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LIFE IN FERNIE

It was snowing in Fernie this morning.

The carpenters work eight hours a day in Fernie.

H. Plante has more sand than any man in Fernie.

Mrs Morrison is building a new home near the hospital.

THE LEDGE is always on sale at the Fernie Drug Store.

E D. Mackenzie has opened a shooting gallery in Moyie.

Around the C. P. R yards the tracks are being repaired this week.

One of the heaviest snowstorms of the year occurred at Frank last night.

At the recreation grounds there will be a game of baseball next Sunday.

Contractor Kerr has commenced the erection of a fine residence on Victoria avenue.

Last Saturday a freight wreck at Creston delayed the eastbound express for six hours.

Bargains in old newspapers at this office. Must be sold to make room for new stock.

The back yards should receive a liberal touch of chloride of lime at this time of the year.

A live wire or chloroform would make it easier for the canines to escape from this world of taxes.

Another car of meat arrived from Calgary last week for P. Burns & Co. This firm sells a carload a week in Fernie

W. J. Blundell has bought a residence on Jaffray street from James Broley, and will move into it next month

Mr. Gould, assistant roadmaster on the C. P. R caught the largest fish of the season on Sunday. It weighed 14 pounds

We can get others to supply the city with light, water and telephones, but no offers are being made to run our sewage system.

At Rossland peace has been completely restored between the miners and their employees. Jim Crouin gets most of the credit.

If you want to buy a newspaper, printing plant, gasolene engine, real estate or old newspapers, drop a line to the editor of this paper.

The merchants along Victoria avenue are constantly making improvements Bleasdell put up an awning this week and THE LEDGE put in a ton of coal.

Pete Van Dusen's dog was taken from the pound into the bush, and shot full of holes. The next day the dog limped home full of holes but still in the ring.

The City Council are not in favor of fruit and ice cream shops being kept open on Sunday. In the summer the citizens can get their Sunday refreshments at Elko.

The C P. R. has an eye for making money. All the old records in the Fernie office are being packed up and shipped east, where they will be sold for three cents a pound to paper mills

Graham's tame coyote was turned loose last night and made a still hunt for chickens It will probably land in the pound for lack of a tag if it does not take to the woods at an early minute.

T. F. Miller arrived from South Dakota this week to look after his son, who is in the hospital suffering from the effects of being knocked off a C. P. R coach by a slack telephone wire at Morrissey last week.

Owing to the stage at Cranbrook not being large enough the cantata Agatha, will not be produced in that town much to the disappointment of many people in our sister burg. Agatha would stand a second production in Fernie.

E. Carelton, a former contractor on the G N. Ry. has returned to Fernie from his home in Montana. He says that there will be no railroad building from Fernie to Lethbridge this summer. The G. N R. intends to push construction from the Boundary to the Coast.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will hold a collar sale in Stork's hall, on Saturday, April 22nd. Collars made by the ladies of the church will be for sale, also home made candy and cookery. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon. Place the date in your hat and do not forget your pocket book.

Unsanitary conditions was the cause of the recent outbreak of scarlet fever in Fernie. If the city wishes to avoid epidemics it will be necessary for the authorities to make it difficult for undesirable microbes to get a foothold within the limits. In some form filth causes nearly all the diseases that flesh is heir to, including consumption.

It has been decided in a Rossland court that playing solo for cigars is not gambling. The judge in that city probably views solo with the wild-cat stocks that once made that city infamous. The writer knows one man who walked out of Rossland in '95 from playing solo, and he still bets that it was gambling, even if a petty judge thinks otherwise.

T. N. Lawe was in Tobacco Plains, Montana, last week purchasing live fowl for the local hennery in which he is interested. He bought 200, and 120 of them cost $15 a dozen owing to be thoroughbreds The farmers around Tobacco Plains are hopeful of a better summer than the previous one. Last year the lack of rain made their bank accounts look like warts on the moon.

Chinks in Africa

A dispatch from South Africa indicates that the mine operators are having plenty of trouble with their Chinese coolies. Not long since a correspondent of the London Chronicle produced figures to show that the employment of Chinese is not at all economical Now it appears that the hope that the coolie would prove more tractable than native labor must also be dismissed. Under the circumstances the experiment of the Rand miners in going to China for help promises to be an unprofitable one.

Passenger Rates Increased

Owing to the poor condition of the trail between White Horse and Dawson the White Pass and Yukon route has announced an increase in passenger transportation rates effective on April 12th Tickets sold through to Dawson from British Columbia ports and Puget Sound on and after that date will be at the rate of $175 instead of $150, the present scale Effective April 15th the fare from Skagway to Dawson will be $145 instead of $125, and from White Horse to Dawson the rate will jump on that date from $100 to $125

The latest reports from the North are to the effect that the trail is rapidly going to pieces. The snow is disappearing quickly, and pulling is very heavy on the road, especially where grades are encountered.

A NEW ERA

The Great Northern Steamship Co. in placing in service between Seattle, Wash., and Yokahama, Negasaki, Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong, the magnificent American built steamships, the "Minnesota" and the Dakota make a new era in transportion facilities between the United States and the Orient. These magnificent steamships with their superior facilities in handling immense freight cargoes and the luxurious appointments for passenger travel has given an impetus to our oriental trade. The North Pacific Route to the Orient is rapidly becoming the popular one and now that the two palatial steamships, "Minnesota" and "Dakota" have been put in commission, there is no question but that a further greater increase in our trade with the Orient as well as increased passenger travel to Asiatic points will be inaugurated. The first sailing of the "Minnesota" in addition to carrying the largest cargo to the Orient ever carried by any ship in the world, as well as an extensive list, augurs well for the futnre.

The "Minnesota" will sail on its next voyage to the Orient on Saturday, April 29th and it will not be amiss to say here that the excellence of her passenger accommodation will be heralded to the travelling public of the United States by all who enjoyed the pleasant voyage across the Pacific on her first trip, as furnishing the acme of travel comfort The fact that the superior accommodations of the Great North rn Steamship Company in connection with the comfortable journey afforded by the Great Northern Railway to Seattle, the sailing point of the "Minnesota" will make this route the popular one from occident to Orient.

PERSONALS

Barney Mooney is on a visit to Frank.

A Carney is in the city upon official business.

With much regret G. C. Hodge left Fernie last Monday

Messrs Pedlar, Volume and O'Neil spent Sunday at Elko.

George McMillan, late of Quail's store is now a machinist at Coal Creek.

Thomas Pogue goes to Lucille, Idaho, this week. He will return in May.

Mrs. E. A. Wells, of Medicine Hat, is visiting her mother, Mrs Wm. Baundell.

F. W. Peters, accompanied by many more C. P. R. officials came in a private car to Fernie last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Fowler, of Vancouver, are in the city visiting their daughter, Mrs S. F Wallace

On Friday evening Miss McBurney was called to Toronto owing to her father having met with a serious injury.

Lucy, only daughter of S. G. Andrews of this city was married last week in Strathcona, Alta., to Robert Inkster of that town.

T. G. Proctor, of Nelson was in the city last week, and in company with D. V. Mott paid a visit to the fruit lands of the Kootenay Valley Co.

D. R. Alcorn, accompanied by his bride and his mother, arrived in Fernie yesterday from Woodstock, N B. Mr Alcorn will reside in the city.

Dr A Howe, of Kalispell expects to spend most of the summer in and around Fernie. He is an eye specialist who learned his profession in Chicago.

THE TELEPHONE EMBROGLIO

Not satisfied that the explanation given on behalf of the city concerning the necessity for a trial of the B. C. Telephone Co's action L G. McPhillips K. C was asked to state his version on the matter. Among other matters that the learned counsel mentions is that on Feb. 14th he wrote to Wilson, Senkler and Bloomfield offering to settle as follows:

"We would like you to agree upon an early date for the trial. We think there will be no difficulty in agreeing upon a case stated, and we would suggest that we meet and prepare a stated case. We presume that your clients will object to the company building their line; in case they do not of course if our costs are paid, we would be quite willing to discontinue the action."

No reply was received to this letter, and another one was sent on March 1st stating that on the following afternoon notice of trial would be given. No reply was received and preparations for the trial were gone into On the 13th Mr. Bloomfield turned up and said he would settle on the terms of the letter of Feb. 14th. He was anxious to settle as if the case went into court it would place his firm in an awkward position, as he produced a letter dated Feb. 28th from his principals in Fernie in which they stated that a settlement would be made upon the terms proposed by Mr. McPhillips in his letter of Feb. 14th. By using considerable pressure the directors of the Telephone company agreed to this. Wilson & Co. wrote a letter to McPhillips agreeing to the settlement and enclosing a copy of a telegram to their principals at Fernie, advising them of the settlement. In a few days Bloomfield came to McPhillips and stated that his clients in Fernie now said he had no authority to make the settlement, and that as a favor he wanted to be let out of the settlement. After considerable shuffling and sparring for delay upon the part of Bloomfield the matter finally came into Court and if Fernie ever had any chance to win the suit it was lost by the evidence of Mayor Stork.

The proceedings of the trial were rather short. In the first place Mr. Wilson made application to adjourn the trial for the purpose of getting a witness from Toronto to prove the amended defence, and of course did not succeed The only evidence that was put in at the trial was the cross-examination of the Mayor upon the defendant's statement of defence. I cross examined him the day before the trial. This cross examination was a complete admission of everything that was necessary for us to prove our case. The fact that I had got put further witnesses in the box seemed to take Mr. Wilson by surprise. He was evidently not prepared to put witnesses in the box and he therefore adduced no evidence, and the case went to the Judge simply on the mayor's cross-examination."

The foregoing easily proves that the B C. Telephone Co., or its lawyers are in no way to blame for putting a great expense upon Fernie It also proves that a mayor with more "Scotch" in him than wisdom is rather an expensive ornamentation for a young and struggling city.

AT THE ROYAL

Leo Castean, who runs the Royal Cafe is a noted caterer. He was born and raised in a restaurant and has followed the business all his life It is his intention to conduct the Royal short order restaurant, and will get daily from Spokane all the delicacies of the season. Leo has managed restaurants in many States, especially in Omaha He also has charge of the rooms all of which instead of being numbered are named after states and provinces. For instance at the Royal a man can play the piano in Ontario, sleep in Texas, eat in Maine and wash his hands in California.

There is a side door entrance to the restaurant, and a specialty is made of Sunday family dinners The linoleum on the dining room floor came from Scotland, and walls are artistically decorated with the latest pictures of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. This restaurant will surely do a large business.

A PROSPEROUS MILL

The Standard Lumber Co. commenced sawing on Monday having repaired the break in the engine. The mill has recently been moved to Baker, near some of the finest timber limits along the Crow. The mill will cut about 30,000 feet a day. Last year this company paid the highest dividend of any mill in East Kootenay which speaks well for the astuteness of its management

A Million Dollar Deal

It has come out in the Supreme Court that Stuart Henderson has sold to a British syndicate for a million dollars the Avoca, Avanon, Amazon and other claims near Clinton which formerly were sold at a sheriff's sale for six hundred dollars. The previous owner was the B C. Development Co.

Athletic Association

A meeting of the Fernie Athletic Association will be held in the Court House on Friday evening, April 14th for the annual election of officers and other business. All who are interested in outdoor sports should be in attendance.

CITY COUNCIL

Council met Monday evening.

A letter from T. H. Tracy was filed Mr. Tracy, who is city engineer in Vancouver says for consulting work on a water system he would charge $25 a day and expenses, and after 10 days $15 a day.

A letter from P. Vibrett was filed. It stated that at present the Union bank could not sell any land in the Cedar Valley as a deal was on for the block.

A letter from the Provincial secretary was filed. He stated that on Order in Council fixed the salary paid to W. H. Whimster as police magistrate at $300 per annum.

It was decided to ask W. H. Whimster if he will accept the offer of $50 a month to act as police magistrate for the city.

The committee was instructed to again confer with the Coal Co. regard to exact conditions re coal grant.

It was resolved to ask the government to repair the road to the cemetery as at the present time it is impossible for the hearse to go up the hill.

In regard to throwing open the clause in the incorporation regarding septic tank system Ross says in a letter on the subject "It occurs to me that the people of Fernie are disposed to blame everything upon the government shown in this particular instance whereas the government was willing to meet the wishes of the people of Fernie in every respect and would have been successful in doing so had it not been for the opposition raised in the House by the leader of the opposition.

It was decided that the council meet Mr. McEvoy and discuss the dumping ground question.

By-law No. 13, being a by-law to amend by-law No. 6 was read a first time.

Adjourned until April 17th.

A MINERS' CONVENTION

A convention of delegates from all local unions in the Crows Nest riding of Alberta will be held at Blairmore on April 19th for the purpose of nominating a candidate in the Liberal interest to contest the election in the Crows Nest at the coming election. The miners are well organized and control about 400 votes. The carpenters and C. P. R. employees who are all organized have promised their support and will have representatives at the coming convention The unions have been promised support by a large number of farmers in the Lowley and Pincher Creek sections of the country.

THE COAL CO.

The company has not yet decided whether the new tipple at Coal Creek will be wood or steel. It is a question of cost. Two tenders for a steel one are expected from Chicago and Pittsburg firms The tender from Chicago has already arrived.

At Coal Creek operations are being pushed on the temporary tipple to No. 2. It will be finished by Saturday, and next week the mines will be producing about the same amount of coal as previous to the fire, but with less ease.

The concrete foundation for the haulage engine is just almost completed, and in two weeks the engine will be put in place It will not be used until the permanent tipple is complete!

Dumping Ground Secured

After considerable garbling the City Council has secured a site for dumping the refuse of the city Yesterday two acres were purchased from the Crows Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Co. for $600, and the company was not anxious to sell at that price but probably did so to oblige the city. The site is about 1200 yards from the city, near the abattoir of P. Burns & Co. It will cost about $1 a load to cart discarded and obnoxious material to our municipal Gehenna.

May Shut Down

Judging from reports received at Fernie all the B C. coast coal mines will shut down on the 1st June owing to the owners not wishing to recognize the eight hour law. This will be a serious blow at the coast towns and it is likely that a special session of the legislature will be called to take action in the matter.

Women, no matter what their profession or occupation can find no safer investment than buying a model endowment policy in the Mutual Life of Canada. They are profitable as an investment, in addition to the life insurance provided. See facts from the lady agent at the Hotel Fernie.

A young lady living on the west side of Manhattan was recently in receipt of the following communication, sent from the opposite house in the rear, and written in a boyish hand:

"Please don't bother to address in front of your window any more. We are going away for the summer.—Tom and Bob."—Life.

THE AMERICAN WAR

This is a week of anniversaries in connection with the American War. It is 44 years ago today since the first shot was fired at Fort Sumter, and 40 years last Sunday since Lee surrendered. On Friday it will be just 40 years since John Wilkes Booth shot Abe Lincoln in Ford's Theatre at Washington.

Owen N. Ross, of Fernie, is a Canadian, but so imbued with the combative spirit that when scarcely 15 years of age he enlisted in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, one of the regiments in Custer's brigade. He enlisted on Dec. 17, 1862, and was mustered out June 16, 1865.

For six months he served as a teamster, and was then appointed bugler, being promoted before the year ended to chief bugler. He received two flesh wounds during his term of service, but kept on bugling. His principal fear was not of himself, but that his brother in the same regiment would be killed. This fear became truth for he saw his brother shot to death in front of his own eyes and advises all soldiers never to fight in the same regiment as their relatives.

Since 1891 Mr. Ross has drawn a pension amounting to $12 a month, and has belonged to the G. A. R since 1871. Only soldiers honorably discharged can join the G. A. R. or wear the button Mr. Ross has attended parades in St Paul, Chicago and Milwaukee. In these parades the Canadian members are allowed to carry the Union Jack. Mr. Ross sincerely wishes to live ten years more, when the veterans of the G. A. R. will each receive $1000. There were 46,000 Canadian on the Union side in the war, and about 30,000 "fit" with the gray.

Ross still has the spirit that made him at a tender age don the blue and plunge into the greatest hell that tears the hearts and blasts the home of any nation. Talking about the stirring scenes when a nebulous pall hung over the Union, his eyes will flash fire that has driven many a man against a hot battery in defence of the flag and country, and his voice will tremble and moisture dim his eyes when he speaks of the many pathetic sights he witnessed, especially the death of his brother in the battle of the Wilderness.

The following is a liss of the engagements in which O. N. Ross participated: Hanover, Hunterstown, Gettysburg, Monterey, Cavetown, Smithtown, Boonsborough, Hagerstown, Williamsport, Falling Waters Snickers Gap Kelley's Ford, Culpeper Court House, Raccoon Ford, White's Ford, Jack's Shop, James City, Brandy Station, Buckland's Mills, Stevensburg, Morton's Ford, Richmond, Wilderness, Beaver Dam, Yellow Tavern, Meadow Bridge, Milford, Hawe's Shop, Cold Harbor, Baltimore Cross Roads, Trevillian Station, Winchester, Front Royal, Leetown, Shepardstown, Smithfield, Berryville, Summit, Opequan, Luray Port Republic, Mt. Crawford, Woodstock, Ceder Creek, Madison Court House, Louisa Court House, Five Forks, South Side, Duck Pond Mills, Sailor's Creek, Appomattox Court House.

HARD TIMES BALL

A Terpsichorean invitation will occur in Fernie upon the evening of Friday, April 27th, when a Hard Times ball in aid of the local baseball club will be given. A ball of this kind is just the reverse from a decolete affair, and their is no danger of being decollated if you appear on the floor without a white shirt. All are expected to attend in the poorest and most ancient costumes that can be procured en masque. At midnight all masks will be removed and Momus reign supreme for a few minutes. Extra nonsense will be the sensation of the season. The tickets are $1, and friends of the diamond should attend en masse.

A FINE HALL

The Mount Fernie Lodge of I. O. O. F., No 47 has one of the finest lodge rooms along the Crow. It is 25 x 50 ft. in size and is beautifully carpeted. The N. G. chair and canopy too is at one end of the hall, and the V. G. chair at the other There are two writing desks and four pedestals The lodge has $1,000 invested in regalia and furnishings Visiting brethern are always welcome. In order to accommodate the Good Templars the meeting night has been changed from Thursday to Friday.

Jim Loves the Irish

Irishmen make great miners. Jim Cronin, of the St. Eugene and Wm Eagles seems to know this, and gathers around him all the Irish that he can find For at Rossland he has the finest bunch of "blasters" that ever drank mountain dew at a Donnybrook fair, and every man at Moyie swears that Jim is the boy with the shillalah but

ALONG THE CROW

COAL CREEK

It is said that many weddings will occur after payday.

H. Campbell, the local butcher and universal favorite is seriously thinking of matrimony.

Mr and Mrs. Guthrie were in Fernie last Friday shaking hands with innumerable friends. They came to Coal Creek before Fernie was anything but a brush fire. For years they kept the boarding house in this camp, and through their innate goodness endeared themselves to all with whom they came in contact.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector.

It is expected that the wagon road up Wild Horse Creek, will be finished this season.

The outlook for placer mining on Perry Creek is very bright and mining men are beginning operations early.

The recent strikes made in the St. Eugene mine, will cause a number of good prospects in that vicinity to be worked during the coming season.

The North Star, the oldest producing mine in East Kootenay, according to reports, is to be leased. The proposition of leasing is now before the directory board of the company.

Moyie, and the big silver-lead mines tributary to that town, continues to attract great attention and several new discoveries of importance have added to the great prospective value of the camp.

An average of 100 tons of ore a day is being taken out of the Sullivan group of Mines. This is the largest daily output in the history of the property and is due to the fact that the smelter at Marysville, owned by the Sullivan company is about ready to commence operations.

Ball at Rossland

Al Davis visited Nelson on Thursday and while there interviewed some of the baseball enthusiastics. They expressed themselves strongly in favor of the formation of a Nelson baseball team, and promised to push the matter of at once organizing such a team. If this is done it will make it possible to form a league composed of Nelson, Trail, Northport and Rossland. Among those who are deeply interested in the work of forming a baseball club there are a number of business men, and Mr. Davis is satisfied that they will put up a good team in the field, as there is considerable old material and much that is now available there for the purpose The only towns that have not been heard from in regard to the league are Fernie and Colville.—Rossland Miner.

STRIKE SETTLED

Halifax, April 10.—Peace has been restored at Springhill between the management and the men of the Cumberland Coal and Railway Co. This is the result of the conference arranged by representatives of Pioneer Lodge, P. W. W. A., and General Manager Cowans held on Saturday. A general scale of wages was agreed upon including the pillar rate, which was in dispute. The new rate on Pillar work is fixed at 75 cents. The company first offered 50 cents, the men demanded $1.

An Uptown Office

S. G. Yerkes, G. P. A. of the G. N. R. came in last night and discussed local matters with Jas. Sloan. He made arrangements to give special rates to the Fernie baseball team. At the latter end of the month an uptown office will be opened in the building now being vacated by F. J. Mitchell adjoining the Northern Hotel. Mr. Sloan has been appointed local general agent. Since its entry the G. N. has done a large business in Fernie.

Gold in its Tooth

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho—When Edward Eaton, a farmer here, butchered a hog, he was greatly surprised to find one of the molars with a bright yellow spot on it the size of a navy bean. A closer examination revealed the fact that a nugget of gold was firmly imbedded in the tooth. The hog had been in the running timber, and the only way Eaton accounts for the nugget being in the mouth of the animal is that there are good placer grounds near the place

Safety first, profits next. These factors for 35 years have placed the Mutual Life of Canada at the top of the policy holders company in which to insure. Just now you will be calling on the agent at the Hotel Fernie.

MOYIE

From the Leader

O Paulson left this week for his home in Sweden, where he intends going into business. Paulson nearly lost his eyesight in an explosion last fall.

Mrs. Rudd was up from Fernie this week looking after her ranch south of town. She says that her son Andrew is in the Medicine Hat hospital with a severe attack of typhoid fever.

John McDonald, the boatman, has disposed of his business here and will soon leave for Penticton, where he has purchased a piece of land.

One of the largest lumber deals ever made in Southeast Kootenay was put through this week by H. Cameron, manager of the Moyie Lumber and Milling Co., when he sold to J. C. Graham of Winnipeg 1,300,000 feet of lumber. The lumber will be shipped out of the yards as fast as the cars can be loaded and taken away. This practically disposes of the stock of lumber on hand.

The smelters at Nelson and Trail are complaining bitterly of the small amount of ore which they are receiving from the silver-lead mines. The Nelson smelter is threatening to close down. Since February only one of the two lead stacks has been used. At Trail only one of the three is in use. The trouble has arisen from the Slocan miners over-estimating their probable output when it was agreed to let the St. Eugene ship abroad.

The St. Eugene has large foreign contracts to fill. These contracts will expire on July 1 of this year, and at the same time the bounty on exported ore shall cease. Manager Cronin was asked yesterday as to what the policy of the company would be after the bounty ceased on exported lead. He intimated that in all probability they would get another contract with the foreign smelers and continue to ship the greater portion of their ore abroad. He says the price paid there without the bounty is almost as good as that paid by the local smelters with the bounty added. He did not think the local smelters should complain of the St. Eugene shipping abroad, as they were giving them as much ore as they agreed to give. The trouble at the Nelson and Trail smelters was due to the mines in the Slocan, not being able to supply their share. G O Buchanan says that the St. Eugene will draw about three-fourths of the lead bounty for the month of March. Their share will amount to nearly $25,000.

FLATHEAD OIL

An oil expert by the name of Wm. Forrest from Petrolea has this to say about the oil regions near Fernie:

When I was in the Flathead valley five years ago I met a party of Americans under Professor Hermann, who had just returned from the oil fields of Russia Professor Hermann said then that Canada was not aware how valuable a region she possessed and that Pennsylvania never presented as promising indications of oil as the Flathead valley did.

When I first went into the oil country I found it difficult to locate the exact region described by Dr. Selwyn. After searching the district for a few days I detected the smell of the oil and following up the scent came to the oil springs two miles away from my starting point. The oil which I found was on Sage Creek and Kishenena creek and on another unnamed creek between them, and so on Phillips creek, ten miles away, all these streams being branches of the Flathead river.

I have been in close touch with the oil regions ever since, making constant trips into the country, going in repeatedly to locate claims and to secure samples No development has ever been done on the property owing to the opposition of the Canadian Pacific railway, which for a long time made most strenuous efforts to get possession of this territory as a land grant. After a long struggle the government decided to recognize the rights of prospectors and the way is now open for the full development of the resources of the country and I have no doubt that the result will justify the expectations of those who have in the past visited the district and have made examinations. The country is easy of access being only forty miles from Helena, Montana, on the Great Northern, and the same distance from Fernie on the C. P. R.

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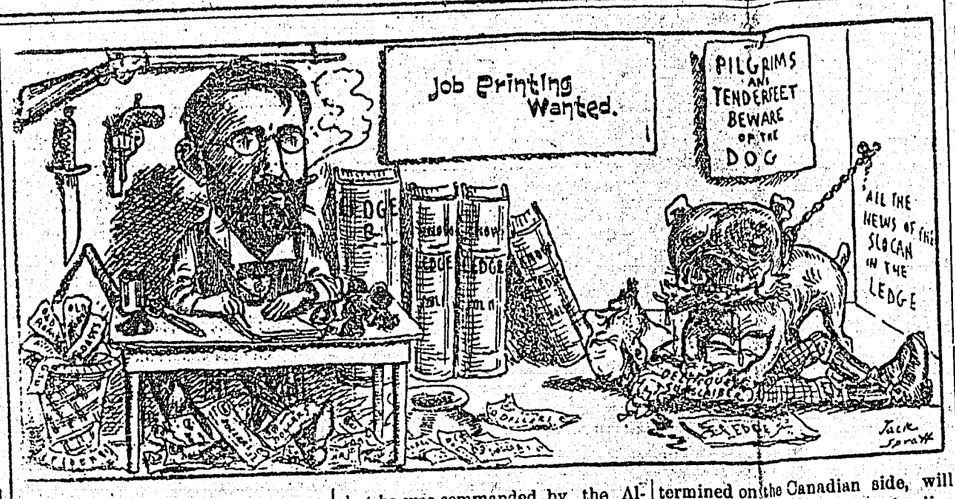

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A GENTLEMAN needs no law to make him do right, or pay a debt that the law does not reach.

LAST year Canada's metal yield was worth $60,000,000. It should easily be double that amount.

MUCH missionary work will have to be done in Canada before superstition is dead, and all the fossils buried.

THE C. P. R. has moved into its new station at Winnipeg, but Fernie still jogs along with the same old depot, and looks happy.

THERE is no trouble in Spain or Russia over separate schools, and Eli Perkins tells us that the people are peaceful, prosperous and highly educated.

WE would advise all in search of work to stay away from Russia. Times are hard over there and several of the inhabitants have not spoken to the Czar recently.

IF more attention was paid in Canada to rational methods in eating, drinking and other highly essential matters, and less to fighting over the life to come we would all find heaven nearer home.

A NEGRO at Yazoo, Miss. had to flee from that city because he worked in the postoffice. He has taken his case to Roosevelt, but the easiest way is seek a job in some city where the white folks are color blind.

[illegible] Carnegie and Rockefeller to give their money to colleges, churches and libraries. In many cases their gifts are refused and they should change their tactics. Endow a few homes for hoboes and see how it would work.

JUDGING from the rotten paper used in the postage stamps and stationery, Mulock is conducting the postoffice business in a cheap, but not efficient manner. If this is not so the contractors who supply the flimsy stuff should be interviewed. The people want the matter investigated.

THESE must be trying days for Laurier. One class of people pulling his coat tails and another hanging on to his vest, while the balance of the people are shaking their fists and predicting dire calamities. Seems to us that Laurier would be happier if he came out west and went fishing.

A MAN only has $2, and must have $3 in order to pay his taxes. He takes the $2 to a pawn shop and raises $1.50 on it, and takes a pawn ticket for the same amount. Then he sells the pawn ticket for $1.50 and has enough to pay his taxes. The man who performed this wonderful financial feat wants to know who quit loser. We give the solution to this problem free to every, new paid-up subscriber.

NEARLY every day settlers from the States pass through Fernie on their way to new homes in Alberta. All of them have money and the best class of people that can come into Canada for the purpose of settling up our great west. British Columbia must eventually profit by this immense immigration for the overflow is bound to come to this province, and develop the millions of acres awaiting the hand of man.

Forty years ago last Sunday Lee handed his sword to Grant and the Lost Cause became insolvent. Since that time the blood has dried on the grass, and time has healed the red wounds of that great conflict, while the blue and gray are now blended in one grand, harmonious tint. Civil war may again sweep over the United States, but the shadow on the blind will not be an Ethiopian. It will be a conflict between labor and capital, and its ending will see us close to the millenium.

FOR two years a man has lain on a cot in a Philadelphia hospital refusing to speak or move. He claims that he was commanded by the Almighty never to speak or move if he wished to escape eternal damnation. He has rigidly adhered to the command and will not even open his mouth. He is indeed a strange case for the majority of those who get commands from the Almighty hardly ever cease talking, and are constantly moving or striving to move others. Deep are the mysteries of this universe.

NEBRASKA has a new way of fighting the binder twine trust. The state will have its convicts make twine, and sell it at cost to the farmers. In this way the trust will have its ball of twine wound up while the poor farmer will have more money to fool away on fair and circus days. We are pleased to see somebody taking up the cudgels for the down trodden farmers of Nebraska. It will be no longer necessary for them to put the big apples on top or rocks in the hay in order to make a living.

A MAN in Poplar Creek writes us to say that about a dozen excellent women could find husbands in that camp. He says that the shipment could be made to the postmaster who would guarantee a fair and equitable distribution. We would not advise any ladies to rush away to Poplar until the stamp mills are running. Most of the chaps around that camp are the finest in the world but have little on hand except patience. Until they sit up and develop their claims, any woman who would marry one of them would have no use for millinery openings.

A MAN in the Slocan who has owed us a small bill for many long years, writes us a six page letter explaining why he has not settled. The gentleman also states that he has nothing to boost except socialism, and is willing to write us articles on that subject in payment for our aged bill. This is much more than most of the socialists who owe us have offered to do and we feel thankful. We have a notion to get some of those articles and trade them for bread or to the printers for wages. We feel certain that the prints will be delighted to have them instead of cash. We believe in socialism, but not in the brand that takes your goods in a less honorable way than a pirate.

IN the trouble that has come to the Land & Works department at Victoria the Nelson Tribune says that Bob Green may be incompetent but he is honest. These are kind words from an enemy as it is usual when a politician has anything crooked in his department for his enemies to jump on him and push him farther into the mud. There is little difference between incompetency and dishonesty when it comes to important public positions, and Green is no worse than the majority of officials we have had near the sack in Victoria. We believe there are far more wicked people in this province than Bob Green. He may have stolen a few votes over in the Slocan, but we have never seen him steal anything, not even a bean out of a jackpot. We have heard him cuss the Grits, but are positive that he never was in a prizefight, robbed a graveyard or burned down a church. Bob is not strong, and it takes a husky chap to withstand the temptations of public life, and breathe the corrupt atmosphere of Victoria without getting at least a smudge upon his character.

WILL DRILL FOR OIL.

In the case of Josiah Rogers vs. the Butte Oil Company, was settled out of court last month by the company conveying to Rogers all of its oil well and sawmill machinery, and this week Rogers sold the same to the south east British Columbia Land & Oil Co., of the Dalles, Oregon, John Gloyn of Spokane represented the company in the purchase. He says the company owns twelve sections of oil lands just north of the boundary line and are in good financial shape to prosecute development work.

As soon as weather conditions are favorable, men will be in the field to determine the location of the first well.

Mr. Gloyn says three or four other companies will prosecute work this season in the same locality, and he predicts that the oil lines, once determined on the Canadian side, will speedily be followed across the line into Montana. The largest oil springs are on Sage creek, a tributary to the North Fork of the Flathead River about seven miles north of the line, and the small amount of drilling done in that vicinity have shown good results. Those who are interested on this side of the line will be glad to learn of the extensive work planned to be done so near their holdings. Mr. Gloyn says, also, that the C. P. R. has promised to build a branch line to the wells already developed on Sage creek, but that there is no immediate prospect of the line being extended south into Montana.

Our Coal Output Reviewed.

A review of the coal output of the district for the past year is rather disappointing and will not even compare favorably with that of two years ago when we claimed to be but just developing our mines. Lille has been little better than stationery; Frank has shown a decided falling off; Byron Creek and Blairmore like Lubreck have cut practically no figure and but for the opening of the new mines at Bellevue and Coleman, the output of the district would be insignificant. In the face of our decreased output the cry of the lack of a market sounds most absurd, for surely there is more coal used now than two years ago, and sounds more like excuses made by operators who having promised their stockholders a larger output find themselves unable to produce it. The Coleman mine which has just reached the position of the largest shipper when it was involved in the late strike is again in a position to soon reach its old position while Bellevue will make a hard contest for the second place on the list. We expected that this year will see the mines increase their outputs and that more new shippers will be added to the list if this district hopes to become prominent in the coal mining world. — Blairmore Times.

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LITTLE SERMONS

(By Elbert Hubbard.)

Initiative is doing the right thing—the needful thing—without being told. A man possessing initiative is a creator.

Jealousy is a social cancer, and grows by what it feeds upon.

When a man talks much about a virtue, be sure he is clutching for it. Temperance fanaties are men with strong taste for drink trying hard to keep sober.

If men do not comprehend the trend of your life by your actions, they will never know it better by making a personal explanation. Your life may be right, but your reasons, never. Life, like love, is its own excuse for being.

Forbid a man to think for himself or to act for himself, and you may add the joy of piracy and the zest of smuggling to his life.

Strong men make room for other strong men.

The human face is the masterpiece of God. A woman's smile may have in it more sublimity than a sunset, more pathos than a battle-scarred landscape, more warmth than the sun's bright rays; more love than words can say.

Be patient with the boys—you are dealing with soulstuff—destiny awaits just around the corner. Be patient with the boys.

The man at his work! There is nothing finer. I have seen men homely, uncouth and awkward when "dressed up," who were superb when at their work.

The men who do things, and not the men who merely talk about things are those who bless the world.

It is a great privilege to live, to work to feel, to endure, to know; to realize that one is the instrument of Deity—being used by the Maker to work out his inscrutable purposes; to see vast changes occur in the social fabric and to know that men stop, pause and consider; to comprehend that this world is a different place because you have lived. Yes, it is a great privilege to live.

Great sinners are apt to be very religious.

A missionary is a preacher who has failed to receive a loud "call" at home.

Self-reliance is very excellent, but as for independence, there is no such thing.

I do not believe in giving any man something for nothing. You give a man a dollar and the man will think less of you because he thinks less of himself; but if you give him a chance to earn a dollar, he will think more of himself and more of you. The only way to help people is to give them a chance to help themselves.

This love of the work done by the marriage of hand and brain can never quite go out of fashion—for we are men and women, and our hopes and aims and our final destiny are at last one. Where one enjoys, all enjoy; where one suffers; all suffer.

It is not difficult to bear another's woes.

Most of the frightful cruelties inflicted on men during the past have arisen simply out of difference of opinion arising through a difference in temperament. The question is as live today as it was 2000 years ago—what expression is best? That is, what shall we do to be saved? And concrete absurdity consists in saying we must all do the same thing.

Every prison is a university where hate, falsehood, villainy and vice are taught.

Every item of the decalog can be legally broken, and the business of lawyers is to tell you how.

Astuteness is only valuable in protecting us from astute people. It adds nothing of value to the community.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The mining business in East Kootenay promises to be in a more prosperous condition this year than any year in our history. Everywhere there is evident a wide interest in our matchless resources and the outside public is participating in mining investments in this district to a greater extent than ever before. There has been an awakening to the fact that mining is a business, and a most profitable business when business methods are employed. Investors, of course must remember during the midst of excitement consequent on a boom of any kind, that unscrupulous men are to be found everywhere to take full advantage of such conditions, and at such times they are the most active, and the successful investor is he who arms himself against all the pitfalls in this respect which beset his path. Investors in many cases require a thorough education along the line of making business, and particularly mining, investments, and they only secure this by reading and heeding the teachings of the paper published in the centre of operations. If investors would only do this there would be fewer "busted" individuals and fewer "wild cats" on the market—Golden Star.

No hope of Rescue

Bound hand and foot and gagged, the maiden was put into the gunnysack and, unable to move or scream, felt herself being carried down a flight of stairs, put into a buggy and then driven down the street. Ineffectually she tried to release herself from the gag. Alas! she was bound too securely Finally the conveyance stapped. She was again carried into a building, fainting and grasping for breath; the sack was taken from her head. The villain took the gag from her mouth, released her and hissed through his tightly clinched teeth. There my pretty bird, scream and yell as loud as you like, no human ear will ever reach you. You are in my power. Do you hear? Where am I, she gasped. In a store that never advertises was the cruel response. Alas! Alas! she moaned. No power on earth can save me; no one will look for me here, and the poor girl fainted.—Battle Creek, N. Y. Herald.

Might have been Fernie

J. M. Carrere, an architect of New York, was talking about malapropisms the other day at luncheon.

Once, he said laughing, I went into the country to look at an opera house that was to be enlarged and altered.

The owner of the place stood on the stage, and I walked about the auditorium. We talked in loud tones, but though I was only half way back, I could hardly hear the man.

The acoustics are very bad here. Let's go outside, I shouted finally.

What, said the owner

The acoustics, I replied are bad.

The acoustics?

Yes.

Well what about them?

I say the acoustics are bad.

Indeed? I don't smell anything, said the owner, sniffing about.

MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS

CHICAGO.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the national association of state dairy and food departments held here today, reports show that 455,000 infants died in the United States last year from the effects of food poisons. Food commissioners from different states, health officers and officers of the national association are attending the meeting.

The claim of the enormous fatality among infants last year resulting from impure food is made by J. N. Hurty, secretary of the Indiana state board of health. Mr. Hurty produces figures to show that 65 per cent of the total deaths of infants in America last year was due to poisons administered in impure foods and the deadly concoctions placed on the market by fraudulent food manufacturers.

Renewed efforts toward prohibiting the sale of food products containing poisonous adulterations are to be made.

How Many Strokes in a Shave

I should say it took about 500 strokes of the razor to shave a man, a barber said in answer to a man sprawled out in a red plush chair.

You are wrong, said the man. To shave me going over my face twice, won't take over 250 strokes.

How do you know, said the barber.

For years, said the other, I have had the habit of counting the strokes of the razor while being shaved. It is a silly habit, yet I can't get rid of it. You and I will count the strokes to-gether now.

The shaving proceeded in silence.

Done, said the barber at the end. I make it 210.

That is right,, 210, the patron agreed. It always runs thereabouts. Once I got a good shave in 105 strokes. Once I got a bad one in 240. The average is about 210.

To Cure a Balky Horse

A crowd blocked the street, and the horse doctor joined in to see what was up.

Ah, a balky horse, he murmured. Then he walked his way through the crowd, saying in an authoritive voice, Let me pass, friends. I am a veterinary surgeon. Make way, please. I am a veterinary surgeon.

Thus he soon reached the balky horse. He said to the master of the animal:

Put up your whip. It will do no good. I am a veterinary. I'll cure your horse of the balks for you. Watch me.

He took hold of the horse's front leg at the fetlock, bent it at the knee joint, and held it in this position for three minutes. Then he put the leg down again, and chirruped to the animal. It started off as though it had never balked in its life.

An odd remedy for the balks, but an infallible one, said the doctor. It has never failed me. Any balky horse, if you hold one of its forelegs up for three minutes, will be over its balkiness by the time the leg is lowered to the ground again.

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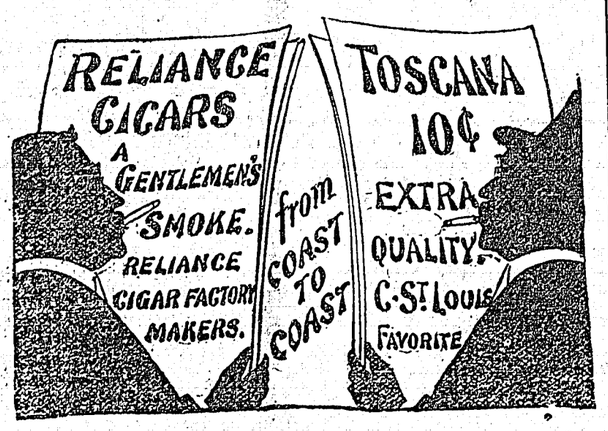

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Crown lands situated within the area embraced by the said reservation will be open to sale, settlement, lease and other disposition, under the provisions of the "Land Act," three months after the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette: provided, however, that in all cases where lands are so sold, pre-empted, leased or otherwise alienated by the Government and are subsequently found, upon the surveys of the Columbia and Western Railway Company's blocks, to lie wholly or in part within such blocks, then the persons or acquiring such lands shall acquire their title thereto from the Railway Company, who have agreed to deal with such purchasers, pre-emptors, lessees, etc., on the same terms and conditions as the Government would under the provisions of the "Land Act," except in respect to timber lands on the Company's blocks, which shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Company relative to the cutting of timber on the Columbia and Western Railway Land Grant.

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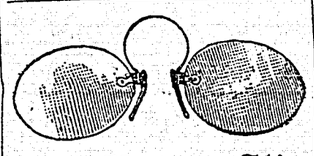

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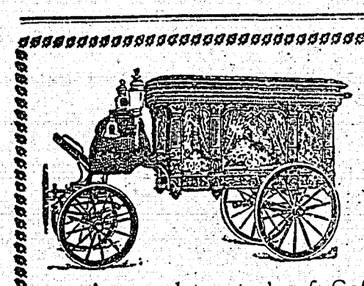

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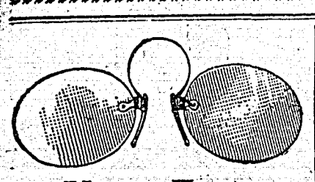

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Frank and Coleman will play baseball today.

A washer is to be put in at the Lille coal mines.

Stop at the Queen's Hotel when in Trout Lake City.

Do not forget the Athletic Association on Friday evening.

W. Eschwig has sold his interest in the Fernie Brewery.

If you want that suit pressed see Mitchell, S R. Store.

Pressing and cleaning neatly done at Mitchell's, S. R. store.

There are 50 telephones in operation at Frank and Blairmore.

New line of wash collars just received at Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.

The Elk Lumber Co. brought in a bunch of horses last week.

T. H. Whelan was elected manager of the Fernie Baseball Club.

The mine at Coleman is shipping over 600 tons of coal a day.

Ladies, inspect the washable kid gloves sold by Trites-Wood Co.

These are the days when Russia might get a little credit in Fernie.

Pressing and cleaning suits called for and delivered. See F. J. Mitchell.

An oak and ebony showcase, silver mounted for sale at the Fernie Drug Store.

At the King Edward Hotel a glass of water is given free with every drink of spirits.

Some of the backyards in Fernie are in a rotten condition and need fumigating.

F. J. Dunn is making bracers at the Fernie while Bob Moore holds a shift at the King's.

Drop in and have a talk with Hutch, when your mind dwells upon a light suit for summer.

Lawn grass, onion sets and many kinds of garden seeds can be bought at the Fernie Drug Store.

Masterson, Griffith & Co., Trout Lake, have all the supplies needed by lumber camps and mines.

This season of the year floor covering is the question. See Trites-Wood Co.'s stock of carpets and linoleums.

W. O. Robins has a carload of high-grade furniture to arrive next week. Come early and make first choice.

Rev. Bartlett has taken up his residence in West Fernie in the house formerly occuppied by L. R. Forbes.

Trail is one of the few cities in the world that is out of debt and always has a surplus at the end of the year.

Kenny & McLeod have received a complete stock of Spring and Summer goods, and are making some of the nobbiest suits this far west.

George W. Carruthers is now settled in his new shop next to Sheppard & Elliott's and is prepared to turn out dressy suits for all customers.

Get the Habit

The Fit-Reform Wardrobe

Will be officially opened by the manager of the company, Mr. A. A. Sandeman, on Saturday, April 15. You are cordially invited to call and meet the gentleman and see the clothing.

The W. C. Hamilton Co.

The Home of Fit-Reform Men's Outfitters

LATEST BY WIRE

ST. PETERSBURG.—Another meeting of the Russian congress of attorneys was held here today and a resolution was passed favoring the removal of the autocrat regime and the proclamation of a democratic constitution on the basis of universal suffrage and a secret ballot. The attorneys intend to construct a propaganda throughout Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Admiralty declared the list of ships reported to have passed the Straits of Malacca is not correct; one of the ships reported is now at Libau. The battle is expected to take place in the Straits of Formosa and the two divisions of the Russian fleet are expected to rendez, off Cape Padarau on the east coast of Cochin China. Nothing further has been heard of Rojestvensky.

WINNIPEG.—The expectations in political circles here is that Frank Oliver will be returned by acclamation.

CARACAS, Venezuela.—General Ybarra, Venezuelan Secretary of State said to-day that President Castro would not grant the demands of the U. S. Government eveu if the whole U. S. army and navy should be sent to Venezuela.

LONDON.—Answering a demand for information regarding the calling of a colonial conference the Duke of Marlborough speaking in the House of Lords today for the government, stated that if the government remained in power or was returned by a general election prior to 1906 a colonial conference wonld be called. No decision of the conference would be binding until approved by the people of the United Kingdom at a general election and by the parliaments of the governments interested.

The recent accident at Coleman from thawing frozen dynamite proves that the law in regard to handling explosives should be rigidly enforced.

By-law No. 11 carried last Saturday by a vote of 43 to 7. It enables the city to borrow immediately $5,000 or a less amount if the larger is not needed.

The Kootenay at Sandon has not locked the door for nine years. Right handy for strangers when they're out late, and cannot trade their thirst for anything.

At W. C. Hamilton & Co.'s on Saturday, A. A. Sandeman, manager of the Fit Reform Co., will officially open the wardrobe in this city. He would like to meet every man who takes an interest in clothing.

D. J. Robertson & Co., Nelson have received several carloads of spring and summer furniture recently that they are selling at prices compatible with the financial pulse of the country. Drop a line and catch their prices.

The Fernie Cigar Store has recently received a large consignment of pipes. These are in briar, clay and the higher grades. Pipe smokers should have a look at them. A coupon is still given at this popular store with every 25-cent purchase.

THE IDEAL PRINTER

Our readers may be bored to know (but of course they are not obliged to read it) that Harold Cue was for many years a resident in the same town as the King and Queen of England, the aristocracy of the British Isles and the plutocracy of the empire. This town has been visited by many foreign potentates, including Kaiser Bill. H. Cue has had the honor of visiting Buckingham Palace, Windsor, Sandringham, and many of the ancestral castles of the nobility and gentry (those open free to the general public) and has also appeared at Court—as a witness. He knows the Duke of Wellington and the Irish House and has dined and drunk several bottles of wine at the palatial town residence of the Earl of Connemara—below stairs. Printer Cue further told the writer : "Don't think for a moment that I lived there of my own choice. I was born there and was not consulted in the matter. Indeed, I should not have chosen such neighbors, being particular as to my acquaintances, don't you know. If I had had my own way I should have picked some village in eastern Canada, say Bolton, Ont., so that when I came West I could have looked down on the "foreigners."—[Com.]

The Fernie

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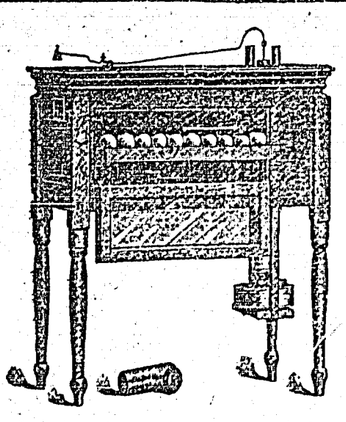

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