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LIFE IN FERNIE

Gardens are receiving much attention this week.

The Presbyterian choir will sing at a concert in Michel on Friday evening.

Do not forget the delicatessen sale on Saturday afternoon. It occurs but once a year.

A. J. Purdy is having his store building remodelled, and will remove to it in a short time.

At the delicatessen sale on Saturday afternoon at the Tremont building there will be bargains in fancy neck-wear.

The Salvation Army will hold special services on Sunday commencing at 7 a. m.

Another bakery is to be opened in Fernie this month.

A. P. Cheuette has secured a license for an hotel at Fort Steele Junction.

Dan Alton has moved his family from Cranbrook to Strathcona, Alta.

R. H. O'Callaghan, a young coal miner in Glace Bay, N. S. has fallen heir to $200,000.

Keep away from Tonopah. The black plague is raging there, and it kills in a few hours.

There was a lively game of ball on the recreation grounds last Sunday. No church windows were broken.

J. Gangle fell from the pilot of a G N engine last week and was killed. He was a helper in the yerds at Rexford.

Professional beggars are working the soft-hearted in Fernie. The city should put a tax on them.

"Uncle Joe" Fletcher died in Raslo last week. He was one of the noble pioneers of the great west.

In Winnipeg you can get a hair-cut for ten cents and a shave for five. In Fernie it costs 35 and 25 cents.

N. A. McKellar, H. Bell and A. Farquharson have formed a partnership and will do contract carpenter work.

Living in Fernie has a tendency to civilize people. A Chink passed our office yesterday riding a bicyle.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Kendrick, Idaho, wants information of her son, Bayard Taylor. She offers $20 to find out where he is.

Rev. W. Fortune, of Cranbrook is [illegible] for the B. D. degree, and [illegible] wedding at [illegible]

The Oddfellows have granted the free use of their hall the first Saturday of every month to the Ladies Benevolent Society.

Always remember on a cold day to shut the postoffice door. The staff deal in money orders and have a dread of drafts.

Thos. Hammond visited Moyie last week and reports that camp upon the bacon automobile. The gamblers are so badly broke that they cannot buy oil for their holdouts nor ice for their cold decks.

Mr. Week, superintendent of the Marysville smelter was in the city last week, and reports that his company will build him a fine residence in the smelter town of East Kootenay.

There will be a union service in the Presbyterian church on Good Friday, at 11 a. m. Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians will take part in the services.

Harold Cue, the eminent printer, worked is last shift in THE LEDGE office yesterday, and proceeds to Spokane today with the intention of making a typographical tour of the United States.

P. R. Lundie is building a six-roomed house with all modern improvements on the lot he recently bought from Mr. Sunstrom.

The Oddfellows will celebrate the 86th anniversary of the Order in Stork's Hall on April 30 at 4 p.m. A grand procession will take place and all visiting members are requested to be in attendance.

Robert Duthie, the new city policeman, will move from Coal Creek next week, and occupy the house he recently purchased from J. Hill. He will make one of the finest policemen in America, both in appearance and quality.

W. J. Blundell, having made different arrangements with James Broley in connection with the purchase of his home, has commenced the building of a fine residence on the corner of Hanson and Howland avenues.

C. H. Powell, inspector of the C. P. R. telegraphs, was here this week completing arrangements for installing the C.P.R. commercial office in the L.T.W. block. It will be opened for business about the 1st of May.

J. A. Macdonald, wholesale fruit dealer, of Nelson, was in Fernie this week. He is putting in a candy factory in connection with his other business, and reports times good in Nelson. Mr. Macdonald was one of the first men to reach Dawson City in the rush of '97, and made a small fortune in the Klondike.

An editor is supposed to know everything. An Ethiopian gentleman opened our door last Sunday and enquired the way to the English church, while the next day a letter came from Nelson asking us what a straight beat in Fernie,

On Saturday afternoon, April 22, the Ladies Guild of Christ church will hold their annual delicatassen sale in the Tremont building, next to the LEDGE office. Refreshments will be served all the afternoon For the children there will be fishponds, full of chickens and Easter eggs.

The printers in Medicine Hat complain about that cow camp being an easy mark for advertising fakirs. So is Fernie. The fakirs have often reaped a rich harvest in the coal metropolis, most of the money going out of town.

The other day in Rossland the baseball team met with wonderful success in selling season tickets. Trail has formed an active team and it looks as though ball would be the supreme sport around those camps this summer. Selling season tickets in Fernie might help some.

Last Sunday a flock of geese headed north flew over Fernie. They probably looked down upon the coal city, and saw the pound or got a chill looking at the snow-capped peaks amid which Fernie nestles so coolly.

Do not forget the collar bazaar given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in Stork's Opera House on Saturday afternoon The ladies will have for sale 200 collars daintily made in every conceivable shape. Refreshments will be served all afternoon.

Charles Richards has displayed in the fine windows of his large store upon Victoria avenue a varied assortment of rugs and carpets, recently imported from England. The store has also received a stock of spring and summer dress goods that should be seen by all the ladies of Fernie.

There will be divine service in Christ church, Fernie, on Good Friday morning at 11, and at 7:30 p m. On Easter Sunday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:30 a m.; morning prayer and sermon and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; evensong and sermon at 7:30 p.m.

THE [illegible]

Last F[illegible] with T H. Whe[illegible] S. Lindsay was elected [illegible] dent, and A. H. Cree, honorary vice-president; W. W Tuttle, president; T. H Whelan, 1st vice president; J. Gusty, 2nd; T. Rookes, 3rd; F. Stork, treasurer; J. E Sheppard, secretary.

It is not likely that any other sports than baseball will be represented in the Association this season, but the local ball tossers are looking forward to a summer filled with flies, base hits and home runs. Lewis and Miller, two star players from Trail, have joined the Fernie team. Lewis is a pitcher hard to hit, and Miller in centre field has the reputation of never being asleep when a hot ball is whizzing in the air. Gibson is another well-known player, having stood in the box for several Montana and Washington teems

At the meeting on Friday evening Messrs. Stork, Whelan and Tuttle were appointed a committee to arrange a program of Dominion Day Sports with the miners. On Victoria Day ball will be played with a team from Kalispell, and other sporting events provided for the delectation of spectators

On Friday the first game will take place in the Recreation Grounds between the first and second nines of the local team. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, and the proceeds will be expended in repairing the fences around the grounds, etc

First Nine — Miller, Ryan, Davies, Hanson, McKellar, Whelan, McMillan, McIntyre and Lewis.

Second Nine—F. Stork, W. W. Tuttle, J. Gusty, A. C. Liphardt, T. H. Whelan, A. Hamilton, W. Gibson, W. Kastner, C. Houghton and J. McDonald.

This game will be a hot one and it is hard to say who will win the buns. The citizens should turn out en masse and encourage by their presence, admiration and applause the grandest game that is played with bat and ball.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

Salvatora Gattone, an Italian just ten months from his native land, was killed last Saturday at Coal Creek. While several men were engaged in pinching down coal cars to be loaded at the tipple, he stepped in between the cars while they were in motion and was disembowelled, dying in five minutes. He was 31 years old, and leaves a wife and child in Italy. When killed he had $231 in his pockets.

The funeral took place on Sunday, and was largely attended. From the undertaking parlors of Scott & Ross the funeral, accompanied by the Italian society in regalia, and the band, proceeded to the Catholic church where the service for the dead was held by Father Coccolo, after which the body was taken to the cemetary and interred by the side of many comrades who have gone before.

PLENTY OF COAL

George McKenzie and his partners on their long tramp in northern B. C. found a vast seam of coal. McKenzie will not disclose the location but he says it is within convenient distance of where the Grand Trunk Pacific must run. He says the seam is 100 feet wide, between sandstone and conglomerate formations, and in one place is cut by a stream which exposes a depth of 50 feet.

It was in order to interest capital in the coal mine and also to learn the value of some quartz finds that McKenzie made his 400 mile trip over the northern mountain ranges on snowshoes. Leaving his partners in camp last February, he turned his face Pacificwards, carrying a 50 pound pack and samples that weighed 25 pounds. Not a human being did he meet for 200 miles He crossed four mountain ranges, and for 20 consecutive nights he slept in the snow without even a tent to cover him.

In order to travel as light as possible he took no gun, and his only weapon of offense in case of attack by wild animals was an axe The only game he sought for food was rabbit. It took him just 40 days to reach Port Essington, at the mouth of the Skeena River, where he caught a steamer for Vancouver. He looks as though the trip did him good, and he is recommending it to his friends for the benefit of their health. He plans to return in a few days. He will take the Hudson's Bay company steamer up the Skeena to Hazelton, and from there he will have another walk of 250 miles overland to where his partners anxiously await his report He says the district he has prospected bears no evidence of ever having been visited by white men before He claims to have been the first white man to make this trip and nobody seems inclined to dispute the assertion.

The New Provinces

Alberta and Saskatchewan [illegible] gin their provincehood [illegible] mated population of [illegible] In area the former [illegible] 000 square miles [illegible] allowing for th[illegible] territory th[illegible] resources [illegible] nific[illegible]

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WATCH TH[illegible]

Last week when a Fernie C[illegible] Co. team ran away from the C. P. R. depot a little child stood on the crossing between the postoffice and the King Edward hotel, and escaped being run over by the maddened horses by about six inches. If the child had been killed the owners of the team would have been liable to a fine of $1,500, besides expenses. If parents continue to let their children wander on the streets of Fernie some homes will be filled with grief as runaways are of frequent occurrence, and it is a daily sight to see very small children playing on the streets unattended by their parents.

CRANBROOK'S BOOSTER

The Cranbrook Herald has entered on its eighth year, and has a type-setting machine. Its editor is not an iconoclast and has few real, bitter enemies He believes in soft soap locals and sugar-coated editorials, and never dips his pen in green paint or vitriol unless he attacks those with few friends and no commercial standing. Simpson is alive to the banking end of a news paper, and does not court fame at the expense of losing his bank roll. Hence he is fair, fat, forty, and will probably die with his boots under the bed.

THE PAY ROLL

Last Saturday was payday for the collieries of the C. N. P. Coal Co., and the following was paid in wages:

Coal Creek	$60,367.25
Michel	45,213.50
Carbonado	20,415 80
Total	$125,996.55

NOT FOR CANADIANS

If Canada was for the Canadians Fernie would be from $35,000 to $40,000 richer after each payday. The post office sends out in money orders over $15,000 a month, and more than that amount is sent through the bank to foreign parts. Tim Eaton has been practically shut out recently. The bulk of the money sent away from Fernie goes to Italy.

PERSONALS

A. B. Trites took a look at Calgary last week.

Inspector Dick was in Coal Creek last week.

George Dobson, of Calgary was in Fernie this week selling furniture.

T. H. Whelan is spending a few days near Jaffray.

Miss Simster, of Carbonado, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. D. Smith, mother of contractor Smith is very ill.

C. in Murchison has returned from a trip to Spokane.

Harry Oldland and wife have returned from a four months visit in the States.

Misses Kidd and Knisely, of the hospital staff spent Tuesday in Elko.

A. M. Brydges, of Vancouver is in the city upon insurance business.

J. G McLeod, P. O. official, was here on Sunday, and went to the Coast over the fast line.

John Trick and F. Lashbrook, the famous shoe drummers, lit in Fernie last week.

After a long siege of rheumatism Robert Shaw is again attending to his duties at the Fort Steele Brewery.

Mr. Read, C. P. R. night operator, went to Fort Steele in connection with the death of Mr. Cook.

E. H. Mathias a produce dealer from Morningside, Alta, was in the city this week.

Miss Jean Murray received word on Saturday that through a fall her father had been seriously injured at Bristol's Corners, Que.

Edmond, the young son of Mrs H. Mills, of Pellatt avenue, is ill with pneumonia. It is the second attack the little one [illegible] had within three months [illegible]

[illegible] sell[illegible] except [illegible] salesmen. The Fi[illegible] is putting in a large store at W[illegible]g, the fixtures alone costing [illegible]00, and the stock to be carried [illegible] will be worth over $50,000. Last [illegible]day at the spring opening The W. C. Hamilton Co did an immense [illegible]ss, and has another large stock [illegible] way in. It has been five weeks [illegible] road, and is coming via Great Northern. Mr. Sandeman was highly pleased with the business ability of Mr Hamilton, and the up-to-date way in which he runs his business The store of the W. C. Hamilton Co. would reflect great credit upon cities much larger than Fernie.

A Noted Auctioneer

P. E. Pope, who is conducting the Liphardt sale this week is a distinguished auctioneer. In the past 21 months he has travelled 89,000 miles in pursuit of his profession, and has the credit of conducting successfully the largest auction sales in Canada many of them running into six figures. From here he goes to Lethbridge and then to Colorado springs. This is his first trip into Kootenay. He was born in England, has lived in Canada 15 years, and conducts sales all over America.

CITY COUNCIL

The Council met last night and discussed the water system. It was decided to hire Mr. Tracy, Vancouver to come here and make [illegible] estimate on the cost of water wo[illegible]

The Finance commit[illegible] presented accounts amounting t[illegible].76, of which $3251.21 had no[illegible] paid. The balance was order[illegible] be paid and the clerk is so[illegible] writing cheques this morning [illegible] had no time to give the press [illegible]

The tenders for pr[illegible] nd advertising were opened [illegible] meetings ago, but so far n[illegible] been done in the matter [illegible] only take five minutes t[illegible] the tender from THE L[illegible]es about less than [illegible]er competitor. The[illegible] like to know the[illegible]

THE VITAL QUESTION

During the past month several conferences have been held between the representatives of the Miners' Union and the officials of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. with a view of making a satisfactory working arrangement between the company and its employees, effective in June. It was seen that the present agreement could not be terminated without giving the 60 day's notice. So on the 6th of April the Union gave notice that on the 6th of June they would terminate the present agreement. At the conference held last Saturday a deadlock occurred upon the first clause of the proposed new basis by the Union for the working of the collieries around Fernie. The miners want full recognition of the union, and the check-off system adopted, the same as exists in Alberta. The check-off system means that the company taks out of each miner's wages his dues for the union. The C. N. P. Coal Co. refused to accede to this clause and in June the Union miners may walk out of the mines around Fernie and leave the company to work their properties with non-union labor. It is not their intention to use coercion or obstruction in any way whatever.

Owing to the deadlock upon the first clause it was useless to discuss any other requests, grievances or demands of either Union or Company. If the first clause had been satisfactory to both all the others would have been adjusted. Owing to the fact that a coal miner cannot work underground without a certificate of efficiency and sufficient literary knowledge of rules and regulations, the union cannot see just how the company [illegible] work their properties without [illegible]ons from their own ranks. [illegible] the matter has been [illegible] national head[illegible] [illegible]e Workers [illegible]al unions [illegible] W. E. [illegible]

[illegible]n [illegible]ers [illegible]hing [illegible]es were [illegible]e, and his [illegible]y morning, [illegible]t a small raft [illegible] to grapple for it. [illegible] body was crooked from [illegible] and had to be straightened be[illegible] [illegible]t could be taken between the logs [illegible] the raft. The Order of Telegraphers are taking up subscriptions to send his body for burial at Murukirk, Ont. Cook was 27 years old and leaves a wife to whom he had only been married three months, to whom the sympathy of all humane people is extended in the deep sorrow that has fallen across her path.

AT LUBRECK'S MINE

Development work has been carried on steadily at the Breckenridge & Lund coal property, at Lubreck, all winter under the management of W. Addie. The coal taken out during development has found a ready sale at Calgary and other points for domestic purposes. The coal mined at Lubreck is a superior quality of Lignite and closely resembles that of Lethbridge and is in great demand for household use. The main entry at the mine is now in 1600 feet and an air shaft has lately been driven up to the surface, near the face, which has a vertical depth on the coal of 210 feet. This property is situated directly upon the railroad at a point about 17 miles east of here.—Blairmore Times.

COAL CREEK

No. 2 mine is again working, but no tonnage men have as yet been put to work.

The erection of No. 2 tipple was conducted with expedition, and in a manner reflecting much credit upon the management of its speedy erection

No. 3 mine resumed operations yesterday.

John Finch and Miss Lille Tipper were married at the home of the bride's parents yesterday evening.

FIRE AT FRANK

The coal mine at Frank is on fire. It caught yesterday from burning timbers in the roof of the tunnel, quite a distance from the mouth. A despatch says that it is well under control, and that no one was injured.

ALONG THE CROW

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

Placer gold is not the only attraction that Wild Horse Creek has to offer. Several silver lead properties are being developed.

The outlook is favorable for the Bull River Company to start operations about May 1st.

The Sullivan group of Mines has reduced its working force owing to the large amount of ore on hand. As soon as the smelter is in operation, work at the mine will be resumed.

St. Eugene—The great showing of silver lead ore in this mine continues to be the chief topic of conversation among mining men. Its production, will earn for the miners this month, $25,000, fully one third of the Dominion lead bounty.

The Bull River group of iron mines has been developed to an extent that enables its owners to crown grant 30 locations.

Quite a bit of work will be done on several properties on the east fork of Wild Horse Creek this year.

James Nelson and Kris Kohl are now engaged in doing the annual assessment work on a copper property near St. Mary's Lake.

Frank Tracy with a small working force has commenced development work on a group of copper claims near the head of Whitefish Creek.

John P. Larsen is running a tunnel several hundred feet to reach an old channel on Wild Horse Creek. The gravel coming out of the tunnel is rich enough to pay all expenses.

From present indications the Sullivan group of mines, near Kimberly, will soon develop into a producer of great value.

The work of preparing for beginning operations, this season, on Wild Horse Creek is going on actively in the placer mines.

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[illegible]king [illegible]s of the St [illegible]y night fell [illegible] feet and was quite seriously injured, but no bones broken. [illegible] was taken to the hospital the following day.

F. M. Young, a C. P. R. engineer, is now at Yahk and is making the final survey between there and the boundary line. It is expected that a lively little town will spring up at Yahk junction.

The St. Eugene company distributed $30,000 amongst its employees last Monday. March broke all records for amount of ore mined and shipped and for the size of the company's payroll.

A. T. Clark has handed in his resignation as coroner for Moyie, and it has been accepted. The office is now open for someone who is after a position of this sort.

E. A. Hill, Al Doyle and Walter Edwards, license commissioners, met in Cranbrook yesterday and granted liquor licenses to Thos. Caven and Frank Clapp for hotels at Yahk, and to A. P. Chenette for an hotel at Fort Steele Junction. Harry McVittie was also granted a license for an hotel at Hamilton.

The ladies of Moyie will give a dance in Eagle hall on Monday evening, April 24th, for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of the Moyie Fire Brigade. One hundred feet of new hose was ordered recently and it is for the raising of funds to pay for this that the dance is being given.

The Canadian Pacific company have some extensive improvements outlined for the Crows Nest branch of their road, and they are putting forth every effort to have the road in good repair by the time their Spokane branch is built. Among the improvements in this vicinity will be the tearing up of light rails along Moyie lake and replacing them with heavy steel and the enlarging of the tunnel near the head of the upper Moyie lake. New ties are also being scattered along the line, unnecessary curves are being straightened out and considerable new grading and ballasting is going on.

Blown to Pieces

Thawing powder is increasing the death record along the Crow. Last Saturday H. P. Thratt, a laborer in Breckenbridge & Lund's gang at the Loop, was blown to pieces while thawing dynamite. He was blown to atoms, and only small fragments of his body could be found Another laborer, who was close at hand when the explosion occurred was so badly injured that he had to be taken to the Michel hospital.

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

Captain Pompelly has returned from Portland, Oregon, where he spent the winter, and will continue the development work on mining property that he owns near Marysville.

F. Augus, of Hill City, S D., and W. Tarrant, of Custer, S D., arrived last week and will proceed to work upon their property on Luke Creek, consisting of several claims. There has been considerable development work done and the assays received give promise of a fine property. If satisfactory arrangements can be made the property will be made a shipper this summer. It is only four miles from Marysville and will be one of the properties that will be pushed forward on account of the building of the Marysville smelter.

F. M. Young, chief of a C. P. R. surveying corps, was in town this week getting his supplies from Fink Bros. for carrying on the work from Yahk to the boundary. In his party were R. F. Bedford, S. A. McDonald, W. J. Morrison, V. H. Campbell, M. L. Campbell, H. J. DeSaginy, all of Winnipeg It is expected that the final survey of that section will be completed within a month and then the work of construction will be commenced and pushed forward to completion. Quite a number of people are interested in the survey and several Cranbrook citizens have applied for an hotel license at Yahk.

On Wednesday afternoon, at 1.30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gillis, Mr. W. A. Mitchell of Morrissey, was united in marriage to Miss Marcia M. Foss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs G. O. Foss, of Minneapolis, Minn, Rev. Fortune officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few relatives and close friends of the family being present. The bride was given away by her father. The parlor was tastefully decorated and the bride looked charming in a gown of pointe de spirite, all hard work, carrying a shower boquet of roses. The couple stood beneath a bower formed of Oregon grapevine, ferns and palms. At the close of the ceremony the wedding party sat down to a most attractive repast. The bride and groom left on the four o'clock train for Carbonado where the groom holds the position of accountant with the coal company. A large number of friends accompanied them to the depot and showered them with rice and good wishes on the departure of the train.

WESTERN OIL FIELDS

A. Allan, collector of customs, returned yesterday from Pincher Creek Farmers in that district are delighted with the recent fall of snow, and farming operations are being pushed. Fall wheat is looking splendid and already farmers are anticipating an early harvest.

Mr. Allen drove out to the Rocky Mountain Development Co's oil fields at Oil City, and found the men busy on well No. 2 which is already down 500 feet by drilling by night and day shifts.

This well gives every indication also of being in oil. Oil and gas showed up from the start.

A small refinery is now in operation and the various products are run off, literally, while you wait, gasoline, coal oil, headlight, lubricating, cylinder, black oil. Everything is of oil, and the quality is only equalled by a few oil wells in Pennsylvania, and excelled by none.

Enormous reservoirs of crude oil have been located on the property and in a very few months a gusher will be in evidence. The high grade qualities of the crude oil make the process of refining very simple and cheaply done, the various oils being immediately fit for use after distilling.

Sixteen men are employed and this number will be largely increased as the company are getting ready to sink several more. Wells, undoubtedly oil, in Alberta and British Columbia will be a great industry, and will attract the attention of thousands who have watched the oil development in the United States.

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LOVE ON BRICKS

At Babylon recently some love letters written on bricks were dug up. In the old days writing love letters must have been a serious matter. A young man would need an express wagon to deliver an ordinary missive. To have a young lady hand back your letters when Babylon was on the boom must have been a great sight. Imagine writing to a Babylonian damsel for several summers and then fall out, with a demand for your sweet missives. Some fellows could build a house. The report does not say what the bricks were made out of, but we suppose the same stuff as the writers. If love letters were written on gold bricks a man could never get them back when the break came, and his former sweetness would have consolation every time she unlocked the woodshed and looked at the pile of yellow bricks.

Babylon must have been a lively place when the citizens presented an address to the legislature ,or a convention of Rubes just in from the fig country. Then when the boys left home every mother expected a brick regularly from across the Red Sea. Since the era we write about business has been slightly dull in Babylon and we never get any job printing from the town at all. No doubt in those good old days the [illegible] the city done all [illegible] Moses [illegible] many of th[illegible] spected citizens [illegible] shop and ordered [illegible] got something for their mon[illegible] presume money was also printed [illegible] bricks which would make it more effectual when thrown at the birds. The advantage of this can readily be seen by the initiated. Then money made out of bricks could not be burned, although the bricks had to be burned before the money was made.

These love letters on brick are making Babylon again famous, although some rival camp might dig up some written on toast or sub rosa. There is no doubt that some were written in those days on sub rosa. In addition to the above the world owes a debt of gratitude to Babylon. It is from that city that we get the word baby, and few words in the English language are more impressive, especially if insomnia strikes one of them about 2 a. m., while your wife is away burying her mother-in-law, and the bottle of lacteal fluid lies in a shattered heap upon the Brussels. Agony. However around the name of babe is clustered the sweetest memories that touch the soul of the human race. If the little cherubs ever cease coming this great Dominion would soon be of little use. even to the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the row over the separate schools in the far west would become like the love letters in Babylon. However there is no immediate cause for alarm.

A WOMAN'S CLOTHES

A MAN in Boston says that $65 a year is quite sufficient to clothe any woman. It might be so in Boston but here in the west we think the women ought to be allowed $75 a year. Here is the list that a lady needs every year according to the chap in the bean city.

This is the list decided on: Eight hats trimmed by the wearer, eight pairs of shoes, (Oxfords), eight pairs of high shoes, two outer garments for summer, two outer garments for winter, sixteen cotton shirtwaists, twenty four pairs stockings, two kimonas, four cotton shirtwaist suits, ten underskirts, forty-eight handkerchiefs, eight corset covers, neckware, eight nightgowns, two umbrellas, eight pairs of cotton gloves, six winter undervests, four woollen shirtwaists, two silk shirtwaists, twelve corsets, six summer undervests, eight pairs of kid gloves, eight pairs of rubbers, sixteen pairs of cotton drawers, one muff, belts, buckles, etc.

Some men strike when all they need is a change of air.

THE Japs won a bloodless victory at Salmo.

IF a vote of the children in Canada was taken there would be no separate schools.

IF the Dominion would let the provinces alone in the matter of separate schools the trouble would be local and not general.

MORALITY should be taught all children without superstition. Superstition should be taught them when the children are 21 years old.

THE youngest grandfather in America lives in Texas. He is 36 years old, and should have a gold medal from Roosevelt.

IN Canada many Roman Catholics protest againt sending their children to separate schools. The education received is never as efficient as that obtained in non-sectarian institution.

BRITISH Columbia is one of the greatest countries on earth in the matter of mineral wealth, but the valuable material cannot walk. It must be made to move by labor and capital.

BY being fat a brewer in Wi[illegible] saved $50,000. It was [illegible] that the lady in th[illegible] on his lap, and [illegible] to his size it [illegible] woman to d[illegible]

Cana[illegible] The [illegible] use [illegible] is fond [illegible] than effi[illegible] postal serv[illegible] to civilizatio[illegible]

PUBLIC senti[illegible] employment of Japs [illegible] the mines and mills of the [illegible] British Columbia. The manage[illegible] the mill at Salmo who so recently defied public opinion and expression will discover that in the future he will walk along a trail full of thorns. If all our industries were guided by such a rash individual British Columbia would be a poor place for anything white.

CARRIE Nation lectured in Celeste, Texas, the other day. She did not smash any gin mills, but overturned a domino game in a gaming parlor. Carrie is still a very vigorous woman and it is expected she will reach British Columbia this summer. She has probably heard that Peek McSwain has sixteen bottles of snake promoters cashed under the Star office at Princeton.

FRANK Oliver, has slipped into Sifton's shoes and illustrates to the world what some editors can do in spite of profanity and a frontier education. Frank has risen through faith. He had faith in Edmonton and the great west when in the early days he printed a little paper on a nut-cracker press while the snakes came up through the floor and gazed at him in astonishment. Frank has risen to his present dizzy eminence without ever teaching a Sunday School.

THE main idea of politics in Canada by politicians is to knock down what the other party puts up, and fish for pap. In order to be a shining light in the profession it is necessary to be a careful liar, an expert juggler of soft soap, and own a hand that never forgets to shake hands with anything from the monkey on a hand organ to the jewelled-fingers of a champagne flavored capitalist. In these days of graft an honest man looks more lonely in a legislative body than a theatrical poster in a Methodist church.

IN B.C. the Associated Boards of Trade intend to keep up an agitation until pending land deals between railroads and government is settled, and all reserves cancelled. So much land in the interior of this province is now tied up in land grants to railroads that progress and development is seriously retarded. West Kootenay is the garden of Canada, but its advantages need more than admiration before the inhabitants will have creases in their bank accounts.

The report now comes that the richest mines in Canada have been struck in Ontario. Same story applies to all the districts between Alaska and Sweetwater Dam in Lower California. It generally comes in the fall, and to hear it in the spring is a departure that we hail with pleasure. Talking about mines we might say that there are millions still in the tall peaks around the Slocan and Rossland

THE dumping ground clause might be applied to the eastern newspapers in Canada. The west is filled with Toronto and other dailies sent out for less than the cost of the white paper while at home the price is three times as great. This is unfair to the papers of the west and Mulock should see that a change is made in the postal rate. These eastern papers are sent west merely for advertising [illegible] and should be made t[illegible]

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LITTLE SERMONS

(BY ELBERT HUBBARD.)

The less you require looking after, the more able you are to stand alone and complete your tasks, the greater the reward. Then if you cannot only do your own work, but direct intelligently and effectively the efforts of others, your reward is in exact ratio, and the more people you direct, and the higher the intelligence you can rightly lend, and more valuable is your life.

It is ridiculous to suppose that a youth can shut himself away from the actual world of men, women and things, in a college for a few years and then come forth and direct mortals in the way of life.

Many people cannot adjust themselves to new conditions without pain.

God is good, there is no devil but fear, nothing can harm us, the universe is planned for good! Ah! a new thought—all life is one, and we are brothers to the birds and trees. Our life is a necessary and intregal part of the energy that turns the wheeling planet,s and holds the world in space.

He who influences the thought of his time, influences the thought of all the time that follows. He has made his impress on eternity.

If you are a student in a college, seize upon the good that is there. You get good by giving it. You gain by giving—so give sympathy and cheerful loyalty to the institution. Be proud of it. Stand by your teachers—they are doing the best they can. If the place is faulty, make it a better place by an example of cheerfully doing your work every day the best you can. Mind your own business.

People who live all the year in the quiet valleys where roses continually bloom, are not necessarily happy

I think if I worked for a man I would work for him. I would not work for him a part of the time, and the rest of the time work against him. I would give an undivided service or none. If you work for a man, in heaven's name, work for him.

Ah! that is why I lift my hat to the engineer—he is doing his work. He is minding his own business.

The voice is the true index of the soul. People who are vulgar may dress correctly, and speak grammatically, but they continue either to screech or to purr. The clear, low, musical modulation belongs only to the men and woman who think and feel. To possess a beautiful voice you must be genuine.

In every successful concern, whether it be bank, school, factory, steamship company or railroad, the spirit of one man runs through the animates of the entire iustitution. The success or failure of the enterprise turns on the mental, moral and spiritual qualities of this one man. And the leader who can imbue an army of workers with a spirit of earnest fidelity to duty, an unswerving desire to do the thing that should be done, and always with animation, kindness, courtesy and good cheer, must be ranked as one of the great men of the earth.

I have noticed that in households where a strap hangs behind the kitchen door, ready for use, it is not utilized so much for discipline as to ease the feelings of the parent. They say that expression is a need of the human heart! and I am also convinced that in many hearts there is a strong desire at times to "thrash" someone.

I expect to see the day when no schoolmaster will have more than 20 pupils.

The Place Called Medicine Hat

That which follows is not poetry. Even to call it verse might hurt some sensitive verse writer. That it is the genuine product of a Medicine Hat youth, as it purports to be, we do not doubt. The sentiment does honor alike to his heart and his head, for while in one line we read that "the birds are warbling their songs of love," in another the youth alludes to the value of natural gas, which means no coal to carry or wood to chop for boys. We may expect that a decided boom in boy immigration to Medicine Hat will follow the printing of these lines. Nay more, the poet MacIntyre must look to his laurels. Here are the lines:—

Just a word to let you know
Medicine Hat has no snow.
The sun is beaming her rays from above
And the birds are warbling their songs of love
The river has lost her cover of ice,
The winds are calm and smell like spice
Here the blizzards are never felt,
They don't belong to the "Banana Belt."
The ground has lost her snowy spread
Spring is here and winter is dead.
The grass has unearthed her foliage green,
And here and there butterflies are seen.
The rainclouds have visited once this spring,
But with them no flaky clouds they bring.
The farmers have started their crops to sow
The skating season ceased long ago.
The gas has beaten its record this year,
And is used all over without any fear;
Without any ashes, or coal or wood,
For boys its value is exceptionally good.
Oh! leave your eastern frozen towns,
And leave your cares and ice and frowns
And come out to the Hat, where's felt
The balmy air of the "Banana Belt."

—Medicine Hat Youth.

Inventions and Hard Work

An inventor sat in his laboratory smoking a cigar.

Sometimes the best inventions, he said, are hit on the most easily. In that case the inventor fails to see the value of his idea and all the profit goes from it to someone else.

Take for instance, the case of the lucifer match.

There was a poor young schoolteacher named Isaac Holden, who used to get up at 4 o'block every morning to study chemistry before his school hours [illegible] To strike a light with [illegible] to him a nuisance, and so [illegible] day or two of experimenting, he composed an explosive mixture which, dabbed on a toothpick would flame up on application of friction.

The principal of the school was struck with these matches, and advised young Holden to patent his idea. But the youth only laughed, and he continued to make matches for his own use and he even delivered a lecture wherein he told the public how they might make matches for their own use, too. This invention had come to Holden so easily that his eyes were blinded to its enormous value.

Too Much for Cowboys

Chicago—Skinner Humphrey of the Big Timber, Mont., passed through Chicago en route home from the inauguration ceremonies. Mr. Humphrey, in company with Long Thompson, of Garry Owen, Fred Maxey, of Crow Agency, and "Slider" Avery of White Creek, talked of nothing but the inagural ball.

Talk about dressing! We do some dogs in clothes in Big Timber, but we were laid out cold at the ball, said Humphrey.

We gets into the ball and the first thing we sees was a stunning woman cavorting across the floor with a fellow in a swell uniform. But the girl didn't appear to have any clothes on. She looked cold aud lost. Long Thompson turned his head away and blushed, something he hadn't done since he was a calf on the range of life. He whispers to us, especially to Sliver Avery, who was staring until his eyes began to bulge.

For God's sake fellers don't look! That poor heifer's broke loose without knowin' how she looks. Give her a chance to duck.

So we all shut our eyes but Avery—he never was respectable anyway. After a time when it got tiresome we opens our lamps, and there's a hundred or more women skating around, dressed like the first—nothing on but a lariat and saddle blanket.

I'm going to bed, says Maxey, for if I ever talk in my sleep after I get home and my old woman gets on to what sinful things I've seen here, its all day.

So we back out, rejoicing that we don't live where clothes are so scarce. Otherwise we had a bully time.

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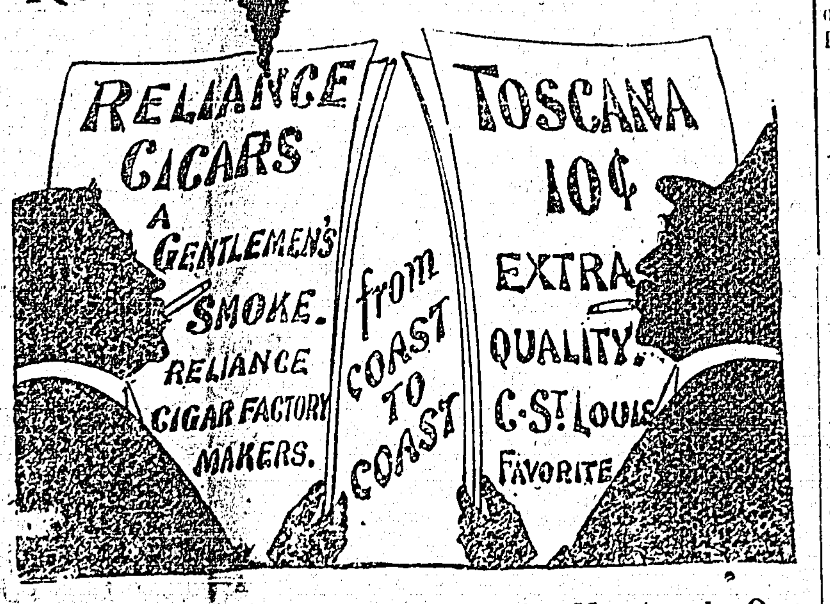

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Crown lands situated within the area embraced by the said reservation will be open to sale, settlement, lease and other disposition, under the provisions of the "Land Act," three months after the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette provided, however, that in all cases where lands are so sold, preempted, 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 so 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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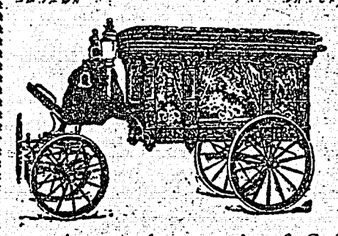

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of luscious roast beef the appetizing odors escape and the rich brown gravy tickles temptingly to the dish. That is the kind of roasts our beef produces. Tender, juicy, nourishing. It will make you healthy and brawny

Of course we sell the choicest cuts of veal, lamb, pork, etc., also. But just now we are talking beef. Beefware of substitutes.

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This is the time of year when disease germs begin to renew their activity.

Such places as drains, closets, outhouses, cellars or anywhere where dirt has been allowed to accumulate, should be thoroughly disinfected.

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Chloride of Lime,
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Dispensing Chemist, Fernie Drug Store

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

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

Bleasdell is selling the most popular music of the day.

For latest in tailoring call on Kenny and McLeod.

Decorate your parlors with the latest spring furniture. Robins has it.

Before you get married pick out your furniture at the B. C. Furniture store.

W. O. Robins expects another car of furniture to arrive this week.

Leave your measure with Kenny & McLeod and they will do the rest.

W. Wardrop has been appointed postmaster at Sparwood.

Thomas Fawcett will build a residence on McPherson avenue.

Miss Etta Kirkpatrick has joined the postoffice staff in Cranbrook.

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

Ladies, inspect the washable ki[illegible] gloves sold by Trites-Wood C[illegible]

Pressing and cleani[illegible] and delivered. Se[illegible]

An oak and [illegible] mounted for s[illegible] Store.

The v[illegible] diam[illegible] is the qu[illegible] stock of c[illegible]

The East K[illegible] with real guns, [illegible] growing taller eve[illegible]

James Broley and C[illegible] will build residences on Ha[illegible] The cost of each will be over $2,00[illegible]

After Lent (dancing) see Semi-Ready or your dress suit. F. J Mitchell.

W. J. Blundell received three carloads of groceries and potatoes last week.

J. C. Hutchison is cosmopolitan. He makes suits for anyone who has the price.

Fernie is not a seaport town, but you can always find schooners of beer at the King Edward.

The smelter at Frank has bought the machinery of the old concentrating plant at Republic, Wash.,

Semi-Ready can turn you out an Easter suit that will be in everyway up-to-date. F. J. Mitchell.

Get a new suit of clothes for Easter to match your best girl's new hat. Semi-Ready has them, prices right.

Get the Habit

The Fit-Reform Wardrobe

Was officially opened an April 15th

The W. C. Hamilton Co.

The Home of Fit-Reform Men's Outfitters

LATEST BY WIRE

LONDON—The government introduced an Alien Labor bill in the house today. It forbids the landing of immigrants who are without means of support, or lunatics. The infirm and of criminal except of the political class.

LONDON—The Jews of Kisniel and other towns of Southern Russia are leaving their homes in fear of what may happen during the coming celebration of the Russian Easter.

MANILLA—Sixteen Japanese cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers were scouting off Sampaloo this morning.

NEW YORK—The third trial of Nan Patterson was begun here today.

MANILLA—Three war vessels were sighted at Batanges at four o'clock this morning. Their nationality is unknown.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Two men were killed here today by an explosion on the government's steamer, Scout. The Scout is employed in distributing acetylene gas to river buoys and was [illegible] two at the dock here when the explosion occurred. [illegible] crew were also in-

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[illegible] me [illegible] hour [illegible] there- [illegible] reckon it [illegible] t instead of [illegible] rface. As it [illegible] as to hoist a cage [illegible] shaft it would appear [illegible] glance as if this made very little [illegible] ference. The cage however will take but eight men at a time, and when 400 men have to be hoisted the operation consumes half an hour. Under the present system the first eight men go down shortly after 6.30 a. m. so that at 7 o'clock when the working day begins, all are in the mine. The first cage of men is hoisted exactly 8 hours later, namely at 3 p. m., so that it is nearly 3.30 p. m. before the last man is out of the mine. It is therefore quite possible for a man to be nearly nine hours underground, although as a rule the order of going and coming is so far adhered to that few are below more than eight and a half hours.

Under the regulation which will now go into force the first man cannot leave the pithead until 7 a. m. and the last man must be out of the mine at 3 p. m. This means that the average time below ground will be seven and a half hours, a loss of about an hour per man of working time, which means that many of the miners will not put in more than five and a half hours actually digging coal.

It should be pointed out that this law as a matter of fact, has been on the statute book for one year. All that the new act does is to provide penalties for its infringement.

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Easter Excursions

During Easter the Great Northern Railway is selling excursion tickets to Vancouver and Victoria. Tickets are on sale from April 19 to 22nd inclusive, good for returning until April 25th. The fare for the round trip is $28.50. See Jas. Sloan for further particulars.

Dressy Suits

I have moved my tailor shop next door to Sheppard & Elliotts ; right in the centre of the city; and am prepared to manufacture any number of up-to-date suits.

Geo. W. Carruthers