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Pythian Sisters Celebrate Third Anniversary.---Activity at Stump Lake Copper Properties.---Hospital Meeting---Freedom of the Press

Hospital Meetings Once More Wide Open to the Public Press

Director Bond's Motion Passed.---"Nicola Valley News" Defence of Press and Public Wins Out.---Severe Rebuke to the "Merritt Herald."

The action of the Nicola Valley News supported by a large majority of the local pubblic, in its stand for the right of reporting the meetings of directors of the Nicola Valley General Hospital, free from restricted rules was endorsed emphatically on Monday evening last when a notice of motion, introduced by Director Frank Bond, was immediately discussed with with the result that a resolution was passed.

That the motion recently passed by this Board that the press be restricted from publishing names or important business or be otherwise restricted be rescinded and that I move that the press be allowed to report the full transactions of business of the meetings if they wish to do so.

Director Grimmett said the resolution previously passed had to his mind had a misconstruction put on it. Director Bond said the "News" had openly disregarded the restricton as to the publishing of names.

Director Grimmett believed neither paper had observed the resolution, and asked corroboration of the "News" representative.

The latter said the "News" had never acknowledged the restricted resolution on the grounds that the hospital was a public institution, the meetings public meetings, and that it was up to the newspapers to decide what they considered to be matters of public interest and concern. The "News" which was doing its utmost to give accurate reports—the correctness of their reports had not been questioned—would firmly stand by its policy.

After the passing of the resolution, President Strickland, rose to state that the "News" had misreported him some time ago when mines contributions were considered that had done him as much harm as other reports did to Dr. Tutill. Continuing he said he wsuld have nothing to do with the accounts of the hospital unless they went before the Board, and complained that there had been more unnecessary things brought before the meetings and appearing in the press during the last six months than in all the years before when business of real importance concerning the establishing and financing of the hospital were under way. He stated the meetings during the last six or seven months had been far from enjoyable to him.

The "News" representative at this was granted the privilage of asking the president where in the specific instance he referred to his remarks had been misreported, claiming that every word, letter and comma was absolutely accurate.

The president made no reply.

During the meeting a lively breeze arose when Dr. Tutill took strong objection to what had appeared in the "Merritt Herald" of recent issues. He claimed that credit for a resolution of his had been swung from himself to Mr. Grimmett, that it had been published that Mr. Grimmett had been unanimously elected vice-president whereas he got the office by the casting vote of the chairman, and scored the "Herald" representative for suggesting by scare headlines that the doctor was out "to rule or ruin the hospital."

Following a lively exchange the "Herald" man admitted one mistake which was purely personal and inadvertant, and refused point blank to divulge the source of his information in the reports of the meetings at which his paper was not represented. He refus-

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Development of Copper Property at Stump Lake

A party of mining men and engineers interested in the development of the copper properties at Stump Lake visited by Mr. Frank M. Hawkes, of Seattle recently when samples of ore for assay were taken away, left today by automobile for that section and will make preliminary arrangements for the big developments expected to be made there this summer. The extensive plant and machinery at the claims will be overhauled and necessary work done in putting the old shafts into shape immediately. A few men will be engaged for the purpose. The ore taken from the property at the end of January shows excellent indications of a merchantable grade of copper, it is said. Arriving from Seattle with Mr. Hawkes last night were Thos. J. Donohoe, an engineer, Harold Stern and Jas McKiernan. Tents and camp supplies were taken out by the party this morning.

T. J. Corwin, of the Aberdeen Copper Mine returned to the City last night, from Seattle, where he was advancing arrangements for the increased development of local mining properties.

Assessment of City Property Started by Mr. Loewen

Mr. C. J. Loewen, of Mamette Lake arrived in the City on Wednesday and commenced his work as assessor for the City for the 916 assessment, which is generaly expected to be made on a basis corresponding to the actual values.

Local Liberals Hold Rally at K. of P. Hall

At a rally of local liberals held in the K.P. hall on Tuesday night there was a good attendance of the public who accepted the invitation of the Merritt and District Liberal Association, the meeting being advertised as open to "every Liberal and sympathizer regardless of, whether they have previously identified themselves with the party or not."

There being no show at the Rex that night quite a healthy number regardless of politics dropped in to spend the evening. Joseph Walters, Liberal candidate for Yale, A. McGoran. M. L. Grimmett, J. H. Collett, J. A. Crawford, of Middlesboro, Rev. George Kinney and Arthur R. Carrington were among the speakers. Five minute speeches were made, all being condemnatory of the Provincial government, its actions, in the past and present and its aspirations for the future, and eulogistic of the Liberal leaders, the Liberal party and policies.

To Arthur R. Carrington was entrusted the honor of moving a resolution of congratulation to and in support of Messrs. H. C. Brewster, M.L.A., and M.A. MacDonald, M.L.A., while other stalwarts moved a vote of confidence in the Liberal candidate, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Isaac Eastwood, president of the association, presided over the meeting.

Pythian Sisters Celebrate Their 3rd Anniversary

Celebrating the third anniversary of the foundation of the local lodge, the Merritt Pythian Sisters last night gave a most successful supper and social in the K. P. Hall. In an attendance of over a hundred, were some fifty brothers of the K. P. and their wives.

A minature army of Sisters was kept busy at the supper tables, and the substantial and appetising repast was quickly and well served.

Following the supper a bright and interesting program of vocal and recitative items was rendered to the evident enjoyment of all the guests. Mrs. Neil McMillan, Most Excellent Chief, very ably presided over the proceedings and announced the items on the program. Very topical was the concerted number "The Dear Little Shamrock" by nine girls dressed in white frocks and wearing Irish emblems, "The Red White and Blue" also being sung to receive enthusiastic applause. "Lifes Dream is O'er" was contributed by Miss and Mr. Staton.

Miss Pope sang sweetly "Just a wearying for you," Mrs. Willgoose "My Pretty Lulu," Mr. E. Staton "Somewhere," Doris Neaves sang a song, while little Gretta Kay gave delight with "When you were a tulip." The Misses Dobbie and Nellie McMillan recited, Mrs. Dobbie singing the sentimental war song "Angus McDonald." A laughable feature was a sketch "Woman's Rights" in which seven ladies and gentlemen took part. Mrs. A. Limb, presided over the assembly of weird antiquated spinsters. Mrs, T. Clarke and Mrs. Gerrard accompanied the singers. R. Morrison and J. Fairley for the dance which followed the musical items.

Matron Resigns Hospital to go On Nursing Service at the Front

Staff Changes.---No More Orientals to be Employed.---Dr. Williams' Letter Treated with Contempt.---Financies and Outstanding Accounts.---Four Hour Sitting

A regular meeting of directors of Nicola Valley General Hospital was held on Monday night. There was a full attendance, and the session lassed from eight o'clock to twelve.

By a resolution in the names of Dr. Tutill and Director Paton, Directors F. Bond and Robt. Taylor, the new members, were formally welcomed to the Board. The subjects of the courtesy replied, Director Bond stating that he would work and vote for the good of the hospital and the best interests of the people of the Nicola Valley independent of anyone. Mr. Taylor, replied along similar lines.

It was reported that Dr. C. S. Williams, of Rossland, formerly of Merritt had in response to legal pressure, sent a cheque for $20.00 in settlement of the much disputed account which the hospital had against him. Accompanying the remittance was a letter couched in angry, sarcastic and unprofessional terms, such that a resolution was passed "permitting the press to publish the communication received from Dr. Williams," and which was ordered to be received and filed. [The News has no space to spare for the publication of such a communication.—ED.]

A letter of resignation was received from the matron, Miss J. Leitch, who wished her resignation to take effect on March 18, as she had been appointed to a position on the Queen Alexandra Special Hospital staff, Royal Army Medical Corps, and may be required to leave for England at short notice. It was moved by Directors Bond and Tutill and carried, that the resignation be accepted, that thanks be extended to Miss Leitch for her endeavors on behalf of the hospital, and with good wishes for her safe return from the front.

To fill the vacancy in the meantime it was decided to ask Miss MacElhoes, to assume the position of acting matron at a salary of $70.00 per month, and that the Secretary be instructed to advertise in a Vancouver paper for applications for the post vacated by Miss Leitch.

Prior to the passing of the motion, several directors had urged that the position be advertised in the public press. Director Bond, supported by Directors Paton and Taylor stating there was considerable feeling among the working class at the recent cleaning out of the staff of the institutton. It was always best to advertise and to throw everything wide open to the public.

Recommendations by the matron that Miss Fish, late of Vancouver, be appointed head nurse; that Miss Bond be received as pupil nurse from the first of the month were endorsed. The completion of the agreement as to the engagement of Miss Chambers was reported.

Miss Whitmore, formerly of the hospital staff, and who has four months to complete her training before taking her diploma, was accepted on the staff, salary $20 per month.

The finance committee submitted in their report accounts for goods purchased during the past month and which several of the directors thought very heavy. Items were closely examined and after considerable discussion it was resolved that in future all things required for the hospital and not covered by contracts shall be sanctioned by the house committee before purchase, except in cases of emergency, a copy of the motion to be sent to the matron.

Discussing the financial situation, Director Grimmett, chairman of the Finance committee said in February the receipts and expenditure were about even, providing all the money receivable from patients was collected. He agreed that considering the average number of patients in the institution was but nine per day during the month the expenses appeared to him to be high. The question of outstanding accounts was discussed in relation to the necessity of getting revenue to take care of current expenditures, it being remarked that a loan would be required now. After considerable debating it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Directors Tutill and Bond, that President Strickland be requested to do what he could in collecting the outstanding accounts, the president informing that at no time had charges been made by the bank for collecting hospital accounts.

A recommendation of the finance committee that they be empowered to obtain a loan of $400 in anticipation of the government grant was endorsed.

Under the head of general business Director Grimmett, who at the last meeting was elected vice-President, accordingly submitted his resignation as a member of the finance committee of which he was chairman, The resignation was accepted with regret, the president nominating Director Slater as his successor. Director Taylor was named as a member of the House Committee. The committees now comprise—Finance Directors Slater (chairman), Paton and Bond; House committee, Directors Rankine (chairman), McLean and Taylor.

The House committee reported that necessary repairs had been done during the month; the committee advised the provision of a jacket and tank in the kitchen at a cost of some $50 to obtain hot water during the summer months, the cost of installation would be soon repaid by a saving in fuel. The committee had, too, enquired into the hiring of a Chinaman to do work in the basement. They found, said the chairman, that the matron had the opinion that a white man could not be procured locally to do the work, which was kalsoming and whitewashing, and varnishing the floor, she always having been accustomed to having such work done by Chinamen. The course was followed without malice.

Directors Bond and Paton spoke strongly against the employment of any Orientals, eliciting the information that some $7 had been paid to this one for three days work,

It was resolved on the motion of Directors Tutill and Paton that all work at the hospital shall in future be done preferably by white men, the former stating that while he, himself, employed an Oriental at his home the job was open at any time for any white boy who wanted it.

A communication from the matron respecting the bread and milk supplies was considered, and it was decided that the secretary take steps to ensure that all persons desiring to tender for the supply of milk shall have the necessary tender forms. The tenders for these commodities and the groceries were ordered to stand over for consideration at a special meeting for the purpose.

A letter was received from the City Clerk, H. Priest, formally intimating that the Council had been pleased to renew the agreement of 1915 between the Council and the Board under which the hospital would receive free City light and water in 1916, the hospital not to charge for the treatment of indigent patients.

It was decided to leave to the House Committee the matter of disposing of the pumping plant, engine tank etc., and which was now useless to the institution, and if necessary to advertise the plant for sale.

Son and Heir Born to Mr. & Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers

A son and heir having been born to Mr. and Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers on Sunday, the popular manager of the Bank of Toronto and his wife have this week been receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends in the City and district.

County Court at Merritt Is Postponed to April 5th

The Yale County Court, which should have been held on the 21st inst. has again been postponed, following a communication received by Registrar Morgan from His Honor Judge Swanson. The new date has been set for Wednesday, April 5th.

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COAL AND FUEL OIL

The importation of fuel oil into this province increased from 5,000,000 gallons in 1910 to 110,000,000 in 1914, with a much larger importation in 1915. This imported fuel displaced an equivalent quantity of native coal. A ton of coal is displaced by 150 gallons of oil used in its place, so that, while five years ago oil fuel took the place of only 30,000 tons of coal, in 1914 it was a substitute for 700,000 tons. The provincial mineralogist in his annual report gave this as the principal reason for the decrease of 1,000,000 tons in the coal production.

Comparing the quantities of oil and coal used for fuel in this province in 1910 one per cent of fuel was oil and ninety-nine per cent coal: whereas in 1914 the ratio was 24 to 76. The reduced output represents a loss of employment to two thousand mine workers and a loss to the province of $100,000 a year in royalties. Displacement of coal by oil competition accounts for 1400 men and $70,000 of the revenue.

The figures are by Mr. Jas. Ashworth, and the News-Advertiser commenting on them states:

It is not clear how far the situation will be affected by the new federal war tax of half a cent a gallon on fuel oil. This gives a protection of 70 cents per ton to local coal as against oil competition. But oil is used in engines specially constructed for this kind of fuel and it is not likely that the many railway companies, ship owners, or proprietors of stationary plants will change them to escape the duty of half a cent per gallon. If it is regarded as a permanent tariff the duty may have an effect on the purchase of new plant. Meanwhile, if the province loses $70,000 a year on royalties on coal displaced in this province the Dominion treasury gains five hundred thousand dollars a year by the oil duty. The oil duty is equal to 70 cents per ton on coal, and the coal royalty is only ten cents per ton.

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Financiers should feel at home in the Air Service, where a good balance is secured by careful training.

The Kaiser employs several men to impersonate him, so that his real whereabouts are unknown. When things get too hot for him, he "doubles" and "quits."

The day is coming, say the Germans, when there will be "one flock and one shepherd---Germany." And all the sheep black.

Plurality of wives is mentioned as a possible after consequence of the war. Evidently it is expected that the display of heroism will have become a habit.

DOING HER BIT

Belinda's beating bosches in a bus-conductors togs;
Sophronia brings the morning milk, and Jean is chopping logs;
Rosalba's seized a hoe and started working on the land---
And Freda's strafing Wagner on a Bechstein Baby Grand.

Dear Mabel at a kiss per man's made listing all the rage
(I'd join a hundred thousand times if I were but the age).
Mifawny spends the day and night in stitching bags for sand---
Ane Freda'a strafing Wagner on a Bechstein Baby Grand.

And when I'm roused at early dawn by sounds that might mean "Zeps";
Or else a bronchial giraffe who hasn't any Peps.
And wonder if our gallant fleet has let the blighters land---
It's Freda strafing Wagner on a Bechstein Baby Grand.

Mail Arrangements on K. V. Starts April 1st

Starting April 1, the K. V. R. will carry mails to and from Merritt and Penticton and beyond and that simultaneously with the innouation a stage will be run once a week between Merritt and Aspen Grove postoffices, making the return trip on the same day, the actual day yet to be decided by the postoffice authorities.

Now is the time to get your spring Hat. The Rose Marche is well equipped to supply you with the very latest modes.

Secretary of Nicola Valley Farmers' Institute R. Dodding of Lower Nicola, was in the city on business on Tuesday.

Busy Needles at Red Cross Meeting

Fifteen dollars were added to the funds of the Merritt Red Cross Society at yesterday's meeting by the receiving of a donation from the Canford ladies working in conjunction with the ladies here.

The goods and materials needed for making Red Cross supplies are sent to Canford from Merritt and monies received as donations etc., by the Canford society are handed over to the Merritt funds.

A good attendance was present at yesterday's sewing meeting, one new member joining in Mrs. R. Strachen.

The Tacoma smelter raised wages five per cent this month.

Strong for Lucas Down At Hope

The large attendance, perfect unanimity and enthusiasm that marked the annual meeting of the Conservative Association of Hope reflected the determination of conservatives throughout the province to maintain in office ond in power the party that restored the credit of the province and has given stable, efficient and progressive government for thirteen years.

The Secretary, R. J. Clark, read a telegram; "Express to meeting my best wishes and urge preparation for general election. A. Lucas." The work of the meeting was the answer.

The election of officers, all by acclamation, resulted as follows: Hon. Pres., Rt. Hon, Sir Robert Borden and Hon. W. J. Bowser; Hon. vice-pres., Col. J. D. Taylor M. P., and A. Lucas, M. L. A.; pres,, T. L. Thacker; vice-pres., R. Duckering and W. Grey; sec., R. J. Clark; treas., A. E. Raab; Executive Com., W. H. Lucas. D. P. Campbell, R. H. Wardle, T. E. Scott. P. A. Patten and M. Alvarez.

Cases Before the Local Magistrate

Chief of Police J. T. Willgoose prosecuted three cases before Magistrate Morgan in the City Police Court on Monday.

Harry Charters, a half breed, was penalized $5.00 and costs for being drunk and causing a disturbance on Quilchena Avenue, the fine being paid.

Jimmie Moses, an Indian, found drunk at the week end, was fined $15.00 and costs. The fine was paid.

John Shelleen, who was fined $25 and costs on a charge of "incommoding a peaceful passenger" on the sidewalk on Quilchena Avenue on Saturday night, did not raise the money necessary and was sent to jail for a month in default.

The Police Commissioners last week decided to take strong steps toward stopping the nuisance of drunken persons being on the public streets.

Spent a Holiday Then Enlisted

Robert H. Farquharson, of J. H. Greenwood's engineering staff on the K.V. construction, returned to town last Tuesday evening. With T. E. Beveridge, he left a few weeks ago on a holiday trip through Eastern cities. Tommy Beveridge wound up his holiday in Winnipeg, where he has joined the 59th Battery Field Artillery, being always eager to have a whack at the Huns.

Bob. Farquharson, owing to a frozen toe, was unable to pass the test for the same battery, but he is contemplating getting into the Army Service Corps at an early date.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Patients admitted	15
Male	11
Female	4
Discharged	11
Births	3
Deaths	0
Hospital Days	259
Average Number of Patients	9

Oscar Lochmund, of the B. C. Copper Co., came over from Greenwood at the beginning of the week, registering at the Coldwater Hotel on Tuesday. He conferred with E. C. Johnson of the Aberdeen mine respecting the shipment of copper ore to the Greenwood smelter, and left for home next day.

"Just for Fun" at the Rex Theatre tonight. Just fun and laughter from beginning to end.

What We Hear

That the rendering of the famous oratorio "The Crucifixion," will probably be given during the week immediately preceding Easter Sunday.

That the soldiers in the Strathcona Horse at the front are writing home in very jubilant strains, having at last been granted their horses.

That owing to ice jams at local bridges over the Coldwater River on Sunday there was much blasting going on. It is suspected there was quite a little too from certain persons whose Sunday morning sleep was interrupted by the noise.

That ex-Chief of Police Grundy has joined the machine gun section of the 7th regiment stationed at Comox.

That there are 1966 public school teachers in the Province of B.C.

That according to the Sunday Pictorial published in England, Joe Martin has wired his constituents in St. Pancras that he intends to resume his duties as their member in the British House of Commons.

There is no truth in the rumour that a local business house contemplates putting on an all night shift in order not to miss any of the voluminous trade offering during the night,

That the entertainment to be given by the people of Canford at the mill tomorrow promises to be a huge success.

That local fishing devotees are busy getting their tackle into shape for the opening of the season at Nicola Lake on Sunday, March 26, and that if the opening day is any criterion there should be some "good" fishing this year.

That steps are being taken to reorganize the local troop of Boy Scouts, that Howard McLean, will again take charge of the scouts, and that it is hoped that the use of the Armory on one day each week can be obtained for drill purposes.

That the Rev. J. Hyde is working hard to arrange a fitting local celebration of the Shakespeare Tercentenary, in a dramatic presentation of excerpts from one of the plays of the great dramatist who was born on April 23, St. George's day 1564, and died on the same day in 1616, which will be three hundred years next Easter Sunday.

That Germany's declaration of war on Portugal is the twenty-sixth declaration since July 28, 1914, when Austria began hostilities against Serbie.

That Germany is now officially at war with Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, and Portugal and still technically at peace with Italy.

That in the window of a second hand dealer in town is the notice "going out of business, must sell" etc., alongside of which is a notice that he still "Pays highest prices" for all sorts of things he wants to buy. Rather unusual to pay high prices for new junk when slashing the prices on the old, eh.'

That punch says that as soap has been officially declared as contraband it is now certain that Germany cannot come out of the war with clean hands.

That the new vicar of Merritt and Nicola has made a distinctly favorable impression among those of his parishioners he has been able to visit.

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Mrs. H. T. Boothroyd and children, and Mr. Alec Coutlee, returned home on Tuesday night from a visit to Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrett have taken up residence at the house owned by W. Schmock, on Nicola Avenue.

Mrs. Andrew Dickie and family returned to the city the first of the week after spending a few months at the Coast cities.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd contingents of Canadian Pioneers are reported to be in France. Several local lads are in the first contingent of the Pioneers.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one 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, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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Lytton Soldiers Go To Camp

Lytton's complement of thirty recruits to the 172nd Regiment entrained this afternoon for their headquarters at Kamloops amidst great enthusiasm, all the inhabitants of the historic old town by the Fraser River turning out to bid them farewell. The party were in charge of Sergent McIntosh, who had been drilling the men at their quarters in Lytton, where they had been billetted for the past six weeks. The men were in splendid fettle, and all ready and anxious to do their bit for the Empire in the great war.

Trail school teachers are giving a day's pay each per month to the Patriotic fund. The total will run to almost $300 for 1916.

Is of Interest To All Farmers

A bright and newsy publication, concisely written and attractively made up is the first issue of the Agricultural Journal which is being issued by the Provincial department of agriculture and a copy of which is to hand. The Journal should prove to be of considerable interest and of great help to all farmers and ranchers in the Province. Edited by W. E. McTaggart, who was formerly Market Commissloner for the Provincial Government on the Praries, any farmer who wishes copies can obtain same regularly by sending his name to the department.

The journal was strongly advocated by Alex Lucas M. L. A. who, it will be remembered, explained its objects to the annual meeting of the Nicola Farmers Institute held here in December,

Boosting Special By the Chinook

A copy of the special Boundary to Coast supplement, issued by the Saturday Chinook, under date of March 1st, has been received by us. The lay-out of the publication is anything but a work of art. It is replete with pictures of industrial and rural scenes in in the district now directly served by the Kettle Valley Railway, the edition also contains considerable readable matter descriptive of the Nicola Valley, Southern Okanagan, and Boundary section.

Edited by Pat Emery, who toured the country a short time ago, there are several references to the Nicola Valley, which, in consequence will receive valuable publicity in spheres far beyond its borders.

Mining Activity Around Tulameen

C. E. Stokes, partner in the Lurky Todd Mining Co., was in town at the beginning of the week.

He reports that development on the Tulameen claims will be pushed energetically this Spring and large shipments will be sent to the smelter.

Mr. Stokes is very optimistic as to the success of the venture, especially as there are thousands of dollars of ore in sight.

All Should Visit Nicola Friday

If you desire to spend a happy time, and show your encouragement of the patriotic Guild, form a party of your friends and take in the whist drive to be held at Nicola on Friday next March 24. A right royal time is assured for all who patronize this effort of the Guild.

The incoming train from Penticton last Saturday was delayed twenty-four hours owing to slides near Princeton.

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Met in First Line Trenches

I have seen a few interesting sights since I have been out here but I think the most thrilling were two air fights. On both occasions the German machines were brought down. I witnessed the brilliant fight for which Robt. Loraine, the English actor-aviator won the Military Cross. In was a clean, sporting fight, just one machine against another.

So writes Bro. "Sandy" Strang of Merritt, in a letter from the trenches to the Pythian Sisters, of which he was a member as well as of the kindred lodge, the K.P.'s. The letter was addressed to Sister Mrs. Tom Clark, was dated January 7, and acknowledged a parcel of tobacco sent by the Sisters as a Christmas gift.

In his reference to the air fight in which Robert Loraine figured successfully, he says, "Fritz was flying over our lines, a target for our guns. He suddenly stopped. One of our machines came on the scene and the German tried to beat it back but was too late for our man just seemed to swoop down upon him like a hawk. Rap! rap!! rap!!! went his machine gun and the German machine started to plane down to earth, while our aviator circled round and watched him drop within our lines. One of the Germans aboard was killed by the machine gun fire, the other was uninjured except for shock."

The writer mentions having met Charlie Howse in the first line trenches. "Charlie was in charge of a working party of the Strathcona's," he says, "and he hunted me up in my dug-out. We talked about the Nicola Valley for an hour. I'm afraid I was not very hospitable to him, but you see our dug-out only held two, and three made it awkward. It was uncomfortoble. When one turned we all turned."

Hospital Meetings Once More Wide Open To the Public Press

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ed to defend the criticism he made against the doctor in editorials, under his name as editor, as he was merely an employee of Mr, Ellis, who he said might give any information desired at the office,

The newspaper man then left the room with the statement "I do not wish to be the subject of trouble and attack"

While the doctor was laying his complaints against the misleading reports, the president intervened to stop the speaker.

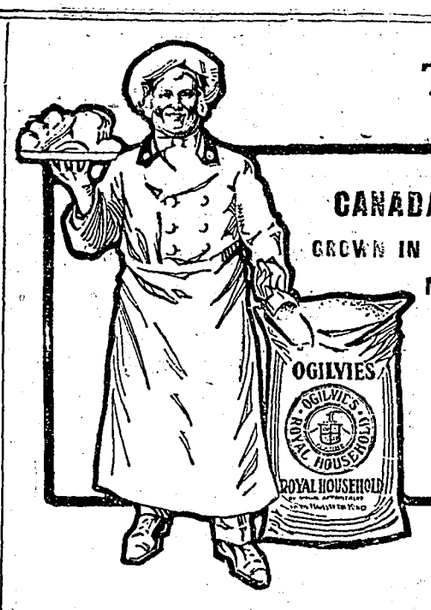
After a further warm exchange of arguments on a parlimentary procedure the ruling of the chair was challenged and by resolution was not sustained. Supporting the latter resolution, Director Bond, challenged the member of the board who gave out the "report" to declare himself by saying "It was me."

The incident ended thus—moved by Directors Tutill and Slater—

"That whereas the Merritt Herald has published untrue reports of the directors' meetings of Nicola Valley General Hospital in their issues of February 18th and March 3rd, 1916, no doubt owing to there being no Merritt Herald reporter present, therefore be it resolved that this board of directors heartily deprecates the misleading reports given out to the public and requests that hereafter the Merritt Herald sends its reporter to attend these meetings and try in future to give more accurate reports of its proceedings, and further that the Merritt Herald be sent a copy of this resolution to be published in its paper."

For the motion— Directors Bond, Slater, Tutill, McLean, Paton; not voting Directors Grimmett, Rankine and Taylor. The latter stated he disagreed with the personal attack on an employee who was responsible to his employer.

Mr. Whiting, of Ashcroft, who recently took up a position at Armstrong's Store left at the beginning of the week for Regina, where he will make his home. L. Price, who was in the hard Ware department for the past several weeks has returned to the position formerly held by him in D. L. Munros livery and transfer business.



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Received Offer for Overseas Service

Dr. G. H. Tutill M. D. this week received a communication from Capt. G. A. B. Hill, Assistant Director of Medical Services offering him a medical appointment with an overseas unit in response to his application of a few weeks ago.

The doctor, who is anxious to go overseas, and who offered his services a considerable time ago, will we understand accept the offer if he can make necessary arrangements for someone to take over his professional work in the Valley during his absence.

R. Whittaker, of Lower Nicola who returned recently from Victoria where he was attending the annual convention of B. C. Farmers' Institutes, was in the city on business on Wednesday.

F. B. Ward, President of the Nicola Stockbreeders' Association has been made a vice-president of the B. C. Stockbreeders.

N. S. Fraser, train despatcher, K.V.R., Penticton was a business visitor in the City on Tuesday, registering at the Coldwater Hotel.

"The Christian Athlete," will be the subject of Rev J. Hyde's sermon to the young men of Merritt next Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church.

At the Forward Adult Bible Class next Sunday afternoon at 2.30, a scriptural discussion will take place.

The Newsy Pars

Mrs. Fred Lauder, of Quilchena was in the city on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillicoe, of Lower Nicola, were in the city on Saturday.

The Rev. Father Wagner will conduct services at the Catholic church this week end.

The Rev. N. J. T. Thompson spent the day yesterday visiting his parishioners in Nicola.

Mrs. Howell John will lead the subject at Next Monday's Epworth League meeting.

Mr. T. R. Hardiman, of Canford, was among the out of town visitors in the City on Monday.

G. Lodwick, and daughter Daphne were in the city on Thursday.

Just to hand a full line of Childrens Wash Linen and Straw Hats, at the Rose Marche.

Mr. M. A. Durland, manager of the Merritt Mercantile Co., has purchased the residence opposite the post office from Mr. L. Lobsinger.

Manitoba, by a vote of over two to one decided this week for prohibition. The act takes effect 1st June this year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rankine left Thursday to reside at Sullivan. Mrs. Rankine will be much missed as a chorister and worker in the Presbyterian church.

Alex. Lucas, member for this division in the Provincial House, has been made chairman of the committee for Agriculture during the present session.

Lieut. C. Tyner, of Lower Nicola, who is attached to the Cariboo Rangers, stationed at Kamloops is laid up with tonsilitis, according to a message received here.

This week's guests at the Coldwater Hotel included W. J. Heyes, of Coldwater Valley. W. H. Heighton, of Vancouver, also T. G. Hastie and H. F. Frontenhold G.N.R. officials.

Services at St. Michaels Church on Sunday, are Holy Communion at 8 a.m., matins and holy communion at 11 a.m., evensong and sermon at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday short evensong and sermon at 8 p.m. Friday, holy communion at 9 a.m. with special prayers for the war.

FOR SALE. Cocker Spaniel male Puppy. Apply H. Priest

Next Thursday at 9 o'clock, a committee of young men will hold

A DANCE

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Surprise to Mr. and Mrs. G. Irvine

Some two dozen friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Irvine spent a very enjoyable time on Monday evening when they visited their home for a surprise party.

It proved a complete surprise but the merry company were most hospitably received. Whist and music were enjoyed, the winners of the whist drive being first ladies, Mrs. George Irvine; first gent.'s, M. Shore; consolation prizes were ably won by Mrs. John Collett and Mr. George Irvine.

Word was received here yesterday from Kamloops that Tpr. D. Campbell, of the 102nd regt. had suddenly been taken seriously ill, an operation being necessary. The young soldiers father left on last evening's train for Kamloops

Nicola Valley

Farmers' Institute

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Owing to war conditions the price of Powder supplied through the above Institute has risen and is now $7.00 per case in 100-lb. lots.

R. Dodding, Sec.

Lower Nicola, B.C.

Public Matters of Much Benefit

At a meeting of the executive of the Merritt, Middlesboro and district Conservative Association held on Tuesday night a commnnication was read from Supt. W. H. Stevens, of the Dominion Telephone Service, intimating that he was strongly urging the provision in the estimates of funds for the proposed extension of a telephone line from Merritt through Mamette Lake to Savona. The need of the work had been put forward to departmental officials also to the Hon. Martin Burrell.

The proposal for the establishment of telephonic connections between Merritt and the Coldwater Valley district by stringing the wires on K. V. R. poles was also receiving close attention, he wrote.

A letter was also received from the secretary to the Hon. Martin Burrell, M.P.,---the latter is still indisposed---stating that the wire received from the local Conservative Association would be placed before the member.

The wire read: "Great satisfaction expressed by all parties here at imposition of duty on fuel oil. Recognition like this is most encouraging to your supporters who have been led to believe there was little chance of this fulfilment. Please see that opposition to tax does not succeed."

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Milk		2 tins .25
Ham	Good Value	at per lb. .20
Onions	All Good and Solid	6-lbs. .25
Raisins	Large Seeded	2 pkts. .25
Prunes	Large Juicy Fruit	per lb. .17
Prunes	in new 5-lb. cartons,	each .70
Evaporated Peaches	in new 5-lb. cartons,	each .60
Salmon	Tall tins	each .15
Salmon	Best Grade	each .25
Quick Custard or Tapioca	For Puddings	2 pkts. for .25
Macaroni		2 pkts. for .25
Cheese	Very mellow Flavor	per lb. .28
Rolled Oats	8 lb. .45,	20 lb. .90
Oatmeal		10-lbs. .50
Carnation Wheat Flakes		per pkt. .42
Corn Flakes		3 pkts. .25

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The Merritt Recreation Club

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A peculiar accident which might have had very serious consequences occurred yesterday.

While delivering bread in the Diamond Vale district W. Fairley pulled his van up to the sidewalk. Standing between the wheels and bending over to reach inside the van his horse was suddenly startled by the rustling of a piece of paper. Springing wildly forward it broke its way out of the shafts as quickly as a dart flies from an arrow. The van did not move an inch.

Bill was so surprised, ye ken, he muttered in his best Scotch 7xx !! qpoxx....2z3s sS?

The winners in the whist drive at the Rebeccahs social held last night, and which was well attended, were: ladies first Mrs. Cook, consolation, Mrs. A. Subject; gent.'s first, Wm. McCreight, booby, Wm. Fairley—who won a Winton Six car.

At the Basket Social which the young people connected with the Methodist Church have arranged for Wednesday next two sketches will be given. They are entitled "An Irish School-teacher" and a "Summer Episode."

Tenders Let for Supplies to Hospital

At a special meeting of directors of Nicola Valley General Hospital held on Wednesday last the business before the Board was expeditiously transacted. Vice-President M. L. Grimmett, in the unavoidable absence of the president, presided. Tenders for supplies were opened and examined and three months contracts were awarded as follows:

Groceries— G. B. Armstrong
Milk— R. Marr and W. Schmidt
Bread, table butter and potatoes— W. Riley
Bread— W. Fairley
Meats— N. V. Meat Market

The board has insisted that the contracts let for the supply of milk and bread shall be divided between the contractors with strict impartiality.

The Patriotic Guild met in regular weekly session at the City Hall on Monday afternoon, when it was decided that if the owner of winning ticket number 99, does not claim the collar and cuff set recently raffled by tomorrow, Saturday, March 18, another draw will be made from the tickets sold.

TONIGHT!

The Altar Society of the Catholic Church will hold their

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On the above date

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