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Creston Couple's Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Smith of Creston are great believers in starting the new year right. Fifty years ago—December 31st, 1866, to be precise—they plighted their troth each to other in holy matrimony, and each and every year that has come and gone, with its measure of joys and troubles, has found this popular couple just a little happier for having taken each other for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in the memorable last day of the last month of '66.

Surrounded by their four children, Mrs. T. F. Oliver and Mrs. G. Brewer of Calgary, Mr. Fred K. and Miss Estelle Smith of Creston, as well as three of their four grandchildren, the bride and groom of fifty years ago celebrated their golden wedding at tneir home just east of town on Monday, being at home to their friends during the afternoon, and having many callers to wish them very many happy returns of the day, with continued good health and happiness.

John G. Smith was born at Morven, in eastern Ontario, June 29, 1842, and Miss Mary E. McGuin, now Mrs. Smith, was born at the same place two years later, on August 29. They were married at the same place on December 31, 1866. For almost thirty years they continued to live in eastern Canada, most of the time near Brockville, Ontario. But in 1895 the lure of the west was too much for him and that year Mr. and Mrs. Smith with their four children came into Alberta, taking up a half-section about eleven miles north east of Calgary.

Although in the real estate boom in that city in 1909-10 farms less than a mile closer in than their place were laid out as city lots the Smith homestead never got into the sub-division class, and always preferring the outdoor life, March, 1912, found the Smiths headed for the Creston Valley, where they have since resided on their tidy ten-acre ranch in what might be termed the Erickson section.

Although coming west as late as '95 Mr. Smith was one of the earliest to tackle farming in that part of Alberta, and in addition to showing ability in agricultural pursuits also took a keen interest in public affairs, especially those having to do with education. In return for his zeal in this regard when the school section in his neighborhood was formed his fellow trustees allowed him the distinction of giving it a name, which he promptly did by calling it Glenmore—after the eastern public school in which he was educated.

Although living to some extent, at least, retired, Mr. and Mrs. Smith are always ready to help along any good cause, and are ever to be found active in Methodist Church circles particularly. Though both have passed the allotted span of threescore and ten years few would believe them this far along in life so well have their kept their years.

THE REVIEW joins with the army of friends in hoping Creston will long continue to have the good company of these good citizens. All would sadly miss the cheery, hearty, honest "How do you do" with which Mr. Smith rarely fails to greet you—no matter how good the lively team he delights to drive may be feeling when he happens past.

Sirdar

Miss Marion and Earl Swanson are in Calgary, holiday guests of their aunt, Mrs. Hayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor of Cabri, Sask. *are guests of Mr. and Mrs.* Lonsby.

Capt. Forrester, provincial police, Creston, paid Sirdar an official visit the early part of the week.

Rev. R. E. Pow was here on Tuesday for the regular Presbyterian service at the schoolhouse.

The eastbound express is running about half an hour late these days. The transfer of the baggage, etc., to the boat at Proctor is largely responsible. The west arm froze over on the 28th, about two weeks earlier than last year.

Capt, and Mrs. McCarthy of the Landing entertained their Sirdar friends on Wednesday evening last. Music, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

School re-opens on Monday. Mrs. Parker, teacher, who is holidaying at Nelson is expected back on Sunday.

Messrs. Tuohey and Dennes were Creston visitors on Tuesday on some repair work. The late arrival of the westbound these days gives them almost a full half-days time for their labors at the metropolis.

Wynndel

Miss Olga and Monrad Wigen left on Sunday for Vancouver, where they will spend the next three months taking a commercial course in a business college in that city.

Paul Ofner, who has been working at Coleman Alta.. for some time, returned to his home here last week.

Clarence Ogilvie of Nelson spent last week with friends here, returning on Sunday.

Nels. Winlaw of Nelson is spending a few days in Wynndel this week.

Miss Annie Johnson, who spent Christmas here, returned to Macleod, Alta., on Tuesday

Some of the young people took in the box social at Creston on Friday night, and all reported a good time. Wynndel, however, was not represented at the masquerade ball at the same place on New Years.

J. B. Winlaw has a number of men at work cutting out a canal from the site of his proposed mill to the slough. About 700 feet of it will have to be dug. It is expected the mill will be built this year.

Postmaster Butterfield, who has beeh pretty much under the weather for the past two weeks. is again back on duty. Percy Higmore. who has been a visitor with E. Butterfield, jr., left for his home at Winnifred, Alta., on Thursday.

Lieut. Ashley Cooper, who spent Christmas here, returned to Bonnington on Tuesday.

Walter Cooper, who has been confined to the house for at least six weeks, with an injured knee, is now able to get around again nicely.

Learning to Cook

Miss Hayes, who teaches domestic science in the Nelson city school, was a Creston visitor on Tuesday and Wednesday, when she gave talks and demonstrations on many lines of home cooking at the Auditorium, afternoon and evening sessions being held each day. The ladies turned out in full force for these gatherings, the attendance on Wednesday evening reaching 70, and the smallest turnout on opening afternoon, when 45 were present. Miss Hayes appeared under the auspices of Creston Women's Institute, and her work was very much much appreciated by all who attended.

Death Misreported

Creston came close to having a touch of genuine sorrow to start the new year with. Friday morning word came to Mrs. E. C. Gibbs. that her brother, W. A. McBean, who was formerly in charge of the drugstore here, had died of wounds the latter part of November. Fortunately it *turned out to be a case of mistaken* identity for on Saturday afternoon a letter arrived from Billy, dated December 7th, for the express purpose of allaying any misgivings if the name appeared in the casualty lists. The dead hero had the same initials, but was a Scotchman who went over from Canada, and strange to say the Creston McBean was detailed to attend to the departed when he was carried wounded.

Record Crowd at Masquerade Ball

Creston band's annual masquerade ball this year was just a wee bit greater, grander and more gigantic than any of its predecessors. While the number in costume was little, if any, larger than a year ago, those not masking were much more numerous, while the number there merely as spectators was very much greater—and this despite the fact that the affair was on Monday night, rather than the always-popular Friday evening affair a year ago. A modest estimate of the turnout is 200 persons, of whom a dozen were up from Port Hill.

In naming Mr. and Mrs Ray Crisler, attired as a Sailor and Witch, as the best waltzing couple, and awarding Bert Arrowsmith, who was perfectly attired as an Indian Chief, the best gents costume prize, the judgesgave pretty general satisfaction, but the crowd's approval was not so unanimous in the award of the best ladies costume honor. Undoubtedly the adjudicators had the time of their lives deciding to whon the prize should go, so numerous were the striking ladies outfits, but finally Mrs. Herb Christie was chosen. Some of the others in costume were:

Ronald Lidgate. W. Truscott, J. Boydell, John Broderick, Wm. Johnston, Indians.

Dick Smith, Ben Embree, Harold Goodwin, Baseball Players.

Milt Beam, W. B. Embree, Clowns.

Mrs. E. Ryckman, Miss Doena Taylor. Miss Audrey Craigie, Flower Girls.

Miss Lyda Johnson, Miss Ruth Smith, Hollies.

Mrs. Bennett, Miss Phyllis Lyne, Nurses.

Miss Flossie White, Peanuts.

Mrs. Jas, Compton, Russian Dancer.

Miss Gertie Knott, Quakeress.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Jackson, Colored gentleman and lady.

Mrs. W. B. Embree, Tipperary Maid.

Miss Jennie Nichols, Lady La Mode.

Miss Ella Dow. Shepherdess.

Mrs. Cherrington, Spanish Lady.

Miss Francis Knott, Brittania.

Miss Dorothy Stark, Normandy Peasant.

Miss Vivanne Moore, Five o'Clock Tea.

Mrs. Andy Miller, Military Costume.

Miss Alice Carr, Jingle Bells.

Miss Zalla Johnson, Joan of Arc.

Miss Ruth Klingensmith, Pierette.

Miss Stella McKelvey, Fairy.

Miss Alice Embree, Dorothy of Haddon Hall.

C. G. Bennett. Pieroot.

Jas. Compton, Farmer.

Billy Long, Turk.

Percy Watson, Coon Swell.

Percy Truscott, Small Boy.

E. J. Keddell, Jockey.

Alex. Lidgate, Cowboy.

The Auditorium floor was in rare good shape and to the fine music of the band and orchestra in charge of T. Goodwin it was well on toward 5 a.m. before the final number on the long programme was reached

Mrs. Brewer (Calgary) and Jas. Cook discharged the arduous duties of judges. The catering for the occasion was well done by a committee of band members, a splendid lunch being seryed, and plenty of it,

Alice Siding

Frank Martin of Red Deer, Alta., and Percy Hickmore, of Winnifred, Alta., who were Christmas visitors here, left for their homes the early part of the week.

Messrs. Compton and A. Miller, who are looking after the Patriotic Fund canvass in this section, were on *the rounds on Tuesday, and succeeded* in getting guarantees fully up to last year's standard.

Miss Teresa Churchill returned this week from her holiday at Nelson. Misses Zalla and Lyda Johnson were Wednesday visitors with Miss Bertha Pease.

Alice Siding was out in force for the box social on Friday night and the masquerade ball New Years at Creston. There is no possibility of the Social Club here being reorganized this winter.

E L. Taylor, a former Alice Siding rancher, who left for England shortly after war broke out, has been heard from, He has already been promoted to the rank of captain and is at the front in an artillery corps.

School opens again on Monday. And there will be no letup until the Easter vacation, which comes early in April this year.

W. A. McMurtrie expects to finish his wood cutting contracts here this week, and will then move out to Erickson where he has several contracts in sight.

Dick Smith, Tom Midford and Jack Boydell pulled out for Trail on Tuesday afternoon.

Everyone has been busy around here the past week—some hauling hay, some trying to keep warm, and others trying to get well.

Alice Siding, which furnished most of the Valley weddings in 1915 is starting the new year right in that direction also. The marriage of Albert Stewart to Miss Elsie C. Stinson of Erickson is announced for Thursday next at Holy Cross Church, Creston. We understand the young couple will live at Canyon City.

Canyon City

The new band saw at the mill has no trouble hitting up a cut of 45,000 feet a day. The company has about 55 horses at work now getting in logs, etc., and with the aid of the cater pillar are easily handling 75,000 feet daily.

Canyon City is liable to find itself with an agent in charge of the C.P.R. station any day now. An application is in for one, and all are hoping A. R. Swanson of Sirdar will be sent. He has a ranch here, where doubtless the family would make their home.

H. S. McCreath of Creston has been calling bere frequently, hauling lumber for the new Wilson house at Creston.

D. G. Lyon is cutting logs on his own land and putting them on skidways. The company will look after the hauling of them to the mill.

A. E. Hyguns is busy making cedar poles on the land he recently purchased from the Canyon City Lumber Co. Grover Kifer is now on the log-sawing staff at T. Ross' camp.

Principal Masterton of the Creston school and Principal King of the Alice Siding seat of learning, were visitors here on Friday.

The Watts logs, which have been on the skidways in the Huscroft school section for at least five years, and recently purchased by J. S Deschamps, are being sorted out for shipping to Nelson by a crew of men which came in the middle of the week.

Even busy Canyon City has time to stop and listen to the echo of those Alice Siding wedding bells. The chivari party should be ready for action about the 11th.

John Leach, who is in charge of Camp No. 2 for the Company, is wintering some 40 head of cattle and fully as many sheep.

About the finest deer head that has ever been taken in the Valley is now being mounted by taxidermist W. G. Wearmouth for G. Hendren of Creston.

The December report of the Huscroft school shows an average attendance of 9.88 on an enrollment of 11 scholars. These made a perfect attendance last month: Percy and Elizabeth Lyon, Roy Huscroft, and Walter and James Leamy.

The drawing for the coin purse which has been attracting attention at the drugstore for the past three weeks, was made on Saturday night, and Principal Masterton with ticket 71 was the lucky winner of the fancy work. The Red Cross has a similar contest on at the same store, at 10 cents a chance, which is now getting due attention.

Some Features of 1916 in Creston

From such compacative statistics as are available it would seem as if 1916 has been one of the most satisfactory all-round years that the Creston Valley has enjoyed in her history. At least the vital statistics compare more than favorably with 1915, there being fewer deaths and more births, while the business done at the police court shows a falling off of almost 50 per cent.

For the year past 39 births were recorded, as compared with 34 in 1915. As to the sexes of the newcomers a curious fact is to be noted in that in 1916 there were 22 girl babies, while in 1915 the boy youngsters numbered exactly 22 also. There were 12 girl arriyals in 1915, as against 16 males in 1916, In the deaths, too, it is to be noted that those passing in 1916 were mostly all along past middle age, while in '15 the mortality amongst the younger generation was more pronounced. Those joining the great majority during the year just closed are: William McKim, J. B. Moran, T. W. Gilpin, Mrs. R. J. Chambers, Mrs. Moran. Mrs. Olmsted, Mrs. Waylett and George Mead. Postmaster Gibbs, who issues the marriage licenses finds that '15 and '16 broke even so far as matrimonial business was concerned, 8 licenses being supplied each year.

In the weather line the records show that 1916 came tremendously close to establishing a quarter-century record in the matter of snowfall, the total receipts of the beautiful running to 108 inches. The weather too was more severe than usual, cold biting winds, for which the Valley is not noted, being somewhat in evidence in January and February. But for all its inconveniénce real cold weather was not so awfully cold at that, 14 below zero being the coldest day of the lot—a day along toward the end of January.

For a soft fruit country the summer was a bit off color too. In the early part of July it was a trifle too wet, while along in August when the raspberries and tomatoes were needing moisture the supply of wetness was light. The hottest day we had, along in July, saw the mercury up to 84, while the total rainfall for the year was 12.41 inches.

Magistrates Constable, Craigie and Watson had but twelve cases to render judgment in, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in variety, as the charges were under eleven different sorts, as follows: Assault 2, and one each of theft, drunk, keeping vicious dog, allowing bull to run at large, cruelty to animals, wounding a dog, indecent exposure, obtaining board by fraud, supplying liquor to Indians, and failure to observe recognizance. The Small Debts Court was only in operation about three months and had but three cases to adjust.

Capt. Forrester, provincial police, who is looking after the duties of the game guardian, has had a busy season of it, the total of game licenses issued running to 219, made up as follows: Ordinary firearm licenses, 129; farmers *free licenses, 70; prospectors* free licenses, 12; general, 6; special firearms 2. While the kill of deer last year was the biggest for three or four seasons, game birds were not as numerous as usual. Even at Sirdar and the Landing where ducks innumerable are wont to gather the bags o the visiting hunters were much smaller than usual last year.

Although the Creston office of the deputy mining recorder was only opened in September, the four months it was in business were fairly busy ones, December seeing great activity in the the hills hereabouts. For the four months 42 free miners certificates were issued, 30 mineral claims recorded, as well as 1 placer claim, while 8 certificates of work were issued.

S. A. Speers' entry into the motor owning class gave the Valley a record of 9 automobile licenses issued as well as 1 license to run a motor cycle, the latter honor going to Fred Waylett of Canyon City. For the last six months of the year the provincial treasury was also enriched by the proceeds of the sale of 28 traders licenses.

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(Continued.)

A fresh conspirator! This was the third person, then, whom Sir Penywern had detected in the conspiracy, which, he was now sure, existed to get money out of poor Daphne.

There was, in the first place, Mrs. Garlick, the landlady of the dead Rathbone; secondly, there was Paddon, the grocer; and now a second man, not yet identified.

The pursuit grew hot. Sir Penywern was determined that the fellow should not escape him, and although the quarry was nimble, artful and fleet of foot, he never got for long out of sight of his almost equally nimble pursuer.

Away went hunter and hunted across the park, always to the east. Sir Penywern guessed that it was to the little town of Marsh Dutton that the fellow was making his way.

Out through the still open sidegate of the lodge went the hunted man like an arrow before the wind.

And out went Sir Penywern after him.

A head was thrust out of the lodge window, and a voice cried.

"Who's that?"

But the baronet made no reply; for although it might have been easier to catch his man if he had had someone to assist him, there was too much mystery about the whole affair for him to be anxious for outside help.

Across the open meadows they went, the hunted man gaining a little on his pursuer.

And then, without other incident than the occasional disappearance for a few moments of the hunted man, they went on, over fields, along lanes, in and out between barns and hayricks, until they reached the first dwellings of the little town.

Now Sir Penywern redoubled his efforts; for if once the man should gain the shelter of the town he would be lost to his pursuer and his identity would remain unknown.

Here for the first time chance favored the hunter. Climbing over the wooden paling of a long garden the hunted man fell through the rotten wood, and before he could scramble to his feet out of the tangle of briar and broken palings in which he had fallen, Sir Penywern was upon him, holding him to the ground.

"Now then," said he. "Let me see who you are."

The man picked himself up slowly. His voice, when he spoke, was not the coarse, oily voice of Paddon, or the whine of Mrs. Garlick. On the contrary, he spoke in tones indicative of some measure of culture, and moreover he had enough sense of humor to laugh as he rubbed his elbows.

"Well caught!" muttered he. "I give in."

Sir Penywern took him by the arm, and led him for some distance in the direction of a street-lamp which formed part of the exceedingly sparse illumination of the little town. Then, resisting the captive's attempts to free himself, he swung him round in the lamplight and looked at him carefully.

"What's your name?" he asked abruptly.

"Sylvanus Webling."

"And what were you doing in Redgrange Park?"

The man smiled good-humoredly.

"Oh, come, governor, you know!" he said with a twinkle in his eyes.

"Never mind what I know. Answer me, and tell the truth."

"Well, sir, I was going to find the answer to a letter which I had myself put in a hiding-place in your yew hedge earlier in the evening."

"Oh!" said Sir Penywern, unable quite to conceal his surprise at having received a veracious reply.

The man waited patiently, and made no further attempt to get away, although Sir Penywern had released his arm. On the contrary, he stood up, and tilted back his soft hat, so as to give the baronet a better opportunity of examining his features.

Of this chance Sir Penywern availed himself to the full.

What he saw was a man between forty-five and fifty years of age, of the middle height or slightly under it, slim, spare of figure. He had dark hair turning grey, his eyes were small, piercing, of a grey color; their expression was humorous but shifty. He was clean-shaved, and his features were fairly regular; but the expression of his mouth was not pleasing. The lips were too thin and the smile which hung about them was more indicative of cynicism than of sweet temper.

"I want to know more than that," said Sir Penywern gravely, after a pause.

Webling turned his eyes without turning his head, which was characteristic of him.

"I expect you do know more," he said drily.

"Well, I want your account, anyhow. You were trespassing, you know."

"I admit it. But then, you see, I was doing business with your good lady. So it wasn't like ordinary trespassing," said the man in the same dry tone.

"What was your business? No shuffling."

"Oh, I don't want to shuffle. It was just this. I'd been asked—or rather, I'd been paid—to deliver a certain letter, and to bring back an answer."

"Who gave you the letter which you left in the hedge?"

The man looked at Sir Penywern shrewdly.

"Ah, that's the question; who was it?" he said.

"There's no need for you to tell me unless you like," said Sir Penywern quietly. "Only, if you don't, I shall take you to the police station."

The man laughed.

"They wouldn't help you there," he jeered. "Trespassing isn't such a crime as all that. And delivering a letter isn't a crime either. And I suppose you wouldn't care for them to know, at the police station, who the letter was from, and who it was for."

Sir Penywern uttered an exclamation, and seized the man again.

"Ah!" he said, "then you are one of the Paddon gang. You're a blackmailer."

The man remained quietly in his hands.

"Well, it takes a lot of pluck to prosecute blackmailers," he said imperturbably. "Especially when there's a lady in the case."

"You scoundrel!"

"Don't call names, Sir Penywern. You can do better for yourself than that."

"Will you tell me the name of the person who gave you the letter which you put in the hedge?"

Webling looked at him shrewdly.

"Did you read it?" he asked.

"Never mind whether I did or not."

But Webling said, with quiet insolence:

"Oh, then, you didn't."

"Who was it?"

Webling hesitated.

"Upon my life, Sir Penywern, I hardly like to say," he whispered at last, as he cast a furtive look around him. "Will you let me off telling you if I give you my word to come up to your place tomorrow, when you've had time to speak to her ladyship?"

"No, I won't. I'll have some sort of answer now. And if I find out it's not the truth, you'll find it more convenient to clear out of this place within twenty-four hours. I'm no friend to rogues and vagabonds."

"Well, I'm neither, Sir Penywern. I'm a respectable man, though I'm not as rich as you are. And if you like to come with me to my place you will see that I'm no vagabond, at any rate."

"Not so much talk, please. Tell me who gave you the letter to leave at the hedge."

"It was a man named Finch."

"Finch?" repeated Sir Penywern, glaring at him steadily.

Webling nodded significantly.

"Well, Finch is what he calls himself. I know he has another name, and I shouldn't wonder if he had half a dozen more."

"I see. So you admit you're in league with a rascal with half a dozen names, to get money out of Lady Tradescant?"

Webling shook his head.

"In league! Oh, no. No such luck. I get half a crown for each letter I deliver, because Finch daren't go up there himself."

"Why not?"

"For fear of being recognized, I suppose," said Webling drily.

"Recognized by whom?"

He pursed up his lips.

"Sir Penywern, I've answered enough questions. We'll call halt, if you please," he said.

"Certainly," said Sir Penywern, without releasing the man's arm, which he was holding once more in a tight grip.

"And you can let me go."

"Not yet. I want to be taken to see this man Finch."

Webling shrugged his shoulders with a derisive grin.

"To see Finch! Without his permission? I fancy I see myself!"

"He expects you, I suppose?"

Webling looked at him.

"I've got to see him tonight, or the first thing tomorrow morning," he admitted. "But I daren't take anybody with me without letting him know first."

"I see. Mr. Finch is one of those gentlemen whose circumstances bind them to be extremely discreet?"

"That's about it, governor," said Webling.

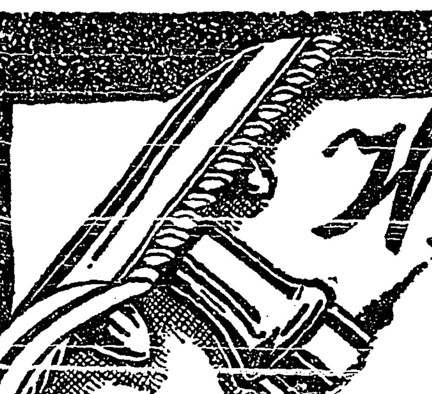
(To Be Continued.)

Black: I want to put my money into something safe.

White: Try a fireproof vault.

A Wee Bit Sane

While a Scotch minister was conducting religious services in an asylum for the insane one of the inmates cried out wildly: "I say, have we got to listen to this?" The minister, surprised and confused, turned to the keeper and asked: "Shall I stop speaking?" The keeper replied: "No, no; gang along, gang along; that will not happen again. That man only has one lucid moment every seven years."



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"Where will you find a new frind that has shtud by ye as long as the ould ones have?"—Answers.

Progressive Havoc

A militia captain whose company was about to march against an invading enemy thus depicted the awful consequences of the foe's success: "Gentlemen, they will lay your towns in waste, murder your wives and children and pull down your fences."

The London Office Girl. Could I have next Monday, sir, for my sister's wedding?

Her Employer: Why, you had a holiday for a sister's wedding last month!

The Office Girl: Yes, sir; we do get off quickly in our family.—*Sketch.*

Had Learned Young

Observer: I noticed you got up and gave that lady your seat in the street car the other day.

Observed: Since childhood I have respected a woman with a strap in her hand. — Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

The Quarrelsome Man

"I think it's a mistake, old man, to quarrel with everybody in town."

"What do I care?"

"You may care if you ever want a new friend for anything."—Pittsburgh Post.

RED ROSE TEA "is good tea"

Anxious Faces in Germany

By a Neutral Pro-German Diplomatist, Quoted by the Manchester Guardian

The sad and anxious faces one meets in Berlin makes one think that happiness has fled the world. To economic anxieties are now added those inspired by the military situation. . . . They are still putting a good face on things, and some even believe that Verdun will be taken soon, but, all the same, my impression is that the morale of the German soldier has become weakened, and that he has no longer his old confidence in the utility of the efforts demanded of him. Germany's strength can grow no greater. It has reached its apogee.

"I HAD ALMOST GIVEN UP."

Sarnia, Ont.—"About 27 years ago I was taken very bad, my blood, too, was in bad shape. I got so I had to go to bed and I was there for over three months. I could not eat and suffered untold agony. I had three of the best doctors I could get but it just seemed nothing was going to help me. I had almost given up. I thought I would never be any better and was willing to give up and die rather than suffer as I was. A neighbor of mine told me of Dr. Pierce's wonderful remedies and I decided to use them. My husband bought me six bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' I had not taken it long until I felt better. In less than six weeks I was out of bed, and in less than six months I was *cured* and have been well ever since. Do all my own work. I have raised three daughters, two are married and have children. They have used it and they are healthy, so are their children. I am sure it was all on account of my having them use the medicine.

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The Leading Pine

The teacher had been reading to the class about the great forests of America.

"And now, boys," she announced, "which one of you can tell me the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?"

Up went a hand in the front row.

"Well, Tommy?"

"The porcupine."—Tit-Bits.

He Was a Feminist

A Boston mother was endeavoring to cure her Waldo of his fear of the darkness.

"Now, dearie," said she, as she tucked him in one dark night, "you know who is always with you even in the dark."

"Yes," was the astonishing reply, "but I want your or nurse, not a man."—Harper's.

More Men Now

Prepare for the Worst While Hoping for the Best

There is unmistakable wisdom in General Sir William Robertson's advice to prepare for the worst while hoping for the best. The greatest of all follies is to under estimate one's opponents. It is well for us to remember that many fights have been lost in the last round. The fact that we now possess the upper hand and that the enemy is fighting on the defensive, hardly daring to expect anything but defeat, is the greater reason for putting all our strength into the field. Sir William Robertson, speaking with unchallengeable authority as Chief of the General Staff, declares that the army wants more men and that it wants them now. Very well, it must have them.—London Express.

Miller's Worm Powders not only exterminate intestinal and other worms, but they are a remedy for many other ailments of children. They strengthen the young stomach against biliousness and are tonical in their effects where the child suffers from loss of appetite. In feverish conditions they will be found useful, and they will serve to allay pain and griping in the stomach, from which children so often suffer.

A French corporal thinks it would be a good idea to begin the world afresh, so far as a change in the calendar could do it, by dating the signing of peace year one, second edition. He thinks it might help some to forget what has happened.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

"Excuse haste and a bad pen," was the message left behind by a convict who escaped from a western State prison.

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Trench Talk

An officer writes from some point well within the firing line on the Somme:

"We have taken 2,000 prisoners today. I have just been speaking to one who talks English. He said their officers only came up at night and looked around, and retired for safety during the day. His regiment knew of the pending revolution in Germany; it was kept from them, but they got to know, and his regiment would have deserted en masse if they could have got away. They had had no food for two whole days. He said if we got through here we should finish the war so far as fighting is concerned, as behind these positions were some miles of open country, beautiful galloping ground, not yet defended. I asked him if he thought the Germans could win, and he said, sadly: 'Germany is defeated and disgraced. She can never hold up her head again.'"

The young man was disconsolate. "I asked her if I could see her home," said he.

"'Why, certainly,' she answered. 'I will send you a picture of it.'"—The Advance.

French Appreciation

Prominent Frenchmen Refer to the British Arms in Eulogistic Terms

Our French friends speak of our share in the joint victory with a warm and generous enthusiasm which, we can assure them, we appreciate and return. M. Poincare, in a message to King George, speaks of "the brilliant successes won by the British Army." The Echo de Paris offers our glorious army the "grateful and heartful homage" of France. General Zurlinden declares that France will "never forget" our effort; M. Barthou describes our soldiers as "true brothers in arms," and M. Pichon says that "Britain with her man-power and material is winning the war," and that "the day when we entered the war was the day of Germany's defeat."—London Times.

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Is the British blockade a success? The Hamburg-American line alone among the many shipping companies affected by the blockade is paying $1,250,000 per annum in debenture interest and amortization, together with a heavy expense in maintaining its ships. It has not been able to send one of its fleet across the seas for more than two years.

I OWE MY HEALTH

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Washington Park, Ill.—"I am the mother of four children and have suffered with female trouble, backache, nervous spells and the blues. My children's loud talking and romping would make me so nervous I could just tear everything to pieces and I would ache all over and feel so sick that I would not want anyone to talk to me at times. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills restored me to health and I want to thank you for the good they have done me. I have had quite a bit of trouble and worry but it does not affect my youthful looks. My friends say 'Why do you look so young and well?' I owe it all to the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies."—Mrs. ROBT. STOPIEL, Moore Avenue, Washington Park, Illinois.

We wish every woman who suffers from female troubles, nervousness, backache or the blues could see the letters written by women made well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If you have any symptom about which you would like to know write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for helpful advice given free of charge.

The Need of the Hour

The great cry now is the lack of leadership in the churches. The war has called away thousands of fine young men who had been devoting much of their time and energy to church and Sunday school work. Their places must be filled. Every promising life lost at the front increases the value of our growing boys. Canada's manhood will suffer a terrible decline unless these "men of tomorrow" are inspired and trained to fill the places of the gallant fellows who are paying the supreme sacrifice.—Ottawa Journal.

His Job

"What do you do?" asked one man of another in the smoking car.

"I work for this railroad," replied the other.

"What is your job—do you sell papers?"

"No, not exactly," replied the second. "You know the man who goes alongside of the train and taps the wheels with a hammer to see that everything's all right? Well, I help him listen."

No More Zuyder Zee

The Dutch Government Proposes to Drain Big Body of Water

It looks as if the world is to have one sea less. The Dutch Government propose to drain the Zuyder Zee and to shut it off by a dyke running from the North Holland coast to the Frisian coast.

The sea, which is very shallow, and is 70 miles long and from 10 to 45 miles broad, was in the time of the Romans covered with forests and was a royal hunting ground.

In 1170 came the great flood known in Dutch history as the "All Saints' Day Flood." The sea swept over the land, covered the forests, engulfed towns and cities, and drowned thousands of people. More floods followed in 1237 and 1250, and by 1410 the Zuyder Zee had assumed practically its present proportions.

When the sea is drained one of the show places of Holland will disappear in the Island of Marken. The fisher folk here all wear the old national costume.

Most of the houses are constructed from the timbers of old boats, and many are built on piers, the floors of the houses being 10 to 15 feet from the ground. The work of draining the Zee will take 15 years, at an inclusive cost of about $45,000,000.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

"This story says, 'The song died on her lips.'"

"Oh, she probably murdered it."

A TALK ON RHEUMATISM

Telling How to Actually Cure This Common and Painful Malady

This article is for the man or woman who suffers from rheumatism who wants to be cured, not merely relieved—but actually cured. The most the rheumatic sufferer can hope for in rubbing something on the tender, aching joint is a little relief. No lotion or liniment ever did or can make a cure. The rheumatic poison is rooted in the blood. Therefore rheumatism can only be cured when this poisonous acid is driven out of the blood. Any doctor will tell you this is true. If you want something that will go right to the root of the trouble in the blood take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They make new, rich blood which drives out the poisonous acid and cures rheumatism to stay cured. The truth of these statements has been proved in thousands of cases throughout Canada, and the following cure is a striking instance. Mr. Henry Smith, St. Jerome, Que., says: "For upwards of a year I was a victim of rheumatism in a most painful form. The trouble was located in my legs and for a long time I was so bad that I could not walk. The suffering which I endured can only be imagined by those who have been similarly afflicted. Doctors' treatment did not help me and then I began trying other remedies, but with no better results. Finally I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although I had begun to lose faith in medicine I finally decided to give the pills a trial. I am very grateful now that I did so, for after taking eight boxes of the pills the trouble completely disappeared. I was free from pain and could walk as well as ever I did in my life. I have since taken the pills occasionally as a precautionary measure, and I cannot speak too highly in their favor."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure all the troubles due to weak, watery blood or broken down nerves. You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail postpaid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Knowing One: 'Ere's a lark, 'Erb. I arst that ole bloke wot these 'ere fish was, an' 'e sez "S'rimps." 'E finks cos I comes from London I don't know as s'rimps is pink! —Passing Show.

Warts will render the prettiest hands unsightly. Clear the excrescences away by using Holloway's Corn Cure, which acts thoroughly and painlessly.

Canadian's Smart Rejoinder

Travelling recently in the United States, a Canadian banker was observed to occupy a seat in a compartment in which a German was loudly boasting of what Germany had achieved during the war. The Canadian was furious, but kept his temper, and asked the German if he were a soldier.

"Yes," said Fritz. "Then why don't you go back and fight," asked the banker. "I can't get there," was the reply. "Well," said the Canadian, "I'm going to England next week, and there's nothing to stop me. Germany doesn't seem to have gained much if it is impossible for a German to cross the seas and fight for his Fatherland."

"Did you ever know a woman to play whist without continually asking 'What's trumps?'"

"Yes, one. She was deaf and dumb and couldn't ask with her fingers because they were holding the cards."

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When Looks Belie

"Who is this Gargantua just coming in?"

"That's Fatleigh, who is always bragging about being a self-made man."

"Gee whiz! He looks more like he was built by a construction company."—Boston Transcript.

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Assessments

Now that the board of trade has about emerged from the financial wilderness through which it has been groping its way for at least three years, and is within hail of the promised land of solvency, where, with a reduced annual fee, a somewhat larger membership should ensure, THE REVIEW respectfully submits that a competent committee should be named to investigate why the powers that be, either by design or accident, give the Creeton Valley considerably less than her dues.

Offhand there are several instances we might cite in this connection but the one we wish to particularly emphasize is the failure of those in authority to authorize a sitting of the assessment roll court of revision at some point in the Valley. Five years ago we had them—the good old days when few worried about the assessment; the higher the better, because a high assessed valuation was a good talking point when selling land, the assessor, it was argued, only being allowed to levy on from about 50 to 75 per cent. of the real value.

But in 1916, when the Valley assessment all round must surely be double what it was in 1912, this court of revision is denied, though for what reason is a bit of a mystery. We notice in the Slocan District sittings of the court are to be held at four different points: Sandon, New Denver, Silverton and Kaslo.

All these points are less than half a dozen miles apart. Why these courts should be so thick in Slocan while in Creston Valley if one wishes to argue an appeal he is compelled to lose two days time and spend at least $10 getting to and from the court at Nelson needs some explaining.

In the territory commonly known as the Creston Valley the government is collecting rates on an assessment of over a million dollars. We hold that residents in such a tax-paying area are suffering a rank injustice under the present system of holding these courts of revision in the Nelson district. John Keen, M.P.P., what are you going to do about it?

And Further

Enlarging further on these assessment worries we do not wish those interested to assume that we believe all those who are hollering about their increased taxes really have a kick coming. Of course it is unfortunate that in times like these that assessments should be raised, but it should not be forgotten that governments, like individuals, suffer from the high cost of living, as it were, and about the only way they can recoup themselves in part at any rate—is by taxation.

Of course some new schemes might be hatched, or the poll tax, etc., reverted to in order to catch "the other fellow," but so far as one can learn the increases still leave the assessment considerably under the selling value placed on the property by the owner. For instance a levy of $1500 on a place held at $2500 is not unfair, nor $3000 on a ranch valued at $8000 by the owner.

We grant you the in-your-favor difference between the two valuations will not help much in furnishing the coin to pay the taxes with but at the same time if these figures are a correct barometer of the general assessment of the Valley we fail to see any grounds for complaint—either for a lowering of your own assessment or complaint as to another citizen who has had the good luck to get off a little easier than yourself.

In common with others THE REVIEW'S assessment went up this year—in the same ratio as others, as far as we can learn—and be it known we find no more pleasure in paying taxes than anyone else. So long, however, as the assessed valuation is well within the selling price we like to be consistent even in days of enforced economy such as these. Generally speaking, too, under such circumstances it is rather poor business to protest too much. Assessors are very much like fruit inspectors; they pay special and steady attention to an unreasonable kicker.

Finally

However, its an ill wind that blows nobody good—eventually. Perhaps sooner or later (the former let us hope) out of all this stress and strife over assessments and processes of redress a great body of public opinion in the Valley will determine for a break away from the swaddling clothes and spoon-feeding of a seeming paternal government, stand up on their own feet, and do their own assessing, tax collecting and local self-governing generally via an organized rural municipality.

There is no need for us to dwell upon the all-round advantages of local self-government. Every one of our readers has lived under it in some form or other prior to coming to Creston—and would be ashamed to admit coming from an eastern point where they were so benighted or lacking in public spirit as to want the government to carry them.

Any community that aspires to be anything, or get anywhere, or command public attention has to be an authority unto itself, and not dependant ou Victoria as to what it shall undertake, and when. Individually we view with contempt the remittance man, and yet the Creston Valley has been pretty much that very sort of thing for a matter of three years at least.

Of course it may cost more to manage our own affairs as a municipality than under the present system. And it will be worth it. It costs more to live married than single, but we have never yet met a benedict who was sorry he committed matrimony; or wanted the government or some public institution to keep his youngsters. No matter how many he was blessed with there is always room for one more—or two, if they come that way.

Why we, collectively, refuse to be as progressive and ambitious as we are individually, generally speaking, is a mystery. If we prefer to get along as at present merely for the sake of saving a few dollars in taxes we certainly are the finest specimen of the penny wise and pound foolish species at large.

In commercial life we hold it true that a business run by somebody else is invariably doomed to failure. That it should be otherwise in community development hardly seems reasonable.

In many minds there seems to lurk an idea that the government is an aggregation of financial fairies or something of the sort that does all manner of things requested of it free for the asking.

This is an awful delusion. The government is none other than the people themselves, and if the people in Creston Valley have an expenditure of two or twenty thousand in their midst this year sooner or later Valley folks have to return this amount to the provincial treasury.

If, as so many readily allege, due to graft, extras, etc., etc., our public works cost about 30 per cent. more than they should the Valley would be away ahead of the game by doing and financing most of these directly.

After all it may be that the scant consideration we get from the authorities in the matter of courts of courts of revision, etc., is due to our preference to lean on the poweas that be rather than to stand by and take care of ourselves. Governments, like the Creator, have a habit of helping those who help themselves.

Finally, if the Creston Valley is like to get anywhere with reclamation and its other ambitious projects we fancy we will make better progress backed up by the authority of an elected municipal council rather than by the good offices of a board of trade only—excellent and all as is the latter institution.

Laid Off

The government has dispensed with the services of all the road superintendents, these officials having until the end of last month to wind up affairs and make report as to the tools and equipment the department is possessed of in all the road districts.

The present ostensible explanation of the move is on the score of economy. Government finance is rather low, and for the next three months there is liable to be little for the road bosses to do.

As to their re-appointment when spring opens nothing is certain. From a reliable source we have it that in future this class of work will be done by contract. It is proposed to have an engineer take charge of several constituencies. He will lay out the work, let the contracts, and payments on it will be on his order only.

Others are of opinion that the old order of things, when the government agent acted as road superintendent with local foremen under him, will be restored. Under this system the government agent inspected the work during its progress and also made a final inspection before certifying satisfactory completion.

The contract system, if rigidly observed, is much the better of the two-suggested new systems, though the latter would admit of a certain amount of "patronage" for the local politicians and might be more economical than the existing method—if competent foremen are to be had—as the road superintendents in Ymir and Kaslo drew about $3000 and $2000 respectively in salary and expenses last year.

This is the first bit of housecleaning the Brewster government has done amongst the army of employees. The press has said little or nothing of the incident. The people will stand for better things in the roads department, but it will be a sorry day for Premier Brewster if he proposes to violate his "no patronage" pledge in this direction, aud give the province the worst of it at the same time.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your generous patronage during the year now closing;

To assure you that we will appreciate a continuance of your trade;

And to wish you a new year of Good Health, Great Happiness and Much Prosperity.

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CRESTON FIVE YEARS AGO

From THE REVIEW, Jan. 5, 1912.

As soon as plate glass for the windows arrive the Creston Mercantile Co. will move the main part of its business into the corner of the building which was formerly occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Sledding has been good on the Fourth street hill the past week, and day and night there has been a number of young people enjoying the sport there.

The Beavers have leased the property of Mrs. Brown on Victoria Avenue.

Stocks & Jackson are preparing to plant 2½ acres of trees this spring. With this addition these ranchers will have 10 acres of trees bearing the most desirable commercial varieties.

E. S. Gardner set four men to work Tuesday clearing up the Staples ranch at Erickson.

Stocks & Jackson won four first prizes at the Spokane apple show. D. S. Timmons won second prize for box of Wealthys.

25 couples attended the New Years night dance in Mercantile Hall under Holy Cross Church ladies auspies. The music was by Mr. and Mrs. Egan.

There was a dance in Erickson schoolhouse on January 2nd, promoted by Murdock McLeod, Tom Jones and Mr. Masson. The latter with his accordeon and Ira Beam, violin, supplied good music.

Owen Owens of Frank, Alta., has written to some Creston people asking for information as to the possibility of operating a roller skating rink here.

Residents in the vicinity of Fifth street and Schofield Avenue are having troubles due to the water pipes freezing.

Creston is now experiencing one of the longest stretches of frosty weather ever noted in the Valley. . . . . snow to much greater depth, combined with driving winds, have been experienced in both Nelson and Cranbrook.

All those who have received lots as gifts from F. G. Little desire to thank him for his courtesy. As soon as the subdivision is surveyed and the proposed boulevard laid out all will build first-class houses on the gift lots.

Helping Fallen is Killed by Shell

Further details as to the manner Pte. Roy Stocks met his end in the fighting in France, on Nov. 18th, are contained in a letter which Mrs. Stocks received last week, from Lieut. H. C. Green, the officer in charge of the company deceased was attached to. He writes:

"I am just dropping you a line to tell you how we sympathize with you over the death of your son, Pte. Roy J. Stocks. He was killed on November 18th. near Courcelette, while carrying wounded after the battalion had attacked a German trench.

'Your son had been with "A" company ever since enlisting and was always a good soldier. He took a machine gun course a few weeks ago and qualified as a gunner, so you may know that his good work had been noticed.

"The morning of his death quite a large party of men went up as a stretcher party. Your son and three others were bringing in a badly wounded Canadian when a shell came over, killing your son and wounded two others.

"We realize what sorrow you are going through and wish to let you know that we sympathize deeply with you. May it be some small comfort to know that your son died for his country doing his duty nobly."

At the annual meeting of the Trail fruit fair shareholders the treasurer reported a surplus of $761 in the bank.

Owing to a low water pressure at Greenwood the electric light plant is not operating between 1 and 5 a.m. at present.

The Ottawa Citizen says that "Cranbrook can boast of sending every seventh person of its inhabitants to the war."

The big C.P.R. summer hotel at Balfour, on Kootenay Lake, may be secured for a returned soldiers convalescent home.

Kaslo's canvass for the Patriotic Fund is coming on fine. One citizen is giving $10 a month. Next to him comes Mayor Anderson with $7.50.

Ald. Spiers of Kaslo has contracted to cut and log two million feet of logs at the mouth of the Lardo River for Deschamps, the Nelson sawmill man.

A. McQueen, collector of votes for the Kaslo electoral district, has added 16 names to the voter's list for the riding since the provincial election.

Class to the Kaslo fire brigade this year, Parson Harrison is the secretary, and Frank T. Abey, president of the Liberal association, is third deputy chief.

Nelson's drugstore at New Denver was broken into one night last week and a quanity of morphine stolen. No attempt was made on the cash register or safe.

THE SOURCE OF RELIGION

In our issue of November 24th we had an article on "The Source of Religion," by Prof. J. Howard Moore. The article, apparently, was very widely read, and has caused some little discussion of the whole question. In his address at the union service in the Presbyterian Church on Christmas eve, Rev. W. M. Lees touched on a couple of the points raised by Prof. Moore. His remarks in this connection were as follows:

"I bring you glad tidings of great joy: unto you is born a Saviour. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

It is doubtful if men have yet realised the full significance of those words; their message is "Glory to God for unto you is born a Saviour, man can now be at peace within himself because of this expression of God's goodwill to him." That expression of the divine goodwill revolutionised religion, changing its very centre.

The history of religion is the record of continuous forward-moving change, of remarkable growth and development akin to and part of the development or evolution which has taken place in nature. A recent article in our local paper seemed to regard that element of change as a reason for distrust of religion, a reason why it should be discarded "having been tinkered with and tinkered with till ready for the scrap heap"; however there is considerable difference between tinkering and growth, patching up and the change in natural growth due to adaptation. That very change is the clearest sign of life, the natural adaptation of a living organism, the surviving of that which "fits in" which is the law of all life and growth. Nowhere do we see that same element of change more than in the science of today where theories are being continually remodelled, even the apparently most settled theory of science—the so-called law of gravitation, which is no law at all but merely a theory which gives us temporarily an excellent explanation of the stellar and planetary motions—may at any time besubstituted by a higher and even then only provisional theory which will give a more complete explanation. Yes it is a record of change, but evolutionary change, the change due to growth.

So conceiving religion one has no hesitation in granting the correctly stated premise of the article in question—that religion had its origin in the superstition and wonder of the savage—but not the illogical conclusion that it has now its cource in superstition. Religion, undoubtedly, did first have its origin in the superstition of the savage, but it was the religion of the savage not the present-day educated Christian. Science, too, which has done so much to revolutionise the thought and life of man, had its origin in the superstition of the savage, that superstition was the savage's science, but it was the science of the savage, not the 20th. century. The stages of evolution in nature are analogous to the stages of growth in religion which is a part of nature, and I wish to use them the truth in this topic.

The chemist analyses a kernel of wheat, discovers its chemical composition, and proceeds to make an exact replica of it guaranteeing that the same chemical constituents are there and in the same combination. It is put in the ground beside a kernal of last year's wheat; soil and climatic conditions are exactly the same; one rots, the other grows. Why? One has life what ever that may be, the other has not. There is all the difference between inorganic and organic, between the non-living and the living. That life is not in the chemical constituents, nor in any particular combination of them; it is a factor from without, from the higher, the organic realm. How came it there? The scientist says "by some chance variation somewhere in the development. What an empty, vague explanation; imagine science, the acme of all that is accurate and exact talking of such an indefinite, evasive thing as chance and giving it as the explanation of life. The Christian says God, the Creator, of whom Nature is work, an expression, an emanation, in some perfectly natural way, by the working of the natural, divine activity, imparts life to the inanimate chemical compounds and dead matter lives, and living develops and grows. In the analogy place the superstitions of the savage with the dead, inanimate chemical elements or matter, and the religions of Buddha, Confucius, the Greeks and the Jews with the living matter; the one might be styled the "religious chemical constituents," the other living religion in various stages of development. But there is all the difference between dead and living matter.

The contributor, to whom reference has been made, tells us that "the human brain is a tissue which one hundred million years ago lined the mouth-roof of worms." There is nothing new about that statement, and when correctly stated it is undoubtedly true, at least as near as our science can get us to the truth of the matter. The real truth is that the human brain is a development of the tissue, which is altogether different to say it is that tissue. But in the processes of nature's evolution what we have to pay most attention to are not the resemblances between one stage and its predecessor, but the variations. Here is one of these slight variations which has to be noticed; whereas the tissue lining the roof-mouth of the worm secretes certain juices, the brain develops thought. It may be a slight difference, but it keeps men from grovelling like worms; it is the thought from the brain having such an origin which today we call science; with such fruits we do not need to be ashamed of the source. After all it is not the brain which thinks; it is to be likened to a photographic plate receiving and recoiding perceptions, a mere appliance utilised by the mind, personality or whatever you like to call it, which cannot be analysed into chemical components as can the brain. It is that mind which makes the difference between the living wheat and man.

Examining the higher animals we may find there much the same instincts and passions that we find in man, perhaps in different stages of development; from these instincts and passions in man have developed. But again what we must notice are not only the resemblances but the variations; the animal is given over entirely to its instincts and passions, it is entirely controlled by them, it cannot improve, control or eradicate them. Man may have the same instincts and passions but he stands in a different relation to them, he is not controlled by them, but controls, regulates and utilises them. What makes the difference? We call it will, Personality, Soul. Whence comes this new factor? Again the scientist says "a chance variation somewhere in the development"; by chance he means it is obscure, he does not know. The Christian says "God breathed into man, when only the highly developed animal, and he became a living soul." It was not in any supernatural manner, but the natural working of the Divine activity. In the analogy place the religions of Buddha, Confucious, the Jews with the highly developed animal, the religion of Jesus with man—the animal with the Personality, Will or Soul. They are living religion in different stages of development. Christianity a living organism possessing soul. A new species.

Whence came the differentiating factor? It is in those good tidings: "Unto you is born a Saviour." What was the significance of the coming of Jesus? It was the expression of the Divine goodwill to men. The whole life and the death of Jesus were the expression of the "Divine love toiling, suffering and triumphing for men." This expression of goodwill toward man put Soul into religion for it said to men "you have been worrying and fretting in your religion to try and win the good will of God, but glory to God in the highest, now you can be at peace, you do not have to win that goodwill for now you see it shown in the Saviour which is born and will know for certain it is yours." You have been trying to love Him but the all-important thing is He loves you. The very centre of religion was changed; man had been the centre, it had been a human acheivement, the emphasis had been on man's thoughts and actions man pleasing God, all the old religion could do was give advice, it was living but lacked soul. But the good news said we have not to create the goodwill, love, favor of God, it is there already, men in whom he is well-pleased. The centre of religion was changed from man to God.

We may try to force the blossoming of the human character by advice, rules, threats, promises, efforts to win the Divine favor, but if it does come out into blossom the flower will be dwarfed or stunted, but put that character in the full sunlight of the Divine goodwill and it will respond as naturally and quickly as the flower to the sunshine. "It is love which makes the world go round." It is the consciousness of goodwill toward him from without which makes a man good-tempered himself.

Thus the good news revolutionised religion, carrying forward its development into a new species, changing the very centre of religion, giving it a new dynamic, putting soul into it by revealing the goodwill of God to man.

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NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

Wm. Hunter, ex-Conservative M.P.P. for the Slocan riding, is anxious to enlist for overseas service, but his 58 yerrs of age is against him.

There's money running a newspaper in the Boundary country. Editor Lowery of the Greenwood Ledge has gone to California for the winter.

The Baker Lumber Company at Waldo shut down on sawing operations last week-end, but anticipate running their planing mill all winter.

The Chinks around Kaslo have once more acquired a monopoly of the wood sawing business, white labor not seeking that sort of work at the present time.

Sandon enjoyed the luxury of a jewelery store for two weeks prior to Christmas, but after the holiday the proprietor removed the stock back to Nelson.

In the Crows Nest Pass field there was an increase of about 10 per cent. in the output of coal at Coal Creek, but at Michel there was a decrease of 12 per cent.

Sam and Colon Smith of Port Hill have disposed of their ranches at that point for $31,640, taking a 640-acre wheat ranch in Washington as part payment.

At Fernie, during November, the Patriotic Fund took care of 135 families with 304 children, paying them $2859. The same month $2211 was paid into the fund at Fernie.

Geo. Long won five and J. M. Harris four of the twenty turkeys which featured the Christmas shooting match at Sandon. 33 riflemen took part in the shoot.

Kaslo and Nelson appear to have trained thermometers. During the cold spell last week neither town experienced zero weather—according to the Kootenaian and News.

The Greenwood smelter produced 3,455,578 pounds of copper and 8,555 ounces of gold and more than 33,000 ounces of silver in the first eight months of the current year.

The amount of Christmas business handled at the Kaslo post office was heavier this Christmas than during former holiday seasons, due to the new parcel post arrangements.

Kaslo Kootenaian: There are some girls in this burg who can dance happily all night in a pair of shoes that almost kill them when they are standing washing the dishes.

Doukhobors at Brilliant will contribute $50 a month to the Nelson district patriotic fund and will donate a $5000 carload of jam to the Red Cross society for the use of soldiers at the front.

It does not pay to haul wood to Greenwood on Sundays. Last Sabbath while on that work a team belonging to Sam Bender ran away, and one of the horses was killed by striking a telephone post.

Rev. W. K. Thomson preached his farewell sermon to Cranbrook Presbyterians on Sunday. Before leaving for his new home at Edmondton the Masonic Lodge presented him with a seal lion travelling bag.

Kaslo Kootenaian: On Monday night the city electric light plant was taking every gallon of water that was coming down the creek, and then was only able to furnish a rather half hearted brand of light.

There are now 70 telephones connected up with the Kaslo "central."

Rossland council has sold the 1917 ice crop off the city reservoir for $50.

Grand Forks Doukhobors will contribute $100 monthly to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

There were only 18 prisoners for Christmas dinner at Nelson jail last year, as compared with 25 in 1915.

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Messrs. Thompson and Milton, of Mirror Lake, got three deer each on the east side of the lake a short time ago.

Although Kaslo has been hoping for a mild winter the skating rink opened on the 19th—the earliest for years.

There are 33 pupils at Kaslo high school. At the Christmas examinations 32 of them scored 50 per cent. or better of the total marks obtainable.

At Bonners Ferry pupils who bring their lunch to school are served hot soup free for dinner at the school house.

Rector Bridge of tne English Church, Cranbrook, complains of the small church attendance in that town at Christmas.

Creston Red Cross resumes operations next week, and the depot over Speers' store will be open as usual on Tuesday afternoon.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT

Section 34

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of January next application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a license for the sale of liquor by retail in and upon the premises known as the Creston Hotel, situate at Lots 1 to 6, Block 20, upon the lands described as Creston Townsite.

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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, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.

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.

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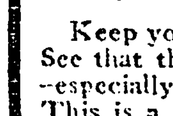

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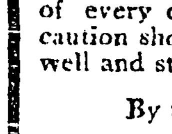

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Fill Up the Ranks

Let it be granted that Quebec has not done as well in proportion to population as the other provinces. The same is true of the maritime provinces when compared with Ontario and the west. We can never get anywhere by recrimination and abuse. There are local battalions to be filled. Whatever there may be calling for criticism in this or that direction is nothing compared with the urgent need of filling the gaps in the ranks. The chief business in Canada today is war, and the war must be fought to a finish if it takes every man of military age.—St. John Times and Star.

The Farm Home

To Make Farming a Success and Life on the Farm Possible

A time will come when enlightened farmers will realize that the farm household is the source of all energy, enterprize and intelligence that makes farming a success and life on the farm possible. It is the indefatigable farmer's wife that makes the farm home; altogether too often she makes it a real home in spite of her husband rather than as a result of his co-operation with her. He, to his shame be it said, too often has by far a greater appreciation for hogs, cattle, grain and hay and their proper housing and care than the equipment and environments that make practicable the proper rearing of his own children. Yet he will complain that the young people will not stay on the farm.—American Lumberman.

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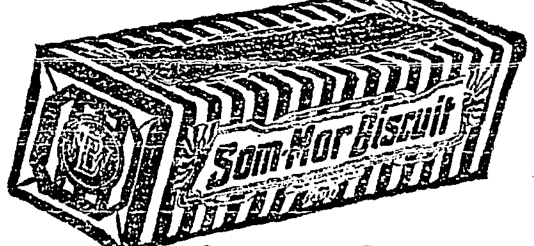

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"Why do you pray for your Christmas presents so loud?" interrupted Dick. "The Lord ain't deaf."

"No," whispered Jimmy, "but grandma is."

"Sir," said the beggar, "will you give a pore old blind man a shilling?"

"But," protested the passerby, "you can see out of one eye!"

"Oh, well," rejoined the beggar, make it sixpence then!"—British Weekly.

Mr. Lloyd George's Verdun Trees

The story about Mr. Lloyd George picking up chestnuts when he was at Verdun and putting them in his pocket, has had a pretty sequel. The French general who was with our Minister for War thought Mr. Lloyd George was going to eat them, but his real intention was, it seems, to plant them when he got him, so that his descendants might walk under Verdun chestnut trees, and never forget the immortal French defence. One can imagine this story going down through the ages amongst the French peasants, and it may be that in generations to come Mr. Lloyd George's Verdun avenue may become a place of pilgrimage for French visitors to this country. — Nottingham Guardian.

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Effort to Please

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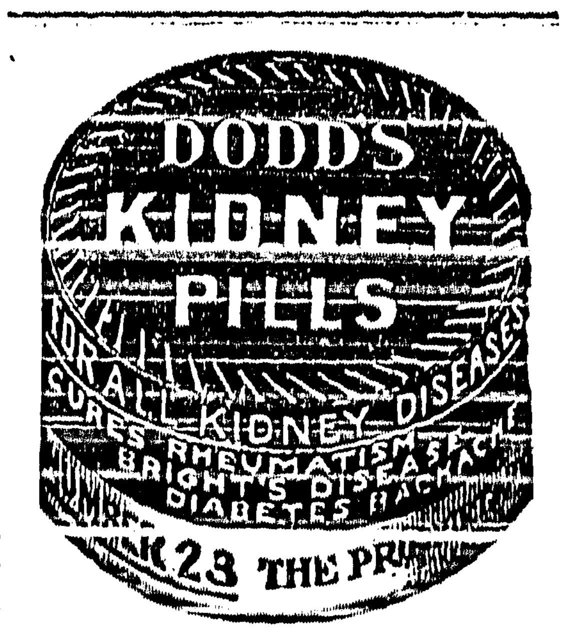
His Friend: Best congratulations!

The Subaltern: I've known her since she was in pinafores.

His Friend (trying to say the right thing): So you can be sure you are not buying a pig in a poke!—London Opinion.



Optimism in Future of Western Canada

Last year Canada produced the largest crop in its history. Of wheat alone, it produced 376,300,000 bushels, of which the three western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta produced 343,000,000 bushels, or nine-tenths. This year, according to the latest official estimates made by the Dominion Government, Canada will produce less than 175,000,000 bushels, the western provinces accounting for less than 150,000,000 bushels. Unofficial estimates place the yield somewhat higher.

Before any too hasty conclusions are reached regarding this apparently disappointing comparison, certain facts must be borne in mind. For one thing, last year's crops were really phenomenal. They more than doubled the 1914 crops, and were considerably more than fifty per cent. greater than in 1913, the previous "bumper year." The year 1915 was an ideal season in all climatic respects. Patriotic sentiment, also, that placed the production of food supplies for Great Britain and her Allies in the light of the most essential duty, was at a very high pitch.

So large, indeed, was the acreage under cultivation in 1915 that the resulting crop proved too large to be all threshed the same fall. It overloaded railroads, and made marketing slow. A less amount of fall plowing was done than would have been done in a less heavy year, because the average farmer was too busy with his threshing. All these conditions necessarily reacted upon the acreage seeded in the spring of 1916. Add to this that labor this year, owing to the great number of Canadians who have enlisted, is scarce and high-priced, and one factor in the decreased yield —smaller acreage under crop—is evident.

Another factor is that this year Western Canada has experienced, in common with the entire North American continent, conditions that have been less favorable to the production of big crops. The conditions have resulted in smaller yield per acre, and reduced grade of grain in certain localities.

The average yield of wheat in the three western provinces is estimated by the government at about 16 bushels per acre, oats 43 bushels, and barley 27 bushels. These yields are much less than for 1915, especially in the case of wheat, but it must be remembered of course, that these estimates are not final. Until actual returns are received from the threshers, all estimates are only calculations based on fallible principles. Such uncollated threshers' figures as have come to our notice, and which have been printed without comment in this publication, reveal that in a large number of cases the actual returns are far in excess of the estimates.

The financial value of their crops to Western Canadian farmers has been greater this year than ever before. Owing to the high prices of grain that are prevailing, returns have been received that are extremely profitable. With wheat standing at the present time at over $1.90 per bushel at the Great Lakes, a wheat crop at present figures would pay the farmer, even supposing he had only the average of 16 bushels per acre, over $30 per acre. A large number are receiving $50 per acre, some have received $75, and a few even more than that.

May Cut Down Raids by Zeppelins

British Advances May Force Germans to Move Hangars Back

The great Anglo-French offensive on the Somme in northern France has a direct bearing on future Zeppelin raids on England. This hint was given by a British official in a position to know.

In the Anglo-French forces on the Somme drive a wider and deeper wedge into the German line, the entire line must eventually fall back to straighten itself. This would mean that the allied aerial bases in northern France would also move forward. The natural sequence is that German military and aviation bases, both in Belgium and across the Rhine, become from a strategical and military point of view more legitimate objectives for allied air squadrons. Hitherto, allied air forces have been able to make long distance raids, but not heavy ones.

The great Zeppelin hangars in Belgium, including those now under construction and those in Germany from which the present raiding Zeppelins operate, will become practically useless to Germany.

According to expert opinion, it is not illogical to believe that these hangars and their contents, under such conditions, would be a total loss unless the Germans moved them to safer places. Safer places in this case would mean far into the interior of Germany.

Thus all calculations concerning the Zeppelin radius of action, atmospheric conditions and other scientific problems of Zeppelin raids on England would have to be made over again. Even the radius of the great super-Zeppelins would be seriously cut down and the smaller type of airship probably would become wholly useless so far as "strafing England" is concerned.

League of Peace is Endorsed

Viscount Bryce Says U.S. Can No Longer Remain Isolated

Viscount Bryce, formerly British Ambassador to the United States, speaking at a meeting of the Mayflower Club in London recently, held in the reception room of the House of Commons, discussing the prevention of future wars, endorsed the plan of "a combination of peace-loving nations for the purpose of establishing a permanent peace."

"The United States has hitherto stood apart in isolation, but isolation is no longer possible," said Viscount Bryce. "Every country is now affected, and its safety threatened by the spirit of anti-democratic aggression. The United States has avoided entangling alliances. But a league of peace would be no entangling alliance. It would be a smoothing down and straightening out of difficulties that threaten to embroil the world."

Viscount Bryce declared that questions which have arisen between the United States and Great Britain with regard to the British exercise of belligerent naval rights "are happily such as can be disposed of by pacific negotiation, and need not affect the permanent friendship of peoples attached to one another by so many ties."

A Work for Boys

Parents Should Encourage Farm Boys to Do Things for Themselves

The normal farm boy after he is ten years of age begins to dream of business adventure and doing things for himself. He will do some valuable things for himself, profiting by experience, although the adventure in itself may be a financial failure, yet in most cases his parents break in upon him and spoil his adventures before he has time to realize their full value. Nature prompts the child to work out his salvation with his own hands, but parents, as a rule, think they can direct youthful activities better than Nature herself. In most cases they ignorantly misdirect or totally kill the child's expanding ambition to do something worth while in the world.

The sane and wholesome thing for farm parents to do when their children want to develop some home industry on their own account is to plan with them and aid them in every possible, reasonable way. This kind of co-operative work between parents and children in the country is worth more to farm boys and girls than is a course in manual training or domestic science for town or city boys and girls. It is both educational and productive. It stimulates initiative and gives pride in making work and study a rousing success that nothing else can. The possibilities for farm boys and girls to develop little specialties of their own in the country for making money and learning business are almost unlimited, providing parents co-operate, or simply keep their hands off and allow the boys and girls to work out their own plans unaided.

"The fact is," said the fat man, "I married because I was lonely as much as for any other reason. To put it tersely, I married for sympathy."

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He regretted that it was impossible, for obvious reasons, to explain as fully as he would have liked to do, the progress made during the last two years in radio telegraphy, but he described problems that are still unsolved — such as the origin, nature and means of dominating those natural disturbing waves known as "intruders" — which he has been studying and experimenting with.

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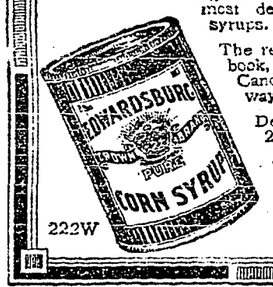

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Note: Another prominent Physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturers guarantee it to strengthen eyesight 50 per cent. in one week's time in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family." The Valmas Drug Co., Store 6, Toronto, will fill your orders if your druggist cannot.

War News—One More Highland Battalion

STOP

and consider the duty you owe your country, your friends and yourself in this great war of right against might. Are you doing your part?

LOOK

around you and see how many of the men you know so well who are "doing their bit." Would you not be happier with them? When the boys return, which would give you the greatest pleasure—to cheer or be cheered?

LISTEN

to the voice that calls you to fulfil your country's pledge. Canada guaranteed to furnish half a million men, but 130,000 have still to be found. Some of the boys have been nearly two years in the trenches—is it not time to relieve them?

The CAMERON HIGHLANDERS of Canada, who have already sent nearly 4,000 men to the war, are now raising one more Battalion, the 174th, under Lieut.-Colonel H. F. Osler, who has returned from the front to take Command, and they need 850 more men to complete their establishment. They have the finest quarters in Canada, a splendid organization, and an honored association with the "Queen's Own" Cameron Highlanders, one of the finest regiments in the British Army, whose Tartan and badges they are privileged to wear. What other unit can offer such attractions? Come and be one of the 30,000 men who will have worn the Cameron badges and colors during the Great War.

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Annual Meeting

The Annal Meeting of the Creston District Liberal Association will be held in the Board of Taade room, over Speers' store, Creston,

Thursday, Jan. 11

at 8 o'clock p.m. Business: Election of officers. All members are requested to attend.

W. V. JACKSON, Secy.
Creston, January 2, 1917.

Masonic Officers

The following is the roster of officers installed by Creston Lodge A.F. & A. M. for the ensuing year:

W.M.—John Blinco.
S.W.—C. F. Hayes.
J.W.—H. Young.
S.D.—F. Putnam.
S.S.—G. A. Hunt.
J.S.—W. H. Crawford.
Secy.—Major Mallandaine.
Treas.—S. A. Speers.
Trustee—W. G. Watcher.
I.G.—H. Hamilton
Tyler—A. Hendren.
D. of C.—R. M. Reid.

Basket Social

The board of trade box social in the Auditorium on Friday night was quite a success, considering it ran so close to the band's masquerade of New Year's night. There was a fine turnout but for some reason the bidding on the boxes was only lively in spots, although the genial R. S. Bevan did the auctioneering in his usual happy fashion. As high as $4.25 was realized on one box, and others went over the $2 mark. The gross receipts were in the neighborhood of $60, which, after paying all expenses, will materially help the board to get out of debt. During the evening President Reid delivered a timely address on the work the board is doing which will, doubtless, help some in enlarging the membership.

Local and Personal

G. J. Bales of McGillivray, B.C., spent a few days with Creston friends the latter part of the week.

The first baby girl to be born at the Creston Presbyterian manse arrived to Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Pow on Wednesday.

The January gathering of the W.C.T.U. will be a meeting for quilting, and will be at the home of Mrs. B. Dew, on Thursday afternoon.

Rev. R. E. Pow will take the Presbyterian pulpit work at Cranbrook on Sundap. Principal Masterton will have charge of the services here,

Pte. G. Pendell Smith, who is with the army medical corps at Vancouver, spent a few days of the new year with his wife here, returning Wednesday.

George and Ted Mawson, who have been at Ralph and Regina, Sask., for the past year, arrived home on Sunday, and will visit their father and other friends for a couple of weeks.

Now the eastbound passenger is running late. The west arm of the lake is frozen and it is necessary to use the train between Proctor and Nelson, and the transfer of baggage, etc., accounts for the lost time.

Creston Indians were reinforced by almost half a hundred redskins from Fort Steele and Cranbrook for the New Year festivities at the Creston reserve. The doings were on a grander scale than ever this year, we are told.

The Conservative Association has a sort of open meeting on Saturday night to which all the lady and gentlemen adherents of the party are invited. It is proposed to organize the ladies—either in the old association or into a women's club.

Creston Farmers Institute has its annual get-to-gether in the Auditorium to-night at 8 o'clock. Secretary Lidgate's budget will show another successful year's operations—fully up to 1915 standard. Jas. Cook is the retiring president this year.

Many Creston people will be interested to know that Miss May Thorpe, a former resident of Creston, became the bride of Ronald Buckman, an employee of the Trail smelter, on New Years day. They were married quietly at Trail, where they will continue to reside.

The government telephone line between Creston and Yahk will not be completed this winter. Mr. Bowman, the superintendent of construction, was here this week, and has put the wire for it in storage stating that he expects to be back in the spring to complete the job.

J. S. Deschamps arrived from Nelson on Wednesday with a crew of about fifteen men and a carload of horses and equipment, for logging operations on the timber he has secured near Port Hill. It is currently reported that J. S. Winlaw has commenced the preliminary work on the erection of a mill on his site at Wynndel.

Creston Board of Trade has its annual meeting on Tuesday evening next in the board rooms, over Speers' store. If treasurer Dr Henderson can settle about $90 of back dues before that night the board will wind up the year out of all debt, and it will be in order for President Reid to light his pipe with the last note which was paid on Saturday.

Miss A. Doyle is spending the week with friends in Cranbrook.

Rev. J. S. Mahood will be here for morning service in Christ Church on Sunday next.

Mrs. A. L. Cameron was a week-end visitor with Cranbrook friends, returning on Monday.

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Geo. Mead, who has spent the past two weeks with his mother here, left on Tuesday to resume his work in the Imperial Bank at Fernie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cameron of Cranbrook spent the New Year with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cameron, returning yesterday.

The ladies of Holy Cross Church are resuming their whist drives at the rectory for the new year, starting on Wednesday evening, January 10th.

Creston Womens' Institute has its annual meeting in Speers' Hall on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. H. B. Downs is the retiring president.

The vital statis ics for December show two births and two deaths. There are no weddings to record. For all of 1916 the figures are 38 births and 8 deaths.

G. Hendren & Sons commence work this week on the new house Mrs. J. Wilson is erecting on her ranch about a mile east of town. It will be a one-story bungalow 24x45 feet.

School re-opens on Monday morning at 9.30. The scholars are assured all the teachers will be on the job bright and early as they all spent the vacation in the Creston Valley.

The masquerade ball on New Year's night attracted the largest attendance of an affair of the kind ever held in the Creston Valley A conservative estimate places the attendance at over 200.

The annual meeting of Creston Liberal Association will be held in Speers' Hall on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to make a special effort to attend.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Christ Church will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday night at 7.30 prompt, and all members and adherents of the Anglican faith are urged to attend.

John Mangan of Eernie, one of the partners in the post camp that is stripping the Winlaw limit of cedar, is here this week. Shipping will start at once the company having ordered 16 cars for immediate loading.

The cold snap the latter part of last week put the Kootenay ferry out of business for a few days. However, with the milder turn to the atmosphere, and with so much hay and posts to haul the channel is being chopped out again.

Local ranchers who are feeding hay off the flats are finding it necessary to pay special attention to feeding this hay to horses. Owing to so much mud settling on some of it as the high water receded several mild cases of "staggers" are already reported.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stinson announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elsie C., to Mr. Albert E. Stewart, the wedding to take place at Holy Cross Church, Creston, on Thursday morning, January 11th, at nine o'clock. Friends and relatives are welcome at the church.

The continued presence of so many robins and other birds is taken by oldtimers as a sure sign of a short winter, and some of them are predicting sleighing will be gone by the middle of February. As yet no one has put in the usual supply of ice, and if the present mild weather lasts the outlook for the ice crop is just a bit serious.

At the annual meeting of Christ Church Ladies' Guild yesterday the following officers were elected for 1917: President, Mrs. H. Lyne; vice-president, Mrs. C. G. Bennett; secretary, Mrs. P. G. Ebbutt, treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton. The report of the treasurer showed the past year to have been about the most successful in the guild's nine years' history.

December wss one of the biggest months the office of the deputy mining recorder at Creston has ever had. 12 locations were registered as follows: Erickson, Erickson Nos. 2 and 3; Goat Nos. 1 and 2; Lilie Nos. 1, 2 and 3; and Daisy. These were all located in the name of F. W. Klinger, jr., for himself, and as agent for others, the claims all being situate on the east slope of Goat Mountain. In adtion to this 20 free miners certificates were issued.

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