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TOPICAL JESTERS

We understand that the manufacturers of 2 in 1 have offered Teddy quite a fabulous salary to go on tour in vaudeville. Teddy has the offer under advisement. Good luck Teddy never mind the mail.

It was not until Gernaey's startling appearance in the police court scene in the Minstrel show last week, that his wife was able to pick him out. Ah, there's a reason.

Abbotsford has a real "white hope" —one that can come back, too. This white hope came back at the last dance given by the Quadrille Club, and lots of people thought he wouldn't Tut-tut.

The Professor, who says he is very busy these days—doing what ?? managed to squeeze himself away for a Saturday night in town last week. He reports that things in Vancouver are very quiet, especially after closing time.

Our local railway magnate reports that things are in a very prosperous condition on his 'Rawnch', and he intends looking out for a hired man, as he finds that dairy business is increasing so greatly, that he has scarcely a bit of time to go for the mail.

J. J. advises that all cows be given Cod Liver Oil Pills agrees, F. J. has the matter under consideration

Have you noticed that one of the customs' employees walks very duly past the dairy—bossy might 'lick' him.

EVERYBODY IS BUSY

It is evident that Christmas is drawing near and that all our people are busy with a variety of happy enjoyments. On Monday evening the Rev. C McDiarmid of Langley gave a lantern lecture in the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Young People's Guild. It was greatly enjoyed. On Wednesday the Cradle Roll of the Presbytdrian church met in the school room and the little tots had a most enjoyable time as well as their parents, who were present. On Thursday afternoon the W. A. of St. Matthews church held their annual sale of work and also served supper. On Friday evening the True Blue Association gave a concert and supper. So this has been a lively week. There are not many indications of hard times, at least in some quarters of our population, yet the prosperous and comfortable should not forget the good resolution of the Board of Trade of which public notice was given last week in the Post, and "remember the poor."—Communicated

At the Fraser Valley Presbyterian Ministerial Association held on Monday last at Mt. Lehman it was decided to observe the week of universal prayer from January fourth to January eleventh in as many places as possible in the Valley and this to be followed by an evangelistic campaign of two weeks

Constable Saunders, who has been doing police work here since Constable Brown departed, has been notified he has been appointed permanently

SCHOOL MATTERS ARE ALL SETTLED

The delegation appointed at the recent ratepayers meeting to interview the government in regard to securing the necessary funds to continue the upkeep of the schools, consisting of Mr B. A. Cawley, M. L. A., Mr. J. A. McGowan, president of the Consive Association, and Mr. H. Alanson, secretary of the school baord, returned from their trip on Saturday last to the capital. The secretary states that while in Victoria the delegation met with a very coutreous treatment from the government, and the seven hundred and fifty dollars asked for wasgranted with the understanding that the school board who had previously tendered resignations would withdraw the same and continue in office until their respective terms expired next June. This they have decided to do and once more harmony prevails in school matters, and the most important matter of all is that the teachers will receive their hard earned salaries

QUADRILLE CLUB DANCE

The Abbotsford Quadrille Club held another of their popular dances in the Alexandria Hall on Friday evening of last week. A larger crowd than usual was in attendance that the dancers dispersed at midnight. The committee in charge of the arranging of these popular dances are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which these dances are conducted. Every person attending appears to be bent upon having a good time with the inevitable happy result. The floor was found to be in excellent condition and Blair's Orchestra furnished the needful The next dance of this club will be given on Friday the nineteenth instant

The following were present:

Mrs. and Miss Henderson, Mrs. Cyril Hulton-Harrop, Mrs. Arthur Hulton Harrop, Mrs. Geo. Clark, Mrs. and Miss Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kerr Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Peele, Mr. and Mrs Eby, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs C. B. Hill-Tout, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. ann Miss Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, (Kilgard), Mrs. Chester, Miss Doris Rowe, Miss McCallum Miss McCorkill, Miss Alexander, Miss Pearl Alexander, Miss Hill-Tout, Miss McLaren, Miss Waugh, Miss M. A. A. Shortreed, Miss Maggie Shortreed, Miss Doris McLagan, (Kilgard) Miss Grace Kennedy, Miss Ryall, Miss Robinson (Victoria) Messrs Paul Taylor Alex. Sutherland, W. Hillier, J. Kennedy, C. Gough, C. M. Baynes, T. Bradner, E. Ryall, A. C. Ward, C. A. Purver, R. J. Shortreed, R. J. Shortreed jr., C. Fraser, P. D. McLagan, (Kilgard) F. J. Boulter, J. Saunders, A. Fermor, William and Harold HillTout C. Winquist, B. J. Gernaey, James Downie, E. Scotsvold, Geo. Hayes, J. Lloyd, H. Von Knoblich, (Mt. Lehman) G. H. Liddell and S. A. Morley

Rev. C. McDiarmid peeaches for Mr. Campbell on the coming Sabbath and Mr. Campboll takes the services at Morrayville and Fort Langley

MATSQUI COUNCIL MEET AT MT. LEHMAN

The council met in the municipal hall on the last Saturday in November, the reeve and the council all being present

Communications were received from R. K. Nicholl, stating that he had a large quantity of fuse and powder on hand Letter filed

Progress Club, Vancouver re advertisement in the Lendon Times' Special Coast number, to be issued shortly The council declined to take any space

H. Skouge, re interruption of the proceedings commenced under the Ditches and Water Courses Act. The clerk was instructed to reply that no member of the council wished to put obstacles in the way of Mr. Skouge in the matter of his attempting to improve his land by draining, and any action that had been taken was to try to remove what was considered a misunderstanding between neighbors.

Messrs Thomas and Mark Jacobson asking that some work be done on the hill on the proposed road through the centre of the east ½ of the S. W. ¼ of section and township sixteen. The council declined to take any action as the the plan of sub-division had not been accepted.

Municipal solictors stating that the conveyance of land for road through a portion of the south east ¼ of section twenty township thirteen would be made out as soon as the title was straightened out which would be in the course of a month or so. Filed.

The solicitor reported land tax receipts

Andrew Calder asking for refund of land taff for several years back claiming that he paid wild land tax on half of the quarter. The clerk was instructed to lay all the facts before the municipal solicitors

W. J. Ware asking if the council intended to proceed with the establishment of the road from the centre of township and section sixteen, north to the Yale road. This was accompanied by one from the Abbotsford Timber & Trading Company asking that this be established as soon as possible. Mr. J McGowan gave verbal assurance that the company would not be adverse to the council assuming a portion of the road already constructed from the mill to the Yale road. Councillor Fredrickson was instructed to engage an engineer to prepare the necessary plan so that the road may be established without any unnecessary delay.

Mrs. Maro Dennison, asking payment of expenses incurred while in attendance at police court trial held in Abbotsford during July. The council declined to make payment

Annie B. Smith stating that she had sustained a broken arm while riding along the road leading from the eastern end of the Matsqui-Mt. Lehman (Harris) road to the Fore road; her pony having stepped in an exposed posthole and stumbled. She requested payment for expenses incurred and loss of time. Councillor Bell was to investigate the circumstances and report at the next meeting of the council.

The municipal solicitors forwarded certificate of title as follows: Freeman estate, land for Aldergrove station rd. Nascou, land for diversion of Le Feuvre road; Frey, land for diversion of Ross road; Gray, Aldergrove gravel pit; Nelson, addition to Glenmore school lot: Page, land for Smith-Jones road; Lundeberg, land for portion of Aldergrove station cut-off rd.

Resolutions properly endorsed and passed were:

That the B. C. Electric Company Company be requested to replace the culvert at Glover with a trestle as the water cannot find sufficient outlet during heavy rains, thereby causing the Township line road to be flooded.

That the clerk write to the owner of the east half of D. L. forty-six and request that when rebuilding the fence along the east boundary, a road limit of fifty feet be allowed as it is the intention of the council to establish this road of this width

That Councillor Bell have a further appropriation of thirty-seven dollars on the Sim road

That Councillor Satchell have a further appropriation of twenty-five dollars for the Bates road ditch.

That Councillor Frederickson be authorized to expend up to fifty dollars in moving back about twentyfive rods of fence along the Wright road.

That Councillor Melander have a further appropriation of one hundred dollars on the Aldergrove station cut off road.

That Councillor Melander be authorized to make the necessary repairs to the Downes road.

That Councillor Frederickson be authorized, to expend up to seventy-five dollars on the Skouge road ditch.

That Councillor Satchell have a further appropriation of thirty dollars for the Israel road bridge

That Councillor Satchell have a further approuriatioo of thirty dollars on the Marshall road.

That Councillor Melander be authorized to expend thirty-yve dollars on the King road by the property of C. B. Hill-Tout

That Councillor Melander be authorized to make the needed repairs to the Little road to the extent of ten dollars

Messrs Gwillim, Crisp & MacKay, solicitors for J. H. Malaher, owner of the south eighty acres of the northeast ¼ of section twenty-three, township fourteen submitted profile of the half road allowances shown on the plan of sub-division, also a map of the adjoining properties and asked that the the sub-division plan be approved. On motion the council declined to accept said plan on the ground that the road

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MILLINERY STORE OPENS

Another new business has been added to the growing prosperity of Abbotsford, and one which should prove a blessing to the fair sex, as now they will be able to procure all the latest styles in head gear without having to cross the line to make their purchases with the incidental troubles of customs duties and the other little worries. Mrs. Bertha King has opened a millinery establishment on Essendene Avenue, in the building by Lee's Bakery. The lady is thoroughly familiar with the intricate manufacture of all the latest and should be a lucrative business. The store will also carry a stock of ladies and children's wear.

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SUMAS COUNCIL MEETING

(From Huntingdon Star)

The regular meeting of the Sumas Municipal Council was held in the municipal hall on Saturday last all members of the council being present with the reeve in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

Mr. Wm. Porter addressed the council concerning the Angus Campbell road to remove the dirt thrown up from the ditch and was authorized to move it with shovel.

Mr. Wm. Fooks reported the completion of one side of fence on the Pottinger road and asked that payment be made for that amount. Granted.

Moved that the clerk be authorized to furnish the editor of the Huntingdon Star with a copy of the minutes of this council for publication.

The following bills were passed for payment:

School Salaries and incidentals	479.05
Henderson & Taylor, surveying	38.00
G. Hallett and others	161.15
J. S. Hicks and others	69.15
W. Fooks	46.20
Abbotsford Timber & Trad. Co	43.39
Clerk's salary and sundries 37.05	
Bounties, McDonald, Wright and Hamilton	22.90

Mr. W. H. Fadden brought copy of Sunday shooting by-law of Chilliwack and after discussion it was moved:

That a petition be laid on the table on election day to give the ratepayers an opportunity for expressing their options regarding the firearms by-law (against Sunday shooting) and that a copy of the by-law be posted up in the municipal hall.

Councillor McKenzie brought to the attention of the council the bad condition of the Boundary road between the Milsted and Nelson properties, where a new culvert had been placed but the approaches were not solid. Council agreed that some small improvement should be made.

Mr. A. Schiller reported the impassibility of a road up to his pace.

E. Marcy also spode on the same trouble. The parties ultimately agreed that it was better to wait until the New Year, when a sufficient appropriation might be made to put the road in good repair.

Reeve reported a communication F. D. Taylor, re Indian reserves.

Moved that this council make all possible negotiations with the Dominion and provincial governments to secure the York Indian Reserve for a public park and that the council as as a body be a committee to interview the commission on Indian affairs and thank Col. J. D. Taylor, M. P. and also write S. A. Cawley, M. L. A. for correspondence.

Communication from Miss Remington and Mr. C. St. G. Yarwood re Huntingdon and Riverside road.

Moved that the proposal of Miss Remington for the conveyance of the strip of land adjoining the Huntingdon and Riverside road, be accepted; also that the council accept the offer of Mr Yarwood and will spent on that particular portion of the said road any moneys he may hand over for that purpose.

Mr. F. Sutherby interviewed the council regarding the reversion of assessment of his property, and the possibility of opening up a road through it in the New year,

Mr Jones asked for something to be done to carry seepage from his place across the road. This also had to wait until the new year.

Communication from Mrs. Wolfe, president of the Woman's Institute, asing for steps to be taken towards the appointment of a S. P. C. A. officer in this district.

This was discussed and laid over for the council of next year.

Communication from the Abbotsford District Board of Trade re the establishing of a high school in this district referred to the school board.

Communication from Mr. Allan Purvis, B. C. E. R. manager, regarding drainage was accepted.

Road by-law 123, Gordon Avenue, adopted and finally passed.

Moved that the Reeve and clerk be authorized to sign Road By-law No. 127 conveying abandoned roads in Lot 353 to original owner.

Moved that twenty-dollars be expended on the Sumas Mountain road.

Moved that the muicipal books be audited, and that the manager of the Quebec Bank be appointed auditor.

Moved that J. W. Winson be appointed returning officer for the coming municipal election.

That the next regular meeting of the council be held on Monday, January 5 instead of the preceding Saturday, January 3rd, and court of Revision on the same day between the hours of 12 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the voters list will be gone over.

Moved that the nominations for the reeve and council be held on Monday, January the Twelfth, between the hours of twelve and two p.m. and the election be held the following Saturday, January the SEVENTEENTH at the municipal hall, Vye Road and also at Kilgard school.

The council then adjourned.

(The editor of this paper wishes to thank the council for their resolution, authorizing the clerk to send a report of the council meetings. Our readers are thus assured of the full proceedings of the meetings each month. It has been the privilege of the editor to visit the council meetings on several occasions this year, and it appeared on those occasions that the people of Sumas municipality were fortunate in a choice of men to carry on their business, showing the good judgment of the voters of the municipality.—Ed.)

OIL DEPOSITS AT HATZIC

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

Mr. Bouchier of Hatzic Prairie returned to Mission City from Vancouver on Friday last where he had been for a week, getting assays on the recent crude petroleum deposits found on his property. He was very pessimistic in regard to the statements made by the assayers and thinks he has a very good thing in his find.

Although it had been known for some time that there is oi, on the prairie, surface indications clearly showing it, no attempt has been made to drill for it so far, but now Mr. Bouchier intends to start boring immediately, over three hundred acres of his farm having been staked off by himself and friends.

Naturally the staking commencement of operations here led to the staking of all the adjoining property and now the whole prairie is literally staked.

The raw material which was discovered about four feet below the surface is a black, mushy substance, somewhat resembling gunpowder, and strongly impregnated with the odor of crude petroleum and tar.

The new find is creating considerable excitement throughout the district, numerous visitors from the coast cities visiting the place every day, while on Sunday last a representative of the Standard Oil Company looked the ground over.

Boring operations will be awaited with much interest by all throughout the Prairie and Misssion City.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT KAMLOOPS

(From the Fraser Valley Record)

Mr Alex. McKay of Mission City, returned home on Saturday last from Kamloops where he had been called on account of the death of his youngest brother, Mr. Thomas McKay.

The deceased who was a young man of twenty-six years of age, had been employed as a blacksmith at one of the construction camps on the Canadian Northern, a short distance from Kamloops. On Monday, December the first he visited Kamloops with the intention of returning to camp on a Speeder, after making some purchases. He started for the camp but the speeder broke down, and he returned to the city, and was prevailed to sleep in the caboose of one of the construction trains which leave for the camp in the morning. He occupied a bunk in the cupola, the rest of the crew sleeping below.

Shortly after midnight, an engine belonging to the company crashed into the caboose, hurling Mr. McKay to the floor. He was immediately taken to the hospital, where it was found his injuries were fatal, and in twenty-four hours after he had succumbed. Tw other brothers, one residing in Winnipeg, and one in Vancouver, were also summoned and arrived in Kamloops in time to attend the funeral.

The deceased who was a sober industrious young man, was prime favorite with all who knew him, and his sudden death came as a shock.

It is claimed that there were no lights on the engine, caboose or the switch at the time the accident, and that the engine had been going at the rate of twenty miles an hour. None of the other occupants of the caboose were injured although they all received a severe jar.

PIONERR LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Mr George Munroe, whose death occurred on last Thursday, after a protracted illness, was largely attended by sympathising friends of the deceased and family and from all parts of the Valley. An impressive funeral service was conducted in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr Dunn the pioneer Presbyterian missionary of the Fraser Valley, and an old-time friend of the deceased assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. Thorburn Conn. After the ceremony the cortege proceeded to the Hatzic cemetery where the last sad rites were performed.

The pallbearers, all old-timers in the district and inti mate friends of the deceased, were Messrs James Plumridge, Ritchie, McEwen, Hughes, Philcox and McKibbon.

The deceased who was sixty-seven years of age at the time of his death was a native of Scotland and came to Canada when a young man, settling in Muskoka, Ont. About twenty-seven years ago he moved to British Columbia and was one of the pioneers who helped to lay the foundation of this now prosperous community.

Mr. Munroe leaves to mourn his loss a widow, four daughters, Mrs. Lyons, Kamloops, Mrs. T. Thompson Mrs. J. A. McIntyre, and Mrs. F. J. Miller, and one son, John, all residing in Mission City.

Mr. Munroe was an active member of the Presbyterian church. In his church and social relationship he ever showed a generous spirit and willingness to extend help to others. His kindly qualities of m ind and heart won for him a large circle of friends throughout the Valley and his passing will occasion sincere regret, especially among the pioneers whose ranvs are being steadily thinned as the years roll on.

Among the floral wreathes were;

Artificial, wreathe from the family; wreathes, managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church; Ladies' Aid; Mr and Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Cloverdale; Mr. and Mrs. McEwen, Mr, and Mrs. W J Manson, Hatzic; Burns' Club; Mr and Mrs. H. Windebank; Mr. and Mrs Wallace: sprays, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyer and Mrs. Herron.

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MISSION CITY BOARD OF TRADE

In the reports of the various committees on Monday evening there is a statement that cannot well be overlooked. Chairman Stuart of the Roads and Bridges committee in reporting on Monday evening said, "Mostly everything brought to the attention of the government by the committee has had something done to it." It is known that the board has called many things to the attention of the local representative, and to be able to report that the results are so satisfactory speaks volumes for both the government and also the board. No need to ask whether the board of trade is of value to the town.

There was a good attendance at the meeting and in the absence of the president the vice-presieent took the chair.

The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and adopted.

The Industrial agent of the C. P. R. at Calgary asked for information about Mission City, its climate, people, opportunities in a business way, markets lor the natural products of the soil and prices, amount grown per acre of all kinds of fruit grain and vegetables price of fruit and other acreage, for friend in Gova Scotia. The secretary was asked to draft up a detailed report and send direce.

A manufaturers Association has been formed in Vancouver and their idea is to co-operate with the rest of the province with a view to advertising what is manufactured in B. C. and to induce the people of the province to patronize home made products in preference to that made abroad. The secretary will write telling what is made in Mission City.

Othar boards of trade throughout the province are taking a similar course.

A number of communications were read from the secretary of the Fraser Valley Development League, purporting to be from inquirers who have written for information. The letters inquire about the price of laad, opportunities for chicken raising, fruit growing and a lot of other information which is usual with intending settlers and all who seek such information.

From J.E. Griffiths and others re requests for extension of ferry service. The ferry will during the winter run on Sundays as heretofore.

From Mr. Cotterell, superintendent of C. P. R., stating that at the board's request the lights at the station are to be kept on till twenty-two o'clock each evening.

The secretary is to write the C. P. R. calling attention to the disgraceful condition of the road in front of their property.

The question of the health of the town came up for discussion on hearing the report of the chairman of the health committee, who stated it was not all that was desired. This is a difficult matter to cope with, and only a policeman has power for action in the matter in order to secure conviction if necessary.

Agreement with the Western Canada Power Company was ordered signed by the president and secretary.

However there were cases in town tant required attention.

The secretary was instructed to ask the government agent at New Westminster why it is that the new court house and jail is not open to the public as it has been finished for sometime.

Also that the secretary write Col. J. D. Taylor, M. P. and ask for information re the new post office.

Mr. Verchere on behalf of the street lighting committee gave alengtny report of the amounts collected and also how the amounts stood, etc.

The committe would like a few more subscriptions and if there are appreciate having the town well lighted Mr. Verchere would be pleased to have their subscription.

The commitee received the thanks of the board for their work.

At the next meeting of the Port Coquitlam council a by-law will be introduced abolishing the wards.

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FRASER VALLEY NEWS ITEMS

A close season for sturgeon will be one of the questions under consideration between Prof. Prince, Dominion StatesFisheries Commissioner and the Fisheries Commission of the United States when they meet at Ottawa this month.

The Colony Farm won four prizes at the Horse Show in Chicago.

Only white men will be allowed to fish on the northern rivers next year.

The catch of fish on the Fraser River this year was twice as large as any other place in the provinde.

Two lady candidates for school trustees will present themselves to the electors at Port Coquitlam.

Another superior school is being talked of for Maple Ridge

The Window at the White Cat

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

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Every one who has counted the passing of seconds knows how they drag. With my eyes on the room across, and my finger on the trigger, I waited as best I could. At ten minutes I was conscious there was some one in th room over the way. And then he came into view from the side somewhere, and went to the table. He had his back to me, and I could only see that he was a large man, with massive shoulders and dark hair.

It was difficult to make out what he was doing. After a half minute, however, he stepped to one side, and I saw that he had lighted a candle and was systematically reading and then burning certain papers, throwing the charred fragments on the table. With the same glance that told me that, I knew the man. It was Schwartz.

I was so engrossed in watching him that when he came directly to the window I stood perfectly still staring at him. With the light at his back I felt certain I had been discovered, but I was wrong. He shook the newspaper that had held the fragments out out of the window, lighted a cigarette and turned back into the room.

He was not alone, for he addressed some one in the room behind.

"You are sure you got them all?" he said.

The other party came within range of vision. It was Davidson.

"All there were, Mr. Schwartz," he replied. "We were nearly finished be-

As He Struck Her Hand Aside the Explosion Came.

fore the woman made a bolt." He held out a small object on the palm of his hand.

"I would rather have done it alone, Mr. Schwartz," he said. "I found this ring in Brigg's pocket this morning. It belongs to the girl."

Schwartz swore and, picking up the ring, held it to the light. Then he made an angry motion to throw it out of the window, but slid it into his vest pocket instead.

"You're poor stuff, Davidson," he said, with a snarl. "If she hasn't got them, then Wardrop has. Tell McFeely I want to see him."

Davidson left, for I heard the door close. Schwartz held the ring to the light. I looked at my watch. The time was almost up.

A fresh burst of noise came from below. I leaned out cautiously and looked down at the lower windows, they were still closed and shuttered. When I raised my eyes again to the level of the room across, I was amazed to see a second figure in the room—a woman at that.

Schwartz had not seen her. He stood with his back to her, looking at the ring in his hand. The woman had thrown her veil back, but I could see nothing of her face as she stood. She looked small beside Schwartz's towering height, and she wore black.

She must have said something just then very quietly, for Schwartz suddenly wheeled on her. I had a clear view of him, and if ever guilt, rage and white lipped fear showed on a man's face it showed on his. He replied—a half dozen words in a low tone and made a motion to offer her a chair. She paid no attention.

I have no idea how long a time they talked. The fresh outburst of noise below made it impossible to hear what they said, and always there was the maddening fact that I could not see her face. I thought of Mrs. Fleming, but this woman seemed younger and more slender. Schwartz was arguing, I imagined, but she stood immobile, scornful, watching him. She seemed to have made a request, and the man's evasions moved her no whit.

It may have been only two or three minutes, but it seemed longer. Schwartz had given up the argument, whatever it was, and by pointing out the window I supposed he was telling her he had thrown what she wanted out there. Even then she did not turn toward me. I could not see even her profile.

What happened next was so unexpected that it remains little more than a picture in my mind. The man threw out his hands as if to show he could not or would not accede to her request. He was flushed with rage, and even at that distance the ugly scar on his forehead stood out like a welt. The next moment I saw the woman raise her right hand with something in it.

I yelled to Schwartz to warn him, but he had already seen the revolver. As he struck her hand aside the explosion came. I saw her stagger, clutch at a chair and fall backward beyond my range of vision.

Then the light went out, and I was staring at a black brick wall.

I fell rather than ran down to the floor below and got to the street. I found the gate to the White Cat without trouble. The inner gate was unlocked, as Burton had said he would leave it, and from the steps of the club I could hear laughter and the refrain of a popular song.

Burton was there in the kitchen, with two other men whom I did not recognize, each one holding a stein of beer. Burton had two, and he held one out to me as I stood trying to get my breath.

"You win," he said. "Although I'm a hard working journalist and need the money I won't lie. This is Osborne of the Star and McTighe of the Eagle, Mr. Knox. They heard the shot in there, and if I hadn't told the story there would have been a panic. What's the matter with you?"

"For God's sake, Burton," I panted, "let's get upstairs quietly. I didn't fire any shot. There's a woman dead up there!"

With characteristic poise the three reporters took the situation quietly. We filed through the grillroom as casually as we could. With the door closed, however, we threw caution aside. I led the way up the stairs to the room where I had found Fleming's body and where I expected to find another.

On the landing at the top of the stairs I came face to face with Davidson, the detective, and behind him Judge McFeely. Davidson was trying to open the door of the room where Fleming had been shot with a skeleton key. But it was bolted inside. When I had got the door open and had not felt Schwartz's heavy hand at my throat I drew a long breath of relief. Burton found the electric light switch and turned it on. And then—I could hardly believe my senses. The room was empty. But I picked up a small nickel plated revolver from the floor!

Burton, after all, was the quickest witted of the lot. He threw open one of the two doors in the room, revealing a shallow closet with papered walls and a row of hooks. The other door stuck tight. One of the men pointed to the floor. A bit of black cloth had wedged it from the other side. Our combined efforts got it open at last, and we crowded in the doorway, looking down a flight of stairs.

Huddled just below us, her head at our feet, was the body of the missing woman.

"My God," Burton said hoarsely, "who is it?"

We got her into the room and on the couch before I knew her. Her fair hair had fallen loose over her face, and one long, thin hand clutched still at the bosom of her gown. It was Ellen Butler.

"She's got about an hour, I should say," said one of the newspaper men. "See if Gray is around, will you, Jim? He's mostly here Saturday night."

Whatever surprise Gray may have felt at seeing a woman there, and dying, he made no comment. He said she

but the end was [illegible] hospital ambulance, with the clang of its bell as it [illegible] and hurried away. The White Cat drops out of this story, so far as action is concerned.

Three detectives and as many reporters hunted Schwartz all of that night and the next day to get his story. But he remained in hiding. Even in her agony Ellen Butler's hate had carried her through the doorway after him, to collapse on the stairs. I took a car and rode to the hospital. A night watchman in felt shoes admitted me and took me upstairs.

The cover was drawn up to the injured woman's chin, where it was folded neatly back. Her face was bloodless, and her fair hair had been gathered up in a shaggy knot. She was breathing slowly, but regularly, and her expression was relaxed—more restful than I had ever seen it. As I stood at the foot of the bed and looked down at her I knew that as surely as death was coming it would be welcome.

Edith and Fred were there. As he sat there beside the bed I knew by his face that he was repeating and repenting every unkind word he had said about Ellen Butler. Once she asked for water without opening her eyes, and Fred slipped a bit of ice between her white lips. Later in the night she looked up for an instant at me.

"He struck my hand," she said, with difficulty.

By morning she was rallying a little from the shock. I got Fred to take Edith home, and I took her place by the bed.

I hoped to get some sort of statement before the injured woman was taken to the operating room, but she lay in a stupor, and I had to give up the idea. It was two days before I got her deposition, and in that time I had learned many things.

On Monday I took Margery to Bellwood. She had received the news about Mrs. Butler more calmly than I had expected.

"I do not think she was quite sane, poor woman," she said, with a shudder. "She had had a great deal of trouble. But how strange—a murder and an attempt at murder—at that little club in a week!"

She did not connect the two, and I let the thing rest at that. Once on the train, she asked, "Don't you think that she had a sort of homicidal mania and that she tried to kill me with chloroform?"

"I hardly think so," I returned evasively. "I am inclined to think some one actually got in over the porch roof."

"It is very comforting to have a friend one can rely on," she said, and the little bit of kindness went to my head. If she had not got a cinder in her eye at that psychological moment I'm afraid I would figuratively have trampled Wardrop underfoot right there."

We found Miss Letitia in the lower hall and Heppie on her knees with a hatchet. Between them sat a packing box.

"Here, give it to me," Miss Letitia the last, when the excitement seemed over, they found a toast rack in a lower corner of the box, and the "Ohs!" and "Ahs!" had to be done all over again.

There was not the slightest clew to the sender; but, while Miss Letitia rated Heppie loudly in the kitchen and Bella swept up the hall, Margery voiced the same idea that had occurred to me.

"If—if Aunt Jane were all right," she said tremulously, "it would be just the sort of thing she loves to do."

"I'm not pretending to know what took Jane Maitland away from this house in the middle of the night," said Miss Letitia. "She was a good bit of a fool, Jane was. She never grew up. But if I know Jane Maitland, she will come back and be buried with her people if it's only to put Mary's husband out of the end of the lot. And another thing, Knox. I told you the last time you were here that I hadn't been robbed of any of the pearls, after all. Half of those pearls were Jane's, and she had a perfect right to take forty-nine of them if she wanted. She—she told me she was going to take some, and it slipped my mind."

I believe it was the first lie she had ever told in her hard, conscientious old life. Was she right? I wondered. Had Miss Jane taken the pearls, and if she had, why?

CHAPTER XVIII.

Wardrop's Story.

WARDROP got back about 6, and as Miss Letitia was in the middle of a diatribe against white undergarments for colored children Margery

(Continued next Week)

MARRIED—On Wednesday, December tenth, in the Presbyterian church, Abbotsford, Miss Lena Munroe was united in marriage to Mr. Eben Vallis, the both of Huntingdon B. C. The ceremony was conducted by the pastor Mr J. L. Campbell

A crossing is very badly needed on Essendene Avenue to allow pedestrians to cross from the bank to the telephone offices.

The Dominion Powder company are erecting a pole line to their plant. The B. C. Electric will supply the electricity and their men are engaged now in making the necessary connections.

The Christy Minstrels, whose recent performance in Abbotsford, met with such a brilliant success, are now arranging dates for performances to be given in Mt Lehman and and Mission City.

The Post is in receipt of handsome calendars for next year from The Pioneer Store J. J. Sparrow, Geo. Clark King's Butcher Emporium, A. McCallum and McKenzie & Currie.

"Windy" states that he intends to spend Christmas in Mission City. Not while the constable of that town is home, or the Bachelors' Club of Huntingdon have anything to say in the matter

The usual evening fortnightly "At Home" given by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Mattoew's church was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boyd, A comfortable crowd attended crowd attended during the evening. Whist and "Five Hundred" prevailed followed by exquisite refreshments. These delightful gatherings are to be continued every other Thursday throughout the winter

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SALE OF WORK AND SUPPER

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Matthew's church assisted by the junior W. A. held a sale of work and supper at the Alexandria Hall, Abbotsford, B.C. on the afternoon and evening of last Thursday. A very creditable display of many useful and ornamental articles were offered for sale and the supper served was most inviting. A fuller report may be given in our next issue.

The deputation from our public school electorate to Victoria consisting of Messrs Alanson and McGowan were successful in obtaining a satisfactory settlement of the trouble with the superintendent of Education.

Mr. J. J. Sparrow, the leading grain, feed and poultry merchant of the fertile Fraser Valley disposed of over three hundred fine White Leghorns to Mr. F. Kramer of Mission City this week

A very neatfully arranged set of local scenic photographs, the work of the Rev. C. F. Yates, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, has been on display on the show window of the Pioneer Grocery, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. These excellent photo displays represent some samples of those that were on sale at the W. A. Sale of Work on Thursday afternoon and are the best of their kind that has been our privilege to see for some time The reverend gentleman is evidently a "Past Master" in more ways than one

The fine display of cakes, pastry and confectionery in the window of Lee's Bakery would almost tempt one to break the glass and help themselves.

MATSQUI COUNCIL

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on the south boundary was impractic able.

Some time previous the attention of the council was directed to the need of caring for children of weak intellect and considerable correspondence has passed between the council and the Children's Aid Society, the council and the provincial government. The Women's society is at present working out a scheme for the care of such children and with the promise of assistance from the government, it is hoped that in the near future a proper institution will be in operation.

The Temporary Loan By-law Number Two was amended by changing rate of interest from six to seven per cent and as thus amended was reconsidered and finally adopted and signed Under this by-law the council is authorized to borrow from the Bank of Montreal the sum of seven thousand dollars.

Before the close of the meeting the reeve presented to the municipality a photo of the old timers of Mt. Lehman district which was accepted by the council with due appreciation

A large number of accounts were passed for payment.

The council adjourned to the last Saturday in December at eleven a.m.

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Pastor—Rev. J. L. Cam bell, B. A., B. D.
Services—Sunday school 10 a.m.
Public Worship 11 a. m.
Teacher training class 3 p.m.
Public Worship 7.30 p. m.
Choir Practice, Friday 8 p. m.
Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer Wednesday 8 p. m.

Huntingdon

Sunday School, 2.15 p. m.
Public Worship 3.30 p. m.

See Bates for Shooting Notices.

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Collar Boxes, Leather, Suede and Corded Velvet 89c to $2

Travelling Cases containing Comb, Brushes, etc. $1.25 to..... $5.00

House Slippers of Leather Kid and Felt $1.25 to $2.00

Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas $1.00 to..... ..... $10.00

FOR A LADY

Large assortment of Xmas Handkerchiefs, 1 to 6 in a nice box 25c to $1.50 a box

Back Combs and Barrettes all the newest styles 35 cts. to $5.00

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