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The above, which we clip from the Colville Index, will give our readers in the Upper Okanagan more food for reflection. Why is it that the Kootenay, where there is a good cash market for farm produce of all kinds, gets almost all its agricultural supplies either from Eastern Washington or the Canadian Northwest? Everything that the Kootenay district needs in this line could be produced (and for the matter of that) is produced in our own Province, and more especially so in the Upper Okanagan and Spallumcheen, which are the nearest agricultural districts to Kootenay in our territory. It is surely enough to allow American enterprise to secure and control the mineral wealth of the Province without allowing it also to bring in the food supply of our most prosperous mining districts. Several reasons could, of course, be assigned why such a state of affairs exists, but nevertheless one fact underlies the whole issue, and that is that trade goes to those who have the enterprise to push for it. The mineral deposits of the southern portion of the Province are falling almost exclusively into the hands of our neighbors across the line because they have the enterprise to take up prospects and develop them into mines. The agricultural supplies of south-west Kootenay are coming in from the States because the people of North-east Washington are better acquainted with the resources of our mining districts than our own people and recognize their importance and are pushing for a trade which they know must forever be on the increase. The average up-country farmer, fruit-grower, or other producer, will reply to this that the freight rates on the S. & O. and C. P. R. to Revelstoke are such that the railway would take the cream off the profits of any trade that he or any other up-country person might attempt to create between the Okanagan and Kootenay. This is true in one sense and in one sense only. It is true that small individual shipments of produce from (e. g.) Vernon to any point in Kootenay might not return large profits, perhaps very little, if any at all, but large co-operation shipments would certainly do so. It would pay the leading producers up north to combine and send a man to Kootenay to work up a trade.

Then, again, there is another matter which appears to have been quietly allowed to drop by the upper country—the through Okanagan-Kootenay wagon road. The Kootenay papers objected to the building of this road as an utterly unnecessary expense. This was from a Kootenay point of view. From a Kootenay point of view they were right in their assertions, as Kootenay can, and, as we all know, does, obtain its supplies elsewhere. From a broad provincial point of view, however, the construction of this through connecting link would not be by any means money thrown away, as it would be the means of giving Okanagan people an alternative route to Kootenay, and to a great extent place them independent of the railway route via Revelstoke. The up-country rancher should never "let up" agitating for this wagon road until it is completed.

We have not referred to the Boundary creek mining market or those of the south Okanagan, but will do so in a future issue. For topographical reasons they are not similar to that of Kootenay. The best part of the trade of these camps is held by ranchers in their near vicinity, though a great deal of produce comes from across the border, but a good trade could be worked up by the people up north in meeting certain requirements and which we will try to make clear in another article. Generally speaking the time has come for the up-country rancher to push for trade which he could handle quite as easily as those who are getting it. There is no need to send more money across the line than is absolutely necessary.

MINES OF THE PARROTT COMPANY.

As the Parrott Company, of Butte, have lately secured large interests in the Summit and Greenwood camps the following particulars about the company will prove of interest to our mining readers:

Next to the workings of the Anaconda company, only two are of equal importance in the production of Butte mines. The principal properties owned by this syndicate are the Parrott and Moscow, with the entire product of the Virginius; all of which goes to the Parrott Smelter. There are about 500 men employed by this company. This number is divided by 290 at the smelter and 210 at the mines. Besides the product of the above mines the company works all the custom ores it can purchase, thereby keeping many other mines in constant operation the year around. The monthly product of this ore is about 1,500,000 pounds of pure copper, 100,000 ounces of silver and a small percentage of gold. When the company have moved their works to Gaylord, they will have increased the capacity of the smelter so that they will be able to handle about twice as much ore and keep as many more men working and increase their production. J. E. Gaylord, a mining man of vast experience and business ability, is the general manager. The smelter is in charge of H. A. Keller. The Parrott is a steady dividend payer and a successful corporation. Their removal to Gaylord and the increasing of the capacity of the mill will enable many new mines to start up under lease, and the Parrott company will be in shape to purchase their products.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR HERR EDITOR—It vas so long since I vas write you and as der Chrismas vas also now comdt it vas take to mein mindt that I vill write you von small letter and vill discuss mit you some of dos tings you vos prindt in dot paper of yours. At von time in mein life I vas ein minor, so dat I vas know sometings in dat directore. Vell den, ven you vos try and introduce the Snyde process of getting goldt it vas most natural dat I say to meinself, "Ach, Herr Editor, you vas make some of der tricks of your trade and vos try to get der goldt in some easy vay. Dat is all very well, but ven you vas toldt us at Christmas dot dos Velsch Rabbit vas to be got so scheap as notings, den ve vos say dot Herr Editor vas eat too much of der turkey dat he make der picture of and vas make der night mare in der paper." Vell, vell, if you vas not tell der people der good vays for der mines I vas next time expose you and you vas lose der interests of der country mooch more so den vat you vas now. Ven I vas show mein friends der story of Herr Hinckey Blinkey, dey vos toldt me dot it vos von tanderin lie, and dot der editor could not spring sooch guff on dem. Dis vas givt me grieve, for I vas know ein man vat know anoder man vat vas named Jawkins who vas see der whole tings. It vas, as you see, dat on dat same mornings Herr Jawkins vos gone up der same roadt, but vas somvat later dan Herr Hinkey, and ven he vos heardt ein big rumble, he vas look up der mountain and vas see der slide mit Herr Blinkey and der bear comedt right down upon him and vas so baralyzed dot he vas not got von limb to move, fear and vascination heldt him as dough rooted to der groundt, but ven he vas see Herr Hinkey played der comet and vas see him roostedt in der tree like ein bald-headed eagle, and vas make der spring-pole of der tree mit vich he vas kill de bear, den Herr Jawkins vas forget himself, and vos laff so vide mit his mouth dat he vas not mark de slide till it vas gone, ven he feldt as dough his spinal column vas madt mit ein icicle and der schill vas schase von each odder up and down. "Vell, vell," he vas say to himselves, "Herr Jawkins dat vas der biggest and der coldest ice cream you vas ever swallow," and ven he vas see Herr Hinkey comdt midt der bare feet, he vas say, "Ach! poor Hinkey, he vil die from der coldt. Jawkins, mein pov, you vas joost run to der saloon and vas see dot der vas sometings varm redty for dot man Hinkey, and you vas got von schmall schnaps for yourself. Scoot—taw out der ice cream." SCHNEIDER.

THE WHITES MUST GO.

Captain J. W. Bubb, agent of the Colville Indian reservation, has directed that all white residents of the reservation shall remove therefrom forthwith, and it is said that the order, which was made under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior, will quickly be enforced if not complied with at once. The white settlers on the reserve who have lived there for years, and have accumulated some wealth in the shape of stock, improvements on lands, etc., are considerably agitated, and some of them threaten to contest the right of the authorities to put them off.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1895.

That the Provincial Government is again obliged to place a large loan on the London market can scarcely be considered a very creditable state of affairs by even the most ardent supporters of the present administration. That the Province would be obliged to borrow more money was a foregone conclusion, but that so large a sum as $2,000,000 would have to be added to the existing Provincial debt, in order to carry on the government of the Province is certainly not calculated to inspire the taxpayers with feelings of joy. As for the general policy of "borrowing money to open up the resources of the country," it is unquestionably a good one. But has the money so far borrowed been used solely for that purpose? It is to be hoped that if the bill brought in becomes law—and this may be safely considered a certainty—that the money borrowed will be used in really opening up the country in a legitimate manner by the making of new roads in our mining regions and not in assisting such manifest leals as the construction of the Nakusp & Slocan railway, and in such utterly unproductive public works as the new Parliament buildings.

THE letter signed R. A. G., calling attention to the necessity of commencing work on the bridge at Ingram's without further delay, is a timely communication. If this work is going to be undertaken at all it should be begun now, when the conditions are favorable, and it can be built at a less expense than any time later on. There is no need for us to enlarge on the necessity of this bridge. That is what is well known to everybody. The money has been appropriated and nothing stands in the way of its being built. Any further delay in this matter cannot well be excused.

In this issue will be seen a letter from "Junius Junior" similar in style to one published in this paper when printed at Fairview, calling attention to the matter of blank vouchers having been signed by men doing work on the Provincial roads. Junius Junior should, if he knows of any crooked work having been done, make his charges openly and publicly, so that the matter can be sifted out. As far as we are concerned we can give no explanation whatever of the matter, as we do not understand the nature of the charges made.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BRIDGE AT INGRAM'S.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR,—I have not heard anything lately about the bridge across the river at Ingram's. At present we manage, with considerable inconvenience, to get freight across, but bye and bye, when high water comes, we shall have the same trouble as last year, after the old bridge went out. I understand that a new survey has been made, the new bridge to be considerably higher. At the time the survey was made it was understood that the bridge would be built as soon as the river froze over. Why then the delay? If the ice breaks up it will cost considerably more to build than at present. I hope the authorities will waste no more time on this important matter. If the bridge is not built before high water the result will be that we will be compelled to still get the bulk of our freight from the other side, to the detriment of British Columbia. Yours truly, R.A.G.

Boundary Falls, Jan. 14, 1895.

BLANK VOUCHERS.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—Of the fact that we of Kettle river are a patient and long-suffering people there can be no doubt, still at times there are questions which, as one might say, stick in the crop until satisfactorily answered. Amongst these, one of importance to this lower country demands, we think, a better explanation than we can get from unauthentic sources, and that is the small (?) matter of blank vouchers being signed by those employed on the Kettle river wagon road. Long ago, Mr. Editor, you asked for explanations and yet we see them not. There are many people in the country who will be greatly obliged to you if you will unravel the mystery. Yours truly,

JUNIUS JUNIOR.

Kettle River, B. C., 10th January, 1895.

I enclose my name, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

A PROSPECTIVE BOOM IN COPPER.

Some are of the opinion that the copper combine, now in progress, will have a tendency to advance the price of this metal, while others hesitate to favor the formula, from the fact that it may result in a trust whereby the smelting interests are the instigators, with bad results to the miners. There is certainly a prospect of an advance in copper; but, will the price remain up any length of time? is the question. The smelter trust recently organized in Denver is being rebelled against by the producers, and at Park City, Utah, there is general consternation, and the miners and mining men are up in arms against the proposition. As near as we can surmise the situation, there is "a nigger in the woodpile" somewhere, and snap judgment is to be sprung from some source. The copper syndicate recently formed in Chicago, and now in the West, and possibly in Butte to-day, has some object in view that means a boom in the copper market and a general advance in Butte's mining interests. They are after the manager of the Anaconda for a satisfactory compromise. The result will be watched with interest.—Mining and Market Reporter.

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

FAIRVIEW, Jan. 10.—The mill is at present closed down pending the arrival of fresh shoes and dies which have been shipped from San Francisco.

The latter are expected to arrive any day, when a steady run will be made till the expiration of the Morning Star lease.

The last sixty tons put through the mill realized better than any ore previously crushed, and the ledge is widening out.

Mr. G. Sheehan went up to Vernon by Thursdays boat.

Mr. Gillfotte who was here for the past few weeks settling up the estate of the late Mr. John Moffat has returned to his home in Fredricton N. B.

Mr. L. W. Shaford leaves for the coast next Wednesday on business. Q.

Mr. E. P. Suydam returned to Boundary to-day accompanied by Mr McIntyre, of Butte, Montana.

Mr. H. P. Palmerston returned from Marcus on Sunday, and reports having to leave freight at Morrisey's, Grand Prairie, the roads being in such a condition that teams could not pull a sleigh over them.

The first of a series of bi-monthly dances will take place in Palmerston's Hall on Saturday next. Dancing will commence punctually at eight o'clock and will be continued not later than half-past eleven. Good music will be in attendance and everything done by the committee in charge to insure a pleasant time. The object for which the dances are instituted is the spending of an agreeable hour by those who enjoy tripping the light (or heavy) fantastic, all of whom are cordially invited to attend. By this and other means the dull monotony of the winter months may be broken.

Good steady winter weather, with a moderate amount of snow and no very severe frosts characterized the winter up to a few days ago, when with little warning and without the usual chinook wind a general thaw set in, accompanied by rain, which caused the snow to disappear from the hills as if by magic, leaving them almost bare, and filling the watercourses to overflowing. As a consequence sleighing throughout the country is bad. This mild spell is termed by the old timer the usual January thaw, and may be looked upon as quite natural occurring in a country possessing so favorable a climate as B. C. Many, however, would prefer the winter without the thaw, and are praying for frost and snow, which bring a promise of jingling sleigh bells.

In last week's issue the fact was chronicled that a wholesale slaughtering of cattle had taken place on the Terotee creek range, about five miles below Midway, on the Colville reserve, four animals having been killed in one night by parties then unknown. During the past week, however, the constables, by assiduous search, seem to have located the guilty parties, as it is reported that on Saturday last two men were arrested for the crime by Constables F. O'Brien and Dennis Peon. Whether these are the guilty parties and the crime will be brought home to them remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, and that is the time has arrived when cattle stealing on both sides of the line should be a thing of the past, and the only way to effect a change is to severely punish parties found guilty, so that others shall receive a salutary lesson that shall deter them from doing likewise.

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TAX NOTICE.

Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

NOTICE is hereby given that assessed and Provincial revenue taxes for 1895 are now due and payable at my office, Osoyoos, at the following rates:—

If paid on or before the 30th June—

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate:

One-third of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

One-half of one per cent on the income of every person of fifteen hundred dollars and over;

Two per cent on the assessed value of Wild Land,

If paid on or after the 1st July—

Two-thirds of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate;

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

Three-quarters of one per cent on the income of every person of fifteen hundred dollars and over;

Two and one-half per cent on the assessed value of Wild Land.

All persons whose taxes are in arrears up to the 31st December, 1894, are requested to pay the same forthwith, or costs will be incurred at an early date.

C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Assessor and Collector for the Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

Government Office,
Osoyoos, 5th January, 1895. td

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to the "Trustees and Executors Act," notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims against the estate of John Moffat, of Fairview, British Columbia, who died on the first day of November, 1894, and of whose estate probate was granted on the 17th day of December, to George J. Sheehan, of Fairview, aforesaid, are hereby required to send in the particulars of their claims or demands, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 1895, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having reference only to the debts, claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice, and for the assets or any part thereof so administered or distributed and he will not be liable to any person of whose debt, claim or demand he shall not then have had notice; and all persons indebted to the estate of the deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the executor,

GEORGE J. SHEEHAN,
EXECUTOR,
December, 18th, 1895. Fairview, B. C.

MINERAL ACT, 1891.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE EMPIRE MINERAL CLAIM,

Situated in Camp Fairview, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Francis R. Kline, Free Miner's certificate 52,455, intend by my agent, Thomas Elliot, of Camp Fairview, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

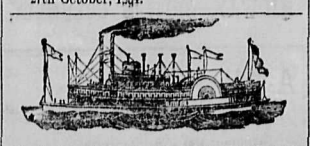
Dated this 17th day of January, 1895.

GOLD COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Osoyoos Division of Yale District.

All placer claims and lease holds in this district legally held may be laid over from the 1st of November, 1894, to the 1st of June, 1895.

C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Osoyoos, B. C., Gold Commissioner.
27th October, 1894.



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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Cattle have all been rounded up in Grand Prairie.

The weather has again turned cold with prospects of a heavy snowfall.

Recent prospecting on the Elkhorn has disclosed the vein to be 20 inches in width.

Mr. Kline is taking out a certificate of improvements for the Empire claim, Fairview.

Mr. W. S. Jones, lately customs officer on the Columbia, is now stationed at Rossland.

The Sheep creek wagon road is now open, and ore can be hauled from the Trail mines without let or hindrance.

Mr. Haas, M. E., Midway, has completed an exhaustive report on the Paris and Lincoln claims, White's camp.

"Stonewall Jackson" has located a fraction between the Paris and Alma claims, White's camp. It is called the Lucky Boy.

The dispute between Mr. Thomet and the leasers of the Gold Bug, the fraction between the Elkhorn and D. A., has not yet been settled.

Mr. White has commenced assessment work on the Eagle Bird. This claim was located last spring and runs parallel to the Jack of Spades on the north-east.

Mr. H. Morgan, who lately was trapping thirty-five miles up Boundary creek, and who recently brought down 200 martin skins, is again trapping in the same region.

Another 320 acres has been pre-empted near Midway by Mr. James Grant. This is located south of East's ranch and west of Jackson's.

Mr. G. A. Rendell has taken up a pre-emption on Boundary creek on the opposide side to Mr. McCarren's. Messrs. Winters and LaPlante have also taken up the section adjoining to the north.

Mr. T. Humphrey is now rapidly recovering. It takes a good deal to kill a man who can break a few ribs and then ride eighteen miles to a dance, dance all night and then ride home as if nothing had happened.

The Jack of Spades claim, White's camp, of which Mr. Clement Vacher has secured control, takes in 700 feet of the Lexington lead. The ore is iron and copper carrying gold. There is a first-class tunnel site on this claim.

Mr. W. Hamilton-Merritt, who was recently in charge of the Strathyre Company's property at Fairview, is now giving a course of lectures at the School of Mining, Kingston, Ont., on the discovery and winning of ores and also on practical milling methods.

The tests by the Cyanide process on the ores of the Lincoln and City of Paris, made by Mr. Pellew Harvey, demonstrate that 90 per cent of the gold and silver can be extracted at a cost of $3.50 per ton. The estimated cost of a 20 ton plant ready for operation is $12,000.

On Monday night a raffle took place at the Boundary Falls hotel for Mr. McCarren's horse Roney, a fifteen dollar suit and a five dollar hat. Mr. R. Patterson, who is working on the Skylark, won the whole outfit. Mr. Patterson is to be congratulated on securing the best known and most knowing horse on Boundary creek—and won that will suit him hat that.

Mr. Monaghan, who, on going east about a month ago, was called to the bedside of a sick son, passed through Midway on Sunday on his way to Camp McKinney, and and reported the gradual recovery of his son—who is a student in the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland—to health. Mr. Monahan was being taken through from Marcus to McKinney by Mr. Covert, of Grand Prairie.

Six men are now at work for Mr. Boss on the Gold Rod. Mr. Robertson, the foreman, reports the main working shaft to be now down forty-five feet. It will be continued to a depth of 110 feet, and the necessary timbers have been got ready. The shaft is being sunk perpendicularly, and the vein, it is expected, will be struck before the total depth is reached. The vein, which has an enormous surface showing of seventy-five feet in width, has lately been opened up 800 feet to the north-west. It carries ore running high in both gold and copper.

The shaft on the Last Chance is now down 27 feet and the vein looks better than ever. The road which now connects the through wagon road with the Skylark having been continued out as far as the Last Chance, could at comparatively small expense be carried on for a couple of miles further west to connect with the new sleigh road which runs up to the mouth of Prior creek, close to the Providence, Master Mason and claims adjacent. If this were done there would be another through route across Boundary mountain, which would pass by the Defiance, Last Chance, Crescent and Skylark, all of which promise to be the scene of active mining operations in the near future.

There are six men doing development work up in the Summit camp for the Parrott people.

A few cattle were lately shot in Grand Prairie, as they were suffering from "big jaw."

Mr. D. A. Holbrook has invented a rawhide sleigh in which he can travel over the trails in any weather.

Mr. Lefevre left Midway on Tuesday for Fairview, on foot, to close the deal of his interest in the Morning Star.

Messrs. Bartholomew and Myers have finished their charcoal burning and have commenced to sink on the Master Mason.

Mr. Paul Meyer is fencing in a portion of his pre-emption between Deadwood and the Copper camp. Mr. A. Wallace is also getting out rails to fence in his ranch near Prior creek.

Mr. Vacher, of the St. Lawrence, is no tenderfoot at mining. He attended a college of mining four years in France, and has been mining and prospecting out west for the past ten years.

The C. P. R. agent at Penticton informs us that it would be advisable to send small sample shipments of ore from that point to Vancouver in boxes not sacks, as the sacks get torn in transit.

Mr. Powers is getting out 600,000 feet of logs for the Midway saw mill, and is taking them from the following places: Jackson's, Conkle's, B. Ingram's, Black's, J. McCollum's, and Stuart & Norris'.

Mr. M. K. Ingram had a close call from drowning while crossing the Kettle river near Tonasket's on horseback last week. The ice broke and he had the greatest difficulty in saving both himself and horse.

Mr. J. Sutherland has sold his ranch on the bench about one mile from Boundary Falls to Mr. Castleman, of Chilliwhack—father-in-law of Mr. R. D. Kerr—who will bring in his family in the spring. There are over seventy acres of good land on this place.

Mr. Coryell, C. E., was lately in Victoria, and a write-up of a conversation with him on the Lower Okanagan and Boundary Creek camps appeared in the Colonist. As is usual with coast reporters, some of the facts are a little mixed. The coast reporter has as little knowledge of Provincial geography as the law allows him to have.

Mr. Vacher is making a number of tests of ore from the St. Lawrence. It is his intention to thoroughly prospect the claim and to do a great deal of development before asking any French syndicate to take it up. French capital, according to Mr. Vacher, seeks a straight business proposition, returning a legitimate revenue, and does not hanker after wildcat speculations.

Mr. A. Jackson, who formerly resided on Boundary flat, returned last week from the Nicola country, where he has been in the employ of the Douglas lake cattle company. He will put in the winter on his brother's ranch, near Midway. Mr. Jackson reported that so far the winter had been exceptionally mild in the Nicola country, and that the cattle were doing very well.

Half a mile north-east of the Skylark lies the Crescent mineral claim, which is one of the best, if not the very best prospect in that vicinity. It has a very rich vein of silver and gold-bearing ore, but litttle work has been done on it, owing to dispute as to ownership, it having been staked off by two different prospecting parties on the same day. It is to be hoped that this matter will be settled before long, as it is a geeat pity for such a good claim to be lying idle and unproductive.

Some of the boys up the creek the other day, having nothing else to do, attached a tin can with a long piece of wire to Tom McDonald's white mule's tail. The noble animal ran down the road at the rate of two miles a minute, and the end of the wire caught in the clevis of Mr. Roy's plough, which was lying out in the road. This is the reason why the road up the creek looks as if a snow plough has been run over it, and accounts also for the sad, plaintiff smile on Mr. Roy's countenance. The mule is recovering, but the plough is a plough no more.

A correspondent to this paper from Vernon writes: "Thank God we have at last found a way out the diphtheria trouble. Clause 171a of the Municipal law permits of special levies to cover the expenses of the Board of Health. So there will be a little kicking and a few more cents to pay and people may wake up to the necessity of establishing a hospital somewhere." Vernon paid pretty dear through not having a hospital during the diphtheria scare and is liable to have to pay dear again unless the citizens wake up to the fact that a hospital is an urgent necessity.

The Camp McKinney stampmill commenced running on the 26th day of last April. It has never been shut down except for two or three days, when the frame of the building was being put around it. We doubt if such a run has ever before been made in B. C., and htere is little prospect of the mill closing down for some years to come, as there is pay ore in sight. The Caribou company have already circulated a great deal of money in the district (they have employed 30 men as a steady average) and the camp is to be congratulated on having men like them in it who are not afraid of working a good property when they own it.

ROMANCE OF A BULLET.

It Recalls the Eventful Days of the Siege of Paris.

This advertisement was printed in one of the newspapers recently:

"LOST—On Friday evening, in 23d st., near 7th ave., a lady's gold watch and chain, with a bullet set in silver, a small glass cross and a medal; the finder will be rewarded at Priest's drug store, 23d st. and 7th ave.

There is nothing remarkable about the watch, chain, cross or medal, but the bullet has a romance which the loser of the trinkets told to a Sun reporter. It begins away back in the time of the Franco-Prussian war. At that time the person in question was studying art in Paris. In her own words the romance of the bullet is as follows:

"When the siege of Paris began, I, like a number of other American women, offered my services as a nurse. There were enough of us, I am proud to say, to maintain a hospital of our own. About the last of October or the first of November, 24 years ago, our ambulance drove up one day to the tent over which I had charge, and they lifted a handsome young Zouave out of it. He had been shot in the calf of the leg. The surgeons immediately laid him upon the operating cot and began probing for the bullet. I was bathing his head and trying to relieve his pain When they finally cut the bullet out I took it, washed it, and, as is customary, handed it to the wounded man. With a cheerful smile he said:

"'Won't you keep it, mademoiselle? As soon as I get well I can go out and get another.'

"I thanked him, and promised that I would keep it and wear it. I had a silver band placed around it, with three little silver chains, so that I could wear it on my watch chain."—New York Sun,

AFTER DIVES HAS DINED.

A Thrifty Frenchwoman Collects Enough to Furnish Her Boarding-House Table.

An illustration of keen French thrift, beside which yankee methods resemble almost oriental extravagance, is the catering done by a little French boarding-house keeper, says the New York Evening Sun. She supplies small rooms and two meals a day to lodgers of modest means, who boast of her table. It is, indeed, quite royally spread, and literally from the kitchen of millionaires. A year ago it occurred to her, as she went to market in the early morning, that the garbage cans sent out from the areaways of fine houses betrayed a lamentable wastage of good food. She was visited by a great idea and acted upon it by having interviews with the cooks of several uptown mansions. The result was that for a small consideration these cooks consented to permit her the privilege of making what selections she wished from the plates and dishes returned to the kitchen from the mistress' table, after the cook had made certain reservations. Here was a wealth of material beyond the dreams of any boarding-house gourmand. The little French woman rarely goes to the regular market, but once a day makes her rounds to the kitchens. She carries a basket lined with zinc and divided into compartments, and a fork. Her selections from the plates and dishes are made with the utmost discretion, and in her own kitchen every scrap is turned to the most tempting and wonderful account. Her expenses have been greatly reduced, and her boarders look forward to her meals with great anticipation.

Worry.

Worry is killing. It is bad management that kills people. Nature will let no man overwork himself unless he plays her false, unless he takes stimulants at irregular times, smokes much or takes opium. If he is regular and obeys the laws of health and walks in the way of physiological righteousness, nature will never allow him or any person to work too hard. I have never yet seen a case of breaking down from overwork alone, but I admit that it is necessary above all things to cultivate tranquility of mind.

Try to exercise your wills in regard to this—for will counts for something in securing tranquility—to accept things as they are and not to bother about yesterday, which is gone forever; not to bother about to-morrow, which is not ours; but to take the present day and make the best of it. Those women who will continually peer into what lies beyond never have any present life at all—they are always grizzling over the past or prying into the future, and this blessed to-day, which is all that we are sure of, they never have.—Sir Andrew Clark.

"Little" Japan.

Possibly it is because Japan is a pet of the American public that she is so frequently spoken of as "little Japan." Among the nations of the earth Japan is not specially little either in area or population. The area of Japan, 147,655 square miles, is larger by 27,000 square miles than that of the United Kingdom. Furthermore, there are 41,000,000 people who are subjects to the Mikado, against 38,000,000 in the United Kingdom, taking latest census reports in both cases. Japan's population is larger than Italy's by fully 10,000,000, while her area is 37,000 miles greater. No one speaks of Italy as "little Italy," although she is not so populous as Japan. Japan has nearly ten times the area and almost twenty times the population of Denmark. Japan is not a "little" country save as compared with such unwieldy masses as the Chinese Empire or such a giant as the United States. That she is big enough to hold her own and more she has evinced in battle to the amazement of her great antagonist.—Boston Transcript.

Christmas Carols.

The first Christmas carol, as Milton and Jeremy Taylor have said, was sung by the angels on the plains of Bethlehem. This custom has prevailed in most Christian countries and is perpetuated in England and on the continent. Calabrian minstrels still leave their mountains during the last days preceding Christmas for Naples or Rome, saluting with their wild music the shrines of the Virgin Mother, to cheer her until the birth hour of the infant Jesus, now near at hand. The first Christmas carols were hymns in honor of the nativity. They afterward assumed a more secular character, many of them being songs of revelry accompanying the festivities of the season.

The War Scare.

Jimson, meeting Tinson the other morning on the 'bus, coming to the city, after passing the usual courtesies, comes out with the following:

"Apropos of the war scare, I have arrived at the conclusion, after grave consideration, that if a colored waiter should drop a platter containing a roast turkey, the act would be productive of a grand complication of evils: namely, the downfall of Turkey, the overthrow of Greece, the breaking-up of China, and the humiliation of Africa!"

NATURAL HISTORY TALKS.

A Queer Little Animal With Very Queer Little Eyes.

There is a queer little animal called the chameleon who has so many odd things about him that it would take a long story to tell them all. First there are his eyes. They are very large and round and stick out like big beads from the side of his head. And he has the ability to turn them in all sorts of different ways, so as to see all about him. He can turn one up and the other down, or one forward and the other back, and so see the smallest insect in any direction. It cannot escape those wonderful eyes when the chameleon is looking about for a dinner.

The skin of the chameleon is loose and he can swell it out into queer shapes, and he has some peculiar property of this skin whereby he can change it from one color to another, generally becoming the color of the tree or ground upon which he is walking. Then his feet are of such peculiar shape that he can easily hold on to the branches of the trees upon which he is walking. And in this business of climbing and walking trees he is much assisted by his tail, which is long and prehensile like a monkey's, enabling him to hold on while climbing from branch to branch.

The chameleon has also a queer tongue. It is nearly as long as his body, thin and sticky. Whenever he perceives a good fly or bug he darts out this long, funny tongue and captures his dinner without turning from the spot where he stands.

This strange little animal lives in Africa. For many years little was known about him, but on account of his odd traits and queer habits very curious stories were told about him in the olden times. And the little fellow himself was regarded with an absurd awe, just because nobody understood him.

The Queen's Bath in Madagascar.

Since the great African island has lately caused a great deal of talk it will not be uninteresting to give some account of the strange ceremony practised at the Malagasy national festival every year, as related by nearly all the travelers who have visited the land of the Hovas. The "Faudroana," or royal bath, was first instituted by King Ratambo, and is held annually, by royal proclamation, from the 22d of November to the 10th of January. During this time no business is allowed to proceed. The people of the kingdom meet the Queen in the Silver Palace on the first day of the festival, and a red cock is then brought by the head priest or sacrificer of the Court. Its neck is wrung, and its blood, being caught in a banana leaf, is carried to the Sovereign, who touches with it her forehead, neck, stomach, armpit, finger nails and toe nails. The rest of the assembly follow the example.

Next the people assemble again for the royal bath in the great palace. This the Queen takes in one of the sacred corners of the hall, in a silver bath, being screened from view by "lambag," held by her attendants.

Amid the firing of cannon and the joyous shouts of her humble subjects, Her Majesty then passes along the balcony, and from a horn in her hand sprinkles the crowd with the water she has just been using for her ablutions, exclaiming at the same time, "Masina, aho!" (I am purified). This sprinkling is said to typify an abundance of rain during the coming year.

To be absent from the ceremony would be to incur the royal displeasure, so that the French Plenipotentiary Minister himself, M. le Myre de Vilers, who is now on his way to Madagascar, had to submit himself, in 1886, to this strange ordeal. Every wife, also, must be with her husband at the time, or it is considered that she is as good as divorced. The new year is then supposed to have begun, and for several weeks there is a great deal of visiting and feasting.—Tit-Bits.

Contrasts.

I. Lady (on pavement, to her husband)—Look at the splendid carriage Councillor A—— and his lady are driving about in. I only wish we were as lucky!

Privy Councillors Wife (to her spouse)—I am getting quite ashamed of this old coach. Look how the people stand still and look at us with contempt. If you don't wish to drive me to despair, you must buy a new turn-out.

II. Wood-Chopper—Here I've to chop fire-wood for that rich property-owner, while he sits doing nothing the live-long day. I'd give anything to change places with him for one week.

Property-owner—I am the unhappiest man in the world, or I am much mistaken It doesn't look as if I should ever get well again. The doctor says I ought to work. To be sure, If I had a strong constitution like that wood-cutter outside there, I would chop wood from morning till night, and be as happy as the day is long.

III. Briefless Barrister—When I see His Excellency overwhelmed with honors and distinctions on the occasion of his jubilee, I feel as if I could burst. How miserable to pass through life unnoticed and uncared for!

Prime Minster—I would gladly forfeit all these distinctions if for one short year I might be young once more like that young lawyer, for instance, who is carrying on an animated conversation with his fair companion at the other end of the table.

IV. Young Man—There goes Lieut. N—— with his wife, the loveliest and most amiable creature I ever set eyes on. Aye, these lieutenants always have the pick. Ah! poor me!

Lieutenant N——(to his wife)—It will perhaps be best for us to part. You have made me wretched enough. I'd rather have wedded the poorest and plainest girl in creation than put up with such a vixen as you are!—Humoristische Blatter.

A Bit of Pathos at Christmastide.

There is a little girl of six who has proved herself one of the ministering children not in name only. A few weeks ago the baby of the family died. The children as well as the mother had looked forward to hanging up the baby's stocking at Christmas with a great deal of pleasure. But the loss of the baby brought such anguish to the mother that she decided to have no Christmas celebration of any kind. Last Sunday evening as the family sat in partial darkness, recounting their loss with all its sad circumstances, a tender little voice pierced the gloom:

"Mamma, isn't their any Christmas in heaven?"

"Yes, darling," answered the weeping mother. "It is always Christmas there."

"Then why don't you keep it here?" persisted the little girl. "Jus' make b'lieve baby isn't dead, an hang up her little stockin', mamma, an le's all have Christmas jus' the same an be happy, like she is."

The child's wisdom prevailed against the unreasoning sorrow of the mother, and the little ones are happy and busy filling the stocking of the baby who will keep Christmas in heaven.

ON MOUNT SINAI.

LIFE AND CUSTOMS OF THE CHRISTIAN COLONY THERE LOCATED.

Impressive Sights to Be Seen in the Rugged Religious Community—The Precious Library in Charge of the Chief Monk—How the Monks Spend Their Lives.

The present condition of the convent on Mount Sinai is thus described by a recent writer in the Guardian: "It is an impressive thing thus to come upon a Christian colony and a Christian church in the rocky heart of the Sinaitic peninsula; a colony which can trace its ancestry to the earliest days of Byzantine Christianity, a church which bears witness to the faith of Justinian and Theodora, of Cosmas and Damian, of Catherine of Alexandria, and Catherine of Russia. The convent itself is a mass of buildings, heavily fortressed; there were days when it had to defend itself against Moslem persecution and Bedouin marauders.

"The monks within, some twenty or thirty in number, are uncouth and unkempt to the last degree. Hardly a sign of the effects of the religious life can be seen in their faces, many of them repulsive enough. But no visitor can fail to remember with gratitude their kindly and unaffected welcome. Their feelings toward the English church are most friendly, and if an English priest is among the travelers he is taken within the screen and allowed to kneel before the altar, and to take part in the celebration of the liturgy. The church is a fine basilica, richly but tastefully decorated and well cared for. Its chief artistic treasure is the superb mosaic work in the apse, of the seventh or eighth century, representing the transfiguration, to which the church is dedicated. As a rule there are three services daily, announced with chiming of bells and beating of the gong, at four and six a.m., and two in the afternoon (vespers). The eucharist is celebrated generally twice a week, and on saints' day.

"Beyond attending the services, the monks do not seem to have much to do. Study, of course, they never dream of. There is a great deal of baking of bread and brewing of date wine always going on, as well as some lazy whitewashing; there are the olives and vines in the garden to be looked after; but for the most part the inmates live a life of serene and vacant idleness. Of the chief officers the prior seems to be a nonentity, the mosa prominent person being the steward, who undertakes the services and the internal economy of the house. Next in importance comes the secretary, a young man in deacon's orders, with some pretensions to education, possessed of a good-natured heart and a minimum of bad French.

"The precious library is under his charge, though he knows nothing at all about it, and handles the MSS. in a way that is harrowing to one's feelings. But things are better now than they were once. The books are housed in three rooms with glazed windows; they are labelled, numbered, and most of them catalogued. Their contents have not yet been completely explored; but the latest researches warrant the belief that the principal treasures have been exhausted, and that another Codex Sinaiticus is not likely to be discovered in a waste-paper basket."

Vast Armaments of Europe.

Thirteen million bayonets prop up the czar's throne. That is the full strength of the Russian army on a war footing. Germany comes next, but after a long interval, with 3,700,000 soldiers; Italy has 3,155,000 and France 2,850,000, excluding 350,000 auxiliaries. Austria's fine army, which in quality is reckoned scarcely second to Kaiser Wilhelm's, contains a maximum of 1,794,175 men. England at home and in her colonies can mobilize a force of 662,000. The little martial republic of Switzerland can summon 486,000 soldiers to her banners in an emergency, and even poverty-cursed Spain boasts of 400,000. Austria, of all the powers, has the most burdensome military establishment. Her annual expenditures on her army are $255,000,000, while Russia's, with an army seven times as large, are only $186,000,000, and Germany's $113,000,000. In proportion to size England's army is, perhaps, the most costly. Her 662,000 men require $89,000,000 annually for their support, or only $38,000,000 less than the amount which provides France with an enormous host of more than four times England's numbers.—Boston Journal.

"Have Another Prayer or Two!"

A good story of poor Villiers', the war corresponden, whose death in the war in the East is reported this week, was told me by Captain Charles Reade, R. N., a nephew of the novelist of that name. Captain Reade happened to be in a certain town in England one evening and found that Villiers' was to lecture there on his experiences as a war correspondent. The lecture was under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The proceedings were opened with prayer and then Villiers' began his address. When he had got half way through he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the most interesting portion of the evening's entertainment has now arrived—an interval of five minutes. I am going out for a minute or two. While I am away you enjoy yourselves; have another prayer or two!"

A Man With a Long Head.

A Texas military company were out to the range recently, practicing at rifle-shooting. The lieutenant in command suddenly became exasperated at the poor shooting, and, seizing a gun from one of the privates, cried angrily, "I'll show you fellows how to shoot!" Taking a long aim, and a strong aim, and an aim altogether, he missed. Cooly turning to the private who owned the gun, he said, "That's the way you shoot." He again loaded the weapon and missed. Turning to the second man in the ranks he remarked, "That's the way you shoot." In this way he contrived to miss about fifty or sixty times illustrating to each soldier his personal incapacity, and finally he accidentally hit the target. "And that," he ejaculated, handing the gun back to the private, "is the way I shoot."

Know When Icebergs Are Near.

The captain of an ocean steamer in most cases finds out when his vessel is approaching an iceberg from the men down in the engine-room. That sounds queer, but it is a fact, nevertheless. It appears that when a steamship enters water considerably colder than that through which it has been going its propeller runs faster. Such water usually surrounds the vicinity of bergs for many miles. When the propeller's action, therefore, is accelerated without the steam power being increased word is passed up to the officer on the bridge that bergs may be expected and a close lookout for them is established.—Washington Star.

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Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender obtained at the following places: Government Office, Osoyoos; Government Office, Rock Creek; Advance" Office, Midway; residence of Mr. S. R. Almond, J. P., Kettle River; and at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

LEONARD NORRIS,
Asst. Commissioner Lands and Works

Vernon, B. C.,
November 15th, 1894. 7-td

County Court Notice.

SITTINGS of the County Court of Yale will be holden as follows:

At Osoyoos on Wednesday, 10th April, 1895;
At Midway on Saturday, 13th April, 1895, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By Command
C. A. R. LAMBLY,
R. C. C.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE, OSOYOOS,
23rd April 1894.

MINING IN B. C.

Revival of the Mining Industry All Over the Province in 1894.

(Victoria Colonist.)

The revival of the gold mining industry and the successful beginning of the silver mining industry are now amply demonstrated by the results of the year just closed.

It has been the privilege of the Colonist for the past six or seven years to draw attention to the possibilities of profitably mining the placers of Cariboo on an extensive scale, and also to urge the prospecting of the many promising districts to the East and North of the famous gold-producing streams having their centre at Barkerville. During the past year it has been shown that the early miners of these creeks only took from their depths what gold was easly secured, for it was not possible to introduce machinery or pay for labor at the then prices to work ground which to-day is regarded as rich. Mining on the Quesnelle, on the Horsefly, and the prospecting on streams in the neighborhood of Barkerville and elsewhere have furnished evidence of the great wealth yet to be taken from those places, and an impetus has been given to gold mining that bids fair to produce grand results. But it is not in old Cariboo alone that the search for gold has recommenced. In almost every other district in the Province there has been more or less activity in this direction. Companies have leased ground and river-bed along the Fraser from the famed Hill's Bar, below Yale, to the northern bend of the river, and then south again to its headwaters, for hydraulic and dredging purposes. A wealthy syndicate of Eastern Americans have united and constructed a dredging apparatus at a cost of over $100,000, which is now placed at Lytton and it is expected will successfully raise the gold from the river bottom. This is a branch of mining that has been seldom attempted in this province, and never before successfully.

The Big Bend placers, north of Revelstoke, have also received attention, and several drifting efforts have returned good profits. In East Yale and in the two Kootenays a fair amount of gold has been recured from the placers. At Leach river and out of several streams flowing into the Alberni canal on Vancouver Island, small amounts of gold have been taken. The increase in placer mining, however, has chiefly been in Cariboo, and the success so far attained, the large amount of incoming capital, and the preparations made for 1895 warrant the prophesy that this year will show an output of gold which will certainly reach into the seven figures again. The need of cheaper and more rapid communication with the gold districts has seriously retarded their development. Goods from Ashcroft to Barkerville still cost $120 per ton. It is promised, however, that this disability will shortly be removed; and, railway communication, bringing with it cheap supplies and labor, the field for gold mining in Cariboo and northwards is illimitable. Its development will furnish many thousands with work and add many millions to the wealth of British Columbia.

But it is not only the placer mines which have produced gold this year. The quartz deposits have furnished a small proportion of the increased returns of gold shipments. This is true principally of those mines lying in the south-eastern part of Yale district near the boundary line. A ten-stamp mill at Camp McKinney (Rock creek) has given an average of $300 per day in free gold, with the returns from the concentrates yet to come in. There are extensive ledges at this point, and at various other camps eastward to the Columbia, working tests of the rock have shown equally good results, Trail Creek, in South Kootenay, possesses a very promising gold field, the returns of rock treated running into the many hundreds per ton. In the Big Bend, East Kootenay, Lillooet and Cariboo districts are mines of known richness, which only await practical development to ensure profitable returns. The same is true of the gold quartz deposits in Alberni district. It is understood that English capital is now being interested to work quartz mines in Cariboo and East Kootenay, and next year may see great progress in this branch of gold mining.

Another gold mining district which may this year be opened to the miners and traders of this province is that known as the Yukon gold fields. For many years this was reported as within American territory, but the explorations of the Dominion Government and the reports of miners have shown that it is within Canadian jurisdiction. A road is being surveyed, a railway charter is being applied for, and this extensive region will soon be accessible from this province. The letters of Captain William Moore recently published, give most interesting information about this little known region, all knowledge of which goes to show that it may prove a second Cariboo or Cassiar. The returns from the various gold commissioners are not yet available, and the gold shipments, furnished by Mr. Worlock, agent of Wells Fargo, do not embrace the total shipments of the Province, most of the Lower Yale gold finding a market in Marcus, Wash. The figures, however, show a most satisfactory increase over those of 1893. Following is the statement of exports of gold dust and bullion reported by Wells, Fargo & Co.:

	B. of B. C.	B. N. A.	B. of M.	Green, W. & Co.	Wells, Fargo & Co.
Jan.	$12,285.59	....	....	8,753.15	.....
Feb.	11,150.00	....	....	12,391.71	.....
March	4,040.90	....	400	.....	8,480.71
April	9,232.86	....	150	.....	6,946.66
May	10,273 83	....	875	.....	14,682.24
June	8,728.02	....	35	.....	6,982.35
July	11,463.28	450	4,400	.....	10,747.63
Aug.	26,706.47	....	3,385	.....	23,991.41
Sept.	18,324.47	....	300	.....	13,108.16
Oct.	21,562.36	....	2,375	.....	15,771.12
Nov.	24,151.79	....	2,335	.....	14,185.92
Dec.	11,810.08	....	250	.....	18,432.46
Total	$169,769.65	450	14,500	21,144.86	133,328.66

RECAPITULATION.

Bank of B. C.	$168,769.65
Bank of B. N. A.	450.00
Bank of Montreal	14,500.00
Green, W. & Co.	21,144.86
Wells, Fargo & Co	133,328.66
	$339,193.17
Reported by N. P. Ex. Co.	40,862.00
Total, 1894	$380,055.17
Total, 1893	316,279.00
Increase	$ 63,776.17

There is, it will be seen, an increase of about 20 per cent in the output this year compared with 1893. This is a larger amount than has been exported since 1890, and the only year that has shown an increase over its predecessor since 1881

THE NEW LOAN.

Text of the Bill to Borrow £426,000 to Make Good the Province's Huge Deficit.

The following is the text of the bill introduced by the Hon. J. H. Turner, Finance Minister, to "provide £420,000 for the public purposes of the Province:"

Whereas it is expedient to provide funds by loan for the public purposes of the Province:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the "British Columbia Loan Act 1895," and shall be incorporated and read as one with the "Inscribed Stock Act, 1891."

2. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the time being of the Province from time to time to issue and sell inscribed or registered stock, to be called "British Columbia Stock," for a sum not exceeding in the whole, in addition to the seven hundred thousand pounds authorized by the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1891," four hundred thousand pounds in such amounts as he may deem expedient.

3. All stock sold pursuant of this Act shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, to be fixed at the time of sale and to be paid half-yearly. The principle of such stock shall be paid at a date to be fixed at the time of sale, not being less than twenty-five nor more than fifty years after the time of sale. Both principal and interest shall be payable in London, England.

4. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint the Minister of Finance, or other person or persons from time to time the agent of the Government for the purpose of negotiating any such loan, and the Minister, or other duly appointed agent, may arrange all details and do, transact, and execute all such deeds, matters, and things as may be requisite during the conduct of negotiations, or for the purpose of placing the loan.

5. All moneys raised under this Act shall be paid in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall prescribe, to the Minister of Finance, and shall by him be placed to the credit of an account to be called the "Loan Act, 1895, Account," to be applied: first, in payment of discount, commission, brokerage and other expenses of the loan, and the balance to be applied in such amounts and in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time authorize and direct towards the public purposes of the Province; and all moneys to be raised under this act shall be accounted for in the same manner as if they formed part of the current revenue of the province.

6. The Minister of Finance shall, and is hereby required to, in each and every half-year, from the first raising of any sums of money under authority hereof, until the whole amount so raised and all interest thereon shall have been duly paid, set appart out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province such sums as shall suffice to pay the interest upon all stock which shall then bear interest, and shall apply such sum in payment of such interest aforesaid.

7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time, by Order in Council to be made before the issue and sale of any stock to be be named in any such Order in Council, provide for the payment of such stock by authorizing and directing the Minister of Finance to appropriate yearly such sums of money out of the General Revenue of the Province as may be named in such Order in Council, and as may be deemed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to be necessary for the creation and maintenance of a sinking fund for the final payment of such stock, and may by the same Order in Council make such provisions as may be deemed requisite for the investment from time to time of the amount of such sinking fund and the accumulation thereof, and for the release of any surplus over and above what may be necessary, with accumulations, to repay any loan at maturity.

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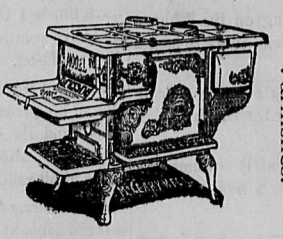

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