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Richard H. Staples  
Called by Death

Although only a resident here since 1911, nevertheless in the passing of Richard H. Staples on February 22nd, the Valley loses one of its outstanding and highly respected citizens.

News of his death was rather unexpected. Early in the month he had gone to Rochester, Minn., for treatment for goitre, at the favorably-known Mayo Brothers hospital, and up to the day he left he was his genial self both in appearance and conversation. Favorable reports as to his condition came regularly until Saturday afternoon when a wire to the effect that his condition was serious was received. The following day Frank Staples, who is on guard duty at the internment camp at Morrissey, left for Rochester, arriving there Tuesday.

Although seemingly of a robust constitution the late Mr. Staples contracted sciatica about 25 years ago, which permanently impaired his health, though during his five years' residence in Creston he had very few days sickness. Goitre of long standing became troublesome the early part of the winter, and to secure relief from this ailment he went to Rochester. As to the exact cause of death the doctors are unable to determine.

Deceased, who was in his 69th year, was born in the township of Cavan, in Ontario, April 28, 1847, of Irish-Canadian parentage, his forebears being among the pioneers of that part of Canada. In 1890 the spirit of the west got him, and notwithstanding the fact that railroads were almost unknown in the middle west he set out for Manitoba, going via St. Paul and down the Red River, settling in the Norris district. There he remained until 1888, when he moved into the Tiger Hill section of that province—staying 23 years in the Holland and Treherne country—now two of Western Canada's most highly-developed agricultural sections. His final move was to the Erickson section of the Creston Valley, in 1911, where he has taken life somewhat easier, though by no means living retired.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Roy and Frank, all living in the Valley, and by one brother in Saskatchewan and another on the old Ontario homestead, while a sister resides at Syracuse, N.Y. In accordance with an oft-expressed wish the remains will be interred in Brookdale cemetery at Holland, Man., where the two eldest sons of the family are also buried.

The familiar figure and never-failing optimism and good nature of Richard H. Staples will long be missed. He had the happy knack of impressing all whom he met as to the manner of man he was—a faculty that made him a host of friends and no enemies, regardless of the free and always outspoken expression he invariably gave his views. In their bereavement those who mourn have the truest sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

## Canyon City

Miss Rose Wearmouth of Fernie, who has spent the past week with her parents here, returned to Fernie on Sunday.

Fred Browell returned last week from the Continental mine at Port Hill. He reports 15 feet of snow up at the mines when he left.

Dad Browell has secured a contract for cutting next winter's supply of wood from the school secretary. Apparently there is no shortage of school funds this year. Ranchers have surely paid up delinquent taxes.

Latest report from the 51th Battalion are to the effect that the military life agrees with W. H. T. Smith, who has gained 10 pounds since enlisting.

Skiing seems to be the foremost pleasure the school boys indulge in these fine days.

Mrs. Harry White entertained at a sociable at home to her many friends on Saturday evening. Dancing was the foremost feature, the music being supplied by Mrs. White (phonetic).

son and Browell (violin), and Mauberg, accordion. The event was one of the most successful in Canyon City's history and many were the nice things said of Mrs. White's ability as a hostess on occasions of this sort.

H. Martin delivered a few loads of wild hay to ranchers here this week.

W. V. Jackson was a visitor here last week end. Since giving up the agency of Riverside nursery stock Walter is not seen in Canyon City so often.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Long and family of Erickson were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huscroft at Deer Lodge.

**Births**—On February 19th, at Mr. F. Knotts, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Burnhardt (Glenlilly) a daughter. On February 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, a daughter.

Dr. Rutledge, V.S., of Cranbrook, was here the early part of the week attending some sick horses belonging to the company.

Roofs on some of the old buildings here collapsed during the week with the weight of melting snow.

A car of grain was unloaded here this week for the company.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. Demer, who moved from here to the Ledue, Alta., district about a year ago, will be sorry to hear of their loss of a young daughter, who died on Feb. 15 after a brief illness.

## Erickson

J. T. Shorthouse of Creston has rented the Palmer ranch adjoining the station, and takes possession about March 1st.

Roy Staples has taken a contract to haul cordwood from near Erickson to Canyon Siding and there load it on cars for the Canyon City Lumber Co.

Mrs. Streeter, principal of Erickson school, now living in the Palmer house at the station, has rented the house formerly occupied by Jud. Fulmer, and will move there early in April.

Alf. Palmer, one of the guards at the Morrissey alien internment camp, was home on a few days' leave the early part of the week.

It is a pleasure to note that Mrs. Roy Telford who went to the hospital at Cranbrook about three weeks ago for treatment for Bright's disease, was able to return home on Monday, well on the road of recovery. Miss Annie Ryckman accompanied her.

H. Attwood, C.P.R. agent at Moyie, spent the week-end on his ranch here. Jas. Parkin of the same town accompanied him.

Henry Hamilton has received word that his son, David, has enlisted for overseas service at Medicine Hat, where he is now in training.

A sleighload of the young people from here, along with a few others from Creston were down to Alice Siding for a skating party on Tuesday night, when a thoroughly enjoyable outing was had.

Mrs. Maxwell was "at home" to her neighbors on Friday afternoon last, the sociable taking the form of an old-time quilting. Refreshments, of course, were served, and that the afternoon was a social success goes without saying with Mrs. Maxwell as hostess.

Miss Stella McKelvey was hostess at a young people's party of her home on Friday evening. Dancing was the prominent feature of the evening until midnight when refreshments were served. The best of good times were reported by all in attendance.

The first removal by death that Erickson has sustained in many months is that of Mr. Staples, sr., who died in the Mayo Brothers hospital at Rochester on Tuesday, where he went about three weeks ago for treatment for goitre. He was 69 years of age, and survived by a wife and two sons, all living here. On receipt of a wire that his condition was serious Frank left for Rochester but did not arrive in time to see his father before he died.

W.C.T.U. Silver  
Medal Contest

An evening's entertainment that promises to be well worth while is scheduled for to-night at 8 in Mercantile Hall—the annual silver medal contest, which is staged by the Creston Women's Christian Temperance Union.

For medal honors there are six contestants, Misses Mabel Craigie, Rosanna Shorthouse, Vera Smith, Audrey Craigie, Bertha Pease and Edna Holmes. All have had careful training and have been given numbers that struck their fancy as best adopted to their elocutionary abilities.

In addition to these literary features there will be a solo by Miss E. Smith, a violin duet by Mrs. Crompton and Miss Ruth Klingensmith, and a vocal duet by Misses Muriel and Francis Knott, as well as a recitation by Miss Hardman, and a ten-minute temperance talk by J. A. Lidgate. There are also three campaign songs on the musical menu and a closing chorus, "O Canada."

The W.C.T.U. have spent much time and hard work arranging the entertainment and it is hoped their efforts will be rewarded with a large attendance. An admission of 25 and 15 cents will be charged—any surplus after expenses are met going to the organization's rescue home work in Vancouver.

## NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

Neelson's first 1916 robin arrived on Friday last.

At Boswell this year's snowfall is over seven feet.

Rosland's total snowfall is now close to 11 feet, and its still coming.

\$16,121 was required for the upkeep of Grand Forks schools in 1915.

Cranbrook is making an effort to reorganize the city brass band.

Penticton fruit growers union had a profit of \$800 on 1915 operations.

Vernon Presbyterian Church has 155 members, and the Sunday School 124 scholars.

The medical health officer at Greenwood advises citizens to boil their drinking water.

At Rosland from a group of claims covering less than 500 acres \$70,000,000 have been produced to date.

The winter's cut of timber in Cranbrook forestry district is estimated at 50,000,000 feet.

Grand Forks school is paying \$4 a cord for its wood supply—50 cords.

The total pay at Trail smelter on February 10th was slightly over \$112,000.

At a masquerade skating carnival at Trail last week over 150 attended in costume.

Rosland's Sisters' hospital is too small for the number of patients seeking admission.

Even at Golden last week the weather was so mild a curling bonspiel had to be postponed.

With copper quoted over 22 cents a pound the Granby miners at Phoenix now get \$1.25 a day.

Golden was one of two points in the whole Kamloops presbytery to vote against church union.

Wm. Simpson is the 1916 president of the Lardeau-Duncan Valley Conservative Association.

T. H. Willets of Michel has been offered the position of city clerk at Fernie at \$80 a month.

On or about June 1st Nelson will have a 24-hour service to Vancouver via the Kettle Valley route.

Nelson hospital directors complain that the city druggists overcharge them for supplies bought locally.

Kaslo Presbyterians voted solidly for church union. Not a single vote was recorded against the proposal.

Trail school teachers are giving a

day's pay each month to the Patriotic Fund. The total will run to almost \$300 for 1916.

Grand Forks clergymen by petition are urging the council to secure guards for the city's industrial plants against alien enemy attack.

If Grand Forks council will pay practice hall rent and give him \$50 for his services M. C. Davidson guarantees to re-organize the town band.

Rosland chief of police has just notified the city merchants that drawings for prizes and guessing contests in connection with retail business are illegal.

Revelstoke citizens who are owing \$5 or over for water and electric light have been notified to pay up before March 1 or these services will positively be discontinued.

## Alice Siding

Arthur Mason and his friend, D. Jones, both from Saskatchewan, who have been visiting the former's parents here for several weeks, left on Friday for the prairie.

The young people are making good use of another supply of skating on the flats near Mr. Stewarts—both Sunday and week nights.

With leap year balls and Irish nights at Creston in the near future it is not likely the Social Club will have another dance until about March 24th, or later.

Yet once more we are called upon to note the liking for Alice Siding people in positions of responsibility. Stace Smith has been chosen director of Creston Fruit Growers Union, and Jas. Compton elected vice president.

Ice harvesting is under way this week. Ross & Watcher and W. A. Pease are each storing away about ten tons.

Lumber is this week being hauled from Canyon City for the new house W. A. McMurtrie is building on his ranch to replace the home destroyed by fire late in December. Glen Payette and Earl Pease are on the job.

Word has just been received that F. W. Dexter, who was principal of the school here in 1913, and who went overseas with some of the earlier contingents, has just been promoted to the rank of captain and is in charge of No. 3 company Battalion.

## Wynndel

Creston callers this week include O. J. Wigton and Sam Moon on Monday, and N. Craigie and Paul Hagen on Wednesday.

The thaw has loosened a large slab of rock under the big bridge over Duck Creek, which is forcing one of the bents out of place. Bridge boss Jim Johnston spent Tuesday and Wednesday working with a gang of men fixing it. They will return later and put in a new bent.

Carl Wigton left on Thursday morning for Erickson where he has a job with the bridge repairing gang working at that point.

The soft weather has put a stop to logging operations. Fortunately Monrad Wigton had about completed his year's hauling.

Skating was the order of the day on Sunday, a large crowd taking full advantage of the large sheet of frozen fluid.

Mrs. Grady returned here on Tuesday after an extended visit with her daughter in Spokane.

Pte. William Johnson arrived home on leave from Morrissey camp on Monday, returning on Thursday. Billy has enlisted for overseas service and is daily expecting orders to leave for the mobilization camp at Victoria.

The dance on Saturday night was a regular old-time success, being entirely a Wynndel affair. About fifteen couples were present and enjoyed themselves so much that it was getting well into the early hours before the affair was brought to a successful conclusion.

Fruit Growers  
Union Annual

Out of a total of 173 shareholders entitled to vote and take a hand generally in proceedings, at least a hundred were in attendance at the annual meeting of the Creston Fruit Growers Union, Limited, in the Auditorium, on Monday afternoon.

President Jackson opened proceedings promptly at 2 o'clock, the first order of business being the reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous convocation, which was followed by a joint report of the president and board of directors from the president.

His report shows the turnover for the year amounted to \$52,980, which does not include the strawberries and other produce handled directly by the Wynndel selling agency, for whom the Union acted as selling agents. On this account the Union's percentage was \$6,913, as compared with a revenue of \$4,098 in 1914.

While at first blush the balance sheet is none too encouraging looking, if we savvy the contaption correctly 1915 trading has not been quite so disastrous as would appear—though there is no denying a substantial reduction in the \$4,662 of accounts receivable and a like shrinkage in the \$3,886 due ranchers for the year would help some. However the matter of \$1,578 collected since the first of the year shows these accounts are reasonably sure to be realized, in which case the Union can readily liquidate all its 1915 incurred liabilities.

Coming to the profit and loss account, on salaries a considerable reduction is shown—from \$3,702 in 1914, to \$2,692 in 1915, a decrease of \$709. General office expense is up \$1,306. On this point the president in his report observes: "This, on the face of it, looks perhaps an alarming increase, but with the much larger volume of business handled, and the fact that your sales manager's expense on the road have been included in this account, the increase is, perhaps, explainable. For your information I may mention a few of the larger items included in this account: Stationery \$95, stamps and postage \$412, sales manager's travelling expenses \$514, telegrams \$447, printing \$280, audit and legal fees \$113, telephone and box rents \$107."

On the matter of \$1,001 rebates allowed, we again quote from the president's remarks: "On earload shipments alone a sum of \$1,017 for allowances between the price invoiced to buyer (and on which the pool was regulated) and the returns actually received had to be faced. From this sum \$358 was charged back pro rata to growers. The balance, together with losses on your express shipments, constitute the figure we had to write back."

On bad and doubtful debts we also quote the president verbatim: "Your directors have given this matter their careful attention during the past season, but in spite of individual reports obtained, and also by subscribing to Badstreets, we were not able to sufficiently control the credits given which go to make up the loss of \$1,222. Your principal debtor is, as you are aware, the Jackson Fruit Co., and a sum of \$640 has been recovered to cover the loss on this account."

A comparison of the 1914 and 1915 accounts covering rebates and bad and doubtful debts show that had these items not turned up last year the Union would have shown a profit of almost \$1,000, while in 1914 even with no allowance for rebates and bad debts there would still have been a loss of \$1,160.

The officers for this year include two of the 1915 board, with five new directors. They are:

President—W. V. Jackson.  
Vice-president—Jas. Compton.  
Directors—J. W. Hamilton, R. Stark, H. Staples, Stace Smith, H. Lyne.

The recommendations of the special committee on packing and marketing of the products offered for sale was read by the secretary, H. Lyne, and after considerable discussion was adopted.











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### Time to Move

Probably never since the scheme of reclaiming the Kootenay Valley lands was first mooted has this part of the country been favored with such a bountiful snowfall as has been ours this winter.

Probably, too, never since the Valley has become a factor in Kootenay's political life has a B.C. government ever faced a general election when the goodwill of every possible voter was so essential for the safe return of the party in power.

Far be it from us to have our readers infer that we believe the beautiful snow supply but forecasts what is due to overtake the Bowser or Brewster forces, as you prefer, when the ballots begin falling in April or May.

We simply conjoin these matters to suggest that now is the accepted time to start something definite on the preliminary survey work in connection with our reclamation scheme. With this exceptional depth of snow to be disposed of this would seem to be an ideal season to get accurate information as to what depth of water it will be necessary to provide drainage for, and to make observation as to the best outlet or outlets for the same to ensure the minimum of overflowing.

Not only has nature made 1916 an ideal year for definite practical work but it also finds it an opportune time for political reasons in that it provides legitimate employment for a none-too-busy water rights staff and some additional help whose votes will be well worth the having.

Further than finding out definitely whether the project is feasible and if so working out the engineering features and determining the probable cost of the work, we doubt if anything more can be expected just now—governments like individuals finding it difficult to secure finance for other than necessary expenditures.

The scheme is one that should have careful consideration at this time. If carried out it would prove an invaluable asset for land settlement after the war is over—a matter that is attracting attention all over Canada.

With this section no longer a part of Ymir and with the present member for Kaslo not likely to seek re-election we seem to be without a

friend to bring the matter forcibly to the attention of the government—another good reason why the Kaslo Conservative should be getting their man in the field. The incident is fraught with too great material, as well as political, advantages to escape action of some sort.

### Speed Up Supplies

The total attendance at the Red Cross depot a week ago last Tuesday was three—all officers of the auxiliary. To be sure it was far from an ideal day for folks to be about, yet we fancy had the affair been a post nuptial reception or the first afternoon at home of a newcomer to town the turnout would have reached double figures at least.

Speaking uninspired, the trouble in Red Cross circles seems to be on a par with the board of trade's troubles—altogether too many are letting their personal likes and dislikes prevent them taking a hand in a work that has for its object the lessening of the suffering of the unfortunates on the battlefields of Europe, with absolutely no chance for personal gain or social preference for any of those at its head.

With those who have no desire to help along the work because of "the bunch who are running affairs," it may not come amiss to point out that "the bunch" did not elect themselves to office; if there was any dissatisfaction, particularly in an organization of this nature, the annual meeting was the time and place to rectify matters. In a cause such as this, and at this crucial period in its history, those in authority are of minor import—the cause in which they labor is the supreme issue.

With the spring offensive on the western front about to be undertaken the demand for Red Cross supplies will be enormous—there cannot possibly be an over-supply. We have responded in fine style to the call for funds to ensure that the dependants of those on the firing line will be reasonably well cared for during the war, what shall be said of us if we miserably fail in our other duty of seeing to it that the fellow who is willing to make the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, on our behalf is denied, in his hour of need, even those minor medical and creature comforts which we can and should to the utmost of our ability provide for him.

This is no time for quibbling over who's running the show or whether you are getting full credit for all you do or donate. The boys in the trenches are shouting for socks and the medical end is away short on necessities. With the lives of

our friends at stake its high time real and imaginary personal grievances were buried and the good work in humanity's cause speeded up whenever and wherever possible.

### Duty Doubled

The uproar amongst the dwellers on the prairie generally over last Thursday's announcement that the duty on apples imported into Canada is to be doubled forthwith is a bit hard to account for in these days of "Buy Made-in-Canada goods," and the other means that have been taken to educate these people that such a move would prove a blessing in disguise for many reasons.

All this reasoning that the little bit extra they would have to pay for apples would all come back to them in increased purchases at better prices for grain, etc., is promptly forgotten when their bank roll is threatened, and they are even unkind enough to say, in effect, that if the B.C. growers cannot meet U.S. competition on the present tariff they ought to go out of the business.

While it is to be regretted that our prairie friends should take it so much to heart we fancy the disinterested portion of the Dominion's citizenship will hardly be inclined to criticize the federal authorities for extending this deserved assistance to an industry that is bound to be prominent in Canada's numerous commercial activities.

Generally speaking none of us want our fellow Canadian citizens to work for nothing, which is pretty nearly what the apple growers have been doing of late (and future prospects were even less reassuring) and especially when about 90 per cent. of whatever benefit accrued went to citizens outside Canada.

Careful enquiry has shown that for labor alone the cost of production in B.C. is 20 per cent. higher than in Oregon and Washington, and that the increase is 25 per cent. when it comes to spray equipment, boxes, crates, etc. The same investigation showed that in the four northwestern states the cost of producing is almost \$1.07 per box, yet for the four years ending 1915 the average selling price of U.S. apples has been 20 cents a box below average cost of production.

The small amount of added expenditure this extra protection will entail upon fruit users should be cheerfully borne to head off cutthroat competition of this sort. There is no danger of the Canadian growers cornering the market and forcing up the price as Canada's apple crop this year will be more than ample to supply every demand.

The laborer is worthy of his hire and we feel sure the prairie buyers will not begrudge the pittance additional they will individually pay each year when they recognize the moiety added to the cost of living means the salvation of their fellow land toilers in the Pacific province.

In the matter a good word is due R. F. Green, M.P., for having helped induce the minister of finance increase this apple duty. Ottawa despatches state it was largely due to the representations of the member for Kootenay that this was one of the two tariff changes announced.

Some buttercups and pussy willows were in bloom at Grand Forks on the 14th—three days later than last year's early birds, robins are so thick as to be almost a nuisance.

Onion and potato peelers at the Vernon vegetable evaporating factory are earning less than \$25 a day and they want the city council to compel the company to raise wages.

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## Socialism Spells Salvation

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By RODERICK BROWN

The midnight of Capitalism is in our midst, an institution thriving upon the breast of competitive commercial intercourse. Yet the darkest hour is before the dawn, and after the strife of industrial competition comes the clear sky and calm of industrial co-operation, taking the place of commercial rivalry, and behold, a child called Socialism is born, or, in another appellation, the brotherhood of man.

But before these grand results can be made manifest harmony and unity of thought must predominate in the minds of men and the first step in the right direction to bring about this unity is to first find the cause of so much human strife. Competition commercially is the chief complaint, and it is not to the highest and best actions of the human mind. It originated in the days, when might made right, before the mind of man had ripened to its present perfection; before the evolution of the intellectual and moral faculties, and if we still feed and nourish, the ideas of competition we are a revelation mentally to some of our half civilized progenitors, and as nothing very good has come from barbarism why cherish their ideas and almost reverence their traditions.

When the human mind was young, in the days of the cave man, the males of one species, competed for the females of the same species, and no doubt this held good in all the brute creation, and their ideas of property were only another branch growing upon this tree of competition. What a commentary to the friends of modern industrial competition. We who have our universities, colleges, high schools and public schools and who boast of our Christianity and its civilizing influence, and of our knowledge, to go to the dead minds of the far distant past for our business methods, and for other of their ideas.

When the intellect of man was little above the brute, instructors of our youth, business men, and clergymen, why do you go to your half human fore-fathers for your commercial ideas, and yet, turn with pity and contempt, upon their other institutions. While I believe not the theories of Darwin, neither can I believe that the race started from a perfect pair originating in the Garden of Eden, yet, it sometimes seems to me, that Darwin might after all have been right when he said, that man has come up from the lower animals. If not, how are we to account for all the fierce competition on all sides. How are we to account for this present European conflict, if we did not come up from the lower animals. And it seems to me that we have not come up very far as yet.

I will now give a modern sample of the commercial competition taking place in our day and generation, and in highly civilized countries. About the year 1900, the government of the world were in a race, to construct the greatest battleships. Two of the greatest nations upon earth were holding up to the eyes of all nations their ideas of national defense or preparedness. Government No. 1 lays down a dreadnought battleship; Government No. 2 responds by lying down two, to preserve the leadership in the race for national preparedness. Government No. 1 must now lay down three, while not to be outdone Government No. 2 responds with four, and Government No. 1, making a gallant effort to retrieve herself and to uphold her national traditions, lays down six. Whereupon Government No. 2 devises the super-dreadnought, a new candidate more formidable than anything hitherto invented. And so the merry game went on for the commercial supremacy of the main seas. How the final move on the checker board of patriotic competition will

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## Mr. Fruit Grower

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## Socialism Spells Out Salvation

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transpire it is rather hard to say, but from the appearance of the light this sentiment is still burning brightly in the minds of patriotic America, and the end is not yet. Viewing the whole situation, as reflected from the illuminous light of Socialism it presents the appearance of a sword half drawn from its scabbard.

Some time since, a gallant little army of peacemakers, left the peaceful shore of the United States on a noble mission, their object being, to establish peace with the belligerent nations of Europe. One would have thought, that after all these years of Christianity such a mission would have been unknown, but the fruits which ripen upon the tree of competition cannot help bringing forth corrupt fruit, and when the noble army of human love set sail for Europe they went forth as lambs among wolves. The members of this army of peace might have known before they crossed the water that there can be no peace worth while till the works of the Prince of Peace are in reality and fact, and not as now in name only, and this the Socialist party, and especially the Christian members, have always recognized, stood for, and always will stand for.

Both Bryan and Ford stand high in the estimation of the average American, Ford pays his employees much better than other of his rivals in the same line of business, and Bryan the world over is known as the silver tongue orator and great commoner, and both these men must have known that war is the fruit of competition and that nations intoxicated with the wine of tradition and the wrong use of prerogatives would not harken unto their voice.

Bryan like millions of others, till the brotherhood of man and law of co-operation, which had their origin in Omnipotence, these units of natural law, creator of order, which is heaven's first law, how we should reverence thee, thou art the tree of Paradise, upon which grow the fruits of humanity and natural perfection.

The Prince of Peace, with His magnanimous mind, tried to introduce humanity unto thee, but they would not and for their disobedience of His commands the fruits of happiness, love and joy, peace on earth, good will to ward man, have spelled destruction to human joy, and can be regained only through the co-operation of humanity in one great brotherhood.

This grand and glorious man the founder of our present religious system was gloriously in advance of His time, and for his radical statements against the established order in his day and generation, was crucified, and while some of His disciples in the days in which He lived did as he had commanded, the majority were like the seed, in the parable of the sower who went forth to sow his seed which fell upon poor soil.

As for the modern disciple of Christ while his intentions may be good he is living in an environment which is absolutely unfit for a salubrious mankind till some, if not all, of the clouds of competition, tradition, and a few others, have passed once and for all time to come, from the minds of men. Then shall shine forth from the sun light of co-operation from a clear sky, the rays reflected upon humanity in its superlative perfection, and behold the harvest and the fruits thereof in abundance. Then shall we truly say, "The earth is full and there is an abundance thereof."

In spite of this vision which, to the majority of the readers will be a view too near the heavenly throne to be, even in moderate degree, a reality, yet, in union there is strength, and as the Socialists of the earth, the Industrial Workers of the World, and the Christians of all lands, have all to gain, and nothing to lose, it is high time we set about bringing this trinity of humanity into a more direct fellowship, and as we are all workers in earth's vineyard, we must unite.

Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains, and you have a world to gain. Travelling rather extensively in my time, and having met with all grades and varieties of men, I can truthfully say that there exists in America to-day a great division in the minds of men that should not exist, and would not exist, if the laws of toleration were a little better understood.

Not long since I met a Christian gentleman and conversing with him upon Socialism I expressed my idea, that the Socialist party had its origin in the Garden of Eden. He told me

that he would not talk to a man that would make a statement like that, and he left me, but before he did so I said, friend, I have done thee no wrong, and I advised him to read Matt. Mark, Luke and John and learn something of the origin of Socialism from its founder.

Another of my church-going friends had fault to find with the Socialists because in his estimation they were all sceptics, and very few go to church, I asked him his political views, and gleaned the fact that he was a republican. I told him that the late Colonel Ingersole was an infidel, but that did not hold good with the rank and file of the Republican party, and while I had to admit, that there may be many in the Socialist party who do not profess and call themselves Christians, and have very little use for the fine points of Calvinism, yet the same holds good with the Republican party.

In all political parties, in all religious sects, you will find, the good, the bad, and the indifferent. Socialism is upon the political ship of state, and not upon the theological.

The Christian Socialists, and the Christian Socialist movement, should however, convince men of this man's calibre, that all Socialists are not agnostics, and I told this man kindly to read Matthew, chapter 23, verse 23 to 28, and he would then understand that all Christians are not of the immaculate variety. Many men have many minds, yet if we come together in one great brotherhood, on the political, theological, or industrial union plan, humanity would be the better as a whole, let us from the United States of the world, and in the words of Christ do all in our power to do away with the competitive system, which is the fruits of hades. Let us learn to tolerate each other, "He that is without sin let him cast the first stone." Unite as brothers in the great battle for human right or the battle field of humanity, using the artillery of fraternity, liberty, and equality and against this combination, the hosts of hell cannot prevail.

Let us all take into consideration the words of Paine, "The world is my country and to do good is my religion." No hypocrisy, no pretence, no ritualism and no inreverence in those words. They contain a sermon in an epitome. We will not all take his religious ideas, yet we would lose nothing by accepting them, and trying to live them, in thought and action. The trinity of fraternity, equality and liberty, spells human justice and in human justice we have the light, which is the life. In other words we have, a government for, by, and of the people in its highest and most exalted state.

These are the words of the immortal Lincoln, and in practice would give, a world without a master, a land without a slave, and if the millennium is ever realized it will be based upon principles containing this essence.

International grandeur demands a free press, free speech, and a free pulpit, and when we have these, the sun of liberty will illuminate, a grander humanity.

"The pen shall supersede the sword, and right, not might, shall be our lord in the good time coming."

Kaslo hospital closed its financial year with an bank overdraft of \$494.

For peddling milk without a license H. Hartley of Phoenix was last week fined \$25.

Fernie had to postpone its patriotic bonspiel last week owing to so much mild weather.

It was so warm in Cranbrook last week that the skating rink was shut up for several days.

A couple of Vernon residents had the whole weeks' wash stolen from the clothes-line one night last week.

The zinc smelting section at the Trail smelter will be in operation in a month. It has a capacity of 60 tons a day.

Revelstoke will only pay \$300 to its police magistrate for 1910 services. The city collector will be similarly remunerated.

At Golden police magistrate Bradley gives prisoner due for a term in jail a chance to enlist before sentencing them to duration vile.

Penticton ranchers are now afraid the severe weather has killed off the chances of a big cherry crop. They have had it 10 below zero.

Revelstoke's newest druggist, W. H. Wainmore believes in long hours of labor. In future his store will be open until 8.50 p.m. The others close at 7.

Penticton operated its city-owned water and electric light plants at a loss of over \$7,000 last year. At Kelowna the deficit on the same utilities was \$5,000.

## WALL PAPERS

**A**BOUT TIME to start planning the spring papering and painting, don't you think?

In Wall Paper we call your attention to the Empire Salvage Ready-Trimmed article.

Empire papers are exclusive, and comprise a large selection of beautiful designs and colorings—a paper for every room in the house, and to suit every purse.

The decoration of your walls is surely more important than anything else in the house—you see more of them than anything else.

We are showing a complete range of samples which show what the latest patterns and decorative effects are.

Empire papers do not cost more than other papers, quality considered, and they give lasting satisfaction.

If you contemplate doing any papering this spring by all means see the Empire samples. The prices will surprise you. You can hardly fail to appreciate this year's patterns.

**Frank H. Jackson**  
General Store Phone 81 Creston

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**The Leading Hotel of the Fruit Belt**

**Our Guests Call Again**

**J. B. Moran - - Prop.**

**Y**OU will make no mistake when you get off the train if you sign the register at the Creston Hotel. Travelling men will substantiate this. We study the comfort of our guests. The rooms are well furnished in a manner up-to-date.

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Interest at the current rate is allowed on all deposits of \$1 and upwards. Careful attention is given to every account. Small accounts are welcomed. Accounts may be opened and operated by mail.

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Bovril makes soups and stews so much more nourishing that they can often take the place of expensive joints. It saves many dollars in the kitchen. Bovril is the concentrated goodness of the best beef—so strong that it cannot possibly be manufactured in cheap cubes. Insist upon the real thing—Bovril in the Bovril Bottle.

### Sunday on School Salaries

Sunday Boost For School Salaries Cut Short in Reading

The board of education is not questioning "Billy" Sunday's ability to save souls, but it refuses to take seriously his propaganda on increasing the salaries of school teachers.

The finance committee yesterday stopped the reading of a letter of the evangelist when he began to compare the salaries of ministers and teachers with those of prize fighters.

"What have we got to do with prize fighters?" broke in Ralph C. Otis. "I move the communication be placed on file." The motion carried.

Part of the letter reads:

"The penurious salaries which this country does out to its ministers and teachers constitute a disgrace. The man who wears himself out day by day in the service of others should not be compelled to worry about how he will meet the needs of the body in old age. The school teacher who has given the best years of his life for the sake of the coming generation should not be allowed to go hungry and poorly clothed when the years of his usefulness have ended.

"It is radically wrong when a prize fighter in fifteen minutes can earn more than a country parson does in fifteen years."—Chicago Tribune.

### Magical Effect on Neuralgia Throbbing Pain Goes Quickly

A YEAR'S SUFFERER CURED BY "NERVILINE"

No person reading this need ever again suffer long from Neuralgia.

Nerviline will quickly cure the worst Neuralgia, and Mrs. G. Evans, in her strong letter written from Russell post office, says: "One long year, the longest of my life, was almost entirely given up to treating dreadful attacks of Neuralgia. The agony I experienced during some of the bad attacks was simply unmentionable. To use remedies by the score without permanent relief was mighty discouraging. At last I put my faith in Nerviline; I read of the wonderful pain-subduing power it possessed and made up my mind to prove it valuable or useless. Nerviline at once cured the pain and cured the headache. Continuous treatment with this magic-working remedy cured me entirely, and I have ever since stayed well."

Mrs. Evans' case is but one of hundreds that might be quoted. Nerviline is a specific for all nerve, muscular or joint pain. It quickly cures neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, lame back, neuritis, and rheumatism. Forty years in use, and today the most widely used liniment in the Dominion. Don't take anything but "Nerviline," which any dealer anywhere can supply in large 50c family size bottles, or in a small 25c trial size.

The Germans fear above all things the cool, dogged British perseverance, according to a Scandinavian man of letters, who has just been visiting Germany. Few people outside of Germany probably have doubted that just this perseverance is one of the chief assets of the allies.—Springfield Republican.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will drive worms from the system without injury to the child, because its action, while fully effective, is mild.

Platinum deposits of greater extent and richness than those of the Elba mountains, which furnish about 90 per cent. of the world's supply, have been discovered in Spain.

Dolly to Molly—Isn't it funny that when Cupid hits his mark he always hits it?

## Gin Pills FOR THE KIDNEYS

What They Cured

Here's the remarkable experience of a Nova Scotian:

"I was once a terrible sufferer with kidney and bladder troubles, and at times I could not use the use of my legs, and could not go away from home without some one with me. I was treated by different doctors for 3 years, and only got temporary relief. My son advised me to take Gin Pills, and after taking the first 2 or 3 doses, I got relief. I continued to take them until I got completely cured. I owe my life to Gin Pills."

Very truly,  
J. E. KENNEDY,  
National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada Limited, Toronto.

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### Japanese Bomb Throwers Helping Us

Our troops in the trenches in the Dardanelles were assisted by Japanese bomb throwers, who spread intense dismay among the Turks. These Japanese bomb throwers were given to the government of the Australian Commonwealth by the Mikado of Japan. They throw a 7-pound bomb with great accuracy through a wonderfully high trajectory, so that it comes down in the trench from directly overhead. The Turks do not wait for the coming of these bombs, which can be seen quite easily both by night and day. They simply clear out of the trench, taking their chance of the machine gun fire, which invariably supplements the use of the Japanese climbing bomb.

### KEEP YOUR BABY WELL

Mothers can keep their little ones happy and healthy by the occasional use of Baby's Own Tablets. There is no minor ailment of little ones that the Tablets will not cure, and above all they are absolutely safe and positively no injury can result from their use. Concerning them Mrs. Henri B. King, Kingston, Ont., writes: "There is no medicine I know of so good for little ones as is Baby's Own Tablets. They have certainly been of great service to me." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Women as Farmers

May Have to Look After the Land in England

The necessity of replacing men's labor by that of women in agricultural occupations is engaging the attention of most people in England at the present moment. Lord Selborne, president of the board of agriculture, is a keen advocate of women taking the place of men on the land wherever possible.

In an address which he gave a few weeks ago at Shrewsbury, he said he had never seen what he believed nobody in England had ever seen—a woman ploughing. "Women of every class," he declared, "must assist. The parson's wife, the wife and daughter of the laborer, each in turn could make a contribution to agriculture in this year of war, and so work for victory just as husband, son or brother, in the fleet or the trenches."

"I would make a special appeal to wives and daughters of men who are fighting, because they are well cared for by the nation. They have not seen grinding poverty whilst the men are left as are the German women in fighting the battles. It was not right that a woman in this country should live in greater luxury than she did before her husband or son went away to fight; she should do her part just as he men. She must go on the land, if the farmer asked her, at a fair wage, at a fair day's wage. This is a moment when each man and woman of every class must put forward that unselfishness and patriotism on which depends the fate of England."

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited.

Gentlemen,—Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of lumbago, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of inflammation.

Yours,  
W. A. HUTCHINSON.

An amusing story is told about a reply that Marconi, the celebrated inventor, once made to a lady who mistook him for his equally famous compatriot, Mascagni, the composer.

"Oh," she said gushingly, "I'd love to hear you play your beautiful 'Intermezzo!'"

"Madam," replied Marconi gravely, "I'll do it with pleasure if you've got a wireless piano."

Internally and Externally it is Good. The crowning property of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is that it can be used internally for many complaints as well as externally. For sore throat, croup, whooping cough, pains in the chest, colic and many kindred ailments it has curative qualities that are unsurpassed. A bottle of it costs little and there is no loss in always having it at hand.

Bagdad stands on both sides of the Tigris, connected by a bridge of boats, 220 yards long, and is shut in by a brick wall forty feet high and five miles in circumference.

Buttons—Get up, quick, the hotel's alert! Scottish Gentleman (Right, laddie; but if I do, mind ye, I'll no pay for the bed!

### Farmers Urge Plans For Period After War

Many Suggestions Made to New Commission on Development

Many suggestions connected with the future development of the Dominion, in an agricultural sense particularly, have been submitted to the Economic and Development Commission.

Farming organizations, asked to present their views on the various matters included in the scope of the inquiry, have done so in voluminous memoranda. They ask investigation particularly on the following points:

1. The collection and publication of accurate and reliable statistics relative to the agricultural production.
2. The inauguration of a comprehensive plan whereby farmers may obtain more readily and less extensively long and short term credits or carrying on farm operations.
3. The application of the principle of government control to public markets, stock yards, and like utilities, with a view to safeguarding both producers and consumers.

4. The whole question of co-operation in connection with production, marketing and consumption and the advisability of securing staple and uniform legislation for the establishment of co-operative societies.

5. The question of settling the vacant lands of Canada and the future policy respecting immigration and colonization. It is proposed to consider carefully the proposal that returned Canadian and British soldiers be afforded an opportunity of settling on the land. The commission invites the hearty co-operation of the Canadian public in the work it has in hand, and any person desiring to present written views or to appear personally will be accorded every reasonable opportunity of doing so. Headquarters are 24 Victoria street, Ottawa.

### Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

According to official information supplied to the Associated Press, the British government takes the stand that any parcels sent by mail, no matter what class of postage is paid on them, are liable to seizure if they contain goods which, under the orders-in-council, may not be shipped to or from Germany or her allies.



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And prevents others having the disease no matter how exposed. SPOHN'S is the largest selling veterinary specific known. All good druggists and turf goods houses.

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### India's Millions Ready and Waiting

Nation is Proud to Participate in the Wars of the Empire

Ten thousand delegates, representing all communities, were present at the opening of the annual meeting of the Indian National Congress at Bombay, which was notable for the loyal and patriotic utterances of the speakers.

"Millions in India are waiting to serve," was the keynote of the opening speeches.

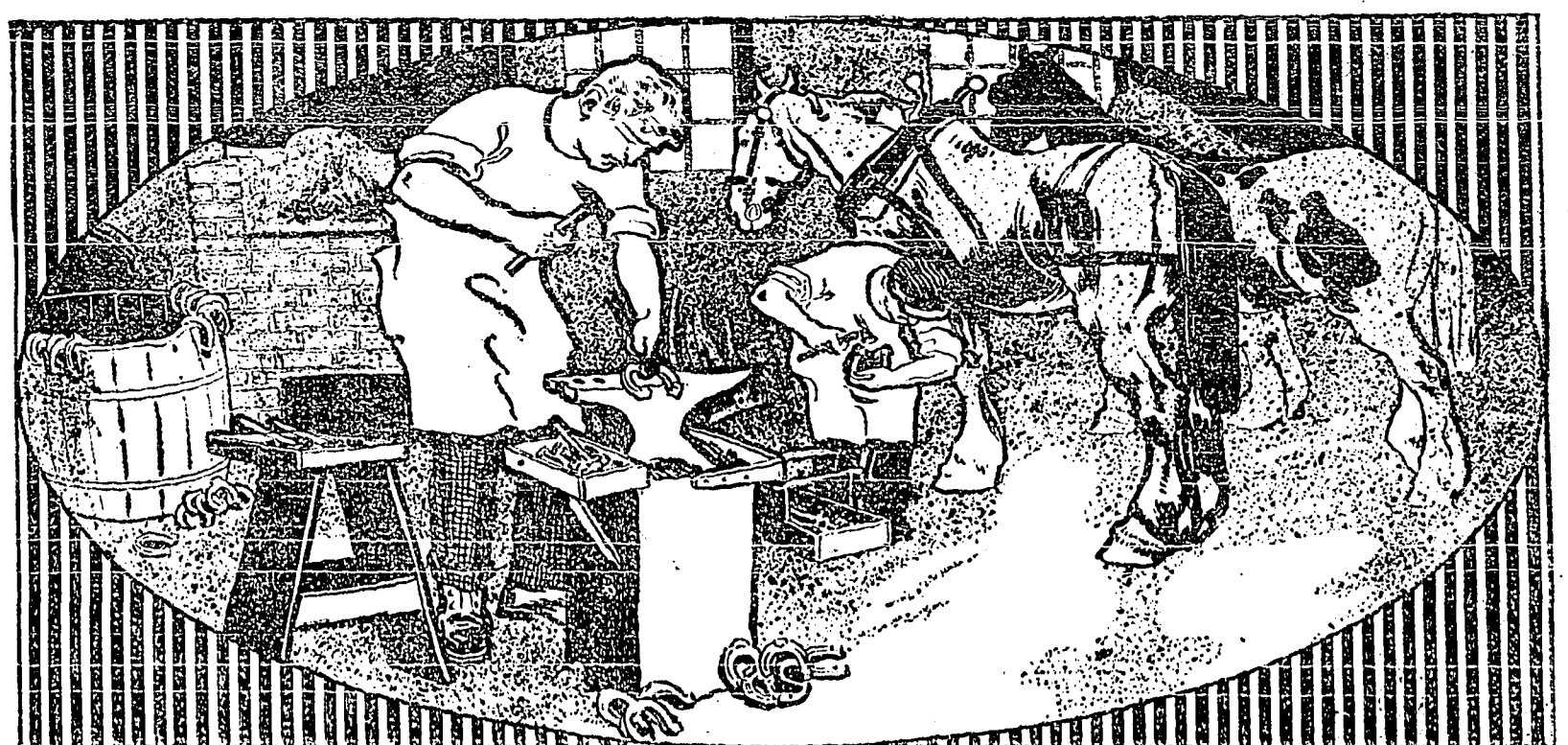
In the presidential address Sir Satyendra Sinha said the supreme feeling in India was "admiration for the self-imposed burden England was bearing in the struggle for liberty and freedom and pride that India had proved herself not a whit behind the rest of the empire in the assistance given the mother country."

Continuing, Sir Satyendra expressed the hope that "the spontaneous outburst of loyalty had dispelled forever all distrust and suspicion between the Indians and their rulers."

The speaker admitted that the time had not arrived for self government in India, but he urged the British government to approve ungrudgingly the goal to which India aspired and also to permit the recruiting of a strong national Indian army.

### Explosives From Cod Liver Oil

Cod liver oil has popularly been looked upon as a food product of a more or less medicinal nature, an indicated aliment for the anemic and the consumptive. Few persons, at least, have regarded it as in any sense contraband of war. Yet now the Newfoundland government has put an embargo on the exportation of cod liver oil, insisting that large quantities have found their way into Germany, where the glycerine contained in it can be used in the manufacture of explosives!



## Backache

The artist sketched this picture from life in a Toronto blacksmith shop, in order to get the correct pose of the smith at the anvil and shoeing a horse. Is it any wonder that the blacksmith's greatest troubles are backache and derangements of the kidneys? The constant strain on the muscles of the back and kidneys interferes with the filtering action of these organs. The uric acid poisons left in the blood cause pains and aches, backache and rheumatism, and such serious diseases as Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries result.

But it is not the blacksmith alone who is tortured by backache, for there are many occupations in which the continuous

strain on the back leads to much suffering, and also to serious disease.

Blacksmiths have always been strong in their praise of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and by telling others of the good results accomplished by this treatment have added much to its popularity among farmers and horsemen generally.

Being direct and prompt in their action, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills appeal to the man of action. The liver is awakened, the bowels aroused and the kidneys strengthened by the influence of this medicine. The filtering and excretory organs lose no time in cleansing the system of the poisonous matter which gives rise to pain and disease. Constipation is overcome, kidney derangements corrected, digestion improved, and you feel fine. Put them to the test when you are feeling out of sorts. Let them prove their value. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

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older, seeking to make friends with a boy just brought in from a medical accident, asked him his name, and on learning it exclaimed that it was the same name that he had noticed on the first page he ate at the Day Institution. The address also proved that the boy was the actual contributor of the egg, which had been seen him with his school's collection.



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Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territory and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY, Deputy Minister of

the Interior, Ottawa, Ont. This advertisement will not be paid for.

## Local and Personal

Leap year ball Tuesday night, Parish Hall.

FRESH MILK FOR SALE—Ten cents per quart, if called for.—P. G. EBBUTT, Creston.

Flour! See Speers' advt. on page 4. "Our Best" is now quoted at \$3.75 per 98-lb sack.

W.C.T.U. silver medal contest in Mercantile Hall to-night. Good musical and literary programme.

Since last report, about six weeks ago, the Overseas Club tobacco fund has gone up about \$2 and now registers a grand total of \$18.50.

Import trade has been active this week, a car of hay and another of feed to the Institute and a car of coal to H. S. McCreath. Hay prices shows no change.

Rev. F. V. Harrison of Kaslo was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore during his stay here conducting the mission in Christ Church on Sunday and Monday.

The provincial police are giving \$3 each monthly to the Patriotic Fund. This amount is held out from their cheques and paid in a lump sum to the fund by the provincial chief.

Some fair catches of whitefish are being made in the open spots on the Goat River these days. Some char are also being seen, the first time in years they have come up stream so early.

Father Lambot of Cranbrook, who ministers to the spiritual needs of the Creston Indians, is back on duty again after being confined to St. Eugene Hospital through illness for almost four months.

Mrs. M. McCarthy, who has been visiting her daughter in Vancouver for some weeks, returned home on Friday. She says the coast has been as well supplied with snow this winter as the Kootenay.

Creston had quite a change in theology on Sunday. At the Presbyterian Church Rev. Mr. Stevens of Cranbrook took charge while at Christ Church Rev. Mr. Harrison of Kaslo was the preacher, morning and evening.

The first bit of wrecking on the Great Northern Port Hill-Creston line is now under way. R. Lamont, who has purchased the water tank, section house and other buildings, has moved some of the latter out to his Erickson ranch.

The feature of the February meeting of the Farmers' Institute on Friday night was an address on spraying by resident horticulturist Johnson, who strongly advised the Institute members to get together and purchase a power sprayer for their own use.

As yet no one has been named to replace F. B. Callander as deputy game warden and it looks as if the position would go unfilled until possibly June. There are said to be 27 applicants for the job, among them being the well-known Valley rancher, R. G. A. Hockley.

The W.C.T.U. silver medal contest takes place to-night at 8 o'clock in Mercantile Hall. In addition to the candidates for medal honors, there are numerous musical selections by well known local talent and a real concert, as it were, is assured. A small admission of 25 and 15c. will be charged.

Commencing Sunday, March 5th, at the evening services in Holy Cross Church for the next few Sundays Father Kennedy will deliver a series of addresses on such topics as "Existence of God," "Necessity of Religion," "What the Church stands for," "The Church and Science," and kindred subjects, to which all are cordially invited.

Rev. F. V. Harrison of Kaslo conducted mission service in connection with the war in Christ Church this week. He is a forceful speaker and his addresses on Sunday morning and evening and also Monday night were both thoughtful and timely, showing a broad grasp of the whole situation and the duty of the British peoples in the crisis. The Sunday services were quite well attended, but on Monday the turnout was disappointing.

Mayor Little stands completely discredited as a weather prognosticator. In the early part of January he announced the coming of a mild spell which turned out to be the coldest period of the winter. This month it was to be a cold week from the 18th and here we are getting our first real touch of spring and Mr. Beam due to appear in his panama most any day. The weather and the mayor's predictions almost being counted about as big a calamity as Henry Ford.

Chief Constable J. T. Black of Nelson paid Creston an official visit yesterday.

TIMOTHY AND CLOVER HAY FOR SALE or exchange for good milch cow.—R. LAMONT, Creston.

HORSES WANTED—Team cayuses or horses. Will pay cash. Send particulars to Drawer 38, Creston Post-office.

A. Lindley's October advice to hold potatoes for spring sale was timely. We hear they are quoted at \$10 a ton at Calgary this week.

February payments to the Patriotic Fund are now due and should be made to C. G. Bennett at the Bank of Commerce, the local branch treasurer.

Flour prices are almost as fickle as the weather these days. On Tuesday a drop of 25 cents a hundred in the makings of the staff of life was reported.

W. A. McMurtrie is having the lumber hauled for the new residence he will erect on his ranch, to replace the bungalow destroyed by fire in December.

Vice-president Little assures us that the supply of water in the reservoir is again up to normal and if residents are not getting water it is on account of their pipes being frozen.

The drawing for the violin donated by James Heath to the Patriotic Fund takes place at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at the Mercantile store. There are still some tickets available.

Creston will be agreeably surprised to learn that the famous (and with some, infamous) Joe Grafton has been made a lieutenant in the 192nd Battalion and has about 70 recruits in his company at Coleman.

During the past week the eastbound express has been running from a quarter to half an hour behind time, due to unusually heavy every-day fogs on the lake—the worst and steadiest ever encountered hitherto.

The Red Cross Auxiliary acknowledges with thanks a donation of a bundle of old linen from Mrs. McCreath. The depot will be open Tuesday to receive and give out work. Socks and old linen is much in demand.

Creston Women's Institute have their March meeting on Saturday afternoon, the 4th, at 3 o'clock. There will be a demonstration of making simple surgical dressings and also some musical and literary selections during proceedings.

Over a hundred of the shareholders were on hand for the Fruit Growers' Union annual meeting at the Auditorium on Monday afternoon. W. V. Jackson was re-elected president, for the third term, with Jas. Compton vice. Five brand new directors were chosen.

Fernie Free Press: The Creston district has demonstrated the advantages of diversified farming, even in a fruit region. During the year 1915 Creston district produced for export some \$20,000 worth of livestock and meat, and also had a surplus of dairy products and poultry.

You're all invited and the band's engaged to supply the music for the leap year ball in the Parish Hall on Tuesday night, under Christ Church Ladies Guild auspices. Tickets are \$1 a couple with a charge of 50 cents to gentlemen unattended. Andy Miller will be in charge, and dancing starts at 9 o'clock prompt.

H. Attwood and Jas. Parkin of Moyie were week-end visitors in Creston, going into the matter of erecting a commodious packing shed on the former's ranch here this spring. Mr. Attwood states that owing to the heavy snowfall coming before the ice had frozen more than a few inches Moyie Lake ice is hardly worth the cutting this winter.

For those who prefer whist, or some whist and some dancing, those in charge of the Irish Night in the Auditorium on March 17th, are providing cards and tables and are also giving prizes. Floor managers D. S. Timmons and Floyd Rodgers are arranging a fine programme of dances, and the ladies assure us the refreshments will be the best ever. The admission is 50 cents.

Those never-welcome blue-school tax notices arrived the latter part of the week, and, in most cases, have been put carefully away for future consideration as the 10 per cent. rebate stands good until the end of June. As compared with 1915 the total assessment has fallen from \$572,078 to \$520,915, while the rate has also slumped from 7.4 to 6.1. The 1915 assessment was \$1,000 in 1915.

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FOR SALE—1 two-horse disc, \$15 cash.—A. D. POCHIN, Canyon.

Spring is here. Druggist Outway is already displaying his stock of garden seeds.

H. Freeman arrived from Cowley, Alta., on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jud. Fulmer.

Pedigree strawberry plants \$0.50 per thousand.—Monrad Wigen, Wynndel, B.C.

Miss Jessie Daw is spending a couple of weeks' vacation with friends in Cranbrook.

New Denver Record: Hugh and Will Gunn have joined the 72nd Highlanders at Vancouver.

Men's high rubber boots \$4.75 pair at S. A. Speers—just the thing for the slushy and muddy days.

BIRTH—At Canyon City, on February 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Barnhardt (Glenlilly), a daughter.

The executive of the Creston Liberal Association have a meeting to-night in Speers' hall at 8 o'clock.

Gus Peterson, who has been working at Bull River and Wardener for some weeks, returned home on Saturday.

The government officers have been notified that for the time being no more bounties will be paid on coyote scalps.

Mrs. Hemmish of Carstairs, Alta., who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Dew for some weeks, left for home on Friday.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid have their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Heald on Friday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock.

We have a letter from "A Subscriber." If the writer will favor us with his or her identity, either personally or by mail, the contribution will be published.

## Growers of Canyon City, Erickson, Creston, Wynndel Districts

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