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LIFE IN FERNIE

The trees were budding in Fernie last Monday.

Wm. Lewis and family have gone to England.

Harry Stonehouse leaves for Revelstoke this week.

J. A. MacLean returned from the east alone on Sunday.

Fernie seems to be an attractive spot for photographers.

A. J. Fleming is at Moyie working for R. Campbell & Co.

The bridge across the river at Morrissey is nearing completion.

The window-dresser showed his skill in P. Burns & Co.'s shop last week.

D. McTavish, of Cranbrook, attended the dance in Fernie on Friday evening.

Thomas Huber, the well-known stable boss at Carbonado has moved to Sparwood.

Respectable boarders wanted. Apply at Mrs. W. J. Davis, Palet avenue, next hospital.

See the Semi-Ready if you need anything in the shape of clothing. F. J. Mitchell.

Archdeacon Beer will be in the city today on business connected with the new church.

It is reported that there will be a ball given by the Fernie Dancing Club next Monday evening.

Herbert Cue, of New Denver, spent a few days in Fernie last week visiting his brother Harold.

Mrs. John McIntyre will give a farewell party to Miss Lou Farquharson on Thursday evening.

The fruit and cigar stores of Fernie are asking for the privilege of opening their stores on Sunday.

The rain knocked the dog races off the map on Saturday, much to the disconsolation of many boys.

In the bar at the Hotel Fernie Bob Moore has the graveyard shift and says it is the shortest in the city.

In her suit against the C. N. P. Coal Co, Mrs. Quigg was awarded $900 for herself and $1100 for the children.

James Sloan, late of Kalispell, is local agent for the Great Northern railway. J. Belfry, of Spokane, is the cashier.

A. C. Smith, who recently sold his store in Slocan City, was in Fernie last week sizing up Fernie's business opportunities.

The C. N. T. Co. store at Morrissey Mines has been bought by R. W. Rogers, and A. McBean and family have removed to Fernie.

Stephen Ash died at the hospital last week of kidney disease. The Orangemen and Miners' Union had charge of the funeral on Saturday.

From the appearance of things around Fernie on pay-day many of the miners must have climbed into the water wagon, and intend to stay there.

The Fernie Dancing Club will have an At Home in Stork's Hall next Thursday evening. It will be the last of the season as Lent commences on the 8th.

Dave Clark, the most typical western landlord in all these mountains, came in from Morrissey Mines last week and refreshed himself with a look at city life.

Among the visitors from Carbonado at the dance in Fernie last Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. McKiu, and Messrs. Stewart and Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Roaf were in attendance from Michel.

With every purchase of 25 cents worth of goods at the Fernie Cigar Store is given a coupon. Upon June 1st the holder of the greatest number of these coupons will receive a custom made suit of clothes worth $35.

Bean and Morrison will in a short time put in one of the best American soda water fountains, and electric fans. An archway will be cut in the rear of the store, and a parlor put in just as soon as the weather makes the populace think of ice cream.

J. W. Greer hung up his stick in this office last week, and left for Greenwood. Jim is one of the best-known printers and editors in B.C., but he does not feel comfortable as far east as Fernie. May good luck always camp on Jim's trail is the wish of the entire staff of this office.

There will be a hot time around the rear end of Sheppard & Elliott's store on Saturday afternoon. The London Fire Extinguisher, under the guidance of W. E. Gibson, will show how quickly it can do away with a conflagration. Butt in early and get a front view of the proceedings.

At the recent examinations in Fernie for positions of superintendents, overmen, fire bosses, and other offices in coal mines, there were 15 applicants. Three applied for first class certificates, one for second class, and twelve for third class. The result of the examinations has not yet been given out.

If the miners present no grievances to the Coal Co. before April 1st the present agreement will be in force until June, 1906. If any grievances are presented before the 1st of April there will be 60 days before decisive action can be taken by either side. No grievances have as yet been presented to the company, and the rumors of a strike are as yet without foundation.

It will soon be coronation day for the ice man.

Some dogs are liable to seizure on Saturday.

Mr. Timlick will return from the east in a few days.

Jacob Fleishmann took a look at Fernie last week.

E. D. McKenzie has closed his Fernie shooting gallery.

Mrs. W. R Ross has joined her husband at Victoria.

Water has flooded some of the cellars along Victoria avenue.

The Tremont House is for rent. It is owned by W. R. McDougall.

Joe Millward, the well-known musician, died in Nelson last Saturday.

The Oddfellows' At Home last Thursday evening was a brilliant success.

The hotel runner is now much in evidence upon the arrival of trains in Fernie.

F. J. Mitchell can turn you out the most stylish and up-to-date suits in the west.

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

Fred Starkey, of Nelson, is in town with a view to instituting a lodge of the Sons of England.

J. S Carter, one of the most popular officials of the C.P.R., came to Fernie for a day this week.

Miss Varty will open a millinery store this month in the premises now occupied by E. J. Cann.

James Broley will return from Toronto in a few days. His infant daughter died last month.

R. Roaf, formerly superintendent for the Coal Co. at Carbonado is now underground surveyor at Michel.

Fernie is a great place for rumors. You can hear them on all subjects if your ears are not made of tin.

In a few days Kid Scaler and Dan McCarty will battle 20 rounds for a purse of $100 given by T. H. Whelan.

The social and concert given by the ladies of the Baptist church on Monday evening was a decided success.

G. H. Chapman, of Maynook, was in Fernie on Sunday and reported a great demand for this paper in his locality.

Wm. Handley has established a ten cent parcel delivery. Parcels called for and delivered in any part of the city.

Hockey is in the discard, but baseball is just poking its nose out of the snow. Fernie to bat and Coal Creek on deck.

A grand Slavonic ball will be given at the Union Hotel, in old town, on Monday evening, March 6. Everybody welcome.

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

W. Davidson fell off the train at Elko yesterday and was severely injured. He was brought to Fernie on a special for treatment in the hospital.

The City Council held a special meeting on Friday evening in order to notify the city solicitor to drop proceedings against the B. C. Telephone Co.

Seven years ago it was mostly bush where Fernie now stands. To-day, the value of real estate and buildings is over $700,000. Coal is great stuff to make a town grow.

Last Sunday a freight train went off the track near Goat River, and delayed the eastbound express about four hours The freight men were lucky to escape without serious injury.

Some of the miners would like to have more lights in the car running from the city to Coal Creek. In the case of an accident the bars across the windows might prevent some from saving their lives.

About two months ago A. Farquharson took up his residence in Vancouver where his family will join him this week. Mr. Farquharson was one of the pioneers of Fernie, and was warden of the jail here for several years.

The Carpenters and Joiners of the Local Union of Fernie desire to notify all contractors and the public generally that they are only working eight hours a day after April 1st, next, instead of nine as heretofore. E. RICE, Rec.-Sec

At the Court of Revision held Monday there were 50 appeals against the assessment of real estate in Fernie. Fourteen appeals were allowed, reducing the assessment $6,550, which is not much off an assessment of $543,650.

F. J. Mitchell has the best set of mirrors that ever came in the city, being a large triple mirror with oxidized copper frame. This indicates that Mr. Mitchell is not afraid to let customers see the back of their suits before purchasing.

Mr Bushnell, organizer for the Good Templars, held a meeting in the Methodist church on Monday evening. Several officers were appointed and the organization of the local lodge was completed in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening.

A HOT TIME.

There was a hot time at the session of the Associated Boards of Trade in Nelson last week. Smith Curtis in dealing upon the selection of road lands practically accused Wm. Pearce and James McEvoy of having sold themselves to the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. The Nelson Tribune calls Curtis a mud slinger and other familiar phrases, and lands Pearce and McEvoy clear over the transom. Speaking of James McEvoy the Tribune says:

James McEvoy has behind him fifteen years' of hard, honest, invaluable work in the geological department. He is a man transparently honest, and of a modest and retiring disposition—the last man whom a person with any regard for decency would attack with one conclusive evidence of its justification. He left the government at the same time as five others, because they were refused a moderate increase in their salaries. The application was endorsed by the Canadian Mining Institute at a time when wealthy corporations were seeking the services of geological experts. Mr. McEvoy was one of a corps who said: "We love our profession, we prefer the public service even at a much lower salary than private service, but we cannot live decently on $1800 a year. Give us a moderate increase and we will stay." The government refused and six left including Mr. McEvoy and the since famous Labrador explorer, Mr. A. P. Low.

In the face of these facts it is not to be wondered at that "Curtis was not sincere in one word of his charges, and he was merely juggling with words," and in making this characterization he was but subscribing to the popular verdict.

A BIG SUIT

An action which may incidentally lead to the elucidation of many points that vex the minds of the Rossland delegates witt be instituted in the courts, if not settled within the next few days. The suit is for recovery of the value of timber removed from the land reserves in East Kootenay by the C. P. R.

The circumstances are as follows: In 1895, when Cox and Jaffray undertook to secure the passage through the provincial house of the Crows Nest Railway charter, an agreement was executed between Cox on the one side, and Shaughnessy on the other, by which the C. P. R. undertook to pay all the debts of the old B. C. Southern, amounting to nearly $100,000, and also to hand over to Cox and Jaffray all the lands received by way as subsidy except what they required for right of way, sidings, etc., and also 6,000 acres of coal lands. The C. P. R. claimed that they were entitled to all the timber on such lands as they required, and accordingly erected a large mill at Coal Creek, and took out many thousands of logs, as well as using all they wanted for ties, telegraph poles and construction work. The Crows Nest Coal Company claim that "land" in this case means land only and has rendered an account for a very large sum, which we hesitate to mention, but it runs into seven figures. The bulk of the logs taken out were destroyed by forest fires in 1899, and on the 20th of June in the same year the mill was carried away by floods. Both parties are busy collecting evidence from those who were in the pass at that time, and when the case comes into court there will be a battle royal.—Nelson Tribune.

A SEVERE BUMP

Last month while coming west to visit his son in Fernie, S. B. Slinn of Ottawa met with a railroad accident east of Medicine Hat in which eight passengers were injured, Mr. Slinn's case being the most serious. He received a severe gash on his head over the right eye besides several bruises. He was taken to the city hospital at the Hat and attended by Dr. Smith, of whom he speaks very highly. After eight days he was able to resume his journey to Fernie but has not yet recovered from the severe cut on his head. He expects the C P.R. to make a generous settlement with him, and the claims agent will be in Fernie this week for that purpose. Mr. Slinn is 56 years and may reside permanently in this city. He will always remember the severe bump he got upon his first journey to the far west.

MEXICO

George Woodward, merchant, banker and mining man of Moctezuma, Sonora has sold the San Juan de Bautista mine near that place to the Benedictine Mining and Milling company for a consideration representing nearly $2,000,000

The company is part of the Washington London Guarantee Investment Company and is composed of capitalists of Washington, D. C. A party interested in the Benedictine company, headed by Col. Tyrer, and all from Washington has just visited the property. It is claimed that work will be commenced on the property as soon as possible and there is talk already of a reduction plant. The ores are gold and the mine is one of the antiguas of Mexico.

THE TELEPHONE.

The central office is being built for the telephone system in Fernie, the cable boxes and switchboard arrived on Saturday, and more supplies left Montreal on Monday. The system will cost about $3,000, and it will probably be April before the hello girl sings over the wires. With a little knowledge of mental arithmetic it is not very difficult to figure out how much there is in the telephone business in Fernie.

THE STRIKE SETTLED.

The strike at Coleman was settled last week and the miners have returned to work. Last year the coal mines at Coleman produced 51,000 tons, and in addition to this output the company erected a large plant and built 104 coke ovens. It is expected that the output for this year will be about 250,000 tons. The strike lasted two months and the citizens of Coleman are pleased with its short and peaceful termination.

FROM OUR UPPER STOPE.

This is the month that the lion tapers into a lamb.

In Fernie the flesh pot is mighty and seems to prevail.

Eleven years ago last Saturday there was a hot time in Kaslo.

Come, O Gentle Spring and plant some onions in our backyard.

Spring is near. Gold has again been discovered near Barkerville.

Enderby has been made a city, and the place will soon be filled with trouble.

It would not take much to make tories out of all the lumbermen in East Kootenay. Politics and the pocket are twin brothers.

With two new provinces, a brace of naval forts, with a mint coming up the pike, Canada is certainly entitled to wear long pants and twirl its moustache.

To make peace with Russia the Japs want 350 millions of dollars. The relatives of Shylock must have settled in Japan during the early days, and been busy.

On Saturday [illegible] will take the [illegible] House at Washington [illegible] time. Bill Tuttle and [illegible] hands will [illegible] him over [illegible] round.

Many [illegible] plate to fill up with, but the Fort Steele Prospector uses the clear stuff. When the editor is shy on matter he throws in some Bull River iron and watches its tonic effect upon his subscriber.

In Spokane the other day four men were arrested for playing draw poker in a saloon with the chips at a dollar a stack. They should have been wise, and played in a club with the chips at $10 a stack. Only the bar got arrested for gambling.

Strange how some men fall from grace. Jack Began dug silver in the Slocan, and now he has bought a sawmill in Caribco, Maine and is cutting pine into commercial strips. Jack must have grown tired of log tunnels or he would never stay in Maine where they burn sawdust instead of fuse, and trade eggs for almost anything except eggs. Jack was one of the wittest haired boys that ever hit the early trails in the Slocan, and we trust that he will some time again turn his face the west and mingle with the formation even if he is married and owns a sawmill.

ALASKAN HARDSHIPS.

Tanana is said to be up against it strong. To that camp last summer were shipped in all the old eggs that Dawson had on hand. The eggs were too strong to sell readily, and were displaced by fresh stock.

Tanana was jobbed on the usual frontier style and got the ancient stock. The stories coming from Tanana now about eggs hatching out going so fearfully to the bad, like the Tabs, are frequently told about that town.

Bear grease, onions, limburger and a few other potent articles of food are mixed with the eggs, but even this seems to have no smouldering effect, and the Tanana egg supply would have been exhausted long ago but for the fact that the eggs asserted themselves.

Fairbanks faces a calamity. It is all because of the unsuspected capacity of the populace of the new Tanana camp The five thousand people there are drinking the whiskey supply dangerously low, and it begins to appear as if the camp will have to pull through till spring on diluted cocktails. In fact, the drinks are always suspected of being diluted in some of the less scrupulous resorts. At the same time the whisky supply in Dawson is pretty well reduced, and within the last two two weeks an advance took place in the wholesale quotations.

ACCIDENT IN LEWIS FAMILY.

It is reported that the Lewis family while on their way to England met with a disaster near Spokane. The boy Lewis fell off the train and was killed instantly. Mrs Lewis in attempting to save him was so seriously injured that she may die.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

It is the intention of the Provincial government to accept the surveys made by the C P. R. company, in block 4,589, South East Kootenay, as final.

The following are the dividends paid by the North Star and St. Eugene mines during 1904:—North Star $78,000; St. Eugene $95,000.

The copper deposits in the St. Mary's River district will receive considerable attention this year.

Upon the blowing in of the smelter at Marysville, the zinc industry of Southeast Kootenay will be conducted under rapidly changing conditions.

It is quite certain that zinc smelters will soon be erected in British Columbia. Large supplies of ore have been shipped to American smelters which can be treated profitably and to the best advantage in the Kootenays.

The official estimate made up by the Department of Mines show an all round gain of 12½ per cent in the mineral production of 1904 over that of 1903.

The latest excitement in mining in Southeast Kootenay is in placer mines which are rapidly being taken up all over the district.

Negotiations are pending towards the bonding of the Blue Grouse mine at Sand Creek. Mining men who have visited the property predict a great future for the mine.

On the line of construction of the Kootenay Central Railway, it is now known beyond a doubt that the mineral resources are as varied, as they are rich.

The production of ore at the St. Eugene has been exceedingly heavy during the past three weeks.

A NEW CHURCH

The new Angliran church in Fernie was opened last Sunday, Archdeacon Beer preaching the opening sermons. The attendance was especially large in the evening. The building and the grounds cost nearly $6,000, and the rector, Rev. R. E. Bartlett, M. A., who only came here a few months ago has displayed remarkable energy in the procuring of funds to erect such a handsome edifice in such a short time. Many donations were received from a distance and are still being accepted in aid of the building fund. The church is in good financial standing and a meeting will be held today to discuss the building of a rectory. A new pulpit will arrive shortly from Vancouver, and by summer the grounds around the church will be beautified by the planting of grass, and the erection of a suitable fence.

LATEST WAR NEWS

Hello, Mr. Editor.

Well, what's the trouble?

Why, have you not heard?

Heard what?

That the Salvationists are having an All Night of Prayer at the hall for the salvation of the people of Fernie.

When does this happen to be?

On March the 4th.

Can anybody come?

Oh, yes! but especially the Christians of other churches. We give them a special invitation to come and unite with us in prayer.

Things are looking up in the Army?

Yes, sir We have had quite a number of people converted to God.

I hear you are forming a band?

Yes, we are shaping that way. We have quite a few who know Q from Z, and with a little practice will be able to make a noise.

CITY COUNCIL

The minutes of previous meeting adopted.

A letter from the Carpenters Union was received and filed

Clerk was instructed to send a resolution protesting against the government re-duction in school grants.

The petitions sent by Dr. Fagan were signed by the Council.

Wm. Eschwig's letter was referred to the Fire committee.

The bill from Mr Griffith was referred to the Finance committee

The city engineer was authorised to set grade steaks on Thompson and McEvoy streets.

Ald. Cree gave notice of a street and sidewalk by-law at the next meeting.

S. F. Wallace gave notice of a by-law to repeal by-law No. 6.

Aldermen Herchmer, Cree and Tuttle were appointed a committee to investigate the question of a civic hospital and report at an early date.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the daytime.

The Council agreed to memoralize the B C. government to erect forthwith a suitable court house in Fernie, with necessary offices for officials.

The agreement between J S. T. Alexander and the city was approved.

The mayor and clerk were instructed to attach the seal of the city to the retainer of Wilson, Senkler & Bloomfield

Council adjourned till March 3.

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ALONG THE CROW

BLAIRMORE.

From The Times

During the week a large force of men have been put to work clearing off the site and getting out rock for the foundations for the zinc smelter plant being erected at Frank.

R. Steeves, of the Imperial hotel Frank, has lately purchased the Bertau block adjoining his hotel and will have it fitted up as an annex.

T. D. Robinson, of Winnipeg, and M. N. Garland, of New Westminster who examined the Lundbreck coal mine last week reports that there is ten million tons of coal in sight.

The Hill Crest Coal & Coke Co. has obtained a Dominion charter of incorporation, with $500,000 capital, and head office at Montreal. The incorporators are Rufus H. Pope. Compton, Que., G. W. Fowler, M. P., Sussex, N. B., R. A. Pringle, M. P., M. P. Davis, Ottawa, Wm. Farrel, Sherbrook, Que., and C. P. Hill, Frank, Alta.

Wednesday a deal was closed by which an option and bond was secured on the land of Joseph Little on York Creek, about one mile above town, by John F. Wilson. A force of men has been put to work and Mr. Wilson will proceed to open up the extensive fire-clay deposits that exist upon this property. This will mean in a short time a brick-yard and fire-clay manfacturing plant for Blairmore.

During the week the telephones for our new telephone system arrived and as the wire is here and the new building about completed it should not be many days before the connection with all our neighboring towns were made.

Paul Poliski, one of the officials of the National Board of the United Mine Workers of America, and who has been in Coleman for some time helping to adjust the labor trouble in that camp, left after successfully accomplishing his mission for his home in Penns. on Tuesday.

MOYIE

From the Leader

The ladies have postponed their dance in aid of the Fire Brigade to Easter Monday, April 24th.

The semi-annual election of the Moyie Miners union will be held next Saturday, March 4th.

The Moyie Rifle and Gun Club held its first shooting match yesterday afternoon at the site of the Park Mitchell sawmill.

Willie Whitehead while skating last Sunday fell and hurt himself quite seriously. He was taken to the Cranbrook hospital, and is still there, but is recovering and will soon be out again.

Sam Spears, who has been employed by R. Campbell and Co. for several months past, has accepted a position with the East Kootenay Lumber company at Cranbrook. He will be in charge of the company's supply store.

The action of Bert Disney of Moyie in which he claimed $4,000 damages from the Moyie Lumber and Milling Co. for personal injuries received at the company's mill on the 9th of June last, was dismissed with costs at the supreme court sittings in Nelson.

R. E Donally a miner died at the bunkhouse of the upper workings of the St. Eugene mine Thursday night of pneumonia. He had been in the camp only a short time and very little is known of him. He was not a member of the Miners union, or of any society as far as is known. He was buried in the Moyie cemetery today. The Miners Union took charge of his remains and looked after the burial.

Little Elizabeth Shaw, only seven and a half years of age, came all the way from Dalton in Furness, England alone and landed in Moyie this morning in the best of health and her pretty face beaming with smiles. The little girl is a niece of William Stephenson and has been adopted by he and his wife. She had a very pleasant trip and received the best of care and treatment. Before she started out an Odd Fellows' emblem, the three links, was pinned on her coat, and it is needless to say that she was kindly looked after by the members of the order, with whom she came in contact.

Moyie had a close call from being wiped out by fire early Monday morning. About midnight Sunday, the chicken house just to the rear of Desaulnier Bros' log stable was discovered to be on fire, and the flames were making rapid headway. Nearly everyone was in bed asleep, and by the time they were aroused the fire got a good hold on the log stable and the frame building between it and the hotel. For a time it looked as though both the Central and the Moyie hotels were doomed. Fortunately there was a drizzling rain and when the bucket brigade got to work it was not long in getting the fire under control and out. The waterworks were frozen and the bucket brigade alone had to be relied upon. The damage done to the property will not exceed $100.

Dan Mackenzie, an insane man, is at large and is supposed to be hiding from the imaginary pursuers somewhere in the vicinity of Moyie. MacKenzie came from Cranbrook about a week ago and applied to W. R. Stone, who runs the St. Eugene boarding house, for work. Stone gave him a job driving his team and the man seemed all right until Friday morning. Yesterday morning he declared someone was trying to kill him and he came running down the hill like a wild man, jumping over fallen trees and embankments He went into Manhattan hotel and asked Charles Armstrong to hide him. He seemed perfectly sane and Armstrong advised him go to Constable Routh for protection. He left the hotel and when last seen he was headed towards Cranbrook.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Moyie Water Co. was held at the court house Wednesday. J. A. Harvey, president of the company, was not present, so the meeting was presided over by A. P. Macdonald, the vice president. The old board of directors was reelected with the exception of Felix Desaulnier, C. A. Foote taking his place. The directors will hold a meeting in March, at which time they will elect officers for the ensuing year.

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whelan, Mrs. Chenette and Mr. and Mrs. Gougeon attended a dance at Jaffray on Friday evening and report a most enjoyable time.

Silas Baker has leased the baths at Blairmore hot springs and will put them in fine shape for the public. These springs are well known and there is no doubt about the virtues of the water.

Mr. F. G. White has been transferred to the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Fernie. Another man is on his way here to take his place. Mr. White is a conscientious worker and made many friends in Cranbrook by his uniform courtesy to all.

Leroy Sage is still in the hospital at Spokane, where he underwent an operation. He got through the operation all right, but he is still very weak. James McArthur is in charge of Mr. Sage's business in the meantime.

L. M. Proctor of the firm of McDougal & Proctor, of Fernie, was in town several days last week. Mr. Proctor is one of the best known men along the Crow in the lumber business and a more jolly chap never figured on a car of lumber.

Nurse Chambers, formerly of Cranbrook, has accepted a good position with the hospital at Frank.

The Standard Lumber company's mill is being moved from Mayook to Baker, the name of a new station near Fort Steele Junction.

On Monday evening, March 6th the C. P. R. Quadrille club will give its last dance before Lent. This club has given a number of delightful parties during the season and in all probability this dance will be one of the best.

J. E Arnell, of Jaffray was in town on Thursday. Mr. Arnell has been engaged all winter on a contract with the East Kootenay Lumber company for 10,000 ties, and the other day had over 7 000 of them inspected and in the bunch there only two culls.

Strathcona Plaindealer: While doing business in Strathcona this week Mr. Dan Alton was the guest of his brother here, Mr. J. H. Alton. At Cranbrook the other day, on the eve of Mr. and Mrs. Alton's departure for Calgary, where they will reside, they were called upon by a number of friends. One of the pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of a magnificant silver tea set with tray to Mrs. Alton and a large heavy oak chair trimmed in leather to Mr. Alton, tokens of the esteem in which they are held in Cranbrook.

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A GRAND SCHEME.

Pete McGregor of Kaslo was brought up in the same town as Carnegie, and has a weakness for giving away things. While Carnegie hands out libraries Pete's taste runs to building homes for aged and graftless politicians. Pete has made a fortune in ice and intends when the zinc is off the ground in Kaslo to commence the erection of a home in which all aged, and worn-out politicians, together with all their friends can live until they die, without hunting for pap barrels or snatching the crumbs from some chap with a government graft. The scheme is a noble one and plainly shows that that grand old Scotchman, Pete McGregor, has a heart in his formation big enough to hang a telephone on, and the nation will bless him with double-leaded prayers if he builds one in every county in Canada.

The home in Kaslo will be a grand affair. A switch will be run to it from the railroad so that whiskey by the car load can be run right up to the cellar, and a barrel of old rye will be in every room. A mock parliament will be held every day, and a professor of prevarication together with a juggler of graft and a con-talk orator will be employed so that the inmates will not become rusty with honesty or sick with the ennui that comes with an easy life and plenty of whiskey. Pete does not say what kind of whiskey will be used, but it is more than likely that it will be Scotch. We wish the scheme every success as something like this has long been needed in Canada for many a long day.

LABOR ORATORY.

The workingman of today is a thoughtful student, not easily moved by divine flashes that aim to stir the innermost parts of the heart, says the Seamen's Journal. Deception, often practised by the spontaneous orater of voluble tongue, has taught the toiling masses that it is dangerous to surrender individual thought to others. The best interests of the working man demands a higher grade of oratory, because industrial problems are proven to be the most difficult to solve. Therefore, it requires constant study to obtain full knowledge of the conditions out of which these problems come.

An address to be delivered before an audience of working men should be thought out on careful lines. An intemperate, thoughtless, irrascible, irresponsible address, charged with misstatement of facts, brings forth evil results. The heart should be full of the subject to be presented on any occasion in which working men are interested.

The presentation of facts in a calm, thoughtful manner impresses the mind with lasting effect, where passionate flights of oratory are superficial and fade from the mind once out of reach of the ring of the human voice. To please the vanity is not sufficient to arouse the mind to grasp the eternal truth, in ignoring which the working men have made some costly errors. In order to avoid the same experience, the industrial problems require a profound depth of thought, and words spoken to right and wrongs of man should flow from the soul moved by an inspiration that exalts the mind with lofty purpose.

The boisterous ranting of the crude labor orator is out of place and withers before the wisdom of the new-day orator of bright ideas, with the power to lodge them in fertile minds. It is the quiet, thoughtful advocate with a large fund of knowledge who finds the way to move the untrained mind of the working man.

The intelligence of the latter day toiler enables the working class to appreciate a well out lined effort. Public speaking is not for entertainment alone, but to instruct the mind to higher thought and the soul to breathe aspirations for a standard of living that is elevating to mind, soul and body. The living rights of man are too sacred to be lightly dwelt upon. The labor problem is worthy of our very best thought. To deny it is treachery.

DEFECTS IN MODERN BREAD.

I was informed a few weeks ago by a gentleman who owns large flour mills that the craze for white bread is being carried to such extremes that many millers are putting in expensive machinery for the purpose of actually bleaching the flour, says a correspondent of the London Times.

This is being done by ozone and nitrous acid, the object being to make an artificially white bread and to enable grain to be used which would otherwise give a darker color to the flour.

The development of the grading process during the last few years has been such that the old-fashioned stones have been replaced by steel rollers actuated under great pressure.

The germ and other nutritive constituents of the wheat are thus to a great extent abstracted and the valuable character of the bread greatly reduced.

It is the opinion of many who can speak with authority on the subject that bread, instead of being, as formerly, the "staff of life," has become to a great degree a indigestible, non-nutritive food, and that it is responsible, among other causes, for the want of bone and for the dental troubles in the children of the present generation.

It is doubtless true that the variety of food now obtainable in a measure compensates, in the case of those who can afford it, for this abstraction of phosphates; but I think I am justified in stating that every medical man, if asked, will give it as his opinion that very white bread should be avoided and that "seconds" flour, now almost unprocurable, should only be used for bread or pastry.

WHOLESALE MATERNITY

It has remained for an Italian woman to break all maternity records. She has, in the course of 19 years of wedlock, become the mother of 62 children. This extraordinary attainment is vouched for by many creditable witnesses who testified to its truth in a petition before the Italian government asking for the woman a yearly pension of $370. Of these children 59 are boys and three girls. Eleven times in succession in nine years, the prolific female gave birth to triplets, three times four boys arrived at one birth and once five boys and a girl. The other twelve were born single but very close together.

Recruits for the Bench.

"Canada's judiciary is fast becoming a happy hunting ground for lawyers who are politicians enough to get into parliament and lawyers enough to do the worst sort of partisan chores for their leaders when they are in parliament."—Toronto Telegram.

In connection with which it may be noted that the following judges have been appointed from among Liberal members of parliament since 1896.

Judge Lister, Judge F. Forbes, Judge Lavergne, Judge Choquette, Sir L. Davies, Judge Britton, Judge Forin, Judge Desmarais, Judge Fraser, Judge Madore, Judge Russell, Judge Morrison, Judge Champagne, Judge Carroll.

Both Talking at Once.

Mrs. Jawkins—I've been trying to talk to Mary over the telephone, but I could not understand half she said.

Mr. Jawkins—You'll find it easier if you were to talk one at a time my dear.

Doubting Thomas.

"Whisky" roared the temperance lecturer has filled more graves than anything else in the world.

What's the matter with the doctors? queried a small voice from the gallery.

A Man's Opinion.

Lady customer—Do you think that a photograph of a woman in order to be good should necessarily be deceiving?

Photographer—If it is a true likeness—yes.

With the Minstrels.

Bones—Say, I've got something that will tickle you.

Interlocutor—What is it Mr. Bones?

Bones—A feather.

NOT LIKE FERNIE.

A Chicago telephone girl says the men of that city are polite indeed when compared with the society women. In the experience of several years only one man has used profane language to her over the phone, while the high society women do not hesitate to use profanity at her when informing that the line is busy" She says further that the highbred dames and dowagers frequently cuss each other out over the wires in language that would cause the arrest of any man if used on the street! And this in Chicago, centre of culture in the west!

Feminine Suspicion.

Husband—You don't treat me like Smith's wife treats him.

Wife—How does she treat him?

Husband—Why, she puts her arms around his neck and almost loves him to death.

Wife—Yes, and she'll probably succeed in the course of time. He recently had his life insured for $10,000 in her favor.

It Banishes Flies.

Place in every room this mixture: Half a teaspoonful of white pepper, one teaspoonful of brown sugar, and one of cream. If cream is not available, use strong green tea well sweetened.

Plan German Theatre.

The 150 German societies of San Francisco are planning to erect a magnificent structure that will furnish a theater, a large assembly hall meeting rooms, a library, classrooms and clubrooms.

The B[illegible]edding.

Hask[illegible] who was the best [illegible]ding?

Willo[illegible] seemed to be feeling [illegible] see it was all profit for him and no risk whatever.—Boston Transcript.

It is related that Dr. Tanner, the eccentric M. P. for Cork, having dined not wisely, but too well, went up to the late Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett in the lobby of the House of Commons and abruptly remarked "You're a fool." Sir Ellis fixed him with his eyeglass and, in disgusted tones, replied, "You're drunk." I suppose so retorted the Irishman, "but then I'll be sober to-morrow"—in the most plaintiff tone; then, in a crescendo of scorn, "whereas you always will be a fool." Moreover as Tanner slouched down the lobby he was heard to say: "If I do get a headache, I've got a head to have it in, not a frame on which to hang an eyeglass."

Mrs Giddy—I thought you were entirely satisfied with your hat.

Mrs. Dresser—So I was until my husband got the bill.

Mrs. Giddy—Oh, why should his growling worry you?

Mrs. Dresser—But that was the trouble; he didn't growl at all, showing that I might easily have got a more expensive one.—Philadelphia Press.

The woman I marry, he said must look upon me as the greatest man in the world. Oh well, she answered, you may find one. When a woman loves she is not only blind, but absolutely devoid of sense. Chicago Record Herald.

Ned—I don't see why you should feel insulted because your eyes were like stars. Bess—You don't? Why stars keep winkin' at you all the time.—Philadelphia Press.

"Are you looking for work?" No, answered the poor but candid man. "I'm looking for employment, but I'm willing to work, because I can't get it otherwise."

Mrs. Fondmatter—Doctor, my daughter sits and gazes at that mirror for hours at a time. I can't get her to take exercise. Dr. Bruff—Well I prescribe another mirror at the other end of the room.

"Their pay is shockingly small for some of our public officials," said the broad minded man. "Yes" answered the cynic: "but it averages up, some of the public officials are shockingly small for their pay."

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WHY IS PNEUMONIA RIFE.

At the present time pneumonia is claiming its victims by thousands, and other thousands of otherwise intelligent people are ascribing it to a mysterious dispensation of Providence, or, in fact, to any cause other than their own criminal neglect of common sanitary precautions. Disease never comes by chance. Do not blame Providence. It is a mean evasion of your own responsibility in the matter. Why is pneumonia rife? Walk along the streets and examine the houses. See if you can detect an open window. Possibly some of them may have been open for a few minutes at some early period of the day, and those few minutes are supposed to admit a sufficient supply of fresh air for the day in a dwelling where the air should be changed three times an hour. But no, people are so afraid of fresh air that they take every precaution to exclude it from their dwellings and breathe over and over again the foul exhalation from various bodies, cleanly and otherwise. Is it any wonder that systems become so debilitated by this poisoning process that they fall an easy prey to the pneumococus? The baneful effects of this imbecile practice are still further enhanced by the almost universal gastronomic folly of excessive eating. In hot weather the system naturally rebels against an excess of rich and highly seasoned foods, but in winter the appetite naturally increases, and an excess of food is partaken of, the result being fermentation and an increased poisoning af the blood—the very fountain of life. When will the people at large learn prudence in the matter of health? Is it any wonder that pneumonia is exacting such a heavy toll while this criminal disregard of hygienic and sanitary laws is so widespread.

Fifty Cents fed Family.

New York.—To maintain herself and her six children, Mrs. Natale Deprado, Hoboken, was given just fifty cents a day by her husband. She told Recorder Stanton yesterday, and arranged the following menu to explain how she did it:—

Breakfast	
Two loaves of bread and coffee......	.15
Dinner	
Garlic and macaroni...............	.15
Fat pork and stale bread...........	.20
Total	.50

She declared she was kept on this allowance for months, while her husband saved $5,000. "I have not tasted meat in five months," she declared, "because the father of the children vows he will save $5,000 more."

The husband finally agreed to give his wife $1 a day to maintain her. family.

Take Census with Beads.

The recent census of the natives in the Transvaal with beads. Each headman was furnished with a number of beads of different colors and twine on which to string them. A big black bead represented an adult married native, a big yellow bead a grown single man, a big blue bead a married woman, and a white bead a woman over fifteen years old. A small yellow bead stood for a boy and a small white bead for a girl.

Brahmin's Proverbs Popular.

The old English proverb writers used Pilpay's proverbs very largely—in fact if it was not for the old Brahmin there would be many fewer English proverbs than there are. The proverbs have been translated into every European language and into many Asiatic tongues—Persian, Malay, Mongolian, Afghan; they are the proverbs of the world.

Dr. W. W. Keen, the Philadelphia surgeon, has a number of scrap books filled with anecdotes about physicians. These anecdotes are odd, from the fact that they all throw upon physicians a most unflattering light. To illustrate their character, Dr. Keen quoted one of them recently. A physician was driving through the street, he said. A friend stopped him. Doctor said the friend anxiously, have you heard that horrible story about Williamson? No said the doctor. What story is that. A story to the effect that he was buried alive. Buried alive? said the doctor. Impossible. He was one of my patients.

Difference in Farming Methods.

The average gross returns per acre from cultivated land in this country is only $10.50 per acre, and from land devoted to the growing of cereals but $8.02 per acre. In Great Britain the extensive system of farming has brought the average gross returns up to within the neighborhood of $30 per acre.

Varying Views on Red Hair.

In Spain red hair is abhored, on the ground that it is "Judas hair"—Judas Iscariot having been supposed to possess fiery locks. On the other hand, in New Zealand a redhaired woman is considered on the right road to paradise by the Maories.

Bess—I have a pain about my heart. Jess—It wouldn't be much of a pain even if it went all the way around your heart.

WHAT IS SLAVERY?

Horace Greely, that great journalist and statesman of his time, wrote the following paragraphs in a letter to a national convention of Abolitionists that was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the year 1845.

"Let me state what I conceive to be Human Slavery:

"1. Whenever certain human beings devote their time and thoughts mainly to obeying and serving other human beings, and this not because they choose to do so, but because they must, there (I think) is slavery.

"2. Wherever human beings exist in such relations that a part, because of the positions they occupy and the functions that they perform, are generally considered inferior class to those who perform other functions, or none, there (I think)is slavery.

"3. Wherever the ownership of the soil is so engrossed by a small part of the community that the far larger number are compelled to pay whatever the few may see fit to exact for the privilege of occupying and cultivating the earth, there is something like slavery.

"4. Wherever opportunity to labor is obtained with difficulty, and is so deficient that the employing class may virtually prescribe their own terms and pay the laborer only such as they choose of the product, there is a very strong tendency for slavery.

"5. Wherever it is deemed more reputable to live without labor than by labor, so that a 'gentleman' would be rather ashamed of his descent from a blacksmith than from an idler or mere pleasure seeker, there is a community not very far from slavery, and,

"6. Wherever one human being deems it honorable and right to have other human beings mainly devoted to his or her convenience or comfort, and thus to live, diverting the labor of these persons from all productive or general usefulness to his or her own special uses, while he or she is rendering or has rendered no corresponding service to the cause of human well-being, there exists the spirit which originated and still sustains human slaaery.

THE FAIR SEX.

The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink together.—Tennyson.

Earth's noblest thing, a woman perfected.—Jas. Russel Lowell.

Woman is the masterpiece.—Confucius.

Women teach us repose, civility and dignity.—Voltaire.

All that I am my mother made me.—John Quincy Adams.

There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.—Lamartine.

If woman lost us Eden, such as she alone restore it.—Whittier.

The world well tried—the sweetest thing in life.
Is the unclouded welcome of a wife.
—N. P. Willis.

All the reasonings of men are not worth one sentiment of women.—Voltaire.

O, woman! lovely woman! Nature made to temper man; we had been brutes without you.—Otway.

Women admire strength without affecting it; men delicacy without returning it.—Jean Paul.

Woman is the Sunday of man; not his repose only, but his joy, the salt of his life —Michelet.

As for the women, though we scorn and flout 'em,
We may live with, but cannot live without 'em. —Dryden.

Japanese Never Conquered.

Speaking of the Japanese, Voltaire said it was the only nation that had never been conquered. In the thirteenth century the Japs repulsed 107000 Mongolians in a naval welfare. They fought with success in Korea, and China, and Dr. Bertillon says that they are invincible on account of their Jiu-Jutsi.

A Record in Trees.

The largest tree in the world is to be seen at Mascali, near the foot of Monnt Etna, and is called "The Chesnut Tree of a Hundred Horses." Its name rose from the report that Queen Jane of Aragon; with her principal nobility, took refuge from a violent storm under its branches. The trunk is 264 feet in circumference.

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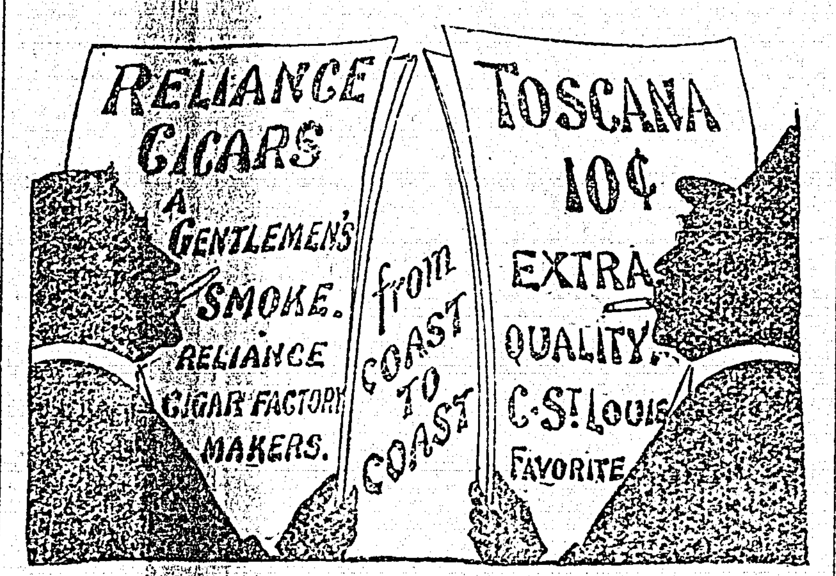

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NOTICE OF TRANSFER

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Fernie for a transfer of my liquor license for the premises known as the Queen's Hotel situate on Lot 10, Block 21, in the said City from myself to William A. Ross.

February 21, 1905. A. P. CHENETTE

ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the "Creditor's Trust Deeds Act, 1901" and Amending Acts, that Archibald Mathieson of Fernie, B.C. lately carrying on business as GORDON & MATHIESON, Jewellery Merchants, at Fernie by deed bearing date the 21st day of February, A. D. 1905, assigned all the real and personal property credits and effects of the said Gordon & Mathieson and of the said Archibald Mathieson for the benefit of all creditors of the said Gordon & Mathieson and Archibald Mathieson, unto Gerald George Moffatt of Fernie, B.C., accountant. Every person claiming to be entitled to rank on the estate must furnish to the assignee particulars of his claim proved by statutory declaration and such vouchers as the nature of the case admit of, and state whether he holds any security for the same or any part thereof, and the value of such property, on or before the 31st day of March, A.D. 1905, after which date the assignee will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the creditors of whose claims he shall then have received notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Archibald Mathieson will be held on the 7th day of March, 1905, at 3 p.m. at the office of Messrs Eckstein & Lawe, Cuthbert Block, Victoria Avenue, Fernie, B.C.

Dated this 21st day of February, A.D. 1905.

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LANDS AND WORKS

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reservation established in pursuance of the provisions of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1890," notices of which were published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, and 5th June, 1896, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

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

W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 23rd February, 1905.

NOTICE

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a Certificate of Title to Lots 19 and 20, Block 9 in the Town of Fernie (Map 754).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned Lots in the name of Stephen Francis Wallace, which Certificate is dated the 25th day of November, 1903, and numbered 2944A.

H. F. MACLEOD, District Registrar.

Land Registry Office, Nelson, B.C. 9th February, 1905.

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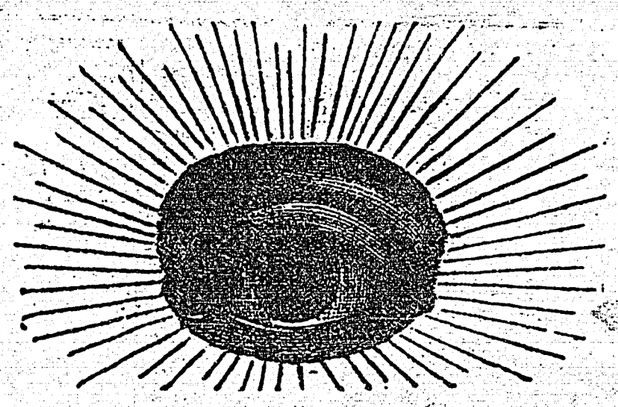

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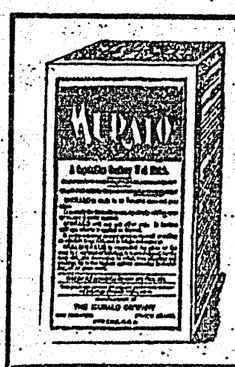

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MEN'S OUTFITTERS

LATEST BY WIRE

St. Petersburg,—Next Saturday is the anniversary of the emancipation of the serfs and rumor has it that the day has been set for notable events.

Chicago,—Dr. Harper of the University of Chicago was operated on the other day for cancer and is improving rapidly.

San Francisco,—In a fight here tonight Battling Nelson defeated Young Corbett in the ninth round.

Mudken,—Fighting is in progress today along the whole line, the Japanese attacking everywhere. All attacks were beat off and the Russians made counter attacks in many places. The Russians have seized the head of the bridge across the Shakhe River in the centre of the Japanese lines. Ten determined attacks opposite Yansintung were all repulsed with heavy loss.

Victoria,—The Esquimalt naval station was formally abandoned by the British government today.

THE SULLIVAN SMELTER.

Smelting at the new plant of the Sullivan Group Mining company, at Marysville, should start with the first furnace about March 1. The second furnace—a duplicate of the first, with a capacity of 200 tons of lead ore daily—is expected to be running March 15. The last of the machinery is on the road, and cold weather is the only thing expected to delay operations.

At the mine, near Kimberley, about 85 men are at work on development and stoping. When the smelter starts its first furnace the crew should be increased to about 90 miners. The tramway 6300 feet long connecting the mine with the Canadian Pacific railway, is running and ore is being moved. The bins are complete, and ore is being crushed, while the shipments of about a car of silicous ore are being received daily from the Quip mine at Republic, Wash. The Quip has a contract with the Sullivan for supplying all the silicious ores required.

Lime ore for flux is being received from the Hunter V mine near Ymir B. C. It is a low grade silver product.

A feature of the smelter will be the new Haberlin converter. It is being tried experimently by the American Smelting and Refining Co. at its Pueblo Col., plant. The converter for the Sullivan, which was made in Spokane, is designed to reduce the sulphur and facilitate the free extraction of the zinc.

The crude ore runs about 15 to 25 per cent sulphur. It is crushed coarse and is roasted in a revolving machine to cut down the sulphur charge to 8 per cent Then it is further converted in the Haberlin plant by a hot blast which heats the ore almost to fusion and cuts down the sulphur charge to 4 per cent. The ore instead of being reduced to fine annuals, as is done in most roasters, is left in good sized pieces much like coke and the removal of the sulphur leaves air passages all through its texture. It is fed into the smelting furnace without the expense of briquetting.

In the smelting furnace fusion is secured with about twice the speed of the old time methods since the blast is swept right through the porous ore. There are only two products from the smelter—the silver-leed bullion and the iron-zinc sulphur slag. The third product—a sort of middlings made from slag mixed with lead—which is produced in smelting practice under ordinary conditions is avoided.

It is not expected the Sullivan will engage in custom smelting for the present at least.

It will take some time to get the plant into the most economical working order.

There is a vast reserve of ore in the Sullivan mine that runs about 83 per cent in lead and 14 ounces in silver.

Superintendent Weeks is in charge of the smelter. He is an old smelter man with a large experience in western plants. The Sullivan Group company is controlled by Charles Sweeney, George Turner and the Federal Mining and Smelting company.—Prospector.

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At the Kootenay Saloon in Sandon you do not need an introduction to get a drink. Put the price on the bar and the mixer will do the rest.

Palm Tree Wine.

The natives of Ceylon make a kind of wine by tapping palm trees and allowing the sap to ferment in vessels attached to the trees. A species of parrots (Coryllis indicus) has discovered that this sap tastes good, and parrots are frequently found drunk near the trees.

Last Saturday the people of Cranbrook were shocked to hear of the death of "Tim" Love, one of the best known characters in South East Kootenay. He had been in poor health for some time, but still it was not thought that he was near death's door. He passed away easily and quietly and is now at rest. Timolean Love was 77 years of age. He was born in Lancaster, Ky., and was a veteran of the Mexican war, and for which he drew a pension from the United States government to the time of his death. A strange coincidence, Gen. Lew Wallace, the author of "Ben Hur," and a Mexican war veteran, died the same day, and there are only a few of them left. Mr. Love has visited most of the mining fields of the world and for years had been a respected citizen of this district.

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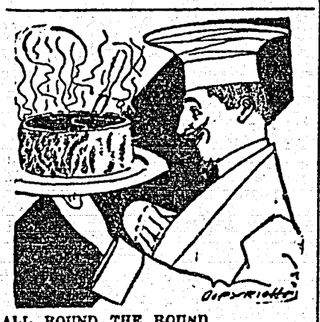

ALL ROUND THE ROUND of luscious roast beef the appetizing odors escape and the rich brown gravy trickles temptingly to the dish. That is the kind of roasts our beef produces. Tender, juicy, nourishing. It will make you brainy and brawny

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