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THE MINING ASSOCIATION

First Meeting Tuesday Night Since Organization. Delegates Selected.

The Ferguson Mining Association held a meeting in Eagle hall Tuesday night being the first since organization was effected. The executive held a meeting Saturday night when a list of subjects was prepared for consideraation at this meeting.

The president, D. G. Forbes, took the chair and asked the secretary to read the minutes of last meeting at which organization took place. The minutes were approved and the secretary then read names of the executive committee. These are the officers of the association together with Dave morgan, Sam Sutherland R. Hodge, W. Macdonald and A. J. Gordon. The secretary also reported that he had already secured 80 paid up members of the local association and

The president announced that the rumor had been circulated about that the executive had chosen the delegates at their private meeting. He would deny this and could say there had not been a suggestion along that Another report current was that that this was a movement to be con-trolled by capitalists to have the eight hour law repealed. There was no truth in this either for the working men especially were urged to join and they would be largely in the majority in the Provincial Association. ommittee had, however, decided that all expenses of delegates should be paid by the association. The meeting solved into a committee of the whole for the purpose of instructing delegates as to the wishes of the asso-

The first subject introduced for dis The first subject introduced for dis-cussion was the two per cent. mineral tax. Upwards of a score expressed their opinions and the matter was explained in detail and pretty thoroughly threshed out. At the close of this discussion a motion was carried instructing the delegation to oppose the tax, as it exists, tooth and

The second question discussed was, The second question discussed was, that everything be referred back from the central association to the locals. Phis matter was also freely discussed but the members showed no wide difference of opinion and a motion was put and carried that the delegates shall work to have the referendum principle inserted in the constitution which will be drawn up at the Victoria

The third matter for discussion was The third matter for discussion was "that the association do not interfere between labor and capital by any question being brought up." It was thought by the different speakers that no good could be done by interference with labor questions, so the resolution

carried unanimously.

The fourth subject for discussion was "that the province be divided into districts and district associations be formed." The division into districts meant that if Victoria were decided on as a permanent place of meeting for Provincial association it was too the Provincial association it was too far from the principle scenes of mining activity. It was thought that East Kootenay, West Kootenay and Yale might be formed into separate dis-tricts or something along that line

and much more good could be accomplished for more delegates could be brought together from the local associations. The resolution carried without dissent.

The following delegates were

The following delegates were appointed to go to Vicloria: D. G. Forbes, R. Hodge and Frank Holten. Messrs. S. Sutherland, W. Macdonald and Dave Morgan were appointed alternates in case any of the delegates found at the last moment that they could not get away.

In conclusion it was proposed and

carried that a mass meeting be held in the hall Thursday night to discuss the matter of appropriations for roads and trails in this district.

Trophy Goes to Nelson.

Nelson's hockey team won the championship of British Columbia on the 14th inst at Rossland, beating the home team 3 to 1 and winning for keeps the handsome silver trophy which was presented to the hockey league for competition. The cup cost \$150 and was won by Rossland for two years in succession; then Nelson's team won it

wo consecutive years making a tie. This last match was the decisive one between the two above named teams and it was with no little pride that the Nelson boys won the match and the ownership of the handsome cup. It looks as though the Nelson team was composed of good material, to win e years in succession.

The personnal of the team was not the same this year as formerly. In the four preceeding matches our towns man, J. A. Wetmore, was one of the players.

players.

The present winter has proven one of the best for hockey that has been since the league was organized, the weather being comparatively steady and the ice good.

Sunday, Feb. 15th.

Sunday last at Ferguson was a lovely sunshiny day and most of the inhabitants were out walking, driving or a church and Sunday school. Two loads of young people went to Trout Lake where they had a skate, returning in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Green held the usual Sun day school and church in the afternoon and also the quarterly communion service. The same afternoon two infants were baptised at the Lade residence, Mrs. Lade's and Mrs. Mac-donald's.

The Treaty Ratified.

Lord Minto Governor General of Lord Minto Governor General of Canada, has a despatch from Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador at Washington stating that the Alaskan Boundary treaty was formally ratified by the United States senate on the 13th inst. There was some dissent against the treaty but it finally carried by a large majority.

A proclamation has been issued by ne Lieutenant Governor-in-Counci setting the date of meeting of the Provincial house at Victoria. The house will therefore meet on March 12th.

THE CHURCHES.

Methodist.

Service will be held in Eagle hal every Sunday commencing at 3 p. m., and alternate Sundays at 8 p. m. All

S.J. GREEN, Pastor.

Anglican.
Divine service will be held every alternate Sunday in Eagle hall at 3 in An invitation to attend is extended to everybody H. A. SOLLY.

Curate.

COKE SUPPLY

East Kootenay Coal Employees All Out On Strike.

Indications point to the early closing of the smelters of the Kootenavs again on account of the closing of all coal mines on Elk river, in consequence of the strike of all employees at the above manes. This is where the fuel is obtained for the smelters. If the strike lasts it will cause serious loss and inconvenience. These troub les occurring so often leads one to pray for government control, in some effect tive way, of coal mines for the conditions existing during the past ten months have been most unsatisfactory and has proven detrimental to the lode mining of B. C.. The following statement has been sent to the pres by manager Tookin:

Fernie B. C., Feb. 11.—The em ployees at all places failed to repor for work this morning, without any notice to the company. I understand the union has declared a strike. The union represents 18 per cent of the

The vote for the strike was as fol lows: Coal Creek, 59 for a strike, out lows: Coal Creek, 59 for a strike, out of a total of 138 employees; Morrisey, 90 for a strike, total employees 504; Michel, 80 for strike, total employees 312. This does not include coke oven employees, who were not interested but were driven from work this morn as well as the engineers, fireme ing. and fan runners.

The reasons for the strike are not known as yet, no demands having been made on the company. The men were erning excellent wages.

The Other Side. The secretary of the Fernie Miners

Union has given out the following:
Fernie, B. C., Feb. 11.—The situa-tion as it stands today is this: The Morrissey mines have been working under a protested wage scale since November 1st. The Fernie mines have been working under a protested wage scale since the 4th of August last, and although the union has on several occasions tried to obtain a set several occasions tried to obtain a set-tlement they have up to date been entirely ignored by the management. Realizing that nothing could be done except by a strike this has been done, and today there is not a wheel turning at Fernie, Morrissey or Michel.

Later to Daily News.

The local union gave a street parade this afternoon in which four hundred miners in the line of march. After the parade the business men were invited to assemble in Union hall where some of the more important grievances of the miners were presented to them by representative of the union. The parade was given to disprove the contention of the company that but 18 per cent of the employees of

the Company belonged to the union.

There is no present indication of a settlement. On the contrary everysettlement. On the contrary every-thing points to a prolonged and bitter struggle, and if neither the govern-ment nor any outside agency inter-venes the Crow's Nest mines may remain idle for a long period. The men to a man, union and non-union. for once appear to be agreed and pre-pared and determined not to return to work until the abuses they complain of have been removed.

There appears to be an opportunity

for our government, if we have such a thing in British Columbia itself and by some wise legislation pro-vide for a tribunal to dispose of a trouble such as confronts us here and which will soon be felt by the entire province.

Their Removal Regretted

Forguson sustained a loss Thursday Mines Closed Down, that will not soon be replaced. by the ramoval of the families of Messrs Lade, Otto and McDonald: also Miss Lade and Master Fred. The reason of removal is on account of the employment of the above named gentlemen being at the Ophir-Lade Co.'s mines near Camborne where dwellings have been erected. It was found most inconvenient for the families to live in Ferguson while the presence of the Ferguson while the presence of the gentlemen was required continuously at the mines. Mr. Lade, of course, has not sold his property in and about Ferguson and it is very probable the families will return in a year or two when the Fish Creek property is

pened up. Last Sunday Rev. S.J. Green made a touching reference to the loss to the church and to the community on Mrs. Lade and Mrs. Otto moving away. Mrs. Otto has given most faithful service as organist for over two years and Mrs. Lade was one of the mainstays of the congregation by her ready an faithful assistance with the singing.

Mrs. McDonald and Miss Lade had only been fn Ferguson a month but in that short time they became much liked by those who made their acquaintance.

Provincial Mining Association

To the Editor Lardeau Eagle:

Dear Sir,-It will perhaps interest you to learn that the movement to organize a Provincial Mining Association is meeting with very great success, and that local organization has been effected to date at the following peen enected to ante at the following places: Revelstoke, Nicola Lake, Lilloost, Clinton, Horsefly, Keithley, Fort Steele, Texada, Ashcroft, Lae La Hach, Bullion, Quesnel Lake, Harpers' Camp, Aspen Grove, Camp McKinney, Cowichan, 150 mile, Quesnel Forks, Saanich.

Others are organizing but in one or two places, the effort has been criticized on the grounds that the objects and sims of the Association are selfish. This criticism is the result entirely of ignorance, for, as a matter of fact, the bjects of the Association have not yet been stated, and it will remain with the convention to outline a policy and determine on what steps will be taken to endeavor to bring about an improvement in conditions and promote the welfare of the province. In fact all mittee is attempting to do is to bring ogether a representative body of men hiefly practical miners, to discuss chiefly practi among themselves the requirements of the mining industry.

At a meeting of the committee last

week, it occurred to them that as Vic toria has taken the matter up so en thusiastically and has enrolled so large a number of members if this city a pointed delegates according to the number of its membership roll it might be able to dominate the meeting, consequently a resolution was pas-sed limiting the number of delegates appointed to attend the convention from Victoria and Vancouver to 20 respectively. That is an excellent respectively. That is an excellent motto "In union there is strength," and will you inform your readers that this is really the whole idea of this scheme. Let us all unite together for the com-

Yours Faithfully,
H. MORTIMER LAMB,

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 11th, 1903.

À SPLENDID MASQUERADE

The Hospital Benefit Ball Friday Night Drew Large Crowd **Many Fine Costumes**

The masquerade dance given in Miners' Union hall last Friday night proved a success beyond expectation. people coming from 20 miles distant to attend. That a highly enjoyable time was spent need hardly be stated for the local quadrille club, leave nothing undone, within their power, to provide for the comfort and entertainment of their guests. The only cause of regret wasthe inadequate space in the hall to properly accommodate the unusually large crowd of anxious dancers

Outside the night was delightful and most of Ferguson's population came to dance or to look on at the pretty sight.

The costumes were pretty and many of them expensive, but lack of sufficient space prevents us from attempting a description, therefore only the characters represented together with the names of the wearers are given below: Mrs. Godsoe, girl graduate;

Langstaff, Valentine; Mrs. Gunterman, Shoeblack; Mrs. Parisian, Columbia; Mrs. Cummins, Columbine; Mrs. Forin, Domino; Mrs. Smith, Hearts; Mrs. Glenn. School Girl; Mrs. Archer Spanish Lady; Mrs. Mesley, Hazard; Miss Thomson (Beaton), Good Luck: Miss Thompson, (Ferguson), Poppy; Evelyn Thompson, (Trout Lake) Flower Girl; A. E. Godsoe, Folly, Flower Girl; A. E. Godsoe, Felly, (Harry Godsoe dressed as a charming young lady); Efile Batho, Duchess of Dovonshire; Miss Knowlton, Flower Girl; Miss Horne, Domino; Miss Peterson, Daughter of the Regiment; Peterson, Daugnter of the Regiment, Miss Williams, Morning; Rose Wil-liams, Topsy; Mrs. Nesbitt, Black Diamond; V. F. Lade, (Camborne), Clown; B. Crilly, Sailor Boy; J. Paris-ian, Cavaller; J. Langstaff, Knight; J. MacInnis, Cavaller; Geo. Currle, Mounted Policeman; Lance Hillman, Senator; Geo. Proux, French Count; A. C. Cummins, Clown. W. Glenn, Coor, Geo. Parker, Sam Siug; C. Woodrow, Ghost; T. Graham, Leon; J. Smith, Neither Man nor Woman; B. U. Smith, Clown; F. Holton, Gaston; Roy Jameson, Alphonse, (from Africa): C. Edwards, Clown: O. Hamitton, Jockey; E. G. Hadow, Kuight Errant; Robt. Kirkpatrick, News; J. Comerford, His Satanic Majesty, R. Bury, Robin Hood: F. Labeau, Spanish Prince.

Dancing commenced at 9:15 and masks were worn till midnight when they were laid aside and tables were brought into the hall and on these a lainty supper was served to about on hundred people. Tables were removed and dancing was resumed, many who were not in costume joining in, and the home waitz was not called till four oclock in the morning, The night proved an ideal one for dancing being moonlight but the thermometer registered lower that night than at any time this winter being 9 degrees below zero when the dance broke up. Muric was furnished by Miss K. Edwards, organ; D. Carruthers, violin and Newman Taylor, banjo.

A decree of divorce was granted the Crown Prince from the Princess Louise of Saxony on the 12th.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It was hoped when the Fernie strike was settled last fall that the differences between the men and the company had been adjusted amicably and permanently but it seems this was a wrong conclusion and the settlement was but a temporary arrangement as far as the company was concerned to tide over the difficulty. It appears that the company judged if they could pacify the men at the time they could gradually drift back to the former state of affairs. The men seem to have recognized the trend of the situation and have quit work until matters can be fairly adjusted and with a degree of permanency. seems to us that the suggestion of the Boundary Times that a com mission be appointed to enquire into the conditions at the Fernie mines is a good one and should be acted upon at once.

These strikes are too serious a question to the whole Kootenay country and in fact to the whole province to be allowed to occur so frequently without government interference. For the coke supply of the province to be cut off every six months is a serious detriment to the mining industry and works a very great hardship to capital invested in legitimate mining and smelting, as well as the laboring classes of the province who are from this cause thrown out of employment by hundreds. Besides this it gives a very unstable condition to the most important industry in the province.

Conditions are bad enough just now in the matter of the metal market and the laws of the province without any labor troubles and it was not expected that trouble would come from the owners of coal mines for they have a first class market for their product at a price for coke and coal that leaves price for coke and coal that leaves a large margin of profit, The coal men are practically wallowing in clover and yet they appear so grasping that they try to grand their employees down below a fair wage and impose conditions that cannot well be borne.

The Eagle has pleasure in thank ing Mr. F. W, Godsal of Pincher Creek for a copy of the Auckland Weekly News Xmas number and supplement. The number is a handsome production, very English in its appearance and the articles are well written. Mr. Godsal has spent the past three months. New Zealand visiting a brother,

R. G. Macpherson's election in Burrard riding to the house mons is being protested by the Foleyites, Corruption is freely charged and best council in Vancouver has been retained by Mr. Foley's friends to present the case to the courts.

J. E. Bird, agent for Mr. Foley in the election, at a meeting of indignant supporters read a para-graph from a written opinion obtained from Sir Charles Hibbert

Tupper:
"I am of the opinion that no valid election had been held in Burrard. under the writ dated December 22, 1902, and that, in the event of the returning officer making a return of any one of the candidates, a petition against the return would be successful. I do not see how any returning officer having regard for his oath of office, under Section 15 of the Act, can, under the circumstances, make the return required by Form "C. C." under Section In the event of so doing he would be subject to being called to the bar of the house of commons. there to be dealt with as the house would see fit."

The bye-election in West Yale promises to be a hot one and the result is very doubtful. The government members are working very hard for their candidate Dr. Sane, while Charles Wilson, K. C., R. McBride, M. L. A., and Hon. Joseph Martin, K. C., are making a vigorous campaign for Mr. Semlin, the opposition candidate. Hon. W. W. B. McInnes the provincial secretary in referring to the situation in the house, said the government have already a sufficient majority to successfully carry or the business of the house and he and his friends have no fear of West Yale electing an opposition

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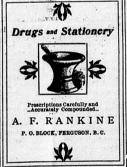


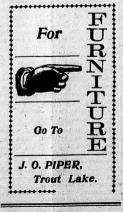
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Local and General.

I. Archer came in from Gerrard

The snow has settled fully two feet since last Saturday.

W. E. Newcombe, M. D., visited Trout Lake Tuesday.

R. Hodge, solicitor, paid a visit to Trout Lake Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Daney took a drive to

the Lake Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Needam of Beaton was visiting

in Ferguson on Monday. Mrs. McKinnon returned from a vis-

it to Trout Lake Saturday.

Rev. S. J. and Mrs. Green drove up from Trout Lake Saturday. H. McPherson of Trout Lake, paid

a visit to Ferguson this week. Took Russell of the Big Bend died in

that settlement on Jan. 27th. Miss R. Woodward, of the Eagle

O. B. N. Wilkie of Trout Lake, we in Ferguson on business Wednesday.

King Edward received Signor Marconi at Buckingham palace on Feb. 13th.

All the news agents on the western division of the C. P. R. have been dis-

The ice on Trout Lake continues good and skating is indulged in every Mr. and Mrs Burgess, Mrs. Cummins

and Miss Margaret Burgess were at Trout Lake City Thursday.

The people of Vancouver are again up in arms against the lease of Dead-man's island to T. Ludgate.

Al. Chisolm was down from Nettie L. on Monday. J. Lau was up from Trout Lake Monday. J. Lauthers Mr. Hugh McLennan of the Windsor

hotel, Trout Lake, was a visitor in was a visitor in Ferguson Monday. Ferguson business men have taker advantage of the fine weather and good

roads to lay in their summer's supply

Mr. Ross who has been in town looking after his deceased son's mining interests left for Nelson Monday. He will return again in a couple of

Irregularity in the mail service is being caused by ice on the Arm be-tween Arrowhead and Beaton. The new ice breaker is doing good work, however and it is thought a freeze over can be prevented.

J. C. Kirkpatrick is sparing no offort to give Ferguson a good mail service, but the ice on the Arm has caused considerable delay to the boat for the past week and this has worked a hard-ship on the stage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gunterman left this morning for Beaton where they will spend the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Gunterman has cooked for the past six months at the Nettie L. mine, where she gave good satisfaction.

A mass meeting was held last night to consider the requirements of roads and trails in the Ferguson district. After the business was concluded Mr. T. Taylor, M. L. A., gave an interesting account of his gtewardship. A report will be published next week.

"Doc" Meldrum and "Chummy" Johnson returned Thursday from a trip Johnson returned Thursday from a trip to see the world. They got as far as Rossland, took in the winter carnival and enjoyed an excellent time, then they got homesick for Ferguson so they took a side run for Revelstoke and are now back home.

A rather pathetic letter enquiring ne whereabouts of a missing son, was raceived in the city this week, a por-tion of it reading as follows: He owned a farm at Elkhorn, Manitoba, but rented it with the intention of going out to the gold mines and other places; that is the last heard of him. I places; that is the last heard of him. I am now 67 and feel as though I would like to know something of him, as he was a good boy and never neglected writing regularly up to the time I have stated. His mame is William W. J. McCann."—Nelson News. Locals With a Paystreak.

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