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WANTS, Etc.

FOR SALE. A letter-press for $5. Apply at Ledge.

Send a copy of Float to your friends. You can have it mailed direct by sending 25 cents to The Ledge office.

Hugh McKee has advanced the price of wood as follows: Four foot and 16 inch wood, $5 a cord. 22 and 24 inch wood, $5.50 a cord.

J. T. Lawrence has been elected president of the Grand Forks Agricultural Association.

Miss Leila Bush of Midway, is visiting Mrs. W. Swayne. Miss Bush and Mr. Grenier will supply the music in the Star Theatre, from now on.

The citizens of Anaconda purpose holding a Dance in the School House on Dec. 21 in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission for gentlemen 75c. Ladies are requested to bring refreshments. Come one, come all to help a good cause.

There are 200 Canadian lieutenant colonels in London, drawing full pay, and not getting any German scalps. They will soon have to ante or quit the game. This is no time for limelight soldiers.

Steve Bailey, a Wenatchee hotel man, won $71,000 on the presidential election. This must be the Bailey who at one time owned the Payne mine near Sandon. Sounds like one of his plunging adventurers.

After managing the Standard-Sentinel at Kamloops for seven months, F. E. Simpson has bought that publication. Fred knows the newspaper game, and should make a second fortune. He made the Cranbrook Herald famous years ago.

Serious Offence

A gentleman was walking through the negro portion of an American town when he came across a woman unmercifully beating a little boy.

"Here, my good woman," he said, seizing her by the arm, "you must not do that. What has he done, anyway?"

"Mustn't do that! What has he done?" ejaculated the enraged negress. "If you want to know, he's been and lef' de chickens hous' do' open, an' all dim chickens got out."

"Well, that is not so serious," said the gentlemen, soothingly; "chickens always come home to roost."

"Come home!" snorted the woman; "dem chickens will all go home!"

Around Home

The hotel at Lynch creek is closed.

Large stock of Rich Cut Glass at Coles' Book Store.

Angus Stewart will be married in Vancouver next week.

Case pipes, Cigars, and gifts for the Smoker at Kennedy's.

Up the West Fork, Baird Bubar will do some logging this winter.

Buy a Float and send it to your boy at some Hot Spot in France.

Dolls and Toys of all kinds reasonable prices. John L. Coles.

Dr. Lee Smith and Miss Jewel Sigsworth were married in Phoenix last week.

George Guise has ten horses hauling ore from the Union mine to Lynch Creek.

This winter 13,000,000 feet of logs will be taken out for the Cascade sawmill.

J. A. MacMaster came in from Squamish last week, to take over his hotel at Eholt

Near Carmi this winter, the J. Ferroux Co. will take out two million feet of logs.

Waterman's Fountain Pens make an ideal Xmas Gift—Coles' Book Store.

Rev. H. W. Simpson will lecture at Rock Creek, December 16, upon the sinking of the Lusitania.

The nominations for the bye-elections will take place on the 16th, and the elections if any, on the 21st.

See that stock of novelties and Christmas gifts at Kennedy's.

The skating rink will open on Monday evening, December 18. Season tickets will be the same as last year.

A Smoker and Reception will be given the Hon. J. D MacLean in the Star Theatre, next Monday evening.

Fancy Boxed Chocolates, Christmas Crackers and choice confectionery at Kennedy's store.

Chuck Clark, who was wounded last July, while in action in France, is en route to Victoria where he will spend Christmas.

Alex Robinson was in Phoenix recently. He is fat as a New York alderman, and his moustache is tripped so fine that it cannot get into the soup.

Do not fail to see our China, Cut Glass, Fancy Goods, etc. John L. Coles.

Last week T. Turano of the Dominion hotel was arrested upon a charge of gambling. The case was dismissed in the police court, the prosecution failing to establish its case.

On Sunday afternoon, while hauling a load of wood, a team belonging to Lee & Bryan and driven by Sam Bender ran away when the kingbolt fell out, and one of the horses was killed by striking a telephone pole.

The programme at the Star Theatre, Friday night will be A 1. Don't fail to see Chapter No. 2 of Mary Page, 'The Trial.' The Pair of Queens is a top notch comedy. Good music and a warm theatre.

For the right present, for the right person, at the right price; come right to Coles' Book Store.

The Red Cross work party acknowledge with thanks all donations received during the month of November: Mrs. G. White, $4 00, 12 prs socks; Mrs. Silas Smith, $2.00, K. P. Lodge. $20; I. O. O. F., $13.25; two friends, $20; Mrs. J. Simpson, $2 00.

A Grand Entertainment will be held in the Star Theatre, on Monday evening, January 1st, 1917, at 8 o'clock, in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. First class moving pictures will be shown followed by a Pierrot entertainment by well-known talented local artists, songs, choruses, dances, etc. All the latest jokes. Further particulars later, but keep the date in mind—1st January, 1917 at the Star Theatre.

Word was received in town last week of the death, somewhere in France on Nov. 19, of Corporal A. F. Shaw, eldest son of Major and Mrs. C. Æ. Shaw, of Morrissey internment camp. Corporal Shaw was born in Victoria in 1896, and the greater part of his life lived in Greenwood, and in August, 1915, enlisted as a private with the 54th Kootenay-Boundary Battalion. His only brother, Norman Æ. Shaw, is with the 196th Battalion now in England. The community is in sympathy with Major and Mrs. Shaw and family.

Canadian Patriotic Fund

At a meeting of Committee held on the 6th inst., it was decided to make a canvas of the Citizens of Greenwood for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund for the coming year. A committee representing the mines, smelter and City was appointed to make the canvas, and the members of the committee will call in on residents for the purpose mentioned above. Meantime the committee request all who are delinquent in their subscriptions, pay up their arrears to the local secretary-treasurer or to one of the Banks in town. The card system as used with great success in Trail and Rossland is to be adopted in Greenwood and cards will be distributed to subscribers.

The Girl He Couldn't Buy

W. B. Sherman's production of "The Girl He Couldn't Buy" which comes to the Star Theatre, on Saturday, Dec. 16, will bring with it one of the best recommendations it could possibly secure. It has the approval of the audiences from every town in which it has played and is leaving behind it a red hot trail of success. It has received press commendation over the entire circuit.

The play owes its success to the many novel scenes which are introduced. The spectator is kept between laughter and tears during the whole period the play is in progress. It ends leaving the audience with the feeling that they have witnessed something far above the usual standard of theatrical entertainment.

A nocturnal burglary in which the hero and the heroine, a beautiful girl play the principal parts is one of the thrilling incidents of the play. There are many other equally unique situations, which throng the genius of Summer Nichols the noted playwright are brought out to full advantage.

Tickets are now selling for this big productions and may be secured at the Electric Light office.

The Better Thing

It is better to lose with a conscience clean.
Than to win by a trick unfair;
It is better to fall and to know you've been,
Whatever the prize was, square,
Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal
And the cheers of the standers-by,
And to know deep down in your inmost soul
A cheat you must live and die.

Who wins by trick can take the prize,
And at first may think it sweet,
But many a day in the future lies
When he'll wish he had met defeat.
For the man who lost shall be glad at heart
And walk with his head up high,
While his conqueror knows he must play the part
Of a cheat and a living lie.

The prize seems fair when the fight is on,
But save it is truly won
You will hate the things when the crowds are gone,
For it stands a false deed done.
And it's better you never should reach your goal
Than ever success to buy
At the price of knowing down in your soul
That your glory is all a lie.

—Edgar A. Guest.

New Medium of Exchange

Ten beans make one spud;
Ten spuds make one doughnut;
Ten doughnuts make one egg;
Ten eggs make one—(Just wait a minute until we do some figuring as there's no one roundabout rich enough to own ten eggs at one time.)

Mining In Cuba

Between the years 1840 and 1860 the El Cobre copper mines of Cuba claimed the world's record production. The mines, still Cuba's greatest producers, were discovered in 1520. They are located near Santiago de Cuba and employ about 2000 men, the majority of whom are Spaniards. No smelting is done on the island.

Western Float

Ashcroft is still clamoring for an hotel.

Mrs. J. P. Moran died in Creston last week.

There was snow in Vancouver last week.

Some coffee is made from peas and chicory.

The postoffice at Fort Guichon has been closed.

Norman Fraser died last month at Heffley Creek.

A Methodist church has been opened at Anyox.

Some day we will have coke to burn in this province.

Coal everywhere in the hills and not a pound to burn.

About 100 pupils attend the night school in Trail.

W. J. Black has opened a barber shop in Fort Fraser.

Hugh McDonald died in Trail last month, aged 44 years.

It will cost about $1,750,000 to drain the Kootenay valley.

This year the river closed at Whitehorse on November 26.

Within eleven years Butte, Montana, has doubled its population.

Do not forget to boost your own town, when you have an opportunity.

operating three logging camps. The saw mill will again run all winter.

After running for three months, the Mail newspaper at Fernie has gone up the flume.

For shooting a colt at Chilco, George Kalik had to pay $15, and serve five months in jail.

The revival of the lumbering business, is putting some life into the old town of Cranbrook.

The Otis Staples Lumber company of Wycliffe has at present over 300 men on its payroll. It is

In Revelstoke, the barbers now charge 50 cents for cutting your hair, and nothing for cutting your skin.

Moyie adopted Pacific time for just two days and then reverted back to the Mountain standard for keeps.

The Lillooet jail has a new telephane. This makes it easier for the prisoners to order their drinks at the hotel.

The mines in Butte, Mantana, expect next year to produce $140,000,000 worth of zinc, silver, gold and copper.

E S. H. Winn, the able and popular lawyer of Rossland may be a Liberal candidate in the next Dominion election.

As firewood the blue books issued by the Dominion are a failure. They do not burn nearly as well as spring poetry.

The Crows Nest Pass Lumber company at Wardner is running three camps this winter, at Galloway, Bull River and Wasa.

Outside a few cars which are used for business purposes nearly all the Fernie automobiles have been stored for the winter.

For shooting and killing 46 hogs, belonging to the man he was boarding with, a Dawson man was sent three years to the pen.

The Fernie Free Press complains that the men employed in the post camps in that section do not contribute to the Patriotic Fund.

This year the state of Montana produced 25,000,000 bushels of wheat. The farmers expect to double that amount next year.

Joe Potter, at one time editor of papers in Sandon and Kaslo has died in a Welsh hospital, from wounds he received in France.

Mrs. Angus McInnis died in New Denver last week, aged 51 years. Her husband has been mining recorder in the Slocan for 18 years.

Revelstoke council is offering $10 rewards for information leading to the discovery of persons who are breaking street lamps and windows in the city.

October was the busiest month the hospital at Vernon has known for some time. For a couple of weeks every bed in the institution was occupied.

For the month of October the Canadian Patriotic Fund in Fernie District assisted 151 families having 332 children, to the total amount of $3177.25.

During the past 12 months the New Denver Patriotic club raised a total of $1736.27. It was distributed to the Red Cross, Patriotic Fund, Belgian Relief Fund and in gifts to the soldiers.

From The Front

A. N. Mowat, war correspondent for the Ledge at the Hot Spots in France, writes as follows, November 10th:

"I have waited for the alloted time to tell you about some of your friends. In the first place our battalion has established for itself the record of being the best Canadian battalion on account of the deeds our brave boys have accomplished. I suppose you have heard that Mr. Rush, formerly accountant in the Bank of Montreal at Greenwood was killed. Ed. Sparks, killed; W. Tallet, formerly with Hanson at Rock Creek, killed; W. Henderson, of Phoenix, lately of Nickle Plate Mines, killed; W. Corcoran, of Bridesville, wounded; Thos. Cave, of Rock Creek and Nephew of Colonel and Major Glossop, killed; S. Wolverson of Midway, wounded slightly, now returned to duty. Joe Lamping of Rock Creek was the only man left of a machine gun section but continued at his post. He is playing the game like a man. Chris Eaton was not with us in that notable charge on account of rheumatism. I think that is all the casualties from your section. We have now been in two bayonet charges and have not only taken our positions, but held them as well. The Germans do not fight, they simply give themselves up. I would like to tell you how we take positions, hold and consolidate them, but we are not allowed. We are now going to rest billets to be re-organized and most of us are going to England for a few days—transportation free — after three months of hell.

I am well and confident that the war will not last much longer.

Smoker and Reception

A Smoker and Reception under the auspices of the Greenwood Liberal Association, will be tendered Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretary, in the Star Theatre, Greenwood, Monday, December 18, 1916. at 8:30 p. mr This smoker is non-political and all interested id the prosperity of the district are cordially invited. A specially engaged orchestra will add to the evenings enjoyment. Tickets $2.50, on sale at White's Drug Store. Any surplus over expenses will be donated to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. A committee from the above Fund will handle the finances.

A Cruel Thrust

A woman entered a railway train crowded with winter tourists and happened to take a seat in front of a newly married couple. She was hardly seated before they began making remarks about her, which some of the passengers must have heard. Her last year's bonnet and cloak were fully criticized with more or less giggling on the brides part, and there is no telling what might have come next if the woman had not put a sudden stop to the conversation by a fit of clever, feminine strategy. She turned her head, noticed that the bride was considerably older than the bridegroom, and, in the smoothest of tones, said: "Madame, will you please have your son remove his feet from the back of my chair?"

Cost of Kissing in Russia

Mademoiselle Trefiloff, a famous Russian actress, has just been fined ten roubles for kissing her mother in a tramcar.

It appears that both in Moscow and Petrogad it is unlawful to give kisses in public, a kiss in the street being penalized by a fine of seven roubles, ten roubles being the fine inflicted on those who kiss on railway trains or in tramcars. A recent enactment even renders persons who sends declarations of love on postcards liable to a fine of five roubles. A rouble is equal in value to a little more than two shillings.—Exchange.