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EDITORIAL NOTES

Old-timers caught in the holiday rush and gazing at the wonderfully alluring panorama of the shop windows often fall into reminiscent mood and re-live the Christmases of the long ago. Who does not fondly recall the magic of Christmas in his childhood?

Most of the presents were home-made. Perhaps grandma furnished mittens knitted by an oil lamp after you had been tucked in bed-thick warm mittens with a long cord that extended up through coat sleeves and around the neck to prevent loss. Aunt Saphronia gave you a basket of Christmas cookies, shaped like animals and stars and covered with delicious colored sugar.

Uncle Tom gave you a watch, and his generosity appalled you if it was the old turnip that he discarded. You can imagine the reaction you would get if you tried giving a 1925 boy a second-hand timepiece.

Most of the presents were useful, in the old days, including a reefer overcoat and a new pair of shoes. As for "boughten presents" they were limited to "the Erie Train Boy," by Alger, Henty's "With Clive in India," a New Testament, a sled, a pair of skates and that most wonderful of old-time toys, a tin monkey that climbed a string.

At that, Christmas of long ago represented proportionately as big an outlay as now, comparing earnings in the two periods.

But the gift itself was secondary to the spirit of the giver. Somehow every grown-up can't help believing the Christmas dinners of those days were superior. The Christmas eve entertainment at the church was as enjoyable as the modern movie. And the ride in a cutter over the deep snow beat the auto-trip of 1925.

Christmas is always changing and to adults never for the better.

COAL CREEK NOTES

Owing to the mild weather on Sunday last the hockey game between the Old Stiffs and Bruisers was postponed.

A number of our citizens are out in pursuit of deer.

Dan Chester, Ralph Benn and Geo. Dunwoodie left on Sunday night to spend Xmas in the old country.

Uncle Jack Lees left on Thursday night for his old home in England.

W. J. Laidlaw, government inspector of clubs, paid an official visit to this camp on Saturday.

J. L. Gates and Mr. Brand of Fernie were giving the camp the once over during the week end.

Fred Reeves, barn boss, is away on a visit to the Edmonton district.

Isaac Rothersay is visiting in Michel.

The new electric box car loader was tested out during the week.

Mrs. Wm. Thornton is in the Fernie Hospital undergoing treatment.

Mrs. T. Manning and son Reggie came home from the Fernie hospital on Monday.

The ladies of the Coal Creek United Church are holding a sale of work and home cooking in the church on Dec. 15. Lots of fun and games for the kiddies.

The Hockey Club will hold an ice carnival on the rink and a dance after the carnival in the Club Hall as soon as weather permits. Valuable prizes will be offered. Information in the meantime can be had from Dr. Workman.

The Misses Dicken and party of Fernie will augment the program of the Christmas concert given by the children in the Club Hall on Dec. 18. The program will consist of a Xmas playlet entitled "Miss Gregg's Christmas Party," a pageant "Why the Stars Shone," and a humorous musical act entitled "Sowing Seeds in Danny." There will also be vocal and instrumental selections. Admission by collection at the door.

Learning to skate causes many a man's downfall.

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When your eyes ache, sting or feel tired, it is nature's warning—they are strained.

If you are wise you will heed that warning and will have a complete examination of your eyes made and thus probably prevent serious eyesight trouble later on.

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POSED AS MILLIONAIRE

Albert Bradshaw, a young Englishman of many aliases, was arrested in Cranbrook on a warrant issued in Fernie, last Friday afternoon, just as he emerged from the registrar's office, where he had secured a license to wed a Cranbrook girl, when he hoaxed into believing he was a millionaire and hired her as his "private secretary," a position he had given her to understand would pay her \$350 per month. This will likely be the last of his impostures, however, as he made the mistake of leaving a board bill unpaid when he decided to leave Fernie. While here, Bradshaw went under the alias of E. Sheely and posed as a moving picture scenario writer and very wealthy. He even showed two bank pass books showing deposits of \$8000 in each. These, however, Chief Anderson soon discovered had been made out by Bradshaw himself.

Bradshaw was remanded for eight days when he first appeared in the police court here and is due to come up again tomorrow morning, and following the disposition of the Fernie charge against him, he will have to answer many other charges in other cities he has visited, a list of which Chief Anderson is gradually compiling.

ALTAR BOYS' SOCIETY.

An impressive ceremony took place in Holy Family Church Tuesday evening when the local Altar Boys' Club was solemnly affiliated with the St. John Berchman's Sanctuary Society.

This society is a world-wide organization of altar boys. It was officially approved and endowed with many privileges by Pope Pius IX on September 21, 1865. Holy Family Church has the distinction of having the first branch of the society to be organized in British Columbia, so the ceremony Tuesday evening was of special interest.

Rev. Father McKenna addressed the boys, reminding them of the honor conferred upon them, and instructed them in their duties and obligations as members of the society. He then gave each boy the official diploma, badge and manual. The ceremony closed with the benediction by Rev. Father Ehmman.

The following boys received the membership diploma: Joseph F. Chubra, John A. Turner, Steve A. Bella, John A. Bella, William A. Klauer, J. A. Lubac, M. J. Benisky, S. A. Becker, P. J. Becker, J. F. Becker, Vincent Podbielancik, E. J. Aiello, E. Fiorello, G. McGill, A. M. Rizzato, J. H. Hughes, F. E. Hughes, J. F. Woydaga, W. J. Riley and D. Butala.

Membership diplomas were sent to three former Fernie altar boys, Wm. Turner, Matthew Flood, and Michael Flood, who are attending college in Edmonton.

RESULT OF CARNIVAL DANCE

The Carnival Dance held in aid of the Hospital X-ray fund on Oct. 3, in the skating rink, was not the success expected, due to the cold weather prevailing at the time.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures:

Receipts—
Tickets sold to and donations by employees Coal Co. \$442.50
Tickets sold by Robt. Black Chapter I.O.D.E. 25.00
Door Receipts 56.75
From G.W.V.A. concessions 131.10
Refreshments by I.O.D.E. 40.45

Disbursements—
Light account 5.45
Printing 22.00
Music 32.00
Goods for concessions 145.20
Expense re sale of tickets 28.00
Misc. Expenses 11.25

Net Receipts \$243.90

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MONDAY & TUESDAY, DEC. 14 & 15

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Two Reel Comedy, "Don't Pinch"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DEC. 16 & 17

Anita Stewart in

"BAREE, SON OF KAZAN"

By James Oliver Curwood—A Love Epic of the Far North.

Baree's father was Kazan, a dog, and his mother was Grey Wolf. He was born far from human habitations and was half grown when he saw a man for the first time. This was Jim Carvel, who having shot a man for attacking his father (Carvel's) was hiding in the forests of Northwestern Canada. When Jim ran across the frightened Baree he wanted to make friends with him, but in reaching for the dog he fell and broke one of his legs. This is the beginning of one of the finest stories ever filmed.

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