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LIFE IN FERNIE

Dr. Walkem is opening an office in Fernie.

H. Hauson of Winnipeg was a visitor in the city the past week.

W. J. Blundell is moving his stock of groceries to the J. and F. block today.

Soon as matters are adjusted a telephone system will be installed in Fernie.

N. E. Suddaby will shortly move his drug and stationery business to the Fernie block.

Miss K. Charlton, music teacher, left Monday evening for her home in St. Thomas, Ont.

General Superintendent Drennan of the Coal company is moving into the Stockett cottage today.

W. F. Vance of the O. K. barber shop moved yesterday into the store west of Quails hardware.

R. W. Tod, a Toronto drummer, was drumming up customers for his house Saturday and Monday.

"Brown's in Town" at the Opera House November 7. What if it is. Brown is not a short suit in Fernie.

J. L. Smith, formerly of Fernie, but now a resident of Calgary, was shaking hands with old acquaintances this week.

A big dinner will be given in the Union Restaurant, Fernie, tomorrow evening in honor of the birthday of the Emperor of Japan.

A. H. Clute, a well known hotel man of Spokane, and formerly of Kaslo, is looking over the city with a view to engaging in business.

Conservative Association will meet in campaign rooms at Kings Hotel, Saturday evening 8 o'clock. Cordial invitation extended to all.

Fernie Lodge, No. 31, K. of P., will hold an important meeting Friday evening in Odd Fellow's hall. All Knights in the city are invited. A real Pythian evening is promised.

Halloween was celebrated in Fernie by the youth in accordance with ancient custom. Bussiness signs were changed, vehicles moved to out-of-the-way places, and other practical jokes played by the lad.

Monday last part of the material for new Anglican church arrived from the coast, and the balance is expected this week. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible in order to hold the Christmas services in the church.

Con Whelan, brother of T. Whelan, who has been visiting at the old home in Napanee, Ont., will return to Fernie after the Dominion election. Although numerous rumors have been circulated about Con, he hasn't yet brought any extra railway tickets.

Nat Darling, the well known traveler for the Mainland and British Lion cigars, manufactured in Vancouver, called on THE LEDGE Tuesday. Mr. Darling has just returned from a trip to the St. Louis Fair, without being held up or purchasing a gold brick. He reports business on this trip better than it has been for months. He leaves to morrow for the Slocan.

The Great Northern steel is now within about two miles of Fernie. When the road is completed this far, it will have the effect of greatly increasing the output of coal. It will also bring Spokane within a few hours ride of Fernie. Scarcity of cars has greatly retarded the output of coal mines in the past few months, but with another railroad this difficulty will be overcome, and the shipments of coal and coke will be nearly doubled.

An offer of $300 to $100 was made on Laurier in the Northern Monday evening. No one appeared anxious to cover it. There will possibly be some surprises when the election returns come in if local politicians base their estimates on what appears in the Nelson Daily News. According to that paper Ontario constituencies that have heretofore given a Conservative majority of from 500 to 2,000 will; at this election, return Liberals.

Dr. Beattie of Cranbrook was in the city Monday.

Frank Dunn of Coleman, Alta., is in town renewing old acquaintances.

D. McNush and Mrs. McNush of Elko were visitors to the city this week.

A. G. McKay is moving his sawmill at Poplar creek to East Kootenay, near Fernie.

Howard Chepman of Victoria, was taking orders for ladies' fancy goods this week.

Mr. Langton, general auditor of the Coal company, and family left for the east on Tuesday's train.

The west bound passenger train was three hours late Tuesday, owing to a delay on the main line.

Jno W. Wakley arrived last week from Lindsay, Ont., to take a position with the Trites-Wood Co.

W. W. Thompson, manager of the Coal creek, was in the city on business the early part of the week.

A 100-yard foot race is being arranged between Fred Mitchell of Fernie and Renwick of Slocan City.

Owing to the absence of the editor in Nelson and Slocan, the local news in THE LEDGE is short this week.

J. B. Morris, the popular traveler for J. Hersch & Sons, Montreal, was taking orders for cigars in the city Monday.

W. S. Stevenson, of Lethbridge, Alta, arrived in the city Monday to take a position with P. G. McLeod, merchant tailor.

Wires are being stretched from the C. P. R. to the Opera House today and a ticker put in to take the election returns tomorrow.

Eagles are requested to clinch the nails in their wings, for there will be a fly time in the upper story of the Todd block tonight.

Tomorrow will decide whether it is blue-ruin or not, according to the political views held by each individual. Either the Grit or the Tory will see a brighter sun on Friday morning.

In a few days A. W Blendsdell will move to the J. and F. block and his present premises will be occupied about the 15th inst by F. J. Mitchell with a full stock of semi ready made clothing.

On Thursday the 27th of October, at the residence of James Burrows, Baker avenue, David Pritchard and Miss Jane Ann Miller, both of Fernie, were married by Rev. J. Robson, B. A., Methodist minister.

Fernie Aerie, No. 561, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will open their new hall in the Todd block this evening. All members are invited to be present. The order occupy the whole upper portion of the block, for lodge and banquetting rooms. The banquet room is occupied once a week for the meeting of the Miners union.

For some time past the police court of Fernie has done a large business, more cases having come before it than in any city of the population in Canada. There has been a very noticeable decrease in police court business the past two weeks. Whether this decrease may be attributed to the influence of THE LEDGE we leave the public to judge. However it is a fact since the first issue the arrests have been fewer, and since the last issue only one case was before his honor—a drunk and incapable.

Tomorrow night the returns of the Dominion elections will be received and announced at the Opera house. A musical programme will be given to soothe the extreme partizans. The arrangements are in charge of the local Liberal association. If Laurier, Sifton and Fielding should be defeated, extreme Liberals in the audience are requested to pray inaudibly. If Dick Borden, Sam Hughes and Dock Sproule get caught in a land-slide, good Tories can't be expected to pray either audibly or inaudibly.

BOTH AFRAID TO FIGHT

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Negotiations between Russia and Great Britain looking to a settlement of the North Sea affair are progressing favorably and there is not the slightest danger of a friction arising between the two governments.

Ambassador Benckendorff is understood to have assured King Edward that Russia's disposition towards Britain at the present time is of the friendliest. He is said to have conveyed to the king a further expression of the czar's regret for the occurence in the North Sea.

Port Arthur Tomorrow

TOKIO, Nov. 2.—An official report tells of an attack began on Port Arthur the night of Oct. 26, and which is still in progress. The bombardment is reported to be proving very effective. The Russian ships in the harbor are reported to have been badly damaged and two set on fire. It is possible that the fortress will be in the possession of the Japanese troops tomorrow.

Japanese Reinforced and Aggressive

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 2.—The Mukden correspondent says the Japanese have received reinforcements to the number of 50,000 men. The Japanese have constructed strong fortifications and a frontal attack by the Russians is out of the question.

Awaiting the Maniac

TANGIER, Nov. 2.—The officers of the Russian war vessels now here are awaiting the coming of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky.

Still in Bond

ST. JOHNS, NFLD., Nov. 2.—Election returns received today indicate the return of the Bond Government.

To Raise the Wind

TOKIO, Nov. 2.—Your correspondent has received most trustworthy information to the effect that the Japanese financiers have resolved on resolute measures to provide the war funds for the coming year. These measures are estimated to produce 770,000,000 yen, part from the new war tax and 550,000,000 from loans. With regard to the loans several banks have already pledged themselves to provide 300,000,000 yen. Of this, 150,000,000 yen will be taken by the Bank of Japan, and by the postal savings bank, and the remaining 150,000,000 will be arranged for when the necessity arises.

The Fernie Lumber company cut about seven million feet of lumber the past season.

For sitting behind the check-rack one of the local experts was requested to call on the police magistrate Tuesday morning. His honor inserted the "pry" for $25 and incidentals.

R. G. McLeod of the Spyglass Mining company has given out the following returns from the recent shipment of ore from the mine to the Hall Mines smelter: 589 ounces silver, 7.6 ounces copper, 16.7 ounces lead and 8 ounces zinc to the ton. This ore is of high enough grade to confirm the owners' and manager's plans to continue work through the winter with a full force of men. These returns were obtained not on picked ore but on the average output.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT

Following is the enrolement, and average attendance at the Fernie public school during the month of October. It will be seen that there has been an increase of 26 pupils in the month's enrollment. It would be well for parents to remember that the government grant is based upon the average attendance, and in order to avoid increased local taxation for school purposes children should be regular in their attendance. In some of the divisions the teachers have too many pupils. Following is the report:

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th
Enrollment Oct. 1	28	50	45	43	61
Entered in Oct...	7	2	5	2	10
Total.....	35	52	50	45	71
Average att..	27.28	41.60	37.50	32.52	47.44
Pupils enrolled.....					253
General average attendance.....					196.71

Game in Alberta

At the session of the Territorial Legislative Assembly, just concluded, the Game Ordinance was amended, [illegible] bonia may now begin on the 15th of November and continue to the evening of the 19th of the same month. The season for geese and swans now coincide with that for ducks, and the use of automatic shot guns is prohibited.

RIOTOUS DAY AT MADRID

Madrid, Nov. 2.—Prolonged and tumultuous scenes have occured in the chamber of deputies during the course of debate on proposals of certain deputies.

When the discussion was resumed Saturday the disorder consequent on the opposition's obstructive tactics compelled a suspension of the sitting and the appointment of a secret committee to give judgment concerning the insults exchanged during the debates. The sitting was subsequently renewed. The opposition obstinately demanded roll calls on votes, and the proceedings were heated and disorderly.

The president, being threatened with personal violence, had to be protected by the clerks and attendants. The crucifix behind the president's chair was overturned by blows of stocks; all the writing material on adjacent desks was swept to the floor, and inkstands were flung at the vice-president.

Premier Maura was present in the ministerial bench. It is reported that Premier Maura will suspend the sittings and ask the chamber for a vote of confidence.

B. C. Tobacco

The last issue of the Kelowna Clarion contains a most interesting account of the tobacco industry in that fertile section. Kelowna tobacco is of superior quality and has been pronounced by experts almost equal to the Havana leaf in quality and flavor. Although hampered at present by revenue and customs regulations which actually discriminate against the domestic product, the industry is bound to grow, and it is expected that the manufacturing of cigars on a large scale will soon be resumed. The improved variety of leaf now being grown has attracted the attention of manufacturers in the east and it is expected that there will be no [illegible] all the tobacco that can be grown. There are at least 10,000 acres in the vicinity of Kelowna, capable of producing tobacco, and it is estimated that eight million pounds of high grade cigar tobacco might be annually grown.

IN THE CHURCHES.

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Eagly 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.

At present there is no regular minister, but it is probable the congregation will extend a call to Rev. Alex. Dunn, who has occupied the pulpit for the past few Sundays.

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 12:30 p.m.

Subjects for Sunday, Nov. 6: Morning, "Negative Religion;" evening, "Can Men Defy God?"

Rev. C. R. G. Poole, Pastor.

CREMATED IN COKE OVEN

Masontown, Nov. 2.—Steve Borok, employed at the Bessemer coke plant, reported today that late last night he saw a man thrown into a coke oven and cremated. Borok says he saw three men scuffling on top of an oven and a moment later saw two of them jump to the ground and disappear in the darkness. Piercing shrieks issued from the oven as though fuel had been tossed into it. Coroner Hagan today ordered the oven drawn when blackened human bones and teeth were found. The murdered man and his assailants were unknown.

CRANBROOK

(From The Herald)

Wm. Gordan has opened an office in the McCallum block.

Dan Bremner is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

A bear occasionally comes to East Kootenay mill and looks at the town.

Work is progressing in a most satisfactory manner on the waterworks plant and the water will be turned on in a few days. It is going to prove a great convenience to the people and as rapidly as the work can be done connections are being made for the many applicants.

For the benefit of those who do not happen to know, it might be stated that any person whose name is on the list will be entitled to vote at any place within the legislative district in which he is registered. That is to say, if a person living in the Fernie district was registered in that district he might vote any place in that district from Crow's Nest to Elko, but he would not be allowed to vote at Wardner or any place in the Cranbrook district.

Tom Proctor, of Nelson, was in town several days last week. Mr. Proctor represents the Kootenay Valleys Land company and said that there had been a steady demand for the company's lands the past year, and that those pieces lying near Elko had all been sold. The building of the Kootenay Central will create an additional demand for these lands and in fact Mr. Procter is of the opinion that within a year after the road is built the agricultural portions of that lands will all be sold.

Harry Melton has returned from Poplar Creek and for the past month has worked on Ha Ha Creek. He has asssociated with him this year J. P. Schumek, an old time prospector of West Kootenay and one of the original owners of the famous Sweed group at Poplar. These gentlemen are doing further development work on Mr. Melton's iron property and the more they do the better the property looks. They came into town last Monday for supplies and expect to keep up work as long as the good weather lasts.

Wedding Bells

A very happy event took place in Lardo on Wednesday, October 26th when two of Lardo's most popular young people were united in matrimony. The contracting parties were George A. Proulx, a prominent young mining man, and Miss Catharine Fletcher. This being the first wedding to take place in Lardo made it a most interesting and pleasing event. The ceremony took place in the dining room of the Commercial Hotel, in the presence of about forty invited guests—Kaslo, Argenta and Howser being represented. Rev. Father Jeannotte officiated. The bride was assisted by her sister Miss Rhoda Fletcher, who were both prettily attired for the occasion and F. S. McDonald ably formed the duties of best man. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a well spread table, to which ample justice was done. Songs, speeches and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. The music was furnished by C. MacDonald of this town and A. Anderson of Argenta. Frank McQuiston ably filled the position of master of ceremonies. The gathering finally dispersed, all joining in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Proulx a long and prosperous married life. The bride was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents, denoting the high esteem in which she was held by her many friends. The happy couple left on the boat for Nelson and other places where they will spend their honeymoon after which they will reside in Lardo.

Modern Recess.

Have you practiced on the piano?

Yes, mother.

And read Professor Simson's lecture on Greek art?

Yes, mother.

And studied your calculus?

Yes, mother.

Then you may go out and play for ten minutes.—Life.

CITY COUNCIL

The city council met Friday evening last with Mayor Stork in the chair. All the members were present with the exception of Alderman Trites.

A. J. Purdy received permission to move his building to his own lot, but a resolution was passed that no more would be granted within the fire limits.

A resolution was passed ordering the purchase of a safe.

The report of the finance committee was presented by Chairman Campbell, recommending the payment of the following accounts: School board, $604; F. J. Watson, lumber, $21.64; Bell & Farquharson, carpenter work, $22,10; Registrar of land titles, Nelson, $10; J. R. Wallace, printing, $70.70.

Aldermen MacLean and Lephardt introduced the Curfew bylaw, which received a first, second and third reading. From March 1 to October 31 the school bell will ring at 8 p. m., the balance of the year at 9 o'clock. Children found on the street after ringing of curfew will be taken into custody and the parents notified. The by-law will be reconsidered at next meeting of council.

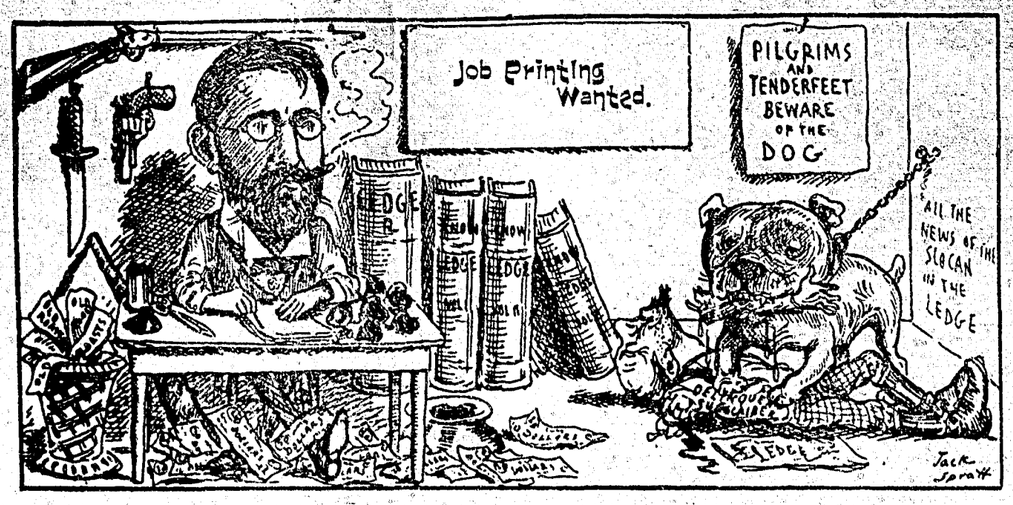
A communication was received from the board of school trustees, asking that water connections be made with school building, and on motion of Aldermen Lephardt and MacLean the request was granted.

Council adjourned to meet Friday, 4th November.

COAL DUST AS FUEL

At the World's Fair in St. Louis is a coal-testing plant erected and maintained by the United States government for determining the composition and testing the fuel value of American coals. The plant includes machinery for the manufacture of briquettes. The government made an appropriation of sixty thousand dollars to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining this plant, though some of the machinery was contributed by manufacturers, and the railroads made no freight charges on the equipment. The object of the tests is to put on record a mass of careful compiled data that shall have all the weight that comes from government supervision and shall serve to establish certain standards for comparison of chemical composition and fuel value. A prominent manufacturer pertinently suggests that the tests be further elaborated by testing the practicability of burning coal in the form of dust as well as in the form of briquettes. This suggestion is so reasonable that we gladly call attention to the matter. The manufacture of briquettes, while an attractive possibility in this country, is at present practically confident to the State of California, and its growth is scarcely likely to be of importance, except in certain localities where low grade coal can be briquetted at a profit, owing to the high price of good coal. No doubt the process will be utilized some day for making good fuel from dirty and friable lignite deposits in the west, or for utilizing mine wastes at some of the great coal-burning centres of the east.

As a fuel pulverized coal is an actuality, not a possibility. In the manufacture of portland cement, it has been of high value in reducing the cost of burning clinker; indeed, it is perhaps the one factor that has done most for the rapid advance of the American portland cement industry to its present commanding position. As a boiler fuel it offers these special advantages: Thorough combustion, small amount of ash to be handled, and reduction of manual labor. Special devices for burning coal dust have been installed at a number of manufacturing plants and the results reported show a large percentage of saving. It would seem, therefore, that official tests of coal dust as boiler fuel should form part of the work now under way at St. Louis. [illegible] shovel as ordinarily practiced needs no reminder. Hence the utilization of the highest possible percentage of the heat units in a pound of coal should appeal not only to the man who pays for the coal, but to every man who thinks of the importance of conserving the fuel resources of this country.



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ABANDON POLITICAL HATRED

The following editorial comment from the Bracebridge (Ont.) Gazette, comes at a most opportune moment. We know of no more despicable trait in politics than that which positively refuses to recognize anything commendable about an opponent. To such absurd extremes is this partisan rancor at times carried that men suffer in their business, friendships are broken, and blood relationship estranged. Especially do we realize the absurdity of this political hatred when we remember that politics are after all, with the principals, very much like a game of cards, in which each player in striving to get the better hand often employs every known device and trick both in shuffle and deal toward that end. The game over, both winner and loser chat socially over their victories and reverses. Or like lawyers in some legal squabble in which the court has ofttimes to intervene to end what would appear to the uninitiated as a personal quarrel; but the case over, the two legal combatants are seen going to lunch arm in arm.

Let us strive to rid ourselves of this vice. Remember that each side of politics has its virtues as well as its failings, and while you may be justified in the formation of your own peculiar party views, others are no less privileged. The opposite side have an equal interest at stake. It is not to be supposed for one moment that they are more ready to barter away their birthright than are the party to whom you claim allegiance. Be more manly, more charitable in your judgment and treatment of your brother man. The Gazette says:

"There is a disposition in politics now-a-days to combat everything brought up by the other side, whether good or bad. This will have a tendency to further increase the dislike of some one's opponent's political views. Some Tories have a dislike to everything Grit, and some Grits dislike everything Tory. In consequence of this some of the cleverest men and ablest citizens receive very little warm friendship from any but their own political followers. Sir John A. Macdonald was not loved by many grits; few Tories have good words for either Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Hon. G. W. Ross, and in like manner Messrs. Borden and Whitney are not killed by kindness from the opposing party. The man who cannot see any good in the opposing party is only half a man. He misses half the opportunities for developing the human side. What is more tiresome than eternally hearing people argue politics or discuss questions when the whole basis of argument is what has been read in a political paper? And despite our boasted intelligence and the spread of education, the vast majority of people imbibe politically from only one source of supply. How ridiculous to so often hear, accompanied by oaths, the opinion one has of the baseness of some leading man of the opposing party, who, after all, is not likely to be so fit a candidate for ladies as he is made out to be? In politics, religion, in nationality, in varied relations of life a little more discrimination would certainly show more noble manhood."

IT IS unlawful to bet or hold stakes on an election in Canada. Remember this tomorrow.

BAILED hay is advertised in a Medicine Hat paper. The paper does not say what it was bailed for.

THERE is but a thin partition between jealousy and insanity.

A WEEK from today most of the Grits and Tories in Canada will again be on speaking terms, and the hatchet buried in the backyard.

IN the U. S. presidential election voets cast, several people killed and the on Friday there will be 15,000,000 ozone split with shouts of both parties.

IT has been proven that alfalfa can be grown around Medicine Hat. Little by little does tradition fade away to the minimum end of nothing.

ACCORDING to many authorities this is the age of graft, but according to our experience for many moons it looks entirely to us like the age of draft.

LA PRESSE, the great French newspaper of Montreal, has been sold for over a million dollars. THE LEEGE is for sale at the same price, one-half cash, and the balance of payments on easy terms.

BEWARE of the newspaper habit. Once formed it is almost impossible to cure, and will lead a man often along trails full of thorns and into deep swamps that do not assay a trace of gold to the mile.

A CALGARY paper boasts that its city has trebled its population within the past seven years. This looks small besides Fernie's record. In the past seven years the Coal City has increased its population a hundred fold, and still the good work goes on.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN said that those who deny freedom for others deserve it not themselves, and under a just government cannot long retain it. Abraham merely repeated what had been known by wise men for centuries. In the human race selfishness makes us want others to act and think as we do. If they do not, our first impulse is to knock them off the earth.

FERNIE IN ST. LOUIS.

From the diary of a Fernie visitor to St. Louis.

11 a. m.—Arrived at World's Fair depot. Get in line at gate, and make inside grounds at 12. Walk unmeasurable cement surface to intramural station and arrive at Inside Inn at

1 p. m.—Arrive at Inside Inn hotel lobby, peopled with frantic mob of 5,000 people, all trying to get to clerks at counter a mile long. Women and children camped on floor; fall over a thousand grips; also punctured by several umbrellas; get one eye on czar behind the register at 2 p. m., but he regards us as part of the landscape and does not deign to notice appeals for room. Visitor just married pushes us under the table while endeavoring to get a room. Woman with umbrella pushes us against a post, whence we find that the tide has thrown us a block away from the counter. It is now

3 p. m.—Crowd prevents us from getting watch back in pocket, so leave it pendant. Have lost overshoe and one tail from coat. Push toward counter, and man in front of us whom we step on glares at us with murder in his eye. Stumble over grip and fall on man while apologizing. If he could get his hands up he would do murder. After two hours of this at

[illegible] we are within ten feet of the czar with our prehensiles dug into the register. After looking at his back for one hour, and endeavoring to get his eye, he shouts "California," points to the two registers, and we are flattened out by the push into one broad surface as we write our names. Get room 3,280 after paying bill in advance.

6 p. m.—Start for our room with bell-hop.

6:35 p. m.—Reach it.

7 p. m.—Get back to lobby after depositing grips in room. Three hundred people in line at cashier's window for supper tickets; we get in line the 301st.

8 p. m.—Just seated in dining. Man from Mississippi at table has finished hearty supper and is telling long story. Having had no breakfast or dinner we attack the biscuit.

9 p. m.—Have had supper; being late the menu is thin; but we filled. Just got in line at hotel postoffice for my mail; forty-eight people ahead of me.

10 p. m.—Aave just found out that there is no mail for me. Think I will go to bed.

10:15 p. m.—Start for room.

10:40 p. m.—Arrive at room.

11 p. m.—Ring for bell boy and order pitcher of water, but it doesn't arrive. Ring again and give boy ten cents. Water arrives at once.

11:30 p. m.—Have been trying to go to sleep; when party in the next room on the other side of paper partition get through taking shower bath I am going to sleep. Bath evidently lined with sheet iron, and water falling sounds like target practice

12 m.—The man in the room on the other side of me has come in and his wife is inquiring about what delayed him. Extended argument—man getting the worst of it—seems to have no imagination at all.

12:30 a. m.—Am satisfied that in a few moments now I will get to sleep; thought comes to me that I have traveled a long way to get into a whole lot of trouble.

What a Blush Really Is

A blush is a temporary erythema and calorific effulgence of the physiognomy methologized by one perceptiveness of the sensorium when in a predicament of unequilibrity from a sense of shame, anger or other cause, eventuating in a paresis of the vasomoter filaments of the facial capillaries, whereby, being divested of their elasticity, they are suffused with a radiance effeminating from an intimidated praecorda.—Ex.

Quicker Way

"Who owns these acres?" asked the stranger, as they stopped to look at a low, marshy tract of land by the roadside.

"It's in dispute," said the real estate agent. "I believe there's a suit of some kind on hand now to quiet the title."

"If they want to do that," queried the other, "why don't they turn a lot of boys loose on those frogs?"

A Time Limit

"I'm afraid you smoke too much for your own good," said the physician.

"Well," admitted the patient, "I do smoke almost continuously from morning till night."

"Why do you do that?" asked the M. D.

"Because it's the only time I have to smoke," replied the victim. "I have to sleep at night."

Not Even a Tear

Tenderly she laid the silent white form beside those that had gone before. She made no outcry, she did not weep. Such a moment was too precious to be spent in idle tears. But soon there came a time when it seemed nature must give way. She lifted her voice, and cried long and loud. Her cry was taken up by others who were near, and it echoed and re-echoed over the grounds. Then suddenly all was still. What was the use of it all? She would lay another egg tomorrow.—Ex.

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T. Whelan, Manager

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OLDEST LIVING THING.

The statement recently made that there are yews in England which are the oldest living on this earth, is not correct, says Thomas C. Ireland.

These yews are old, very old; there is no doubt about that; some of ot them were stalwart trees even before Caesar landed in Britain. There is one now standing in the church yard at Fortingal, in Perthshire, which Decandole, nearly a century ago proved to the satisfaction of botanists to be over twenty-five centuries old. How Decandole arrived at an apparently correct estimate of the enormous age of these living trees is a simple thing, and the principle is doubtless well known today to all. The yew, like most other trees, adds one line, about the tenth of an inch, to its circumference each year. He proved this after an investigation extending over several years, and we know now, a hundred years later, that his deductions were correct. The old yew at Hedsor has has a trunk 27 feet in diameter, proving its great age, and it is in a flourishing healthy condition now, like its brother at Fortingal.

Their years are few, though, compared with those of the trees I had in mind when I made my first assertion that the statement printed about them in a scientific journal is incorrect. In one chapter of his writings Humboldt refers to the gigantic boabab tree in Central Africa as the oldest gigantic monument in the world. This tree has a trunk 29 feet in diameter and Adanson, by a series of careful measurements, demonstrated conclusively that it had lived for not less than 5,150 years.

Still it is not the oldest organic monument in the world, as Humboldt declared, for now Mexican scientists have proved that a huge cypress tree standing in Chopultepec, with a trunk 117 feet and 10 inches in circumference, is older than it—older, too, by more than a thousand years—for it has been shown, as conclusively as these things can be shown, that its age is about 6 300 years. To become impressed with wonder over this one has only to dwell on that duration for a little while in thought.

Yet it is not so remarkable when one stops for a moment to remember that, given favorable conditions for its growth and sustenance, the average tree will never die of old age—its death is merely anaccident. Other younger and more vigorous trees may spring up near and perhaps rob its roots of their proper nourishment; insects may kill it, floods or winds may sweep it away, or its roots may come in contact with rock and become gnarled and twisted, because they have not room to expand in their growth, that they literally throttle the avenues of its sustenance; but these are accidents. If such things do not happen, a tree may live on for century after century still robust, flourishing, sheltering with its wide-spreading branches the men and women of age after age.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

I wandered to the grogshop, Tom. I
stood beside the bar,
And drank a bowl of lemonade and
smoked a bad cigar;
The same old kegs and jugs were there,
the ones we used to know
When we were on the round top, Tom,
some fifteen years ago.

I asked about our old-time friends,
those cherished sporty men,
And some were in the poor-house, Tom,
and some were in the pen,
And one, the one we liked the best, the
hangman laid him low.
The world is much the same, dear Tom,
as fifteen years ago.

Now crowds line up against the bar,
and call for crimson ink;
Now hands are trembling as they pour
the stuff they shouldn't drink;
But still the same old watchword rings,
"This round's on me, you know!"
The same old cry of doom we heard
some fifteen years ago.

I wandered to the churchyard, Tom, and
there I saw the graves
Of those who used to drink the wine
in red, fermented waves;
And there were women sleeping there,
where grass and daisies grow,
Who wept and died of broken hearts
some fifteen years ago.

And there were graves where children
slept, have slept for many a year,
Forgetful of the woes that marked their
fitful sojourn here;
And 'neath a tall, white monument, in
death there both low,
The man who used to sell the booze
some fifteen years ago.

JAP PENSIONERS.

For twelve years two Japanese, belonging to a very humble class of workers, have been drawing a pension from the Russian exchequer, says the London Answers. The payment has been suspended on account of the actual state of war between Russia and Japan, but it will certainly be resumed when peace is proclaimed, when also the accumulated arrears will be handed over. Twelve years ago these two men, Kitagalchi and Mukobata, were jinrikisha men, making their living by running between the shafts of those light-wheeled chairs which are the hansoms of Japanese cities. In May, 1902, the present czar, then heir to the Russian crown, was making a tour of Japan, and the two men were selected to pull his imperial highness through the streets of Otsu, near Kioto. The two men relieved each other in running between the shafts of the carriage.

Elaborate precautions had been taken to protect the imperial guest of Japan during the tour, but at Otsu he had a narrow escape. Among the police on duty was one Sanzo Tsuda, a fanatical hater of the foreigner, perhaps a little insane on this point. It was a danger against which no ordinary precautions could avail, Tsuda suddenly drew his short sword and rushed at the prince. He had wounded him slightly, and would have killed him but for the two jinrikisha men, one of whom grappled with the assassin, while the other, by a swift movement, turned the little carriage aside.

In grateful recognition of their services the Russian government gives a yearly pension of 1,000 yen (about $500) to the two men. It was paid regularly to them through the Japanese local authorities. Japan is a country where wages and prices are both much lower than in America. For a Japanese workman a yen goes as far or farther that $5 goes with a man of the same class in this country. So Kitagalchi and Makobata found themselves suddenly comparatively rich men and promptly retired.

They are still living, but the contrast between the present position of the two old comrades is one more proof that money counts for less than character as an element of a successful life. Kitagalchi has managed to live comfortably in retirement on about 200 yen per annum, banking the remainder with the pension office, so he is now worth 10,000 yen, a small fortune. He tells his neighbors that he does not complain of his pension being stopped, for "war is war," and he has enough to live on in his investments. He has even sent 500 yen as his contribution to the war fund. His comrade Mukobata has always been a poor man. He has spent his money as quickly as he received it.

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Betting on Elections.

It is not generally known by the public that it is a criminal offence to bet money or hold stakes upon the result of an election. Here is the law.

Revised Statutes of Canada, c. 159, s. 9 provides that "everyone who becomes the custodian or the depositary of any money staked wagered or pledged upon the result of any political or municipal election—is guilty of a misdemeanor." Revised Statutes of Canada, c. 145, s. 7 provides that [illegible] is guilty of a misdemeanor at common law, or by virtue of any act, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to be tried, indicted and punished as a principal offender." Under the latter the supreme court has decided the law to be that those who so bet and put up money are accessories and liable as principal and offenders just the same as the stake holders.

Wales wants a capital, but though the search has been going on for years, no city has yet been found pre-eminently suited for the honor.

THE STRENUOUS LADY.

A few days ago a lady in St Louis, while walking down one of the streets of that city was attacked by a bold highwayman who attempted to rob her of her belongings. Did she faint or scream or beg for mercy, or do any of the other things novelists delight in ascribing to their heroines? Certainly not. She calmly and deliberately drew her rapier-like hat pin and proceeded to do business. The footpad struck a gait that Major Delmar might envy, and according to late accounts is running yet. And the lady still possesses her goods and chattels.

Another story from Morristown, N. J., is to the effect that a Mrs. Stephen Haines, by a terrific fight with a mad bull, saved her husband's life. It seems the animal had attacked Mr. Haines and trampled upon him, when the good lady rushed out, and with a few telling jabs with a handy pitchfork put the enraged animal out of business.

Still another story, illustrating the strenuosity of the modern woman is told in the dispatches from Omaha. Louis J. Piatti, a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician of that place, filed suit for divorce against his wife, alleging that his better half assaulted him with an ice pick and a revolver. Shades of our grand mothers! Talk not of man's superiority over woman. That is a happy delusion enjoyed by our grandsires.

But the average man of today must speak soft while the wife of his bosom carries the big stick—and uses it when occasion demands.—Commercial Appeal.

SPIRIT OF THE JAPANESE

Lieutenant Yoshichiyo Sato arrived at the Fukushima station on his way to the front, where his old mother was waiting to see him off. As soon as she caught a glimpse of her son, she approached him, and gave him a drink of sake which she had brought with her. It is a proper thing for a Japanese woman to offer the cup on such an occasion. And then she gave him a potato thrust through with a bamboo chopstick, and said: "Stab the enemy through like this, my son, when you arrive on the battlefield."

It was at Kokura garrison that some of the train-corps men were being sent to the front, while others were to be left behind. A first-class private suddenly went to his officer, dragging a comrade, and said: "I am a bachelor and can go without any anxiety; but my friend has a wife and three children. Let me go in his stead."

The other would not hear of it, and said: "It is true that Nakoa is a bachelor, but he is an only son, and his old mother has no one except him to care for her. Let me go, pray, rather than let him leave his mother." The officer hardly knew how to decide.

A first recruit was in his sick bed, murmuring all the time, "My sickness grows worse and my strength is disappearing. And this is only one chance of a thousand years to fight Russia. I am enlisted in the military reserve, and am not able to respond to the call. What a misfortune!" And he began to grow worse, and presently all hope was gone.

Suddenly he stood up in his bed, changed his clothes for a uniform and ran toward the door. He tumbled down at the entrance, and uttered his last words, "Now let me go to the war."

One captain, who seemed gloomy and troubled, was asked by his friend, "Are you ill?" He answered, "Not a bit, my friend. I am awfully afraid that I will soon be promoted. That's my cause of trouble."

"Why so? I should say that it ought to cause rejoicing," the friend said.

The officer replied, "Don't you know, my friend, that if one becomes a major he will be moved to an idle post and deprived of the great chance of going to the front?"

Oil vs Coal

It is hardly necessary to comment on the fact that the coal producers of Oregon and Washington are combining to combat the general introduction of California fuel oil into the northwest. Before oil was discovered in California the transportation lines, steamships and factories of California were compelled to pay fancy prices for coal from neighboring states. Now the facilities for transporting oil by pipe line to the sea, and by deep water tank steamers to the northwest, is solving the problem of cheap fuel for the manufacturers of that section and it will ultimately compel coal mine owners to be content with a reasonable profit.

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Wetherbee came to California from Massachusetts in 1854 at the age of 19, going from San Francisco to Marysville by boat, thence by freight wagon to Pentz ranch, and from there to Dogtown on foot. After two months of working for wages at $8 a day he bought one-fourth interest in a claim on the east bank of Feather river. After three years of steady labor, which just made expenses for the four partners, about one hundred feet of the mountain side slid into the claim, where all were at work, covering their sluices and allowing a bare escape. Indomitably they renewed work.

While working through the slide they discovered that the soil was of a different character and also the gold. The ground up the ravine where the claim was located had been washed gravel, but the material in the slide was a mixture of broken red rock, quartz and red dirt and the gold in much greater quantity than before was unwashed and ragged.

Following this indication they worked up to the origin of the slide, and the pay kept getting better, the nuggets running from $5 to $1,500. They hired 11 men to work the new pay and continued in the prosperity of the lucky slide about two years.

"One morning I walked up to Dogtown," says Wetherbee, "and while sitting on the hotel porch suddenly noticed all but two of the men coming up from the claim. Without saying a word to me they picked me up and carried me in, sat me on the bar, and ordered the drinks for the crowd, inviting me to drink with them, and then they ordered me to pay the bill, which I promptly did. When finished at that place, they carried me to the next bar, where they put me through the same ordeal, and so on until I had become an unwilling customer of every saloon in town.

"After all this was over they took me back to the hotel porch and sat me down.

"'Well, boys, now that you have packed me all over town and got your stomachs full of whiskey at my expense, tell me what all this is about.

"One of them said: 'We have found the daddy of all nuggets, weighing 54 pounds, and worth $10,640.'

"'The devil you have!' said I. 'Then let us take another drink.

"We went down to the claim early next morning, and arriving at the cabin I saw the nugget just as the boys said. It looked as large as a house,"

Ten days more of work under the impetus of the wonderful strike and the partners had gathered a little more than a hundred pounds of gold, the biggest load they had ever brought to San Francisco in their monthly trips with the treasure.

Soon after the pay dirt gave out, and Wetherbee gave away his interests and established himself in the hotel business at Chico. He made money for sixteen years, when his hotel burned to to the ground.

Another hotel, which he put up at a cost of $65,000, suffered a similar fate after nearly five years of prosperity. Hampered by debt, he faced the world again, penniless, at the age of 48.

He took to the mines again, prospecting on Butte creek and winning fortune back until the enactment of the debris law shut him down. Then he worked through Butte county and Pulmas with indifferent success. He found conditions changed from those of the early 50s. Mining had become a science and men were delving deep into the bowels of the mountains with machinery.

For ten years he toiled with a partner, whom he lost by death. Since then he has been prospecting with his present partner, Jack Drenan, in Butte, Shasta and Trinity counties, in the last of which he is now at work.

That he will make another fortune may be inferred from his words:

'We have worked up this ravine now, 100 feet, taking out [illegible] Here is a specimen of the gold we are getting. That piece weighs $8 and one $3.50. The roughness of the gold shows that it has not traveled far, and we hope soon to work up to the ledge that it comes from and there find a bonanza."

An Ingenious Captain.

Many have read Mr. Hopkinson Smith's story of "Cap'n Bob," who stopped up a hole in his ferry-boat with his arm, and thus saved many lives. The London Daily Express describes a method of stopping a leak in a no less novel and ingenious way, and not so trying to physical well-being as that adopted by the heoric pilot. The Norwegian bark Flora, bound for Cape Town, experienced in the Bay of Biscay such terrific weather that she was obliged to lie to for six days.

In the buffeting that the vessel received she sprang a leak and began to take in water at the rate of six inches an hour. All hands were kept at the pumps day and night without intermission. As the gale abated the bark drove before it into calmer seas.

Captain Mattson found the leak was getting worse and set his brains to work. He constructed a great waterproof canvas bag, sixteen feet long and six feet in circumference. This he kept distended by the means of hoops. A window of glass was let into the side, five feet from the bottom. The captain stepped into the bag, and by means of tackle was drawn under water so that he could see the leak. The other end of the bag being open and above water, he had plenty of air and could communicate with his men. Two sleeves had been made in the bag and were tied tightly about his wrists so that he could work freely.

In this way, looking at the leak through the inserted window, the captain worked steadily while the ship was hove to. The vessel rolled in a heavy swell, and sometimes Captain Mattson found himself from seven to ten feet below the surface. At one time the chaffing of his feet against the vessel's side wore a hole in the bag and the water entered and covered him. But he was drawn up in good time, the bag was repaired, the work continued and the leak stopped.

Rubbed the Prescription.

It happened in one of the large hospitals in a big city, where it has been found necessary to introduce certain time-saving devices in the dispensary. The patient gets a printed prescription that calls for a preparation that has been already made up. At the same time he gets directions for its use. One morning in November a patient, a man, came in and described the symptoms of rheumatism.

The interne gave him one of the printed slips and said, "Now, Pat, when you go home have your wife rub this on your back."

"Thank you, doctor," and off he went.

A few minutes later the Irishman reappeared, seeming rather embarrassed, and in his hand was the prescription.

"Well," asked the interne.

"Shure, doctor, and which side of the paper must I rub on me back?"

The Most Beautiful

Love of country may grow at home like the sturdy plant, but in a foreign land it blossoms into glory. A writer in the New York Sun says that some months ago hundreds of Swedes were turned away from Carnegie Hall, where the Swedish students were giving a concert. Every seat was filled, but the unfortunate late comers lingered for hours, hoping that there might be returned tickets, which they could purchase at the last moment.

One woman, with tears in her eyes and voice, declared that she had come twenty-five miles to hear the Swedish national hymn.

For more than two hours a lovely blue-eyed girl stood with her pale face almost pressed against the glass door. Finally some one said to her, "Come down here by the open center door, and you will hear better."

"No, thank you," said she, in the softest voice. "I can see the flag here."

Then, toward the end of the program, came the national hymn. Every woman's head was bowed in reverence; every man's hat came off. A Swedish listener, to test one of the bystanders, a young girl, said to her, indifferently, "I don't think that tune is very wonderful."

Instantly the eyes flashed sparks of fire, and the low, soft voices returned, "Everyone loves his own country best. Its own dear song is to him the most beautiful in all the world."

Unequally Endowed.

The animals in the ark were having their first trouble with [illegible]

It will pass away, said the tortoise Keep a stiff upper lip.

That may be easy enough for you, groaned the tepir, but what's the use of giving that kind of advice to me, you lankhead!

Stop at the Queen's Hotel when in Trout Lake City.

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 downstream 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.

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The B. C. Furniture company received two carloads of furniture for the Waldorf hotel this week.

Visitors to Sandon need never fear the pangs of hunger. The Sandon Chop house is always open.

The city clerk has request local merchant tailors to put in tenders for uniforms of the city police force.

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

In Fernie last week a capitalist issued a cheque that was one by three feet in size, and the writer never burns his money.

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 Waldorf will be one of the best [illegible] in the interior of B. C., the furniture being similar to that in the Alberta at Edmonton.

Mr. Langton, general auditor of the coal company has sold all his household furnishings to the B. C. Furniture company, which they are selling at half the price of new.

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A Hardware Man's Wife

CHAPTER II.

HE USED all the money he had, and then stretched his credit to the breaking point. There came a time when $10,000 would tide him over. Without that he would go to smash, and the labor of years be lost. But he did not know in what direction he could turn for the money. He tried and tried again, only to meet with failure. He gave it up in despair, and went home and told his wife just how matters stood and what lay before them.

She listened quietly with her hands clasped before her. When he was through, she said, "John, you have been a good husband to me. You have been kind and generous. For years I have tried to save a little. I will give it to you freely. If I can aid to save you I will. I will bring my savings bank book, and it shall be yours."

SOON BE THANKSGIVING DAY November 17.

If you're expecting the family to dinner you had better look over your table cutlery and see if you have enough to go 'round and whether it's good enough. Look at your carving knife particularly. If that's not right we can sell you one that is, with the fork, from $1.50 up.

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