FREE READING ROOM

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Propose Starting One.

THE OUTLINES OF THE PLAN

Rev. George H. Morden Tells Why Women Should Take Part in the Work of the Church—How Her Condition Has Been Improved, Etc.

A meeting was held in the Methodist church last Friday under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at which Mrs. Agnew presided, for the purpose of making a start in the direction of a free reading room and meeting place for the young men of the city. It was a very successful meeting. The proceedings were opened by a prayer by Rev. G. H. Morden.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse gave an outline of what was purposed. He spoke on the necessity of such an enterprise as the ladies of the W.C.T.U. have in view, showing that about two-thirds of the grown up population of this city are men, who are practically without home influences and environments, and consequently subject to many evil influences to which they would not be exposed were the conditions different. His plan in brief was as follows: The erection of an institution in a central place in the city containing the following departments: First, a well equipped library and reading room; secondly, gymnasium with bath rooms attached; parlors, where the fireside games might be enjoyed; rooms for writing or private conversation; a commodious concert room where entertainment could be furnished at such prices as would be in keeping with the purses of the masses; he would also have a smoking room in connection with it, also a coffee room, under the direction of the ladies where coffee and light refreshments might be served to those desiring them; he would also have departments for school of mines with laboratory, and in connection with this would have night classes organized for the benefit of those who desired to take further study in the mining industry and who were unable to do so during the day.

In the discussion of these points Mr Stackhouse showed that the scheme was feasible and ought to be carried into effect in the not distant future. Those interested ought to keep this matter before the public so that the resources of our coming wealthy men might be tapped by furnishing an endowment for such an institution. The speaker went on to state that since this matter was in the future the ladies felt that some action might be taken at the present time looking toward the establishment of such an institution; they had therefore decided if they can obtain the necessary funds they will open at once a free reading room on Columbia avenue and equip it as best they can and by this means furnish a resort for men where influences will be not only intellectually helpful, but morally helpful as well.

In closing Mr. Stackhouse made reference to the generous way in which Mr. Andrew Carnegie had been disposing of his funds in the establishing of libraries in the various cities of Canada, the United States and Great Britain and thought if he were approached by the city authorities that he would certainly respond with a generous donation for a library for the city of Rossland.

Next came a song by the choir. Miss Boise, a young miss, gave a clever and eloquent reading on what the Women's Christian Temperance Union had accomplished.

Rev. George H. Morden spoke eloquently on the "Rights and Privileges of Women in Christian Work." In discussing this subject he said that among savages the woman was the drudge and ill-treated slave of man and was beaten and abused. Among civilized nations and in modern times woman had been better treated and was working rapidly forward to a position of equality with man. She was already his competitor in many lines of work and the so-called master man would have to look to his laurels in many lines. Woman had accomplished much and there were still greater advancement to be made by her. Rev. Mr. Morden then went on to show that women had the ability, the right and the time to enter and carry on the several branches of Christian work; he spoke eloquently of the great good that Florence Nightingale accomplished during the Crimean war for the sick and wounded soldiers. He told what Clara Barton had done for the Americans when they were being prosecuted and murdered by the Turks; of what Miss Booth had and was doing in the Salvation army for the good of humanity; what Elizabeth Fry accomplished in the way of ameliorating the wretched condition of female prisoners in Newgate. These incidents showed that women had had the ability. As to the right to do Christian work, he said that women, wives, mothers and daughters were the chief sufferers of the sins of men. They had to remain at home whole the husband or father spent what was needed to sustain them amid scenes of debauchery. This gave them the right to do what they could to bring about a better state of morality. As to the time he thought it was a good and beneficial thing to have women get out and take an active part in religious work. They were too often confined to the almost ceaseless drudgery of the four walls of their homes. Man's work was confined to a certain number of hours per day, but woman's work was never done. He, therefore, held that it heightened women and benefited them, morally and physically, to find interests outside of the mere drudgery of home life and held that she should find time to take part in religious work for these reasons. He declared, however, that woman's greatest sphere and the place where she could exercise the highest influence was in the home, and that the neglect of attending properly to the duties of wife and mother had started many a father and son on a downward career. In conclusion, he eulogized the idea of a reading room and place of resort for the young men of the city and thought the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, now that they had started the task, would be certain to carry it to a successful issue.

HANDLING BAGGAGE.

System Here Better Than It Is in the Old Country.

Mr. R. Robertson, general baggage agent of the C.P.R., was in the city yesterday from Vancouver, which he makes his headquarters. He is making a tour of the Kootenays and along the main line in the interests of his department. In speaking of the system of handling baggage on this continent, and particularly on the railway by which he is employed, Mr. Robinson said that he thought the system was as perfect as could be devised. A passenger gives up his baggage at the commencement of his journey, receives a check for it, and at the end of the journey, when he returns the check, is given back his belongings. There is no trouble. The passenger need have no worry whatever about the matter. This is different from the system followed in the Old Country, where baggage has to be looked after at each change of cars by the passengers. Recent arrivals in this counary from the United Kingoom give the baggagemen the most trouble. They insist, and this is particularly the case with women, in diving into piles of baggage after the trunk or gripsack which belongs to them. With those to the manner born it is different, as they leave the matter of handling their baggage entirely to the baggagemen and the express or transfer people, and do not fret over it, being certain that it will come to hand whenever they want it, after it has been checked, if they will only give up their checks to those who make it a business of handling baggage.

SMOKING CONCERT.

It Will Be Held in Honor of the Volunteers April 25.

The smoking concert to be given to the returned volunteers will take place at the Rossland Opera house on April 25. At a meeting of the general committee for the smoker, held last evening, the following sub-committees were appointed: Programme, Judge W. J. Nelson, J. L. G. Abbott, Daniel Thomas, W. J. Robinson, A. M. Zinn, Wyllie Johnston, Hon. T. M. Daly and Frank Oliver; Refreshments, Dan Thomas, Harry McIntosh, K. L. Burnet, T. S. Gilmour, J. S. C. Fraser and A. Klockman; Canvassing and Printing, J. L. G. Abbott, W. J. Robinson, T. S. Gilmour, J. H. Watson, Mr. Foster, J. E. Taylor, Harry D. Green, J. B. Kerr and Dr. Edwin Bowes. A meeting of the above committees will be held at the office of Mr. J. L. G. Abbott on Friday evening next.

A Rosslander Honored.

Mr. Thomas Fitzmorris of this city is in receipt of a letter from his son, Chas. R. Fitzmorris, who is at the School of Mines in Reno, Nevada, in which he states that he was recently offered the position of professor of chemistry in the faculty of the school and that he had accepted the position. This is quite an honor. Young Fitzmorris will be pleasantly remembered as one of the employees of the Rossland Transfer company, with which he acted in the capacity of clerk for about three years.

To Rush the V., V. & E.

Mr. R. A. Brown of Grand Forks, who is in town, reports that rapid progress is being made with the survey of the V., V. & E. railway route. He was informed by Mr. Kennedy, the chief engineer, that the line would be built this year from Marcus to Osyoos beyond Camp McKinney. Mr. Brown furnished him with data concerning a route through the Similkameen valley.

Reception to Rev. J. M. Robinson.

In St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Thursday evening the congregation tendered a reception to the new pastor, Rev. J. M. Robinson and family. There was a large attendance despite the stormy weather. The pastor and the members of his family received a very hearty welcome, the occasion affording them an opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the congregation. An interesting programme was carried out. Rev. W. T. Stackhouse delivered an interesting address and Rev. Mr. Morden also said a few words of welcome. Solos were given by Mr. Foster, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Mr. W. Martin. Mr. W. M. Wood presided. Rev. Mr. Robinson made a felicitous reply to the addresses. During the evening refreshments were served.

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Heard About Town.

Everybody has seen the handsome artificial palms in the Allan house. For days after their arrival the Chinese help despite several warnings, insisted on watering them. A few days ago one of the guests, who is somewhat of a wag, attached two artificial cocoanuts to the umbrageous branches. The next morning one of the Chinamen thought he had made a startling discovery and excitedly rushed to Col. King's apartments to notify him that the Allan had been converted into a fruit plantation. His vernacular was unintelligible but his manner was so genuine that the colonel followed to the office to see what had happened. The Chinaman still holds his job.

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Charles O. Brown, journalist, of Duluth, Minn., writes: "I have been a sufferer from throat and nasal catarrh for over years, during which time my head has been stopped up, and my condition truly miserable. Within 15 minutes after using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I obtained relief. Three bottles have almost if not entirely cured me." 50 cents.—1. Sold by Goodeve Bros.

A CHAT WITH CURTIS

Government is Jockeying With V., V. & E. Railway.

IT FAVORS THE C. P. R. CO.

The People Demand a Competitive Line—Promotors of the Crow's Nest-Southern Shabbily Treated—Mining Committee Opposed to Changing Mining Act.

Mr. Smith Curtis, member of the provincial parliament for this riding, arrived in the city last Saturday from Victoria. The house took a recess for two weeks and Mr. Curtis took advantage of the opportunity to pay a visit to his constituents to learn their wishes. He was seen by a Miner reporter and when questioned as to the railway situation at the capital, he said: "This question is overshadowing all others at the capital. The government has failed, up to date, to declare finally what it proposes to do with the Coast-Kootenay railway, there being a well-grounded fear that it proposes to favor the C. P. R. Delegations from various parts of the country affected have been interviewing the ministry and have in the strongest possible way protested against Southern British Columbia being handed over to the C. P. R. monopoly. Premier Dunsmuir intimated that a contract might possibly be made with the C. P. R. This hat set 'the heather all aflame' and two monster meetings were held in the city of Victoria, both of which were unanimous, regardless of all political party distinctions, in favor of the necessary aid being given to secure a competing line, independent of the C. P. R., and making provision against any possible amalgamation with, or control by, the C. P. R. The latter meeting requested the four city members to resign unless they were prepared to support this proposition, and the three members present—Helmcken, Hall and McPhillips, came out squarely for competition. This is an astounding change of opinion in Victoria. Three years ago the Board of Trade there opposed granting a charter to Mr. Corbin and the local legislature memorialized the Dominion government to the same effect. Victoria has awakened, and this recent departure shows the new spirit of progress that is animating her and it will make her a great city.

"Large meetings have been held in Vancouver and throughout the Fraser river valley, in half a dozen places in East and West Yale and in the Boundary country, all strongly insisting upon a competitive route. I attended a very large and enthusiastic public meeting in Vancouver on Thursday evening and gave an address on the benefits of competition to Southern British Columbia generally and the special good to be derived by the coast cities by a close connection with the Boundary and Kootenay districts. The meeting was entirely in favor of government ownership, or of competition, and knowing that government ownership could not be got from the present ministry, it was overwhelmly in favor of competition. No one came forward to say a single word on behalf of the C. P. R. and this is verysignificant, seeing that that company has enormous interests and a big payroll in Vancouver. I may be wrong, but I have good reasons for believing that a majority of the government's supporters are in favor of a competitive line, and if they stick to their guns they will have the support of the opposition in their fight, and Mr. Dunsmuir will either have to carry out their wishes or step down and out. The long recess taken at this time is undoubtedly with a view to fix up the government fences on this question and avert a crisis which was very imminent. The only fear is that when those members of the government, who are favorable to the C. P. R., find they cannot have their way, they will endeavor to throw the matter over to another session, and if the friends of competition become weak kneed this may happen. If this is done it will mean a delay that will be disastrous to all the mining region from the Cascade range to the Boundary country. Were the road begun this spring it would take a year and probably two years or two and a half years to tap Greenwood, Grand Forks and Cascade. Postponement to another session will mean no competition in transportation for the Rossland riding for the next three or three and a half years."

"In taking any action in the house, or on the platform in this railway matter I am not speaking for any corporation, but simply on the principle of the question and any despatches in newspapers to the contrary are entirely without foundation and inexcusable."

"How about the Crow's Nest Southern charter?"

"This application has been very cavalierly treated by the government. It, with all the other railway charters, has been thrown over until after the recess, to be finally dealt with. The promoters have been shamefully treated. They asked for no subsidy, they were ready to build the line immediately and the government knew it. The treasury of the province is so sadly in need of funds that the poll tax is increased to $5 and other new taxes are being levied and yet it is perfectly certain that were this road built the increased revenue from the coal tax would give far more revenue than these new taxes and that in three years after the completion of the railway the increased coal output would add, directly and indirectly, at least $500,000 to our revenue. It is quite possible that the government will yet impose such conditions that the charter, if granted, will be useless and the province will so lose this large prospective revenue."

"Will there be any change in the mining laws at this session?"

"The placer act has already had a considerable number of amendments made to it, and just before the recess the Minister of Mines said it was proposed to recast the entire placer act and make some radical changes, especially with regard to hydraulic leases. He also sent a large number of proposed amendments to the mineral act to the mining committee, but that committee passed a resolution that it was inadvisable to make any changes in the act at this session, but I understand that the minister intends to bring in a bill amending the act, just the same. Bills are also before the house amending the coal mines regulation act, making provision for the examination of miners. The effect of this will probably be to largely exclude Orientals from underground workings. The metallic mines inspection act is also being considerably amended by providing for monthly returns from all shipping mines, for additional inspections, and for a new code of signals. I understand that part of the code of signals proposed is not acceptable to the miners, as they know what is needed and they are as anxious as can be to avoid accidents," concluded Mr. Curtis.

Mining Stocks in Montreal.

During the past quarter there were 614,149 mining shares traded in on the Montreal stock exchange. Of this, War Eagle is credited with 120,200, the fluctuations ranging from $1.05 to 35 cents. Republic rose to 60 and fell to 25 cents, with transactions of 228,524 shares. There were only 500 shares of Centre Star dealt in, the price having been steady at $1.05. The sales of Payne reached 114,975, the prices ranging from 60 to 38 cents.

Mining in Summit Camp.

Mr. John Dorsey, manager of the Lake Shore Copper company, operating in Summit camp, passed through here yesterday on his way to Spokane. Mr. Dorsey reports that the main shaft on the Blue Bell has attained a depth of 100 feet, where the ledge was crosscut and found to be fifteen feet wide of good shipping ore. Arrangements are being made to send another shipment to the Granby smelter.

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Notice.

Helena Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west slope of Deer Park mountain.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting ((as agent for Edward Logan, free miner's certificate No. B 31,354, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate o improvements.

Dated this 3rd day of April, A.D., 1901.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Notice.

Esquimalt Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Adjoining the Palo Alto mineral claim in the south belt.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (agent for Ernest William Liljegran, F. M. C. No. B. 13,610, Louis Blue, F. M. C. No. B 30,601, Swan Nelson, F. M. C. No. 31,032 and J. F. Travers, F. M. C. No. B 41,205) free miner's certificate No. B 31,110, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Dated this seventh day of March, A. D., 1901.

KENNETH L. BURNET

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

City Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: In the city of Rossland.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for Louis Linneman, F.M.C. No. B 31038, and Charles Schmidt, F.M.C. No. B 31039), Free Miner's Certificate No. B 31110, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1901.

3-28-10t. KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Burlington mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay disrict.

Where located: Between Sophie mountain and O. K. mountain on Ivanhoe ridge.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Robert Lamont, free miner's certificate No. B 30,868, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Dated this 12th day of March, A.D. 1901.

F. A. WILKIN.