

BURNS LAKE

The best concert ever put on in Burns Lake took place last night in Ruddy's Hall under the direction of A. A. Connon. There were instrumental and vocal numbers and two sketches of great merit. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. H. J. Connon, C. A. Alexander, Wilmer Lewis, William McKenna, Kenneth Kerr, Mrs. M. F. Nourse, S. Connon, P. Thunders, Miss Zella Clark, Miss G. Stearns, Miss John Kerr, Miss Mae Helkenberg, Miss L. G. Andrews, Mrs. W. W. C. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Henderson, Warren Lewis, Fred Stearns, Joe Kerr, Bernard Smith.

Ira Short has returned home after a business trip to Vancouver, Yakima, Wenatchee, Seattle, Okanogan and Okanagan.

Carlson was killed last week at Forestdale when a tie fell on him crushing his skull. Death was instantaneous. An inquest was held at Telkwa and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

SMITHERS

J. L. Burtt, principal of the Smithers High School, has started action against E. F. W. Towers, of Chief Lake, for \$100,000 for malicious prosecution, libel and other injuries. The dispute dates back some years when Burtt was school teacher at Chief Lake and had differences with Towers.

Charles Wilson, Lake Kathleen teacher, has recovered \$167 damages from the Canadian National Railways for loss sustained by him on account of forest fires last year started by careless railway employees.

James Buchan, Les Lane and J. N. Carr have bought the O.K. group of mineral claims in the Smithers district from J. S. Kelly.

Mrs. A. A. Ward and children reached Smithers last week from Kimberley, East Kootenay, and will be spending several months with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hoskins.

P. R. Carr is back in Smithers after having spent several months in Seattle and Portland and other coast cities.

HAZELTON

New Hazelton school children enjoyed a sleigh drive to South Hazelton last week. It was provided by Mr. and Mrs. D. McLeod, of Vancouver, who sent the money to cover it as a present at Christmas time.

At the quarterly board meeting of the Methodist Church here last week, Rev. J. R. Hewitt was extended a unanimous invitation to remain another year here.

Robert Langlands has returned from the south where he spent the winter visiting with members of his family.

Miss Florence Gray was in town from Smithers last week relieving at the Union Bank during the absence of Cooper Wrinch.

TELKWA

Archbishop DuVernet is the guest of Rev. Mr. Brayfield for the day. While here he will look over the location for the new church that is to be moved from Hubert to the Round Lake District.

Many of the older residents of the district went down to Hazelton to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. (Dr.) Wrinch.

Rev. W. C. Mawhinney is in Hazelton for a few days to assist with the services at the funeral of Mrs. Wrinch.

Mrs. G. C. (Dr.) Paine left for Vancouver by way of Prince Rupert on Thursday's train. Mrs. Paine expects to spend a few months visiting her mother. Dr. Paine accompanied Mrs. Paine as far as Hazelton.

Mrs. Mapleton entertained a few friends at tea on Wednesday.

There are rumors of a few new settlers coming in to help fill up the Bilkley Valley.

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People Cannot Take More Out of a Community Than They Put In

COLLAPSE IS INEVITABLE

Town Will Not Survive Long if Its Commercial Structure is Torn Down Faster Than it Can Be Built Up

He who dances must pay the fiddler. That is an old saying which is full of truth. The primary idea in this saying, of course, is that one cannot have any pleasure without paying for it in some way, but this is not the only sense in which it may be construed. It means that we cannot pursue any foolish policy indefinitely without paying for it in the end.

No man can overtax his physical strength indefinitely without risking ultimate disaster. Dissipation or overwork may be continued for a time without any noticeable results, but if continued for a sufficiently long time the inevitable comes to pass. The laws of nature cannot be violated with impunity. If one takes out of life more than he puts in, if he tears down his physical strength faster than he builds it up, he must eventually pay the fiddler.

What is true of the laws of nature is equally true of economic laws. The people of a community may for a time tear down the commercial structure of a town faster than they build it up without meeting disaster, but it cannot be continued indefinitely. In the end they must pay the fiddler.

Exhaust Resources of Community

The person who makes his living in a community, receiving the money of the community for his labor or the products of his labor, and then spends his income outside of his community is helping to exhaust the resources of the community just as the man who expends his energy through dissipation over exertion faster than he builds it up is exhausting his physical resources. One man may do this, of course, without noticeably affecting the economic strength of the community, but when a dozen men or women do it the effect becomes noticeable and when a hundred do it the resources of the community become exhausted to the point where collapse is inevitable. Those who are responsible for this situation may think that they have profited individually by their actions, but they have not realized that in the end they must pay the fiddler.

There are some persons who seem to be able to get through life without much effort. There are some who proceed on the theory that the world owes them a living and they proceed to collect it. They take what they can get and give nothing in return. Such persons, however, are not very numerous. Most of us must pay for everything that we get. Some may have to pay more than their share and these are carrying the burden of those who get more than they pay for. The fact remains that, as a general rule, one cannot have much worth while without paying for it.

The merchants of any community are the backbone of that community, so far as its prosperity and progress are concerned. Individually there may be some of them who do not exert themselves to boost their community, but collectively they are the men upon whom the living of every person in the community depends. The success or failure of an individual merchant may not be of particular concern to the people of a community, but the success or failure of the merchants as a whole is a matter of the very greatest concern.

Business in a community cannot be conducted on a one-sided basis. A man cannot take out of his community a good living for himself and family and give nothing in return. He may do so for a short time and get away with it, but in the end he must pay the fiddler.

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