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MUNICIPAL POLITICS

The nominations for the civic elections will take place at the City Hall on Monday, Jan. 14, and the elections on Thursday, Jan. 17.

At present there are three candidates in the field for the mayoralty chair, viz., the present incumbent, Mr. Thoms. Uphill and Aldermen G. B. Thomson and Ed. Macsham. All three candidates are cock sure of winning and the fight promises to develop into a battle royal.

At the last municipal election Mr. Thomson headed the poll for aldermen and Mr. Marsham came second with only nine votes behind. Of course this may be no indication of their popularity in a mayoralty contest, but it looks like a keen competition.

The aldermanic fight has not yet developed. We understand that all the old aldermen will be in the field again with the exception of the two who are out for the mayor's chair. Dan Alton has also signified his intention of running again as has also ex-Ald. Wm. Rehichaud.

Three trustees are retiring this year, viz., Messrs. W. Stockwell, S. F. Wallace and T. H. Williams. There is some talk that one or two ladies will enter the field for these positions although no names have yet been mentioned.

There are two police commissioners to be elected, the one receiving the largest number of votes sitting for two years and the other for one year. As the only qualification required is that the commissioner must be a British subject, it is intimated that one or two of the clergy may enter the field.

ANNUAL MEETING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Fernie Benevolent Society took place Saturday, Dec. 29, and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. E. K. Stewart.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. Cummings.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. R. Wood.
Treasurer—Mrs. Macneil.
Secretary—Mrs. F. Johnson.
Investigating Committee for the next two months—Mrs. Liphardt and Mrs. Cummings.

The following reports were submitted: To the President of the Ladies Benevolent Society, Fernie, B.C.:

I have audited the books of the Society for the year from Dec. 1, 1916, to Dec. 1, 1917 and find the same to be in order. Following is a list of receipts and disbursements for the year:

Receipts—Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1916, \$159.82; members' fees, \$25.30; Rent of dishes, \$24.00; Easter ball, \$204.25; donations, \$6.20. — Total of \$419.57.

Disbursements—Groceries, \$64.60; Meat, \$8.50; Miscellaneous, \$2.00; Drugs, \$35.70; entertainment, \$50.50; Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1917, \$243.57. — Total \$419.57.

Clara O. Cummings,
Secretary's Report:

During the year the Society has held ten regular meetings and one executive meeting, with an average attendance of 7 members out of a membership of 23. The President presided at all meetings. The work of the Society for the past year has been comparatively light. We have through our investigating committee attended to all the cases which came before our notice, aiding the destitute with food and clothing where necessary and if work was desired securing it for them.

Our finances were increased by our annual ball held on April 3, at which we realized \$153.75.

A resolution was passed at the meeting extending a vote of thanks to Mrs. Cummings for auditing the books.

Winifred Macneil, Secy.
Christ Church

The Christmas service of song in Christ church last Sunday evening was most effectively rendered by the choir and was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation. The anthem was "I Bring You Good Tidings," and the tenor and soprano solos by Mr. Alexander and Mrs. T. Prentice were sung with great feeling. Mrs. T. Prentice also sang the solo in the well known carol "When Christ Was Born of Mary," in which her sympathetic voice was heard to great advantage. The choir, which numbers 28 voices, and is most ably supported by organist, Miss Nelson, is taking a keen interest in its work and in consequence the services, which lend themselves so well to music, are very bright and in-

spiring. Next Sunday, the 6th, will be observed as a day of special intercession to Almighty God that he will guide us in the way of victory and peace. There will be appropriate music and addresses. Mrs. Prentice will sing "O Rest in the Lord" from the "Elijah" at the evening service.

The services will be: Litany and Holy Communion (choral) at 11 a.m. Evensong at 7.30.

During the evening service the Roll of Honor will be unveiled.

"GREEN STOCKINGS"

The Cranbrook Amateur Dramatic Company will visit Fernie, as announced in our advertising columns, for the purpose of presenting the comedy "Green Stockings" at the Grand theatre on Saturday, Jan. 12.

This will be the fourth performance by the Cranbrook amateurs within a period of three weeks. Their first appearance was at Creston on Friday, Dec. 28, when the play was well received by a large audience. The following day the company proceeded to Balfour and entertained the patients at the Military Sanitarium. In addition to the patients and staff at the sanitarium, the audience was augmented by a number of the residents of Balfour, Proctor and other points on Kootenay Lake, and the reception accorded the play amply repaid the company for the long trip they had undertaken for the purpose of entertaining the returned soldiers.

"Green Stockings" is a comedy in which Margaret Anglin played the principal role a few years ago, and is conceded to be one of the best comedies ever produced. There is a vein of excellent humor running through the entire play, which abounds in mirth-provoking dialogue and humorous situations.

A performance is being given in Cranbrook this evening under the auspices of the I.O.D.E., and the proceeds of the Fernie performance will also be devoted to patriotic purposes.

ELECTIVE POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A change in the municipal law goes into operation this month in municipalities in British Columbia that have no special charter governing their powers. This change has reference to the appointment of Boards of Police Commissioners.

Hitherto the government has made such appointments. But alterations in the Municipal Act have provided for the election of members in the future.

The former section of the Municipal Act has been repealed and the following substituted:

"In every municipality there shall be a board of commissioners of police which shall consist of the mayor or reeve, who shall be ex-officio chairman of the board, and two persons who shall, except as hereinafter provided, be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the mayor and aldermen or reeve and council."

This means, in short, that the electors choose the two commissioners instead of the government. Elections take place annually and the term of office is for two years.

THE ISOLDE MENGES CONCERT

Seldom have music lovers of our city been privileged to listen to such a treat as awaited them at the Methodist church on New Year's evening, when Isolde Menges, the brilliant English violinist, accompanied by Eileen Beattie, appeared before them. Miss Menges aroused the enthusiasm of her audience with her opening item and maintained it throughout her varied and most interesting program. If the contemplated return to Fernie in the spring should materialize, Miss Menges will receive an enthusiastic welcome from all who have heard her.

British pacifists have been carrying on their campaign for a German peace by spreading the rumor that it is Great Britain's intention to repudiate her loans in the present war. Anonymous documents urging people not to buy war bonds have been circulated in England. Mr. Bonar Law has taken the trouble to reply to this infamous rumor. Pacifists apparently can descend to any depths. Lying appears to be their stock in trade.

We had a sample of their activities during the recent election campaign in this country, and, no doubt, in the course of time, they will commence their activities again by the circulation of scurrilous pamphlets. Before they can resume their propaganda we hope the government will take active steps to deal with these enemies of the country. Not only should all their writings be seized, but those convicted of hampering the country in its war efforts should be held criminally responsible.

I.O.D.E.

Attention—Members of the I.O.D.E.—An important meeting of the I. O. D. E. for nomination of officers will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 3.30 p.m. in the Knox church basement. A full attendance is requested.

The following articles have been made up from I.O.D.E. materials and sent in by:

4 towels, Edna Barton.
4 towels, Clara Rawson.
10 tails, Alice Rawson.
6 tails, Eileen Bunch.
14 tails, Basketball Girls.
3 towels, Winifred Will.

12 personal property bags, Mrs. Hewat.

5 tails and 6 face cloths, Ella Shenfield.

6 face cloths, Nellie Shenfield.

6 face cloths, Lena Taverna.

6 towels, 5 tails, E. Parker.

6 sheets, Mrs. Cooper Stevenson.

9 handkerchiefs, Nettie Ingram.

5 tails, Nora Harper.

2 suits pyjamas, Myrtle M. Brown.

1 suit pyjamas, Mrs. J. Bough.

2 suits pyjamas, Mrs. Birkett, Coal Creek.

2 suits pyjamas, Mrs. Eekersley, Coal Creek.

1 suit pyjamas, Byrom, Coal Creek.

2 suits pyjamas, Mrs. Reed, Coal Creek.

2 caps, Mrs. Woods.

3 pair socks, Mrs. Saunders.

1 cap, Mrs. H. P. Wilson.

3 caps, Mrs. Dicken.

3 caps, Mrs. Donaldson.

3 caps, Mrs. Leyland.

1 cap, Mrs. Burt.

3 caps, Mrs. Todd.

4 caps, Mrs. Liphardt, Sr.

1 cap, Mrs. Birkett.

1 cap, Mrs. Reed.

4 caps and 1 pair socks, Mrs. John Brown.

2 caps, Mrs. Paterson.

1 cap, Mrs. Ramsay.

1 pair socks, Edith Chapman.

1 pair socks, Mrs. W. W. Brown.

Donation, Mrs. F. White, \$2.50, Prisoners of War Fund.

Donation, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, \$2.50, Prisoners of War Fund.

Donation, Mrs. Snider, \$1.00, Red Cross Work.

"THE DEEMSTER" AT THE ORPHEUM, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JAN. 9 AND 10

"The Deemster" is the most powerful dramatic story written by Hall Caine. The locale is the Isle of Man. The time of action is the early 18th century. Its motive is law and atonement.

Daniel Mylrea is the son of the Bishop of Men, the hereditary baron of the isle, whose temporal power is higher than that of the Deemster, or governor. The Bishop desires Dan to take orders. He prefers to become a fisherman. The Deemster has a son and a daughter—Ewan and Mona. Dan and Mona are in love. They will

marry when he can obtain her father's consent. Ewan becomes a clergyman in the face of his father's insistence that he take up business.

The Deemster opposes Dan's suit for Mona's hand because he has fallen from his high estate as the son of the Bishop and become a fisherman. His dislike turns to open hatred when Dan endeavors to borrow money from Ewan to pay off the crew of his boat. Dan has squandered the earnings of his fishing season in roistering with his crew at the inn. Ewan refuses the loan. Dan makes him a bitter enemy by knocking him down on his taunt that dissipating money in drink is as bad as theft.

The Deemster forbids Mona to see Dan. He meets her clandestinely. While these meetings are innocent, her father uses them to inflame Ewan's mind against Dan by leading him to believe his sister has been dishonored. Arming himself with a knife Ewan seeks Dan at his hut and finds him mending nets. He attacks Dan and in the conflict falls backward over a cliff and is killed.

Dan's men, the crew of the fishing boat, take Ewan's body to sea and sink it. The tide washes it ashore. The body is found and Ewan's death is revealed. Dan confesses and is committed to jail. The Bishop gives him an opportunity to escape. He refuses to go, feeling that he must atone for his sin.

Dan is tried for murder. His own father, the supreme civil and religious power of the island, to save him from the Deemster's sentence of death on the gallows, decrees that he shall be cut off from his people—none to speak to him, none to minister to him in illness and none to bury him in death.

For seven years Dan lives alone in a hut by the sea. Then a plague strikes the people of Man. The Bishop has learned of a monk in Ireland who has discovered a remedy for the pestilence and sends for him. The monk comes to the isle on a vessel which is wrecked on the shore near Dan's desolate hut. He dies in Dan's arms, who then dons the cleric's garb and carries the cure to the people.

When there is but one powder of the remedy left, Dan learns that the Deemster is a victim of the plague. He faces his enemy to minister to him. He finds himself stricken. Either he or the Deemster must die. Revealing himself to the Deemster he elects to die himself. Giving the Deemster the healing powder he staggers away to his hut. He is followed by Mona and dies in her arms.

"The Lonesome Chap," a Pallas-Paramount production, at the Isis on Friday and Saturday.

Al. Rizzuto has made some improvements to his residence property at the corner of Howland avenue and Thompson street, and will move his family in shortly.

Fernie, B.C., Dec. 28, 1917.

To the Electors of the City of Fernie :

Ladies and Gentlemen—At the request of a large and representative number of the ratepayers, and after careful consideration, I have decided to allow my name to appear before you as a candidate for Mayor for the ensuing year. The responsibility connected with the position is large, but I know I can fill the position to the satisfaction of the large majority if elected. I have a large amount of time at my disposal and if elected, will devote most of it to your interests in the fulfilment of my duties.

I would like to point out for your information and consideration the fact that my hands are in no way tied, and there are no straps on me. I do not know an individual, a firm, an organization, a corporation or faction who is in a position to tell me what I must or must not do, if elected Mayor.

I stated my views re salary for Mayor and Aldermen a year ago from the public platform. My views regarding salaries are just the same today. I will deal at greater length with this particular matter between now and election day, also with other matters which will arise between now and then. I will endeavor to see most of you personally before the day of election, and would ask you not to pledge yourself to any candidate until you have had my platform explained to you.

I earnestly solicit your votes and influence and wish all A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours very truly,
GEO. B. THOMSON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF FERNIE :

At the request of a large number of Ratepayers I have decided to allow my name to be placed in nomination for the position of Alderman. If elected I will endeavor to work for the best interests of the City.

Soliciting your support. I remain, Yours truly,
DAN ALTON.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

See "Seventeen" at the Isis next Wednesday and Thursday.

Jas. McCool lost a \$300 horse yesterday. The animal had broken its leg and had to be shot.

Miller & McCool, of Crow's Nest, have closed the contract for supplying the C.P.R. with ice for next season.

"Down to Earth," Douglas Fairbanks latest picture, at the Isis on Monday and Tuesday.

Owing to floods between Spokane and Seattle, the G.N. route to the coast has been tied up for several days.

Don't forget that the 11th of January is the last day for paying the second instalment of your Victory Bonds.

A meeting of the Amalgamated Patriotic Fund Executive will be held in the Council Chamber at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 6, 1918.

The local Odd Fellows have arranged to give a big masquerade ball in Victoria Hall on Jan. 25. A good live committee have the affair in hand and it is bound to be a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Scott, of West Fernie, had the misfortune to lose their little three year old daughter on Wednesday of this week. The funeral will take place at 2.30 on Saturday.

The regular monthly tea of the Ladies Guild of Christ Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Lamb, Howland Ave., on Wednesday next, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock.

Nick Postaula, a Russian employed in No. 1 East, suffered a compound fracture of one of his legs on Friday last. The accident was caused by a fall of coal.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will have a clothing and bedding shower for "Halifax" on Jan. 9. Contributions to be brought to the shop, which is open at any time during the afternoon of that day.

Fred Clarkston, of Fernie, a British reservist, who has put in two years and nine months in the trenches, has received his discharge and expects to be home in about three months. Fred was wounded in the hip a few months ago and has not recovered sufficiently to return to active service.

We are glad to state that Fred Spalding, who underwent a very critical operation at at Fernie hospital on the 15th of last month, is now out of danger and on the road to rapid recovery. He asks us to inform his customers through the medium of this column that he hopes to be able to return to business again by the end of the month and state that in the meantime Mrs. Spalding will be at the studio each afternoon to attend to the sale of views, etc.

Mrs. Sophia Jane McDonald, relict of the late John McDonald, of Lindsay, Ont., died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sherwood Herchmer, of this city, after a lingering illness of several months. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were among the pioneers of Northern Ontario, coming to Lindsay when it was practically a wilderness. Five daughters and four sons survive, all of whom, with one exception, reside in the west. They are: Mrs. S. Herchmer, Fernie; Mrs. H. W. Herchmer, Mrs. Gorlay, Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Annstey, of Victoria; Fergus R. of Vancouver; John, of Portland, and Cyril, who is at the front. The body will be taken to Victoria on tomorrow's train for interment. The bereaved sons and daughters, all of whom are well known in Fernie, have the deep sympathy of their many friends.

G. N. ENGINEER KILLED

Troy, Mont., Jan. 2.—Owing to the recent rains and heavy thaws Callahan creek bridge, a half mile east of here, gave way on Sunday morning, as engines 1757 and 1750 of an east-bound G. N. freight train passed over, precipitating both engines into the stream. Engineer J. O. Lucier of the first engine was killed and his fireman, Steve Harris, badly scalded about the face and neck.

Engineer "Silvertip" Sullivan escaped with cuts about the face. Wrecking outfits from Hillyard and Whitefish arrived and traffic was resumed on Tuesday. Lucier leaves a widow and two children at Whitefish.

On Dec. 22 the Young Ladies Progressive Class of Olivet Baptist Sun-

day school sent to the Halifax Relief Committee five pair of rubber gloves for the medical relief work. The following letter from Halifax, dated Dec. 28, shows the appreciation of the Halifax Relief Committee:

Dear Madam—The Relief Committee deeply appreciates your very thoughtful and generous contribution of rubber gloves for doctors here, and we wish to convey to you and to the members of your Progressive Class our sincere appreciation and thanks.—Ralph P. Bell, Secretary.

"DOWN TO EARTH"

Although typically a Douglas Fairbanks picture, "Down to Earth," which will be shown at the Isis theatre on Monday and Tuesday, is different from any of his previous Artcraft offerings. This is due to the fact that the photoplay does not feature the popular actor's thrillers but rather shows why he is capable of performing these hair-raising tricks. While "Wild and Woolly" was more of a thriller, the new Fairbanks picture gets most of its laughs from incidents concerning life as Douglas Fairbanks sees it, namely, under the great blue sky, close to nature.

"SEVENTEEN"

Have you ever stolen your father's dress suit to make an impression on your best girl? Or were you the girl for whom the dress suit was stolen? At any rate, you will appreciate the humor of the situation when you see it on the screen at the Isis theatre, where the Famous Players adaptation of Booth Tarkington's celebrated novel "Seventeen" is scheduled as the attraction on Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10. Jack Pickford in the role of Wm. Sylvanus Baxter, commits the theft in order to impress Louise Huff, who is Lola Pratt, the Baby Talk lady, in "Seventeen."

Donaldson—Biggs

A happy occasion was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Biggs, 121 McPherson Ave. at 3.30 o'clock, Wednesday morning of this week, when the daughter, Betty, was united in marriage to Mr. John L. Donaldson, the C.P.R. telegraph agent here, Rev. A. L. Carr officiating. After the wedding breakfast and music and singing the happy couple, amid congratulations showered on them by the several guests present, left on the westbound train for points in the United States and Vancouver, where they will spend a couple of weeks before returning to make their home in Fernie. The popularity of the bride was quite in evidence judging from the many presents she received. We share congratulations.

Methodist Church

Sunday, Jan. 6—Social service and Evangelism anniversary. Preacher, Rev. Hugh Dobson, B.D.

11 a.m., "Canada's Casualty Lists or Dead Through Indifference to Human Welfare."

7.30 p.m., "The Living Wall or the Triumph of Personality."

At the close of the evening service Mr. Dobson will give an illustrated address which should prove of great interest.

Monday, 3.30 p.m., Mission Circle.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., Recital by pupils of Miss West. C.S.E.T. meeting cancelled.

Thursday, 8 p.m., Meeting for prayer and praise in Primary room.

Friday, 8 p.m., choir practice. J. Fielding Shaw.

Knox Church

11 a.m., "Looking Forward."

7.30 p.m., "An Open Door."

2.30 p.m., Sunday school.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., Cottage service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Digby, 121 Thompson St.

Friday, 7.30 p.m., Junior choir practice; 8 p.m., Senior choir practice.

A. L. Carr, B.A., Pastor.

Olivet Baptist Church

Services Sunday, Jan. 6—

2.30 p.m., Sunday school and Bible classes. Adults' Class, also "Progressive" class for young ladies.

7.30 p.m., Regular evening service, followed by communion.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m., Ladies Aid will hold its annual business meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7.30 p.m., the young ladies "Progressive" class meets at the Pastor's home.

Thursday, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m., Annual business meeting of the church. Election of officers for 1918.

Rev. E. Fantetti, B.A., Pastor.