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LIFE IN FERNIE

Walker's Comedians played to a fair audience in Stork's Opera House Monday night.

The new brick hotel for Wm. Tuttle of the Royal will be finished and opened in about four weeks.

The circulation of THE LEDGE is still climbing at the rate of a hundred a week. The limit is a million.

The Conservative meeting called for Saturday evening was adjourned without any business being transacted.

The west bound train has acquired the very unfortunate habit of being from one to five hours late each day.

Colonel Lowery is calling on his Slocan friends this week. If they are not pleased to meet him, they will be relieved when he gets through with them.

Rev. John Robson, B. A., visits Morrissey and Coal Creek this week to attend the quarterly meetings of the Methodist missions under his charge in those places.

On Friday evening Fernie Aerie No. 561, F. O. E., will give an invitation smoker in their new hall, Todd block, when an excellent musical programme will be rendered.

A meeting will be held this evening in Stork's Opera House in the interests of the Conservative candidate. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, Wm. Blackmore, M. E., and others will speak.

The man Connor, who had a slight unpleasantness with some Japanese at Jaffray a couple of weeks ago, is still at large, although the C. P. R. detectives are doing their utmost to locate him.

The new Bank of Commerce building is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupation in the course of a few weeks. It is one of the handsomest, though not the largest, bank structure in the interior.

The public school teachers of Fernie and other portions of East Kootenay are this week rusticating in Cranbrook and devising ways and means by which the youth of the district may be educated up to the intelligent use of the ballot.

Great Northern steel is now laid to the Elk river, on the outskirts of the city and pile driving has been commenced on the bridge crossing the river. In a few weeks regular trains will be running from the main line into Fernie

Mrs. Marion Rutherford, Dominion organizer for the W. C. T. U., will speak in the Methodist church Thursday evening on questions affecting work being done by the organization. Admission free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

The shack owners on McPherson avenue have been given thirty days by the city council in which to transfer their buildings and "household gods" to some other portion of this province where unoccupied lots are more plentiful and the population is less numerous.

F. J. Dunn left for Coleman, Alta., Wednesday, where he is proprietor of the Coleman hotel. He states that 107 coke ovens have already been built at Coleman, and a number of these are manufacturing coke, and shipments are being regularly made to the Boundary smelters.

There will be a meeting of Fernie Lodge No. 47 I. O. O. F. tomorrow evening, Thursday, 10th instant, at [illegible] Third degree will be put on. This will be the first degree work done by the lodge since the fire, and a large attendance is requested.

The curfew bylaw was finally passed at the meeting of the city council Friday night. The school bell will be rung at 8 o'clock each evening, after which hour it would be advisable for youths under 14 years of age to be safely housed or keep their weather eye open for the city police. The bylaw goes into force on the 14th inst.

The local K. of P. had a very successful meeting Friday evening of last week. Since the fire the order has been somewhat demoralized, only two meetings having been held since that time. Friday night it was decided to hold an open meeting on the evening of the 26th inst., to which all knights in the district are invited.

The hardwood flooring for the new Waldorf hotel arrived this week and is being laid. Work has been delayed on the building for some weeks owing to the Winnipeg firm not fulfilling its contract for the flooring, and finally the material had to be purchased in Calgary. The building will be ready for occupation in a few weeks.

The new provincial residence in Fernie is about completed. It is a substantial structure. Some of the rooms are made exceptionally strong, with a view to keeping brawlers and toughs from breaking in and intruding on the retirement of the regular boarders. The regulations governing the conduct of patrons of the institution are somewhat strict, but where seclusion is the main object of the residents this will not detract from its popularity.

CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting of the city council Friday night there were present Mayor Stork, and Aldermen Beck, Cree, Liphardt, Lundie and MacLean. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

A petition was presented from forty residents of the city, praying for the opening up of a drain north of the skating rink. On motion of Aldermen Liphardt and MacLean the request of the petitioners was complied with, and a committee composed of Messers. Beck, Lundie and Cree was appointed to see that the work was done in a satisfactory manner.

The finance committee presented the following report, which, on motion of Aldermen MacLean and Lundie, was adopted:

October payroll	$350 00
Crow's Nest Trading Co.	6 71
J. R. McEwing	5 70
Calgary Cattle Co.	4 60
Dr. Higgings	4 00
Trites-Wood Co.	5 15
Sheppard & Elliott	1.66
A. Stork	15 30
A. H. Cree	25 00
J. A. MacLean	34 24
Fernie Cartage Co.	5 00
Canada Law Book Co.	9 40
Jas. Wallace	6 00
Provincial government, board	4 27
Total	$488 43

On motion of Alderman Liphardt and MacLean, by-law No. 5 was reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman MacLean, seconded by Alderman Lundie, that age in by-law be changed from 12 to 14 years. Committee rose and reported by-law as amended.

Moved by Aldermen Beck and Lundie that by-law No. 5 be adopted as amended in committee and finally passed.

In reference to the enforcement of by-law No. 5, it was moved by Aldermen Cree and Lundie, that school bell be rung every evening at hours specified, and that by-law go into force and effect on November 14, 1904; and also that the bylaw be published in local papers.

[illegible] other refuse on River avenue was discussed, and on motion of Aldermen Beck and Lundie, the clerk was instructed to have proper notices put up along river bank on avenue, prohibiting the dumping of refuse.

The question of removal of squatters on McPherson avenue was taken up. Moved by Alderman Beck, seconded by Alderman Cree, that city solicitor be instructed to notify squatters that they must remove shacks from avenue within thirty days.

The resignation of poundkeeper, Jas. Wallace, was handed in. Moved by Aldermen Cree and Lundie, that resignation be accepted, and the police jailer be instructed to act until another poundkeeper is appointed.

Council then adjourned.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Roosevelt swept the country today. The indications are that the Republican majority in the next house of representatives will be at least forty. The President has issued a message of thanks to the people. In it he declares that under no circumstances will he be a candidate or accept another nomination. The result was so plainly apparent that at 8:30 Judge Parker telegraphed from Esopus to President Roosevelt as follows:

"The people by their votes have emphatically approved your administration, and I congratulate you."

President Roosevelt replied: "I thank you for your congratulations."

The latest returns from New York state and city shows that Roosevelt's plurality is about 26,500. The legislature is overwhelmingly Republican.

The Republicans, so far as returns have been received, have 293 electoral votes, the Democrats 151, and 32 doubtful.

Forward and Back Again

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 9.—General Sakharoff reports that the Japanese vanguard assumed the offensive on November 7. They drove the Russians back, but the latter subsequently recaptured their original line.

The Commission

PARIS, Nov. 9.—Admiral Fournier will represent France on the international commission. The fifth commissioner will likely be a Spanish admiral. The meeting of the commission will be private, an official summary being issued each day.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Jim Vallance is running a hardware store in Vernon.

It would appear that the Tories could not even get Barden room in Halifax.

Billy Jost has quit Poplar and gone back to the cattle ranges of Wyoming territory.

John Houston will be a candidate for the mayorally in Nelson next January.

After a residence of 14 years Frank Teetzel has quit Nelson and gone to Winnipeg with David Bogle.

After the way the election went in Nova Scotia we have lost our faith in the traditional virtues of a fish diet.

A government is seldom defeated in a prosperous country. The love of money rules more than the love of party.

All indications point to a great boom in Fernie next spring, or; possibly this winter. We are not in favor of booms as the after effects prove disastrous to a town, and it is better to go a little slower and last longer.

The liberality of the present Dominion government bodes future trouble to this great Canada of the Grand Trunk Pacific's. No country is safe when the teeter is all one side. Canada would be much safer with a majority of 20 Grits instead of over 70.

The editor will return to Fernie this week and proceed to make this one of the most interesting papers on the American, or any other continent. As the ciculation is limited to a million it is advisable to get your name early as possible on the subscription list.

The cost of dredging placer ground naturally varies considerably, according to the conditions. The cost in New Zealand is about 2 cents a cubic yard. One dredging company in that country paid annually dividends of about $10,000 out of ground that went one and one half grains of gold per cubic yard of gravel. The gravel was worth about 6.2 cents per cubic yard.

Fine Miners for Quitting

For stopping work on Murton colliery, Seaham Harbor, England, without notice on three dates in August, 148 miners have been fined $1.25 each a day damages and condemned to pay costs of court.

NEWS OF POPLAR.

George Matthews and his crew are down from the Spyglass mine, which closed down for the winter.

Lardo has not fully recovered from the effects of the wedding celebrated there on Wednesday, 26th ult.

E. L. Morand left Monday for a pleasure trip through the Okanagan, via Trout Lake and Arrowhead.

The Poplar sawmill has closed down for the winter. Low price of lumber in the Northwest is the cause.

John Y. Cole struck ore in the tunnel of the Mother Lode Thursday, and reports the property steadily improving with development.

The Handy group is now being worked by contract, Paul Blanchard having been awarded the first 150 feet of tunneling the past week.

Halloween was celebrated by a surprise party to Gust at the Grand. Dancing was kept up until 4 or 5 a. m. and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

POPLAR, B. C., Nov. 5.—A. Jenczewsky and Wegener of Butte, Mont., were in Poplar during the past week. They examined several properties on Poplar and Rapid creeks, taking a quantity of samples. They were favorably impressed with the camp, and left Monday for Trout Lake and Camborne.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held in the city churches next Sunday as follows:

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Early service 8 a. m., with short instruction in two languages; high mass at 10:30 a. m., with instruction in two languages; Sunday school at 2:30; evening service, 7:30 p. m., with instruction. Service each morning at 8 o'clock. REV. FATHER COCOLA, Priest in charge.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

In Opera House, at 11 a. m., matins and sermon; evensong and sermon, 7:30 p. m; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. REV. E. R. BARTLETT, M. A., Rector.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.: Sabbath school at 12 noon.

METHODIST.

Corner of Pellatt avenue and Wood street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m. REV. J. ROBSON, B. A., Pastor.

BAPTIST.

Baker street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Bible school 12:10 p.m. Subjects for Sunday, Nov. 13: Morning, "The Shepherd Psalm;" evening, "Is the Bible Inspired?" REV. C. R. G. PARR, Pastor.

Some of the rarest minerals are those of lead ores. A choice crystallized specimen of mendipite is worth its weight in gold. Lanarkite specimens are scarce, and also are caledonite, leadhillite, karyinite, kentrolite and a dozen others, all sought for eagerly by mineral collectors and at prices in instances beyond their weight in gold.

The total production of gold from the mines of the world for 410 years, or since there has been any record of the same kept, is officially given at $10,693,236,302. The total production of gold from the mines of the United States since its discovery is given at $2,539,503,140. Of this the Eastern and Southern states produced $32,492,648, leaving $2,507,010,492 as the amount of gold produced by the mountainous country west of the meridian of Denver.

To the young, unmarried, desirable man of good habits and fine prospects who is pondering the problem: Do college women marry? Ask one of them.—Minneapolis Times.

He climbed the ladder, round by round,
By sticking to his craft;
His brother William got up, too—
He was sent up—for graft.

The Strategy of Eden.

Adam waxed sarcastic. "If they want Port Arthur to fall," he snarled, "why don't they offer it an apple."

With a vicious kick at the ichthyosaurus he passed into the darkness.

The Chinese still make the best India Ink.

The Wise Vegetarian.

Nebuchadnezzar calmly chewed.
"I know what I'm about," said he;
"watch me capture the hayseed vote."

There was a man in a canoe
Who rocked it; and when he was tipped
They dragged all the lake
For his form with a rake;
It was all there was for them to doe.

Case of Life and Death.

Richard Mansfield was dining one day with a friend, a story writer. The writer took from his pocket a letter and tapped it with his finger.

"I've heard curious requests, he said, but I never heard or imagined such a one as this fellow makes. He's a consumptive out in Arizona, and evidently doesn't expect to live much longer. Listen to this:

"Dear Blank: I've read the first chapters of your serial story in a magazine. Can you send me a manuscript copy of the whole thing? Pardon this unusual request, but I've got to see the finish of that tale before I pass out."

CRANBROOK

(From the Hearld.)

The main street of this town should be fixed up before snow comes. There are some places that need repairing badly.

Mr. King, principal of the schools, is patriotic in the extreme. He has the Union Jack flying night and day from the flag pole at the school house.

A recent marriage in this district showed the bride's name as Helmore. There are some pessimistic bachelors who would see something suggestive in that name connected with matrimony.

Cranbrook has today as fine a bunch of attractive bachelors as were ever led to slaughter at the matrimonial altar. But they are wary. We are begining to believe that they are afraid the ladies are after their money.

The man who got and made enemies talking politics was a fool. Every man is entitled to his opinion, but no man has a right to insist that his side is right and the other fellows are thieves and scalawags. This is a new age and a new order of things.

We were amused at one individual who was asked for his photograph for the Hearld's annual edition. He told us with considerable unction that he could not think of permitting a picture of himself to appear in the newspaper, and within ten minutes he was in Prest's studio arranging to have his photo taken. The newspaper man sees a lot of funny things in this world, but says nothing.

To illustrate the danger of using the water from the surface wells in town for domestic purposes, it might be said that the men digging the ditches for the water works found place where the stench wass so trong that they had to get out for relief. The formation of the ground on this flat makes it possible for all sewerage to run through the gravel, and naturally all surface wells on the flat are little better than cess pools. The persons who use that water for domestic purposes are taking their lives in their hands.

Some two months ago when Superintenden Stocks, of the water company, said that they would have the water in the pipes by the first of November. He made a close estimate, as it was 7 o'clock on the night of the 31st when the water reached the town districts. The dam is not completed, but it is far enough advanced so that the water will flow into the take all right. There is great haste now in getting the connections made before frost will make it necessary to cease that kind of work. There are many applicants and Mr. Stocks is endeavornig to meet all the demands made upon him in this respect.

Notes.

Fred. J. Mitchell left this morning for Nelson, where he has a match tomorrow with Renwick. The distance is 100 yards and the stakes $500. Of course the people of Fernie expect Fred to win.

W. J. Blundell, the People's Grocer, has moved into his new premises in the postoffice block, where he is prepared to furnish the public with the choicest groceries.

Last night the proprietors of the Napance hotel arranged for special messages and furnished the returns of the U. S. elections to patrons of the house.

A banquet was held last evening in the Napance hotel by the newly instituted Royal Arch Chapter. About twenty five guests sat down to an excellent repast, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

[illegible] tickets to and from all stations west of Port Arthur including Kootenay Lake and river steamer landings at fare and one third for the round trip. On sale [illegible] Nov. 11th.

Mrs Subbubs—Why don't you take the lawn mower down the celler and put it away.

Mr. Subbubs—Because, if I do I'm sure to see the furnace and I'm trying [illegible] things.

THE ELECTIONS.

The elections throughout the Dominion on Thursday last resulted in a sweeping victory for the Liberal party. The Fernie Liberal association had engaged Stork's Opera House and put in a telegraph instrument, and before 12 o'clock nearly the complete returns had been announced. The victory was so sweeping that the majority of the Liberals present, out of consideration for the feelings of the Conservatives refrained from applause as the returns were announced.

In announcing the returns from the City of Halifax, Mayor Stork expressed his regret at the defeat of Hon. R. L. Borden, and paid a high tribute to the integrity of the leader of the opposition. The mayor also feelingly referred to the election of Joe Seagram in North Waterloo, and stated that although few in the audience were personally acquainted with Mr. Seagram, many were familiar with the brand of goods manufactured by him.

The result of the election was not a surprise to the well-posted politicians, but the returns from Nova Scotia, Manitoba and the Territories took away the breath of many of the Tories present. Following are the returns:

	L.	C.
Ontario	37	49
Quebec	52	12
Nova Scotia	18	0
New Brunswick	7	6
Prince Edward Island	1	3
Manitoba	7	3
Northwest Territories	8	2
British Columbia	5	0
Total	135	75

In British Columbia there are two constituencies in which the elections will be held on the 22nd inst. One of these will go Liberal and possibly both.

At the election in 1900 the parties stood:

	L.	C.
Ontario	37	55
Quebec	58	7
Nova Scotia	15	5
New Brunswick	9	5
Prince Edward Island	3	2
Manitoba	3	4
Northwest Territories	4	0
British Columbia	4	2
Total	133	80

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

The Quebec elections will be held on the 25th inst, and those of Ontario a few weeks later. After the victory of the Liberals in the Dominion last Thursday, and with the party well organized, both premiers have decided to spring the "rush" on the poor Tories of the cent belt.

It will probably be the hotest thing politically that has ever circulated among the alfalfa growers of Ontario. Many a poor farmer who has been on the ragged edge will soon be making inquiries as to the stability of the chartered banks. It is difficult to make an estimate as to the results of the election, as there has been so much ballot-stuffing, bribery and crookedness in the politics of Ontario the pure, that it is a question whether there are any honest voters left in the province, and if honest whether they could not be induced to vote the other way for a consideration. A few years ago Canadians looked upon the campaign methods of politicians in the United States with horror, but now, our political conscience has become modernized, and in Ontario and Manitoba is very much up to date. In Selkirk, Manitoba, on Thursday last some fifty electors were disfranchised by a new method. The deputy returning officer had a voters' list with a red ink mark made across the names of the voters. This was sufficient to disfranchise the electors in the opinion of this very much up-to-date deputy-returning officer, and they were not allowed to [illegible] date politicians have not heretofore been practised in British Columbia to any extent, but results in some of the coast constituencies cannot be placed above suspicion.

Thos. Pogue left this morning to spend a few days in Nelson.

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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.

"ALL things come to him who waits," the old adage says. Eleven years ago we commenced to agitate for the building of a mint in Canada, and we notice in the recent news from Ottawa that work is to be commenced on it next month. A mint is a good investment for any country. It always makes money when kept in operation.

A CITIZEN told us the other day that it would be 51,000 years before the coal was all dug out in Fernie. That being the case we are satisfied that we have at last found a town where the payroll does not pinch every time the moon changes, or some director over in England switches his brand of beer.

THE electric light is the poorest thing in Nelson. It looks like a firefly working half time, but the people have to pay for it just the same, even when they have to light lamps to hunt for it in their homes.

PACKING printing plants is not conducive to the production of editorial matter, and until we get our job at Nelson finished the readers of this journal will not find the editorial page filled to repletion.

A STRANGER in Fernie might easily think that he was in the inferno if he glanced at the coke ovens before he became posted on our great industry.

WE have left our bulldog in Nelson. There is nothing for him to do around the city of black diamonds.

ELECTION NOTES.

Altogether the result of the election is satisfactory to Liberals.

Bob Kelly still appears to be IT in the politics of Vancouver.

The defeat of Taylor in New Westminster was a surprise to all the knowing ones.

Hon. Clifford Sifton's majority in Brandon doesn't give any indication of petering out.

The only redeeming feature in the election of Ralph Smith is the defeat of Clive Phillips-Wooley.

It is said that the member-elect for Victoria never thinks aloud, or otherwise. Fortunate Victoria!

Dr. Sproul, who received 700 majority on Thursday, has represented East Grey for over thirty years.

It is not true that the doorways in the house will have to be enlarged when Duncan Ross goes to Ottawa.

Every person who knows them will be pleased at the election of Frank Oliver and Walter Scott in the Territories.

Jas. McGeer, the Independent candidate in Vancouver, made a good run for an Independent, and came within a thousand votes of saving his deposit.

There is nothing now left for Duncan Ross, the Liberal candidate for Yale Cariboo, but to get a seat in the house near that eminent example of political consistency—the Hon. John Costigan.

From latest returns received it is quite evident that Nova Scotia has gone Liberal. This result would indicate that the government had been liberal towards that province, for the Nova Scotians are a careful and thrifty people.

Every honest elector in Canada will be pleased to know that the Hon. John Costigan will not be compelled to change his party allegiance in the next five years.

Labelle has again elected Bourassa. It is necessary to have M. Bourassa in the house to bring out more distinctly the loyalty of some of the other members.

It is to be hoped that in the next four years a better mail service will be furnished the outlying districts of British Columbia, even if Sir William Mulock has to reduce his annual surplus a few hundred dollars.

It cannot be said that North Toronto conferred a favor on either the Dominion or the Conservative party by the election of George E. Foster. His place could well be filled in the house by an automatic enumerator.

The defeat of Hon. R. L. Borden and A. B. Aylesworth is to be regretted, as both are above dishonest actions, and one half the rascals elected could better be dispensed with than the services of either of these men.

Major Curry, well known in the mining districts of British Columbia, was defeated in Dalton McCarthy's old constituency—North Simcoe—by Leighton McCarthy. In the hot contests years ago between "I Bet You" Cook and Dalton McCarthy the electors in Simcoe became so accustomed to getting paid for voting that since then it is difficult for the people to determine which party is the least corrupt.

The defeat of A. W. Puttee in Winnipeg will ring down the curtain on the Labor candidate who allies himself with either of the old parties. Mr. Puttee was to much of a Liberal to be Labor, and too much Labor to be Liberal. He attempted the impossible task of running with the hare and hunting with the hounds. Ralph Smith must be credited with more foresight. He used the labor element as a stepping-stone towards his entree into the Liberal party. He got off the Labor perch at the right time. A few years ago, as president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, in his opening address, Mr. Smith said: "I have lost faith in the word and the honor of the members of the government." To day we find him elected as a supporter of that government in which he had so little faith. Ralph is the stuff out of which cabinet ministers are manufactured in Canada.

HIGH STAKES

It has been more than a quarter of a century since I touched a card though in my youth the fascination of play was so great that nearly my whole time was passed that way, said R. T. Lestrange. At times I had been very lucky and occasionally made heavy winnings. Then there came a period, which has happened in the life of all who court fickle fortune, when it seemed impossible for me to get into a game without losing. I lost all my ready cash, a productive and well stocked farm, jewelry and every article of personal belonging that could be converted into money, in all about $10,000, and when this had been wiped out I felt the suicidal impulse very strongly. I might indeed have succumbed to it, but I was young and healthy and naturally of buoyant spirits.

In those days one of the great games of the Southern country was seven-up, and the people played it for higher stakes, I imagine, than they do now. One day, when my fortunes seemed at their lowest ebb I met a rich young sugar planter with whom I had often played, and who really liked the excitement of the sport more than he really did the money he might win. In all our previous play, as I remember, he and I had about broke even. What he won from me at one sitting I generally recovered the next, and vice versa.

Though I am sure we had been at it for five or six years, and never missed a session whenever he came to the city, I don't suppose there was $500 difference in all that time. We generally began playing for $10 per game, and often wound up by staking $100 on the result. This day he challenged me as usual and invited me to go with him to his room in the old St. Charles hotel to play. He hadn't the remotest idea of my straitened financial condition, for I still wore as expensive clothes as in my flushest days. Instinctively I felt in my pocket and my hand came in contact with a solitary note; it was a $10 bill and all the money I had on earth. Something whispered to me to go ahead and play my planter friend, but prudence said: Better make an excuse, for if he wins the first game you will be broke, and it will be humiliating to confess your impoverished condition. Besides, he was as good a player as I, and I remembered what bad fortune attended me.

Well, to cut it short, I defied prudence and went with him. If I had been the possessor of the Bank of England I would not have wanted any greater capital than the lone $10 in my pocket. The first game I won and many succeeding ones, and at the end of two hours' play my opponent owed me $2,000. Then he smilingly proposed to play just one more game, which would decide whether he would pay me $4,000 or nothing. In other words he wanted a chance to get even on this one game or else to double his indebtedness. I knew his cheque was good for a good deal more than $4,000, and yet, broke as I was, the $2,000 I had won seemed like a million, and it looked criminal to risk it on a single game. Again something told me to play him and I consented.

In the first two deals he made six points while I had but one, and in my heart I was already cursing my folly for such odds are not beaten once in thousand times. While he thus lacked one point of winning, it was my turn to deal, which made it even worse for me. I turned a club and my opponent led out with a king of that suit promptly, on which I played the ace. He also had the tray, but to his great chagrin I had the deuce. As a result I scored three points, making my total four, while he got nothing. It was now his time to deal and again clubs were trumps. Scanning my hand, I saw it contained the jack and four, and I promptly played. The planter's hand contained not a single trump and so the game went to me, nor did he ask for any further continuance, saying he would be revenged at some future time.

With the $4,000 I thus acquired I shook off the dust of Crescent City, took a solemn vow never to play a card again for money—a vow still unbroken—and going West went into mining in Colorado, where I met with success. But I often wonder what would have become of me if I hadn't won that final game.—Washington Post.

Took Him at His Word.

It was Gerald's tenth birthday. His father and his uncle from Australia were discussing the advantages of life in Australia.

"When you have lived a certain time in Australia you get ten years younger," said the uncle.

Gerald, who was sitting under the table, suddenly called out frightened. "Why, then, I shall be nothing."

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THE DEAD PAY

It is not the usual proceedings to sue a dead man, but such instances have been known. Only recently a dead man by the name of Pierce was sued for something over $5,000, the plaintiff declaring that, having become entitled to a fortune, he was introduced to Pierce, who at once suggested a game of baccaret. They played all night and Pierce won $5,000 and over. The plaintiff acknowledges that he was intoxicated at the time and believed that he had been in the hands of card sharpers. He afterward tried to find Pierce but without success. Finally some months later he chanced to meet with one of the other players from whom he learned that Pierce had committed sucide. He at once commenced action. The judges, however, declared the story to be impossible and said that he could not convict a dead man of the grossest fraud.

Dead men, however, have been found guilty of even worse offences. About 10 years ago a dead man was cited as a co-respondent in a notorious divorce case and his estate was mulcted in damages over $20,000. Similar to that of the Pierce case was one which occured in 1898, when a dead man was sued for $50,000, money won at gambling and at horse-racing. It was argued that the deceased was at the time of the transaction aware that his betting companion must have been getting his money by fraud, since the young man's income was only $750 a year. Hearing that legal proceedings were being taken Dunlop committed suicide. The hearing of the action lasted two days, when a settlement was effected.

A dead sea captain figured as defendant in an important shipping action a few years ago. His vessel, the "Novgrayoff," had run aground, and her valuable cargo was lost. At the hearing of the salvage action it was urged that the captain who lost his life during a storm after the foundering had been guilty of gross negligence and evidence of the most damaging nature was produced against the dead man. The judge in summing up, declared that had the officer been alive he would most certainly have been arrested on a serious charge, and as it was, the plaintiffs won their case.

Among other cases of this discription in England was that of a gamekeeper who was convicted of poaching over the estates of a well known peer. The man, however, protested his innocence and after serving three months' imprisonment took steps to obtain a reconsideration of his case. His efforts were successful, for the real poacher was discovered. But in the meantime the peer had died yet the convicted man forthwith commenced an action for wrongful imprisonment and was awarded $750 against the deceased's estate.

The prosecution against "Lord" Buttrick for obtaining money under false pretenses was proceeded with for several weeks after his death. This man, who had at one time been a valet, suddenly gave himself out to be the heir to a peerage and a fortune. He victimized tradesmen and clergy in the west of England to a remarkable extent. Some days after his arrest he committed suicide. But the hearing of the charges took place on three different occasions afterwards and was only closed when the principal prosecutors refused to offer further evidence under the circumstances.

It is usual, when a defendant has died since the commencement of an action to stop further proceedings, or, in criminal cases, to close the prosecution. When the Forsters in England were tried for long-firm frauds, however, although William the eldest of the three brothers, died in his cell on the second day after his arrest, the whole case went on. This led to a curious and unparalleled error. Sentence of two years' and eighteen months' hard labor was passed on Ralph and Frank respectively. In filling up the papers, the name of William was accidently filled in, with a similar sentence to that passed on Ralph and so a dead man was actually committed to prison.

Too Much For Him

He danced one night with a Boston girl,
[illegible]
He came, you see, from the sunny South,
And he couldn't stand the chill.

Natural For Him

Jack—My barber cut me on the street last night and I felt provoked.

Frank—How careless. He's forever cutting me, too, when he shaves me.

A MIGHTY STEAMSHIP

A most interesting study is afforded by a comparison of the ships. Year by year they grow larger and attain greater speed and carrying capacity.

The great Cunard leviathan, the Brittannia of 1840, had a speed of eighteen knots an hour, a tonnage of 1,154, a horse-power of 440 and a length of 200 feet. She was considered a wonder in those days.

The Baltic of 1871 had 600 horse-power, was 420 feet long, had a speed of thirteen knots an hour and a tonnage of 3,707.

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These floating palaces that cross the ocean carrying thousands of tons of freight and thousands of human lives make ocean travel easy and pleasant and reduce to almost nothing the danger from shipwreck. They are so long that they reach from wave to wave and do not go up and down as do the shorter vessels. They do not roll in the trough of the sea because they are so deep and huge and they can defy the fiercest wrath of Old Neptune.

Laughs and Laughter

Speaking of laughs, the most heart-rending laugh is the laugh of the summer girl that shook you, and is gadding around with some other fellow.

The most demoralizing laugh to the married man, is the laugh of the family doctor when he comes up and slaps the the married man on the back and shouts, "It's twins, old man!"

The most grotesque laugh is that of the fat woman, at a picnic when she's got a pickle in her mouth.

The hollowest laugh is the laugh a man laughs when he sees the necktie his wife has bought him.

The cutest sweetest laugh is the laugh of your best girl. It generally costs a couple of theatre tickets and a dollar or two hack hire, though. The most dangerous laugh is the laugh of a man when he's getting shaved at the barber shop. The most untimely laugh is that of the boy who is making off in the darkness with the dropped watermelon. The most hilarious laugh is the laugh of the fellow who scoops in the stakes on a jack-high bluff.

One of the most comical laughs is that of a person who's got the hives, where the mouth sticks way out to one side and the nose acts as though it was mad about it. The most enjoyable is the laugh that's on some one else. —Ex.

Why He Died.

Cæsar fell at the base of Pompey's statue.

"It was a campaign likeness," they pityingly explained.

Nobody wondered that the mighty Julius had dropped dead.

PIONEER DAYS IN DAKOTA

One of the wildest western towns in 1872 was Yankton, South Dakota. At that time Yankton was the only town in the whole territory. Cowboys paraded the streets with revolvers strapped to their belts and swarmed in and out of the saloons, yelling, cursing and picking quarrels with whomsoever they met, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. It was only by chance that a quiet person succeeded in living in Yankton very long. Olin B. Orton, now of Chicago, was elected prosecutor of the county in which Yankton is situated in 1872. He was the first Democratic prosecutor, and, up to date, I believe, the last ever elected there.

The writer was recently in Chicago, and while stopping there was fortunate enough to make Mr. Orton's acquaintance, and hear several stories related of the wild and wooly West by different parties. In speaking of Yankton, Mr. Orton said:

"Yankton in 1872 was as wide open a town as I ever was in. Indeed, it was not an unusual thing to see a man shot nearly every day, and often more than one person would bite the dust when the town got on a drunk.

"In Yankton there was a tall, rangy specimen of humanity called Toothpick Jim. He was a fugitive from Missouri and would fight on a moment's notice.

"Toothpick Jim got himself into trouble one day. He attempted to kill a girl who had refused his suit. The girl came to me and told her story and the case was set for trial before Judge Brooks.

"The evening before the trial I was walking along the street and met Toothpick Jim. He asked me if I was going to prosecute him. I said that I was. 'If you do,' he said, 'I will kill you.'

'As he said this he placed hand to his revolver.

"At heart Toothpick Jim was a coward and I knew it. His threat made me so mad that I jumped up in the air and cracked my heels together. Then I began and gave him one of the worst rakings a man ever received in his life. I was unarmed, and if he had known it I believe he would have killed me. When I got through he was as mild as a lamb.

"The girl appeared in court the next day. She was dressed up and her hair curled up and kinked all over her head. As soon as I saw her I knew it would useless to go to trial, and I had her go home, change her dress and comb her hair down flat. This she did, and when she came back she looked like a girl much smaller than she was.

"I won the case and Toothpick got 14 years. He was granted a new trial by Judge Brooks and succeeded in having his sentence cut down to two years.

"The judge is still living in Dakota. He is not what we would call a good judge, but he knew how to play poker. He was elected to a second term of office and Toothpick Jim electioneered for him.'

"That reminds me of a big bully known as Big Mike, who a few years ago was the terror of Southern Wisconsin," said P. H. Baldwin, a well known traveling man, who has been in almost every state of the Union. "Big Mike was monarch of all he surveyed, and his rights there were none to dispute. Janesville, Stoughton, Beloit, and Waukesha were his favorite haunts.

"Big Mike was almost always spoiling for a fight, and as he stood six foot six in his stockings and was built like a veritable Hercules, nobody cared to accommodate him in a fight and like Arkansaw in Mark Twains o'er true tale, he traveled chiefly on his bluffs and bad looks.

"One night Big Mike was in a saloon in Waukesha, kept by a German with a patriotic name of Yankee Mike, was hungry for trouble. He insulted everybody present, imposed on the bartender, and made himself a disagreeable nuisance generally.

"Presently a tall gaunt, consumptive looking chap drifted in. He looked as if a stiff breeze would blow him away. He lounged up to the bar and in a voice sweet and deferential as that of a school girl called for brandy and soda.

"Mike staggered up to him and announced his intention to drink at the stranger's expense. The latter paid no attention to him, drank his firewater, and turned away.

"Mike became abusive. He followed him about the room, cussing and making pugilistic demonstrations. Finally, the consumptive looking stranger turned and said:

" 'My Christian friend, you seem to be yearning for a thrashing. Be kind enough to favor me with your address and I will send you home to your family when I get through with you.'

He handed Mike his notebook and pencil, and carefully removed his coat. The audacity of the stranger paralyzed Mike. He tried to crawfish, but the stranger wouldn't have it.

" 'I've heard of you for two years past, and I came to Waukesha especially to whip the insolence out of you,' he said, 'and right here we mix.'

"But they didn't. Mike made a break for the door, and I understand he hasn't been seen in Waukesha since. It was a beautiful bluff. The thin stranger could not have hurt him with a hammer. He died two weeks later of consumption.

"Talk about the tough element—why, it's most generally found in the mining camps, and I'll bet that Creede, Col., knocked them all hollow when it first started," spoke up W. H. Coombs, a member of the Silver King Mammoth mining company.

"Not so many years ago there was but one restaurant in that place. It was in a small log cabin, fitted up with rough wooden tables and chairs. The menu would test the staying qualities, I dare say, of any stomach. The waiters were recruited from the toughest element that had floated into Creede on the first boom. They indulged in all the picturesque slang of the region in filling orders.

"One of the customers was an old gentleman with long flowing beard and grave demeanor, who had doubtless come in from the east. With as much dignity as if he were giving an order in the best New York house, the old gentleman called for a cup of coffee. The waiter, being busy, yelled in a rough voice to another:

" 'Bring in a cup of coffee for Old Whiskers here, quick.

"If a steak were brought in too rare, and a customer asked that it be cooked again, the waiter would yell to the cook:

" 'A little more hell on the steak!'

"Ex-Governor Cooper of Denver sat at a table one day until he grew tired, and rose to leave, when a waiter hallooed:

"'Old man, sit down again, and keep yer boots on—I'll hustle in the grub for you directly.'

"And the governor sat down and waited while he brushed away a drift of snow from the table that had blown in through the chinks in the logs."

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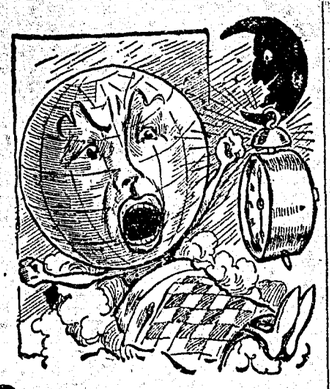

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Candidate Herrick of New York enjoys the unusual privilege of having a son stumping for him, and exhorting the citizens to vote for father for governor.

Mrs. H. H. Linch is carrier on the rural mail route between Elmer and Woodstown, N. J. Several bridges on the road were washed away by a recent storm, making the road impassable by wagon. Mrs Linch is a woman of do or die disposition, so she slung the mail bag over her shoulder and made the trip by bicycle, and thus continued her trips until the bridges were repaired.

Mayor Hayes of Pittsburg is official horse buyer for the city, purchasing all the animals for the police and fire departments, as well as those used in construction of public works. His honor attends to the duties of this position without any assistance, because there is nothing that he likes better than a horse. He is a familiar figure around sales stables, not only in the two cities, but also in towns for many miles around Pittsburg.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is 74. He has reigned for 56 years and has been called upon to stand up against heavier misfortune than any monarch of his time. Defeated in every battle he has fought, driven first out of Italy and then out of Germany, with his heir a suicide and his empress the victim of an assassin, he is still a great monarch, the universal referee of his 18 kingdoms and principalities, with more soldiers, more revenue and more subjects than when he began to reign.

Marquis Oyama is a giant among the Japanese. Six feet tall and weighing nearly three hundred pounds, he is the natural patron of wrestling and of swordsmanship and the idol of the army. Notwithstanding the recent honors won by the foreign trained generals, Kuroki, Oku, Nodzu and Nogi, this representative of the samurai class is the idol of the army, which regards him as the embodiment of the spirit of old Japan. Marquis Oyama is the youngest of the empire builders of Japan, among whom Marquis Yamagata and Marquis Ito are best known. He is now about 62 years of age.

By the Patch.

Mrs. Murray had advertised for a skilled gardner to work by the day in her yard, and somewhat to her embarassment she was obliged to choose between two applicants who appeared at the same moment. As she stood on the doorstep, questioning first one and then the other, she became aware that her mother-in-law, seated on the porch a short distance from the men and directly behind them, was frantically gesticulating.

The old lady, satisfied at last that she had attracted her daughter-in-law's attention, pointed unmistakably toward the less prepossessing of the two men, and the younger woman, supposing that her relative had some personal knowledge of the applicant, promptly engaged him.

"Has the man ever worked for you, mother?" asked Mrs. Murray, when the two women were alone.

"No," replied the old lady. "I never saw or heard of either of them until now."

"Then why in the world did you choose the shorter man? The other had a much better face."

"Face!" returned the old lady, briskly. "When you pick out a man to work in the garden you want to go by the overalls. If they are patched on the knees you want him. If the patch is on the seat, you don't.

A Doubtful Compliment

Some of the similes we use in English to express admiration seems doubtful to foreigners who have learned the language academically, as, for example, "A voice like a silver bell," or "A complexion like alabaster."

But this sometimes works both ways. When foreigners translate colloquial expressions of their own languages into English too faithfully, the result is apt to be startling.

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Mamma—Why did you run off from school and spend the whole day rowing about the river? Boy—Papa said he wanted me to prepare for college."

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Young Author—When I write far into the night I find great difficulty in getting to sleep.

Friend—Why don't you read over what you have written?

The New York Brewery at Sandon makes beer that is famous all over B.C. Write for prices and then buy a few kegs.

Counsel—Have you ever seen the prisoner at the bar? Witness—No, sir; but I have seen him many times when I have strongly suspected he had been at it.

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.

The waiter waited. "Beg pardon, sir!" he said at length. "But are you a calf's head or a fried sole?" "Eh?" said the man. "No—er—I'm a traveller."

The Waldorf will be one of the best furnished houses in the interior of B. C., the furniture being similar to that in the Alberta at Edmonton.

A schoolboy, when asked to describe the marriage customs of the Greeks, replied that they only married one wife, a system which was called monotony.

The King Edward is one of the largest hotels in Fernie. It contains 27 rooms, and is fitted up with a view to the comfort of guests. Keep the King Edward on your mind when you buy your ticket for Fernie.

Mrs. Newkid—John, for goodness sake wake up and run for the doctor, quick!"

Newkid (drowsilly)—Eh? What's the matter?

Mrs. Newkid—I'm afraid there is something dreadful the matter with baby. She has stopped smiling in her sleep.

"The Mystic Spring and Other Tales of Western Life," by D. W. Higgins, formerly speaker of the B. C. legislature, for sale at Blendell's Prescription Drugstore. Everybody interested in B. C. adventure should read this book, as every incident in it is founded on fact

He—I don't understand your extravagance! Before we were married you had the reputation of being very economical! She(sweetly)—But you forget, dear, that before we were married I didn't have the money.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, have submitted to the Lieutenant Governor in Council a proposal under "The Rivers and Streams Act," R. S. B. C., Chap. 168, for the clearing and removing of obstructions from the Elk River from Sparwood Station on the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway to a point one mile down stream from the Government highway bridge across the said River at the City of Fernie, an approximate distance of nineteen miles, and for making the same fit for rafting and driving thereon logs, timber, lumber, rafts and crafts.

The lands to be affected by the said works are all lands abutting on the said Elk River for the full distance of the proposed works.

The rates for tolls, boomage, rafting, driving of logs, timber, lumber, crafts and for taking care of same until delivered proposed to be charged is such as may be fixed by a Judge of the County Court pursuant to section 10 of the said "Rivers and Streams Act."

Dated this 22nd day of October, A D. 1904.

THE ELK LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
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Solicitors for the Company.

FOR SALE

A Sale by Auction will be held at the Factory of the Fernie Manufacturing Company, Limited, at Fernie, B.C., on Saturday, 10th December, 1904, at 2 p.m. of the Company's Sash and Door Factory; together with 2,031 acres of excellent Timber situate at Bayne's Lake, B.C. Factory in first-class order—Machinery complete and up-to-date. The highest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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Fernie, B.C.

BY-LAW NO. 5.

A By-Law to Regulate the Hours During Which Children May Be Abroad Unattended.

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Fernie in Council assembled enacts as follows:—

1. The Council shall provide a bell and shall cause the same to be rung at the hour of 9 p. m. every evening during the months of April to September inclusive and at the hour of 8 p. m. every evening during the months of October to March inclusive.

2. Between the hours in the last preceding section appointed and the hour of 5 a. m. on the following morning it shall be unlawful for any child under the age of Fourteen years to be in or upon any public street, lane, alley, bridge, park, square, vacant lot or other unoccupied ground or other public place within the limits of the Municipality unless such child is in the charge of and is accompanied by its parents or guardian or some adult person thereunto duly authorized by such parent or guardian.

3. The police constables and such other persons as the Council may appoint shall have the power to arrest and take into custody any child apparently under the age of Fourteen years found unattended as hereinbefore provided during the time hereby prohibited in or upon any public street, lane, alley, bridge, park, square, vacant lot or other unoccupied land or other public place.

4. Every constable or other officer who shall arrest or take into custody any child under the age of Fourteen years as provided in section 3. (Three) hereof shall forthwith take such child to his or her home or place of abode and shall warn the parent or parents or guardian of such child against the breach of this By-Law.

5. If upon the hearing of any information under this By-Law, it shall appear to the Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, or other competent authority before whom such information is heard that the warning mentioned in section Four (4) hereof has been duly given in the manner therein described, and that the offence has been repeated, such Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other competent authority may impose a fine not exceeding Five Dollars ($5.00) for each offence with costs upon such child or upon the parent or guardian of the said child and in default of payment of such fine and costs such child, parent or guardian shall become liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding Six (6) days.

6. Upon any prosecution under this By-Law, the evidence of any witness that to the best of his or her judgment any person, with reference to whom any such prosecution is being brought, is a person under the age of Fourteen years shall be prima facie proof that such persons is under the age of Fourteen years and shall cast upon the defendant the onus of proving that such child is of greater age.

This By-Law to come into effect on the evening of the 14th inst.

TO WHOM IT NAY CONCERN.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to make application to the Board of License Commissioners for the Corporation of the City of Fernie, at its first meeting held after the expiration of 30 days from this date, for an Hotel license under the provisions of the "Municipal Clauses Act," to sell spirituous liquors in the "Waldorf," situate on lots 14 and 15, block 13, Fernie Townsite.

Dated the 9th day of November, 1904.

WILLIAM MILLS.

Willie.

Dashaway—You say your sister will be down in a minute, Willie? That's good news. I thought perhaps she wanted to be excused, as she did the other day.

Willie—Not this time. I played a trick on her.

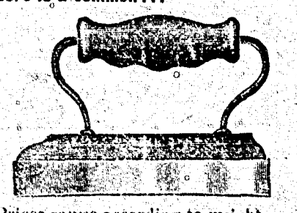
Dashaway—What did you do?

Willie—I said you were another fellow!—London Tit-Bits.

Well, Parker is a safe man, anyhow, said Hennessy. He is, said Dooley, but I wisht some one else had the combination besides Hill.

A Hardware Man's Wife
CHAPTER II—CONCLUDED.
SHE arose and went to the bureau drawer. He sat and looked at her in amazement. She brought the book, handed it to him and said: "It is all yours, dear." He took it and opened it in a dazed manner. She had a balance of $68.40.—Hardware Dealers' magazine.

Here is a common . . .



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