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TEACHERS' SALARIES ARE DISCUSSED BY CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Principals Speak on Behalf of the Staff and Ask for General Advance.

A general advance of salaries was asked by Principal Brady of the high school and Principal Macdonald of the King Edward school on behalf of the whole teaching staff of the city at the school board meeting last night. Mr. Brady handed in a schedule of the salaries paid in Vancouver and spoke of the value of the work of the teachers to the community. Mr. Macdonald said there was a general feeling among the teachers that salaries were not high enough. The cost of living held firm. Dr. Kergin pointed out that many of the teachers were engaged only last autumn and they knew what salaries they were to get when they accepted the positions. Now they wanted an almost immediate advance. He was sure, however, the school board wanted to be fair. He asked the principals to write the board a specific recommendation in regard to the amount they expected and the teachers who were doing the best work and were, therefore, most deserving. They must remember, however, that it was the people's money they were spending.

"BEAST OF BERLIN" IS HERE AT LAST

Will Be Shown At the Empress Theatre Tonight and Saturday.

Tonight and Saturday at the Empress Theatre "The Kaiser," "The Beast of Berlin," will be shown. This picture is Rupert Julian's sensational and stupendous production showing the sinking of the Lusitania. See the Kaiser smashed on the jaw by Capt. von Wohlbold, who, goaded to desperation by the war lord's cruelty, gains entrance to the palace and delivers the mighty wallop. There are scores of other startling and sensational smashes that make one want to go over; the top fighting mad. The surrender of the German navy will also be a feature of the show.

PTE. BOB MANSON WAS ENTERTAINED

Tea, Social and Dance at Metlakatla to Welcome Veteran Home From Front.

A tea, social and dance took place in the city hall at Metlakatla Tuesday evening in honor of Pte. Bob Manson who is the first returned veteran to arrive back in the village from overseas. There were about 150 present and speeches were made by the following: H. Provost, T. Mason and J. Anderson. J. McKay, an old timer, gave a talk on child life in the early days compared with the conditions today. Mayor C. P. Ryan made a speech on the great work Manson did at the front for his country. Dancing was kept up till early hours in the morning and everybody passed an enjoyable time.

VEILED IN MYSTERY IS WESTHOLME STORY

"The Man From Funeral Range" is Tale of a Prospector and a Beautiful Cabaret Girl.

Mark Brenton, a mining man of somewhat shady reputation, was shot and killed at a hotel and the affair is veiled in mystery. There were two people present when the shooting occurred. One was Harry Webb, a prospector, who is accused of the crime and the other, Janice Williams, a beautiful cabaret girl, who disappeared before she could be detained and Webb will probably pay the penalty. You've doubtless read stories like this in the newspapers, time and again. This, however, is merely the start of the new Paramount picture, "The Man From Funeral Range," which will be shown at the Westholme tonight.

There may be something you want. See the classified column on Page 5.

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NO BEER NO WORK STRIKE IS PROPOSED

(Special by G.T.P. Telegraphs.)
 New York, Feb. 13. — Announcement that all central labor bodies of the country will be asked by the Central Federated Union here to vote on the question of nation-wide "no beer no work" strike on July 1, made here by Ernest Bohm, secretary of the New York Union, who asked all labor organizations in this state to pass on the question.

MEAT PACKERS ARE INCREASING CONTROL

(Special via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)
 Washington, Feb. 13 — Francis J. Henri, former counsel for the Federal Trade Committee, testifying before the Inter-state Commerce Commission, declared that within ten years and probably within five, five leading meat packers would control the entire food supply of the country and would be able to charge any price they desired.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only. Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land. Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims. Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant. Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 5 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim. Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$300 per annum and records same improvements to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with actual occupation of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years. Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land. Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions. For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company. **PRE-EMPTOR'S FREE GRANTS ACT.** The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive. **TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.** Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted Agreements to Purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such Agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The rights of persons to whom the purchaser from the Crown has agreed to sell are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these allotments is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to town lots and lands of the Crown sold at public auction. For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to G. R. NADEN, Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B. C.

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