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LIFE ON THE ROAD.

The Downs and Ups of a Traveling Editor's Life.

We left Victoria after dark, on the Premier. We paid 100 cents for the privilege of snoring in a top berth. We retired late, but the fellow who slept in the lower berth went to bed still later. He was drunk and carried a jag that assayed high in mixed drinks. In his wild rush to get into bed he knocked our pantaloons off the hat rack, and spilled all our $20 gold pieces on the floor. He also brushed our hymn book off the washstand, stove in our plug hat and used our boots for a cuspidor. Beyond this he did no damage, but talked in his sleep about a letter that had taken two years to come from the Kootenay country. The letter was old enough to talk and we think that that was the reason he became alcoholized.

We arrived in Vancouver in time for breakfast and then we went to the bank and deposited nearly all our money, after which we packed our valise for another attack on the mountains. Our landlord was sorry to have us leave as we attracted custom to the house, although our appetite depleted his bank account.

We bid good-bye to Vancouver in a snow storm. The brass band did not come out, owing to the dampness of the air. We did not care to have them spoil their horns for the sake of playing us out of town to slow music. Several ladies wept when we departed. As the train pulled out of the palatial depot, we sank into a soft seat by the side of the World Man on the Wing, and swapped Sunday school stories with him till we reached North Bend. From North Bend the train pursued the even tenor of its way without a single incident to jar the monotony of our ride by night.

We reached Revelstoke on time and remained in the town three days waiting for an opportunity to get out without walking. Revelstoke is an interesting place. Frank Locasto is there and he has the only barber shop on the continent with a piano in it. Customers are shaved with the strains of a seductive waltz ringing in the left ear, while in the right Frank pours one of his amusing yarns about whist parties in Nakusp.

We met Mr. Northey, editor of the Star. He has had a hard time of it lately, but no doubt will get his reward later on. The people of this town do not support him as they should. This town is in good condition, and the crows do not roost on the houses this winter.

Early on Saturday morning we succeeded in leaving the town on a sleigh, bound for the head of the lake. There were three passengers, a side of beef, box of oysters and some eggs. The driver was a Dane and the horses were called Yack and Baby. The driver's front name was Hans, but we could not pronounce his back one. He was quite a character, and kept the audience amused with his droll expressions.

We recited to him some selections from Shakespeare in such an eloquent manner that the horses stood still to drink in the melody of our sweet voice. Hans also took some melody out of a bottle. After an exhilarating and soul-stirring ride of ten hours we arrived at Cummings & Murphy's tent. Here we bid Hans good-bye and camped for two nights waiting for the noble ship Arrow to heave in sight. She hove about noon on Monday and we immediately got aboard. From this on everything was plain sailing, and we arrived in the coming city of Nakusp to find everything lovely, except the hole in Friday's pants.

Pleasant Social Event.

Last Friday night one of the most successful and pleasant dancing parties yet held in town occurred at the Prospect House. Almost every family in town was represented, and as a consequence the ballroom was crowded. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was continued till 4:15 next morning, the guests feeling loath to depart even then. Messrs. Nault, in their characteristic hospitable manner, served a fine collation at midnight, and in this and other attentions added greatly to the general rejoicing.

Dismissed With Costs.

While coming from the Prospect House Thursday evening, "Tony," the Italian hired help at the Nakusp House, was held up by a brace of highwaymen and relieved of two bottles of liquor, which he was conveying to the proprietor of the last mentioned establishment. Next day Mr. Thomas caused warrants to be issued for the arrest of A. Littlejohn and M. Condon, charging them with the crime. The former had his preliminary trial on Saturday, but was remanded till Monday, securing his liberty at $300 bail. Both men were given a hearing on Monday before F. W. Jordan, J.P., but the evidence for the prosecution was so confused and tangled that no case could be made out and the prisoners were accordingly discharged.

IN THE BASTILE.

An Interview With E. E. Coy at New Westminster.

We went to New Westminster the other day and visited the jail. Within its brick walls we found 39 people, 38 of whom were innocent. Asking to see E. E. Coy, the Kaslo Don Juan, we were ushered into a reception room and Mr. Coy came up from the basement, where he superintends the culinary department.

He was dressed in a blue shirt and an ordinary pair of trousers, and seemed to be in as good health as ever, talking glibly all the time. He said that he was innocent, and although he had often read of men being compelled to languish in prison for crimes they did not commit, he now knew how it was himself.

After leaving Kaslo he was taken to Kamloops, where he remained a month. He was ill there, so they removed him to New Westminster. Coy spoke highly of the prison officials and said they placed as little restraint on him as possible. Owing to good conduct he expected to be free on the 1st of April and he was already counting the days. He expected to have been liberated before this, and was surprised to think that his wife's efforts with the authorities at Ottawa had not been successful. He claims that they were, but that the necessary papers had been delayed at least 70 days. This is probably a delusion, as the mail service on the coast is different than it is in the Kootenay country.

He seemed to think that he had many enemies in Kaslo, and stated that it was only by an accident that the case in which he was implicated had ever come into court. He is satisfied that had he not made the statement he did he would never have been convicted. He intimated that his wife was a woman in a thousand, having stuck to him like a heroine. It is his intention to go to Kaslo as soon as possible, settle up his affairs and leave the country.

When asked what he thought of being a British subject, an American look came into his eye and he lapsed into silence. Evidently his views have changed upon the matter. During our hour's conversation with him, Coy told much interesting news, but of such a private nature that we are not at liberty to print it at the present time.

A recent discovery of ore on Woodberry Creek, near Ainsworth, assayed $120 in gold and $40 in silver.

IN THE CAPITAL.

The Downs and Ups of a Traveling Editor's Life.

We left Vancouver on that elegantly fitted, but rather top-heavy, steamer the Premier. We found the cuisine excellent and for four bits we took on a cargo of clam chowder, green onions and other dishes unknown in the Kootenay. The bill of fare is written in plain English, and travelers do not require to carry a French dictionary in order to get something to eat.

We encountered a terrific gale a short distance from Victoria, and for an hour or two it required considerable exertion to walk across the cabin. Sea sickness broke out and spread with surprising rapidity. The ladies had it the worst. We did not catch it, but may later on.

Arriving at Victoria we found the streets filled with hacks. It is said to be the best hack town on the coast.

The new parliament buildings are one story high, and the sooner they are completed the quicker. In the Provincial Museum we gazed at a vast collection of stuffed animals, birds, snakes, fishes, and other curiosities of this wonderful province. The collection of snakes and other reptiles is very fine, but rather dangerous for a man to look at who has been drinking. The mineral cabinets have a great many specimens, but several of the leading mines in the Slocan are not represented. Parliament opens in a day or two and we are billed to appear as a guest.

In search of amusement we entered the portals of the Royal Theatre—where a stock company plays nightly—and found the chimney blown down and the performance suspended for the evening. Leaving there we encountered a fire engine going at a 10-minute gait to a fire at Laurel Point.

After this excitement died out we wandered into the Delmonico Music Hall, an institution similar, but more refined than, the Comique at Kaslo. At the bar we deposited two bits, and armed with a red ticket we entered the pit. Several girls delighted the audience with imitations of singing. Most of them wore dresses short at both top and bottom, and the light of other days shone in their eyes. This hall has one tier of lace-curtained boxes.

We entered into one nearest the stage, and found a charming lady there, with raven hair and flashing eyes. She told us all her troubles and in an eloquent manner said she was a widow and had two of the prettiest children in the world. One was a boy, with golden hair and blue eyes, and the woman seemed so much wrapt up in him that—she didn't say she was dry for nearly ten minutes. When she intimated that a glass of beer would elevate her nervous system, we gently but sadly withdrew, realizing that although it was more subdued in tone, it was the same in regard to thirsty women and the beer question as Kaslo's famous resort.

Victoria is dull and people are complaining of hard times. We have not noticed any dollar bills growing on the trees, but no doubt there is lots of wealth in the town, but it requires a man to be able to say "Aw, bah Jove!" with the proper accent in order to get a glimpse of it.

A FEW DAYS LATER.

We interviewed the Assistant Postoffice Inspector in reference to a better mail service for the Kootenay. He said that everything was being done that could be done to better the service, and he hoped that the people would have less cause for complaint in the future. If the people are not satisfied with any of the postoffice officials in West Kootenay they can be removed by showing just cause to the Dominion member for the district.

Chinatown forms quite a portion of this fair city. We visited their Joss House and found it rather interesting. The room contained quite a number of curious looking articles used in dispensing religion to the Mongolians. Candles are kept burning and the subtle perfume from the incense pervades the establishment.

Little and Big Joss are partially screened by a semi curtained apartment, and are held in great reverence by their worshippers. We could not see any sense in this kind of worship, but no doubt the followers of Joss are as sincere in their way as the Christians of this land who look upon the Son of Man as their leader to a happy home beyond the grave. There are no pews or seats in the Joss House, consequently the collection plate is a dead letter.

The world is made up of many religions, and as our mothers taught us so are we inclined to believe. If we had been brought up in China no doubt we would not have believed in hell, but as it is we believe there is a hell for every one who does not pay the printer.

Having obtained a seat in the Legislative Assembly Hall, we witnessed the opening of the Provincial Parliament. After the usual ceremonies, the Lieutenant-Governor, after a few brief remarks, opened the House. The principal part of his address was in reference to the Slocan country and it would seem that we will get anything we want this session. It is a fact quite apparent to us that we are the people and must be respected. As the House adjourned almost immediately we did not have an opportunity to listen to the eloquence of the parliamentary orators.

In closing our rambling letter, we might say that the moss grows upon some of the houses here, and in some instances it has been known to grow on the backs of the inhabitants.

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RUSH TO COOLGARDIE.

Fabulous Richness of the New Australian Gold Fields.

Australian advices to hand by the steamer Warrimoo, which recently arrived at Vancouver, show that the gold fever continues to tempt men to brave the dangers of thirst and heat in an attempt to cross the trackless and waterless wastes that guard the treasures of Coolgardie. This is the centre of what is known as the Yegarn district, which itself is but one of five gold fields, that although not worked have already made a name for themselves. Though several thousand people are gathered around Coolgardie, so immense is the auriferous area that only the most cursory search has yet been made. At points all over the 13,000 square miles gold has been found, both alluvial and in reefs, and it is only the fatal absence of water that has prevented the establishment of the largest mining camps in the world.

Reports of finds by some explorers read like fairy tales. Almost the only means of separating the gold from the drifts has been by "blowing," yet Bayley, the discoverer of Coolgardie, tells how in one month his party collected 200 ounces, and that at last, coming on the reef, they gathered 50 ounces of gold in one evening. Next day they took out 600 ounces from the cap of the reef, and in another forty hours gathered 528 ounces more, the only means for extracting the gold being to pound the stuff out with pestal and mortar.

The want of water, however, surrounds the gold fields like a wall of fire, but efforts are being made by the Government to discover subterranean reservoirs, which will make possible the development of the continual belt of gold country, connecting its northern with its southern border, and embracing the five gold fields of Yegarn, Murcheson, Ashburton, Kilbarry and Kimberley, with a total gold area of 132,000 square miles.

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" " Tuesdays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.
" " Thursdays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.
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HISTORY OF THE KOOTENAY.

A complete history of the Kootenay country, from the earliest days to the present time, is being compiled by R. T. Lowery. Experienced men with valuable information would confer a favor by sending their address to this office.

THAT NELSON CONVENTION.

Perhaps few ideas of a political nature in West Kootenay have been so universally condemned as has that of the proposed convention, to be held in Nelson in April. Conceived by a few and promulgated by still fewer, there can be no surprise expressed that the affair has undoubtedly fallen flat. As the people come to consider the proposition, little, if anything, can be adduced in its favor.

The meetings so far held throughout the district to discuss the matter, have been unanimous in their declarations of opposition. No step has yet been taken in this neighborhood to nominate candidates to attend the convention, nor is it at all probable that any notice will be taken of the intimation sent out. We have sounded public opinion in various directions regarding the proposition, and have yet to learn of a favorable expression thereon.

As in all civilized countries, there are two political parties in West Kootenay, however slight the line of demarkation may be between them—the Government and its opponents. The notification calling the convention bore no signatures, nor was it specified whether the meeting was sanctioned by either of the two parties. No one will for a moment believe that the expression of the proposed convention will in any way bind the electoral vote, and it is not at all unlikely that other candidates for the enviable honor of sitting in the Local Legislature for the district will arise after the Nelson fiasco is a thing of the past.

The proceeding, in our estimation, is tantamount to a declaration that the electors must consider the nominee to be selected as the official representative of West Kootenay for the next four years; and, if such be the case, why incur the expense of an election? No, no, ye denizens of Nelson, your little scheme will not work! Give us something more tangible and trustworthy; or, better still, leave events to shape their own course.

J. L. Retallack, of Kaslo, who is accused of having secret aspirations for the position of M.P.P. for this district, stated at a recent meeting in his city, that Hon. Theodore Davie had told him emphatically that West Kootenay would have two members under the new redistribution bill. John L. must be on more than ordinary friendly terms with the "Czar," to obtain such interesting data. Well, time will tell.

The provincial voters' list for this district is in a peculiarly muddled condition, discrepancies occurring to an alarming extent. Many well-known business men are left off, repetitions are frequent; in fact, just such a state of affairs exists as might be expected when two enumerators have been employed to do the work which one could have performed satisfactorily. Premier Davie's attention has been called to the matter and he promises redress at once.

For a Laudable Purpose.

St. Valentine's day, which occurs next Wednesday, will be celebrated here by a ball, to be given on the steamer Lytton, in aid of the public school. The boat will be gaily decorated for the occasion, its use having been kindly granted by Capt. Smith. The ladies are busily preparing refreshments for the event, which is certain to be successful. Tickets have been issued and placed at the low figure of $1. With such a laudable object in view, none of the citizens should be absent. The money is urgently needed to wipe off the debt on the school, so hustle up your ducats, gentlemen.

Navigation Still Open.

Saturday last the Arrow forced her way through the ice in the bay to the open water at the point, just beyond the mouth of the Koos-ka-naac creek, and next morning left for the head of the lake. At the upper end the ice is about three inches thick, but it is not thought that any difficulty will be experienced on that account. Freight teams are hauling goods from Revelstoke to the lake, there being upwards of 40 tons stored on the beach now. As the boat goes only to Bannock Point, the freight will have to be hauled across the ice another three miles. On the whole, the Arrow is doing a good business, making regular trips without difficulty, excepting the inconvenience caused by the distant landings at either end. She has the prospects of a profitable winter's traffic.

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A LIFE READER.

The Easy Way in Which Professor Onequi Earns His Money.

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Both the professor and his wife were in. She is a beautiful Irish lady, with a pretty face and a smile that would melt a granite formation. The professor is a Russian, plausible in his manner and an adept at flattery. He is also a first-class perverter of the naked truth. He said that he had made a life study of palmistry, and that by reading a man's hand he could tell the past and future. He claimed to be able to tell our mother-in-law's name, and also how long we would perambulate this mundane sphere before we passed in our checks and joined the ranks of the white-robed angels.

The professor's price varied according to the amount of history given. We invested a small amount and then he counted the lines on our right hand and put the result down in Rnssian shorthand. He then requested us to call the next day. We did so and he gave us a roll of paper with our future written in very bad English.

We were to live to the ripe age of 59 years. This will come true, no doubt, if we don't die before then. We were to suffer from paralysis in our old age. Wouldn't wonder a bit if this were correct, because we were paralyzed once in our young days. We were to have two wives and four babies, and our last wife would bring us a fortune. We pity the first woman, for she won't live long. We were to be very sick on the 14th of this month. No doubt we will be if we do not quit riding down on snow slides.

In addition to the above he told us a lot of rubbish about transactions with different men, but he did not tell us how long it would be before the Kootenay people would get a letter without having the ink faded on it from old age. We were to do no work during the last six years of our life. This is correct. We shall be in the poorhouse by that time in all probability.

After reading this wonderful fortune of ours we told the palmistorian that we belonged to the press. He then invited us to call some other day and he would tell us our past and the names our of wives, without any extra charge. We called again, and we kept on calling, but the professor put us off from time to time until we had to leave the city without the desired information.

We are sorry that he was such a a liar. We hate to have a man lie to us, especially when he has got our money. We were out $2.50 on his game, but, beloved readers, remember that we cannot read your hands, unless they are marked on the back. However, we will guarantee to tell you all that happens in the next year provided you will put up $3 for a subscription to the most influential paper published in Nakusp. If you meet Onequi in 'Frisco this winter, give him our kindest regards.

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One More Letter From Wandering Jim Wardner.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Dec. 14.—Several days in this place enables me to give more reliable information. Johannesburg is a city of 50,000 inhabitants, of all races, colors and smells. It is situated right in the centre of the outcroppings of the great reef which is now being worked 40 miles along the outcrop. From the Framira mine, which is one block from where I write, one can see a straight line of smokestacks as far as the eye can reach.

Johannesburg, in common with all the world, feels a depression and the merchants complain of a tightness. There seems to be no reason for this, except that vast sums of money are being sent out of the country for mining machinery and electrical apparatus. Everywhere on the deep levels they are striking the ledge at from 500 to 2,500 feet in depth, and from one mile to 20 from the outcrop. An estimate of the value of the ore now in sight will be made by the secretary of the chamber of mines, to be published in January. The output for November was 136,682 ounces of gold; value in the United States $2,500,000. This reef will make an output for 1893 of $30,000,000. In 1894 $60,000,000 will be nearer the mark.

Query. What is the future of the city of Johannesburg? I believe it will have a population of 200,000 in five years. There is no reason why not, for she is nearly self-supporting. Her markets beat the world. The pay roll of these mines for labor will reach in 1894 the enormous sum of $100,000 a day, or $3,000,000 a month. Now, this computation is for this reef only

The future of Matabeleland can only add to the greatness of Johannesburg. And yet there are old-timers here who assert that there are too many people—more in fact than are earning a living. I grant this to be partly true

They say money is tight here, and yet they raised over £2,000, or $10,000, for the hospital fund in one day. There are 390 bars or saloons to which licenses have been granted, and 70 more have applied. All seem to be doing well that I saw.

In conclusion I will say that I do not advise any man to come who is not well equipped in money and experience. The country is full of Cornish miners and more are coming. Nearly all the Australian miners have left who could go. But to the man with $5,000 to $10,000, this is the place. Skilled men of many classes are in demand, such as electricians, workers in wood and iron, carpenters and stonemasons, The wages are universally £1 sterling a day. The weather is fair, the thermometer at noon today being 70, with a cool and delicious breeze.

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LIFE IN NAKUSP.

Misses Aura and Julia Corning went to New Denver this week.

Eastern parties have purchased the American Boy mine for $15,000.

T. Daly and D. McGillivray departed for the coast on Tuesday's boat.

Various local parties contemplate cutting and storing a supply of ice for summer use.

D. O'Leary, contractor, came down from the head of the lake Sunday, returning Tuesday.

The father of J. Fred Hume, of Nelson, recently died in New Brunswick, aged 60 years.

An incipient blaze occurred in the basement of the Dardanelles Hotel, Kaslo, a week ago.

Enquiries are increasing regarding real estate in town, with the indications of a busy season.

U. S. Thomas purposes going to Spence's Bridge in the spring, to engage in the hotel business.

J. T. Nault has secured the contract to build a wharf at, and clear the townsite of, Wilson Creek.

Local merchants report collections extremely satisfactory, more so than at any time since last September.

Miss Agnes Horton, the waitress at the Madden House, had her purse, containing $11, stolen last week.

A statement of the public school finances has been prepared, by the trustees and will be published soon.

R. T. Lowery ambled out of town on one of his tours of observation on Monday, intending to go as far as Spokane.

A. E. Hodgins has secured the contract to put the ground of the Nelson Hydraulic Co. into shape for work in the spring.

G. B. Wright, owner of the Mile Point mine, at Ainsworth, made a carload shipment of ore to San Francisco last week.

W. C. Muirhead leaves for Wilson Creek about the 25th, to assume charge of the hotel and store that J. T. Nault is having erected.

It is announced that the Great Northern Railway will put two vessels on Kootenay Lake, from Bonner's Ferry, in the spring.

The ore shipments from this district last month over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway amounted to 1,214 tons, valued at $151,750.

Complete files of the B. C. Gazette, minutes of Legislative Assembly, and Parliamentary blue books may be conned over at this office.

H. Ward, an old-time realty man of Kaslo, and A. Cochrane, an erstwhile inhabitant of this burg, came over from New Denver on Monday.

Kaslo has purchased the charter of the Electric Light & Waterworks Co. for $1,354, and work is to begin at once on the improvements.

One-ninth interest in the Nabob, an extension of the Bluebird mine, in the Slocan, has been sold by H. Ward to L. Dancereau, of this town, for $250 cash.

Through the kindness of J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., THE LEDGE has received a supply of voter's blanks, so that anyone requiring them will know where to go.

Nakusp has lost its physician, Dr. Williamson having wandered off on Tuesday, en route to the coast cities, much to the sorrow of his suffering fellow mortals.

The Omaha-Grant Smelting Co., of Omaha, Neb., is a new competitor for Slocan ore, quoting a rate of $1.50 a ton less than its rivals. The C.P.R. are believed to be backing it.

The barroom of the Nakusp House is being beautified this week with a gorgeous array of wall paper. Other improvements have also been made, making the place one of the handsomest in town.

The Leland House has resembled a private hospital of late, every member but one of Mr. McDougald's family having been confined to their beds through illness. The last to suffer was Miss Katie, who was taken ill on Sunday.

D. McGillivray made one of his flying trips in from the coast on Sunday. The effect of his visit was noticeable in the broad smiles that have illuminated the countenances of various parties in town. Upwards of $10,000 was paid out.

J. Black, of the Central Hotel, New Denver, arrived in at the beginning of the week. To judge from the general air of good-humor that surrounded him after a brief visit to the company's offices, his trip must have been eminently satisfactory.

The skating on the bay for a few days was delightful, the ice having been thronged with people night and day. Capt. Smith generously furnished the Lytton's reflectors on several evenings, to the happiness of the skaters. The recent snowfalls have not improved matters at all.

Sandholm, who was recently given six months, by F. W. Jordan, J.P., for stabbing J. Hector, bartender at the Prospect House, in the arm, was to have come up for a new trial in Nelson yesterday. The chief witnesses left for that place Monday. The prisoner was taken down a week ago by Constable Sproatt.

M. McInnes, of the Calgary cattle firm of McInnes & Burns, who went out on Sunday, expects to bring in a big shipment of cattle next month by way of Revelstoke, using the Arrow and scow from the head of the lake. Their three butcher shops at Nelson, Kaslo, and Three Forks are doing well, and they expect to get the contract to furnish meat to their sole rivals in the district, Messrs. Wilson & Perdue.

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