extent but always they are subject to conditions in the United States. Just as soon as the discrepancy in the price becomes sufficiently great to overcome the duty barrier, either country exports to the other (and it is well known that this year Canada has shipped canned tomatoes to the States) and to this extent the control is limited. It is this chance that makes the margin of safety necessary to the canners. On the other hand the grower feels that he is entitled to a greater return for his work and feels that the canner makes too much on his produce, which at times he undoubtedly does.

Again, the grower does not desire even if he can control his price to put the canner out of business as, should this happen, he would then have his produce on his hands for want of canners or would have to turn to other production. Neither does the canner desire to beat down the grower to point where he will be driven out of the production of tomatoes or they will have their plants idle on their hands and suffer a loss of capital.

To one disinterested it would appear that this year presents an opportunity which has not been in the past nor may occur again in the future for the growers and canners to get together on a basis of co-operation which would remove the bone of contention, which may be called the margin of safety and at the same time make a lasting agreement which would be satisfactory to both parties. The canner is essential to the grower; the grower is essential to the canner. The canner has the control and capital but not the produce. The grower has the produce but not the capital or control. The grower wants all that he can get, the management of the canners have to show a dividend to their company, or failing this they are asked to step out and let others fill their position. There is only the margin of safety that is the real barrier between that prevents harmony.

Let the two associations get together and arrange a basic price. On this basic price let a bonus be paid per ton to the grower, graduated according to the results of the average market price per case for the season. This would take careful adjusting but can be done. The basic price would be paid by the canners under same arrangement that they are now paying; the bonus would be paid in the late spring or early summer when the average price per case is known and when the farmer is most in need of money to carry on his season's crop. This would give a fair settlement to both. It would do away with the canners' need to fear and allow for the safe margin and when once adjusted would do away with the annual doubts and bickering in regard to price and would create a feeling of confidence and trust between two parties whose interests are identical at the base.

Some years ago there was constant strife between the copper companies and their men. When the price of copper went up the men struck for higher wages. When the price dropped the companies tried to reduce the wages. After many years of bickering and strife with loss to both, a scale of wages was drawn up based on the price of copper. Since that time there has been no further trouble and wages still rise and fall with the price of copper. Apply this principal in the case of tomatoes and there should be no further trouble.

MR. PRICE ELLISON IN PROVINCIAL FIELD

Will Contest The Riding of North Okanagan At The Forthcoming Elections

Vernon, April 15.—Mr. Price Ellison, who for so many years ably represented this riding in the provincial house, has announced definitely that he will be a candidate in the forthcoming provincial elections. A large number of electors of the district have assured him or their support, and have urged him to allow his name to be placed before the electors, and he now states that he has consented to do so.

Many improvements in the valley bear testimony to the energy which Mr. Ellison displayed while a member, his interests in education being evidenced by many fine schools, while hospitals and public undertakings of all kinds which were for the benefit of the people always had his hearty support. To the newer section of the population much of this may be news; but those who have been here during the past eighteen or twenty years will need not be told of the interest Mr. Ellison at all times took in the welfare of the Okanagan, and he is sure to get a considerable measure of support at the polls.

CAWSTON NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

C. M. Weiss, of Winnipeg, is expected in Cawston next week.

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Jack Budd, of Princeton, called on Cawston friends Friday.

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Mr. Reynolds, of the Forest Department, was in Cawston Monday.

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The Cawston school will close April 18th to 28th.

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Mr. Allard, of Kamloops, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, in the Lower Similkameen.

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Water was turned in the flumes on Tuesday and was much needed on account of the continued dry weather.

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R. J. Edmond and Mr. Murdock, of Hedley, were in Cawston Monday attending the horse sale.

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Miss Francis Smith will arrive from Vancouver Friday to spend Easter with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Smith at Similkameen.

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R. F. Park and Leonard Innis, of Keremeos, called on Cawston friends Tuesday.

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The tomato growers of Cawston are busy placing their tomato plants in the cold frames. Several have not been able to get help and are working a double snift.

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H. Oldham, of Penticton, was in Cawston Monday acting as auctioneer at the horse sale. Bidding was slow and only a few horses were sold.

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Miss A. C. Johnston, teacher in the Cawston school, received word Tuesday that her father was seriously ill at his home in Vancouver and Miss Johnston left at once for his bed side. Miss E. Wilson accompanied her to Princeton.

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A large number of young people surprised Mr. and Mrs. A. Binns on April 10th to remind them of their first wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing games after which refreshments were served.

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The pupils attending high school in Keremeos will not have Easter holidays as they lost much time in February and their teacher, Miss L. Giegerich, has kindly consented to help them during Easter week.

PRINCESS THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

APRIL 18 AND 19

A GOLDWYN PICTURE

"BROKEN CHAINS"

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Comedy: "The Watchdog"

NEXT WEEK

MARY PICKFORD in

"SUDS"

ORGANIZATION IS NOW COMPLETED

PROVINCIAL PARTY DISTRICT DELEGATES MET HERE SATURDAY—NOW READY FOR NOMINATING CONVENTION

A meeting of district delegates representing the various locals of the Provincial Party in the Similkameen electoral district met in the Parish hall on Saturday and completed their district organization and all arrangements for the holding of a nominating convention.

The accredited delegates, of which provision had been made for three from each local, were as follows: Penticton, H. B. Morley, Col. Clayton, W. Lyons; Keremeos, C. H. Armstrong, Capt. G. H. Morton, J. B. M. Clark; Princeton, E. Waterman, E. Burr, S. R. Gibson, Coalmont-Tulameen, Wm. Oxley and Judge Murphy. L. W. Reilly, K. V. R. dispatcher, Penticton, who has been acting as secretary pro tem for the organization, and Lloyd Armstrong of Keremeos were also present in addition to a number of local supporters. Mr. Reilly acted as chairman.

Officers of the district executive consist of a president, four vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer and three representatives from each local in the riding. Selection was made as follows: President, H. B. Morley, Penticton; vice-presidents, E. Waterman, Princeton; C. H. Armstrong, Keremeos; Geo. Fraser, Osoyoos; Wm. Oxley, Coalmont; secretary-treasurer, H. H. Boyle, Penticton. The various locals were instructed to meet at the earliest date possible and appoint their three representatives for the executive in order that a nominating convention might be held without any unnecessary delay.

PROVINCIAL PARTY MEETING

A public meeting, which everybody is invited to attend, will be held in the Hotel Princeton dining room on Saturday evening at eight o'clock. First announcement was that Gen. A. D. MacRae, leader of the party, and A. H. MacNeill, only, would address the meeting, and posters were issued accordingly.

Later information is to the effect that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper will also grace the platform with his presence. They will hold an afternoon meeting the same day at Keremeos.

It is also announced that on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Princeton local will hold a meeting, at the same place, for the purpose of electing three representatives for the district executive. These representatives, along with the officers of the district association will form the nominating committee.

BREAKS NECK—STILL LIVES

Nels Anderson is lying in the Princeton Hospital suffering from a broken neck and paralysis of the lower portion of the body. The accident which caused the injury occurred at the ranch of August Carlson on Friday afternoon. Mr. Anderson was unhitching a team of horses and while one tug was still fastened the team made a break away. In the mix-up he sustained the injury mentioned. He was immediately brought to the hospital and given all possible attention.

PHEASANTS AND QUAIL

After all it appears that the pheasants which were liberated here over a year ago survived the winter and are doing well. Mr. Hardwick reports having seen a cock and hen on his ranch on One Mile and a large covey are reported to have been seen on Summers Creek.

There is also reported to be a large covery of Hungarian Quail on the Schisler ranch. These game little birds made their first appearance in this district about two years ago. Apparently they are quite equal to the severe climate and are multiplying rapidly.

COYOTES AT LAC LA HACHE

Ashcroft, April 11.—Coyotes have been causing much damage to ranchers in the Lac La Hache district this season. On the old McKinlay ranch, at the 115-Mile House, fourteen lambs have been killed by coyotes during the last two weeks. The animals have become so bold that they will rush into the sheep-pens and snatch up the best lambs they can find before one can level a gun at them.

It is evident that the coyote pest is growing and the number trapped for fur and bounty does not check the growth. In summer the fur is worthless and the bounty of $2 per head is not sufficient to make Indians and Whites eager to hunt them.

April 27 to May 3 has been proclaimed a "Save the Forest" week. "Canada has lost in direct values alone $73,000,000 during the past five years," says the minister of the interior. "Let us resolve to reduce this loss during the next five years by 90%."

Does marriage give a man the right to keep his wife in chains? "Broken Chains;" at the Princess Theatre this week. Next week, a big special; Mary Pickford in "Suds."

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THE COMING ELECTIONS

Despite the positive assurances of Premier Oliver and the Attorney-General that there would be no general election in B. C. this year, it is evident that we are to have one at an early date. Why the change in the Government's plans?

Is it not that the astute premier recognizes in the Provincial Party the real menace to his crown, and intends to take advantage of the temporary dismay caused through the rank and file by its failure to drive home and clinch the charges preferred against the government? Is it not that he knows that the smoke screen—rendered possible by burnt records—will shortly clear away, and electors will again see things in their true perspective? With this doubtful advantage and the possibility of a more substantial one in the way of some reduction in freight rates, the time must appear favorable. Be that as it may the election is on and promises to be the most notable one in the history of the province; with a three-cornered contest for, possibly, every seat.

Locally, the Liberals are the first in the field. They have a strong organization, and appear quite confident that, for the first time since party politics were introduced into the province, they can swing the Similkameen into the Liberal column. In Mrs. McGregor they have a lady candidate of exceptional ability and one whose activities in connection with the Women's Institute has made her name widely known throughout the province.

While the standard bearer for the Conservative party has not yet been definitely announced there is only one man in the minds of the supporters of that party in this valley, and that is the present member, Mr. W. A. McKenzie. His efforts in the interests of his constituency are recognized and appreciated. With a different leader he could command solid support throughout this valley. In the Okanagan portion of the riding the name of J. Kirkpatrick, K. V. R. agent, is freely mentioned. Having defeated E. J. Chambers in the contest for the reeveship of Penticton last winter his friends are convinced that he would prove a strong candidate. The Conservative nominating convention, it is stated will be held some day next week.

The Provincial Party are completing their organization, but, apart from that, appear to be "marking time" until after the series of public meetings which their leader, Gen. A. D. McRae and his lieutenants, C. H. Tupper and A. H. MacNeill are holding in the constituency on Friday and Saturday of this week. Supporters of the party feel that some explanations should be forthcoming in connection with the P. G. E. investigation, and are disposed to withhold their conclusions until that time. It is felt that the chances of success in this riding will depend largely on those explanations and qualifications of the candidate securing the nomination. The names of H. B. Morley, Penticton and George Fraser of Osoyoos, have been mentioned tentatively in this connection. Both are men of recognized business ability and unquestioned integrity.

AN EDITOR'S DISCRETION

An exchange says: "Keep it out of the paper," is the cry which the local newspaper publisher hears every week. To oblige often costs considerable, though the party who makes the request thinks the granting scarcely worth a "thank you." A newspaper is a peculiar thing in the public's eye. The news-gatherer is stormed at because he gets one item and is abused because he does not get another. Young men and young women, as well as older persons perform acts which become legitimate items for publication and then rush to the newspaper office and beg the editor not to notice their escapades. The very next week they condemn the same party for not having written up another party doing the same thing, forgetting apparently their late visit to the printing office. The discretion of a country editor is a truly marvellous thing and many are the stories upon which he turns his back, because of a good wife or mother who would be greviously hurt to see the thing in print. Don't blame the editor for keeping some things out of the paper, but be thankful that he has a heart and is not as indifferent to your feelings as the cold and calculating circulation builder who sits at the desk of the big city papers.

Owing to the list of candidates being smaller than expected, Mr. P. W. Gregory, who had gone to Victoria to assist in the examinations for B. C. land surveyors, returned home on Wednesday morning which was a little earlier than he expected. While in Vancouver he called at the headquarters of the Automobile Club of British Columbia and was given a sufficient number of contracts with the request that he complete arrangements with the garages in Princeton and Keremeos for free towing and emergency services to members of the club, along the lines mentioned in the last issue of the Star. He hopes to have these contracts closed in the near future.

The Pedlar's Pack

By AUTOLYCUS
"A Snapper up of Unconsidered Trifles."

AWARDING PUBLIC CONTRACTS

A Vancouver letter dated April 5th, appearing in the "Daily Province" on the 7th, deals with the method of the British Columbia public works department in the matter of tenders for contracts. The correspondent states that the custom has been for the minister to open these tenders in private instead of in the presence of the contractors who have put them in, and suggests that it would be very much better if the latter plan were adopted. It is fairly safe to conjecture that most people will agree with him on that point, and it is also very likely that many will be surprised to learn that such has not been the custom all along. To most minds it would seem natural for the minister himself to object to a system which obviously leaves openings for criticism, while as far as the public interest is concerned it is plain that there are serious drawbacks. The "Province" correspondent states that he knew of three of the city's largest contractors who held aloof from tendering on the six University buildings because of a persistent rumor that a certain favored contractor was slated to get the contract, or to "have a chance to meet the low figure." Now, this is not a desirable state of affairs, since it indicates an atmosphere of suspicion which ought not to have any foundation where public expenditure is concerned. It may be a mere coincidence that the "favored firm" has actually got the contracts, and it is doubtless true that its tender was "considerably lower" than the other bids received—nevertheless the facts remain that several contractors declined to tender, and that the public get very little information concerning the whole matter. The situation shows an extraordinary lack of business method, and the procedure should be amended.

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THE PRIDE OF ANCESTRY

The vexed question of evolution seems to be a subject of considerable discussion lately. It figures largely in the disputes of Modernists and Fundamentalists across the line, and in Kentucky has led to a few free fights, although it is not clear how that method of argument can help towards a solution of the problem. Between the two queries of where we came from and where we are going to, mankind certainly has a range of conjecture, assertion, denial and argument which can hardly fail to provide a practically inexhaustible scope and it is probably a good thing for the world that the great majority of us are content to accept the fact of existence as something we cannot alter and to do our best while we are here. There are enough matters for dispute as it is, and if we were called upon to fight over the theory of evolution, we might eventually share the fate of the Kilkenny cats.

When we come to think of it, there does not seem to be much exhilaration to be imbibed from the belief that our ancestors were at one time just apes, and one may reasonably wonder at the zeal of those who are prepared to do actual battle for the honor of such an ancestry. This aspect of the matter was brought home to a friend of mine who was arguing the case with an anti-evolutionist, and had exhausted his opponent's patience. "So you're convinced we descended from monkeys?" said this man, "Well," looking my friend up and down in critical fashion, "I don't know but what you're right. There's certainly a strong family likeness!"

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FUNNIOSITIES

A certain world reformer named Alexander Marky, in an article condemning the Versailles Treaty and all its works, has the following sentence: "One of the sanest of Englishmen, Thomas Carlyle, said in 1871: 'No nation has ever had so bad a neighbor as Germany has had in France for the last four hundred years.' " We can pass over the fact that Carlyle was notoriously a worshipper of things German, and was by no means sane on that point, but it is permissible to express a little wonder as to where Mr. Marky learned that Thomas Carlyle was an Englishman! The prevailing belief is that he was Scotch, even though he lived in Chelsea for some time.

A little slip of the same kind occurs in a paragraph noted elsewhere concerning the economy of a beehive. The writer uses the bee as a pattern of industry and forsight, pointing out that "he" stores honey all the summer and is thus provided for all winter. The fact is that every worker in a hive is of the feminine persuasion, and it is also a melancholy truth that the honey she gathers is never tasted by her, seeing that she is dead before winter begins, only the younger bees, innocent of work, surviving.

The funinest sentence I have seen for some time, however, is the following: "He might have passed for a musician, **had it not been for a trace of humor about his mouth."**

We are in receipt of a nicely designed, well illustrated and neatly printed folder, just issued by the Kettle Valley Railway, setting forth the attractions of its line from a tourist's point of view. Liberal space is given to Princeton, with special reference to its great mineral resources and its historic interest.

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Synopsis of Land Act Amendments

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subject over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B. C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i. e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) lnad is $5 per acre, first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

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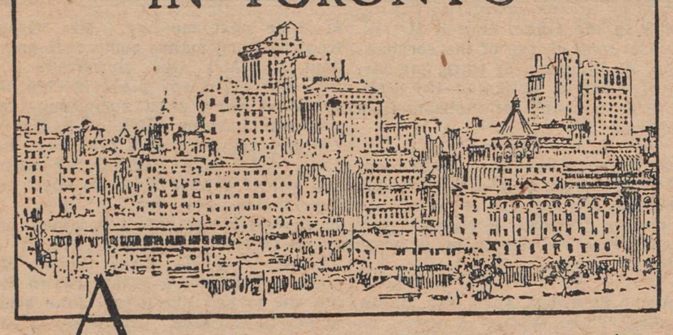

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Princeton Paragraphs

Eric Meausette left on Wednesday, via the Great Northern, for Trail.

Jean and Perry Hall are spending their Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barr Hall.

The bishop of the diocese, Rt. Rev. A. U. dePencier will hold a confirmation service here on Sunday week, the 27th inst.

Snaps for quick sale: 1 new mountain gear democrat; one 2 or 3 section lever drag harrow; one 12-incn steel walking plow. H. H. Avery 22-1

Remember that the banks and liquor store will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. General stores close on Friday but not on Monday.

School closed this aftenoon for the Easter holidays and there was a general exodus of teachers on the afternoon train for their respective homes.

"Broken Chains," the screen attraction at the Princess Theatre this week is a powerful drama of the west, seething with adventure and the passions of primitive men.

E. Burr & Sons, local Ford dealers, have just unloaded another car load of cars. It comprised two Tudor sedans, one truck and three touring cars.

L. R. Clapp left on Saturday for San Francisco. Before returning, it is understood, he will visit New York and likely bring back with him something definite in respect to the future of Copper Mountain.

Tom Daly, of Keremeos, was in town on Tuesday afternoon. He and his cow punchers drove the cattle up from the lower valley to their summer range in the hills here.

Miss Knowlton, matron at the local hospital, spent the week-end in Vancouver, visiting her mother who has since left for her home in Manitoba, after spending the winter at the coast.

Service will be held in St. Cuthbert's Church on Good Friday morning at 11 o'clock. On Easter Sunday there will be Holy Communion and service at 11 a. m. and children's service at 2.30 p. m. No evening service.

The fire alarm was sounded on Monday afternoon but the cause proved to be nothing more serious than a small blaze on the roof of Jim Wallace's residence in the rear of the Hotel Princeton, which was quickly extinguished.

While last Saturday was the day fixed for donations of eggs to the hospital, donations will still be received as the amount secured has not quite come up to the requirements. Publication of the names of those donating is withheld in order to allow further time.

P. Y. Smith, road foreman, and his gang, after getting the Coalmont road in good shape between Princeton and the Peterson hill, yesterday moved up to Tulameen, with the intention of working back from that point.

The young people of Princeton held a very enjoyable dance in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday evening last. As the receipts exceeded the disbursements the sum of five dollars was handed to the secretary of the hospital and is gratefully acknowledged.

Entomologists, employed by the Dominion government, working in conjunction with our forest rangers, were in town yesterday making arrangements to begin the season's campaign against the little pine beetle that has already destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of yellow pine in the Princeton and Merritt districts. In all, some eight or ten camps, employing between 75 and 80 men are being established. The sum of $30,000 has been appropriated for this purpose this year by the provincial government. The season, during which effective work can be carried on, ends about the middle of June, as the beetles then leave the infected trees and seek fresh victims. In addition to the Princeton-Merritt district there is a small infected area in the Okanagan Valley.

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(By "Jay Ell.")

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Mrs. R. V. Shaw is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Murchy.

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W. Oxley and Judge Murphy attended the meeting of the Provincial Party held in Princeton Saturday evening.

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Mrs. R. Waring returned from the coast Saturday.

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Mrs. J. Hutchinson arrived from the coast Sunday and is now residing in Camp de Louis.

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M. Martin, Winnipeg, I. W. Hermon and E. T. Hermon, Vancouver, spent a couple of days here last week looking over the gypsum property on the old Princeton road.

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Among the recent guests of the Coalmont hotel were: R. Barrett, Jack Dunlop and W. Peterson, all from Merritt.

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Harry Hunter arrived on Wednesday to take over the duties of teller in the local branch of the Union Bank of Canada.

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Easter service and holy communion will be held in the Church of England on Easter Sunday at 7.30 p. m., also a service of baptism.

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D. L. Walker has resigned his position as teller of the local branch of the Union Bank of Canada and is leaving on Thursday for his home in Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cochrane and family left Wednesday for the coast. Mr. Cochrane does not expect to return to Blakeburn.

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A number of friends of Walter Cochrane gathered on Saturday evening at the home of Denny Mullen to give him a send-off before leaving for his new home at the coast.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobson and family accompanied by George and Thelma Eklof and Gus and Minnie Ericson motored from Princeton Friday and were the guests overnight of A. O. Johnson.

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Mrs. T. Holmes returned Sunday from an extended visit at the coast.

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Miss Florence Johnston, Vancouver, is the guest of her sister Mrs. T. Holmes.

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The stork paid a visit to Coalmont last week and Mr. and Mrs. J. Galloway are now the proud parents of a nine pound girl baby.

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Mrs. Sid Storer was the week-end guest of her daughter, Stella, at the Coalmont hotel.

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Mrs. H. Lee left on Sunday for a two weeks' visit at the coast.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibson left on Tuesday to spend a few days at the coast.

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Tom Leeman was a passenger on Tuesday's train for the coast.

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J. A. MacLennan and H. B. Campbell came in from the coast Wednesday morning to examine the Anderson-Gordon mineral property on Granite creek.

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The streets of Tulameen are in a badly battered condition caused by the ice flood in the early part of the year. On the main thoroughfare there are places where it is impassible for vehicular traffic. It is to be hoped that something will be done to remedy this grievance before the heavy summer traffic starts.

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John Hosey has done considerable work on the picnic ground at Otter lake and is looking forward to having bigger crowds than ever in the coming summer.

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Eight members of the Coalmont Gun Club turned out for a practice shoot on Sunday. C. R. Malcolm headed the bunch, with Bill McKay and Mason Pye tied for second place. The other members finished in the following order: Jim Smart, Harry Johnson, Jack Rhodes Sr., Dr. Sheffield and Dan McDonald.

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This is the latest bear story. A Coalmont resident who frequently meets the morning train rushed into the station waiting room at 3:15 a. m. Friday and bellowed that there was a big black bear out on the platform. On investigation the supposed bear proved to be a large reel used by the coal company for winding the cable on. That's all.

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A certain perspicacious reader of this column claims to be a stickler for the truth and a believer in always calling a spade a spade. The item in last week's "Star" mentioning the matter of the dispute between the white horse and the P. O. vehicle, in which the horse had the best of the argument, gave him an opportunity to find fault with my veracity. He draws my attention to the fact that the vehicle was a wheelbarrow, not a cart. Now, having been an eye-witness of the affair, I am quite cognizant of the fact that it was a wheelbarrow, but as the word seemed to detract from our (ahem!) village dignity, I used what is equivalent to a poet's license, and substituted cart. So there you are my carping critic.

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KEREMEOS NOTES

(Our regular correspondent.)

Mr. S. J. Castleman left last Friday on a business trip to the coast.

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Dr. J. C. Fish, chiropractor, will be at Hotel Keremeos, Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

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Mrs. Murray arrived from Seattle on Friday morning to to visit her aunt, Mrs. D. McCallum.

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We intended stating last week that Mrs. Fargo of Spokane, was visiting Mrs. R. H. Carmichael, but we find that it is Mrs. V. Walker of Pendleton, Ore. However, to Mrs. Fargo's many old friends it is "muchee allee tne samee."

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Mrs. Roddick left for Vancouver during the week and will ender the General Hospital for further treatment. She expects to return shortly

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Mr. J. W. Rotherham returned home on Wednesday but we have not heard if he was able to locate the bit of shrapnel that he suspected Fritzie of having carelessly left in his knee.

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The annual sale of work of the Ladies' Aid proved very successful last Saturday afternoon. It was well attended and over $90.00 was taken in.

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Sunday next, being Easter Sunday, the United Church will hold special services. In the evening a service of song will be held, this being conducted by one of the laymen. Mr. Curry will hold evening service in Hedley.

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Mr. J. W. Ramsay has twice within a week had a window broken and a small amount of fruit stolen. Taking this with the theft at Mr. Madore's garage last week it would appear that Mr. Spall should connect up with some small boy of the town; better pick one who appears to have a strong appetite for fruit.

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The directorate of the local branch of the Co-operative left for Kelowna on Wednesday. What is hoped to be a fully representative meeting of all locals had been called to discuss further action of the association. By reports in the coast papers it would appear that some of the large independent orchards are open for a dicker whereby they will handle their own produce but sell through the Co-op; this will no doubt be discussed at Kelowna.

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The wardens of St. John's church have received notice that the Rev. W. A. B. Clemeston, of Edmonton, Alta., will in all probability accept the vicarship of Keremeos. It is intimated that he may arrive directly after Easter, in which case services will be announced next week. Mr. Clemeston is unmarried, so that no definite arrangements for his housing will be immediately necessary. The scarcity of houses in town will suggest to the parish the necessity of a rector as soon as the church debt is paid off.

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Mr. H. F. Waby, district poultry inspector of Salmon Arm, B. C., will hold a meeting in Coleman's hall on the 23rd inst. at 7:30 p. m. under the auspices of the United Farmers. Mr. Waby will address the meeting on the raising, feeding and care of poultry, and also on the more important subject of marketing the produce. All the poultry men in the district should make it a point to attend this meeting.

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Dr. G. C. Creelman, ex-president of the Ontario Agricultural College, and Mrs. Creelman will be entertained at dinner on April 23rd, 1924, at the Incola Hotel, Penticton, B. C., by students, ex-students and friends. All those who are desirous of renewing acquaintances with Dr. and Mrs. Creelman and of attending this dinner are requested to get in touch wih R. P. Murray, Penticton, at once in order that arrangements may be completed. Dr. and Mrs. Creelman will be the guests of the Dominion Experiment Station staff during their stay in the Okanagan valley.

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Under the auspices of the Board of Trade a general "bee" is called for Thursday afternoon, April 24th, to clean up and prepare the park grounds for the use of tourists as a free camp ground. These camp grounds are being prepared at all live points along the line of tourist travel and in the park we have a site that cannot be surpassed in the province. With a small amount of work and a small expenditure we can have a camp site which will soon become known and will attract many to stop in our midst. Everyone is asked to come out and help and bring shovels, rakes, grubhoes or ordinary hoes as may be most convenient. A couple of teams and wagons will be greatly appreciated also, and anyone with carpenters' tendencies, coming armed with a hammer and saw, will find a useful occupation.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Similkameen Women's Institute was held in the Victory hall on April 6th. It was decided that the Institute should as usual furnish the supper for the dance on the big celebration day, this year to be held on June 3rd. The preliminary revision of the flower show prize list was submitted to the meeting. It is hoped to have these lists printed very shortly so that intending exhibitors may konw just exactly what to grow. Mrs. J. W. Armstrong was elected to be the official delegate to the provincial conference to be held in Vancouver on April 23rd, 24th and 25th. Mrs. D. J. Innes read a very interesting and instructive paper. The first half of this paper was entitled "Positive Health, as Relating to the Girl," and was written by Miss Hattie Innes. The second half, by Mrs. Dave Innes, was on "Children's Health." Miss Bodenham gave a most amusing talk on some incidents of her nursing career, both in the east end of London and during the Great War.

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Cabaret Dance

The cabaret dance given by the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening was a great success and many favorable comments were heard of the arrangement of the hall and the manner in which the programme was carried through. The hall and tables were prettily decorated; the latter being arranged on either side of the hall, while the centre was reserved for the dancers. Between each item on the programme one or more general dances were arranged thus giving a break and allowing a freedom for social chatting which was greatly appreciated. There were over one hundred paid admissions. The fancy dancing by Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Murray, of Seattle, was a rare treat for the Keemeos audience, and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Thos. Daly played for these dances and during the butterfly dance she and Mrs. Willis accompanied by singing. This was especially enjoyable. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Robinson of Hedley, also by Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Carle and Miss Schofield. The music for the general dancing was all voluntary and ably supplied by the following: Mrs. Thos. Daly, Mrs. Frith, Mrs. Liddicoat, Mr. Stewart Smith, Mr. Ben Williams, Mr. Jack Carle while Mr. Honeywell acted as floor manager in his usual efficient manner.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. J. W. Lewis, Mrs. Geo. Loudon, Mrs. Lorne Coleman, Mrs. Lloyd Armstrong and Miss Robertson. The able guiding hand of the president, Mrs. J. W. Armstrong could be seen throughout the whole entertainment. Owing to the holding of this dance, which was apart from their set plan, the Institute has postponed the advertising dance which was to be held this month but will probably be held sometime during May. The programme was as follows: Solo, "Spring is Coming," Miss Schofield; Fan Dance, Mrs. Murray; Solo, "Farewell," Mrs. Carle; Irish jig, Mrs. Morton; solo, "Until," Mrs. Baldwin; apple blossom dance, Mrs. Murray; solo, Mrs. Robinson; butterfly dance, Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Murray; solo, Mrs. Robinson; Russian dance, Mrs. Murray; Spanish dance, Mrs. Morton.

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Election Pow-wow

On Thursday last, from east, from north, from west small clouds of dust betokened the approach of a mighty host gathering to the great centre, the convention town of Keremeos. The forces of the government in power were called to council. The officials of the government were early on the scene, darting here and there with worried and anxious faces. The henchmen of the party, those true and tried stalwarts, carefree and happy, soon joined the throng, mixing in with easy grace and free and happy smiles. Then a cry goes up, "Make way! Make way!" and the chariots of the great chiefs wheel up before the doors of the convention hall. The great attorney-general has arrived and along with him the all-powerful minister of public works.

Now the assembly convenes, the official business is attended to; the officials for the district association are elected, and the decks are cleared for the big event of the day; the nomination of the candidate of the party for the election, the day of which is still withheld and unnamed. The nominations are many. Six are made and while two withdraw with seemly grace and modesty, four arise in order, and set forth their views and aims. The Scots are to the fore, and show forth their power; the McGregors and the McDonalds; but did ever McGregor go down before a McDonald? Not so, and when the battle is over; when the ballots are all in, it is seen that the McGregors have carried all before them and for the first time in its history the Similkameen riding set before its people a woman candidate.

Joan of Arc, never in her most trying time, needed more courage than this candidate who bears the Liberal standard today. Behind her lay a long list of fallen standard bearers, Chambers, Conklin, Mutch, Elmhurst and the late Wm. McLean. Also on the list we see that bright and daughty warrior, who made one last attempt to shine in the Similkameen, burned brightly for a time, but dimmed, faded away, and then went into total eclipse, Smith-Curtis. Can this Joan of Arc then carry through the torch where others failed? Being a McGregor it will not be for lack of courage if she fails.

At night the big guns speak out; the candidate tackles her job in earnest and starts the fight. The minister of public works sets forth his party's deeds and actions; forgets nothing. Forgets nothing? Only one small question of which he has to be reminded by one of the large audience—the Coast to Interior road. Here in the Similkameen where the question has burned for five long years. Here where we have fought and struggled for a decision, and like a man who grasps a jelly fish only to find it always slipping, slipping away—he overlooked that note and had to be reminded. Did he at once commit himself and government? Nay once more the slimy fish slips out with the announcement that some time in the dim future—undoubtedly both the Hope-Princeton and the Fraser Canyon routes would be completed. Alas that the millenium would come; that we might live a thousand years and not see death; then we might hope to see this end.

Then the attorney-general takes the stand. Juggles with millions like a six ball artist; makes the head whirl with figures and facts and the cutting down of expenses, which somehow are made to balance a steady rise in taxation; but the head swims, and one is forced to concede that if it's so, it's so. One gathers from his speech that there are two great men within the government; his Chief, high, mighty and great; and one other. At last it is all over; there is a mighty splutter and din of exploding gasoline, such as would rejoice the heart of old John D. could he but hear it. To North, to East, to West, the dim red lights fade away into the night and all is quiet and peace again.

HEDLEY NOTES

Mr. Birk, of Turner, Beaton & Co., of Victoria, was a visitor in Hedley over Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford and Henry Hambly spent Saturday and Sunday in Penticton.

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Messrs. Baxter, Brass and J. A. Robinson were Keremeos visitors on Satuday.

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Mrs. Arthur Clare returned home last week after after a visit to their fruit farm over at Needles, B. C.

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Herb Neil is home again after spending the winter in Alberta.

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Mrs. H. Rainbow, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Anderson, of Kelowna and son, Frank, motored to Penticton on Saturday.

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Provincial Constable Spall, of Keremeos, visited in Hedley on Monday.

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Bill Lowe, of Coalmont, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lowe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Webster have moved into Hedley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Congdon and daughter, store keeper at the Nickel Plate mine, were in town on Sunday.

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Harry Royce, of Greenwood, arrived in town after spending the winter with his parents. He will be going up to the Nickel Plate mine in a few days.

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At the service held on Sunday evening in the Union church Mr. W. McKenzie took charge of the services. Mrs. J. A. Robinson of town and Mr. Birk of Victoria, delighted the audience with a couple of instrumentals and solos.

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Geo. Gilbert, who has been confined to his house on the old Brooker farm south of town was removed into the Hedley General Hospital annex for treatment, his ailment being heart trouble.

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Born on Saturday, April 13th, to Mr and Mrs. Thos. Whilly, a son. All are reported doing well.

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Quite a number of Hedley people attended the Liberal meeting held in Keremos on Thursday last. Some felt sort of disappointed that the Hon. Dr. Sutherland had not more to say on the highway, but we all can wait till after the election in June.

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Mr. J. Mairhofefr has purchased the butcher business carried on by J. Edmonds and A. J. King has joined partners with Mr. Mairhoffer and has moved his stock and fixtures from his store opposite the drug store down to the stand occupied by Mr. Edmonds. The firm will be known now by the name of City Meat Market.

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The Ladies' Aid of Hedley Union Church put on a real show here on Thursday last, one that will be remembered by all, and by the attendance at their play the writer believes that the secretary of the Ladies' Aid will have quite a few new members at their next meeting. Mrs. Grant Knowles sure makes some real president and Mrs. Geo. Bowerman can take her place any place in this old world of our's as a real honest to goodness hostess. Mrs. J. A. Robinson had the part of a real swell society lady from Boston, her name and title I cannot begin to spell but nevertheless she did her best to teach the ladies how the ladies' aid was conducted in Boston. Mrs. W. J. Knowles was also from Boston but she did not have a great deal to say but she looked like a real June bride in her appearance. Ena Winkler had a real part, that of a grandmother or at least one would take her for one. The clothes that she wore must have been brought into Canada on the Mayflower as the bonnet was one which by research could readily be recognized as one one worn by the ladies in the fifteenth century. Mrs. G. P. Jones should by all means try her hand as a politician, for in her few remarks on wonmen's rights she excelled and as for keeping a crowd together, all she has to do is to sing that old favored song she sang the evening of the performance. Altogether eighteen ladies took part and space will not permit a write-up on each one, but the balance of the ladies all did justice to their parts. During the intermission Mr. McKenzie gave a reading and Mrs. J. A. Robinson and Mrs. McKenzie sang a duet. John Howe favored the audience with a solo. The play was under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Robinson and sure took some work by all who took part.

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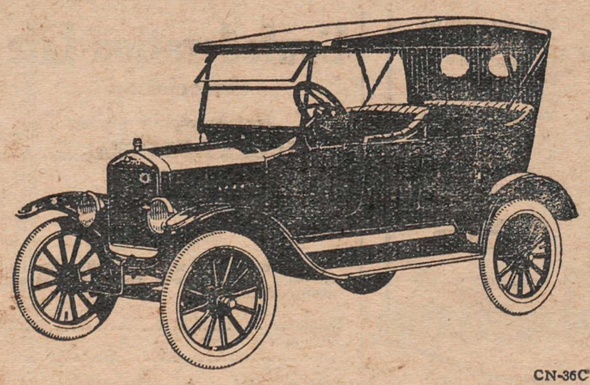
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