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LIFE IN FERNIE

At 9 a. m. it was 12 below zero.

Robins is selling all his heating stoves at cost.

Blundell is selling eggs that are very fresh and young.

On Monday two drunks saved a blank in the police court.

The telephone war has advertised Fernie all over the continent.

J. G. Whiteacre took a look at the piano business in Fernie last week.

Pitt, and Sherlock Holmes, are two new games procurable at Bleasdell's.

Water from the upper dam was again turned into the water pipes last Friday.

Pluck-me-stores have a great cinch when the miners are meek enough to allow them.

During January eleven cases were tried in the provincial police court, and $80 paid in fines.

In the Kootenay saloon at Sandon a glass of water is given free with every drink of Scotch.

E. B. McDermid, of Nelson arrived in the city this week to straighten up the books of a local firm.

Telephone your orders to D. J. Robertson & Co. in Nelson. That is when the line is completed.

G. G. S. Lindsey of the Coal Co. has gone to Toronto on business, and Superintendent Drinnan to the coast.

If the telephone war keeps up Fernie will soon look like this: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

It is now reported that the Crows Nest Southern Ry. will be extended from Fernie to Michel when spring opens.

A work of art is on exhibition at Bleasdell's. It was painted by a local artist and should be seen by everyone in town.

It is reported that one of our most prominent citizens will ere long return from the east with a handsome and wealthy bride.

Fernie almost lost the appropriation for a government postoffice owing to the squabbling of so many people with a site to sell.

Al Rizzuto is now proprietor of the Roma Hotel, having taken it over this week. He is well known and sure of a large business.

Ernest Kirkpatrick goes to Chicago next week, where he will spend six weeks learning how to thump the keyboard of a linotype.

Messrs Lindsey, Davies and Langton have gone east to attend the annual meeting in Toronto on February 10 of the C. N. P. Coal Co.

A general meeting of the Fernie Liberal association will be held in Stork's opera house on Monday, February 6th. All Liberals are requested to attend.

H. E. Macdonnell of Nelson was in the city last week looking up C. P. R. freight matters. He is one of the best and most obliging officials of the C.P.R.

Elizabeth Wallace died in Parkhill, Ontario, last Sunday of heart failure. Miss Wallace was a sister of John Wallace, manager of the Free Press, and he has the sympathy of many friends in his sad bereavement.

If the B. C. Telephone Co. continues to do business in Fernie it will not be long before Fernie will have speaking connections with all the towns between this city and Calgary. Such a service would be of great benefit to the lumber industry.

The press liar is not yet dead. One outside paper reported that the B. C. Telephone Co was arresting Fernie citizens by the score and throwing them into dungeons. The same bright paper remarked that this was not right, and should not be permitted in a civilized country.

The C. N. E. L. & P. Co., under the superintendence of Richard Hammond, has a gang of men at work digging holes for telephone poles. The company has the moral support of the city council, and some of our aldermen are busily engaged drumming business for the latest telephone company in Fernie.

J. T. Wilkinson of Vancouver, who is still traveling around the world in order to sustain his title of Wings, sends THE LEDGE several pictures of the young ladies he has met in Honolulu. They are all brunettes, with the dreamy optical expression that appeals so strongly to the poetical temperament of Wings.

The funeral of George Masson Corsan, the seven year-old son of Dr. Corsan, took place last Wednesday, and was largely attended. The deceased was a bright boy and the earthly extinction of his young life was a sad blow to his parents, who have the sympathy of many friends in this, one of the deepest sorrows that can come to any home.

The 20-round glove contest between Jim Burrows and Jack Overdorff did not come off in Fernie as advertised, Overdorff having broken his hand. To take his place Sullivan, who is no relation of John L., came over from Spokane and on Saturday evening struck a couple of times at Jim Burrows, but failed to make an impression, and retired from the arena after two rounds. The audience never touched him.

Not a mosquito has been seen in Fernie this week.

The police are on the trail of several local coal thieves.

The new and palatial Hotel Fernie will open for business February 6.

The King Edward is crowded with guests from all parts of the universe.

J. C. Hutchinson is closing out at cost all his stock of gents furnishings.

The Review of Spokane reaches Fernie the same day it is printed, except Sunday.

Three prisoners are in the local jail awaiting speedy trial—Brisco, Gibbs and McCann.

W. C. Hamilton was called to Cranbrook this week to attend the funeral of a young niece.

S. Slinn has returned from the East, and is busily engaged selling his large stock of Okanagan apples.

Fernie has no fight with any corporation seeking to rend our streets for the sake of putting in a sewage system.

W. R. Ross, M. L. A., leaves next week for Victoria to assist the legislation of affairs in this glorious province.

Cash is mighty with Blundell. He takes nothing else for groceries unless, perhaps, occasionally, fresh eggs might go.

On Sunday evening the electric light went off shift for a few minutes and left some of the local parsons sawing the air in darkness.

A meeting of the executive of the Fernie Liberal association will be held in Stork's opera house on Wednesday, February 1st, at 8 p. m.

THE LEDGE this week installed one of the oldest but most reliable printing presses in the world. It easily prints the entire edition in nine hours.

At the present time the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. use 35 telephones in conducting their own business at Fernie, Michel, Coal Creek and Carbonado.

Since its entree into Fernie THE LEDGE has caused the name of this city to be read by millions of people in all parts of the world, and the end is not yet.

Alex. Cameron, late of Rossland, is driving needles for P. G. McLeod. J. DeGuarn of Winnipeg will arrive this week to fill a similar position with McLeod.

A. Good of Crow's Nest, was in Fernie last week advertising the route from his town to the Flathead by circulating blue prints, showing trails and other information.

At McKenzie's shooting gallery, next to the King Edward hotel, John Minton won the prize on Saturday. He made 30 points in a possible 30, so John certainly is a good shot.

Fernie has no funds to pay for its chemical fire engine, but does not appear to be worried over the shadow of law costs thrust upon it by hasty and unwise local legislation.

Having finished his contract on the C. N. S. railway near Swinton, G. O. Foss will visit his home in Minneapolis this week, and from thence he will go to Ottawa in search of his big partner, Jim McDonel.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will give their next monthly tea at the residence of Mrs. D. V. Mott, corner of Gemmell street and Riverside avenue, from 3 to 6 and 8 to 10 p. m. on Tuesday, the 7th inst. All are cordially invited.

Jim Bell, the well-known knight of the range, is picking oranges in California as a pastime, and spending the money he made around Sandon by riding on the street cars and watching the swans that pass in the night. "Take keer of yourself, Jim," and don't hug the shore of the "Barbary coast."

TELEPHONE IN FERNIE.

The telephone embroglio advanced several stages during the week. H. W. Kent returned to the coast on Friday, and probably has recovered by this time from the frost bites he received in Fernie. Not being able to get local cartage firms to haul poles for fear of a boycott by some of their customers, he bought a team, and since then the work of construction has gone on without interruption. Nearly all the workmen engaged are Canadians, and object to being called "foreigners." Mr. Kent stated that his company would run a line into the Flathead when business would justify the expense, and that the B. C. Telephone company would not make any money out of local business for a long time, and would have to look to long distance work for a dividend in East Kootenay.

In the supreme court at Vancouver last Thursday the argument was heard upon the application of the City of Fernie to quash an injunction issued against it by Mr. Justice Morrison in favor of the B. C. Telephone Co.

L. C. McPhillips, K. C., appeared for the Telephone company and Edgar Bloomfield represented the City of Fernie. Mr. Bloomfield said that the Telephone company was working on a provincial charter, which gave it the right to erect poles and string wires, subject, however, always to the approval of the municipalities in which the work was to be done.

Mr. McPhillips contended that the words "subject to the approval of the municipalities" simply meant that the company had the right to go on with the erection of poles or other work, only that the municipalities had the right to say in what manner that work should be done, and quoted numerous cases in support of his contention.

His lordship was of opinion that while the view of counsel was probably what was in the minds of the legislators when the charter was granted, yet he could only construe the word "approval" as meaning with the consent of the municipalities. Had it been otherwise, the terms "by the direction" or "under the supervision" would surely have been used. He pointed out, however, that even if he were to continue the injunction, it would by no means break the deadlock that existed, as it was at best but a temporary expedient, and suggested that the only way to settle the matter satisfactorily would be to have a regular stated trial. If the parties would consent to that, it could be set for February 2nd, when the present injunction expired.

Mr. McPhillips said he was quite ready to consent to that, but Mr. Bloomfield said he was only acting as an agent for the City of Fernie, and he did not know what the municipal authorities might wish to do in the matter.

It was finally decided to set the trial for February 2nd, and should any other complications arise in the meantime to prevent it being heard on that date, arrangements should be made for its postponement in the proper form.

It looks that with the exception of paying the costs, the trouble between Fernie and the B. C. Telephone Co. is ended, for on Friday the mayor and the majority of the aldermen sat in with the Coal Co., took all the cards out of their sleeves, rolled up the blind, and showed us what made the shadow. THE LEDGE does not yet know what promises were made, but the deal was evidently satisfactory to both sides, for at a meeting of the directors of the Coal Co. in Toronto on Saturday afternoon it was decided that the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Co. should immediately go into the telephone business in Fernie. Contracts are being offered to the public for signature on a basis of $1, $3 and $2 a month for local service, and the Coal Co. has offered to reimburse the B. C. Telephone Co. for all expenses incurred in Fernie, provided they will abandon the field.

If the B. C. Telephone Co. withdraws from the contest and the local company does not give us as extensive a connection, Fernie quits loser. If both companies stay in the local field, the service, to be effective, must be doubly expensive, forcing subscribers to have two telephones where one would be more than enough for a long time, as far as purely local business is concerned. The telephone embroglio is a fair sample of the way business is conducted in a city that is divided and full of cross purposes. Judicious forethought would have saved loss, trouble and much bitter feeling, and it is to be hoped that our stormy experience will be a benefit to other cities. In the meantime the lawyers are all smiling.

The proper solution of the telephone situation is government ownership of all trunk lines, and municipal ownership of local systems when so desired by the inhabitants of cities.

TELEPHONE IN NANAIMO.

The trouble between the municipality of Fernie and the Burrard Inlet Telephone Co. seems to have brought to a head here a question which has long been more or less in the air. The company has the right by its charter to erect its telephones and lines all over the province. This necessarily includes Nanaimo. Knowing the uncertain temper of local street committees, the company has always made it a rule to consult them before erecting poles in the streets. Human nature is human nature, however, and the very fact that the company had the right to put up poles regardless of what the city council might say or do, has from time to time been the cause of irritation. While the rights of the company have been respected there has always been a feeling at the city hall that the city should have absolute power to veto the erection altogether should it see fit. This has now taken positive shape in the form of a resolution passed by the city council last evening to the effect that a petition be presented to both houses of parliament, asking for legislation to be passed, to prevent the use of streets and roads in cities by private corporations for the purpose of erecting poles and stringing wires for telephones and other purposes without the consent of the municipal council of such cities, and for the taking over of long distance telephone systems, and the operation of the same in the public interest.

Matrimonial.

STRATHEARN-SHUTTLEWORTH—In the Anglican church, Michel, by the Rev. Aykroyd Stoney, on Thursday, January 19th, Robert Strathearn of Fernie was united in marriage to Miss Teresa Emily May Frances Shuttleworth of London, England.

Mr. Strathearn, who is engaged in business in Fernie with J. F. Spalding, is one of the oldest residents of Kootenay, having lived for many years at Nelson and Kaslo. Fourteen years ago he was the only watchmaker in all of Southern British Columbia. While visiting the coronation ceremonies in London some years ago as a member of the military contingent from this province, he met and wooed the lady who is now his bride. On behalf of the pioneers who blazed the trails in East and West Kootenay, THE LEDGE extends the heartiest congratulations, and trusts that bliss will never desert their blended lives.

One of the oldest members of our Ladies' Choir has just left us. Miss Shuttleworth has been connected with us for the last six years. Now she has gone to British Columbia, in order to take to herself a husband. Before her departure, her colleagues in the choir gave her a handerchief bag, as a token of their good feeling towards her. We cordially wish her all happiness and blessing in married life. She assures the Vicar that her connection with us was a great happiness, and although thousands of miles away, her thoughts will often be with us, in our work at the Epiphany.

MINERAL OUTPUT.

From the provincial department of mines it has been ascertained that the approximate output of minerals in the Province of British Columbia for the year that has just closed is in excess of that of the year before by $2,271,016. The total value of the minerals produced within the confines of the province during the year ended on December 31, 1904, was $19,770,000. The total amount of mineral produced during the year other than coal was $15,3[illegible],000.

The amount of gold, produced, both from quartz and placer, was in excess of that produced in 1903. In 1904 the amount of gold produced was $4,400,000, while in 1903 it was $[illegible], an increase of over half a million. The silver product of the province was also in excess of that of the previous year. In 1904 it amounted to $2,[illegible], which was $378,528 in excess of 1903.

Last year the amount of copper mined in the various districts showed a slight increase, the total output being $4,600,000. Lead, too, increased very considerably over 1903, the output being $1,500,000. The coal and coke produced amounted to $1,[illegible], being practically the same as in the year before.

The Small End.

The Dominion estimates amount to $68,664,397, of which $[illegible],037 is for British Columbia, including $50,000 for the subsidy to the Australian mail. Last year's contribution to the federal treasury were nearly $3,750,000. British Columbia takes the small end, as is usual when we have business with the Dominion Government.

A Change of Postmaster.

An official communication has been received through Mr. W. A. Galliher, M. P. by the Kaslo Liberal Association stating that following representatives made by them, S. P. Kane is to be postmaster at Kaslo vice S. H. Green. The immediate cause leading up to the action of the Liberal Association was the action of Mr. Green at the time of the Dominion election, which on a date immediately before election day, he allowed Hon. R. F. Green, then engaged in an active political campaign againts our present Liberal member and Geo. Scott of Kaslo, to occupy the private portion of the postoffice during the sorting and distributing of the mail for a period of upwards of two hours. Further testimony was forthcoming that during such illegal occupancy of the post office the gentlemen named were engaged in electioneering work.

MASS MEETING NO. 2.

Forty six people attended mass meeting No. 2 last night, twelve of whom were employed of the B. C. Telephone Co., and probably another dozen were ratepayers. Of the city council, only Mayor Stork and Alderman Tuttle were present. The mayor opened the proceedings by reciting the harrowing details which made another enthusiastic mass meeting necessary, after which he called upon Alderman Tuttle. From Mr. Tuttle's remarks it appears that the city council asked the Coal Co. to install a telephone system in opposition to the B. C. company, that the object of the meeting was to endorse the action of the mayor and aldermen, that the council took no steps to get better terms from the B. C. company, and that the city was extricating itself from the clutches of the legal fraternity as quickly as possible. Mr. Tuttle said the council had done what they thought best in the interest of the city, and that the aldermen were unanimous in the action taken.

Superintendent Hoge of the B. C. company was then called to the platform, and told what an excellent system his company would install, and said it would give an all night service.

A vote was then taken, which resulted in an endorsation of the Coal company's system 5 to 0. Thus ended mass meeting No. 2, and it is to be hoped the council and the citizens will now drop the matter, and allow the two wealthy corporations to lock horns, otherwise as they choose. The people need not expect anything more than they are legally entitled to from either company.

CITY COUNCIL.

The council met on Monday evening and adopted minutes of previous meetings. A large part of the evening was spent in reading and adopting the minutes of the many special meetings held recently.

The bill of Mr. McRobie for chemical fire engine, amounting to $350, was ordered to be paid as soon as the funds in the treasury would permit.

Trites-Wood & Co. were ordered to remove at once the garbage dumped by their teamster within the city limits.

The auditors were authorized to confer with the finance committee upon receipt forms and other matters.

The city solicitor was instructed to wire an appeal from Justice Morrison's decision. The intention is to have the appeal heard before the full court and not left to the decision of one judge.

Bylaw No. 8 passed and will be reconsidered at next meeting. By the passing of this bylaw no more retail liquor licenses will be granted in Fernie until the population is 8,800, nor any more wholesale licenses until the population is 4,000. After these figures are reached, one retail license to every 800 population will be granted, and one wholesale to every additional 2,000.

The chief of police was instructed to buy six pairs of cheap mits for the use of prisoners.

Adjourned until next Monday.

Dave's Mistake.

It does not pay to flash a gun and shoot out the lights in Cranbrook. In that burg David Crane came into the Manitoba hotel a few evenings ago, found two of his friends in a hot dispute, and to quiet affairs he fired the contents of his revolver through the window, and scared the crowd to a white pallor. Dave was run in, and it cost him a week's liberty, the loss of his job, and $30 for thinking that Cranbrook was like Arizona.

A Dog Race.

There will be a hot time in Fernie on Saturday afternoon, and the trouble will commence at 3 p. m. A prize will be given for the best runner in a dog race. The dogs are to be attached to sleds and the racing track is from the postoffice to the opera house. Three heats will be run, and the fun will be illimitable with Tom Whelan as ringmaster. The set of harness offered as a prize can be seen at THE LEDGE office.

Took Everything.

An unoccupied but furnished house just outside the city limits was recently entered and everything stolen, even the locks on the doors. George and Joseph Grafton were arrested for the offense. George was let go on a suspended sentence, while Joe is doing two months' time for his share in the dismantling of a deserted brothel.

LATEST BY WIRE.

ST PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—Last evening the police surprised a meeting of strikers in a tavern and fired, killing a girl and wounding four other persons. Reports from different quarters are that the strikers are returning to work.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 1.—The Klondike hockey team was defeated here last night by a score of 4 to 1.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—Four battleships have been ordered to sail on February 7th to reinforce Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The hearing of the Russian witnesses was begun by the North Sea commission today. Captain Walleriand of the transports testified that during the evening while on the lookout for torpedo boats he heard shots and saw the outlines of a torpedo craft, whereupon he sent a wireless message to the flagship, saying torpedo boats follow us. Captain Gladdo of the admiral's flagship also testified to seeing torpedo boats.

In the effort to appreciate various forms of greatness, let us not underestimate the value of a simply good life. Just to be good, to keep life pure from degrading elements, to make it constantly helpful in little ways to those who are touched by it, to keep one's spirit always sweet, and avoid all manner of petty anger and irritability—that is an ideal as noble as it is difficult. —Edward Howard Griggs.

Two Japanese fishermen were fined $10 each in the Victoria police court for fishing with nets in the harbor.

It is only in prosperity that we throw our friends overboard.

ALONG THE CROW

ELKO NOTES.

On Friday evening the townspeople had a most enjoyable time through the kindness of Tommy Yuatt, who gave a dance and supper. Altogether there were about thirty couples in attendance.

Mr McClelland, late of Fort Steele, has arrived with his wife and family, and are staying at the Elk hotel. Mr. McClelland is here to open a school, which is much needed.

A large number of men are employed in this vicinity taking out ties.

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

There has been a big increase in the assessed valuation of the property of Cranbrook during the past year. This year it is about 100 per cent more than last, an increase from $251,000 to $501,000.

The new drug store building to be occupied by J. C. Templeton, is about enclosed, the large plate for the front windows has arrived, and the frames are ready for being placed.

Jack Ryan of Wardner, has returned from a visit to his old home in Ontario. He was at Lucan and saw Vic Rollins, and says that Vic was badly worked up over the campaign.

The next assembly of the C. P. R. Quadrille club will be held February 1st, and every two weeks thereafter. The committee requests that invitations be presented at the door.

An aerie of Eagles was organized on Wednesday evening and the following officers elected: S. J. Morrow, W. P; Edgar Davis, W. V. P.; Dr. Bishop, W. Chaplain; Ross Tate, W. S.; C E Reid, W. T.; W. Cline, W. Conductor; W. O'Hearn, W. I G.; W. Edwards, W. O. G.; Dr. Bishop, W. Physician; L. Clapp, W. D. Hill and A. M. Black, Trustees.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

Southeast Kootenay is, first, last and all the time, a mining district. Forty years of placer mining, and six years of lode mining development has demonstrated that this district is rich in minerals.

The progress made in silver-lead mining in Southeast Kootenay during the past year has been most satisfactory.

A large electric plant is projected at Bull river. It will render available a stream of water flowing 400 cubic feet a second, and will develop ten to twelve thousand horsepower.

There is little doubt that with adequate capital the iron industry of British Columbia could be made one of the profit earning branches of the province's great mineral industry.

The Bull River Mining and Power company have reduced the force employed to six men. Active operations with a large force will be resumed about March 1st.

With the Crow's Nest Pass branch in active operation, the Fernie branch of the Great Northern completed, the Kootenay Central and Corbin roads roads under construction this year, Southeast Kootenay will see an era of prosperity such as never before witnessed in any section of British Columbia.

Prospecting for copper in this district will receive considerable attention during the coming year. The recent discoveries made and development work done in the St. Mary's river district give great promise of being a copper-producing region.

The area in this district known to contain placer gold is large and only been touched, leaving still virgin ground well worth prospecting and working.

American capital it is said will exploit a number of placer mines in the Fort Steele district during the coming year.

The importance of zinc mining will be appreciated in Southeast Kootenay upon the completion of the Kootenay Central railway. A number of properties have values in zinc estimated at from 14 to 50 per cent.

MOYIE

From the Leader

Creston has three cases of diphtheria.

Garett Keefe has leased the Exchange saloon in Rossland and is running it.

J. E. Crowe has purchased the piece of land north of the town, upon which Dill's dairy is located, from T. McVittie of Fort Steele. Mr Crowe has already begun removing the timber from it.

An important strike has been recently made in the No. 4 tunnel of the St. Eugene mine in the 600 foot level. This is one of the few workings in the mine in which there was no ore until now. The ore body encountered is said to be quite an extensive one, and already 200 tons of concentrating ore has been taken out.

The Moyie Lumber Co have had a deal on for some time for the disposal of their mill and extensive timber interests near here. H. H. Bacheller of Fairbault, Minnesota, is here assisting Mr. Cameron in closing the deal. In all probability Cranbrook people will be the purchasers.

Joseph Niederstadt has purchased the Riesterer half interest in the Moyie brewery from the administrators of the estate. Mr. Niederstadt will sever his connection with the Cosmopolitan Hotel next month, and will devote all of his time to the brewery.

Practical experience, good sound judgement and common sense frequently wins out over "book learning." It is safe to say that James Cronin never attended a mining school a day in his life, and yet he stands head and shoulders above most of the "schooled" mining men in the Province. Like Jim Hill in railroading, Mr. Cronin has gained his knowledge of mining step by step, and he is therefore familiar with the details of every branch of the business. He can neither put the letters, "M. E." or "B. A." after his name, but his opinion on a mining proposition will carry more weight than that of any dozen college bred experts in the country.

BLAIRMORE.

From The Times

Married at the Sanitarium Hotel on Friday, January 20th, by the Rev. C. R Carscallen, Percy Poupard to Miss Francis Hubble, both of Frank.

Plans for the zinc smelter are still in the hands of the officials.

J. D. Robertson, who has lately been engineer at the Frank mine, left on Thursday for Winnipeg where he has accepted a position with a survey party.

G. H. Findlay, of the International Coal Co, now has charge of the Coleman bank pending the arrival of a man to take Mr. Fripp's place in that institution.

W. J. Adcock has removed his boot and shoe store from Coleman and has opened up in the Martin block, Frank, where he will be pleased to meet any of his old customers.

The Little collieries, of the West Canadian Collieries Co. are at present turning out and shipping to B. C. points a hundred tons of coke per day. The coke ovens of this company, which are of the Solvey type have proved a big success.

Although negotiations have been going on all week between the striking miners and the Coal Company at Coleman no satisfactory adjustment of the difficulty has as yet been evolved. It now begins to look as if this strike was about to develop into one of those long drawn struggles so disastrous to the welfare of both capital and labor and which the innocent as well as those who instigated the trouble are made to suffer. Business men are still hoping against hope and the Miners Union has already made arrangements to issue relief orders. The officials of the Company have met the men in several conferences and have made concessions, but are not prepared to concede all of the demands made upon them. It has been hoped all along by the business interest of the whole Pass that the trouble at Coleman will soon be adjusted but as the present trouble appears to have all the ear marks of an imported article many here are losing heart

ADVERTISING PAYS.

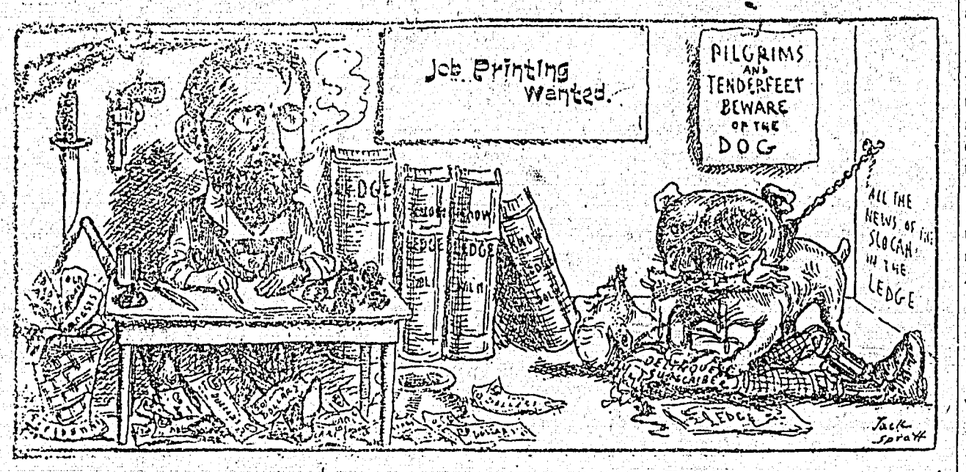
"Does it pay to advertise?" is a question very frequently asked and as frequently answered in the affirmative by those who pay due attention to this department of their business. Local instances, however, are likely to be more convincing than any general discussion of the subject. We therefore call attention to the successful work in this line accomplished by Messrs Martin and McKenzie, who began business in this city in September last. Right from the "go in," this enterprising firm has been up-to-date in the matter of advertising with the result that they are emphatically of the opinion that "advertising pays." In all modesty we add that this firm advertises largely in the Vernon News, and to this fact, in a great measure, they attribute their large and steadily increasing trade. They have also shown their progressive business business spirit, by placing a bulletin board in front of their store announcing special lines daily, and by scattering broadcast notices of what is being done by this enterprising and thoroughly up-to-date firm.

Assistant Inspector of Lead Bounty.

Word has been received at Ottawa that on recommendation of G. O. Buchanan, inspector under the Lead Bounty Act, Shirley Keeling is to be appointed an assistant to Mr. Buchanan in that department. It is understood that Mr. Keeling will be stationed at the Sullivan smelter at Marysville.

The appointment is a good one and will be received with general favor. Mr Keeling is an old resident of the Kootenays and has many friends which his agreeable personability and integrity and character have won for him.

Read THE LEDGE.



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A CLOSE observer in coal camps can easily see how the Truck Act is evaded.

A NEWSPAPER is like a boarding house. The patrons of both prefer a roast to a steady diet of hash.

THE Medical Council of British Columbia is in the wrong country. It should be given a swift ticket to Russia

THE revolution in Russia will teach the rulers of that country a lesson that they should have learned long ago.

NELSON is becoming so good lately that some of the inhabitants never take a gin fizz without offering up a blessing.

THE Flathead oil boom has commenced. Two promoters from this province are drilling for stock through a big ad in one of the Winnipeg dailies.

IF Christ came to Fernie He could frequently exclaim of a certain element in this city: "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

WM. BLAKEMORE must be getting ready to run for the legislature. He preached in Nelson last Sunday upon the proper way to observe the Sabbath from his point of view.

THERE is too much work in the politicians of Canada. Filled with greed they worship at the dollar shrine until an indignant populace pulls the trough away from the trough in order to give the other hogs a chance.

THE less ignorance in a community the more difficult it becomes for doctors, lawyers and parsons to make a living. These three professions live almost entirely upon the results of ignorance, cupidity and fear.

AUTOCRATIC and tyrannical rule is being stabbed to death in Russia, and editors will soon be able to print their sheets without having their remarks on the weather blue-penciled by some iron souled mug in bright colors, and a moustache twisted skyward.

THE untutored never doubt what is told them by church or state. The more intelligent man becomes the less liable he is to be overcome by specious argument, or waste his time and money upon tales about the hereafter that have never been proven.

THE LEDGE, with one exception, is the oldest paper in the interior of B. C., and has advertised this province more than almost any other journal within its confines. It was the first journal in Canada to agitate for a mint, perhaps because at the time the editor was sadly in need of one. Now the mint is at last becoming more than a dream.

IN nearly every community you will find a class of men who sit in the front pews on Sundays and boost for Jesus in the loudest voices. They are bitterly opposed to honest men who do their own thinking, but when it comes to beating their creditors the real villainy of such fawning hypocrites is plainly seen through the religious cloak with which their false lives are covered.

IN reference to the B. C. Telephone Co., Mayor Stork stated that "there was too much Scotch in him to flop over, and he would oppose the company to the bitter end." Our handsome but stubborn mayor did not say what brand of Scotch he had wit in, but it may be the same that Calvin was loaded with when he burned Servetus at the stake for daring to oppose him in opinion.

FERNIE needs a direct mail connection with the coast via Spokane, but it will not come without the proper representations. This town is full of good Grits, and they should be easily able to get anything we need from Bill Galliher, probably the best and most popular Grit west of the Red River. At the same time we would suggest that Fernie is big enough now to cut the hours between the closing of the mail for the westbound train.

THROUGH appealing to religious bigotry after the Riel rebellion the Grits slid into power in Ontario, and for 33 years they have fattened at the expense of the public. The people turned them out of power last week, and the province will again be a decent place to live in. We hope that at the funeral of Grit power in Ontario there will also be interred the corrupt political methods that for such a long time have made that province notorious throughout the world.

REV. C. F. YATES, who points out the Episcopal route from Golden to heaven, is about to issue a booklet of poems, entitled "Idylls of the Selkirks." Some of his poems upon the mountains of this province have been well received by those who have had the pleasure of reading them. Poetry is often much more effective for good upon the soul of man than prosy sermons, and we trust that our old friend will find plenty of inspiration for his pen around the beautiful town of Golden.

BREAK THE BARRIERS.

The Canadian West loses intelligent and ambitious young men to the States frequently because of the barriers which surround the various professions in the way of exorbitant fees. A case in point is that of a young lawyer who came west from Nova Scotia a year ago. He went to Winnipeg to engage in practice. His examinations were complete and he carried the highest credentials of legal education, but—he did not have $500 as the fee for securing his license. He went to work on the Free Press. Last week he concluded to come farther west, in the hope of finding a more inviting field in the Territories. At Calgary he met with somewhat similar exactions. Then he went on to British Columbia.

In the meantime, the same young men can step across the boundary and in any state in the republic be free from one single dollar of expense in the way of a fee for beginning the practice of law.

Thus many young physicians and lawyers find the Western States more congenial than the new country of their native land. The loss of citizens of this type is a serious loss.

Why do the practicing lawyers and doctors of Western Canada permit such a condition? Is there a single sound reason that can be urged in defence of a system that drives this class of young men out of the West?—Calgary Herald.

A Masterpiece for a Song.

The pathetic story of Goldsmith's distressing poverty is recalled by an episode described in a recent book called "Familiar London." Dr. Johnson is quoted as saying to his friend Boswell:

"I received one morning a message from Goldsmith that he was in great distress and, as it was not in his power to come to me, begging that I would come to him as soon as possible. I sent him a guinea and promised to come to him directly. I accordingly went as soon as I was dressed and found that his landlady had arrested him for rent, at which he was in a violent passion. He then told me that he had a novel ready for the press. I looked into it and saw its merits, told the landlady I should soon return and, having gone to a bookseller, sold it for £60."

The novel thus dealt with was "The Vicar of Wakefield."

Styrian Arsenic Eaters.

Eating of arsenic is common in Styria. The Styrians say that arsenic makes one plump and comely and gives one strength for great exertions, such as running or mountain climbing, says the Chicago Tribune.

Styria, in Austria, gives the world vast quantities of arsenic. The manufacture of this drug is, indeed, the main Styrian industry. They who make arsenic eat it as a rule, for they say that only the arsenic eater can withstand the arsenic fumes.

These makers and eaters of the drug are comely. They have a blooming and clear color. They look much younger than they are.

The foreman in a certain arsenic factory told me that in his boyhood, when he first came to that plant, he was advised to begin to eat arsenic, lest his health suffer from the fumes. He did begin, and his first two or three small doses gave him a sharp pain like a burn in his stomach, and this pain was followed by tremendous hunger and a violent, disagreeable excitement. But as his doses increased in frequency and size their effect became pleasant. There was no longer pain or excitement; on the contrary there was a ravenous appetite and a mood of joyous activity wherein he could do three men's work.

This chap, by the time he got to be 30, was taking four grains of arsenic a day. He looked, at 30, with his clear pink and white color, no more than 23. He was as robust as a blacksmith. He said he would die at 45 or so, that being the age at which the Styrian arsenic eaters die.

The drug is a preservative and in Styria, when graves are opened, bodies are found to be as fresh six or seven years after interment as on the day that they were lowered into the earth.

Burglary as a Pastime.

Drink, gambling and all the excitements of life rolled into one are as nothing to me compared with the excitement of committing burglary. The strange history of the man who uttered these words was recounted by Thomas Holmes, a widely-known police court missionary in an address before the Ethnological society.

Mania, said Mr. Helmes, is responsible for a vast amount of crime. Much of it is of a curious nature, for it leads men and women to constant repetition of one kind of offence.

It was in this connection that Mr. Holmes told of the man whom he had tried to influence, and for whom burglary had an irresistable fascination. This man had served thirty-seven terms of imprisonment for burglarious attempts, and is now undergoing penal servitude.

Apart from his burglarious instincts he is manly, honorable, tender-hearted, and in every way an admirable fellow. Twice had Mr. Holmes set him up in business. He tried hard to reform, but he told Mr. Holmes it was no good. The silence of the night, the element of danger necessary and the straining of his nerves gave him fiercer joy than all the other joys put together. Nothing could keep him from crime.

Inevitably Forgotten.

Inevitably the business man who does not keep his establishment before the public will be forgotten, and, as long as there are men who advertise constantly and loudly, nobody will charge his mind with remembering those who do not advertise. Gladstone said that "nothing except the mint can make money without advertising." The famous statesman might have gone farther and said that advertising is the mint in which money is coined for wide-awake men.

A Dollar That's Not.

One evening I was sitting with an Italian friend in a restaurant. We were discussing American laws and restrictions, at which he was much inclined to scoff. Did you ever see a dollar that is not a dollar? said he. I shook my head and he rolled across the table to me a silver coin. It appeared to be a dollar. I examined it with every care, and, getting another from the cash register, compared the two. They were exactly alike in weight, sound, color, milling and all. At last I got them confused and only my friend was able to point out which was which.

That is what we call a Palermo dollar, he said. Do you remember some years ago that western silver miners were caught taking about $7,000,000 worth of silver into the Nevada City mint and having it turned into money without being recorded? Well, that is just what is going on in Palermo today, with variations. Silver is bought in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, or thereabout, and shipped to Paris, then to Palermo and minted with reasonable privacy. The dollars are bunched with stones to nick them and laid in greased clay, then come over here in third class baggage for distribution. They cost about 43 cents and defy detection, except that the nicks are too similar, and it is said that the M on the neck is not quite deep enough, and that the L in Pluribus is a thousandth of an inch crooked. You know every counterfeiter makes some little mistake.—Everybody's Magazine.

Men are gradually discovering that they cannot deprive women of equal rights without suffering themselves.—Altgeld.

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THE MINER AT HOME.

Mining news in this district is rather scarce just at present, yet the drills are being hit just the same and development work goes merrily along. Far up in the mountains hardby are men employed, who have received no word from the rest of the world nor have they been heard from. Early last fall these men packed up to their mines sufficient supplies to last them until next spring. The great white-blanket has fallen and they are hemmed in by the "beautiful" until the warm rays of Old Sol liberates them, unless of necessity, then they may come down on snowshoes and tell of the most fascinating of all things, what they found in nature's great treasure vaults. While it may seem strange and romantic to readers unfamiliar with life in a mining camp that men should shut themselves up in the mountains for months, will it seem not even more romantic that there are women and children up there with them. Think of the romance of a bride and groom, the day after their wedding, Oct 10, starting away up Toby Creek to live alone at the Black Diamond until next spring, and now it is over six weeks since Mr, and Mrs. P Michelsen were last seen by anyone and there the bride must stay until spring.

Mr. and Mrs, B. H. Washburn and their two little children also went away up Toby Creek on Oct. 27th to remain until spring at the Charlemont. Mr. Washburn came down to the North Fork two or three weeks ago on snowshoes for his mail and reported striking 14 inches of high grade galena ore and is expected to come down once a month But it will be warm weather in the valley when Mrs. Washburn and her children are likely to get down.

Since the above was written it is learned that Mr. Washburn has been down to the North Fork for his mail sometime during the past few days. although no one was at the cabin when he arrived there. This relieves his friends of some anxiety.

There are other properties being developed in this vicinity, but each are several miles apart and no afternoon teas are held. —Wilmer Outcrop,

DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER.

At the Press Club of Chicago the other evening a group of newspaper men were swapping yarns, Here is one of special interest which was told by William Lightfoot Vischer, the poet and writer of Southern stories:

A Dowager Duchess!

There are some who associate the term with age, false curls and an environment of claw-footed furniture, ancient draperies, dim portraits and half light, but such notions are, for the most part, stuff and nonsense. Here is an instance that proves the stuff and nonsense. The incident is real and the names are historic.

In the times when the Southern States had not become so thoroughly homogeneous by the influx and interest of the hurrying Yankee, and when the Southern people were content to travel from Louisville to New Orleans, or to way landings, on the few palatial steamers that yet remained in feeble defiance of the "sassy" railroads. I was the owner, editor and publisher of a little daily newspaper on board the grand steamboat Richmond, and was thus in a way--sometimes in the way—an attache of the vsssel.

One winter night our vessel was steaming along the coast—that was what the stretch of the Mississippi from Natchez to the Balize was called. We were close to the Bayou Sara and so near to New Orleans that we would reach the gay old creole capital in the afternoon of the next day.

I was then a very young man, full of sentiment and romance, and with me was a companion who was full of other things, and needed my attention. His name was William Henry Harrison Hale, and he was the head printer of the Richmond Headlight, also associate editor and remainder of the staff, editorial and mechanical, save the editor in chief, of which position I held the honors.

Except my companion and self there seemed to be not another human soul awake on the boat, but the watch of the crew. The fresh air of 2 o'clock in the morning was doing William Henry Harrison Hale much good, and my sorrow for him was growing lighter. I was becoming romantic and had begun to think how beautiful the world was at that hour, still keeping an eye on my companion, however, because he was distinctly necessary to the daily appearance of the Headlight.

Suddenly my beautiful thoughts were interrupted by a piercing scream from the main hall, or saloon, of the vessel, and from that part of it known as the ladies' cabin. The doors of many staterooms were partly opened by the startled passengers, and towards the office of the boat forward hurriedly came a comely matron of forty years perhaps. She was in a richly embroidered robe de nuit, and her wealth of glossy black hair fell waving and rippling upon her shoulders and down her back, over the white of her garments, like a shaded brook at night flowing between snow-clad banks.

Clinging to the skirts of this matron, running by her side and crying with a child's terror of—she knew not what, except that her mother was in distress—was a little girl. At this distance of time my recollection is that she was about nine years old.

"My diamonds are gone!" the mother exclaimed in a voice that was almost choked in a hoarse whisper by excitement and dismay.

The night clerk had been dozing. but with this he was not only awakened —he was appalled.

A thief—one who had probably followed the lady all over Europe and back to the United States, had found his opportunity, and through the outside transom of the lady's stateroom had reached in and cut from her dress that hung there a pocket that contained $100,000 worth of diamonds, and he had gone ashore at the first landing thereafter, and before the theft had been discovered.

The diamonds were never discovered, and a lawsuit against the owners of the vessel failed to obtain damages for the loss, because there was a safe in the office of the boat for the secure keeping of the passengers' valuables.

The lady who lost the diamonds was Senora Yanaga, wife of Signor Antonio Yanaga de Valle, then of Ravenwood, La., a wealthy and aristocratic Cuban, to whom she was returning after a visit to Europe with her daughter Consuelo.

I had met the little girl on the trip, and had barely succeeded in making a wee bit of acquaintance with her, through the novelty of a printing office on a steamboat, for she was a very dignified young lady, more proud, I thought, than shy.

She became a lifetime friend of Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt, who named her daughter for her, Consuelo.

The elder Consuelo became the Duchess of Manchester, and when her son, the present Duke of Manchester, reached his majority she was a dowager duchess. But I saw a late portrait o her not long ago, which shows the lady to be young and handsome yet.

The younger Consuelo became the Duchess of Marlborough, one of the most glorious of the American girls who have added something to British nobility.

Wasn't in Fernie.

I left my dog accidentally at a friend's house yesterday, said a young girl. My friend tried to get him to run after me, but he would not leave. He plainly held that I would soon return—that since I had gone without him, I would come back inevitably for him.

Finally my friend called me up on the telephone.

Your dog won't go, she said. He thinks you will be back, and we can't drive him out.

Hold him up to the phone, said I.

She held him up.

Peter, I said, come home. I am waiting at home for you. Come straight home, Peter, good little dog.

Peter wagged his tail, wriggled down out of my friend's arms, and set off homeward like a flash of lightning.

A Less Sleep Society.

Four hours of sleep a night, said a vegetarian, is believed by many persons to be quite enough for any human being. A society to promulgate the idea has been organized and I am going to join it. I only eat half what I used to, and if I can learn to sleep half what I used to, another great saving will be made,

Last night I lay abed just four hours and I must confess that I feel very seedy today. You do feel seedy at first, the sleep society people say. You must practice and practice—thus you learn, in time, to sleep intensely, to sleep with concentration, and four hours suffices.

Alexander von Humboldt held advanced views on the sleep question. He died at eighty. At 70 he wrote:

"As I get old I want more sleep—four hours at least, When I was young two hours were quite enough for me."

Littre, another octogenarian, slept only four hours a night for twenty years, and in retrospect regarded these years as the healthiest of his life.

Edison sleeps only from four to six hours, and there is not a sounder man alive, except in the way of deafness.

All Bones.

Stranger—And did the old farmer over there really starve his summer boarders?

Postmaster—Did he? Why, by the end of the season they were so thin the mosquitoes broke their bills trying to bite them.—Chicago News.

How to Scent Eggs.

Egg shells are porous, said the grocer. Remember that, John, and don't pack eggs along with coffee, the way I saw you doing yesterday.

What difference does it make? the assistant asked.

This difference, said the grocer. Anything aromatic, like coffee, makes eggs taste if it is packed with them. It makes people think the eggs are bad.

Once I got a consignment of eggs packed in mahogany sawdust. Well, sir, those eggs tasted like furniture polish. I lost some trade through them.

Eggs often get contaminated from being kept too close to strong cheese, or to onions, or to saurkraut, Always remember, John, that eggshells are porous, that they acquire the flavor of coffee or onions or cheese just as readily as butter does.

MINING.

M. K. Rogers of the Daly Reduction Co., Hedley, who holds a bond on the Maggie mine near Ashcroft, has let a contract for its development.

The Calumet and Hecla, a copper mine in Michigan, paid a yearly dividend of one million dollars on Dec. 31.

Orders have been placed for the two new large furnaces to be installed at the Granby smelter. Each will have 70 square feet against 50 feet in the old ones. When install d the Granby smelter will have a daily capacity of 2,700 tons of ore.

The American Institute of Mining Engineers will hold its annual convention in Victoria this year. commencing about July 1st. At the conclusion of their deliberations the members will take a trip to Alaska and will then spend two weeks in the Kootenay and Boundary country, visiting all the principal camps and inspecting the prominent mines and smelters.

ANOTHER RAILROAD.

East Kootenay is to have another railroad. It will be called the Spokane International, and the route will be from Spokane eastward to or near Rathdrum Idaho; thence northeast, crossing the Pend d' Oreil'e river between Albany Falls and Lake Pend d' Oreil'e to a point near the mouth of the Moyie river thence northeast up the Moyie Valley to a connection with the C. P. R. at the International boundary.

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The early christians felt more and did more than those of the present day, not because they were better men, but because they believed more; and they believed more because they knew less. Doubt is the offspring of knowledge; the savage never doubts at all. Winwood Reade.

No person could have lost his liberty but by his not knowing how to defend it. There are two methods of losing it, The one is when the weak have been subdued by the strong, and the other is when fools have been deceived by designing men. People tell of certain conquerors, who having overcome another nation, caused everyone to put out an eye; there are people whose eyes are both put out, like the old horses that turn in a mill, I wish to keep my eyes.—Voltaire.

By reading history with a little attention, we shall perceive that christianity at first weak and servile, established itself among the savage and free nations of Europe by only intimating to their chiefs that its religious principles favored despotism and rendered them absolute. Consequently, we see barbarous princes suddenly converted; that is. we see them adopt, without examination, a system so favorable to their ambition, and use every art to induce their subjects to embrace it.—D'Holback.

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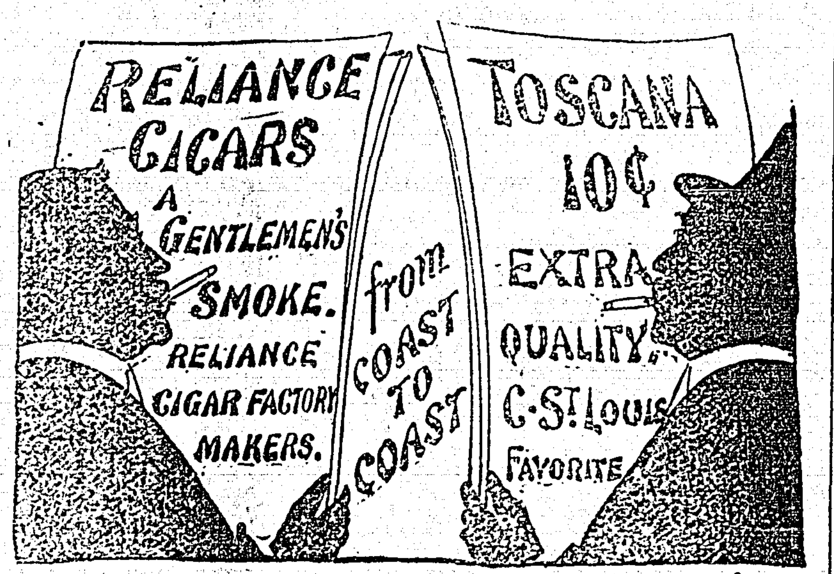

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So, we say, in little towns telephone fights are not profitable. Aside from the right, or lack of right, of the B. C. Co. to put in a system there, if it is done by the city the chances are the system will be a most indifferent one at best, and will have no outside connections wo th anything. If it is done by individuals the result is largely the same. There is not business enough in a town of 3,000 people to support such a system properly and satisfactorily without outside connections. Then a company already having a dozen exchanges has a great advantage over one little isolated concern, because it can draw for men, material, etc., and has had the practical experience—most important of all.

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My friends, I do not propose to excite hostilities by advancing the proposition that we stand on the threshold of life. I leave that to the pale-face graduate of a more athletic curriculum. I come from a town of 300 souls and 18 real estate agents. On my return my kinsmen will stroll out of the tepee to greet their brother and ask him where he got that hat, while the dusky daughter of Bay-Horse-with-the-Glanders will don her pink waist.

All that the red man is to-day he owes to the pale-face. We have been so benevolently assimilated that one measely government agent can round up and herd a whole reservation. The pale-face lobster gives us a bottle of whiskey,—with a string tied to it. And the string reaches to the federal court-room, where we lie around for a couple of weeks while the witnesses are cashing in their pay vouchers. Then we have to walk home in a snowstorm.

The sun of the red man is setting in the west. Soon will his copper colored be assimilated by the copper trust, and he will be extinct. You may put him into a bicycle suit and tan shoes, but he will continue to yearn for planked muskrat and Jamaica ginger. His days are numbered. For a few short years he may powwow with the smooth government commissioner, but he is fading away and you can all see his finish. I have spoken.

Senator Cox's Bereavement.

The death of Mrs. George A. Cox will be a cause of sincere mourning far beyond the circle of her own household. It is not only that she was a good woman and that a family is stricken and a husband bereaved. The world is full of good women, in high places and in low, and death comes as surely and as sorely to the home of poverty, as that of wealth and luxury. But Mrs. Mrs. Cox was the friend and stay of many charities, and the angel of beneficence in many an obscure household. All her days she was bearing burdens that were not her own and giving of her strength and cheerfulness to revive hearts that were ready to faint and to brighten homes where sorrow dwelt and suffering was. The friends of her youth she never let wander far from her side, and her rare simplicity of character and gracious demeanor were wholly unaffected by any change of fortune. With a great reserve of intellectual power, and singular equity of mind, she shrank from any active identification with public movements and only those of her own household were permitted to know how wide and catholic were her works of beneficence. She guarded her charities as she guarded the privacy of her own home, and we may not say from how many families her death removes a chief source of comfort and support. It cannot be unfitting to say these few words in simple tribute to a good woman who has gone to rest, and to offer the hand of sympathy to a sorrowing man, whose great place in the world of affairs counts for nothing in comparison with the loss he has now sustained.—Toronto News.

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By Elbert Hubbard

Society does not punish those who sin but those who sin and conceal not cleverly.

Many a man's reputation would not know his character if they met on the street.

The ideas that benefit a man are seldom welcomed by him on first presentation.

When two men of equal intelligence and sincerity quarrel, both are probably right.

The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge.

People are always asking me to follow their advice, but they are never willing to tell me which way it went.

Writers seldom write what they think. They simply write the things they think other folks think they think.

Americanitis is on the increase, the wise ones say. Americanitis comes from an intense desire to "git thar" and an awful fear that you cannot. The ounce of prevention is to cut down your calling list, play tag with the children and let the world slide.

Men toil and sweat and struggle and chase the seasons round the Globe. To escape the winter they go to Florida; to get away from the summer, they go to North Cape and Alaska. Money is the thing for which they tempt paresis; money that they may go to Saratoga and have peace, they say. Peace? There is no peace unless you sit down and wait for it to catch up.

Coal on Pence River.

No less than 32 applications for coal prospecting licenses are contained in last week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette, the majority of them being for lands in the Pine River district of the Peace River country. A number of them have been staked by a party sent out by a syndicate in which Sir F. W. Borden, M. P., Minister of Militia and Defence, and Sir A. P. Caron are interested. Melancholy interest attaches to those notices from the fact that several are signed by the late Mr. Howard Stow, formerly wharfinger on Union Steamship Company's wharf who was a member of the party. The notices state that the claims were staked in September last about two months before Mr. Stow met death by drowning in Sturgeon Lake.

The Vancouver divorce suits of Greenway vs Greenway and Thompson vs Thompson have been stood over by Mr. Justice Morrisson until the next assizes, owing to some doubt as to whether proper notice of trial had been served on the defendants. Both suits arise from the alleged elopement of Mr. Greenway with Mrs. Thompson.

JUSTICE IN EQUALITY.

The deplorable condition of the lumber and shingle industry of British Columbia ought to appeal to the Dominion government in a manner that should bring some relief in the near future. Not only are many of the large mills closed down owing to the unfair conditions which exist, but a number of the smaller manufacturers have become bankrupt. To what extent the larger firms will be able to continue operations under such adverse influences will depend upon the condition of the United States lumber market. If the demand there should improve to an extent which will absorb the product of the mills and remove the slaughtering of lumber on the Canadian market, our manufacturers may again resume operations and be in a position to make a living profit. If the opposite condition should prevail, however, the only hope of a revival of the lumber industry of British Columbia lies in receiving some measure of protection from the hands of the federal government.—Canadian Lumberman.

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SOME SAD CASES.

"Send that man away, mother."

With these words little Charlie Stewart of Fernie initiated a chain of cause and consequence which eventually led to the saving of himself and three younger children from a life which eventually led to the regeneration of four criminals, and may possibly lead to the regeneration of the mother who, sinned against, had herself fallen in sin.

The reply was a brutal blow with a frying pan and still more brutal words. Driven from the only home he knew, a wretched hovel of two rooms, in one of which the whole family slept on two beds a foot apart. The boy fled to the coke ovens and, taking refuge there, narrowly escaped a serious accident, if not death. Awakening from sleep to find his clothes burning, he was discovered by a watchman who handed him over to the police.

To the officer the little fellow told his sad story. His father had deserted the family several years before, and his mother, left destitute, had sought to buy food with the proceeds of a life of sin. It was against this dishonor of himself through his mother that the outraged instincts of the lad rose in protest.

The Fernie police lost no time in sending for Mr. C. J. South of the Children's Aid society, who promptly took steps to remove the children and to have them committed to the care of the Vancouver organization. Clad in warm garments supplied by the good ladies of Fernie, the little ones, three boys and a girl, have arrived in this city and are now in the society's home here.

A Fernie lady has offered to adopt two of the children, but on such terms that they will not be cut off completely from their mother if she is worthy of being permitted to approach them. And of this there is good hope. Befriended by true Christians, she has abandoned a life to which it is only charitable to assume she was driven by destitution, and the day may come when mother and little ones will again be united.

Hardly had Mr. South left Fernie before he received a wire recalling him. A new case had turned up, one involving six children who were being destroyed body and soul by a drunken mother. Promises of amendment were received, however, and as the home here was already full, Mr. South decided that the woman should have another chance before she was parted from her offspring.

At Cranbrook Mr. South investigated the case of a woman who was leading an immoral life and setting the worst possible example to her child, a little girl of seven. Whatever her other shortcomings, however, the maternal instinct was strong. With dramatic fury she fought in court to retain her daughter and vowed to improve her manner of life. And so the case hangs in suspense, that the hands of a little child may perchance lead the erring mother back to the paths of right.—Vancouver Province

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