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Keremeos Boy Scouts Give splendid Concert

On Saturday evening the Keremeos Boy Scouts treated the people of Hedley to a concert that will long be remembered by the local townsfolk.

The concert was in aid of the Belgian relief and the Scouts summer camp. Assisting the Scouts were Mrs. T. Daly, Miss F. Daly, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. T. Daly and Rev. Mr. Stanton, and it goes without saying that such a combination of vocal and instrumental talent, together with the Scouts, had little difficulty in producing a most enjoyable evening to the many Hedley people present.

Mr. Dalton was asked to be chairman, and in a few well chosen words he thanked the Keremeos boys for being so manly and good sports in their game of hockey in the afternoon.

The program of the evening was as follows:

1. Camp scene (Morning.)
2. Song by Mr. Edmunds.
3. Violin duet, Mr. Daly, Mr. Stanton.
4. Song, Miss Daly, Mr. Edmunds.
5. Recitation, Herbert Frith, Jack Thomas.
6. Song, Mrs. Tom Daly.
7. Camp scene "Round the Fire."
8. Song, Miss Daly.
9. Violin solo, Mr. Daly.
10. Scout law, Douglas Christie, Herbert Frith, Clarence Mattice.
11. Song, Mr. Edmonds.
12. Spectacle, "The Human Chain."
13. Scout play, "The Monkey's Surprise."
14. The Parting Song.

God Save the King.

Too much credit cannot be given to the work of the Scouts and all sides were heard the remarks why cannot the Hedley boys have such an organization.

Before closing the chairman thanked the troupe for their splendid entertainment, and God speed was wished Mr. Edmonds, who left on Tuesday to join the colors.

Shortly after 10:30 p.m. the Scouts left for home and from all account arrived home some time in the wee hours.

Come again, boys, you are always welcome in Hedley.

MINING NOTES

Copper has been sold ahead at New York to the extent of the first half of the current year's production.

It is reported a large smelter will be erected in the Nicola valley within the next two years. The Tacoma smelter people are behind the project.

Much work is being done on the Henderson copper properties, two miles below Merritt. There is considerable ore in sight and shipping to the Tacoma smelter will proceed with development.

Advices from Yokohama indicate that the mining industry of Japan has been favored by the war. The exploitation of precious-metal deposits has been increased considerably. Exports of copper are being made to England and Russia. The mining of zinc has been stimulated, and zinc ore from China is being imported for treatment at Japanese smelters. When the war ends it is likely that Japan will produce a supply of zinc sufficient for the domestic consumption. Lead ore is being imported from Australia.

Hedley Visited by Disastrous Fire

Similkameen Hotel Reduced to Pile of Smouldering Ruins

Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday, when folks had about settled into the afternoon's work, the silence was broken by the slow and persistent tolling of the fire bell.

Immediately the street filled and the news soon spread that the Similkameen hotel was on fire.

All hands made haste to get to the scene of the conflagration; but it was no use to drag the fire hose as the recent cold snap had frozen the water main solid and no water was available.

The fire originated in the basement near the furnace and had attained considerable proportion before it was noticed. The efforts of the hotel staff were directed towards controlling the fire, but the only weapon they had with which to fight it was snow, the limited supply of water on hand being soon exhausted.

As soon as help arrived, however, and it was realized the building was doomed, every effort was made to rescue the contents.

In this latter work the citizens eagerly joined, but were so handicapped by the smoke that very little was saved.

For the first half hour it seemed as if it would be possible to save the building, but the wind got up and in a very short time all was lost.

The verandah seemed to be a vent for the fire and soon carried it right around the building. By 2:30 the tower had fallen and in another hour the whole structure was a ruin.

The attention of the fighters was now turned to the saving of adjacent buildings. With wet blankets, fire extinguishers and barrels of water the fighters awaited the onslaught of the fiery fiend, whith hurled its sharpest dart when the building collapsed. By keeping the walls and roof of the Corrigan residence wet they managed to forestall the fiery tongues, and although the cabin immediately opposite became a prey to the roaring flames they saved the Corrigan place and by 4 o'clock all danger was over.

The Maierhofer cabin easily became a prey to the flames despite the well-directed but futile attempts of the fire fighters.

This was the hottest fire in Hedley for many a moon.

The property loss was considerable as the few articles saved were taken out of the windows of the second story, the dense smoke making it impossible to penetrate the rooms down stairs.

Mr. Bryant had just completed certain repairs to the building, which were designed to make it warmer, more comfortable and more modern. He had installed bells in the room, had put the steam heating plant in order, had cleaned and renovated the building throughout, besides having the doors properly hung so that they kept out the maximum of cold and opened and closed easily.

The tower fell out and soon burned all up and the heat in the rear of the building was so intense that the ice house, a few feet away, caught fire several times and was extinguished with great difficulty.

W. Corrigan removed everything from his place, and P. Murray, C. W. Hill and Eddie Simpson got all their belongings removed from the Maierhofer cottage.

George Riddle put a team to work to draw water, and R. J. Edmond made several trips with his team, as did Andy

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Rossland Will Entertain N. W. Mining Convention

From Spokane we have received the following announcement:

Instead of inviting mining men to come to Spokane for the Northwest Mining convention this year, the big annual gathering of northwestern operators, engineers and prospectors will be held in Rossland, B. C., February 8, 9 and 10.

Tentative plans for an excursion to Rossland have been completed by F. C. Bailey, secretary of the Spokane Mining Men's club. The itinerary provides for the departure of the expedition at 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 8, over the Great Northern railway, and the return trip will be made Thursday, February 10, arriving home at 7:30 p.m. The party will travel in a special train of standard tourist sleepers, with buffet car attached.

The party will take a hockey team of local devotees to enter the lists with the Canadian contingents and a band also may be taken along. Secretary Bailey states he is arranging for sleepers for the party in the event hotel quarters are not available.

"A stop of an hour will be made at Northport to inspect the new smelter being installed by the Tamarack and Custer and Hercules Mining companies of the Coeur d'Alenes," states Mr. Bailey. "The plant may be in operation by then, but of this we are not sure. The mines in the Rossland region will be visited, including the old Le Roi holdings, and the copper-lead smelter and the new electrolytic zinc plant at Trail will be inspected. Ralph W. Stuart, general manager, and W. A. Archibald, consulting engineer, having extended us an invitation to be their guests while in Trail."

Preparations for the trip are reviving memories of pioneer days in the minds of veteran Spokane mining men, several of whom were instrumental in placing Rossland before the world as a mining center, and the majority of them are planning to go. It is the first excursion of consequence that ever has been sent from the state into the Rossland-Trail region, and it is believed that not less than 100 persons will make up the party.

Irish oranges, grown at Ashcroft, are selling at $40 per ton on the coast.

The Canford Mills, Nicola valley, will cut 18,000,000 feet this year. The entire output will go to the prairies.

Phoenix in the Boundary country is so high above sea level that the ordinary mucker can snowball the angels.

The city of Trail is going ahead by leaps and bounds. It has just invested $6 in the purchase of a new volume of the criminal code.

Last Monday was the coldest day in the history of Vancouver in seventeen years. The thermometer registered two degrees above zero.

Paderewski, the great pianist, will make a farewell tour of the world within the next 18 months. He will not include Keremeos in his itinerary.

Hogs are selling at 15 cents per pound (live weight) on the coast. If they go much higher the price of a small pork chop will put the average man on the hog.

It is reported that bye elections will be held in Vancouver, Victoria and Rossland between now and end of February. The Liberals will contest all seats.