

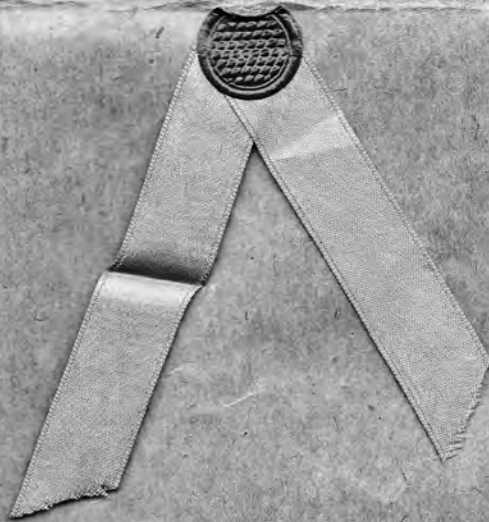
T H E S P A S M

A PERIODICAL OF COMPUNCTION

PUBLISHED EVERY NOW AND THEN

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE

STUDIOUSLY INCLINED.



However, we shall pursue an ultra-independent attitude
throughout the life of the paper. We will not
refuse any of the above, to for
LABORING UNDER THE BELIEF THAT A
PERIODICAL DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO
ITEMS OF A LOCAL NATURE AND NEWS
OF A GENERAL CHARACTER / WOULD
TEND TO STIMULATE THE INTEREST OF
THIS COMMUNITY - THE EDITORIAL
STAFF OF - THE SPASM - PRESENT THIS,
ITS INITIAL PUBLICATION - FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

If you think THE SPASM worthy of merit, tell others,
if not, tell us - and should the consensus of opinion weigh
in our favor - attempts of a nature bold will be manifested
to continue the life of THE SPASM. If contrary opinion
should overrule, we shall conduct obsequies of an appro-
priate character and gently place THE SPASM in its last
resting place.

A word as to the policy of this periodical - FIRST
Brevity above all things. The Editorial Staff will give
little attention to the grammatical construction or punc-
tuation of its articles, except those published under the
heading of "GOSSIPPE". Items of an anonymous (whatever
that means) character, will receive no consideration from
the SPASM, excepting those conceived in the minds of THE
STAFF. We shall be dee-lighted to receive items of general
interest, which will be reproduced, FREE OF COST - in
these columns, at the discretion of the Staff - but be
sure to give your name and address, especially the latter,
provided you live in Coalmont, Granite Creek, or Tulameen,
The House number and name of street are quite important
in case our Reportorial Staff should wish to get in immediate
touch with the author.

In short, the Policy of THE SPASM - insofar as human
means are possible, will be to attain the good-will of its
readers, and seek the co-operation of the community of boys
and girls - BOTH OLD AND YOUNG -

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

AH - An important item - Hey - What?

Well, after exhaustive discussions among the stock-
holders of THE SPASM - it was decided to place the paper
in the hands of the community on the basis of SIX THOUSAND
YEN - or one dollar and eighty five cents - per annum -
PAYABLE IN "GOOD WILL" IN ADVANCE.

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A REGULAR SUBSCRIBER - and an ar-
dent booster for THE SPASM - send in your name and address
directed to THE SPASM PUBLICATION COMPANY - UNLIMITED -

FOR ADVERTISING RATES - Make arrangements to meet the
Business Manager of THE SPASM - at his headquarters - YEARS
DEN - any time between Midnight and Two A. M. Bring a year's
payment in advance and we can assure you will get all that
coming.

WE APPRECIATE THE FACT - that some uneasiness will be
felt in the hearts of our esteemed contemporaries - publishers
of such well known periodicals as The Saturday Evening Post,
New York Times, London News - Vancouver Province and THE
Similkameen STAR - when they learn that the coming paper,
known as the SPASM - has entered the literary field.

However, we shall pursue an ultra-independent attitude thruout the columns of our paper, and shall positively refuse any attempt on the part of the publications mentioned above, to force us into the Periodical Trust.

When travelling, do not fail to call for THE SPASM for sale at News -stands in all our large cities, including New York, Montreal, Chicago, Winnipeg, and Granite Creek. If you fail to procure a copy, keep the matter strictly to yourself.

ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN PERFECTED - to send a competent staff of correspondents and photographers to represent THE SPASM - at the Front, where we had expected to receive ripe, ripping news direct over our private wires. However, we might add that this corps of famed artists have been indefinitely detained en route - at Princeton, awaiting definite advice from Lord Kitchener. We know our readers will be glad to know that such aggressive steps on our part are worthy of mention.

OUR INDUSTRY COLUMN

THE COLLIERIES AT COALMONT - ARE NOT DEAD - according to the latest bulletin published. The Physicians in charge are compounding a prescription which it is hoped, will benefit the patients and complete recovery is looked for on or about September first. We shall welcome both Mr. and Mrs. Colliery and all the Little Collieries, when they have fully recovered from that acute attack of "Waritis".

ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL INTEREST

PAW HOLMES - our worthy Road Superintendent in this District, and his equally worthy crew, are sojourning in the wilds of Granite Creek - making trails. Paw says fishing in the High Gear is the main diversion.

IKE McAVISH HAS TAKEN TO PAINT - Our Genial Ike has set a pace for other merchants in the community and when the job is completed, the appearance of his store will compare favorably to any in the vicinity. Keep up the good work "Ike" and more power to "yah".

TOURISTS WILL PLEASE BEAR IN MIND - to engage rooms at the Coalmont Hotel as far in advance as possible, thus avoiding mis-understandings when registering. The Management assumes no responsibility ~~XXX~~ in holding reservations unless same are sent in by wire "prepaid".

F. (ond) P. (spa) COOK - USED GOOD JUDGEMENT - in employing an up-to-date live one - in the personage of young Richardson - to operate his interests in Coalmont "DICK" has re-arranged the stock in the store, brightened up the shelves and his apt methods along the lines of salesmanship should be remunerative at the hands of F. P. It is becoming self evident even from casual observation that "RICH" with his thorough methods for efficiency, tact, diplomacy, neatness, and generally adaptability to environment, bids fair to compare with and even surpass, his most worthy and exemplary predecessor Jehosaphat Wessley Rossiter - who has recently answered the Call of His Country - Yes - and "Dick" can dance - Ask our Editress.

COLUMN "DE GOSSIPPE"

Mrs. D. R. Boucher and children have returned from a trip to the Coast. Our reporter has not been able to learn as yet whether she enjoyed the experiences of a "quarantine".

"Guy WIRE" Davis - THE COMING TENNIS CHAMPION - of this or any other District - as well as the Local Master of the "Kittle Valley" - keeps busy reporting extras on well the Line. Guy says this station has the ear-marks of a coming railroad center - some ? day. The Cartoonist of THE SPASM has offered Guy a package of "Bull" if he would pose for him - but Guy says Nothin' doin'. But never mind our moving picture department will get him yet, unawares sometime when attending a "dansant" to be brought to the

OUR "GENIAL "MITCH" reports a very enjoyable time as a guest of the Fords last week. Mitch is wearing the Prize Fish Story Medal - altho the Staff of the SPASM saw no direct evidence of his having caught any fish. I guess that ought to hold him fast.

HONEST JOHN T. - HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A SOJOURN / of "Important Business" and the Editor of the SPASM hopes to obtain an interview from him for the next issue. They tell us John procured a shave during his absence.

Miss KATHERINE H. - MADE A QUICK TRIP TO PRINCETON - and return 'tother day to buy more paint - (Not for Katie - "fer Mac")

HAS ANYONE SEEN "DAN" - THE COME AGAIN KID" in his travels from Tulameen to Granite lately? Dan's old route took in the office of THE SPASM but he has switched routes on us. A liberal reward is offered for the location of his new trail.

"SCOTTEYE" NELSON - ALIAS - UNCLE TOM - is a conspicuous character on our main thoroughfare, limping about on one foot and a look of agony upon that once smiling countenance - Too much action at tennis some one has said. But Scot old Sox claims he will be ready to meet J. Mac Laughlin Prendergast on the court most any day now, at this contest we are certain the audience will overtax the capacity of the Tennis Club's grandstand. And while on the subject of Scot's disallement - the staff deems it worthy of remark - after the manner of Sherlock Holmes - that this "busted limb" game is more or less of a ruse - behind which he and our Athlectic Editor - are hiding - thus postponing as long as possible - their ultimate defeat as Tennis Champions in Doubles - at the hands of their aspiring opponents - To Wit - J. MacLaughlin Pren - and the Office Boy.

SOCIETY COLUMN

Miss Ethel 'Olmes has as her house guest Miss Ruby Cameron of Spokane. Miss Ruby is a jewell allright - allright and twenty four carat at that. A more charming pair than Miss Ethel and Miss Ruby could not be found anywhere. Their popularity is increasing by leaps and bounds and our Society Department has delegated a corps of reporters to look after their movements in Society and THE SPASM will attempt to keep the public apprised regarding the parties attended by these fair maids.

THE "MACHINE GUN PARTY" - Given at the Granite Creek Hotel Saturday night last - was a complete success. Much credit is due the Cook Girls for the enterprising methods adopted, assuring all in attendance a good time. Guy Wire Davis was the only guest who cared nothing for dancing, although Miss Cameron and Miss 'Olmes protested to such extent that Guy consented to try a few of the New Steps. The prizes for the guessing contest were awarded to Mr. Horswell a one time Coalmont Merchant - and Miss 'Olmes - Some good guessers - they What - What ??

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE "GUN PARTY" - are sufficient we understand to purchase all the Machine Guns necessary to any army corps. This matter should be brought to the attention of the War Department - (Eastern papers of over 1,000,000 circulation - please copy)

MISS 'OLMES AND MISS CAMERON WERE GUESTS AT THE BUNGALOW - for dinner Saturday - They used good judgement in providing a lunch basket for the occasion.

JIMMIE DE PREN - IS SOME HOT FOOTER - when the dance is on.

THE CHARMING MANNERS OF "MITCH" have won for him Society Fame and his presence at all social functions is the source of keeping the "pot boiling"

OUR COMMUNITY IS KEEPING AGRIST OF THE TIMES - in the popular song composing line. To be more explicit our Enterprising Physician of Princeton - Alias "DOC" Campbell - in the interest of the uplift of Motor Vehicles above the motley - ancient pay-as-you-enter- tram cars - has just dashed off a howling success in this line - entitled - "I didn't raise my Ford to be a Jitney"

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A WIRELESS FROM OUR PRINCETON Correspondent - that Ethel and Ruby are to be the guests of Miss Nellie Monahan - with ruby, Ethel and Nellie - "THE CONFECTION TRIO" Princeton should be alive with parties this week.

NOW - THEN WE CLOSE THIS - OUR
FIRST ISSUE - AND WE TRUST NO ONE
WILL ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE THE GENERAL OFFICES OF THE SPASM - BUT
PERMIT US TO LIVE AND LET LIVE

Entered at the Coalmont
Post Office for the regular
price of a letter
this 29th day of July -
1915