

LIFE IN FERNIE

Parties in need of storage room should apply to this office.

Our local co-tem can have a scoop on a swift item that we pass up this week. Mr. Clark was unconscious this morning and may die at any moment.

Liphardt's sale of watches and jewelry was a great success.

F. E. Ward, general manager of the G. N. Ry. will be in Fernie this week.

C. H. Levers has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Foss & McDonald have a contract on the extension of the Great Northern from the Boundary to the Coast.

Geo. L. Pedlar attended the teacher's convention at Revelstoke.

E. Ralph is busy these days cleaning summer suits.

Boys—in Fernie on April 23rd the wife of Philip Carosella of a son.

Next Sunday Coleman will play ball in Fernie.

Mr. Williams is beautifying his home on Howard avenue.

In Fernie last Sunday it was 70 in the shade.

Muddy water is rendering fishing inoperative around Fernie.

The Council met on Thursday evening.

D. V. Mott has the finest bed of tulips in the city.

The warm weather is causing the Elk River to rise rapidly.

Fernie people, to a great extent followed the example of Iko Walton last Monday.

A large shipment of fixtures and furniture were added to the Hotel Fernie this week.

Gibson is an excellent pitcher, and will make a record for Fernie this summer.

W. J. Blundell has added to his business one of the finest delivery wagons in the city.

The new band of the Salvation Army played for the first time on Easter Sunday. It is a credit to the Army.

Last night the Forsters elected officers. The installation will take place on the 30th of May.

These are the days when a water wagon in Fernie looks good to a man with his mouth full of dust.

West Fernie is lively these days with people building homes, making gardens and chafing chickens.

The Ledge office will be moved this week to the cement block of Philip Carosella's, just a step or two from the Fernie and Napanee hotels.

In Carbonado the other day a sensation was caused by the smallest man in that camp thrashing a mailer of the fair sex.

Dr. A. Howe, eye specialist, will be at the Hotel Fernie until Saturday. Just as well to see him if your optics need attention.

Owing to a lack of attendants the vestry meeting in Christ church last evening was adjourned until next Monday at 8 p. m.

Fernie enjoys the freedom of the Coal Co. park and its natural beauties should not be marred by the breaking of trees and shrubbery.

The charity ball given on Monday evening by the Ladies Benevolent Society was a social and financial success. The proceeds amounted to about \$150.

On Good Friday the sign read that the postoffice would be open for general delivery from 9:30 to 11 p. m. A fact much appreciated by the public.

The hotels celebrated Easter Sunday by elaborate dinners. The tables in the Hotel Fernie were decorated with cut flowers from Spokane, the gift of Mrs. T. Rooke.

E. H. Bird, manager of the Bank of Commerce has been transferred to Nanaimo. T. P. May, formerly of Sandon and Dawson City will be the new manager in Fernie.

The C. P. R. water tank was raised last week in order to provide accommodation at this point to the larger locomotives now running on the Crow.

W. J. Blundell received a shipment last week of Jacob's fancy biscuits from Dublin, Ireland. He is the sole agent in the city for these famous goods.

An error reflecting upon the speed of the Great Northern was published in a local item last week. It should have read three weeks instead of five.

Mr. Miller, the C. P. R. brakeman who was badly injured some time ago by being knocked off a coach at Morrissey is able to get around again, and left for Cranbrook on Monday.

In the coal mine at Frank the men are working half time, and it will be a month before the extent or condition of the fire is known. The mine will be able to fill its contract with the C. P. R.

The interior of the C. P. R. depot is receiving a coat of paint, and the walls lightened with kalsomine. The ticket windows are being enlarged to better accommodate the constantly increasing business of this great railroad.

RIVAL TO FERNIE

Talking about the new coal company near Cowley, J. F. Stamford has the following to say.

I think that the Northwest Coal and Cokes company, to say nothing of its president, is entitled to some praise from Canadians in attracting so much English capital into the country. Our method of engineering it has not cost a cent to Canada. The new company will purchase from the Canadian government before May 1st, 20,000 acres of coal lands for which it is paying \$250,000. This land is situated twenty-two miles northwest from Cowley, a station on the Canadian Pacific Crow's Nest branch, forty miles west of the boundary of British Columbia. The coal is on a strip of ground a hundred and twenty-five feet in depth comprising nine seams between six and thirteen feet in thickness. It is bituminous in quality, closely resembling the product of the Crow's Nest company. We are of the opinion that with the building of a branch railway from Cowley we shall be able to place coal on the market cheaper than the rates which are now quoted by the Crow's Nest people. The land itself is worth \$15 an acre for ranching purposes, that being the price quoted by the holders of the land surrounding our black. The Crow's Nest company has a vast coal area, but the surface of its ground is mountainous and more or less difficult of access.

The first thing for the new company to do, continued President Stamford, is to arrange the flotation of the organization. Practically the whole of the money necessary is up, and has been put up in London for some time past. Quite a little capital will be necessary to successfully compete, as the coal areas of the Crow's Nest people are extensive. The railway is the next thing to be engineered. In 1903 we succeeded in getting a charter from the Dominion government to build this branch and connect with the Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R. The charter allows a capitalization of \$300,000 for a fully equipped line. This will be amply sufficient for our needs, and we have already got figures from railway contractors as to the cost of grading of the prairie country. At present there is no subsidy granted the line, but as the company is prepared to pay over a quarter-million dollars to the government for the purchase of these lands, and is ready to spend several millions more in the development of the property, we think we deserve the customary consideration. Moreover the branch line will render the country more accessible to settlers, and a subsidy in this direction will be but in conformance with the general policy of the Ottawa government.

Before many months, concluded Mr. Stamford, you will see an active start made not only with the coal lands but with the projected railroad. Neither is much use without the other.

Fernie's Big Brewery.

The beer made by the Fort Steele Brewing Co. is making Fernie famous for something besides coke, coal and calamities. The erection of the brewery was commenced in 1900, and the first beer sold in 1901. On the first of January, 1901, an incorporated company with a capital stock of \$125,000 took over the business. A. M. Mutt is president; G. H. Scott, vice-president; and W. S. Fairfield, secretary. The directors are G. H. Scott, T. B. Martin, E. A. Woods and R. L. T. Galbraith.

The brewery has 1800 barrels of beer on hand enough to serve off a large drought in case water got scarce around these parts. The product last month was 1200 barrels, and this month it will be much greater. The company has commenced paying dividends, and expects to pay from 10 to 15 per cent this year. The company has \$17,000 invested in hotels between Wainner and Frank, and at the latter town has a branch brewery. The company has recently purchased the Fernie brewery from N. Klauman and partners for something like \$11,000, and will close that plant for a time, until it becomes necessary to use it as an auxiliary. A. Mutt is one of the best known men along the Crow, and is one of our most energetic and enterprising citizens. He hails from the land where drinking and making beer has been reduced to an exact science. Strongly aided by his worthy secretary, W. S. Fairfield, he is rapidly making the brewery one of the great industries of East Kootenay, and driving the more concentrated beverages further along the tunnel of prosperity.

A visit to the works is interesting. The site contains three acres and it is one of the best in the world. The stream of water running through the grounds is pure and requires no doctoring. Pure water is probably more essential to a brewery than a dairy.

In the water tank room there are two large tanks. The one for hot beer holds 40 barrels, and the other for fire and beer purposes has a capacity of 150 barrels. A steam pump keeps the barrels filled.

On the fire-proof roof an excellent chance is afforded to study the scenic beauties that surround the great coal metropolis, and there is plenty of space for a large beer garden, including a brass band.

The cooling room is 50 x 60 feet. In this room the beer runs over an endless

number of copper coils in the process of cooling. The floors are of cement, and also the top of the building. For fire protection there are 500 feet of 1½ inch hose.

In the malt room there is a large mill for grinding the malt, and the consumption was 680 sacks last month. Leading to the bonded room there is a sealed door of which the malt revenue officer keeps the key. The malt is weighed in the malt as it is loaded, and collects the revenue which is 1½ cents a pound.

In the kettle room there is a large tank where the water is heated for use in the steam boilers. In this room there is a patent white-washing machine that sprays with wonderful rapidity. This machine is used once a year to white wash the brewery from soda to hock. It is worked with a pump, and long hose with the spray attached. It would be a grand machine to turn loose on some things in Fernie. In this room is the brewing kettle with a capacity of 85 to 105 barrels of beer. The capacity at the present run is 70 barrels. This big kettle is operated by the passing of steam through copper coils. In this room is the malt shoot for carrying the malt to a large tub below.

Passing through a hot water and work room the fermenting room is reached. It has nine 60 barrel tanks, and four 50 barrel tanks. In this room the cooling is done by the ammonia process, and the brine system. The floors are cement, and the cooling pipes run overhead, or on the ceiling. This room holds 710 barrels of beer which far exceeds the capacity of the ordinary printer.

In the supply and hop room are large packages of Bohemian hops, each package about the size of a fat dry-goods box.

In the beer cellar there are four tanks with a capacity of 90 barrels each. They were put in last winter. In this cellar there is a large hydraulic pump for the use of employees when they have a thirst. The second cellar has 18 tanks capable of holding 1250 barrels. There is a copper filter. The cellars contain a network of copper piping for cooling purposes or the ammonia system together with plenty of hose for fire use.

The filling room has a capacity of 200 barrels a day. In this room there is a new rack-off machine, that cost \$100, and you could almost put it in your pocket. The keg room has a capacity of 200 barrels.

In the boiler room there are two boilers, one 50, and the other 30 11 p. while the engine is 25. In the engine room there is a ten-ton generating machine, and an electric light plant.

The office is fitted with all the modern methods of doing business. The value of the building is \$10,000, and the stock \$20,000. There are 17 men employed many of whom live in houses owned by the company and furnished with electric light and steam heat from the brewery. It is the intention of the company to build more dwelling houses.

PERSONALS

B. S. Robertson of Leford was in the city this week.

Dr. A. Howe came in from Kelispell on Monday.

Mr. Decker of the Nelson News was in the city this week.

Messdames S. E. Bolton and W. H. Bolton are visiting Mr. Raney.

W. A. Mitchell, and wife, of Morrissey attended the charity ball this week.

J. R. Roaf and wife of Michel attended the ball on Monday evening.

Misses Gates and Murray accompanied by Messrs. Gate and Lockhart spent Sunday at Elko.

P. E. Pope left on Wednesday for Lethbridge where he will conduct an auction sale for seven days.

G. H. Webster general manager of the Calgary Cattle Co. visited the local branch last week.

Mrs. C. J. Stevens confined to her home with a sprained ankle.

J. N. Nunn, Arthur Claxton and several other sport Easter Monday fishing in Elko.

O. N. Ross returned from a visit to Calgary on Tuesday, and reports lively times in the great camp.

J. C. Hutchison, the well known tailor is in the hospital with a severe attack of illness.

Mrs. Campbell who had been visiting at Dr. Corson's for several weeks left for her home in Chicago last week.

W. J. Blundell visited Michel and reports business prospects in that community.

After a residence of two years in Fernie I. L. Rhodes of the Bank of Commerce has been transferred to Victoria, and left for that city on Sunday.

A. Beck visited Frank, Blairmore and Bellevue, and other Alberta points last week, and says business is better in Fernie than any of them.

A Terrible Accident

David Clark, of Pellatt avenue was probably fatally injured on Monday forenoon while clearing land across the river with a stump pulling machine. The dog or line-pin came out and he was struck and carried with the sweep of the stump receiving terrible injuries in the pelvic region. He was taken to his home suffering untold agony, and the time of writing is not expected to live. Mr. Clark is 55 years old, and an old resident of Fernie.

I. O. O. F., 86th ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Mt. Fernie Lodge No. 47, Independent Order of Odd-fellows, have arranged for a union service in Stork's Hall, Sunday, April 30th at 4 p. m. in commemoration of the 86th anniversary of the order.

The service is open to all donations, and will be conducted by Revs. Dunn, Robson, Bartlett and Poole. The music is in charge of the Fernie Male Glee Club and the whole ceremony promises to be successful. A collection will be taken up and turned over to the Ladies Benevolent Society. A welcome is extended to all visiting oddfellows to meet in the I. O. O. F. rooms at 3:30 sharp.

PROGRAMME

1. Opening chorus By Glee Club
2. Opening prayer By Rev. Poole
3. Hymn, selected Rev. Poole and congregation
4. Scripture lesson Rev. Robson
5. Prayer Rev. Robson
6. Quotation, selected (Glee Club)
7. Sermon Rev. Dunn
8. Collection and overture Glee Club
9. Chorus
10. Hymn, selected Rev. Bartlett and congregation
11. Closing prayer and benediction Rev. Bartlett

The Crows Nest Trading Co.

Tenders will be opened next week for the construction of the new building on Victoria avenue by the Crows Nest Trading Co., and Mr. Barclay, the energetic manager will see that no moss sticks to the bricks until the edifice is completed. The building will be 60 x 80 feet with ceilings 16 feet high on the ground floor. In the upper storey there will be 14 rooms with ceilings 12 feet high. There will be a cellar underneath the entire building, and the entire structure will be heated by steam. Pressed brick and stone will be the material used, and when furnished the building will be a credit to Fernie, and a hive of commercial activity.

BANK OF HAMILTON

Fernie is gradually becoming the leading city of the interior. H. A. Aylwin, agent for the Bank of Hamilton arrived in from Winnipeg this week for the purpose of making arrangements to establish a branch of the bank in Fernie. The bank will open next week, although the location is not exactly settled. General manager J. H. Morrison will be here on Sunday to complete arrangements. The Bank of Hamilton has a capital stock of \$2,500,000 with a reserve of \$2,100,000.

Bank of Commerce

In about three weeks time or just as soon as his family is released from the scarlet fever quarantine, E. H. Bird will remove to Nanaimo, and take charge of the Bank of Commerce in that city. He will be succeeded in Fernie by T. B. May, late assistant manager of the bank in Dawson. F. L. Rhodes has been transferred to Victoria, and he is succeeded in Fernie by R. A. Dorral.

THE PALM

Bean and Morrison have the sole agency for Gilmour Bros. chocolates, and also handle the chocolates made by Webb, Lowmyer, Cadbury, Robertson, Pauline and Chambers. Christie's biscuits. Agents for Hazelwood ice cream Soda fountain drinks. Cigars and to baccos in great variety.

THE NEW MILL

It will be ten days before the Elk Lumber Co's mill will be running full blast. The machinery has yet to be thoroughly tested. This great mill has been rushed to completion in a short time without a hitch of any kind, and reflects plenty of credit upon the ability of the men in charge. On Monday the company commenced floating logs down the Elk River from Hosmer.

AT LILLE'S MINES

The new tippie at the No. 1 mine of the Lille collieries has been started up and the force of miners employed at the mine increased. This company is now turning out more coke than formerly, all of which is finding a ready sale to the British Columbia smelters. A contract has been made for the Lille mines, which is one of the holdings of the West Canadian Collieries, of this place with the U. M. W. of A. covering a period of two years.—Blairmore Times.

ALONG THE CROW

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald)

A. P. Chenette, of Marysville, was injured one evening last week while boarding a moving train at the North Star mill. He was taken to the hospital, where he is improving but is still in bad condition.

A petition has been generally signed by the ladies of the town to have the red-light district removed from its present location to some portion of the town more remote from the business centre.

The main street of Cranbrook has been greatly improved lately by the building of sidewalks and crossings. The people put up for every dollar by personal subscription and the whole town received the benefit.

J. R. Downes and family left last Tuesday for their future home near Victoria. The family will be missed in Cranbrook where both Mr. and Mrs. Downes were well and favorably known and the two little girls were general favorites.

Charley Diamond, the prospector, has located a galena lead on St. Joseph creek within three miles of town that furnishes the best showing on the surface of any property located in this country for many years. Mr. Diamond got a hint of the lead several years ago and on Wednesday he went after it, and by good luck found the very place he had dreamed of so long.

There are quite a number of improvements on the Crow line that are being arranged for that are of special interest to this part of the district. The Cranbrook station is to be enlarged by another story and made comfortable to meet the demand for increased room. The platform is to be increased at the north end to accommodate the longer trains that are being run. Before many weeks complete vestibule trains will be run on this line. At different places in the mountains there will be work done reducing curves and some of the work will be a little heavy.

The petition against incorporation that has been circulated during the past week has been signed by quite a number of the large property owners. These are the people to decide questions of this character and if the majority of them protest the move for the present will probably drop. It will then be up to the townsite company to do more in the future than they have done in the past in the way of sidewalks and other improvements.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector)

It is rumored that the North Star mine will resume operations during the coming month.

Operations will soon be resumed at Bull River. Manager G. E. Hendrickson has announced that he will be here about May 1st. This will give employment to about 30 men.

Southeast Kootenay is essentially a country of mines containing silver lead, copper and gold. In part they always have and still do comprise the great natural wealth of the district.

The work of preparing for beginning placer operations in Wild Horse creek this season is about completed. Water was turned into the big ditch last week, and the company operating the Fisher ground has commenced mining.

One of the greatest needs that Southeast Kootenay has today is a cheap and efficient system of transportation, so that industries as yet undeveloped may in the future add to the revenues of this district.

The Sullivan group of claims is at present pushing development work with a small force. The ore bins at the smelter, and at the terminal of the tramway are all filled. As soon as the smelter is in operation the working force at the mine will be largely increased.

Fifteen cent copper may spur the owners of copper mines in the St. Mary's district to increased development. The smelting company at Marysville has promised to put in a copper reduction plant as soon as the necessary amount of ore is in sight.

Women, no matter what their profession or occupation can find no safer investment than buying a model of 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.

The Passing of a Veteran

T. H. Whelan received a telegram on Sunday that his father was dying in Napanee, Ont., and Pat Whelan left on the evening train in response to the sad message from home. Mr. Whelan Sr. is 75 years old, and until he received a fatal stroke few years ago, was never sick a day. He was for 21 years a British soldier, serving in the Crimea, being one of the veteran survivors of the battle of Balaklava, and drawing a pension for many years. The aged soldier has one married daughter, living in Napanee, and four sons. Tom, Pat and Con are residents of Fernie while Joe lives in Wallace, Idaho. Joseph was a judge for many years in Wallace, but this month he was elected city clerk and police magistrate of that city upon the independent ticket.

COAL CREEK

Owing to the lack of spragging, some loaded cars bumped into and killed a horse in No. 5 the other day.

Weight scales have been put in at No. 2 tippie.

The mines had a holiday on Monday.

All men have to report to the timekeeper when going on or off shift in the Coal Creek mines.

Messrs. Drinnan and Colville in response to a telegram paid a visit to Frank to assist the management there with suggestions regarding the fire in the mine.

The Coal Co. has laid out a two acre park a short distance also to the town. It will be used for baseball and other sports.

THE NEW POST OFFICE

Fernie is to have a post-office and Dominion government building that will cost about \$70,000. It is likely that only the foundation will be constructed this year. The site has caused keen competition between the owners of city lots, but it is rumored that the building will be erected near the City Hall on the lots owned by W. W. Tuttle as they are the only lots offered that are large enough to hold the structure.

A MASONRADE BALL

The Hard Times Ball under the auspices of the Fernie baseball club will be given in Stork's Hall on Friday evening. The music will be first class, and at midnight all will unmask, and an elaborate lunch will be served. All are invited to attend. The tickets are \$1, and as the proceeds will be used for a worthy purpose there should be a large attendance. Help mainly outdoor sports and you help the city.

A LABOR CANDIDATE

Representatives of organized labor held a convention at Blairmore last week for the purpose of nominating an independent candidate for legislative honors in that riding. Frank Sherman presided at the meeting. Robert Evans of Frank, J. A. McDonald of Blairmore, and T. Steel of Coleman were mentioned as possible candidates. Another meeting will be held on May 3rd when the labor candidate will be duly nominated.

VICTORIA DAY.

Victoria Day, May 25th, will be celebrated in a right, royal manner in Fernie. A program of events is being arranged. One of the grand features of the day will be a baseball match between Fernie and Kelowna. An excursion will be run from Kelispell, and it is expected that several towns along the Crow will be represented.

A STEEL TIPPIE

The C. N. P. Coal Co. has let the contract for a steel tippie at Coal Creek to Hoy and Patterson, of Pittsburgh. The entire structure will stretch across the valley, a distance of 30 yards, and will be built entirely of steel. It will take about 900 tons of steel, and will cost about \$20,000. The capacity will be 4,000 tons daily, and by the middle of July it is expected the tippie will be far enough advanced to ship 2,000 tons daily. It will be the best tippie in Canada.

Still They Come

Almost every day settlers for Alberta from Oregon, Idaho, and Washington pass through Fernie. The following settlers were registered at the Waldorf on Monday. J. F. Davis, E. O. Parsons, S. F. Clark, Paul Tonsetel, S. Mansfield, W. L. Mansfield, J. O'Hara and B. F. Hinebeckson.

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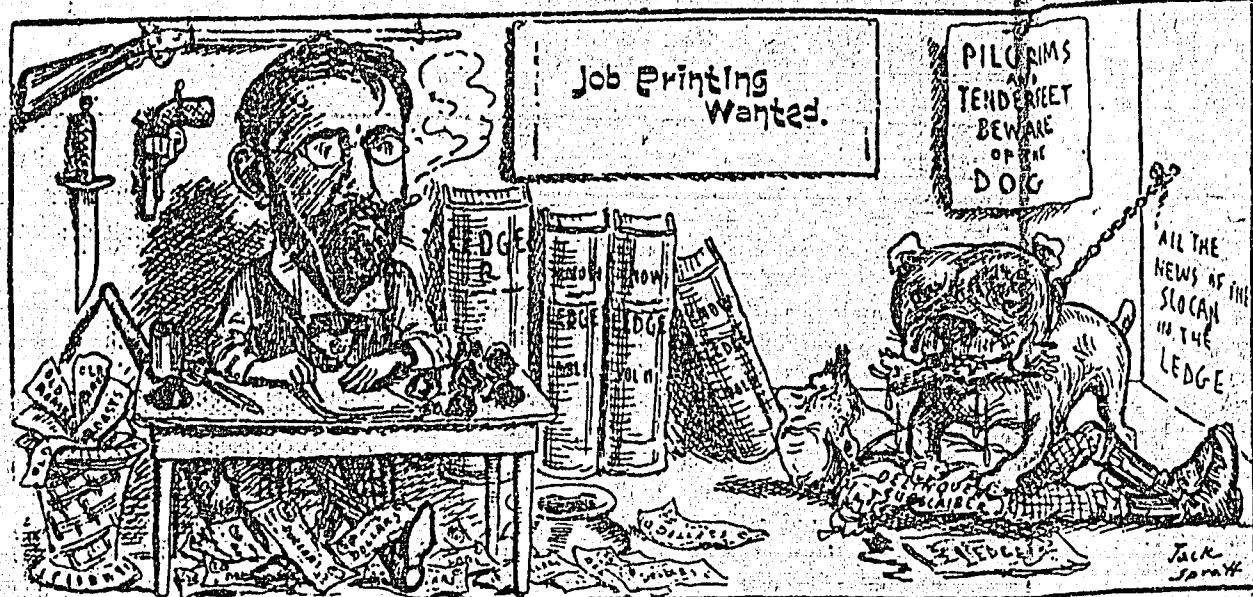
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tising rates given upon application.

SHABBY TREATMENT

Laurier does not seem inclined to
treat the west with the fairness that
we should receive from the Federal
government. The Calgary Herald
treats the matter as follows:

The new provinces are threatened
with a shabby deal in many direc-
tions by the Laurier government.
One of the really alarming features of
the autonomy bill, overlooked in the
heat of the controversy, aroused by
the educational clauses relates to the
coal industry.

There are large mines at Bankhead,
Blairmore, Frank, Coleman, Land-
brook, Lethbridge, Cammore, the
Blackfoot Reserve, Kneehill, Ed-
monton, and elsewhere. At present
it is estimated that 3,000 tons per day
are mined in the provinces. On this
product the Dominion government
collects a royalty of ten cents a ton or
\$900 a day. The revenue from
this source must increase enormous-
ly within a few years and the auton-
omy bills as now framed contemplate
making this royalty a permanent as-
set of the Dominion Government.

What puts this action in the worst
light is that both Ontario and British
Columbia were conceded this income
from their inception. The Dominion
government rejects all propositions
looking to fair treatment in this re-
spect.

The whole thing is on a par with
what this part of the country has al-
ways received from the Laurier gov-
ernment.

Premier Laurier and the west
generally, have steadily maintained
that the new provinces should have
control of the public domain, yet the
Dominion government insists that the
lands and timber shall not be adminis-
tered by the new provinces.

Not only has Sir Wilfrid Laurier
attempted to maintain the position
that the west is not fit to recast and
control its educational system, but
wherever he has seen an opportunity
to centralize the administration of the
new provinces in Ottawa he has
grasped it. It is this unscrupulous
determination to cut off the great
natural resources of the west and de-
stroy the inspiration of an independ-
ent educational policy, that marks
the acts of the Dominion government
as most menacing.

FEAR and ignorance put many a
clot in the cogs of progress.

It is still true that a hard trail often
ends at Easy street.

The season is approaching when
the small boy will have a struggle to
keep his shoes on.

PRINCE Edward Island wants a tun-
nel to the mainland. She ought to
be able to pick up a job lot in B. C.
We have plenty out here that we are
not using.

By lying in Calgary a year, a
Vancouver doctor has been cured of
rheumatism. It is said that the
climate around that cow camp will
even cure delirium tremens.

A TEXAS editor has refused a case
of whiskey that was sent to him as a
gift. He must have thought the
bottle contained an infernal ma-
chine.

THERE are 53 Sundays in 1905,
something that has not been known
since 1795. The efforts of the Lords
Day Alliance are evidently becoming
successful.

FROM the way many people eat it
is a wonder that they are alive at
the age of forty. If the proper way
to eat was taught in churches this
earth would become more like para-
dise.

In Bonham, Texas, a preacher has
been tried for stealing an organ and
acquitted. We never hear of a par-
son being tried for stealing ideas or
some other chap's sermons.

In Russia the reign of terror is set
for May 2nd. Upon that day St.
Petersburg will have a boom that
many of the citizens will not appre-
ciate, unless they are underwriters.

THERE are nine thousand Welsh-
men in Patagonia, and they all want
to come to western Canada. It may
pay to send them transportation, as
the Welsh make sterling settlers.

RICHARD Hunter suicided in Tor-
onto beside his wife's coffin. He did
not have the courage to live on with-
out her. Thus the world wags on.
Some men kill themselves because
their wives die, and others because
they will not die. Either way is
usually fatal.

A CITIZEN of Cranbrook took a bath
the other evening and it felt so good
that he fell asleep in it and did not
wake up for four hours. When he
did he was nearly frozen, and swore
he would never be guilty again.
However he may have drunk some
new brand of whiskey that made the
bath look like a feather bed. In
Fernie no citizen was ever known to
mistake a bath for a feather bed, and
sleep with only a sheet of water for a
covering.

THE Toronto Globe states that doom
awaits the present Dominion govern-
ment if it continues to fly in the face
of public opinion, and intimates that
the better class of liberals will turn
it down. Coming from the Globe
this means a great deal, but the pre-
sent domineering attitude of the
Laurier government is nothing new.
All governments when they think
they have the clench, owing to a large
majority, invariably become tyranni-
cal and the people are compelled
to step in and tie their hands in order
to save the country.

LUCKY THOMPSON

Rossland.—When Ross Thompson,
founder of Rossland, left here in the
middle of the winter to go to the new
goldfields of Nevada, he told his friends
that he intended to make another for-
tune. Some of them shook their heads
and solemnly remarked that it is al-
dorm that fortune knocks twice at the
same man's door.

I intend to knock at fortune's door
and see if she'll let me in again said
Mr. Thompson. I do not intend to put
her to the trouble of coming to my door.

Mr. Thompson said that whenever he
went into a new district he was lucky
and thought it would be so in the ster-
ile, dry, bleak wastes of Nevada around
Tonopah and the town of Goldfield,
which resembles the desert of Sahara
on a small scale more than any other
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Unhuh, he says. I reckon you bet-
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ain't no better. This was the way he
pulls teeth.

With that he shows me 'how Doc
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another screech.

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Art is the mintage of the soul. Health is potential power.

A man of genius conceives things; a man of talent carries them forward to completion.

Let's keep the windows open to the east, be worthy, and some time we will know.

Things work by antithesis, if your discipline is a little too severe, you get no discipline at all.

To know how to write correctly is nothing—you must know something worth recording.

The fallow years are as good as the years of plenty—the silent winter prepares the soil for spring.

To hoe all the time slants the brow. If all men hoed a little, no man would have to hoe all the time. Let us all hoe—a little.

The soul grows by leaps and bounds, by throes and throbs. A flush and a glory stands revealed for which you have been blindly groping through the years.

Even the proudest women are willing to accept orders when the time is ripe; and I am fully convinced that to be dominated over by the right man is a thing all good women warmly desire.

Great Waste in Mines.

Barclay Bonthron, M.E., who has been inspecting a number of mines in the Kootenays, states that he found the waste of precious metals in the different mines had been appalling. This was particularly the case with zinc. One mine he examined had thrown in the creek in the past six years fully \$150,000 worth of zinc. The manager had told him that the zinc market was low, and it was before the magnetic zinc separator had been invented and it was thought the mineral was useless. They had marketed their silver lead ore, and, it becoming low grade, they had made in five years \$25,000 and thrown away \$150,000. Mr. Bonthron said he found that tailings in many instances had been thrown away, which, if saved, in these days of chemical processes, would have netted handsome sums. He believes that today British Columbia is in far better shape than ever as to her mines. And there is far more money being made than the public are aware of, as often the local press are not anxious to print news of successful mines.

The Folly of Selfishness

To Nicola Tesla, a friend said one day:

There is this invention of Smith, and there is this invention of Jones, and there is the other invention of Robinson. In all these inventions yours was the leading hand. Without you they would never have been patented. And yet you get no credit for them. Why are you content?

Mr. Tesla smiled.

That the inventions have materialized, that they benefit mankind, is enough, he said. I am not selfish. My name is honored. I live well. Why then should I be so hungry for a little more money, a little more renown? Why should I be like the millionaire butcher of my native town of Smiljan.

This butcher was a bachelor, and, when he became a millionaire, he bought a magnificent equipage—two prancing black horses, a set of silver mounted harness, a coachman in livery and so forth—and every day he drove proudly through the town.

But he always drove alone. He never had anyone with him. So one day the priest of the parish said:

Why, my good man, do you always ride alone in your grand coach? Why do you not take any of your friends out with you?

The millionaire frowned.

If there were two of us, no one would know who the team belonged to.

A Moment of Embarrassment

Dr. Benjamin Lee, secretary of the state board of health of Pennsylvania, was talking about the eyes of foreigners compared with those of Americans.

Aboard, he said, and especially in Italy and in Southern France, the number with bad eyes is shocking. Indeed among the poor, nearly every other man you see appears to have a cross-eye or a blind eye, or some other optical deformity.

In the excellence of our eyes, even more than in the excellence of our teeth, we Americans are far ahead of other nations. Cross eyes are almost unknown among us. Hence, in America, there would hardly have happened the disaster that happened once in Nice.

A cross-eyed Frenchman attended a dance given in the Nice Palais de la Jetee—in the beautiful Casino, off the Promenade des Anglais, that is built out over the blue Mediterranean.

At this dance the Frenchman saw seated by his side two ladies whom he knew. He approached and conversed a while with them. Then, the music, striking up, he looked at the prettier of the two and said:

May I have the honor of this waltz? Both ladies rose simultaneously, and in the same instant said:

With pleasure.

What think you the earth will be like when the majority of men and women in it learn that to be simple and honest and true, is part of wisdom, and that to work for love and beauty is the highest good.

I have a profound respect for boys. Grimy, ragged, teased boys in the street often attract me strangely. A boy is a man in the cocoon—you do not know what it is going to become—his life is big with possibilities. He may make or unmake kings, change the boundary between states, write books that will mould characters, or invent machines that will revolutionize the commerce of the world.

Governments grant men immunity from danger on payment of a tax. Thus men cease protecting themselves and so, in the course of time, lose the ability to protect themselves, because the faculty of courage has atrophied through disuse. Brooding apprehension and cowering fear are properties of civilized men—men who are protected by the state. The joy of revealing in life is not possible in cities. Bolts and bars, locks and keys, soldiers and police, and a hundred other symbols of distrust, suspicion and hate, are on every hand—reminding us that man is the enemy of man, and must be protected from his brothers. Protection and slavery are always near of kin.

Very Awkward.

Winston Churchill, the novelist, was talking about awkward and unusual forms of expression.

"In Concord, the other day," he said, "I heard of an undertaker's speech that seemed to be extremely awkward and unusual."

"It was at a funeral, a funeral in a private house, and the officiating clergyman was just about to begin his address, when the undertaker tiptoed up to him, and said in a hoarse whisper: "Excuse me, doctor, but the corpse's brother wishes to speak to you."

FINE CUT FACTS

The circulation of the blood is affected by music.

The song of the nightingale can be heard at the distance of a mile.

It is said that there is never an odd number of rows on an ear of corn.

No person under 16 years of age is permitted to enter a theatre or tavern in Heligoland.

German locomotive engineers receive a gold medal and 100 marks for every ten years of service without an accident.

In some coast villages among the Danes, Norwegians and Finns, women are employed as sailors, and prove themselves to be expert mariners.

Egypt is the only country in the world where there are more men than women. The male sex in the dominions of the Khedive exceeds the female by 160,000.

Cats are taxed in Dresden and other German towns. When the tax was first imposed thousands of the animals were destroyed by owners desirous to avoid payment.

The biggest beehive in the world is a natural one in Kentucky, known as the "Mammoth Beehive." It is in reality a huge cave, the main compartment of which is 150 feet high, the floor covering ten acres in extent.

True Delicacy.

Adrian Fairley, the noted portrait painter, was talking in his New York studio about delicacy.

"I was very poor in my youth," he said, "but, despite my poverty, I always managed to be delicate, tactful, and polite. I often had to put off my creditors, I often had to do many disagreeable things, but I always did them in a delicate way."

"Once, for instance, I ordered a 5-cent plate of soup in a Bowery restaurant. When the waitress brought this soup to me, its condition was such that I felt called upon to rebuke her. I couched my rebuke in delicate terms."

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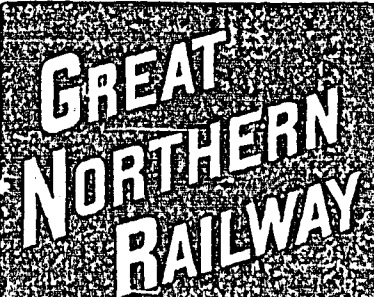
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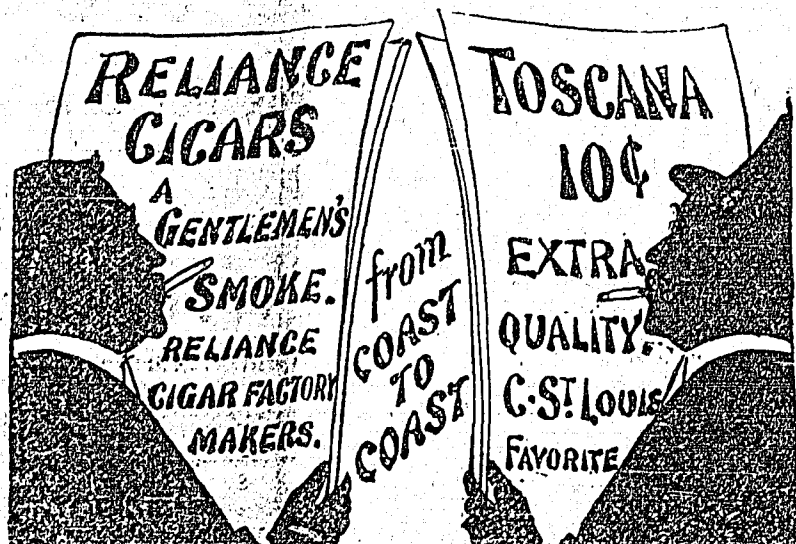


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subsequently found, upon the survey of the
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