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For Holiday Shoppers

Holiday buyers this year have a large variety to choose from. Every store in the city is filled with holiday goods, and the buyer will certainly have no difficulty in choosing an acceptable gift for parents, children, sweetheart or wife. At this time it may not be out of place to give a short description of the holiday goods some of our merchants are offering to the Christmas shopper.

MORRIS & STEED

have their three windows nicely decorated, one with china ware, one with fruit, candies and nuts, and the other with small articles of gent's furnishings. For holiday gifts they are however making a specialty of single pieces as well as whole sets in china, and souvenir cups and saucers, etc. Tea-pot stands they have, and pretty ones too, and handkerchief, collar and cuff and glove cases are selling fast. They also have a large stock of perfumes in fancy jugs and bottles.

GEO. F. CURTIS

always does a big business in holiday goods, and this year he is making a specialty of fancy goods; toilet cases, jewel cases, etc., and candies, chocolates, bonbons, and assorted French fruit candies. Cigars he has lots of them. Photos and photo frames, toys and games complete his list of strictly holiday goods.

W. M. LAWRENCE

has those things to make glad the heart of the small boy as well as his older brother. His holiday goods comprise skates, hockey and spring sticks and pucks. Of an entirely different character are many articles which will make handsome Christmas presents. Carvers and carving sets, fancy lamps and plated goods he is having a big run on.

BOURNE BROS.

windows, under the skillful hands of Mr. Hawthorne, present a really fine appearance and in fact cannot be equalled in Revelstoke. One of them is given up to china and glassware, while the other contains all kinds of things suitable for holiday gifts. There are gent's travelling companions, ladies' curling tong sets, manicure sets, china ornaments, card receivers, etc., in a bewildering array, and it would indeed be a fastidious customer who would not find anything to suit in these windows. The greater part of the upper floor is given up entirely to china, glassware, and crockery, an immense stock.

THE CANADA BOOK & DRUG CO.

has enough toys and games to please all the children in the city, and there are dolls enough to make a bachelor uncomfortable when he enters the store. Fancy goods of every description are found here, and travelling cases and celluloid goods in great variety. The firm is this season, however, making a great specialty of all the newest books and poets in extra fine bindings. They also have a large stock of photos and photo frames. If you want something extra nice in the way of perfumes you can find it here; all the imported French and English imported perfumes in fancy bottles to be found in this store.

SAVAGE BROS.,

at this season have everything you may want in the way of fruit, vegetables, farm produce, etc. You can't miss it by patronizing them.

THE CASH BAZAAR,

while not making any special display of holiday goods have many nice things from which an acceptable Christmas gift may be chosen. Just now they are selling at very low prices ladies' gloves and neckwear and handkerchiefs; and what more suitable for a gift to a friend than a pair of gloves, or a well filled handkerchief case. Ladies' furs and children's woolen goods are being made a specialty by this very reliable firm, as well as fine boots and shoes. If you want anything of this description, you can do no better than give Mr. Drew, the manager, a call.

A. MCLEAN.

While making your Christmas purchases, you will probably need a new suit of clothes, some shirts, socks, or something of the kind. If so, do not forget that A. McLean, McCarty block, has a large stock of the best of gent's furnishings.

JAS. GILL & CO.

This most popular firm carries a large line from which many beautiful gifts may be selected, and the store is decked in holiday attire. Just now a specialty is being made of small articles of gent's furnishings, particularly ties. Pretty gifts for ladies may be chosen from the large stock of Irish linen, hand-embroidered handkerchiefs, Japanese silk handkerchiefs, fancy needle cabinets, etc. Manicure sets and dressing cases, in morocco cases, are the latest in this kind of goods, and are indeed very pretty. Special attention should be called to the eiderdown quilts handled by this firm. Nothing finer was ever sold in Revelstoke, nor at prices any where near so low as these are sold for.

Very Strange.

A very singular accident occurred in Kicking Horse Canyon last week, one that sounds like the stories railroad men tell when they are in a reminiscent mood, and strange yarns they sometimes spin. A locomotive was pushing a snow plow down the canyon and all was going well. The driver gave his attention for a few minutes to something within the cab, and when he looked ahead again the plow was nowhere to be seen. Thinking the plow had broken loose from the engine and ran away down the canyon, the driver opened the throttle wider and started after the supposed runaway. A mile down the canyon he noticed that the snow on the track ahead was undisturbed, so that the plow could not have run away after all. But what had become of it? Where could it have gone to? Had it taken wings unto itself, or was the driver subject to bad dreams? But then he hadn't been asleep. The driver finally reversed his engine and commenced slowly to make way back up the canyon. Nearly a mile above where he first missed the plow, and where the Kicking Horse river runs swiftly 300 feet below the track and the descent nearly sheer to the water, he saw the crew of the snow plow wearily climbing up to the track from a short distance above the water and heartily cursing at every step, while below them on a narrow ledge above the river was the snow plow, upright and uninjured. The six men in the car following the plow claim that they did not know when it left the track, but were first alarmed when they received a hard jar at the bottom of the bluff. They then started to climb back again and had hardly reached the track when the engine appeared. The plow never even turned over on its rapid run down to the drink and stands there today, while none of the men were injured in the slightest.

The Salvation army will hold two special meetings on Christmas day. The meeting at 3 p. m. will be held in their new barracks on First street; a service of song entitled "From the Manger to The Throne," will be rendered. At 8 p. m. in the hall on Front street another good time is expected. Every person will be made welcome.

The City Council

There were present at last night's council meeting, Alds. McKechnie, Brown, Kilpatrick, Graham, and the mayor.

The Douglas street crossing came up for discussion and the council decided that it preferred a grade crossing to a sub way.

Tenders for the erection of the McKenzie Avenue fire-hall, from W. A. Foote, D. McCarthy, W. A. Nettle and Thos. Hillier, were opened and read. The tenders did not vary a great deal in price for the completed building and W. A. Nettle secured the contract for the erection of the building and chimney, while W. M. Lawrence got the contract for putting on a galvanized iron roof. The prices were:

Erecting Building—$1561.00
Chimney— 121.00
Roofing — 148.50

The building complete will cost $1829.50.

Election by-law, 1900, was reconsidered and passed.

The council changed the name of John street to First street, James street to Second street and George street to Third street.

SOON SETTLED.

The following letter from Mr. J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., which is self-explanatory, should certainly satisfy the Trout Lake Topic and Revelstoke Herald, as well as the miners and prospectors interested. Mr. Kellie's constituents can always depend on him to look after their interests whenever they are jeopardized:

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18, 1899.

Editor Mail:

The minister of mines has agreed to adopt my suggestion to have the recorder at Trout Lake do the recording for properties on Duncan slope as heretofore, on the lines indicated in last Saturday's "Mail." The boundary lines between Trout Lake and Kootenay Lake will be adjusted and follow the lines of the electoral districts as adopted.

Yours Truly,

J. M. KELLIE.

An Excellent Dinner

Will be spread for the guests of the Victoria on Christmas day, just such a dinner as only Mr. Perks, the proprietor, knows how to put up. As will be seen from the following menu there will be all kinds of good things:

MENU

Raw Oysters
Olives — Celery
Oyster Patties — Lobster Hollandaise
Boiled Chickens
Boiled Sugar Cured Ham
Roast Sirloin of Beef — Roast Leg of Mutton
Roast Turkeys
Roast Loin of Pork — Roast Saddle of Venison
Cold Beef — Cold Ham
Cold Tongue
Mashed Potatoes — French Peas — Asparagus
Mince Pie — Cream Pie
Plum Pudding
Champagne Jelly — Assorted Cakes
Nuts — Assorted Fruits — Raisins
Cheese
Champagne — Claret — Porter — Ale
Lager Beer
Tea — Coffee

Christmas and New Year's Excursions

The Canadian Pacific railway will sell tickets at single fare for round trip on December 22, 23, 24 and 25, good going not later than December 26 and return not later than January 3, 1900; also on December 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1 and 2, good going not later than January 2 and return not later than January 3, 1900.

Christmas

At the City hotel will be celebrated in good style. Delicacies of every description are being prepared, and the hungry hunter after Christmas cheer will make no mistake in taking dinner at the City hotel.

"Billy" Holloway returned from his Okanagan tour this week.

Collar and cuff boxes, glove and handkerchief boxes and necktie cases. Some handsome ones are on view this year at the Canada Drug and Book Co.

Mrs. A. Craig and Miss Lily Valentine were up from the Landing this week visiting and doing their holiday shopping, returning home Wednesday morning.

Word comes down from the Bend that while at work in the Consolation, Joe Dunn received severe injuries to his back, and was laid up for about three weeks.

If you want a pretty doll, see those at the Canada Drug and Book Co. They have them from 5c to $7 each, and a great variety of them. Don't forget the place.

The steamer Kootenay has been laid up temporarily for repairs, and the Minto is taking her run on the Columbia river, while the Trail is doing the Minto's work of hauling barges.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

A. Craig was in from the Landing Wednesday.

Read the civic election notice in another column.

W. C. McElmon was up from Sandon this week.

Missionary day in the Methodist church tomorrow.

Mrs. J. J. Foley was in town visiting friends this week.

J. J. Young, of the Calgary Herald, was in town this week.

Geo. McMaster, the flour man, came up from the lower country Saturday.

William and James Smythe were up from Robson this week, registered at the Central.

J. W. Green came up from the Landing and registered at the Central Wednesday evening.

Carpenters' tools of all the latest and best makes always kept at Lawrence's hardware.

Beautiful dressed dolls, all sizes and prices, a specialty with the Canada Drug and Book Co.

Ask your neighbor how he likes his Gurney self-feeding heating stove? W. M. Lawrence, agent.

R. H. Truman will be at the studio all day Christmas and until the evening of the Friday following.

Souvenirs, pictures and spoons of Revelstoke. Choice variety at the Canada Drug and Book Co.

J. W. Thomson, Thomson's Landing, went through Revelstoke Wednesday evening on his way to Victoria.

Don't miss the chance of getting some of the Rochester plated goods. See Lawrence's window display.

R. H. Mayne left last night for Seattle on a business trip. He will not return until about new year's.

Master Mechanic Cross went through to Winnipeg Wednesday night. He was accompanied as far as Illecillewaet by his son, Dr. J. W. Cross.

Federal labor union No. 8018 and the Trades and Labor Assembly will nominate officers on the evening of January 1, election to be held on the 15th, and the installation on Feb. 5.

Camp. Fraser left for Golden Thursday, where he has accepted a position as foreman for the Dominion Bridge Co., now engaged in putting up several steel bridges near that place.

J. C. Kirkpatrick, Ferguson, called at the MAIL office today. He is enthusiastic about the prospects of that camp. He says all they need in the Lardeau is a railroad and that is coming.

G. P. Ritter, manager at the Towser mine for the French Creek company, came up from the Lardeau Wednesday and is registered at the Victoria. He will remain in the city for the holidays.

WITH A CRASH

Three Bents of the New Rink Roof Came Down.

A sudden gale of wind Thursday morning struck the three arches of the roof of the new skating rink, and with a crash came down on the residence of Fred Manning, but, fortunately, doing very little damage, though Mrs. Manning was badly frightened and Frank Craig, one of the carpenters employed on the work, had a narrow escape. He was part way up on one of the bents, and when the wind struck the frame he felt it going and jumped, escaping injury, and the rest of the men succeeded in getting out of the way of the falling timbers. The loss will be small but will delay the completion of the building two or three days, while the damage to Mr. Manning's residence consists of a little broken plaster and some shingles and cornice torn from the roof.

GRIP AND PASSWORD.

The Week's Happenings in the Local Lodges.

Very little of interest has transpired in secret society circles during the past week, except the election in the Mason's lodge and preparations for their annual banquet on the evening of the 27th.

MASONIC.

Kootenay Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., elected the following staff of officers last Monday night:

W. M.—J. Guy Barber.
S. W.—Chas. Holten.
J. W.—S. Flindt.
Treas.—T. E. L. Taylor.
Sec.—H. J. Pratt.
Tyler.—C. J. Aman.

Installation will take place Tuesday evening, St. John's night, which will be followed by a banquet at the Central hotel.

ODDFELLOWS.

Enterprise Lodge, Trail, elected officers as follows last week:

N. G.—A. B. McKenzie.
V. G.—S. D. Weaver.
B. C.—E. Calcroft.
P. Sec.—S. Pond.
Treas.—M. B. Dolan.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Gold Range lodge advanced a page to the esquire rank Wednesday night. The members of this lodge are now making arrangements for the installation of their officers the first meeting in January.

FORESTERS.

The Greenwood Miner of the 15th inst. says B. R. Campbell is in that city in the interests of the order.

LODGE PHYSICIANS.

One of the chief questions which has been agitating physicians and secret society men of Victoria since the doctors formed a local association was as to whether the men of medicine would carry out their avowed intention of no longer acting as lodge physicians. In a city with so many secret societies as Victoria it was found that the system of having lodge doctors materially interfered with the practice of the medical men. A meeting of the association was held Wednesday evening, and each member agreed to no longer act as lodge physician. To offset this action, which has been expected for some weeks, the different societies, it is said, are considering the advisability of inviting two doctors to come here to undertake the lodge work. It is claimed that the positions would be remunerative ones.

"Miss Daisy Torrey," elocutionist, stopped off here on her way to the coast Wednesday. If arrangements can be made to do so she will give an entertainment here on her return early next week.

Thomas Hereron, of Okanagan Landing has been looking over the ground in Revelstoke this week with a view to locating and going into business. Should he decide to do so he will deal in produce, fruit and meats.

Union Men and Chinese.

EDITOR MAIL:

In your issue of December 9th I read a letter signed "On the Square." He begins by saying, "As a union man I wish to draw the attention of certain union men to the fact that they are not upholding the very principle which is right today benefitting them." Well, sir, if he is a union man I say some person has broken his obligation—that is certain and if he wishes to know how and will declare himself I will prove it to the satisfaction of any union in the country. But he fights in ambush and that is in his idea, "On the Square." I would remind him that he is not allowed to discriminate on account of creed, color and nationality; he is allowed to discriminate in favor of unionism as against non-unionism. He also gives us to understand that a union man who patronizes a Chinese laundry should be carefully watched. Well, sir, in my opinion any union man who tries to trump up or write up any non-union shop should be very carefully watched indeed, and the same sentinel could watch the pair. Now, the fact is there is not a union laundry in Revelstoke, or the country round it, and, therefore, a man that is simply a union man breaks no obligation as to where he shall take his work. Now, sir, if our "On-the-Square" man knew his business to unionism he would go to the workers and get them to join the Revelstoke labor union. Then he could have justly written the shop up, and all union men would support him and the shop. I wish to say that non-union shops are liable to be blacklisted and published throughout the whole American Federation of Labor. Our so-called union man is doing an immense amount of injury to the cause by exposing its quarrels to the enemy. His fair-wage question is very doubtful. I have little sympathy with the Chinese, but say that his Chinese question has nothing whatever to do with unionism but is for the social and political reformers; and, like in all other matters, we must stand together if we mean to accomplish anything. Yours,

SAMUEL NEEDHAM.

Revelstoke, Dec. 22, 1899.

Christmas Dinner

At the Central hotel will indeed be a feast. Everything that the market affords and that a most proficient chef can produce will be spread for the diners at the Central on that merry day. Here is the

MENU

Raw Oysters
Consomme Printaniere
Puree of Chicken a la Princess
Celery — Lobster Mayonaise — Olives
Salmon, Parsley Sauce
Fillet of Halibut a la Cardinal
Fricandeau of Veal, Creole Sauce
Lamb Cutlets, Breaded
Sugar Cured Ham, Champagne Sauce
Ox Tongue, Caper Sauce
Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Goose, Apple Sauce
Chicken with Dressing
Sirloin of Beef, Brown Gravy
Saddle of Mutton, Jelly Sauce
Boiled Potatoes — Mashed Potatoes
Asparagus — Green Peas
Lemon Pie — Mince Pie — Green Apple Pie
Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce
Meringues — Assorted Cakes
Lemon Jelly
Oranges — Apples — Grapes
Nuts — Muscatels
Stilton Cheese — Cafe Noir

The Oriental Hotel

Will spread a fine dinner on Christmas day. The popular proprietor, Albert Stone, can always be depended on to look after the creature comforts of his guests:

MENU

Oyster Soup — Chicken Broth
Celery — Mixed Pickles
Salmon, Tomato Sauce
Turkey, Cranberry Sauce — Goose with Dressing
Sirloin of Beef, Brown Gravy
Pork, Apple Sauce
Mashed Potatoes — Green Peas
Lemon Pie — Mince Pie
Plum Pudding
Oranges — Apples — Nuts — Candies

DOUGLAS STREET CROSSING.

Is a Crossing no Longer—C. P. R. Destroys it.

A couple of weeks ago the board of public works, in the absence of the mayor, had a grade crossing put across the C. P. R. track at the lower end of Douglas street, and the teamsters were just finding out what a convenient piece of road it was when the mayor returned, and after an interview with Supt. Duchesney, he ordered the crossing closed, and it was barricaded with planks and posts, presumably at the behests of the "Almighty C. P. R." A few days later someone wishing to cross the track at that point knocked down the barricade, and the crossing was again in use. This did not suit the company, and Wednesday a large gang of men were set to work and dug deep trenches on each side of the track, completely destroying the work that cost the ratepayers of Revelstoke many good, hard-earned dollars. So far as can be learned the city authorities have done nothing in the matter. It should be remembered that the only crossing in the west end is now under the approach to the Columbia river bridge and is almost impassable and may be closed at any time.

DEATH OF JAMES B. CROCKET.

James B. Crocket died very suddenly Wednesday morning while on the way from the station to the Columbia hotel and was removed from the bus dead.

Thursday, Coroner Cross impanelled a jury and held an inquest on the body. From the evidence adduced from friends and relatives, as well as that given by the physician who was called to make an examination, the jury came to the conclusion that Mr. Crocket came to his death from natural causes, heart failure, and found accordingly.

Mr. Crocket was a young man, but 26 years of age, and his home was in Albany, Mo. He had been in this province but four days, visiting his brother at Craigellachie, when he was taken ill, and was coming to Revelstoke for treatment at the time of his death.

The funeral was from the Methodist church Friday afternoon, Rev. Thompson conducting the services.

Closed for the Holidays.

About sixty visitors were present at the closing exercises of the public school yesterday. Class examinations took place in the forenoon, and the afternoon was given over to the pupils for their entertainment. The programme given by the children consisted of patriotic songs and recitations, military drill, calisthenic exercises. Special mention should be made of the drill by the little tots in Miss Edgar's room.

Examination of the principal's report shows that the total enrollment at this time is 239, divided as follows:

Division 1—36.
" 2—41.
" 3—41.
" 4—49.
" 5—72.

The school will reopen on January 8.

Fall In.

Members of the Revelstoke Rifle Company are requested to turn out in full force on Wednesday evening next, the 2nd inst., to practice for the Mansion House Fund concert and to discuss the advisability of forming a company fund out of the militia pay cheque which has arrived. Assemble at 7:30 sharp.

Don't you think a kodak or camera would make a nice present for that friend? If you do, call at the Canada Drug and Book Co. They have all kinds, together with outfits and chemicals.

J. M. Skeaff, of the French Creek company, came up from Ferguson Wednesday evening and left the next day for Chicago. The French Creek company is working the Towser, near Ferguson.

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REVELSTOKE, DEC. 23, 1899.

REVELSTOKE voters can now furnish good reasons for demanding that the property qualification for mayor and aldermen be abolished. In the last week it has been discovered that there are not more than half a dozen men in the city who can qualify for mayor, and in Ward I not a man can qualify for alderman. About half a dozen can qualify in the second ward, while so far as can be learned there are not more than three men in the third ward who are eligible for the office of councilman. In this ward not one of those who can qualify will offer himself. It now appears that two wards out of the three in the city will go unrepresented in the next council, unless the vacancies are filled by appointment, and this will be a very dangerous experiment, as men could then be appointed from the two wards who would represent one interest alone and not the interests of the city or of the ward he was appointed to represent. In the election of the next mayor the electors will have, apparently, no choice, as not more than one, so 'tis said, of those who can qualify will stand for that office. There are those who do not favor a contest for any municipal office. In this particular case, it might work out all right, but it is a very bad principle, for with so few who can qualify, and with no contest, there is an opportunity for those interested to secure the election of most undesirable or incompetent officers. We wish to point out to these who can qualify for municipal offices, that by refusing to stand for office they may be neglecting their own interests, and in this matter they should sacrifice personal inclination to conserve the best interests of the rate payers of the city.

WOULD it not be a good idea to have some public discussion of the peculiar situation Revelstoke finds itself in in regard to its next council? It may be that the legislature will have to be appealed to for special legislation to afford relief to the city. It certainly is time that the question of abolishing property qualification for municipal offices be studied and discussed.

IT does indeed seem to be the "Almighty C. P. R." where Revelstoke is concerned. The latest instance of "Almightiness," was the destruction of the Douglass street crossing by the company this week.

IT having developed recently that there are very few rate payers who can qualify for municipal offices, it now remains for those interested to see that no one but those who are qualified are allowed to be candidates.

IT now remains for Alderman Graham to reintroduce the lodging house by-law.

The Gambler's Wife.

The gambler's wife is after the gambler. She no longer sits on a garden seat and mourns but she ups and passes resolutions and makes the city council act. At the last meeting of the aldermen at Vernon they had this resolution before them:

"Whereas, it is commonly reported that gambling is carried on in many of the hotels, as well as in private rooms in the city; and whereas, it is also commonly reported that this fact is well known to the police; Therefore we, the undersigned members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union respectfully beg that the police be summoned before your honorable body, and an investigation be made into the truth of these reports, and if necessary such steps be taken as you deem advisable for the enforcement of the law." The police will be summoned.

Printers' Union.

A printers' union for the Boundary has been organized with the following officers: President J. W. Grier; vice-president, J. D. Hendrix; treasurer, W. J. Harber; secetary, W. H. Pierre; executive committee: E. M. Grace, L. Keefe, F. W. Grant, G. Earl McCarter, J. W. Ellis. The union starts out with about 20 members. The members of the union were banqueted at the Yale Hotel by Mr. McCarter.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Camille d'Arville's time in vaudeville is said to be booked for one year.

Lily Grundy, daughter of Sydney Grundy, made her first appearance in "The Degenerates," which her father wrote for Mrs. Langtry's return to the stage.

The music of Frank Daniels' new comic opera "The Ameer" is said to be the most exquisite that ever came from the prolific and melodious fancy of Victor Herbert.

Clement Scott, the erratic English reviewer, is to be the dramatic editor of the New York Herald, so says a report which comes simultaneously from London and New York.

Worms, who was about to retire from the company at the Francais, has consented to remain another year for the gala performances to be given during the exposition months.

Florence Warden, who wrote "The Guinea Pigs" and produced it in London on her own responsibility, submitted the play to five London managers, who refused it. It is a failure.

The grand oriental ballet in the third act of David Henderson's extravaganza, "An Arabian Girl and Forty Thieves," is one of the most elaborate and beautiful ballets seen in years.

"The Greek Slave," a comic opera that has been running until recently at Daly's theater in London, with Marie Tempest in the principal part, may be seen with that star in America this season.

Kare, the Latin Quartier humorist who had so much fun out of Quesnay de Beaurepaire, says that he has written a farce to be called "Paris-Baule and Return," which will contain the principal episodes of the Dreyfus incident.

THE ROYAL BOX.

The Emperor William is said to be the only living sovereign of Europe upon whose life no attempt has yet been made.

The Duke of Connaught will endow a ward in the Dundee Hospital For Incurables, which he officially opened last month.

FOOLED!

BY CLIVE PHILLIPS-WOOLEY.

Night in the pines, in the black bull-pines
On the height of the bleak divide,
Where the year-long gloom of the sullen North
And the snows of the last Fall bide.

Tracks in the snow of the wandering bear;
The hoot of a questioning owl;
Sobbing of winds that have lost their way,
From the lake—a grey wolf's howl.

Flakes that hiss in my dying fire,
Thoughts that burn in my brain;
"Have I bartered my life for the World's Desire
To get me a bond slave's chain?"

I see the fires of a thousand camps,
From the Rand to the Arctic Slope,
Strung over the world like a line of lamps
On an endless road of Hope.

I hear the song of a thousand creeks
Washing course gold from the hill,
The day-long beat of the pack train's feet,
The monotonous ring of the drill.

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The mist rolled off from the red-brown fern,
As I rose with the dew in my hair,
Sodden and stiff with a long day's toil,
I crept half-dead to my lair.

My body stained with the rust-red drip
Which dropped from my master's hold,
My soul dyed red with a deeper stain—
The stain of that devil—Gold!

My loins grew bent, my hands grew crooked,
My eyes grew blear and dim,
Away from the light of the blessed day
In the holes where I followed Him.

Toiling for millions I could not use,
While the life I might use went by;
What wonder the Devil laughs loud to-night
As he watches his bond slave die.

"Ho! Ho!"—Is that only the questioning owl?
Or is it the thing I sought?
The Thing that promised "the world fenced in,"
That promising all, gives nought?

The Thing that blinks in the river sand,
That glares from the night-black shaft?
Was it the call of a hunting owl,
Or was it a devil laughed?

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There were brave days, too, when my birch canoe
Shot downward by streams unknown,
Where the alders budded, a rose grey fringe,
And the great fish flashed and shone;

When I climbed from the hot lush cedar woods
To the snows of the mountain goat—
Nature was with me in many moods—
I had only eyes for "float."

I heard no sigh in the stately trees,
No voice from the God above;
I asked no pleasure, I sought no ease;
I laughed at the dear word "love."

That was for fools in the world below,
The world I would have and hold,
With all that it knew, or I cared to know,
When I'd won me the key to it—Gold!

Hog-like I rooted where wild flowers cling,
I drilled the earth to her core;
I found her sweet as a maid in spring,
I left her a brazen whore.

Lurid and loud the smelter rose
Where the giant Douglas grew,
From the murky gloom where the deer's-foot grows
Till it towered and dreamed in the blue.

Then the men swarmed in, and the wild things went
And the voices of birds grew still,
And the ring of the builder's tool was blent
With the miner's blasts in the hill.

Men felled God's forests, His rocks they scarred,
The silence of God they broke;
His beauty they changed to a builder's yard,
His sun they veiled with their smoke.

From the Heart of the Place came a roaring sound
Of engines men build and weld;
A throb and a beat, and a liquid heat,
And the scream of a power hard-held;

The upward leap of ravenous flames,
The ceaseless whir of the wheels;
The livid hues of the molten rock
That writhes like a thing that feels.

'Twas red, warm-red, gold-red all day;
It was red, blood-red all night.
No pale priest's prayer could fright men there,
No God's sword reach to smite.

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Let me crawl back to the world I know,
Where the brute men strove and bled;
Give me fires of hell for your fields of snow—
It is silence and night I dread.

Thy skies, Lord Christ, are cruel clear,
Thy snows too saintly white;
I cannot hide on the mountain side—
I dare not die in the night;

The Great Assayer will rack my soul
From crucible to cupel;
I have bought the value of gold on Earth—
"Ho! Ho! You shall learn it in Hell!"

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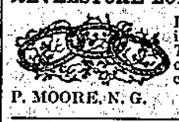

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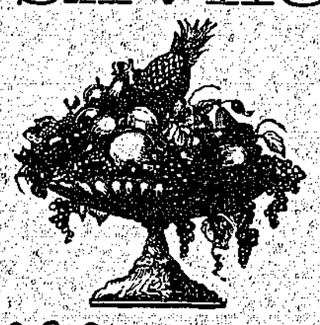

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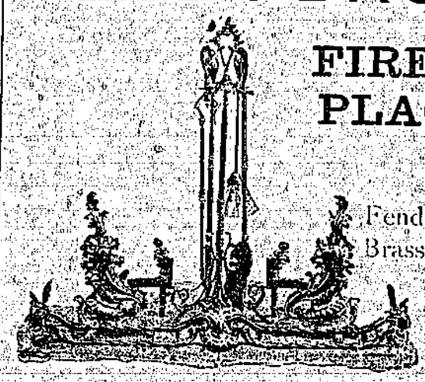

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Yet never seemed its notes so pure and strong
When I was here alone!

A hundred times I thought, "How fair to see
The young grass is, and ev'ry leafy bough!"
How beautiful the wintry world might be,
I never guess'd till now.

And if—ah, if we two must part again,
And on our solitary journeys go,
I shall be thankful, even in my pain,
That love has bless'd me so.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

AUNT TID'S ROMANCE.

Their First Parting Was For Fifty Years, but Happiness Came to Both In Life's Twilight.

We always called her "Aunt Tid," but her real name was Araminta. It was, perhaps, because of the unworkaday "fineness" of her baptismal appellation that our dear old auntie preferred to be known by the title, which, given her in childhood by a baby brother, had clung to her throughout her 70 years of life.

Aunt Tid was the eldest of a large, motherless family and had spent her youth in looking after her junior brothers and sisters, transferring her good offices in the latter years to her numerous circles of nephews and nieces.

Whenever sickness or bereavement visited the household of any of her relatives, Aunt Tid was usually summoned as promptly as the doctor or the undertaker and was never too busy or too ill herself to respond to these calls.

A life wholly given up to the service of others had left Aunt Tid but little time to devote to herself, even as regards the care of her toilet, and, though always scrupulously neat (no one ever saw Aunt Tid with a missing button on a glove or a disheveled hair in her gray braids), our good old auntie was wont to affect a very dowdy style of attire, constantly wearing old fashioned raiment until it was fairly used out and consulting comfort and economy rather than style in the choice of her apparel, a proceeding which "gave her all her years," as the French say.

Years went by, and Aunt Tid's labors grew less. Children grew up, family scapegraces died or went abroad, a distant relative bequeathed to Aunt Tid a comfortable little annuity, and, at the time when my story commences, the dear old lady was enjoying a kind of Indian summer of life, dwelling in a pleasant little home of her own in the country, with only myself, a girl of 20, to be the representative of the many youthful relatives whom she had "mothered" for a couple of generations.

And as I was going to be married in a few months, so Aunt Tid's cares on my account would shortly be over.

I was paying a round of visits among Charlie's relations. We were to start for India immediately after our marriage, and I was making acquaintance with my new connections before leaving. My last visit was at the house of Charlie's eldest brother, who resided about ten miles from our little country town and who had lately brought home a youthful bride about my own age.

My future sister-in-law and I soon became great friends, and I fairly lost my heart to a dear old gentleman, an uncle of Helen, who, like myself, was a visitor to the house.

Colonel Beville was an ideal specimen of the old world gentleman, tall and erect still for all his 75 years, and with those charming and courteous manners, especially to women, which are not common in the present day—at least so I often think, but then I am an elderly woman myself now and, as such, possibly prejudiced in favor of the "good old times."

"I think Uncle James has taken quite a liking to you, Mary," my hostess had jokingly said one day. And certainly the old colonel showed me a great deal of marked kindness—a fact, perhaps, explained one day by the old gentleman himself, who remarked:

"My dear, it is strange how much you remind me of a lady whom I used to know very well many, many years ago. There is something in your voice and your smile, and you have her hair and eyes"—

Here the old gentleman broke off abruptly, but I suspected a romance and was not a little interested. Colonel Beville was a bachelor I knew. Had fidelity to some early attachment kept him so?

This question was set at rest some days later. The old gentleman possessed some valuable Indian curios (most of his life had been passed in the east), which he was exhibiting one day to his niece and myself in his own apartments. Helen was called away before the exhibition was concluded, but I lingered, helping the colonel to put away his treasures.

Suddenly the old man drew a miniature from a drawer and held it out to me.

"That is the likeness of the lady whom I once hoped to have married," he said simply, "and it is—yes, it certainly is very like you, my dear."

"It cannot be a likeness of my mother," I said, "for she was dark, like all the Talbots, except Aunt Tid and myself. We were the only fair haired members of the family in each generation, I believe."

"Talbot—was that your mother's name?" asked the old colonel quickly. "Why, that miniature is the portrait of a Miss Talbot—a Miss Araminta Talbot—whom I knew"—

That the old colonel's miniature was indeed a likeness of my aunt was soon proved, and the eager manner in which the old gentleman questioned me regarding my relative showed that the 50 years which had elapsed since their last meeting had in nowise obliterated the remembrances of his early love from his heart. And yet to connect Aunt Tid in her cap and spectacles with a love romance!

I returned home that afternoon, but said nothing to auntie about my strange meeting with her old lover. I thought it better to wait awhile upon events, an opinion justified when I received a note from Helen by next morning's post.

"I forgot to give you the parcel of garden seeds which I promised," she wrote, "but Uncle James has kindly volunteered to ride over with them this afternoon. My dear, you have certainly made a complete conquest of the old gentleman. I assure you he seemed absolutely delighted for an excuse to come and call on you."

I smiled a little. Was it I whom Colonel Beville was so anxious to see again?

Then another idea occurred to me. Would it not be a terrible disenchantment when the former lovers met? A greater, perhaps, to the colonel than to Aunt Tid, for the passing years often deal more mercifully with men than with women.

Yet since my aunt had come into comparative ease and affluence she had considerably modified her former bizarre style of dress and, as is often the case, was far comelier at 70 than she had been at 50 or 60. It was a very sweet faced though white haired old lady who was now seated opposite to me in her black silk dress and scarlet Indian shawl, a treasure which I had lately unearthed from Aunt Tid's stores and had insisted on substituting this afternoon for the shabbier wrap which she was wont to wear.

"Helen's uncle is coming to call with my parcel," I remarked, "and you would not like a stranger to see you look ill dressed." But do what I would I could only make Aunt Tid look a very charming picture of an old lady, and I sighed a little to myself as I thought of that dainty miniature.

The expected ring came at the hall door, and my heart beat rapidly, while unsuspecting Aunt Tid looked up placidly over her spectacles to greet the stranger.

Molly, our little maid, mumbled the visitor's name inaudibly, and the colonel had entered the room before Aunt Tid had realized her guest's identity. Then the spectacles fell on the floor and a blush like a girl's overspread the old lady's cheeks, while the colonel (he was the calmer of the two, for he had come prepared for the meeting) took my aunt by both her hands and said quietly:

"It is a long time since we met, Araminta, but when I heard of you from your niece I resolved to come and see you again."

The two old folks stood silent for a few seconds, looking at each other with an expression on their countenances which I knew well, for I had seen it before upon my own Charlie's face when he looked at me. And I slipped quietly away, though I think they had both entirely forgotten my presence.

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He went away at last, and when I returned from letting out our guest I found my aunt seated by the fire, with her hands clasped, her lips moving and the tears shining in her eyes.

"My last wish has been granted me," she said half to herself. "I have often, oh, so often, wished to see James once again and explain everything."

"And now you will be married," I remarked foolishly.

Aunt Tid laid one delicate, wrinkled hand upon mine.

"My dear," she said, with gentle dignity, "you forget. We are dear friends once again, but both of us are—must be—standing upon the threshold of that world where 'is neither marrying nor giving in marriage.'"

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And perhaps they were right. A bride of 70 and a bridegroom of 75 would be apt to provoke more ill natured ridicule than sympathy.

But the colonel, who now rented a small furnished house in the village, spent most of his time in Aunt Tid's pretty little drawing room, dropping in regularly twice or thrice a day, chatting or reading aloud to Aunt Tid while she knitted and consulting her regarding all his domestic affairs.

Aunt Tid engaged the colonel's servants for him and generally supervised his household. The colonel was, in turn, my aunt's referee in all her small business affairs. Any one coming in suddenly upon the pair seated on either side of Aunt Tid's hearth would have taken them, as they were in truth, for a model old Darby and Joan.

And what, the reader will ask, was the cause which had kept these lovers asunder for half a century? I cannot answer that question, for I myself never knew a reply to it.

Aunt Tid never explained, and there are subjects which are sacred from questions.

I only know that the pair, affianced in their youth, but separated during the best years of their life, had both remained up to their old age faithful to this early attachment and that several peaceful years of happy intercourse were granted to them before, as Aunt Tid said, they passed to where "is neither marrying nor giving in marriage."

The colonel was the first to go. He took a chill one winter's day, and chills are not to be braved by an octogenarian. Aunt Tid was too feeble to attend the funeral, but she watched it as it passed her window amid the fast falling snow.

"Fifty years was the length of our last parting," I heard her whisper to herself. "Oh, James, we shall not be separated so long this time."

And they were not. It was but a few months later when gentle Aunt Tid, in turn, "passed over to the majority."—Madame.

Hermits and Fiddlers.

Of all the many oddities none seemed stranger to me than the fiddler and hermit crabs, which are found almost everywhere on the salt water shore. The fiddler is a pert little creature which delights in parading about when the tide is out and the sandy bottom is free for him to travel over. It is sometimes three inches long, generally considerably less, and it gets its name from the fact that it has two very disproportioned claws, one of which is three times as large as the other, so large, indeed, that you wonder how the little fellow manages to carry it about. Whether the crab is at rest or traveling, the claws, big and little, are held aloft, and this position gives them the decidedly comical appearance of fiddling.

All are fiddling, and all are, so to speak, dancing, for they keep moving about on the sand, although far from rhythmically. They look as if they had nothing to do, but if you observe carefully you will find that they are picking up particles of food. Sometimes two crabs may be seen pulling and hauling at the same scrap, and they act much like a pair of boys engaged in a tussle over a plaything. If you wish to put the whole assemblage to flight, you will have to rush in, and, presto, the whole collection disappears in a manner to surprise the beholder. Then we discover that there are thousands of little burrows in which these diminutive crustaceans live on the shore sands. At low water on the seashore at Cedar key I have seen a thousand fiddlers at one time, but if you walk over the strip there will not be one in sight.—Our Animal Friends.

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Store Will Be Open Till 10 O'clock To-night
Bargains in all Departments

BLANKETS
Are needed these chilly nights. We want you to see the superb blankets were selling. Every good feature that the best blankets should possess is to be found in our **No. 1 Special**. Go over them with a critical eye and see how much better they are than anything you've seen at similar prices. This make is all wool, and very fine wool. The borders are handsome and fast colors. All weights, from 5 lbs. up. **Prices from $3 to $6.** Flannelette Blankets $1 and $1.25 per pair.

UNDERWEAR
There's a great demand for underwear. We're well prepared to meet it. At first sight we thought our stock too large. There has been lively buying of it since the days began to get colder. We have them and are headquarters for them. The ladies, the gentlemen, the girls, the boys, for all ages and all sizes. The prices of course are popular.

LADIES' JACKETS
You may be thinking of buying a jacket today. We are headquarters for what is best and most stylish garments. Our prices are right.

FURS
Do you know that we have an excellent stock of fur goods of every description. **Fur Capes, Capines, Collars and Visites Muffs, Children's Fur Gauntlets.** We sell our fur goods like all other goods with a guarantee that money will be refunded if not found exactly as represented.

We would kindly ask all who can to do their shopping in the morning. The afternoon our large staff of clerks are very much overtaxed. We do our best to give everyone the very best attention.

The Great Departmental Store
BOURNE BROS.

Imperial Bank of Canada
Capital (authorized) $2,500,000.
Capital (paid-up) $2,311,034.
Rest $1,522,172.
HEAD OFFICE, - - - TORONTO.
H. S. HOWLAND, President. T. R. MERRITT, Vice-President.
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A general banking business transacted.—Letters of credit issued, available in all parts of the world.—Gold dust and amalgam purchased.—Savings Department, Interest allowed at current rate.
A. R. B. HEARN, Manager Revelstoke Branch

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Incorporated by act of Parliament 1855.
HEAD OFFICE - - - MONTREAL.
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A Merry Christmas TO ALL.

A visit to our place of business will make you happy, because we have just what you want for the holiday season.

Our China Glassware Department
Is most complete in every detail.

Fancy Goods—A beautiful assortment.

In Luxuries there is none can excel.

Apples, Oranges, Dates, Figs, Nuts, Candies, Etc.
AT LOWEST PRICES

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We also carry a complete line of
MEN'S RUBBERS
To fit every foot, at reasonable prices.
WE ALSO CARRY ...
Hats, Caps, Gloves, Mitts, Sox, Etc.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas,
MORRIS & STEED
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Newly built. First-class in every respect. All modern conveniences.
Large sample rooms. Fire proof safe. Free bus meets all trains.
Under same management:
QUEEN'S HOTEL, TROUT LAKE CITY.

DIED.

CROCKET—At Revelstoke, B. C., Wednesday, December 20, 1899, Jas. B. Crocket, aged 26.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS.

Thomas Taylor, mining recorder at Trout Lake, came up on a business trip yesterday and will return to-morrow.

Mrs. T. W. Graham, of Thomson's Landing, was visiting friends in Revelstoke this week, returning Wednesday.

J. D. Graham, the Atlin gold commissioner, came in from the east yesterday morning, accompanied by Mr. Vickers.

There is plenty of the best of Christmas presents and toys left yet at the Canada Drug and Book Co. Come and have your choice before the last rush.

The large force of men at the Enterprise brewery have been very busy lately filling holiday orders. Enterprise beer is drunk from Anthracite east to Sicamous west and down to Okanagan Landing; while the people to the south of us as far as Burton City take little else but Enterprise. In the last week, beer was shipped to some eighteen places outside of Revelstoke.

THE Leading Store
We have a splendid assortment of
CHRISTMAS GOODS
Our line of View China is very unique.......
JAMES GILL & CO.

WE PAY ALSO OUR ATTENTION TO
Boots and Shoes, Men's Clothing and Furnishings
We keep the very best quality of imported goods in Tailor Made Clothing and will guarantee that the prices are no higher than for the regular factory prices. Drop in and see that what we say is correct.
Revelstoke Store McCarty Block A. McLEAN Kamloops Next Postoffice

CITY OF REVELSTOKE

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the City of Revelstoke that I require the presence of the said electors at my office in the City of Revelstoke, on the 8th day of January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the municipal council as Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning officer at any time between [illegible] and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened in conformity to [illegible] January, 1900, at [illegible] on Second street, [illegible] kept open between the hours of [illegible] noon and the hour of [illegible] taking and recording the votes [illegible] of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected for the office of mayor shall be such as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property in the city of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll, of one thousand dollars or more over and above any registered encumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as aldermen shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the city of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered encumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise qualified as municipal voters.

Every candidate shall, at the time of nomination, furnish to the returning officer a writing signed by him consenting to such nomination, [illegible] such persons [illegible] shall be stated in the nomination paper.

Every candidate nominated [illegible] for the [illegible] nomination, furnish the returning officer with a statement in writing specifying the land or real property upon which he qualifies.

Given under my hand at Revelstoke this [illegible] day of December, 1899.

CHARLES BROKINGTON [illegible],
Returning Officer.

Tenders for a License to Cut Timber on Dominion Lands in the Province of British Columbia.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for Timber Berth No. [illegible]," will be received at this Department until noon on [illegible] day of January next, for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 25, [illegible] quarter and legal subdivision [illegible]

THE CASH BAZAAR
Wishing All Our Customers A Merry Christmas
[illegible] Manager

BAUER & ASHCROFT
Dominion and Provincial Land Surveyors,
Surveyors of Mines, Mineral Claims and Crown Lands
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Newly built and furnished.....
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