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Canyon City

The Red Cross Auxiliary netted $15 on the doll that was raffled Christmas week, and which was won by Mrs. Craigie of Erickson. All told 150 tickets were sold.

The new cookhouse of the company was utilized for a dance on Saturday night last which attracted a large crowd, including some from town. The floor was in fine shape and with Canyon City orchestra music and a sumptous lunch the best of good times was had.

Pte. Brock Witherhead, a returned soldier with almost three years overseas service to his credit, was here from Calgary, Alta., for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Witherhead at the ranch.

The rains and mild weather of the past week has about taken off all the sleighing and log hauling is almost at a standstill until some more of the beautiful arrives.

Dad Browell is the latest convert to the theory that we are to have an early spring. He has a Rhode Island Red pullet which was hatched last May that is wanting to set already so soon.

School will re-open on Monday. The closing concert on December 21st, was one of the best school entertainments given here, and reflects great credit both on the teacher and scholars.

E. Witherhead was home from Jaffray to spend a few days with his wife and family at their ranch here, returning the latter part of the week

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wigen and Miss Merle Bathie were the Wynndel representatives at the cookhouse dance on Saturday night.

Word reached here a few days ago that I. N. Rhodes, who left for Wardner to take a position as scaler in the mill at that point, had had the misfortune to lose one of his legs in an accident and is at present laid up in the Cranbrook hospital.

The sawmill commenced cutting again a couple of days after Christmas with sawyer Biggings and filer McInnis and most of the old staff all back on the job. Everything is running as smooth as clockwork.

Alice Siding

Mr. and Mrs. Webster had their daughters Ella and Margaret of Calgary, and Louise of Hillcrest, home with them for the Christmas holidays.

A. Pendry is leaving this week for Trail, where he has secured a position in an office, and will reside in future.

Victor Carr has purchased the cattle and stock of hay that Mr. Pendry was feeding an his ranch here.

The rain and mild weather of the last few days has been anything but agreeable for outdoor operations, but with no frost in the ground the moisture will certainly be of great benefit to the orchards, after the unduly dry fall.

Miss Tresa Churchill was hostess to the younger generatian on Christmas eve to an old-time yuletide entertainment including a Christmas tree, which was very much appreciated by both parents and children.

The Knitting Club meeting this week was at Mrs. Stewart's on Wednesday afternoon, and there was a good turnout despite the disagreeable weather.

School re-opens for the new year on Monday morning. This section was very largely represented at the masquerade ball in town Monday night, former principal King of this school getting the prize for the best gents' costume.

Miss Tresa Churchill was the lucky winner of the doll awarded at the nut-guessing contest at the Speers' store on Christmas eve.

Sirdar

School is due to reopen on Monday and the scholars are wondering who the new principal will be, Mr. Warner having resigned the position at the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cameron of Creston were visitors here this week with their son, John, the local switchman.

Mr. Dennes, sr., is here from the coast to spend the holiday season with his son, Richard, and Mrs. Dennes.

Misses Marion Swanson and Muriel Hobden of Creston were visitors here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Loasby and Mrs. McMasters at the Landing.

Creston has had few Sirdar callers during the holiday season, Mrs. Aspay, who was there Friday last, being about the only one.

Saturday's train from the east did not arrive here until almost 5 a.m. on Sunday, the passengers staying in the cars and having breakfast in the diner.

The Green Stockings dramatic company of Cranbrook were with us for a couple of hours on Saturday en route to Balfour. They came down on the work train from Creston, going on down to the Landing on the yard train later in the afternoon.

A hard-times dance is planned for Wednesday night at the schoolhouse, the proceeds to go in aid of the school funds.

Word was received by Mrs. Jones at Kuskanook a few days ago that Pte. Horace Wright, who is overseas with a Canadian regiment, was married in England on October 7th, and after a ten-day honeymoon is again back at the front.

The yard crew had a very busy week-end of it. On Saturday morning the switch engine almost wrecked the turn-table while being brought out for work, the mishap preventing the engine for the east passenger run being got out as well. The work train from Cranbrook arrived on the scene about noon, Supt. Harshaw on board, and after much strenuous effort the eastbound train got away about two hours late.

Geo. Jenson had a very exciting experience on New Year's Day. While returning from Sirdar to Kuskanook with the mail in a rowboat he got hopelessly lost in the fog. During his efforts to get home he landed at Midge Creek once, and his next stop after that was back at the Landing again. About the time darkness set in fires were lighted on the beach at Kuskanook and guns fired occasionally and a series of calls kept up and about seven p.m., after being on the water about six hours, he finally located his home landing, although he was unable to see the fire, and could hear the gun fire but faintly—just about the time he had figured he would have to spend the night on the lake, or until such time as the fog lifted.

Presbyterian Church

Royal Request for Prayer

Sunday, January 6th

at 2.30 p.m. Sharp

A meeting of all Presbyterians and friends througdout the whole district will observe the above request, and will meet for Thanksgiving and Intercession to Almighty God for clear sightedness and the strength necessary for victory of our cause.

Let us crowd the courts of the Lord's house and humbly ask in faith that the Lord of Hosts will lead our Empire and the Allies forth to victory. Everybody heartily welcome.

Crowd Attends Masquerade Ball

The annual New Year's eve masquerade ball, which was under Creston orchestra auspices this year, on Monday night, in the Auditorium, scored the greatest all round success of any event of the sort ever staged in Creston. There were in the neighborhood of 80 dancers in costnme, and these embraced something of everything in the calendar, except Indian getups; these were completely absent, despite the fact that for the two previous years this costume has always been a prizewinner. Among the ladies there was a decided weakness to impersonate pierettes, soldiers and clowns, with plenty of every other kind to furnish a very spectacular and pleasing effect.

The layout of men's costumes was equally varied, with quite a heavy sprinkling of clowns, a touch of the militory, some of the historical, a Chinaman or two, but only one coon. The costume prizes were awarded on a popular vote, and in every case the decision was well received. The prize winners were:

Best dressed lady—Miss Alice Heath, Scotch Lassie.
Best dressed gentleman—J. E. King, Charles II.
Ladies' comic—Mrs. F. H. Jackson, Irish Washer Woman.
Gents' comic—Ronald Lidgate, Coon.

Mrs. H. B. Downs, and Messrs. C. O. Rodgers and C. G. Bennett officiated as judges in the waltzing competition, and after very careful and judicious deliberations awarded the prize to Mrs. W. B. Embree and Mr. R. R. Piper. Among those in costume THE REVIEW located the following:

Mrs. E. Ryckman, pierette.
Mrs. H. Davis, Red Riding Hood.
Mrs. H. Rosendale, Night.
Mrs. H. K. Oatway, Gipsy.
Mrs. H. Christie, Flower girl.
Mrs. J. D. Spiers, pierette.
Mrs. E. Swanson, Cossack.
Mrs. F. H. Jackson, Irish washerwoman.
Mrs. J. Cherrington, Peasant in holiday attire.
Mrs. R. Piper, Esmeralda.
Mrs. W. B. Embree, Lady of the 17th Century.
Mrs. G. Browell, Turkish lady.
Mrs. Wickholm, Irish military girl.
Miss J Nicholls, French soldier girl.
Alice Heath, Scotch lassie.
Jane Long, Soldier girl.
Violet Chambers, Soldier girl.
Deona Taylor, Quakeress.
Nellie Wilson, clown.
Ruth Smith, gipsy.
Lyda Johnson, clown.
Stella McKelvey, clown.
Mabel Huscroft, Folly.
M. Cartwright, Sailor girl.
G. Cartwright, Phaero.
Ella Dow, Shamrock.
Frances Lyne, pierette.
Alice Carr, Soldier girl.
Jennie Belanger, baby doll.
Miss Allan, Dutch girl.
Mabel Craigie, pierette.
Erma Hayden, pierette.
Beatrice Dodds, pierette.
Audrey Craigie, pierette.
E. Arrowsmith, Japanese girl.
Ruth Kligensmith, clown.
Barbara Mawson, clown.
Vesta Smith, Lewiston.
Zalla Johnson, clown.
Florence Bathie, Poppy.
Mr. Squires, George Washington.
C. Ogilvie and M. Wigen, Siamese Twins.
Mr. McLaughlin, Black Prince.
Teddy Swanson, lady.
Ronald Lidgate, Coon.
George Mawson, Black Devil.
George Pacey, clown.
Basil Keir, E. Witherhead, Russell Leamy, C.E.F.
Mr. Sjoholm, hobo.
Mr. McKay, Sailor.
Mr. Faye, Matador.
W. Belanger, clown.
A. Wickholm, Irish minstrel.
F. Belanger, Napoleon.
G. Erickson, Captain of Guard.
John Broderick, clown.
Fred Browell, Royal Page.
W. Long, September Morn.
Alec. Lidgate, Julius Caesar.
Gerald Timmons, Baseball player.
George Hood, Mexican.
Morgan Pease, Chinaman.
Mr. Allasturgs, Lady of Fashions.
B. Miller, Chinaman.
H. E. Tillbits, Spaniard.
J. D. Spiers, clown.
F. H. Jackson, Gentleman of the 16th Century.
R. Piper, Colonial.
J. E. King, Charles II.
D. Weir, Mutt.
Ben Embree, Jeff.
Victor Mawson, Jester.
Lieut. F. C. Rodgers, R.F.C.
Guy Browell, clown.
Dawil Maxwell, Robin Hood
Ronald Smith, Old Uncle Joe.
Cecil Moore, Jew.
H. Davis, Baseball player.
Trennie Long, Cowboy.

The Creston orchestra displayed the best form since its organization, and the splendid lot of new music supplied for each number was favorably commented upon by the dancers. They also gave of their services without stint, as it was after 4 a.m. when the Home Sweet Home waltz was finally announced.

In addition to those in costume there were many un-masked besides quite a gallery of onlookers, an estimate of the crowd being 150.

The floor was in the best of shape, and with A. Miller in charge the affair passed off to the satisfaction of all, including the Red Cross ladies, who served the supper, and whose financial intake was in the neighborhood of $35.

Erickson

Miss Ruby Palmer, who has spent the past two months with friends at Alberta and Manitoba points, arrived home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cartwright were Christmas holiday visitors with their daughter, Mrs. McKowan, at Cranbrook.

R. J. Long left last week for his old home at Toronto, Ont., on a visit to his parents, whom he has not seen for almost twenty years. He will be gone about six weeks.

E. N. Holmes was home from Coleman, Alta., for the Christmas holidays with his family here.

Miss V. Dalton of Trail was a Christmas-week visitor with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Hilton.

E. Botterill of Pincher Creek, Alta., spent part of Christmas week here with his family on the ranch.

BIRTH—On December 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oleson, a son.

Leslie Timmons of Seattle is a New Year holiday visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Timmons at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ryckman of Trail and Miss Ella Ryckman of Cranbrook, were holiday guests of Mrs. W. S. Ryckman.

Mrs. T. H. Lewis (nee Vera Palmer) of Morris, Man., is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Palmer.

There was a large turnout from here at the masquerade ball at Creston on Monday night, and some fine costumes, although none were in the prize-winning class.

School is due to re-open on Mouday morning and the trustees have been fortunate in securing Mr. McCallum of Grand Forks to take charge of the school until midsummer. He comes highly recommended by the educational authorities.

Had Merry Xmas.

Christmas Day, 1917, at the King George Hotel, will be remembered with pleasure by those who were present, and partook of the beautiful repast provided by the hostess, Miss Grey, and her helpers. It was an evening dinner at which about 30 guests sat down, the extensive menu providing all the seasonable delicacies cooked and served in metropolitan fashion. The tables and dining room were appropriately and tastefully decorated with greenery as well as the Canadian and U.S. flags. After the dinner had been done full justice to by the company the table were moved back and music and games indulged, which proved as equally an enjoyable feature as the feast of good things. The old and venerated games of blindman's buff, general post, etc., evoking general merriment. Refreshments were served at intervals, and when in the wee sma' 'oors the party dispersed all joined in thanking Miss Grey, the proprietress, in appreciation of the very happy and pleasant Christmas evening, and wishing her a happy New Year and the success that is her due. —Com.

Wynndel

Miss Olga Wigen is a Nelson visitor this week, the guest of Mrs. F. J. May.

Paul Offner spent the holidays with his family here, returning to Blairmore early in the week.

Mrs. Ashley Cooper, who has been in the Nelson Hospital for some time, was able to return home for Christmas, accompanied by Lieut. and Bugler Guy Cooper of Bonnington.

Wynndel was fairly well represented at the masquerade ball on New Years eve at Creston and all report a splendid time.

Principal King, who spent Christmas with friends in Nelson, has returned.

Creston callers for the week included O. J. Wigen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosendale, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, J. Bathie, Matt. Hayden, Miss Andestad, Miss M. Cooper and Paul Hagen.

The dance held in the dance hall the Saturday before Christmas was voted by all a great success. The committee in charge had the hall beautifully decorated in true yuletide style and with a good floor and good music a most enjoyable evening was passed. Quite a crowd from Creston and Canyon City were present and all want to konw when the next one is going to be.

Business Sold

F. H. Jackson, who has been in the general store business here for the past six years, has disposed of his stock and fixtures to Messrs. George and Victor Mawson, who will continue the business in the old stand under the firm name of Mawson Bros. Mr. Jackson will devote his energies in future to his live stock and ranching interests, into which he has been getting a little heavier each year. Both the members of the new firm are favorably known in the Creston Valley, and by close attention to business, rock bottom prices and courteous service will, no doubt, make good on their venture.

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CRESTON, B.C., FRIDAY, JAN. 4

Getting Anxious

With the B.C. legislature announced to convene in 1918 session the fore part of February interest is already warming up in the prospective deliberations of our provincial law makers.

Foremost come the residents across the Kootenay River who are expecting something tangible on the ferry removal question. The matter has had some attention during the past season and hope has been entertained for favorable action on the assurance of the member for Kaslo that "if the people interested wished the ferry moved then moved it would be."

Notwithstanding this very circumspect guarantee, however, the impression has got abroad since the visit of Engineer McPherson, a few weeks ago, that the removal of the ferry would not eventuate owing to the excessive cost of such removal, and that the new site should not be utilized on account of the possibility of the Kootenay and Goat Rivers running into each other at this point were the river bank monkeyed with by cutting it away for the necessary ferry approach.

THE REVIEW does not fear government inaction on the score of removrl costs, because the department has no safe way of estimating such expense until it calls for tenders on the job. This is their announced policy, and the common sense way, now that B.C. is up against the proposition of making one dollar do the work that two, and even three, dollars used to do in the palmy days of road boss day labor operating. Living across the Kootenay are still a few citizens fairly well equipped and so thoroughly alive to the necessity of the ferry's removal that they should be willing to do all the necessary work at a charge that will satisfy the most exacting economist in the works department.

As to whether the installation of the ferry at the new location would make it possible for the two rivers to merge at this point and produce other undesirable complications, this is a detail that should have more than passing investigation. Men who have some reputation for veracity and who know the river for twenty years back, confidently assert that the new location has been chosen because of the lack of current in the river at this spot, thus eliminating every possible danger of the necessary excavating so weakening the bank as to allow the Kootenay to break through.

Incidentally, too, it is pointed out that at the new location very little trouble would be encountered with floating ice or early freeze-ups both of which cause much inconvenience and much extra labor for passengers and ferryman.

It is to be hoped now the ferry question is in a fair way to be settled one way or the other, that these two features will have thorough investigation before a final decision is made. With the ever-increasing activity in hay cutting and the lumbering operations across the Kootenay the ferry question vitally effects more than the score or more residents in the across-the-river community.

Anticipations

In addition to seeing to it that justice is done those vitally interested in the ferry removal, John Keen, M.P.P., will also have some other rather important matters to get action on at this session of the legislature.

Foremost of these, of course, is the Kootenay flats reclamation proposition. On this the estimates should show a grant of sufficient funds to finish up the engineering side of the matter. And it will be up to Mr. Keen, too, to see that the work is gone on with. Last year we had a considerable sum appropriated for road work, etc., but not more than 30 per cent. of it was expended for some reason or other. On reclamation work no such half-hearted effort will suffice, particularly this year when at present the excessive snowfall would indicate that 1918 will be the ideal season to prosecute this work to the fullest possible extent.

The school board will be looking to Mr. Keen, too, for amendments to the School Act that will facilitate financing educational affairs, especially in the direction of collecting school taxes—past and present alike—and relieving trustees of the burden of borrowing money for school purposes on their personal guarantee to the bank as to payment—or failing this to allow teachers salaries and other obligations go unpaid.

The question of a rural municapality for the greater portion of Creston Valley is another matter Mr. Keen is genuinely in sympathy with. Just now those who favor such a move find the undertaking hopeless due to the existing Municipal Act requiring the consent of non-resident as well as resident property owners—and this section more than abundantly blessed with the former. Too, only registered owners may vote, and the getting to know who these owners are and getting in touch with them with the requisite petition is both a bit expensive as well as laborious. A special act removing these disabilities should not be out of the question—in war times—and the member for Kaslo is like to find himself face to face with a request to see what he can do in the matter.

And there is still the legislative committee of the board of trade to be heard from. They have in view a maueouvre to secure relief from the present unworkable pound law via the Highway's Act, as well as some other excellent ideas, doubtless, for the efficient conduct of things generally in the Creston Valley.

Going Dry

The Unionist Government's Christmas box is an order-in-council under the War Measures Act that will make Canada "bone dry" on and after April 1st of this year.

Commencing with December 24th the importation of liquor into Canada is forbidden, except of such wet goods as were ordered prior to the day before Christmas and even these cannot be shipped into Canada after January 31st.

The transportation of liquor into any province where prohibition is effective will cease on April 1st, and the goverrment has an investigation now under way to determine and equitable date on which to order the manufacture of liquor to cease.

Liquor is defined as anything containing over two and a half per cent. of alcohol, and the new regulations will remain in force for twelve months after the conclusion of peace.

Outside of a part of Quebec, which is the only section of Canada, not already "dry," the new legislation is received with equanimity, The exegencies of war have for some time been expected to provoke such action.

Seeing that the new order of things eliminates importation and manufacture, thus ensuring prohibition that prohibits, and now that we have been under "dry" conditions in B.C. for a matter of three months with a minimum of inconvenience to the hotel trade itself and some benefit to the province as a whole, little or nothing is heard of compensation even—a factor that militated to some extent against prohibition in the voting in this province in September, 1916.

All of which encourages the ardent prohibitionist to think that the "dry" era is here to stay—and their hopes in this regard are no idle dream as doubtless the question will be submitted to popular vote, and the Unionist government is pledged to make woman suffrage Canada-wide at the forthcoming session of parliament.

Wise and Otherwise

Pending the official count by the returning officers, the figures go to show that British Columbia went Unionist at a rate of three to two over all opposition. In both East and West Kootenay the Unionists beat the combined Laurier-Labor vote by a matter of 800 All told the enemy have 37,989 ballots as compared with 58,830 Unionist.

Statistics on the recent Victory Loan show that for the whole of Canada there were 782,714 subscribers, or one subscriber for every ten persons in the Dominion. The best showing of the sort in Great Britain is one in twenty-three, while in the United States the figures are one in twenty-seven. For British Columbia, if the Indians and foreigns are overlooked, the province has a showing of one in six, or at the rate of $68 per capita.

Game Warden Bryan Williams figures the fur catch in B.C. this season to be worth almost $2,000,000. Of this amount $100,000 is for coyotes, and $300,000 for other fur bearing animals taken by the 1161 licensed trappers. Mr. Williams figures that Indian trappers out-number those who have to take out license 6 to 1, and their take of fur makes up the difference between $400,000 and $2,000,000. All of which is a reasonably accurate estimate if the other parts are on a par with the Kootenay country.

At Cranbrook of the 112 men liable to serve under the Military Service Act 81 have been ordered to report, and 31 granted exemption.

We take pleasure in thanking our Customers and Friends for the patronage during the year now closing, and assure them of our intention so serve them equally well throughout 1918.

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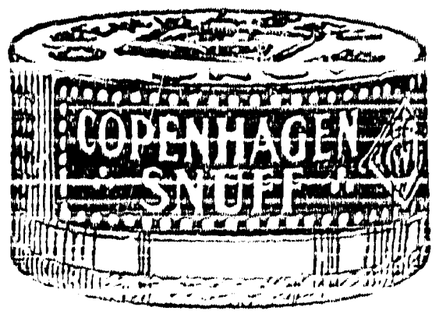

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Creston's School Report for Dec.

DIVISION I.—C. M. Brousson, B.Sc., Principal.
Number of pupils attending, 21.
Average attendance, 17.72.
Percentage attendanee 84.4.
Perfect Attendance—Lillian Cherrington, Ruth Compton; Erma Hayden, Orin Hayden, Hazel Hobden, Lyda Johnson, Katherine Moore, Marion Swanson, Earl Swanson.

DIVISION II.—Alex. Smith, Vice-Principal.
Number of pupils attending, 28.
Average attendance 26.34.
Percentage attendance, 94.
Perfect Attendance—Louise Bevan, Robert Crawford, Marguerite Crawford, Harry Compton, Agnes Hobden, Eva Holmes, Ruth Lidgate, Eunice Moore, Lionel Moore, Robert Moore, Annie Maione, Jean Westwood, Gladys Webster, Evelyn Hurry, Ralph Swanson, Ruth Swanson.
Standing of Classes: Junior 4th—Eunice Moore. Senior 3rd—Louise Bevan. Junior 3rd—Monica Moore.

DIVISION III.—Miss N. E. Faulkner, Teacher.
Number of pupils attending, 34.
Average attendance, 33.20.
Per centage attendance 98.08.
Perfect attendance, 23—Nellie Adlard, Marguerite Benney, Evelyn Bevan, Edith Crawford, Ollie Christie, Ivin Compton, Harvey Gobbett. Mary Lewis, Keith Lidgate, Elson Lidgate, Joice Moore, Edna Nicholls, Frank Parker, Albert Sherwood, Beatrice Scott, Walter Scott, Gordon Spiers, Donald Spiers, George St.Jean, Gilmoure Taylor, Lily Wilson, Donald Young.

DIVISION IV.—Miss B. Hardman, Teacher.
Number of pupils attending, 32.
Average attendance, 30.89.
Perfect attendance—John Belanger, George Carter, James Cherrington, Frederick Christie, Hazel Christie, Jeffery Collis, Marion Collis, Charles Cotterill, Edith Couling, Lloyd Couling, Benjamin Crawford, Catherine Embree, Ruby Gibson, Marion Learmonth, Charles Moore, Madeline Moore, Helen Moore, Ray Oatway, Honoria Payne, Louise Ross, Robert Scott, Reginald Smith, Harold Speers, Edith Wilson.
Receipts for the Prisoners of War Fund are $2.36.

Big Six-Day Stock-Reducing Sale

MONDAY, January 7 - - SATURDAY, January 12

At 7 p.m., MONDAY, JANUARY 14th, the general store business conducted by me for the past six years, passes to Mawson Brothers, who have purchased the stock on hand at that date, and will continue the business in future.

In order to clear out some lines in which we purchased too heavily, as well as to reduce the stock generally to normal size for this season of the year, we are putting on a Six-Day Sale, to commence Monday, January 7th, and positively close Saturday night, January 12th.

The sale will be strictly Cash, and we are busy now going over the stock and marking all lines down to prices that will appeal to the most careful buyer.

While exceptional values will prevail all over the store, we call special attention to a stock of LINOLEUM which has just come to hand, and which will be sold regardless of profit.

Men's Heavy Shirts, Mackinaw Coats and Heavy Underwar. These are lines we will not carry over to another season, and they will be priced to effect speedy sale.

We have considerable of the Hand Painted China that we stocked for Christmas still on the tables, and this will move quickly if good goods and attractive prices will help speedy selling at all.

Watch for posters giving fuller particulars, and in the meantime make a list of your immediate and future needs in the general store goods line—and come in opening day.

The prices we are making are irresistible, and the quality of all our goods needs no recounting.

Dry Goods - Boots & Shoes - Ladies' Wear - Glassware - Hardware

The dates again—
January 7th to 12th

FRANK H. JACKSON

School Concert

On Friday, December 21st, the pupils of the three senior divisions of the Creston school entertained one another with a series of recitations, songs, and even with one dialogue. The last may be described as an Indian wild act, and caused excitement among the many 'papooses' present. The impersonatiod of the Indian chief, Wildcat, by Frank Romano was very realistic. The programme follows:

Duet, "Just as the Sun went Dowu," Louise Bevan and Agnes Hobden.
Reading, "Mr. Brown has his Hair Cut," Lyda Johnson.
Recitation, "The Lookout Man," Margaret Crawford
Recitation, "The Baddest Girl," Beatrice Scott.
Trio, "Mother's Old, Sweet Lullaby,' Eunice Moore, Susie Hurry, Ruth Swanson.
Recitation, 'The Railroad Crossing.' Erma Hayden.
Recitation, "A Clean Face," Walter Scott.
Song, "Somewhere in France." Frances Knott.
Recitation, "My Papa," Willie Smith.
Recitation, "Especially Jim," Annie Maione.
Recitation, "Speckle and Redwing," Lionel Moore.
Reading, 'A Story that had no End,' Frances Lyne.
Recitation, "Some Problems," Susie Hurry.
Recitation, "Robert Reece," Eunice Moore.
Chorus, "Pack all Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," Miss Faulkner's Class.
Dialogue, "Uncle Nathan's Indian," 'Uncle Nathan,' Orin Hayden; Indian Chief, Frank Romano; 'Tom,' Earl Swanson; 'Bill,' Lionel Moore.
Chorus, "Its the Navy," Division II.

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CAPITAL PAID UP, $15,000,000 RESERVE FUND, - $13,500,000

BANK MONEY ORDERS

The most convenient way of remitting small sums of money is by the Money Orders sold by this Bank. The cost is as follows:

$5 and under	3 cents
over $5 and not exceeding $10	5 "
" $10 " " $30	10 "
" $30 " " $50	15 "

PLUS REVENUE STAMPS

C. G. BENNETT Manager Creston Branch

NEWS OF KOOTENAYS

The scholars at Cranbrook made $13 out of their school garden last year.

Nelson hospital gathered in $770 at a tag in that city one day last week.

Nelson merchants report this year's Christmas trade the best in 18 years.

The Unionists had a woman scrutineer at Fort Steele on December 17th.

Cranbrook Indians are predicting a cold winter, not much snow, and a very early spring.

Revelstoke had a tag day last month for the benefit of the Halifax Relief and $400 was collected.

In the Cranbrook district more logging camps are in operation this winter than for years past.

Rossland has a six-year old girl who has already knitted several pairs of socks for soldiers overseas.

Some Cranbrook merchants claim 1917 Christmas trade was twice as good as 1916 yuletide business.

The strike at the Trail smelter has been called off, and the men have about all returned to work now.

Cranbrook farmer's institute will buy $200 worth of gopher poison for the use of its members this year.

J. A. Miller escaped from Greenwood jail last week by digging a hole in the stone wall with a piece of a chair.

The voters list for Kaslo city elections of mayor and aldermen shows 258 names.

Cranbrook council voted $500 to Halifax relief. $100 was the Grand Forks contribution.

At Greenwood last week Victor Anderson was fined $10 for fishing during the close season.

The Granby smelter at Grand Forks will pay a dividend of $10 per share this year. They paid $7 in 1916.

The King George Hotel at Kaslo served its usual big Christmas dinner at 75 cents—same price as a year ago.

W. P. Freeman of the Nelson High School staff has just accepted a call to a Moose Jaw, Sask., Baptist Church.

Rev. C. M. Campbell of North Battleford, Sask., has received a call to the Presbyterian Church, Kaslo.

Part of Kaslo's water system leaks so badly that enough water is now being wasted to supply the whole town.

Commencing the first of the year the C.P.R. cut down the boat service on Okanagan Lake to a tri-weekly service.

There are 99 more names on the voters list for Trail city municipal elections this year than there was a year ago.

1800 pounds of kokanees taken from Christina Lake, near Grand Forks, were shipped from that point one day last week.

Rossland had a lot of bronchitis, tonsolitis and chicken pox last month which cut down the school attendance considerably.

The Trail smelter strike lasted 36 days, and with 1500 men effected with an average of $4 per day, the loss in wages alone is $216,000.

The Staples Lumber Co. of Wycliffe, the Crows Nest Pass Lumber Co. of Wardner, and the Yahk Lumber Co. of Wasa are all running their mills this winter.

At Cranbrook on election night the bar was passed at the Unionist committee rooms while the returns were being received and $50 raised for Red Cross work.

At Trail and Rossland the B.C. Telephone Co. has placed females in charge of the work, the men hitherto employed being transferred to construction work.

Kaslo Kootenaian: An extra train crew has stationed here, for the purpose of looking after odd jobs, such as switching, specials, etc., and will be used in fighting snow on the Kaslo-Nakusp line during the winter.

WANTED—Strong young weaned calves, also yearlings. C. Blair, Erickson.

Christ Church Ladies' Guild are having their annual meeting and election of officers this afternoon.

WATER NOTICE

(Diversion and Use)

TAKE NOTICE that Cranbrook Sash & Door Company, Limited, whose address is Cranbrook, B.C., will apply for a license to take and use three cubic feet per second of water out of South Fork Goat River, also known as Meadow Creek, which flows westerly and drains into Goat River about one-half mile west of Lot 2546, Kitchener townsite.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about three-fourths mile south-east of the north-west corner posts of Lot 492, and will be usek for the purpose of fluming lumber to Cadorna station on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 28th day of November, 1917. A copy of this notice, and an application pursuant thereto, and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Nelson.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder, or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

The date of the first publication of this notice is November 30th., 1917.

CRANBROOK SASH & DOOR COMPANY, LIMITED, Applicant.
By H. A. McKowan, Agent.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years renewal for a further term of 12 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 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.

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.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Local and Personal

BIRTH—At Porthill, on December 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Payette, a son.

Miss B. Mawson was a vititor with Nelson friends a few days last week, returning on Sunday.

Miss F. Erickson of Cranbrook is spending the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. C. G. Bennett.

Miss Laura Edmondson spent part of the Christmas holidays with Nelson friends, returning on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cameron were Christmas visitors at the home of their son, James, at Cranbrook.

Valley vital statistics for the year ending December 31st, show 18 deaths and 35 births—19 boys and 16 girls.

Miss H. G. Robinson of Edmonton, Altr., spent the Christmas vacation here with her sister, Mrs. C. F. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bundy of Wardner were holiday visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dow.

Geo. Pacey of Sandon, formerly in the employ of H. S. McCreath, has been looking up old friends here the past week.

Miss Ethel Huscroft, who has been spending a couple of weeks with her parents here, returned to Sandon on Thursday last.

Miss Ella Dow, who is teaching at Wardner this year, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dow.

Mrs. T. Baines was a yuletide visitor at Trail with her son, John, who has recently joined the ranks of the benedicts of that town.

Evening service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday will take the form of a song service, from 7.30 to 8.30, to which all are cordially invited.

Creston Farmers' Institute have their annual meeting at the Auditorium to-night, at 8 o'clock prompt. Jas. Cook is the retiring president, with two years of it to his credit.

Greetings to all our Friends and Customers for the New Year

Creston Drug & Book Co.
PHONE 67 - CRESTON

Is there any Meat in the House?

This is the first question that presents itself to the housewife if an unexpected visitor drops in for a meal. But why worry?

Shamrock Brand Hams and Bacon
Finest Quality Cooked Ham
Lunch Meat
Bologna, &c.

are always to be had here. In meats nothing quite equals 'Shamrock' products.

P. BURNS & Co., Ltd.

Creston Valley Women's Institute annual meeting is on the card for Friday afternoon next, January 11th. Mrs. Forrester is the retiring president.

There was a considerable demand for the carload of baled timothy which the Institute unloaded on Saturday, and which is selling at $26.50 a ton.

Misses Jennie Nicholls and Zalla Johnson, who have been attending normal school at Victoria the past term, are home for the Christmas holidays.

R. E. Beattie of Cranbrook, the unsuccessful Liberal candidate in East Kootenay on December 17th, was a business visitor here the latter part of the week.

WANTED—By widow with small family, housekeeper, elderly woman preferred. Good home for suitable person. Apply Box 77, REVIEW office, Creston.

Red Cross workers are reminded that the Tuesday afternoon sewing sessions with the 4 o'clock ten-cent tea will be resumed next week, and that there is room and a welcome for all.

A dance is on the programme for to-morrow night, Saturday, Jan. 5th, at Huscroft's school, at 8 o'clock. Good floor, good music, good time for all. Gents 50c., ladies bringing lunch admitted free.

A. E. Jefferson was the fortunate winner of the 14-pound turkey which was raffled last week in aid of the work of the ladies of Holy Cross Church. All told about 175 tickets were sold on the bird.

The statistics show December to have been the busiest month of the year, there being a call for three marriage licenses that month. There are three births and no deaths to record for the same month.

School re-opens for the new year on Monday. Last month's attendance was 115 pupils. Miss Faulkner's room with 34 pupils made a bit of record having an attendance showing of within two points of perfect.

M. H. Davis, who had the post of teller at the Bank of Commerce since early this summer, left the latter part of the month for Vancouver, where he has been successful in getting into the flying corps for overseas service.

A three-act play will be presented in the Parish Hall, Creston on Friday evening, January 18th, by members of the congregation, commencing at 8.30, and to be preceded by a short musical program. Admission 25 cents.

The annual meeting of the Creston Farmers' Institute is on to-night. That hardy annual, T. M. Edmondson, will not be among those present, but there is promise of some other features that will make the session well worth while.

Every member should be out for the session of the Creston Board of Trade on Tuesday night. This is the annual meeting with election of officers. The year has been a very active one, and the president's statement will undoubtedly be interesting.

Judge Thompson of Cranbrook and the military representative are expected here in a few days to hear the appeals of the local Class A men who have appealed from the rulings of the local exemptions tribunal who declined to grant exemptions except in two cases.

The nut guessing contest at the Speers store for a dressed doll concluded Christmas eve, and the count of the nuts in the jar was made by Dr. Henderson and R. B. Staples, showing a total of 252. The winner was Miss Teresa Churchill, who guessed 250.

G. J. Bayle, who has been government check scaler in East Kootenay for the past year, has resigned that position to look after the interests of the Forest Mills of Revelstoke, who are logging quite extensively near Port Hill, as well as across the line at Copeland.

Miss Vesta Smith of Clarkstown, Wash., is spending a few days with Creston friends, the guest of Miss B. Mawson. Two of the three boys of the family are now on war service; Frank in the U.S. navy, and Will, who has just been called to Uncle Sam's infantry forces.

Gladstone E. Wood, who is in charge of Presbyterian Church work on the Ymir field, was a Christmas visitor at the manse, with his parents, Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Wood. He helped out materially at the Sunday school concert on Thursday night, favoring with two solos, both of which were well received.

The regular meeting of the Methodist Young People's Association will be held on Friday next, Jan. 11th, at 8 p.m., instead of Tuesday, when Rev. Hugh Dobson, B.A., B.D., of Regina, will lecture on "Social Reconstruction During the War and After." Everybody welcome. Collection.

A $65 house was in evidence for "Green Stockings," which was put on by the Cranbrook amateur drmatic company in Mercantile Hall on Friday night last. From here the company went to Balfour where they presented it Saturday night, while this week they perform at Cranbrook.

The weather report shows a total snowfall for December of 35 inches, while the Valley was also blessed the same month with 1¼ inches of rain. The coldest day of the month was Sunday, 23rd, when the mercury got down to one below zero. The balmiest day was the 17th, when it rose to 55.

About the finest all round lot of calendars local merchants have handed out to their patrons were distributed this season by the Mercantile Co., H. K. Oatway, R. S. Bevan, S. A. Speers and F. H. Jackson. All of them were works of art and much appreciated by those by those receiving them.

The orchestra's masquerade ball on New Year's eve in the Auditorium attracted the largest crowd ever seen at a dance here. There were fully 75 in costume and quite as many more who came otherwise. The Red Cross ladies served the supper and their effort will net them in the neighborhood of $85.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Oddie and children of Grassy Lake, Alta., were Christmas week visitors with Mr. and Forrester, the two ladies being sisters. Some of our readers may recall Mrs. Oddie who, as Miss Sutherland, taught school here about seventeen years ago—in the house now occupied by Alex. Matheson.

Creston Indians celebrated New Years in royal style on Tuesday, and some records gastronomical must have been made judging by the generous supplies of oranges, biscuits, and other eatables that the redmen stocked up with days previous. Quite a number from the mission at Cranbrook were on hand for the festivities.

Creston merchants report the 1917 Christmas trade the very best in years, a very gratifying feature being the heavy spot cash business done. Another angle, too, was the liberal purchasing of wearables and other useful articles of the better sort. In the line of handkerchiefs the stores were all sold out long before closing time Monday.

At the December meeting of the Creston Farmer's Institute $50 was voted and has been forwarded the Halifax Relief Fund. At the regular meeting last month Creston Masonic Lodge also voted $25 for the same purpose. This make a Valley total of $150 for the good work, the Red Cross having previously sent $50 and the board of trade $25.

The official count of the ballots cast in the West Kootenay polling on Dec. 17th was made at Nelson on Monday, and the figures show that very close to 7,000 persons voted. R. F. Green's majority over candidate Maxwell is 2300, and he also has a majority over the combined Maxwell-Austin vote of over 900. Mr. Maxwell's total vote, however, is about 300 larger than Mr. Austin's.

Word has just reached Creston that Mr. Campbell, one of the chief teachers, who has criticised all the Victoria Normal School students since that school opened, says that he has met only one other girl who could teach as well as Miss Bertha Hurry could, but that she could teach no better, and if there should happen to be a vacancy on the staff at Victoria at Christmas he was going to get her that position.

Creston Masonic Lodge officials for 1918 were duly installed at the regular meeting on Thursday night last. They are:

I.P.M.—John Blinco.
W.M.—C. F. Hayes.
S.W.—A. Miller.
J.W.—W. H. Watcher.
Secy.—S. A. Speers.
Treas.—Jas. Compton.
Trustee—J. Blinco.
S.D.—R. J. Long.
J.D.—F. Putnam.
S.S.—G. A. Hunt.
J.S.—E. Buckman.
Tyler—W. H. Crawford.
I.G.—H. Hamilton.
D. of C.—C. M. Lonsby.

W. Bros. Compton and Miller conducted the installation ceremonies in due and ancient form, and at the conclusion an informal banquet was served.

The Presbyterian Church was well filled on Thursday night last for the annual Sunday School concert, the programme consisting of a number of nicely executed drills, dialogues, recitations, choruses by the scholars, as well as solo numbers by Miss Ella Dow and Mr. Gladstone E. Wood of Ymir. Of course Santa Claus made his appearance at the close and distributed the usual fine lot of Christmas gifts to the school scholars.

Next Thursday Creston will be favored with a visit from the Scott Family of Entertainers, who are coming to Mercantile Hall on that occasion. The programme is largely Scotch, and will consist of Scotch songs in costume, Scotch dances, and vocal numbers in English and Irish songs, dancing, and duetts and songs in character, while T. J. Scott will entertain as a humorist in both song and story. Admission 50c. and 25c.

All sorts and conditions of weather have prevailed within the past ten days. The fore part of Christmas week snowfalls were much in evidence an accumulation of the beautiful of over a foot being in evidence on Friday night. Saturday saw a spell of rainy weather set in and now sleighing is very precarious. This is the second lot of good sleighing that has disappeared already this winter; something, Mayor Little tells us, that has only happened once before—about twenty years ago.

A very successful and enjoyable Christmas-week dance was put on in the Auditorium on the evening of Dec. 26th for the benefit of the overseas soldiers tobacco fund, by a girls committee consisting of Misses A. Heath, B. Mawson, L. Johnson and Nellie Wilson. The music was by the Creston orchestra, with A. Miller in charge of the floor. A turkey raffle also featured the occasion, and with the proceeds of this and after paying expenses the girls had in the neighborhood of $33 clear to turn over to the tobacco fund treasurer.

Another of Creston's young men has just qualified for overseas service in the air squad. He is Lieut. Floyd Rodgers, who got back from Winnipeg on Christmas eve, after coming successfully through a five-day examination for a flight lieutenancy in the Royal Flying Corps. For the year just passed he has been with the R.N.W.M.P. at Maple Creek. Floyd looks all over like a typical airman and if some experience with a Ford car helps any he should be very much at home in this branch of Imperial service.

Creston got no mail from the east on Saturday. Owing to blizzards and cold weather on the prairie that day it was along about 5 a.m. Sunday before the westbound passenger arrived. The eastbound passenger was also two hours behind time due to a breakdown of the turn-table at Sirdar, which was so serious that the work train from Cranbrook had to be requisitioned to make repairs. An extremely heavy fog on the lake delayed the boat on Tuesday, and another two-hours late was registered against the eastbound that day also.

Sergt. W. Pamplin, formerly with the 31st Battalion C.E.F., headed a concert company of returned soldiers that included DeVine, an illusionist, and 'Arry,' the humorist, who gave a lantern lecture on the war in the Auditorium last night, to a fair sized audience, which would have been much larger had more notice been given. At the close a dance was given, the Creston orchestra furnishing the music. The company played at Cranbrook for the recently organized Great War Veteran's Association on New Year's night, to a capacity house.

Creston received back another of her war heroes in Christmas week. He is Pte. Russell Leamy, who left here with the second Valley quota in November, 1914, for Victoria, where after about four months training they went across. Over a year ago Pte. Leamy was wounded by shrapnel, which seriously affected one of his lungs and for some weeks his recovery was despaired of. Excellent hospital treatment, however, is slowly bringing him back to somewhere near his former good health, though just at present he looks far from his former self. He is stopping with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Leamy, at present.

Creston Farm Property

I wish to dispose of Eighty Acres of Land in the Creston District, situated approximately 5½ miles to the North-east of the station and in closer proximity to the stations of Erickson and McNeillie, being the West Half of Sub Lot 12 of Lot 4592 G.1.

Would take Two Thousand Dollars cash, or give terms to suit the purchaser;

Or Twenty-Five Hundred in part cash and balance in trade for horned cattle and baled hay;

Or I would give a 5-year lease of the property, renewable for another five years on the basis of lessee making certain stated improvements and paying all rates, taxes and assessments. Lease to carry an option to purchase. Indefensible title.

If above not satisfactory state your own terms.

BASIL G. HAMILTON
Invermere, B.C.

We thank our host of customers for their valued patronage of the past year, and solicit a continuance of the same during 1918.

Creston Mercantile Co.
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