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Mrs Wm Lowery

LIFE IN FERNIE

Your Vote and Influence Solicited

No Axes to Grind

My aim, if elected, will be to *keep the Financial Standing of* the City within bounds.

Yours truly,
W. O. ROBBINS.

S. P. Dawson will return to Fernie with his bride early next month.

Constable Sampson took charge of Coal Creek police affairs on Monday.

L. Atkinson is putting in a stock of Royal Seals. Call and sample them.

S. B. F. Stein was in the city this week, representing the Bell Piano Co.

The King Edward in Fernie is one of the warmest hotels in the Rocky Mountains.

Unwind the red tape and let Fernie have a direct mail connection with Spokane.

County court will be held in Fernie on January 26th, with Judge Forin on the bench.

A case has been known where a man has been fined for being in the same house with his wife.

The ladies will be pleased to learn that Mrs Todd is selling hats at 20 per cent. off former prices.

The postoffice is now in comfortable quarters, but requires more boxes into which mail may be dropped.

J. G. Cummings estimates that for about $12,000 Fernie can be connected with the Flathead by wagon road.

The Sheppard & Elliott Quail aggregation *play at hockey next Tuesday* against the Trites-Wood Co. employees.

The smoke of the Royal Seal is seen all along the Crow, and its delicious aroma perfumes the ozone in every town.

F. J. Baker, formerly with the Vernon News, was in town on Sunday. He is selling type for the Caxton Type Foundry.

No work is being done at the Coal Creek colliery today. The miners are holding a mass meeting in Fernie as we go to press.

John Gibbs, who has elected for a speedy trial, will be tried by Judge Forin at the next sitting of the county court in Fernie.

Owing to his increasing business, W. J. Blandell has purchased the entire interest in the horse formerly owned jointly by himself and W. O. Robins.

Contractor Gray returned to Fernie this week with his bride. He was married in Ottawa and spent the honeymoon in New York and other eastern cities.

In the case of Campbell vs. Oldland & Co., judgment has been given for the plaintiff. Defendants' counter claim was dismissed with costs in both cases.

Last night at the Board of Trade meeting Messrs. Quail, Tuttle and Pollock were appointed delegates to the Associated Boards' convention at Nelson.

Mr. South, superintendent of the Children's Protective Society, was in town this week and took Mrs. Stewart's four children to the home in Vancouver.

Many have called but none have taken that stove advertised for sale at this office. It is going at $5 and probably cost $70. Look at it, if you need a producer of heat with few equals.

Chief Engineer Gamble was in town on Monday and expressed his disapproval of the manner in which the new school house was built. He will also examine the wagon road to Morrissey.

As stated in this paper some time ago, the C. P. R. are going on with the development of their coal property at Hosmer, eight miles east of Fernie. No coal will be shipped for two years, and it will take about that time to get the seams in an extracting condition.

For some time G. H. Bolton has been expecting a visit from his mother, whom he has not seen for thirteen years. Last Friday he received a telegram stating that she was dangerously ill at the residence of his brother in Neepawa, Man., and to come at once. He left for the east on Saturday evening.

All quiet at Coleman. The works are closed down tight, and so far the manager has ignored the union. The men have not been paid all their wages, and may enter an action against the company to recover the same. The Coleman miners merely asked a similar schedule in force at other mines along the Crow, and the manager has chosen to ignore them as though they were chunks of slate on a distant dump.

Tom Marks did not make any money in Fernie. His show is the best that has been in this city for many a day, but being a stranger and his show not being advertised in THE LEDGE, he will have to come again before he can play even. His expenses are $40 a week, which is more than twice the expense of the majority of the companies playing this burg. Many a sadde company has made money in Fernie, while last week merit was unrewarded in a monetary sense. Tom Marks is 70 years old today and he deserves to be 100. He is humor personified and that is one of the best things in all creation.

Born—In Fernie on January 6th to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mills, a daughter.

A Shetland pony is the cutest thing on four legs in Fernie.

The Fernie hotel block will be heated by steam in a few days.

George Card will build a boarding house near the C. N. S. depot.

Harry Howard of Blairmore spent a few hours in Fernie last week.

The C. P. R. has laid off quite a number of train men along the Crow.

The world looks brighter to those who smoke Kootenay Belle cigars.

The government will erect a $30,000 postoffice building in Fernie after the site is settled upon.

Until February 1st, overcoats, suits and winter goods are selling 20 per cent off at Hamilton's.

A copy of Float will often cure the blues. As a tonic to the nervous system it beats patent medicine.

A Victoria avenue merchant collected $3.00 in one day last week. This speaks well for the amount of money in Fernie.

The Fernie Cartage Co. has moved its office into the postoffice block. Since bringing Lethbridge coal to Fernie the firm is doing a large business in that article.

Mason & Risch have sold a $2,000 piano to the King Edward hotel of Toronto. We can prove that no other firm enjoys the above privilege. H. L. Staebler, local agent.

A. W. Bleasdell moves into the post office block tomorrow. When all his fixtures arrive and are placed in position, he will have one of the neatest drug stores in the West.

Joe Scuba was in the provincial court on Tuesday, charged with cutting Carl Kosek on the head while celebrating a Slav wedding on Monday. The case was adjourned until Friday.

While working on the cupola of a building in the far east end of Fernie last Friday, Sam Larsen, a carpenter working for Smith Bros., fell to the ground, a distance of 31 feet. He was taken to the hospital where his injuries were found to be not dangerous.

Frank Sherman leaves this week to attend the convention of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis. There will be 2,000 delegates at the convention all from coal unions. Upon his return there may be some changes made in the present contract between the miners and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.

H. A. Wilkes has charge of the fire hall until April 1st, and is desirous of obtaining plenty of company. There are several warm rooms in the upper story of the hall and the use of these is offered free to men who wish to sleep there and assist the department in case of fire. It is an easy way to get a room, as it is hardly likely the department will be called out more than once during the winter.

Since New Year's there has been considerable friction between some of the miners at Coal Creek and the mine superintendent. The friction arose over the fact that some of the men did not get to work on a certain day after the holidays and their lamps were given to others. The explanation given by the superintendent through the Grievance Committee has not been well received by the men, and they have had several meetings to talk the matter over.

In the administration of justice the liberty of a subject should receive the first consideration. Except upon indisputable legal evidence no man should be committed. It is not sufficient that because no halo of sanctity is found about the accused that he should upon that account be made to suffer. Some times men are condemned because of the information given personally to a magistrate outside the courtroom, but a conviction resting upon these grounds alone is iniquitous as it is unjust. It is not intended that any court should be run for revenue, and the introduction of such a principle is destructive of what we so proudly term British Justice. Justice is represented as being blind, and so it should be to everything that is not legal and right.

THE ZINC SMELTER.

A member of the Fernie Board of Trade interviewed J. C. Fernau at Frank the other day and found out why the zinc smelter did not come to Fernie. Mr. Fernau stated that it was his earnest desire to locate in Fernie, but in addition to the 10 cents a ton more for coal than at Frank the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company wanted to place such restrictions on the smelter's operations that it became impossible for them to do business in Fernie. The restriction was that the smelter should not erect on the site to be purchased from the Coal company, any other buildings than those actually required in the smelting process. The zinc company wished to erect dwelling houses for its seventy odd men and their families, it being their policy to employ if possible none but married men. At Frank a free site, without any restrictions, was given, while coal from the run of the mine is to be supplied 40 cents a ton less than asked in Fernie. On the start the minimum amount of coal required by the smelter would be 100 tons a day and this would be increased as additions were made to the works. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. reserved the right to increase the price of coal upon a per diem excess of 100 tons.

Fernau stated that the smelter would add 500 to the population of Frank. His intention is to immediately erect suitable houses for his workmen which, if so desired, they can purchase on easy terms. He did not know if the people of Fernie would have been willing to assist his enterprise sufficiently to counterbalance the disadvantages placed in his path by the C. N. P. Coal Co. Fernau says we can figure out what ought to be forthcoming to meet the saving of $40 a day on coal. He admitted that the longer haulage on ore to Frank had to be deducted from the saving on coal, but said that the extra charge of 25 cents a ton, and the tonnage being less than coal, resulted in no material reduction.

The site is cleared at Frank and the buildings will be of brick or stone procured in the locality. Over 1,500 miner's inches of water are available at a cost practically nil. Offices have been fitted up in the Imperial hotel, and everything possible is being done to accelerate the building and operation of Canada's initial zinc smelter.

CITY COUNCIL

The council met on Monday evening. Minutes of previous meeting were adopted.

Mr. Lindsey's letter, stating that he could not furnish a copy of the Draft Act before next Monday, was ordered to be filed.

On behalf of the B. C. Telephone company, G. C. Hodge requested the council to reconsider their decision in regard to installing poles. The letter was filed.

A letter from the chief of police was received and filed.

The accounts of Bell & Farquharson were ordered to be paid.

H. A. Wilkes reported all hydrants in good condition as far as could be ascertained without turning on the water. No hose was found at the stand pipe of the Coal company in the Old Town. He recommended that a hydrant or stand pipe be put in at the foundry corner. This is very necessary if fires occur at the hospital or north of it, or at or around the Queen's hotel. A stand pipe should be put in at Bleasdell's corner and one near W. Tuttle's residence immediately, owing to this being the season when defective stove pipes and over-heated stoves get in their deadly work. Mr. Wilkes found difficulty in getting men to sleep at the fire hall owing to a lack of furniture and recommended that some be put in; also slickers and head gear. The report was received and filed and the recommendations ordered to be considered.

Tenders were ordered to be called for six slicker suits for the fire department.

The report of the auditors was adopted.

Wm. Handley was awarded the contract for wood upon signing contract in reference to quality of it.

Bylaw No. 7, regulating the stringing of wires, passed through its several stages with a rush, and will be brought up at the next meeting for reconsideration.

The council adjourned sine die.

THE CIVIC ELECTION.

Nominations for mayor and aldermen of Fernie during 1905 took place on Monday.

For mayor, Alfred Stork was nominated by O. N. Ross, L. P. Eckstein, J. E. McIntyre, H. G. Watson, W. O. Robins, T. H. Whelan and W. Eschwig. Stork was declared elected by acclamation.

For aldermen ten candidates are in the field:

S. F. Wallace, nominated by R. A. Kerr and W. Handley.

L. M. Proctor, by A. W. Bleasdell and J. C. Hutchinson.

W. W. Tuttle, by J. D. Quail and Geo. W. Clede.

A. H. Cree, by A. W. Bleasdell and F. Stork.

P. R. Lundie, by W. Handley and A. McLean.

E. Wrigglesworth, by F. Stork and A. C. Liphardt.

A. B. Trites, by A. C. Liphardt and F. Stork.

W. O. Robins, by J. F. Elliott, A. McLean, J. S. Bean and H. J. Johnson.

H. W. Herchmer, by A. Joyce and W. H. Whimster.

F. J. Watson, by W. H. Whimster and H. J. Johnson.

For school trustee, J. C. Hutchinson was nominated by T. H. White and A. Claxton. There being no opposition, Hutchinson was elected by acclamation.

The election for aldermen will take place on Thursday and promises to be fairly lively before it is over. The election of a mayor by acclamation in a progressive city like Fernie is proof that the citizens are too busy to take the proper interest in civic affairs, or else that Al. Stork is the wisest head, the greatest orator and the most popular man in Fernie. However, THE LEDGE trusts that the second council of Fernie will be superior to the one that has just passed away and that each of the new city fathers will take his place around the local throne with no cold decks in his pocket, dynamite in his boots, or dark plots in his throbbing brain.

A REGULAR SERVICE.

S. G. Yerkes, of Seattle, A. G. P. A. of the Great Northern railway, was in Fernie last week arranging for a regular daily service between this city and the main line of his road. Regular trains were put on last Tuesday between Fernie and Rexford, a distance of 62 miles. The train leaves Fernie at 10 a. m. and returns at 8:25 p. m. By this route Spokane is reached in 9 hours and 55 minute, Seattle in 23 hours and 20 minutes, Vancouver in 20 hours and 45 minutes. Passengers leaving Seattle at 7:30 p. m. or Vancouver at 4 p. m. arrive in Fernie the next day at 8:25 p. m. Until the Kootenay Central is built the Great Northern will get the bulk of the Spokane and coast trade from East Kootenay and points in Southern Alberta. The opening of this new route means a great deal to the coal metropolis.

TELEPHONE FOR FERNIE.

The B. C. Telephone company is making preparations to install a telephone system in Fernie. G. C. Hodge came in from Nelson last week with a force of men to put up the poles and other necessary work. The system used will be of the most modern type, and it is the intention of the company in a short time to connect nearly all the towns along the Crow. D. V. Mott has been appointed local manager. About fifty [illegible] have already been made [illegible]

One of the best men in the field for aldermanic honors is S. F. Wallace.

In addition to probably being the largest taxpayer in the city he is one of our most enterprising citizens. He has lately completed an hotel at a cost of $25,000 that would be a credit to a city ten times the size of Fernie. Wallace is a shrewd business man, and has shown his faith in the city by his recent investments, and is surely entitled to any civic honors the citizens may confer upon him. We We require practical men of business at the head of civic affairs, and there is no better candidate in the field than Wallace. Vote for him to morrow if you wish wise and careful administration.

The Opening Game.

Hockey is growing in favor with Fernie people, over $200 being subscribed last week by the citizens to help the local club. On Monday night the club defeated Macleod by a score of 9 to 1. The gate receipts were over $100. Fernie will probably play Nelson or Rossland within a few days. Fernie will play the next league game in Macleod on the 16th. Macleod is playing in Blairmore today. The line up on Monday night was as follows:

FERNIE.		MACLEOD.
Miller	Goal	McSweeney
Martin	Point	G. Scheer
Kastner	Cover	L. Bell
Smith	Rover	L. Nash
McDonough	Center	W. Stedman
Rhodes	Left Wing	J. M. Gilmore
Kanouse	Right Wing	A. Scheer

Must Not Touch the Hay

Bylaw No. 7, which passed at the last meeting of the city council, and will be reconsidered at the next, provides that all wires strung in future in Fernie shall be put under ground. This bylaw is aimed at the B. C. Telephone company, although, if perfectly legal, it will shut out Fernie's chance of getting any kind of a telephone system. Such a proceeding on the part of our city fathers looks more like the work of sulky schoolboys or senile grannies than it does that of rational business men who have the welfare of the people at heart. In the meantime Hodge is cutting poles.

The First Case.

The first case under the Compensation Act was heard before Judge Leamy last Friday. The counsel for Mrs. Lee was J. A. Macdonald of Rossland and L. P. Eckstein, while W. A. Macdonald of Nelson and H. W. Herchmer appeared for the Coal Co. Several witnesses were called and it was midnight before the case was finished, and Judge Leamy promised to send in his decision early this week. The Coal Co. claim that Lee lost his life in No. 8 mine, Michel, last July through his own negligence.

Various Prices.

The city council called for tenders recently for twenty cords of dry wood and these were the prices quoted per cord:

Wm. Handley	$3 75
Hercules Plante	3 95
John Lapham	4 00
J. S. Beckett	4 25
Fernie Cartage Co.	5 75

A Hoodoo Engine.

C. P. R. engine 505 seems to be a hoodoo. While on the way to Calgary last Sunday for repairs it jumped the track three miles west of Cowley and made a wreck of five cars, delaying the west bound express seven hours. Three weeks ago it did the same thing near Frank with the same number of cars.

Another Hoodoo.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The Conservative caucus last night unanimously decided to accept the resignation of R. L. Borden as leader, and requested him to attend an adjourned meeting at an early date. About fifty members attended. Foster was elected leader of the opposition pending Borden's return.

Statistics for 1904.

The following are the statistics given out at the government offices for Southeast Kootenay.

Mining claims recorded	161
Placer " "	1
Certificates of work	220
Certificates of improvements	8
Conveyances, etc.	53
Gold commissioner's permits	16
Documents filed	21
Affidavits filed	365
Mining leases issued	2
Mining leases in force	33
Free miner's certificates issued	395
Company's certificates	8
Special licenses	2

The Orangemen.

Last Wednesday evening Terrace Loyal Orange Lodge, No 1713 installed [illegible] follows: G. Letcher, W. M.; [illegible] H. Wilkes, D. M.; G. [illegible] secretary; Davis and [illegible]ains; R. Ferguson, D. of C. Bros. Reid, McLeod, Ferguson, Davis and Lynch were appointed a committee of management.

MOYIE

From the Leader

The Moyie aerie of Eagles decided at their last regular meeting to give a masquerade ball on the evening of February 14th.

Misses Ida and Isabell Whitehead returned to Lethbridge Wednesday to resume their studies in the convent.

Four pianos were received by Moyie people last week. They were purchased by Mrs. F. J. McMahon, J. H. Hawkes, J. E. Crowe and N. U. Proulx.

Moyie lake is still open and is not likely to freeze over for some time to come. Last year it froze over about January 20th.

Jim Bates came up from Cranbrook to swap fish stories with Joe Baker this week. J. C. Drewery is the only other man in the Kootenays who is in the same class with these two gentlemen, and what all three don't know about fishing is scarcely worth knowing.

The first coasting accident occurred Wednesday afternoon when Arthur, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn, had his right leg broken while coasting down Queen's avenue. The little fellow was carried home and Dr. Harvie reduced the fracture.

PERRY CREEK PLACERS

The first credit for the New Year in the line of placer mining activity must go to the account of the McLeod syndicate, operating on Valley creek, near Perry creek, under the local management of James Hennebery.

The shaft on this excellent placer proposition having been sunk as far as hand appliances would permit of with the water, it became necessary to install steam machinery for the further prosecution of the work. The members of the syndicate having made an examination of the property and the result of the developments, decided that things looked sufficiently well to warrant a further expenditure of money. Accordingly a complete steam plant is now ordered from the Allis-Chalmers company and will be at once placed on the ground. It will consist of steam pump for both compartments of the shaft, steam hoist, and the various other articles of equipment necessary for the extensive operation of the property.

Owing to the want of a suitable wagon road direct to the mine from Old Town, it will be necessary to bring in the machinery via the Hydraulic company's ground. It will be taken over the aerial tram to the road at the south side of Perry creek, and from this point the distance will be quite short to the place of installment.—Cranbrook Herald.

ALONG THE CROW

CRANBROOK

From the Herald

Charles Spilsted of the Kimberley Manufacturing company, met with a most serious accident last Monday. In some manner he let a bush hook slip and it made a severe gash in one leg. Dr. Connolly was summoned and when he reached Kimberley he found Mr. Spilsted rather low from loss of blood. The Herald is pleased to state that Mr. Spilsted is recovering rapidly and feeling good over the fact that the accident is no worse.

A big deal was consummated this week by which the Imperial Bank secures the postoffice corner of R. E. Beattie and will take possession as soon as a new store building that is being constructed for Mr. Templeton just east of Manning & Siddons' corner is ready. This will mean that Mr. Templeton will move his stock, and that Mr. Beattie will move the postoffice as soon as possible. The new building will be one story, 90 x 25 feet, with a 15-foot ceiling and a plate glass front. It will be ready by March 1st.

The people of Fernie are indulging in a taste of the old "Blue Laws" of Connecticut. Under the regulations in that town the man who sells a drink of whiskey, a loaf of bread or a pound of beef is liable to go to the penitentiary for life. A lot of these people should go to the State of Kansas, where the affairs of the country are in the hands of long-haired men and short-haired women. The atmosphere would no doubt prove congenial.

F. J. Anderson, who represents some Winnipeg parties who own timber limits near Mayook, is preparing to put in a mill. The machinery is on the way here and for some weeks Mr. Anderson has been logging preparatory for the cut next spring.

Dan Drain, one of the best known engineers on the Crow, was married about three days ago to Miss Stuart of the C. P. R. hotel at Macleod, and the happy pair are now in California enjoying the sunshine of the great winter resort.

There will be a meeting of those interested in organizing a club at the new club rooms this evening. Messrs. Beale, W. D. Hill and Dr. Green are the trustees, and at the meeting those who desire to join as charter members will have the opportunity.

Mrs. L. E. McPeak has purchased the Sirdar hotel and will put forth a special effort to make the place a favorite resort in the summer time. She will raise chickens, ducks, and have shack cottages where people can go and enjoy a week's vacation and have a glorious time fishing, hunting, and indulging in all outdoor sports.

F. F. Bennett, the well known railroad man, who has walked the narrow walk on top of the box cars and had charge of engines with windows on every line of road from the Isthmus of Panama to the Klondike, has just returned from a visit to his mother in Louisiana, and will resume work on the Crow. Mr. Bennett enjoys the distinction of having broke on the same train with W. C. Brann, the erratic and brilliant editor of the Iconoclast, but that individual turned his attention to journalism and death.

BLAIRMORE.

From The Times

A Mr. [illegible] of the Fort Steele Brewery, Fernie, was in town on business yesterday.

L. E. Hines of Hosmer is now in charge of the school as teacher.

J. Turner & Fortes are busy installing the electric wires in the Hotel Coleman.

A crowd of Frank's boys closed up his branch in Coleman and will in future devote his attention to his Frank establishment.

Policeman Robert Lamb, an old timer in the district, who has been called to Bellingham, left that place on Tuesday.

Saturday night the high wind that prevailed in Frank broke one of the large plate glass windows in the Western Mercantile store.

The Coleman hockey club has been formed with H. S. Cooper honorary president; O. M. Fraser, president; G. Fraser, vice president; and H. L. Maltby, secretary-treasurer.

The work of clearing off the ground for the smelter at Frank is well under way, and sand and other material is being delivered at the smelter site. The drive sent to Fernie to secure the plans for the smelter and as soon as the weather will permit, building operations will be commenced.

The rink under the management of B. Gotland is rapidly becoming the popular place of amusement for the young folk of the Crow's Nest Pass and Coleman as well as to those being well represented.

A new building is being put up at the end of Victoria street for the Alberta Telephone company to be used as their central office. Sid Crayford secured the contract for the building and is pushing it along as fast as possible.

Sergeant Jack Allen was up on business during the week from Pincher Creek, where he is now stationed. Jack was one of the best men ever in charge of the force here in the Pass and it is to be hoped that he will be sent back in the near future and not left to chase stray stock on the prairie.

COAL LAND CASE.

Hundreds of coal claims in Southeast Kootenay are involved in the judgment rendered yesterday by Judge Kennan, says the Spokesman-Review, against Andrew Hackett, coal locator, in the case of Firch & Belden v. Hackett. The trial of the case involved sensational testimony and was fought stubbornly by the opposing lawyers.

Judge Kennan's decision was that Hackett should be held to an accounting for moneys and properties received by himself for locating coal claims in British Columbia by virtue of a compact which existed between the contesting parties. Mr. Hackett denied signing the contract with Mr. Firch, which bore the name of Andrew Hackett, written in lead pencil. No fight was made on this point, however, and no expert testimony introduced to show whether or not the name on the original compact was really written by Hackett.

The case involved a large amount of money, different estimates placing the amount at from $10,000 to $70,000 bonus money due Hackett. The Spokane Falls Light company had a contract with Hackett for 51 per cent of all findings up to 2,500 acres. The remaining 49 per cent is to be shared equally between Hackett and Firch & Belden, according to the court's order, and all other findings to be shared equally between contesting parties.

The history of the case shows that on June 10, 1902, Andrew Hackett signed a contract with Firch & Belden to go into British Columbia along the line of the new cut-off of the Great Northern railway, to the town of Fernie and coal fields along said railroad, and locate from one to ten sections of good coking coal for ourselves, and shall also use such other names as shall be agreed upon between us for the purpose of making a deal with Albert D. Hopper, treasurer and superintendent of the Spokane Falls Gas Light company, or anyone else we may choose to make a deal with on all coal located by Andrew Hackett or others for him in British Columbia. It is further agreed that whatever money or interests the said Andrew Hackett shall receive from Albert D. Hopper or said gas light company, he will and shall divide, share and share alike, with John F. Firch and Worth Belden, on account of the trip upon which he leaves this 11th day of June, 1902.

According to the plaintiff's contention Mr. Hackett was advanced $150 from Mr. Hopper of the gas company for expenses, and left for the coal fields. He made sixteen locations on his first trip, returned and laid the matter before Mr. Hopper. Mr. Hopper turned down the proposition because the croppings did not suit him, and besides it was located on the Canadian Pacific reserve. In July Mr. Hackett made another trip, and made similar locations on names furnished him outside of of the Canadian Pacific reserve. In the meantime Firch & Belden had put up money for the second trip and had secured capital to back up any claims Hackett might find. Hackett returned the second time, August 20, and reported to Firch & Belden what he had done. It was arranged that George Belden should accompany Hackett on the third trip, but Hackett left without young Belden. After that time he persistently avoided Firch & Belden and refused to report to them any facts concerning his findings or whereabouts.

Evidence showed that Hackett had located 320 claims, most of which were paid for by Spokane people. According to the terms each person was to pay $150 bonus and in many instances as high as $300 and $400, and besides that everyone must pay to the British Columbia government $100 license.

Judge Prather said last evening that he felt that Judge Kennan's decision was unfair and that he would promptly enter a plea for a new trial.

Died—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sunberg, January 8th, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson of Elko, aged 6 months and 3 weeks.

A green grocer is one who trusts dead-beat customers.

THE LEDGE.

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THE LEDGE is published every Wednesday in Fernie, B.C. The price is $2 a year. Advertising rates given upon application.

THE Medical Council of British Columbia should be abolished. It is a clot on progress, and a sop to snobbery and medical superstition.

THE Medical Council of British Columbia, judging from the Kamloops and other papers, must be like a society of old maids—too exclusive to benefit any one, and mortally afraid of anything in the shape of a man.

AFTER all the real reason why the Medical Council put the knife into Dr. Vereetbrugghen may have been on account of his name. Hardly anybody in Kamloops can speak the name without breaking down on the accent and calling for the beer.

CANADA would establish a precedent if it built a navy for its own use, after building so many railways for other people. If we build a navy it should be for someone else. We do not mind paying for it, but to run it would not look right when held up to view alongside our railway policy.

THE rise in silver may close down the mines in the Slocan. With the present price of the white metal and a prop under lead the mine owners of that district must be unhappy, and to obtain surcease from sorrow they should close down, kick at the government, and escape the horrors of ennui.

POLITICS in Canada are largely a matter of how it touches the purse. In B. C. the good grits are clamoring for protection on lumber, while in Manitoba equally as good Grits are praying that such a thing shall not come about. The dollar is a great force in politics, religion and the ordinary printing office.

THE corrupt nature of provincial politics in Ontario is the talk of the Dominion. The Ross party seems to be run by a band of pluggers, ballot-box thieves and land pirates. In British Columbia the Liberals are angels compared to their brethren in Ontario. Out here it is perfectly safe to talk to almost any Grit you meet. Most of them were trained as Conservatives in their youth.

THE Nelson News had a fat issue on New Year's Day. It contained a well written yearly review of B. C. mining that should be beneficial to the province. The report of the production of coal in the collieries around Fernie during 1904 was incorrect. The production was 741,000 tons, but by confusing coke with coal the News man got more than 300,000 tons wide of the mark.

THROUGH ignorance or a proper public spirit we occasionally notice public men who do not advertise their business in the local press. Such men require more education before they can become really great. No man who wishes to rise in the guidance of the affairs of the people will ever reach any great prominence without the assistance of the press. It is the greatest power in the world except with those who cannot read.

THE SCHEME FAILED

Wherever you find big money in sight you will always find the plotter.

The Bruce Herald makes the following remarks upon a daring scheme that failed. It says:

"The country is yet mystified by the proceedings surrounding the resignation of Mr. Blair from the chairmanship of the railway commission. Early in the week Mr. Blair published a statement which denies everything but explains nothing. It leaves his reputation in a bad position before the country. In the meantime, however, some side lights have been thrown on the transaction by the proceedings of a railway promoter at Ottawa named Russell. This enterprising speculator seems to be the originator of the whole scheme, the object of which appears to have aimed at getting a share in the construction of the new transcontinental railway. He looked with a jealous eye on the vast sums going to the other promoters who worked on the inside track with the government, and stood to make millions out of the undertaking. According to the scheme with which Mr. Russell is credited, he was to buy up three members of the government, two leading newspapers—one French, the other English—several Liberal candidates, after the nomination, when others could not be put in their place, and was to be assisted by Mr. Blair in a scheme that plainly meant the defeat of the Laurier government by a dishonest and treacherous game of cut-throat politics. Fortunately it failed. It was too big a game to be worked in silence, and Sir Wilfrid got on to it before the explosion of the mine. This is the way things look up to date, and possibly the truth may not be made known until parliament meets, when an investigation is likely to be held, and everything laid bare that the government may desire to publish. It is a fortunate circumstance that all parties to the transaction are Liberals. So far as known, not one Conservative politician is implicated in the scheme. It was a daring project and well illustrates the dangerous ideas of government prevailing in the atmosphere of Ottawa as well as Toronto, under present conditions.

ABBOTT'S NEW DOCTRINE

Leaning far out over the pulpit in Appleton chapel, his long white beard and flowing gown making him look like a veritable patriarch, Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a sermon to Harvard students on Sunday, broke away from the theology which today forms the basis of the faith of millions of orthodox Christians and sounded the keynote of a new religion founded, not on the Bible, but on science and the outreachings of the human heart. He said:

"I wonder if you students in Harvard will understand me when I say that I no longer believe in a great first cause. Tomorrow the newspapers will get hold of this and brand me as a heretic. My God is a great and ever present force, which is manifest in all the activities of man and all the workings of nature.

"I believe in a God who is in and through and of everything—not an absentee God, whom we have to reach through a Bible or a priest or some other outside aid, but a God who is closer to us than hands or feet. Science, literature and history tell us that there is one eternal energy, that the Bible can no longer be accepted as ultimate, that many of its laws were copied from other religions, that the Ten Commandments did not spring spontaneously from Moses, but were, like all laws, a gradual growth and that man is a creature, not a creation.

"No thinking man will say there are many energies. The days of polytheism are past. There is only one energy. That energy has always been working. It is an intelligent energy. No scientist can deny it. It was working before Christ's time, even as it is now. For three years the clouds broke and the light flashed through. Then they closed again.

"Yet God has a personality. We recognize it as we recognize the personality of a Titian or an angel. Only God is always working always creating, whereas their work is done. God stands near us. The mother of a deaf, dumb and blind child gives her daughter one, two, three gifts without being recognized. Finally there breaks through the child's intelligence the fact that these gifts, so kind, so loving, spring from the same source. It feels the mother's hands and face, then throws its arms around her neck and kisses her. Even so we, ever in the presence of God, come to realize His proximity and love. God makes for good, man's progress is a progress upward, each day is better than the first."

A Good Year

The past year has been very gratifying to Canadian Pacific shareholders. The revenue largely exceeds the aggregate of last year, and the sale of the railway's lands in the Northwest has exceeded half a million acres. The road has been double-tracked from Fort William to Winnipeg; grading has been done on the prairie sections, the track north of Lake Superior and in the mountains shortened and straightened, and important branches built. The same program will be continued next year.

A significant fact is the announcement that President Thomas Shaughnessy has signed a contract with the Canadian steel works for 25,000 tons of eighty-pound steel rails. This is the first order for rails from the Sault works, and the works is about to close a contract with the Pere Marquette and another American road for two large orders.

Both the Grand Trunk and the government transcontinental railway commission are energetically pushing surveys for the new road, the former from Winnipeg west and the latter east.

In connection with the British Columbia section of the road, A. McLeod railway contractor, is interviewing the government about a novel scheme to establish a British colony along the western end of the line. He has the support of the Grand Trunk Pacific and it is expected the Dominion authorities will prove equally favorable. If given the contract to build 100 or 150 miles of the railway in British Columbia, Mr. McLeod will import several thousand men from Great Britain, guaranteeing them two years' steady work at stipulated wages, and at the expiration of the job a section or half section of land at nominal cost.

Even before the Grand Trunk Pacific was first thought of, plans had been announced for another Canadian transcontinental, the nucleus of which was to be the Canadian Northern. It had been thought, however, that when the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme became an accomplished fact, the Canadian [illegible] would abandon the tra[illegible] project. The Canadian [illegible] now completed from Fort [illegible] a point not many miles from Battleford, and next year rails will be laid to Edmonton to complete the middle or prairie section of the road.

The Canada Gazette contains two important applications, throwing light upon the eastern plans of Mackenzie and Mann. The original intention had been to acquire the Canada Atlantic from Georgian Bay to the Ottawa river near Montreal where the Great Northern controlled by Mackenzie and Mann, would have connected with the ocean port of Quebec. But the Grand Trunk acquired the Canada Atlantic. Now Mackenzie and Mann are applying for authority to build from Hawksbury, the Great Northern terminus to the mouth of the French river on Georgian Bay, where connection will be made with the James Bay road, now building. A further application covers a line from Sudbury, on the James Bay road, to Port Arthur, to connect with the present eastern end of the Canadian Northern.

When these links have been completed, Mackenzie and Mann will have a through road from Quebec to Edmonton; and probably in the meantime they will have carried forward the western section to the mountains or the Pacific coast, thus completing their line to the Pacific.

Argot of the Underworld.

When I gave up strictly charity work and began to visit the homes and haunts of men who are commonly called crooks, said Mrs. Ada Eliot, the Tombs angel, who has just given up her mission to return and finish a college course at Radcliffe, I discovered that I had to learn a new language if I wished to understand half was said to me. It is spoken not only by the crooks themselves, but by the women in their families and the tradespeople with whom they do business.

For instance a stretch means a term in jail, and it is never referred to in any other way. 'Swipin' a super' means stealing a watch, while to 'kop a mug's brass' means to steal a man's money. A person's eyes are invariably referred to as 'peepers' or 'lanterns.' In sending a child out for 10 cents' worth of gin it is instructed to ask for 'white water.' Gamblers are referred to as 'gams' or 'punters,' and they win or lose 'rhino,' not money. A man who was 'dirty' I learned to understand was a man with plenty of money, while a man without money was either 'clean' or 'on the hog.' A 'fly bull' is a ward detective, and anything that shoots is a 'leeper.' An 'anam' is a Jonah, or a crook down on his luck.

I once asked the wife of a man who was in the Tombs whether she could cook for hungry children some breakfast if I sent the food around. She looked at me without comprehension. I made a motion of eating.

'Oh!' she exclaimed, 'you mean will we chew the chuck'? Sure we will.

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So It Goes

If virtue were as gay as sin,
how easily might virtue win?

If right went laughing by, like wrong,
The devil would lose half his throng.

If day sought pleasure like the night,
Dawn need not blush to face the light.

But virtue seems so cold and proud
That merry sin attracts the crowd.

And right has such a solemn air,
Men follow wrong the debonair.

And care so eats the daytime up—
At night they seize mad folly's cup,

And drink forgetfulness 'til dawn,
And so the queer old world goes on.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Correct

Military Instructor: Now young fellows, attention! When is a man the second in command?

Raw Recruit: When he's married, I recon.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Fast Travelling

A lad with a touch of malaria,
Enlisted to fight in Bulgaria,
But before he could shoot
A Turk hollered "Scoot!"
And they found him next day in Bavaria
—Cincinnatti Commercial Tribune.

Relative Greatness

Little Irwin—My father is a trust magnate, so there!

Little Terrence—Oh, he is, is he? Well, I'll have you to know my father's a baseball magnate, so there!—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Why She Apologized

The throat specialist exhibited his laryngoscope to a nervous woman patient and remarked:

You would be surprised to know how far down we can see with this instrument."

And, then, as he was about to place the laryngoscope in her throat, she apologised for having a hole in her stocking.—New York Press.

Not Like Fernie.

An American officer wrote home from Manila the other day about his laundress:

"They don't pretend to get dirt out of your clothes here," he said. "They drag them down to the river—it is hard water and partly salt—souse them them in, take them out, lay them on boards, and with stones beat them full of holes and pound the buttons off. Then they smooth them out with a plank."

As Advertised.

A showman once advertised outside his tent the following notice:

"Come and see the musical Dog. Admission 2d.

A good many people, attracted by the title, paid the sum required and entered the tent, where a big dog, wearing a huge metal collar, was crouching in a corner.

After waiting a while, the audience called for the showman and asked that the performance might begin. The showman seemed surprised at their request and exclaimed, as he edged towards the door:

"Why, there's the musical dag," pointing to the mastiff. "Can't yer see the brass band round his neck?"

Snubbed

The foreign members of the International Peace Conference, held recently at St. Louis, got the cold shoulder wherever they turned, They were the most eminent men of the nations of the world, engaged on a mission as high and holy as was ever entrusted to man, yet the reception they got in America was a disgrace to this country.

Had they come as the Heralds of Mars, clad in gold lace, gold buttons and wearing swords at their sides, they would have been wined and dined, with the mayors of our cities and the statesmen of the land as their humble servants.

The dregs of barbarism in man rise to the surface at the sight of a war lord. Civilization and the gentler passions are forgotten in the presence of brilliant uniforms and clanking swords.

While men make fools of themselves over the "pomp and circumstance of war," women are worse. O! mothers, who go down into the dark valleys and shadows of death to bring men into the world, how long will you continue to worship at the war god's shrine, upon whose reeking alters your sons are sacrificed!

I have often heard army officers boast of the weakness of virtues fortress when assailed by men of rank in uniform.

In all the ages of the world's history, more honor has been bestowed upon the destroyers of life than on the life savers. The Prince of Peace has never been enthroned for a day in the heart of any nation. Whether in lands savage or civilized, the bloody, bleareyed, brutal, beastly Prince of war continues to be the god of nations.

Individuals may, if they will, reject his reign and live under the white banner of peace. When a majority of men so live, then will "swords be beaten into plow shares, spears into pruning hooks and nations learn war no more.—Geo. H. Windle.

A Holiday Rhyme

Christmas in de kitchen,
Christmas in de air,
Christmas in de dinin' room
Christmas everywhere.
Christmas in the grocery sto,'
Got aroun' at las';
Christmas in the pocketbook,
But going mighty fas'.
—Washington Star.

A Fight In It

"As Shakspere says," remarked Cassidy, who was fond of airing his "booklarnin' occasionally, "what's in a name?"

"Well," replied Casey, "call me one that Oi don't loike, an' Oi'll show ye."—Philadelphia Press.

A Personal Affair

The child: Aunt Mary, nurse says its the Lord scoldin' us.

Aunt Mary: Perhaps it is, dear.

The child: Well I don't see what he's got to be so mad about. I'se done everything today 'cept wash my teef.—Brooklyn Life.

Taking something for nothing, or wronging a fellow being in any other way, will recoil on the actor with deadly results.—Altgeld.

I have often concluded that the honest part of mankind would be much too hard for the knavish, if they could bring themselves to incur the guilt, or thought it worth their while to take the trouble.—Fielding.

Repose and cheerfulness are the badge of the gentleman—repose in energy. The Greek battle pieces are calm; the heroes in whatever violent actions engaged, retain a serene aspect; as we say of Niagara that it falls without speed.—Emerson.

At a village school in Suffolk a boy was detained from school to assist in sorting potatoes. The schoolmaster, as usual on such occasions desired the boy's father to write and state the cause of the boy's absence. The next morning the boy appeared with a note from his father which contained but one word, "keptathomeatatering." The schoolmaster, astonished at such an unheard-of word, puzzled over it for some minutes, and at last discovered it to signify that the boy had been "kept at home a-tatering."

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Great Drop in Value.

Henry Clews, the Wallstreet propnet, was talking about a stock that had dropped in value.

Great was its fall, he said. It was pathetic. It made me think of an incident the other day in an express office. To this office a burly, kind-looking young man came with a package under his arm.

"I want to express this package," he said.

The clerk as usual asked him "What is the nature of the contents of the package?"

"It is," said the simple-minded youth in a sad tone, "a bundle of letters from a young lady. I am returning them to her."

"Their value?" said the clerk.

The young man swallowed.

"I don't know what their value is now," he said huskily, "but a week ago I thought they were worth about hall a million dollars."

Horse on the Fireman

Thomas A. Edison was one day explaining an intricate machine to a newspaper writer.

Do you understand? Mr. Edison would ask- And, a moment later, now do you understand?

The poor journalist vainly tried to follow the swift sentences of the inventor. Every little while he would have to stop and say that, just there, he did not quite understand; and then, sighing, Mr. Edison would begin all over again.

I know I am very green about machinery, the journalist said apologetically.

Oh, no; I have seen greener, said Mr. Edison. Did I ever tell you about the fireman I once met in Canada?

"Well, in a certain Canadian town where I was running a telegraph office in my youth, a new factory, with a fine engine house, was put up. I visited this factory one day to see the engine. The engineer was out, and the fireman, a new hand, showed me about. As we stood admiring the engine together, I said:

"What horsepower has this engine?"

The fireman gave a loud laugh.

"Horsepower?" he exclaimed. "Why, man, don't you know that the machine goes by steam?"

'Twas Ever Thus

She was a pretty little miss
And he a gallant Mr.
He pledged to her undying love
And then—oh, then he Ksr.

And now that she is his alone,
And spoken of as Mrs.,
He never, never talks of love,
And never, never Krs.

The bachelor may be an object of public derision, but the married man gets his at home.

Neither the sun nor death can be looked at with a steady eye.—La Rochefoucauld.

Men who have little business are great talkers; the more one thinks, the less one speaks.—Montesquien.

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune but great minds rise above it.—Washington Irving.

Education has for its object, besides calling forth the greatest possible quantity of intellectual power, to inspire the intense love of truth.—John Stuart Mill.

Success has no tendency to inform the understanding. It rolls over us like a summer billow, leaves us where it finds us, and lets in no new ideas to the mind. But failure thrusting us rudely from our position, compels us to take a survey of the past, to glance sharply into the future, to acquaint ourselves with a new condition of things, and thus furnish new facts to the reason, and new materials for reflection.—S. P. Herron.

Education draws out and disciplines a man; fills him with varied and rational ideas; prevents him from sinking into monomania or being excited by transport; gives him determinate thoughts instead of eccentric fancies, pliable opinions for fixed convictions; replaces impetuous images by calm reasonings, sudden resolves by the results of reflection; furnishes us with the wisdom and ideas of others; gives us conscious and self command.—M. Taine.

Nitroglycerin, the strongest practical explosive known, was discovered by an Italian chemist Sobrero by name, in 1886. As nitroglycerin is not safe to handle it is usually used in dynamite, which is prepared by kneading together 25 per cent of infusorial earth and 75 per cent of nitroglycerin until it assumes a putty like condition resembling moist brown sugar. Nitroglycerin if placed on the wrist or tongue has the peculiar effect of producing a violent headache. It has a sweet, aromatic, rather pleasant taste, but cannot be classed as particularly healthful food.

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An old Scotchwoman said to her pastor one day:

"Dear me, meenisters mak' muckle adoo aboot their hard work. But what's twa bits o' sermons in the week tae mak' up? I cud dae it maself."

"Weel, Janet, I said the minister, "let's hear ye."

"Come awa' wi a text then," quoth she.

He repeated with emphasis:

"It is better ta dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house."

Janet fired up instantly.

"What's that ye say, sir? Dae ye intend onything personal?"

"Stop, Stop," broke in her pastor, "you would never dae for a meenister."

"And what for no?" asked she, sharply.

"Because, Janet, you come ower soon tae the application."

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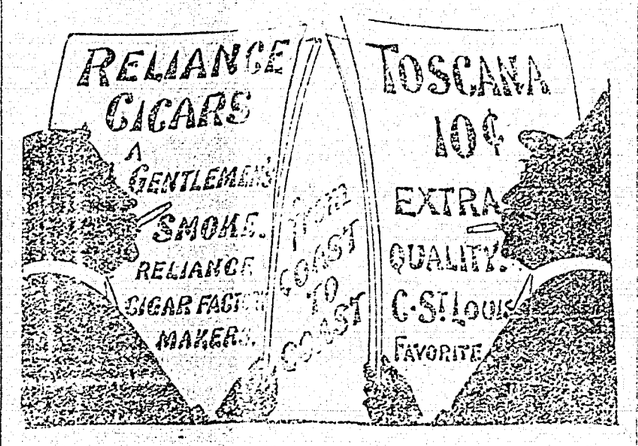

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A GOOD POKER GAME

"Looking for a story, are you?" said the old, poker-playing Kentucky Colonel, as your correspondent walked up to him and offered him a cigar. "Let's see. Did I ever tell you of the time Henry Clay lost his fine property, the Olympian Springs, out ten miles here, 'way back in the '30s, to George Lansdowne? No? Well, sit down and I will tell you about it.

"I was a little shaver then, and used to go with my father out to see Henry Clay when he owned and lived for a time at the 'Springs,' as we called them then. All the girls and boys from all over the South, clear to New Orleans, used to come up there then, and they had some great times, I can tell you. Clay had a race track there, and some of the bloods brought their racers with them and thousands of dollars were sometimes wagered on a single race. There was good fox hunting hereabouts then, and the hunters would gallop all over Bath county nearly before they returned. Then they would let their horses rest up a day or two and then they would have a race themselves out on the old course. And the dances they had at the old Owings mansion, and then out at the Springs were marvels of brilliancy.

"The racing game and the courting game was not all they had there in the old days. Old George Lansdowne lived here in Owingsville then, and he was worth anywhere from a quarter to a half million dollars. He was a great poker player and once in a while, when he was feeling good, he would go out to see Henry Clay, and they would have a game which would b[illegible] always certain of an exc[illegible] the old colonel.

"Lansdowne seldom got the least bit under the influence, as we say of gentlemen, but when he did he was a terror. When the old colonel got angry, why, I have seen him many times when he would swell up so in the neck from anger that his collar button would break from his shirt and roll over the floor. That always made the old colonel laugh.

"About the poker game? Oh, yes. Well, one day the old colonel woke up and he sure was feeling his keeping. He determined to go out and see how his friend Henry Clay was doing. So he had his nigger get his horse and rode out there. Arriving there and partaking of a slight refreshment Lansdowne proposed a poker game. Clay agreed and the two went to the poker room. Soon the game was on fast and furious. First Clay would win what there was in sight and then Lansdowne would come up with a good hand and take everything on the board. This continued almost all day, but along towards night Clay began losing steadily. He lost and he lost.

"The colonel kept rallying him on his luck deserting him, and still Clay kept losing. Finally Clay pushed his chair back from the table and said, 'George, I have no more money by me at this time, but the Springs are mine. What will you bet against them?'

For some minutes Lansdowne studied. Then he said: 'Henry, I have long wanted the Springs property. They will be worth just $25,000 to me if I win, and you will be that much ahead if you win. What do you say?

"Clay agreed, and the Colonel pulled a long wallet out of his pocket and counted out cash and notes for the $25,000. Then the game began again. First one would lose and then the other. At last Clay's luck again deserted him, and his pile of chips got lower and lower. Both had good hands and both stayed every time. Clay would raise, and the old colonel, studying his hand, as if he was in doubt, would see it and stay. Finally Clay threw down his cards and said, in the vernacular of that day, that he was all in. He had held a good hand, an ace high straight flush of spades. The old colonel looked at Clay's cards a moment and then at his own hand.

"'A good hand, Henry,' he said, 'a good hand. But—' and then he laid down slowly, one by one, the ace of diamonds, the king of diamonds, the queen of diamonds, the jack of diamonds, and the ten of diamonds—the royal flush—'this is a better one.'

"Clay pushed back his chair, and, followed by the colonel, walked out of the room. A few days later the legal transfer of the property was made, and the colonel became owner of the Springs. They have never been the same since, and never will be, I reckon."

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"Yes'm. It calls for sodium bloarbonate, elixir pepsin, aqua pura and—"

"But what's that?"

"What's what, madam?"

"Why, here it says 'quant suff.'"

"That merely refers to the aqua pura."

"But if it goes into the prescription it will form a part of it, won't it?"

"I suppose so, madam. Shall I send this or will you take it?"

"I've got to take it, haven't I?"

"Not unless you want to."

"But the doctor said I must."

"O, we can deliver it to your house, all right."

"O, how funny! I thought you meant I didn't have to take the medicine."

"Well, to be sure you have to take the medicine, but we would just as soon have our messenger boy take it for you."

"Humph! Has he got a headache?"

"No'm! But that wouldn't make any difference."

"Well, I'm not going to pay for prescription for messenger boys to take."

"There would be no charge."

"Why, I paid the doctor $1 for it."

"Certainly you did, but I meant there would be no charge if the boy took it for you."

"That's the funniest thing I ever heard. How would it do me any good if he took it."

"I beg your pardon. I misunderstood you. Then you'd prefer to take it yourself?"

"Yes, sir. But you can send it to house, if you will."

"Just as you say. (Takes a woman to change her mind.")

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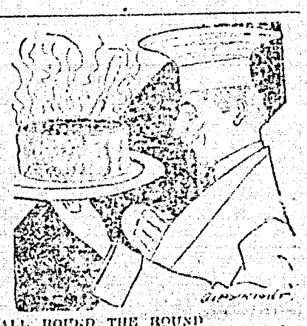

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MINING.

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The railroad men employed at Black Butte mountain, north of Mount Shasta, Siskiyou county, Cal., in shoveling gravel on the work trains, have uncovered an immense body of ice, supposed to have lain there for many thousands of years. The railroad company has steam shovels, rock-breakers, and a large number employed in removing gravel from this mountain for ballasting the tracks, and consequently haul away an extensive quantity of ground. This body of ice is supposed to be the result of an avalanche of snow in a prehistoric age, now covered up by a great amount of ground sliding on top or else accumulating since. The ice is reported to be of first-class quality and may prove serviceable to the railroad company for their own use and for sale, if it develops into a great ice quarry. It may possibly be the foundation of the hill, which is very high and looms up into a steep cone-shaped mountain of soft gravel and earth.

The north pole is not the only magnet drawing explorers to the far north. Several exploring pyrties are following up the indications of mineral wealth discovered in the far north regions in recent years. An Anglo-Norwegian enterprise has spent the summer in Spitzbergen, where it is intended to develop the existing coal resources for the benefit of the north of Norway. The district is near King's bay on the west. Coal is also reported on the southeast at Stoafjord. The necessary machinery for mining the coal and the material for a wire railway have gone to the King's bay district, where the coal has been found near a convenient harbor at Advent bay. Greenland is also credited with a reputation for valuable minerals which a Copenhagen merchant has his eye upon, and has fitted out two expeditions to investigate. A large cryolite mine is doing a big business at Iwigtuk, largely for Uncle Sam's benefit, and partly for Denmark. The miners mostly winter in Denmark, and have in stock two years' provisions.

The Lead Daily Call makes mention of the fact that the Homestake company has up to the present time turned out approximately one hundred and fifty tons of pure gold. Such an amount of the precious metal is hardly conceivable by the human mind. We may see a bar worth say $50,000 that is a good load for a man to carry. A million dollars in gold would be a good load for a two horse team over country roads. It would be a little over a ton and a half in weight. One ton of pure gold is worth $602,928.47. A hundred and fifty tons would have a value of approximately $90,400,000. This represents practically the product of the Homestake mine alone. Before this company purchased the Deadwood Terra, Highland, Father De Smet and Caledonia properties they had made a total production of twenty eight and one-half millions. This brings the total of the Homestake and absorbed properties up to nearly one hundred and nineteen millions of gold production.

A Great Mine

A mining man says the next boom will be in the Similkameen and Nicola valleys. He cited as one instance of the richness of the country that the Nickle Plate mine was richer than anything struck in Cripple Creek or British Columbia in the free milling line; that 150 tons a day was being treated and $4,500 saved on the plates every day, to say nothing of the concentrates; and that Rogers, the manager, was coming through to Seattle, right along as quickly as he could make the round trips, bringing out barrels of bullion. Rogers is increasing his mill to one hundred stamps and is taking in a twenty-five ton boiler, the biggest ever hauled over the roads in British Columbia, and he expected to see the day when this mine would yield $10,000 per diem.

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