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BIG COAL STRIKE IN UNITED STATES

Union has Vast Dispute in Ohio and may have Bigger Trouble in Pennsylvania.

Columbus, O., March 31— Nearly eighty coal mines in Ohio will shut down tonight, throwing more than 35,000 men out of work for an indefinite period. This announcement was made last night at the close of a meeting of coal operators of the Hocking Valley, Jackson county, Pomeroy, Crooksville, and Zanesville coal fields in Southern Ohio.

The decision of southern Ohio operators to close their mines is the same action as that taken by the Eastern Ohio operators at Cleveland on Saturday.

The reason of the action, according to E. A. Cole, of Columbus, O., an operator, is that the operators "cannot run the coal mines without knowing what the coal will cost." Failure of the operators and miners to agree on a new wage scale has brought about this condition, he added.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 30— Ten thousand union coal miners of the Eastern Ohio coal fields will walk out tomorrow night pending the negotiations of a new scale for the district, to take the place of the scale which expires April 1, according to the announcement of the officials of the United Mine Workers of America tonight.

This does not exhaust the trouble hanging over the United States coal fields. The following letters, taken from "The Coal Age," indicate that in all probability there will be a strike in Central Pennsylvania. The letters are as follows:

LETTER NO. 1.

Du Bois, Penn., Mar. 3, 1914.

To the Scale Committee of the United Mine Workers of America of District Number Two:

WHEREAS, under the terms and conditions of the various scale agreements entered into for many years between the Operators and United Mine Workers of America the operators have been compelled to collect from their organization employees, in one form or another, the dues and assessments levied by the United Mine Workers of America, which system of collection is commonly called the "Check-off"; and

WHEREAS, during the past few years at various intervals extra assessments were laid or levied by the United Mine Workers of America on its members for the purpose of maintaining strikes at other points or in other states, with the demand on the operator to collect the same, which caused more or less dissension and controversy, strikes and suspensions in our own regions; and

WHEREAS, legal action has been taken in some of the states against the United Mine Workers of America for such action,

operators dealing with organized labor and the United Mine Workers of America; and further actions have also been threatened as disclosed by newspaper reports; and

WHEREAS, the check-off system has become so serious—unreasonable and un-American from the abuse or misuse on part of United Mine Workers of America as to make its abolition necessary Therefore be it:—

RESOLVED that the Association of Bituminous Coal Operators of Central Pennsylvania, through its Scale Committee this day assembled, do hereby demand from the United Mine Workers of America of District Number Two, an elimination of all such check-off provisions or clauses from all future scale agreements and that hereafter the operators shall not be required in any manner to collect in any form from its organized employees any dues or assessments that may be levied or laid on said employees by the United Mine Workers of America.

LETTER NO. 2.

Du Bois, Penn., Mar. 3, 1914.

To the Scale Committee of the United Mine Workers of America of District Number Two:

WHEREAS, the coal operators of central Pennsylvania, doing business within your district and with organized labor, have granted the miners of said district, from time to time during the past fifteen years, increases in wage rates amounting to 50 per cent, which has resulted in the highest wage that has ever been paid to the miners in the history of this district; and

WHEREAS, during said period of fifteen years, the cost of producing coal, outside of the question of wages, has more or less likewise increased, produced by increased cost of material and new mining and other laws, both state and national; and

WHEREAS, the competition from the nonunion or unorganized coal fields, which work on a lower wage basis, is just as keen and severe as it ever was with the operators of the Central District of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, during said period of fifteen years, the average selling price of bituminous coal in the markets eliminating one or two temporary flurries, has rather decreased than increased, and the operators are further prohibited by the Sherman law from forming any combination to regulate the selling price of coal and

WHEREAS, a contract was made and entered into on April 20, 1912, between said operators and miners whereby a 5 per cent increase in wages was granted to the miners who therein guaranteed that the operators should have the right to work their mines on the open shop basis, and notwithstanding such contract, the miners at numerous mines throughout the district refused to work with nonunion men, demanded an absolutely closed shop which resulted in a large number of strikes likewise in violation of said contract and thereby materially interfered with the business

of said operators in not only loss of trade, but also in the increase of expenses; and

WHEREAS, since about Oct. 1, 1913, a slump has taken place in the general business of the country and especially in the coal business to such an extent as to enable the large consumers who make their annual contracts for a coal supply based on normal business to accumulate large surpluses or stock piles of coal, thereby resulting in a general stagnation of the coal business to such an extent as to make coal a drug on the market, large accumulations of unsold coal at the mines and only about half time for the miners; and further that the coal business is showing a steady decline, and that the large amounts of surplus coal in the hands of the consumer do not argue for an upward turn in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the burden of depression of business conditions must be recognized and born mutually by the miners and operators of this district.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Association of Bituminous Coal Operators of Central Pennsylvania, throughout its Scale Committee this day assembled, do hereby demand from the United Mine Workers of America of District Number Two, a general deduction of 10 per cent from the wages paid under the scale agreements of April 20, 1912,

HAS ASSURANCE OF BOND GUARANTEE

Government Auditors have Completed Examination of the C. N. R. Books.

Ottawa, March 30.— It is stated here that the auditors appointed by the government to examine into the books of the Canadian Northern's Toronto offices have returned to the capital, and that their report was placed in the hands of the government today.

It is understood that the report finds that the cost of the road has not exceeded \$34,000 per mile; that the fixed charges are in the neighborhood of \$14,000 per mile, and that the general construction is well up to the standard set by the government in agreements made in connection with the payment of subsidies.

It is believed here that the question of granting to the company a substantial bond guarantee approximating \$43,000,000, has been to all intents and purposes settled, and that the company has a practical assurance from the government to this effect.

It is stated that Sir William Mackenzie expects to start for London at the end of the week or the beginning of the next to start negotiations for the raising of the required money upon at least half of which the government is said to have promised its guarantee.

ment caucus at an early date at which the terms of the agreement will be presented for the approval of the members of the party. It is understood that the main condition attached to the aid will be the consolidation by the company of its subsidiary and affiliated organizations. During the past week there has been a very perceptible moderation of the opposition voiced by the insurgents in Parliament, and it is believed that a great majority are convinced of the necessity of seeing the road through to completion.

MINES CLOSED DOWN FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

Cleveland, O., March 31.— With a few exceptions, every coal mine in Ohio was closed down for an indefinite period at the close of work today. Local coal operators estimate that 50,000 miners are thrown out of employment.

At the last session of the Ohio legislature a law was passed providing for the payment of miners on a run-of-the-mine basis, instead of the screen payment plan, which has always prevailed in this State. This law is the cause of the shutdown.

The miners had signified their readiness to continue at work temporarily, but the operators rejected the plan. The miners have fought for an anti-screen law for thirty years.

PREMIER ASQUITH WAR SECRETARY

Colonel John Seely Resigns his Portfolio in the British Cabinet.

London, March 30—Colonel John Seely, secretary for war, resigned his portfolio in the British cabinet today, and his resignation was accepted by the Premier. Premier Asquith him decided to take the secretaryship of war.

Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff of the British army, and Sir John Ewart adjutant general to the forces definitely resigned from the service today.

Mr. David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was taken ill at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, where he passed the week-end playing golf. Mr. Lloyd George will not be able to participate in today's debate in the House of Commons.

"Colonel Seeley's resignation has been accepted," was the expression employed by Premier Asquith in announcing in the House of Commons today that his war secretary had paid the penalty of his indiscretion in adding to the cabinet document the two paragraphs which have aroused such feeling as to threaten the existence of the entire cabinet.

The first information received by members of parliament that

finitely from the cabinet was when he entered the House and took a seat on the back benches instead of among his late colleagues.

Premier Asquith's further announcement that he himself would take up the portfolio of secretary for war came in the nature of a surprise. Having announced his intention to take up the office, he said he would retire from the House of Commons in accordance with the law "until it pleases my constituents to sanction my return."

The Premier then dramatically walked out of the chamber amid frantic cheers from the Liberals, the Nationalists and the Labor members.

Mr. Asquith, having accepted, "an office of profit under the crown," must now return to his constituency of East Fife, Scotland for re-election. On the last occasion he received 5140 votes against the 3350 of his Unionist opponent.

When Premier Asquith entered the House today he was greeted with a great ovation from the members of the ministerial side. He shortly afterwards rose before the crowded chamber to make his promised statement on the army crisis. The Premier said:

After full consideration Field Marshal French and Adjutant-General Ewart have persisted in their desire to be relieved of their offices. In the public interest, I deeply deplore the decision of these gallant officers, and I can not speak too warmly or gratefully of their ability, loyalty and devotion with which they have served the state and the army and will, I hope, continue to serve."

The Premier proceeded to tell the House that Colonel Seeley had informed him, to his great regret, that he felt bound to take the same course and resign from the secretaryship for war. Mr. Asquith then sprang his sensation on the House. He said:

"Under the circumstances and after much consideration, I have felt it my duty to assume the office of secretary of state for war, although I have taken the step only with the greatest reluctance in what I believe to be a great public emergency."

London, April 2—The Unionists executive committee of the east division of Fife county, decided today to allow Premier Asquith a walk-over in the bye-election to be held as the result of his assumption of the war portfolio. The report that Mr. Asquith would be opposed by James Larkin, head of the Transport Workers' Union, also has fallen flat, so that the Premier will be nominated alone and elected April 8.

Fire completely destroyed Mrs. Akenhead's building on Victoria Crescent at Nanaimo on Thursday morning. The estimated damage to property amounts to \$10,000.

William Dee, district superintendent of the government telegraph service of Canada arrived from Victoria by auto this morn-

LOCAL MEMBER PAYS VISIT

M. Manson, M. P. P., Addresses Joint Gathering of Conservatives.

Mr. M. Manson M. P. P. arrived on Wednesday and addressed a joint meeting of the Cumberland, West Cumberland and Bevan Conservative Associations in the evening. The large commodious dining room and parlor of the Union Hotel was taxed to its utmost capacity with visitors from various parts of the district. A large number of the new-comers were made acquainted with the member for the district. Mr. Manson gave a lengthy review of the Legislature during the last session going extensively into the land policy of the government, giving facts and figures concerning the district. He also dealt with the Land Registry Act, the Pacific Great Eastern and Canadian Northern and received a hearty reception. A pleasant evening was spent with solos piano selections, duets and short addresses from members of the local association.

YORKSHIRE MINERS ON STRIKE

London, Eng., March 30— Thirty-five thousand coal miners in the Yorkshire pits laid down their tools today demanding the introduction of a minimum wage.

Notices have been handed in by 35,000 other men who will quit work Thursday.

The Miners' Federation of Great Britain has given its support to the strike and a long struggle is expected.

Later in the day it was announced that another 100,000 miners had given notice to quit work, bringing the total to 170,000.

LOCAL NEWS.

Local News on back page.

Mrs. Charles Horth and family of West Cumberland left for Nanaimo on Thursday.

Frank Sawford chief electrician for the Canadian Collieries arrived on Thursday.

J. R. Lockard, general manager of the Canadian Collieries, left for Victoria on Thursday.

Born, on Saturday 28th ult. at West Cumberland, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spicer a son.

Cumberland steam laundry is advertised for sale in the Courtenay Review, price \$1250.

Bevan failed to meet Cumberland in a football match on Sunday. It is rumored Bevan took cold feet.

John McLeod, the proprietor of the Union Hotel, is busy fencing and intends making a garden spot with more flowers.

On Tuesday, Sam Lapetrie was charged with being drunk and disorderly and using obscene language on Dunsuir Avenue. He pleaded guilty and was fined

LOVE CONQUERS ALL THINGS

(BY ARTHUR APPLIN) Ward, Lock & Co., Limited, London, Melbourne and Toronto

(Continued)

Not if the shadow is lifted? Murray whispered. The cigar trembled between Hetherington's fingers. Even if the shadow is lifted and one barrier is broken down, there is still another, which only death can remove. Miss Mehon is free—I wanted you to know that. Now the shadow which holds my secret—and I wonder you haven't guessed it—is this: Since the accident on the night of my arrival, I have completely lost my memory. I remember nothing which happened in the past. To be brief, it's as if I had never existed. I didn't know my name until it was spoken; my home, until I was ushered into it. I am a stranger in a strange world, Dr. Murray. I am a man standing in the midst of an impenetrable fog; only shadows move around me, coming and going. I hear laughter—tears sometimes. The beating of human hearts; but they never beat for me—or they never have until tonight. And then one heart welcomed me and bade farewell. My loss of memory must have been caused by the blow I received on my head, presumably when I was thrown from the car. You yourself admit that there was a great mystery about that accident. When you examined me, you told me I had a pretty bad dent in my skull; you were surprised at my quick recovery and that no ill results ensued. I kept my ill result a secret—my loss of memory.

May not a portion of the skull be pressing on the brain? Hetherington was speaking quickly; his face was flushed, he was trembling with excitement.

Murray interrupted him. It is quite possible that that blow is responsible. Nay more—it's probable. It is also possible that an operation might restore your memory. If you are willing, I'll make a careful examination to-night.

That's what I want you to do, Hetherington replied. And then to arrange an operation at the earliest possible moment. To-morrow—the next day—certainly this week.

The examination was made and Murray asked him innumerable questions about his general health. I should like a specialist to undertake this job he said when he had finished.

Hetherington shook his head. I want you to do it. Is it wise under the circumstances? Hetherington knew he was thinking of the woman they both loved. I told you I trusted you—I would trust no one else. It is her wish as well as mine. Very well, Murray said quietly. And at once.

Murray considered a moment. I think we can arrange Thursday. I can get a couple of nurses and an anaesthetist from Exeter by then. He held out his hand. I'll come round in the morning. Good-night and good luck.

CHAPTER XX

Mr. Silas Saluzo was not an adept in the art of love making, but he embarked on the dangerous game with the reckless enthusiasm common to all Americans—whether they are Americans by birth or only by inclination.

His love making to Carmen was quite correct, quite proper and of course he intended it should be absolutely harmless. He coming from a new world did not know the people of a very old world. As Carmen explained with a shrug of her beautiful shoulders and a fascinating smile—with the people of her country, there were only two things; a

kiss and a knife. Saluzo slightly startled, confessed that he was not looking for either. She was a difficult person to understand, was Carmen Soral Hetherington, as he mentally dubbed her. Of course he was playing a game for his client; he could not make out whether she was playing with him, or anything but a fool yet he was not quite wise enough to know that there is a certain type of woman who has the power of leading the cleverest men by the hand, as if they were little children.

It was obvious that Carmen was the type of woman who expects to be made love to, by every proper man who crosses her path; in other words she takes it for granted that her beauty and fascination will be recognized, that homage will be paid them—flowers and flattery laid at her feet.

Saluzo was not good at flattery but he never forgot the flowers, and as in the end Carmen's own husband would pay for them, both his pocket and his conscience were at ease.

He had become a little uneasy when he found that Carmen was not only willing but eager to talk about Sir George Hetherington. She seemed anxious to discuss his past, which in patches at any rate, struck Saluzo as being a slightly lurid one. Though on principle he treated very few men and no women, he felt with regard to her husband, Carmen was speaking the truth. The story of their runaway marriage in Spain, the necessity of keeping that marriage a secret and hence the assumed name of Soral which belonged to a distant cousin, seemed perfectly natural. Carmen had originally met Sir George at a dance held at the Embassy at Madrid. He was then on his way home from South America. They both returned to England where they lived secretly for six months, then the wandering fever seized Sir George again and taking a flat for his wife in London he went back to Rio de Janeiro from which place he had only returned a few months previously. Latterly he had divided his time between the London flat and the Continent, still hiding his identity behind the name of Soral, though Carmen said there was no longer any need to fear their relations. The final bit of evidence which practically made the link in the chain Saluzo was weaving Carmen disclosed on evening when they were dining together at the Cafe Royal.

He had spent the day motoring with her in the country and had laid himself out to give her the best dinner London could produce—the finest wine and the most beautiful flowers. She was one of those women who appreciated the good things of life and the beautiful things too. She was very intelligent, artistic and read; a more perfect companion could not be imagined.

Saluzo, without quite realizing it, was falling under her spell. Perhaps the strangeness of the mystery he was endeavoring to solve prevented him from making a fool of himself. Him from making a fool of himself. For at one and the same time there was so little mystery and yet so much.

He had started by suspecting Sir George's wife; now he was beginning to suspect Sir George himself, yet of what he hardly knew. Of playing a double part—of deceiving his wife? And why employ a private detective to search into his past? Was it, he wondered, a very subtle way of discovering his wife's past? Perhaps he wanted to get rid of her so that he might be free to marry this other woman, the pretty fair-haired English girl of the moorlands!

Very curious how I made your husband's acquaintance at the Carlton Hotel, Saluzo said as they sat over their liquors and coffee at the Cafe Royal.

Carmen was smoking a cigarette Spanish fashion; Saluzo contemplatively smoked a huge Havana cigar, his elbows on the table, staring at her across a great bowl of red roses.

Was that the first time you met him—at the Carlton Hotel? she asked. What funny people you must have thought us.

Saluzo shook his head. I thought your husband funny, perhaps a little mad.

Carmen raised her beautiful eyebrows interrogatively. Why mad? For neglecting you; staying at an hotel and leaving you alone in your beautiful little flat.

She blew a little cloud of smoke into the air. Well, you see, he was running to and fro between London and Cranby Hall on business. Just before you met him, he had gone up to Cranby for the first time for many years. He was going to have a look at the old place, to prepare the village for the shock of my arrival. For he had at last made up his mind to recognize me and we were going to settle down there as Sir George and Lady Hetherington. She bowed and made a little grimace. I think I'm glad he altered his mind. I am sure it would have been very dull, wouldn't it? Between ourselves I could not have borne it more than a couple of months.

Oh, it's pretty, and a lovely old house, Saluzo said, off his guard.

For the first time he saw a gleam of suspicion in her eyes which passed as quickly as it came. You know it then?

Oh, I was up on the moorland once and passed the night in the village. What made your husband change his mind, do you know?

(To be Continued)

Soft corns are difficult to eradicate, but Holloway's Corn Cure will draw them out painlessly.

Your wife used to like to sing, and she played the piano a lot. Now we don't hear her at all. How's that? She hasn't the time. We have two children.

Well, well. After all, children are a blessing.

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The Men Who Succeed

Success does not always come as the reward of hard and steady toil. There are many who toil hard and fail. But very seldom does it happen that success comes without toil. This fact is often ignored by young fellows who are "down on their luck"—men of good parts and education, well equipped in all respects, but one for the battle of life, but who make a failure of it because they lack the will to pay the price of success in hard, steady, persistent work.

The main difference between them and those whom they regard with bitter envy as merely "fortunates" is often the difference between the worker and the drone. They want the reward without earning it.—Hamilton Spectator.

Tommy, said his mother, do you think you'll get a prize in school for being good? No, said Tommy. Why so, sir? asked his father sternly, laying his hand on Tommy's head. Because they don't give any, answered Tommy, meekly.

Unhurt

A comedian in a Paris theatre recently made a great hit out of a painful incident. While indulging in a bit of horse-play on the stage he struck his head violently, severely by accident, against one of the pillars of the scene upon the stage. On hearing the thud, everybody uttered a cry. No great harm done, said he. Just hand me a towel, a glass of water and a salt-cellar.

These were brought and he sat down and folded the towel in the form of a bandage, dipped it in the glass, and applied the salt-cellar on the wet part. Having thus prepared a compress, according to prescription, and when everyone expected he would apply it to his forehead, he gravely arose and tied it round the pillar.

Emersonian—Do you believe in the law of compensation? Poor man—I do; but I also am convinced of the law's delays.

His Didn't Stick

Robert, asked the teacher, did you throw any of those paper wads sticking on the blackboard? No, replied Robert. Mine didn't stick.

Many a man's opportunity is due to the fact that he always tells the truth.

ANOTHER WRECK

What's the Use When There's an Easy Way Out Along with the tea and coffee habit has grown the prevalent disease—nervous prostration. The following letter shows the way out of the "trouble":

"Five years ago I was a great coffee drinker and from its use I became so nervous I could scarcely sleep at all nights. My condition grew worse and worse until finally the physician I consulted declared my troubles were due to coffee. (Tea is just as injurious because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee)."

"But being so wedded to the beverage I did not see how I could do without it, especially at breakfast, as that meal seemed incomplete without coffee."

"On a visit, my friends deprived me of coffee to prove that it was harmful. At the end of about eight days I was less nervous, but the craving for coffee was intense, so I went back to the old habit as soon as I got home and the old sleepless nights came near making a wreck of me."

"I heard of Postum and decided to try it. I did not like it at first, because, as I afterwards discovered, it was not made properly. I found, however, that when made after directions on the package, it was delicious."

"It had a soothing effect on my nerves and none of the bad effects that coffee had so I bade farewell to coffee and have used only Postum since. The most wonderful account of the benefit I have derived from Postum could not exceed my own experience."

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"There's a Reason" for Postum.

TEAM WORK ON THE FARM

Co-operation in Farm Work is One Thing Needed to Better Conditions. Most farmers and farmers' sons may know how to drive a team—some don't, to be sure! But very few farmers or farmers' sons know anything about team work—pulling together, working together.

The writer, at present, lives in the city when he is at home, but often he visits the country. Now it takes a country man to size up the city and perhaps sometimes a man who has been away from the country for a while can see things more clearly than the man who is right "on the job."

Well, recently I lived some weeks on a farm in Ontario. It was here that I was impressed with this lack of "team play" or "team work." On our farm we believed in selling cream. It paid better than milk. So three mornings a week bright and early one of us hitched up and drove the cream cans three miles to the village station. Now, our neighbor believed in selling milk. He thought it paid better than cream. So every morning in the week he hitched up and drove five and a half miles to a station on another railroad line to catch an early train to send his milk to town. Now, which really did pay better, milk or cream, I don't really know. We and the neighbor would "argy" about that by the hour. I happened to have visited a Government Agricultural College where they did know all about that kind of thing and if we had spent a two cent stamp on a letter of enquiry we could have probably come nearer the truth than by months of "argy-ing."

But whichever paid better there was a very great loss in two farms—every week using two horses, wearing out two rigs and spending half their mornings when one man could have done the job just as well, and done it for half a dozen other farmers along the line in addition.

Occasionally the farmers in this district did change works with a neighbor, but outside this each man ran his own show.

Now this kind of policy would bankrupt a city firm in a week. It will bankrupt the farmers sooner or later. Under modern conditions team work is an absolute necessity.

Now the farmer is a born individualist with all the individualist's strong points and weak points.

Think of the early settlement. With an axe over his shoulder the pioneer farmer hewed out for himself a home in the wilderness—built his own house and lived an independent life. He needed water. He sunk a well. He needed butter and eggs and meat. The farm yard supplied them. He wanted to get his goods to market. The trusty team was ready for the road. Contrast this with city life. The city man needs water. Two hundred thousand city men must somehow or other be agreed on an expenditure of several million dollars necessary to tap a lake 50 miles away and construct a great waterworks system. The city man needs butter or eggs or meat. He must bring them hundreds or thousands of miles, calling into his service literally thousands of men, from the farmer at the one end, all along the transportation and distribution system to the delivery boy at the other. The city man is a cog in a very complex machine. He simply must co-operate "Cog-in-with" others. Now modern conditions are slowly but surely penetrating to the country. The telephone, the trolley, rural mail delivery, machinery, shopping by mail—all these are inevitably drawing the farmers into the great modern social system. He simply can't live an independent life now-a-days. It's useless to try. The sooner he substitutes the ideal of interdependence for independence the better. Independence was good for one state of society. Interdependence is necessary to-day, and after all isn't it a higher ideal? Even horses learn to pull together. Team work in industrial and social life is the best kind of horse sense.

Is there anything in all this? Then, is there some one thing in your community in which all could co-operate; something that will not get done unless all do co-operate. The Canadian Welfare League, Room 10, Industrial Bureau, Winnipeg, will gladly supply information concerning the welfare of your community, if you write the secretary, J. S. Woodsworth.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The editor of a flourishing journal in a California town recently called at the "home of the bride's parents" the day after the wedding. He was desirous of telling his readers all about the event and wished to give the young couple a good "send off" as well. The bride's mother met him.

Good morning, Mrs. Jones, said the editor. I have called to get some of the details of the wedding.

Goodness, replied Mrs. Jones to dismay. They're all gone. You ought to have come last night. They ate every scrap.

Hawkins—You look out of sorts, old man. What is the trouble? Parker—Just lost my new silk umbrella.

Hawkins—How did it happen? Parker—Fellow that owned it happened to come into the office and recognized it.

Jones, who doesn't own a motor car, and is never likely to, was met at the motor show by a friend who expressed surprise to see him there.

Well, said Jones, it's lovely once a year to come and look at a whole mass of cars that you don't have to dodge.

Swollen Hands and Feet



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Then the Court Wept

It was a very pitiable case of vagrancy and the magistrate seemed inclined to be lenient.

Prisoner, you are charged with loitering about the town in a very suspicious manner and with not having any visible means of sustenance. What do you do for a living?

Prisoner wiped a tear from his eye and turned a haggard face to the magistrate.

Your worship, said he, I am engaged in manufacturing smoked glasses for viewing eclipses—an industry that entails protracted periods of enforced leisure.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. The Route to Reno. Lovers' Lane. Easy Street. Affinity Avenue.

No Music for Him. William (who has been persuaded to contribute to our annual concert)—Can 'ee think "Varmen's Boy" miss? Squire's Daughter—Have you brought your music? William—Music! I don't sing by music, I sing by hearsay.

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A domestic was once given some macaroni by her mistress to prepare for the table. Noticing the girl's surprise, the lady asked: "Didn't you cook macaroni at last place?" Cook it? We used them things to light the gas with.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Colds Etc. Grinnand Barrett—Hamfatter has just bought a farm. Forest Frost—Does he know anything about farming? Grinnand Barrett—My, yes! Why, he played in "The Old Homestead" and "Why Down East" for years.

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Our Milk.

With further reference to our remarks of last week regarding the importance of a continual and strict inspection of the sources of our milk supply, we annex hereto a report of police court proceedings at Port Alberni, taken from the Port Alberni News of the 25th ultimo. The report speaks for itself and indicates that our Port Alberni neighbours are fully alive to the importance of this grave question:

"The action taken by the civic authorities against the Alberni Land Company, following the receipt of expert advice that milk from the company's dairy was unfit for human consumption, resulted in a conviction before Magistrate Neill on Saturday afternoon.

"A. T. Saunders was counsel for the defence, and R. Lidstone, manager of the dairy, was present on his own behalf. Mayor Burde took charge of the prosecution.

"Dr. Harper, medical officer of health, told of conditions as he had seen them on visits to the two dairy farms from which the company gets its milk supply. The conditions at the company's farm on the west side of the Somass River were fairly good, but at the Prairie farm they were dirty. The doctor submitted a report he had received from Dr. W. E. Home, bacteriologist in Victoria, on the analysis of some samples of milk that had been sent him. One of these samples had been taken direct from the Somass Farm, one from the Prairie farm and a third from the company's distributing store in the city. The third sample was the most objectionable. It contained too much cow barn dirt and had traces of puss in it, which made it dangerous.

"Mr. Swayne asked the privilege of making a statement in court, which was granted. He said the company did not want to defend itself by taking advantage of technicalities of law. He wanted a full and free investigation. The company was just as anxious as the public to find out if there was anything wrong with the milk supply. As a matter of fact he had, after hearing a number of complaints himself about the quality of the milk, courted an investigation by the medical officer of health. If there was anything wrong about the milk the company would be only too pleased to be able to discover the cause and remedy it.

"Dr. Harpur corroborated Mr. Swayne's statement about the investigation being desired by the company.

Mr. Lidstone, in giving evidence, said that every possible care was taken and he could not understand how the milk could contain sediment or puss. He had been in charge of the Land company's dairy farm for four months and in that time he had visited the Prairie farm, from which the company got a supplementary supply of milk, but three times. He knew very little about the conditions of this place from which he was accepting milk and passing it on to the public in the name of the Alberni Land Company. Under cross-examination by Mayor Burde Mr. Lidstone made a few admissions of conditions which he thought could be improved in the interest of cleanliness and health though he was pretty strong in support of his own opinion when it conflicted with the bacteriologist.

"In summing up the case Mayor Burde said it was quite clear to him that the trouble was in no way due to the system provided by the Land Company, nor did he think that any reasonable person would contend that there could be any mercenary motive on the part of the company. Mr. Lidstone had admitted that he was in no way stinted by the company in money matters. His understanding was that expenses did not matter if it stood in the way of satisfactory results. Yet, with all these advantages, the dairy, under his management, had been sending out impure milk. There had been too much carelessness and there was an apparent

indifference to public health that was most deplorable under the circumstances. The city did not want to be vindictive. The real object of the action was to find a means of better safe-guarding the health of milk consumers. The mayor said he understood that since action had been started there had been some improvement in the milk supply and he believed that more consideration for public health would be shown in future. If there should be any further complaints, and it could be proved that they were well grounded, a most vigorous prosecution would be undertaken and an effort would be made to get after the individual or individuals who were directly responsible for the trouble.

"The court was assured that a number of suggestions for improvements would be acted on forthwith.

"A fine of \$20 and costs was imposed."

Crown Lands.

Eighty thousand acres of land adjacent to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which is to be completed from ocean to ocean on April 10th, a large proportion bordering on the railroad, will be opened to pre-emption in the valley of the South Fork of the Fraser River in June, according to an announcement made yesterday by Hon. William R. Ross, Minister of Lands.

When the work of building the Grand Trunk Pacific was begun this valley, which contains a large amount of agricultural land, favorably situated, was placed in reserve. In 1907 a reserve was created under which a strip of six miles covering the valley was reserved for the pre-emptor. Now that the railroad is completed the agricultural lands are being opened to the settler.

The land being opened to settlement is in two parts, the eastern half stretching on either side of McBride, the young city 90 miles from the eastern border of the Province, where a divisional point has been created, car shops, large yards, etc., are being built, and a city is in its infancy. The western half stretches from Willow Station on the G. T. P., not far east from Fort George to join the other part of the tract.

The lots in the eastern half will be open to entry by pre-emption at McBride on June 1st, at 9 a.m., a special office being opened there by the Land Commissioner of the district for one week in order to give those who seek a homestead there an opportunity to file their records at the nearest city to the land, and after a week records will be made at the office of the Government Agent for the district at Fort George. The lots in the western half will be opened to entry by pre-emption on June 15th, at 9 a.m. at the office of the Government Agent at Fort George.

McBride, where the lots in the eastern half will be opened for a week, beginning at 9 a.m. on June 1st, was the first townsite laid out in the district, and the first postoffice in the district was erected there. It is a hustling young town, and as it is in the heart of the agricultural land, is expected to become a great centre. It is 145 miles from Fort George, 90 miles from the eastern border of the Province, 345 miles from Edmonton.

The town, named in honor of British Columbia's Premier, is both the passenger and freight divisional point, and a large amount of money has been expended by the railway company to make preparations for the future, all its construction being of a large type. The yards cover eight miles, and the station, yards, roundhouse, shops, etc., are the largest between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert. The G. T. P. have a hospital and there are a few permanent buildings, the number of which is being increased. There are some rooming houses and three or four well stocked stores.

The valley of the South Fork of the Fraser in which the large area of land, set aside when the railroad was begun and held until transportation facilities were provided for the pre-emptor, varies in width from one to two miles in its upper part at Tete Jaune Cache to five miles at McBride, six at Goat River and about ten miles at the Canyon. It lies at a mean altitude of 2250 feet above sea level.

The main industry of a great part of the valley, other than farming, will be lumbering, and this should reach considerable proportions. There is a large amount of good timber, and the lumber mills built to handle it, together with the towns along the railroad between Fort George and Mount Robson Park, which, before long will prove a great tourist resort reached from the west through this valley, should prove a ready market for farm produce from this district. A large mill with maximum daily capacity of 100,000 feet has been built by the Upper Fraser River Mills Company at Mile 142, near Dome Creek. Another big

mill is projected for Mile 128 and a number of other sites are being sought for mill purposes.

A pamphlet descriptive of the district, with special maps showing the various lots which will be available for pre-emption in this valley in June, is now being prepared and will shortly be issued by the Department of Lands.

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Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns shall be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub Agent of Dominion Lands.

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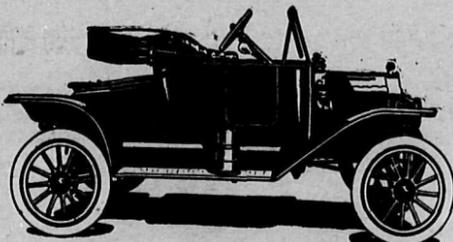
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The First Oil Well

The location of the first oil well in the United States is claimed by several states. The Wheeling Intelligencer, reviewing the oil industry of West Virginia, says there was an oil well on the banks of the Kanawha river at the present site of Charleston "fifty-one years before the Drake well at Titusville, Pa., ushered in the petroleum industry of the world."

It is probable that there were such wells in other states. Kentucky had one at an early day, but its possibilities were so little realized that nothing was done with beyond bottling a limited portion of the product and peddling it out as a liniment! As to the priority of these old-time wells, it is a matter of small importance, since the birth of the petroleum business dates from the famous Titusville discovery referred to by the Intelligencer.

West Virginia did not become a large oil producer until about twenty years ago, although oil operations of varying character have been going on at intervals in that state almost since the beginning of development. In Pennsylvania, there, as a fairly flourishing industry prior to the civil war, but it was crushed out during the period of hostilities, and for many years thereafter it was struggling for existence. Production reached high-water mark in 1900, when the output of the West Virginia wells amounted to more than 16,000,000 barrels.

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Early Proves Pa, stated little Dodd Rott, the small son of the distinguished statesman, I heard a man say that you used to be so crooked that you had to sleep wound around a stump. Is that so, pa. When I was younger, Daddie, replied the Hon. Thomas Rott, with becoming modesty, I was the best athlete in the neighborhood.

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Canada in Debt to England In the year 1902 the Canadian Municipal debt to England was approximately Nine and One Quarter Millions sterling, at which time such cities as Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina had not figured in that market.

Shiloh The family remedy for Coughs and Cold Small dose. Small bottle. Best since 1870. Then you no longer insist upon the enforcement of the laws punishing reckless automobile drivers?

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At the Drug Counter Clerk (wrapping up corn cure and hair tonic)—Fixed from top to toe. Customer—Yes, you manage to make both ends meet.

Bostonians in Good Standing Yes, I had a brother in Boston once said a Chicago lady to a Bostonian. He was in some great musical society there, but I forget its name. Handel and Haydn society, perhaps, suggested her visitor.

Well, I guess so, Handel and Haydn were Boston men, weren't they? The crocodiles number 11 species; the alligators, only two. The American alligator, inhabiting the southeastern United States, is 12 to 16 feet long, has a broad, blunt snout, and is stouter, less active and less vicious than the crocodiles. The other species, the Chinese, lives in the Yangtze-Kiang river, growing to a length of only six feet.

A Business Man What does your father do for a living? asked one little girl. Why, replied the other, he takes up the collections in church.

A Canny Farmer A Waterford farmer ordered a two-pound loaf from the village baker to be delivered early at the farm; while the baker, in return, agreed to purchase two pounds of the farmer's butter week by week. A short time ago a dispute occurred between the two parties over the weight of the butter, and after a long and wordy warfare the matter was taken to the law court.

The 'Mother Tongue Does Miss De Gabb resemble her mother? Not so much at first sight; but when she begins to talk, there's a speaking likeness.

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Control of Municipal Finance

(Continued From Last Week) Prevent "Special Acts" The commission would undoubtedly keep a watchful eye for "Special Acts" which override the regular city and town Acts. Legislation of this character should only be enacted when very necessary. What is the use of framing restrictive laws if they can be easily overridden by "Special Acts."

It may here be stated that Western Canadian School Districts and rural municipally debentures have been practically free from criticism due largely to the fact that the Department of Education in the one case, and the Department of Municipal Affairs in the other, exercise considerable influence over the borrowings of such bodies.

The personnel of the commission is an exceedingly important matter. It would be desirable to select, if possible, men removed from the political arena. In fact men who have never exhibited pronounced political leanings and who bear such a reputation as would entitle them to the confidence of the investing public in particular. These men might be selected for an indefinite term in manner similar to that employed in the appointment of the Dominion Railway Commission. In their own interests they should be disfranchised in Municipal and Provincial elections so long as they were members of the commission.

One should be experienced in municipal law and finance. One having, if possible, experience in all lines of engineering work, such as water and power schemes, building and laying out of water and sewerage systems, electrical installations, road and bridge building, etc.

These three might be called the technical or actively engaged members. They should be paid a salary such as ought to insure continuity of service. The balance of the commission might be made up of members who would act in an advisory capacity and should be paid a fee for their attendance.

We believe that if a Municipal Commission were created by the Government with powers somewhat similar to those outlined herein the various Municipalities benefiting by this legislation would be quite willing to bear the cost of maintaining this commission.

A Read Clinch Conductor—This transfer expired a long time ago. Co-ed (snappily)—No wonder, with not a single ventilator open in the whole car!

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Fun in Engine Room As a rule engineers are anything but a frivolous class of men; but occasionally one comes across a joker. Recently a solemn-looking individual strolled into the engine-room and asked Mr. Guppy, the light-hearted second, to give him a little information about his engines.

Why certainly, said Guppy. Those two brass knobs over there are called the Jeremiddlers, and that thing like a distorted mangle is the freezer. Now the Jeremiddler—so called because of its resemblance to a boiled owl—is really generating electricity flavored with red currants—you understand? Well, when we stir up the conflicting elements with a brass poker and an old clay pipe, the Jeremiddler is connected with the freezer and owing to the ammonia extracted from the pipe mixing with the electricity, it freezes the freezer so cold that we have to use a six foot thermometer to find the temperature.

Mr. X—, a lawyer, was much addicted to the habit of lecturing his clerks and the office boy coming in for an unusual share of admonition whenever occasion called for it, and sometimes when it did not. That his words were appreciated was made quite evident to Mr. X— one day when a conversation between him and another office boy on the same floor was repeated to him.

Whatever wages? asked the other boy. I get \$10,000 a year, said Mr. X—'s lad. I don't think I ejaculated the other boy, desirously.

Honest, I do, said Tommy; \$5 a week in cash and the rest in legal advice!

Never had the engine run better. The huge car race, along the road, raising the dust in clouds and flitting past milestones with an easy regularity almost monotonous.

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Are They? She—Are they happy together? He—Well, he stays in every evening. She—Then they must be. He—But she goes out.

Madge—You seem annoyed about something. Did you forget you were standing under the mistletoe? Marjorie—No; but Charlie did.

A Stowaway A captain of one of the ocean liners was showing a young lady friend of his over the ship, when they came upon a big emigrant woffling large quantities of food. Just look at the enormous amount of food that fello is consuming! I suppose, captain, said the girl with a booming smile, he is what you sailors call a stowaway?

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Rosalind's Choice

She Could Not Be Bought

By CLARISSA MACKIE

The station platform was crowded with people waiting for the gates to open to admit them to the Boston express waiting down there on the tracks.

Rosalind Mereton, with a devoted smile on either side of her graceful little velvet clad form, caught a glimpse of her reflection in the narrow mirror of a slot machine, and the fixed look vanished from her lustrous hazel eyes. Rosalind in a tip tilted little hat with a velvet strap under her sound white chin, with a pink rose tucked under the brim, where two little brown curls dangled coquettishly, was an enchanting sight even to herself.

With a pale youth at either elbow Rosalind was safely piloted through the crowd and reluctantly released at the gate, through which she passed with a farewell smile that included them both. Dearly as they believed they loved the pretty little actress there was no jealousy between them because they had a common ground of fellowship—they were both acutely jealous of a third young man, Hanford Beeks, the millionaire, whose bouquet of violets and orchids nestled in the face frills of Rosalind's coat.

The train left the city and went thundering out into the country toward the New Hampshire hills, where Rosalind had been born. She was going there to spend a few days. The stock company of which she was a member was undergoing the throes of reorganization before going out on the road, and there was something that Rosalind wanted to think over in the quiet of the country.

Hanford Beeks wanted to marry her. She pined for the happiness that she was sure must be attained when one had millions of dollars to spend upon pleasure. She saw in her mind's eye the old red farmhouse transformed into a beautiful mansion set in the



BENJAMIN TOLD HER, HIS EYES STUDYING HER FACE.

midst of a formal garden, while her father and mother rode luxuriously in costly motorcars. Gone would be the ancient surrey and the fat white horse, Becky, who had drawn them to church each Sunday every year within Rosalind's recollection. Riches and ease would follow her beloved parents the rest of their days if she married Hanford Beeks. How glad they would be, too, to have her give up the profession which she had adopted after a brief summer's acquaintance with some actresses who were summering in Putwold.

Because of her ignorance of the world and its evil ways Rosalind had brushed aside all tempting pleasures and thrown herself into her work, for which she possessed some talent. But she was weary of it. Unknown to herself, the call of her blood was for those simple domestic duties which a long line of Puritan ancestors had nobly fulfilled.

But this offer of Hanford Beeks. He was a splendid type of young American, and he was honest in his desire to make Rosalind happy. She had been dazzled by his proposal, and she had begged for time.

There was one obstacle in the way. She didn't love Hanford Beeks.

The dining car was attached at Springfield, and Rosalind slipped off her coat and went to dinner. There was just one available seat in the crowded car, and that was at a table where sat a solitary young man.

A waiter drew out her chair and handed her the menu card. Rosalind lifted her eyes in one swift appraising glance of the man who was calmly eating his soup. She had not noticed him at first beyond the fact that he had arisen and sat down after she had been seated.

It was a homely countenance, rugged and strong as her own New Hampshire hills, with steady gray eyes and dark hair that was rusty red at the ends. It was the face of a man who would and could do things, who might surmount obstacles. His big brown hands were capable too. Rosalind looked him over from the crown of his well brushed

head to the shoulders of his perfectly fitting gray coat. He was immaculate. Yet the last time Rosalind had seen him he had been garbed in blue overalls, and a ragged straw hat had been tossed on the back of his head. He had been loading cornstalks on a farm wagon the very day she left Putwold to go on the stage.

"How do you do, Ben?" asked Rosalind demurely.

Benjamin Hall looked up quickly and stared at Rosalind. His first careless glance at her entrance had seen nothing save the crown and brim of the tip tilted hat. He had not looked under it because he rather thought girls were a bore, all save one.

"Rosalie! Rosie Mereton!" he gasped, holding out one of the big brown hands.

"Ben, do you mean that you didn't recognize me?" asked Rosalind, with tears in her eyes, because it was so good to see a face from home once more. "Are you going home?"

"I am. And you are, too?" he asked eagerly, his eyes never once leaving her lovely face.

"Yes, just for the week end. Tell me where you have been and what you have been doing," answered Rosalind, feeling an odd embarrassment in Benjamin Hall's presence.

Benjamin told her, his eyes studying her face as if he would read in its clear spangles some record of the three years since they had parted.

He told her that he had left Putwold a few months after her own departure. The death of his parents had left him free to start life anew. He had sold some woodland and had rented the homestead to strangers. He had gone west and bought an interest in a mine which his uncle controlled. He had prospered. He was going back to Putwold. He was going back to the land which his ancestors had tilled.

"I'm homesick for the farm," he told her. "I've been west, and I've studied the way they do things out there, and I shall know how to make it pay. Now tell me about yourself, Rosie."

Rosalind told him briefly. There seemed so little to tell in her narrow life of hard work.

"And you are going back?" he asked.

"Yes, I suppose so," said Rosalind, flushing warmly.

"Is this true?" asked Benjamin quietly as he took a newspaper clipping from his notebook and gave it to her.

Rosalind read it with down bent head: "It is rumored that Miss Rosalind Mereton, the lovely little ingenue in the popular comedy, 'Lavender Flowers,' is soon to wed one of our most energetic young millionaires."

"Is it true, Rosie?" asked Benjamin.

Rosalind shook her head.

"No, not yet," she said impulsively, and then blushed scarlet at her self betrayal.

Benjamin looked at the violets and orchids at her breast and sighed sharply. He had hoped to be in time to offer Rosalind many things, but he was too late. He wondered fiercely what sort of chap this man was. Did Rosalind love him or was she dazzled by the millions? Who could blame her? he asked himself fiercely.

Adroitly he changed the subject, and when the meal was over he accompanied Rosalind back to her seat in the day coach. Sitting there beside her with the rugged scenery of New Hampshire blurring into the dusk, Benjamin felt a growing confidence in himself. He was nearing his own hills; he was on his own ground, and the girl he had always loved was beside him, wearing another man's orchids, perhaps half promised to this rich man.

"Rosalind," he said suddenly, "are you engaged to this man?"

"No," said Rosalind quickly.

"Do you expect to be?" he demanded bluntly.

"He has asked me," admitted Rosalind.

"Do you love him?" went on Benjamin relentlessly.

Rosalind hesitated. She wondered, because she felt no anger against Benjamin and his questioning.

His hand touched her arm, her hand and held it warmly.

"Do you love this man, Rosalind?" he asked quietly.

Rosalind looked up into the gray eyes and, looking, could not withdraw her gaze.

"No, no, no!" she said intensely.

"Ah, Rosalind, I have always loved you," he said chokingly.

"And I, oh, Ben, I believe I have. That's why I've longed for Putwold and the old farm, and father and mother will be so glad, and Ben, someone will see you!"

"I don't care," said Ben boldly. "The whole world can know how happy I am in winning the girl I love!"

And he kissed Rosalind.

"Did you send word to your mother that you were coming?" he asked as they neared Putwold.

"Yes. Won't they be surprised to see us together, you and I, old play mates?" asked Rosalind gleefully.

Ben bent down suddenly and pressed his cheek against hers. "Rosalind, you are sure—sure that you won't regret the money and the motorcars and yachts and everything that this man has offered you? I've heard he is a splendid fellow," he added generously.

"Sure, Ben," said Rosalind steadily. "There was one thing lacking and that was love. We can never be poor with that blessing!"

The train came to a standstill, and Rosalind peered from the window an instant.

"Ben," she cried breathlessly, "there's father and mother, and they're driving old Becky. How dear they all look!"

So the train rumbled on after bringing back to Putwold village two of her children who had gone out into the world to seek wealth and happiness only to come home and find it there after all.

PERILOUS HUGGING.

The Embrace of a Kangaroo Does Not Leave Pleasant Memories.

Notwithstanding the kangaroo's popular reputation for speed, he is easily overtaken in the bush by a good horse (they say) within half a mile. A capable kangaroo dog—a lean, swift beast, a cross between a greyhound and a mastiff, bred to course and kill—soon runs him to bay. Without dogs it is the custom to kill with a cudgel. This is often accomplished by the sportsman from the back of his horse. Dismounted, however, with the kangaroo waiting alertly for attack, it is sometimes a perilous venture to come to close quarters. A slip, and the sportsman finds himself at once in a desperate situation.

One of the lumberjacks with whom we rested in the shade of the blackbutt showed us the scars of an encounter. He had ridden the kangaroo down, said he, and, being in haste to make an end of the sport, he had caught up the first likely stick he could discover and he had struck quickly and confidently in, and he had struck hard and accurately. And the next instant, caught off the ground, he was struggling breast to breast in the hug of the creature, frightfully aware that he must escape before the deadly hind foot had devastated him.

"My club broke," he exclaimed, "and the boomer got me!"

There were long scars on his back and shoulders, the which were very sorry to see, for we could not make out why any man should wish to kill a kangaroo for sport.—Norman Duncan in Harper's.

THE HANGMAN'S ROBE.

Dennis Didn't Like It, So He Sold It to 'Old Cain.'

James Berry was not so well paid for his services as his French confrere, M. Antoine Deibler, who draws \$560 a year, while his four assistants have a similar amount to divide between them. Sanson, the first executioner to wield the guillotine, was originally paid \$1,520 a year, but when executioners were appointed in each department this was reduced to \$200.

Before the revolution the legal tariff in France was 25 shillings for a beheading, 10s. 8d. for a burning at the stake, and the same amount for a hanging, with allowances for the erection of a scaffold or the provision of fuel.

One of James Berry's predecessors for a brief period, donned a uniform when at work. In 1785, according to a contemporary chronicler, the sheriff of London was "so pleased with the excellent mode in which Edward Dennis, their hangman, performed his duties that they presented him with a very elegant official robe—a khilnat, in fact, as eastern potentates term a similar garb of honor. Dennis found this inconvenient when at work on the scaffold and sold it to a well known character of those days, 'Old Cain,' who, having set up as a fortune teller, wanted a robe to complete the costume in which he received dupes."—London Chronicle.

A Spoiled Scene.

B. H. Sothorn once found his wit fail him in time of need. It was in the fourth act of "The Lady of Lyons." Sothorn played Claude Melnotte, and Virginia Harned was cast as Pauline Heausant, the villain, was pursuing Pauline, and she cried loudly for help. Claude is supposed to dash to her rescue and catch the fainting Pauline in his arms. Sothorn dashed on to the stage, but slipped and slid, sitting down near the footlights. Losing his presence of mind, he declaimed the line: "Look up, Pauline. There is no danger." As Virginia Harned was standing, this was, of course, an impossibility. By this time the audience was in an uproar, and when Arthur Lawrence, who played Heausant, scornfully said, "You are beneath me," the amusement of the audience knew no bounds.

Marksmen and Rifles.

No marksman ever holds a rifle "as solidly as a rock." He may think he does, but Arms and the Man insists that the best shot gives merely the "necessary impulse to the trigger while the rifle is moving in the right direction"—that is, when he takes deliberate aim. The snap shooter works apparently by a sort of instinct. Firing successfully at a running deer through the woods and over broken ground implies a knack like that of thrusting one's finger toward an indicated object.—New York Times.

Natural Inference.

A schoolteacher was reading a story to a class of very small folks and paused at the words "lay brother." It explains their meaning. "Does any one know what 'lay brother' means?" she asked.

For a moment a row of perplexed little faces looked up at her. Then one face brightened suddenly, and a small voice piped: "Yes, ma'am, it's a rooster!"—Youth's Companion.

He Was Sensitive.

Blobbs: You're pretty much stuck on Miss Gobbs, aren't you, old man? Hobbs: I was once, but after what she said to me last night I'm not going to pay any more attention to her. Blobbs: Gee! What did she say? Hobbs: "No!"—Cleveland Leader.

Nothing Lacking.

Manager: Your play seems to lack the human touch. Playwright: You're mistaken, sir. My hero borrows money from his friends in almost every act.—Boston Transcript.

Why It Is Fictitious.

Women are mysterious except in fiction. There they are explicit in the last chapter.—Wisconsin State Journal.

THE SERVANT'S ROOM.

Maid's Quarters Should Be Comfortable and Cheerful.

Before the new maid arrives see that her room is comfortable and cheerful. Bear in mind that you have a whole house to live in, but her room is the only place to which she can retire when she is exhausted from her day's work. See that the furnishings are bright and pretty and, above all, see that the mattress is soft and easy. The maid needs a soft mattress more than any member of the family, for her labor is harder and she cannot work well if her rest has been broken and disturbed.

Any conveniences for the work which you can afford buy for the girl. Rest assured it will be appreciated and the money will be well spent, for she will give cheerful and willing service if she knows that her comfort is just as important to her mistress as the comfort of the members of the family.

Some women are very neglectful of their servants' comfort. They keep up a constant stream of new maids and wonder why none of them remains, when no care is taken of the servants' quarters whatever. One woman told a friend an incident that happened in her own home—told it as a joke on herself. She has a palatial country home in a fashionable resort and she keeps a dozen servants. She said that in July the waitress told her that her room would have to be done over. She could not sleep in it any longer. The employer said, "Nonsense, Mary; you have slept in it since June, and it would inconvenience me greatly to have it done over now." So the maid left it go a few days and then came again with the same complaint and said she would have to leave if the room were not done over. The mistress became angry and told the maid to leave then. She sent to town immediately for another girl.

Modern Art Influence in Fabrics.

The beginning of the vogue for color has been credited to the war in Turkey, says Julius Cravens in a recent article, but why a war in Turkey should inspire the world to burst into color is hardly apparent. But, whatever these influences are or whether one likes them or not, they are affecting not only gowns and hats, but are spreading through every branch of applied arts.

The effect is already noticeable in furniture, floor coverings, wall papers and even pottery of all kinds. It is particularly emphasized just now in drapery materials and fabrics of all kinds.

One cannot fail to recognize how different these new fabrics are from



DESIGNED BY PROFESSOR JOSEF HOFFMAN.

those one is accustomed to see. To Vienna is given the credit for lighting the way into this new field of work. Ideas came from the peasant art of Austria and Hungary, and well known artists were not slow to use this source of information. To Professor Josef Hoffman of Vienna is great credit due for the adaptation of the peasant art.

The cut shows one of his fabric designs, consisting of black leaves on a white background. The long bell shaped flowers are in solid brilliant yellow and Persian orange. These vivid materials combine well with simple designs in furniture of the mission type and the best old Sheraton, Chippendale and Adams examples.

At first one may not like the new art, but that it has come to stay there is no doubt. It is the outgrowth of the seeds planted by William Morris.

Curtains and Color.

Silk of a color that harmonizes with the room and is of a light quality makes a charming finish as side drapery on the windows, but is not essential unless the room is very plain and hard looking, and the silk should not be extended over the window to exclude the light. The old style of having the drapery meet across the window at the top and held back halfway down by loops is out of date.

There are excellent designs also in a thin, silky madras that looks well on the windows, and many other cotton draperies that are suitable and will not keep out too much light cost a great deal less than real silk. Bought by the yard these are far less expensive than when bought made up in curtain form, and as the modern and very sensible fad is to have the curtains reach only to the sill of the window you do not have to buy very many yards.

Perfumes For Clothes Press.

Everybody is familiar with the custom of putting lavender bags in linen closets and clothes presses. At this time of year lavender bags are being made in great numbers. There are, however, other delicate perfumes for the same purpose that are not very generally employed. Two of them notably are rosemary and sandalwood. When the actual substances cannot be conveniently obtained a few drops of their essential oils on raw cotton will produce the same effect.

CLOSED AFGHANISTAN.

Buffer State to North of India Unsafe For White Men.

A report on industrial and living conditions in Afghanistan, which a Christian enters on pain of death, has been made by Henry D. Baker, on special commercial service in the far east.

Mr. Baker calls Afghanistan the buffer state between British India and the Russian possessions in Asia. It has an area of 200,000 square miles and a population estimated at 5,000,000, though no census has ever been taken. Its inhabitants are without exception Mohammedans, and, save only Tibet, it is the largest closed country in the world, presenting the anachronism of a nation in the twentieth century which forbids the entrance into its territory of the foreign missionaries either of religion or commerce, as well as making the profession of Christianity among its subject punishable by death.

"If any person particularly wishes to visit Afghanistan he can get into the country only by interesting the Ameer personally in the object of his visit, which, however, it may be found very difficult to do," Mr. Baker says. "No commercial traveler can get into Afghanistan unless the Ameer might be induced to take an interest in his particular line of business. Even then it would not be found convenient or advantageous to undertake a trip into Afghanistan unless the Ameer would personally guarantee one's comfort and safety and provide a military escort to Kabul or Kandahar or wherever else it was desired to go.

"After application has been made to the Ameer for a permit, or firman, to visit Afghanistan—and by having advanced some particularly potent argument the firman may perhaps be granted—the deputy secretary to the Government, if he deems it wise, will then grant permission to cross the frontier at the traveler's own risk.

"A regulation letter granting such permission to a representative of a business house in Bombay, of which I have a copy, reads as follows:

With reference to your letter dated —, I am directed to inform you that the honorable the chief commissioner and agent to the governor general in the northwest frontier province is being directed to allow Mr. — of your firm to cross the frontier, subject to the production by him of his majesty the Ameer's firman and the political agent in the Khyber pass being satisfied that the Afghan Government has made arrangements for Mr. —'s escort and transport.

I am to add that the Government of India accepts no responsibility whatever in connection with the object of Mr. —'s journey or to stay in Afghanistan and that he proceeds there at his own risk.

"About the only instances in which Europeans have ever been allowed to travel into Afghanistan is when machinery or other articles have been required by the Ameer to his Government or special medical assistance needed at the court. At present there are understood to be six Europeans and two Americans residing in the country."

A Round-about Call.

Here is a curious example of how the telegraph has reduced the size of the earth, says an English journal. Not long ago a woman on Valentia Island was taken suddenly ill. The island lies ten miles off the west coast of Ireland, and is peopled mainly by the operators and engineers who look after the cables laid between that point and Newfoundland.

The nearest doctor was the resident practitioner at another large cable colony at Waterville, on the mainland.

Strange to say, there is no means of communication between Valentia Island and Waterville, possibly because the two systems of cables are controlled by different interests.

But the cable operators at Valentia were not to be beaten. They assigned their Newfoundland operators by able if they could communicate with their end of the Waterville cables. The reply was that the two Newfoundland offices were connected by telephone.

Thereupon the Valentia men sent a message to Waterville, ten miles off, via Newfoundland, asking a doctor to attend the sick woman.

The doctor arrived within two hours, and landed amid cheers from the little colony of operators.

Burns Creates Record.

It is exactly eight years since Mr. Balfour laid down the cares of office, and Sir Edward Grey and Mr. John Burns have been Foreign Secretary and President of the Local Government Board respectively for exactly eight years. They are the only two Cabinet Ministers now holding office who started in the same offices under "C. B." in 1905, and, furthermore, they are the only living men on either side who have held the same office continuously for so long a period. Mr. Burns has created an absolute record for not one of his thirteen predecessors at the Local Government Board, among whom were Mr. Balfour and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, was president for more than six years.

Maoris and Agriculture.

There has been established at Mananui, in New Zealand, an agricultural college for Maori boys, which consists of some 200 acres of first-class land, about 70 of which are already under cultivation. Practical as well as theoretical training is given, and dairying is to be a prominent feature of the institution, at which the boys live and which is under the principalship of a clergyman of some considerable experience in practical agriculture. Adult Maori settlers, it is interesting to note, are realizing the possibilities of prosperity in dairying. The majority of those who take it up seriously use milking machines.

THE FRUGAL PAST

A Pair of Trousers Went a Long Way in the Good Old Days.

WAIL OF A MAN IN A GROUCH.

His Wife's Reckless Gift to a Tramp of One of His Battered Castoff Garments Moved Him to a Touching Discourse on the Vice of Extravagance.

"A poor man came to the door this afternoon and asked if I had any old clothes I could spare," said Mrs. Jamesworthy. "I gave him those gray trousers of yours, as they were too badly worn out for you to use them again. They were all faded and full of holes."

"The next time you undertake to distribute my raiment among the proletariat, Mrs. Jamesworthy," returned her grouchy husband, "you might at least consult me. You are assuming altogether too much when you take it for granted that I am done with a pair of trousers. As things are going now in the business world I find it expedient to wear such garments so long as there is any way to fasten my suspenders to them.

"Times are growing worse and worse, and the financial stringency is breaking all records, and the man who strives to support his family has troubles enough without coming home to find that the wife of his bosom has given his purple and fine linen to somebody's wandering boy.

"I had expected to get two seasons' wear out of those trousers, and I had a sentimental fondness for them, as I wore those trousers on that red letter day when, three years ago, I stood in the White House and proudly shook hands with the illustrious president of this great and glorious republic. I hoped to hand them down to my children's children, so that when I am cold in my grave they might contemplate those historic trousers with streaming eyes and recall the glorious occasion I have referred to. Now I no longer have a souvenir of my meeting with the president, and posterity is robbed of a great privilege by reason of your heedless course.

"I'd never think of giving away anything of yours without your approval, Mrs. Jamesworthy. Time and again I have been tempted to call in some poor but respectable widow with a large family to support and give her your false hair, which has become an eyesore to me, as I find it lying around wherever I go, but I felt it would be doing you an injustice and refrained. Yet when an unknown hobo comes to our door asking for refreshments you hand him my cherished trousers, which are more to me than pride of ancestry, or pomp of power.

"Your action is a fair sample of the extravagance which keeps men forever walking in the shadow of the poorhouse. I have no doubt that my sainted mother would roll over in her grave if she could know of such doings. Under her wise and skillful management my father had a chance to accumulate a few plasters for his old age. He wore his trousers until they were full of holes; then my mother took them and half soled them and mended them as good as new, and he wore them for another term of years until it was impossible to tell what their original color might have been.

"When they were too far gone for further use mother made them over so the older son could wear them, and when he had used them five or six years there still was enough sound material in them to make a pair for the youngest son. I was that youngest son, and all through my boyhood and even in early manhood I was wearing expurgated editions of my father's trousers.

"You may make as many faces as you please, Mrs. Jamesworthy, and point the finger of scorn until the cows come home, but that doesn't change the fact that it was economy of this sort that kept our parents in ignorance of such things as the bankruptcy court and the associated charities. When I had worn those historic trousers for a few summers and winters, until they would answer the purpose no longer, my mother cut them up into strips and made rag carpets of them, and those rag carpets were more sensible and more serviceable than the tailor made affairs you have strewn over these floors.

"After this, please, you will call me into executive session before giving away any of my habiliments, Mrs. Jamesworthy."—Walt Mason in Chicago News.

Concrete Bells.

The peculiar vibratory or nonvibratory properties of concrete are strikingly shown in bells made of this material. A bell cast in concrete will ring almost like a metal bell, but a slight touch of the hand serves immediately to stop vibration and the resulting sound. This is due to the lack of homogeneity from the standpoint of sound transmission.—London Standard.

On the Go.

"My husband is not home two nights a month."

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Dency Smith, milliner of Courtenay, has recently returned from the East with the latest in millinery.

C. P. Dundas, Barrister at Law, is now at Courtenay, having office room with H. H. M. Beadnell, E.&N. land agent.

Dr. P. H. Scharchmidt, conservative organizer and assistant secretary to the central association with headquarters at Vancouver, arrived at Courtenay yesterday and expects to visit Cumberland on Monday.

A dramatic entertainment will be held in the Bevan hall on February 17th, the Murphys assisted by Mrs. J. O'Conner and A. Ward in a side splitting farce. The Iceman will be one of the features of the evening.

Chris Smeets, who had already served 30 days for vagrancy appeared before His Worship charged with assault. The presiding magistrate found the accused guilty and imposed a fine of \$20 and costs or in default two months with hard labor. The fine in both cases was paid.

Charles G. Callin, accountant and auditor, has opened commodious offices in the building recently vacated by the Royal Bank of Canada, at Courtenay. Mr. Callin is very popular with the residents of the Comox Valley and should do a good business.

Eggs for hatching from white leghorns originated from the best trap-nested stock on the coast, with pullet year records of 295 and 261. \$10 per 100 (90 percent fertility), baby chicks and stock on sale.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

Notice is hereby given that the reserve, the notice of which appeared in the B.C. Gazette on the 27th. of December, 1907 is cancelled in so far as it relates to the following parcels of land: the W. 1-2 of the S.E. 1-4, the S. W. 1-4 and the S. 1-2 of the N. W. 1-4 west of the river in Section 4; the S.E. 1-4, the S.E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 and the N.E. 1-4 in Section 5; S. 1-2 of the S.E. 1-4 in Section 8; the S.E. 1-4, the S. W. 1-4 and the E. 1-2 of the N.E. 1-4 in Section 16; and the E. 1-2 of the S.E. 1-4 and N. 1-2 in Section 21, all in Township 3 Sayward District, and the N.E. 1-4 of the N.E. 1-4 in Section 32; the N.E. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4, and the N. W. 1-4 and N. 1-2 of the N.E. 1-4 Section 33; the N. 1-2 of the N. W. 1-4 and the N. 1-2 of the N. E. 1-4 in Section 34; and the S. 1-2 and N. W. 1-4 of the N. W. 1-4 in Section 35, all in Township 6, Sayward District.

The said lands will be open for entry by pre-emption on Monday, the 18th day of May at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon; all applications to be made at the office of the Government Agent, Vancouver.

No Pre-emptor. Record shall include more than 40 acres of land except in cases where it is desirable to include small fractional portions of legal subdivisions; information in which connection may be obtained from plans on view at the above mentioned Agency.

P. A. Renwick
 Deputy Minister of Lands,
 Lands Department,
 Victoria, B. C.
 11th February, 1914.

COURT OF REVISION.

A Court of Revision to hear and decide complaints against the Assessment Roll of the City of Cumberland for the year 1914 will be held in the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 6th, 1914, at 7-30 p.m.

A. McKINNON,
 City Clerk,
 City Hall,
 Cumberland, B. C.
 March 27th, 1914.

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Union and Comox District Hospital will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Cumberland, on Saturday, April 11.

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