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LIFE IN FERNIE

F. B. Hawthorne of Nelson was in the city yesterday.

A choice line of old newspapers for sale at this office.

B. F. Shanley has revived from his illness of ten days duration.

Shippers make a roar occasionally at the way freight is handled in Cranbrook.

There will be considerable railroad building between Fernie and Lethbridge next year.

Handley's new bus is by far the gayest and most conspicuous vehicle upon the streets of the coal metropolis.

Conductor Hibbert of the C. N. S. Ry. has rented a house from Mr. Davys and will make his home in Fernie.

It is just as well to order your holiday cakes from S. Slinn. It saves time and money at the merry season of the year.

Robert Kerr has the lumber on his lot opposite the Baptist church, with which he will construct a handsome residence.

E. E. Lacasse, formerly of Ottawa, arrived in the city last week to accept a position with Mr. Slinn as a maker of fancy cakes and choice confectionery.

Mr. Caravetta has stone on the ground and will commence next spring the erection of a large building in which he will have a store and probably an hotel.

Mrs. Frank Hoelzel has opened a laundry on Jaffray street, and solicits a share of the local business. She employs only white labor and makes a specialty of lace curtain work.

The building of the C. N. S. railway depot and freight sheds in Fernie will be completed by February. The roundhouse will be built in Fernie in about six weeks. The temporary roundhouse is now at Swinton.

A. M. Lupfer, chief engineer of the Crow's Nest Southern, came in from Swinton last week. He will make his home in Fernie after the New Year. His wife and family are at present visiting friends in Texas.

Connell & Gray have opened a carpenter and joiner shop on Wood street, next door to the Calgary Cattle company's market, where they are prepared to do all kinds of work in their line. Both are experienced workmen and no slop work is done.

T. D. McNamara has gone to Coleman, where he will act as bookkeeper for the Hotel Coleman. He is one of the best hotel men along the Crow, and at one time managed an hotel in the Southern States that contained more rooms than the combined hotels of Fernie.

Wm. Scott and Charles Stevens are going east to spend the holidays near Guelph, Ontario. It only takes two tickets to get them east but they will have to buy four on the return trip. In addition to his other important business in the east, Mr. Scott will purchase a number of vehicles for the Fernie Cartage Co., probably among them two hacks and an automobile bus.

Sam Gibson will leave in a few days for Montreal to obtain treatment for his eyes. For eighteen months he has been unable to read small print or write letters. For his age Mr. Gibson is one of the most powerful men in Fernie, and is at a loss to understand his present trouble. Three years ago he had a severe attack of smallpox, and possibly the after effects of that disagreeable malady has settled in his optic nerves

Around Jaffray the deer should be rounded up and put in corrals. On Thursday Messrs. Mutz, Pollock, Whelan and other long-distance hunters will leave Fernie for Jaffray, armed with a dynamite gun. This gun will get anything it shoots at. It kills deer by the concussion in the air, and enables hunters to obtain game without having it mutilated in the slightest degree, and makes death practically painless to all denizens of the forest that run into the circle of its great force.

N. E. Suddaby has moved into the Hotel Fernie block. His new store is fitted up in a manner that makes it the most handsome drug establishment between the plains and the salt sea. The store contains three "silent salesman" show cases, drawers and shelving of the most modern type with mirrors at regular intervals. Mr. Suddaby has displayed his artistic taste to perfection in the arrangement of his new emporium of drugs, books, stationery, and fancy goods. His new stock for Christmas does not discord with his surroundings.

Rev. A. Dunn D. D. preached his first sermon since his induction in Knox church on Sunday morning to quite a large and appreciative congregation. His able sermon was upon the building of Christian homes, and its influence upon the young. Rev. Dunn is a clever speaker and is deserving of a hearty support by all the Presbyterians of Fernie and vicinity. One beautiful feature in the service of Knox church is the choir singing, principally by girls between the ages of seven and fifteen. Strangers stopping in the city over Sunday should accept the opportunity of hearing Rev. Dunn and the harmonious vocal music by the excellent choir.

Fernie Aerie of Eagles will elect officers this evening.

Wm. Mills and family have moved from Moyie to Fernie.

The new Tuttle residence on Howland avenue is nearing completion.

Swinton is the name given to Morrissey by the Crow's Nest Southern railway.

The reward for delivering Con Whelan at the Napanee has been increased to six drinks.

James Reid and Miss Emily Greenway were married at Coal Creek Tuesday evening.

Send a copy of Float to your friends in the cent belt. Buy them at this office or from local dealers.

The finances of the province are much firmer. The poll-tax collector was in evidence this week around Fernie.

Bleasdell has one of the swellest Christmas stocks in town. The same old place for Xmas gifts is at Bleasdell's.

Sheppard & Elliott are supplying the Waldorf with silver-plated ware. They have $300 worth of it in their window this week.

Yesterday Mrs. O. V. Mott and her daughter Letta returned from a three months' visit to St. Louis and other points in Kansas and Missouri.

D. J. Robertson & Co. are in Nelson to stay and sell furniture. You could not drive them out of that city with a battery of buzz-saws and a misfit hand organ.

There will be an initiation this evening in the Mount Fernie Lodge of Odd Fellows. The installation of officers will take place the first Thursday in January.

Mott, Son & Co have been appointed agents for the Kootenay Valley Lands Co. and have choice fruit and ranch prospects for sale between Fernie and Kootenay lake.

When Purdy & Co. first put an ad in Fernie's leading excitement they had 6,000 souvenir cards in stock. Now they have had to order more, which speaks well for the cards, Purdy or this widely-read journal.

A difficulty has arisen between the city clerk, acting for the corporation of the City of Fernie, and James Wallace, until recently poundkeeper. In his official capacity, Mr. Wallace had to advance certain sums of money as follows; ground rent, 50 cents; assistance in impounding cattle, 50c; rope for tying cattle 40c. In addition to these items, Mr. Wallace claims the city owes him 50 cents for impounding a cow, and $2 for giving evidence against an Italian for breaking the dog bylaw. In his reply the city clerk disclaims any responsibility on the part of the city, and contends that the expenditures "came within the duties of poundkeeper." Mr. Wallace will probably take legal steps to secure a settlement in full of his account.

N. Klausman has a very compact brewery in Fernie. He came from the Boundry last year, and since then he has built up a steadily increasing business. He is installing a new malt mill and another engine and boiler. The malt mill will run six times the capacity of the present brewery, and is one of the most improved in the market. There are seven large fermenting tubs in the building, and nine large finishing casks in the cold storage room, in addition to an immense storage vat. The brew house, measuring tanks and beer boiler are all up to date for the making of excellent beer. The grounds in connection with the brewery are 120 by 300 feet. In addition to his brewery Mr. Klausman has a handsome residence at one end of the block he owns on Howland avenue.

COAL CREEK.

The writer found the little city of black diamonds full of life and prosperity, with wedding bells ringing and more to follow. The streets are filled with bright and laughing children, always a good sign in any camp. The large store of the Trites-Wood Co. is one of the busiest places in the Rocky mountains. The firm sells almost everything from beeswax to an automatic kicking mule.

The school has an attendance of 65 pupils, and one church provides salvation for those who favor the Methodistical route to Heaven. Other churches will later on be built in the town.

There are many pleasant homes in Coal Creek, the local physician being especially blessed in that respect. The boarding houses are clean and furnish excellent meals to the men who toil beneath the surface of the earth. Many of the miners club together, hire a cook and run their own boarding houses. There is a fine class of people in Coal Creek, although many of them speak of Fernie in a tone touched with sarcasm.

The local butcher can cut more steak and tell more jokes at the same time than probably any other wielder of the cleaver this side of the Red river.

The Coal company provides free transportation on the railroad to Fernie, a distance of five miles, to all comers. It is probably the only free railroad in the world and proves that the great company has some generosity in its corporation soul. The writer saw a pugilistic exhibition in the miners' end of the passenger coach, just before the tram pulled out on the down trip on Monday afternoon. About fifty referees were present and the miniature Nelson and Corbott enjoyed themselves to the limit. More anon.

CITY COUNCIL

The council met on Monday evening, Aldermen Trites and MacLean being absent. Minutes of previous meeting adopted.

A grant of $400 from the city funds (subject to the opinion of the city solicitor as to its validity) was voted to assist in defraying the cost of a survey to locate the best route for a road from Fernie to the junction of the Fraser and Flathead rivers.

It was voted to offer J. G. Cummings the appointment of city engineer at a salary of $7.50 a day, while employed on city work.

The application of Lee Yang, re building outhouse, was not granted.

The application of W. Eschwig to tin the frame building in rear of Waldorf hotel, was refused, and the council authorized to enforce the resolution passed at last meeting.

A. T. Milne was appointed poundkeeper.

A letter from E. V. de Rostern, re city engineer, was received and filed.

The clerk was instructed to renew the insurance on the fire hall.

A petition from several merchants asking for an early-closing bylaw, was laid over until next meeting. The merchants want stores closed at 6:30 p. m. and 10 p. m. on Saturday.

The report of the finance commitee was passed. L. P. Eckstein's account was handed to the finance committee for payment.

The works committee was instructed to have P. Carasaella box and fill in ditch in the lane opposite W. R. McDougall's property.

Bylaw No. 6, relating to Sunday closing, was passed and finally adopted.

The clerk was instructed to buy chemicals for the fire engine and charge same to the city.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

D. M. McLennan, build'g pounds	$ 17 50
J. S. T. Alexander, interest on fire hall	70 00
S. Slinn, bread for jail	7 50
Crow's Nest Trading Co. groceries	10 65
J. McMaster, meat	3 15
Calgary Cattle Co., meat	4 20
A. W. Bleasdell, drugs	50
Dr. Higgings, attendance	4 00
Coal Co., fuel	3 50
J. D. Quail, files	40
C. D. Warring, wages	100 00
Chas Burrows, wages	75 00
C. H. Levers, wages	75 00
Public school, salaries	390 00
Public school, repairs and sup'ls	73 49
P. Carasella, ditching	187 40
R. T. Lowery, publishing bylaw	7 80
Trites-Wood Co., supplies	1 50
King's printer	75
J. S. T. Alexander, salary	340 00
J. A. Rennie, salary	100 00

The council adjourned until Dec 15.

IN THE SUBURBS.

Morrissey has been a busy place during the past summer, owing to the construction of the C. N. S. It contains three hotels, two stores and some choice spirits. A gramaphone works overtime in one of the hotels, where the apple pie does not contain a trace of lead. The entrance to the town is romantic. It is made over a footbridge strung on cables, and the oscillation when you tread it will give you a sensation like "cooning" a log in a rising stream, when your upper stope is flooded with the essence of a Donnybrook fair.

A little over two miles on a rising grade from Morrissey is the city of deferred expectations, well known as Morrissey Mines. It looked to the writer as though the boomer had toyed with its younger days. There are fine hotels and an occasional store. The townsite is an ideal one, and some day its quiet streets may teem with the feverish life of a great coal camp. The town has one of the finest hotels to be found anywhere in the mountains, unoccupied except by a watchman and his wife. To find such a building and its furnishings in this town of exploded dreams is like finding a nugget of gold in a seam of coal or a golden fizz on the desert of Sahara. We found all the hotel men in the camp cheerful and sober. Dave Clark, easily the most picturesque landlord in all these mountains, has a pretty little hotel in the city, where he quietly meditates upon the days he spent at Pilot Bay, and the many wild-cats he nursed until they became too thin to take any more nourishment. The landlord of the Western is another one of the old type of Western men slowly passing away, as the east rides over the iron trail and butts in where once all was broadguage, and the word partner was reverenced with a diamond hitch that can only be appreciated by those who have cut the trails in the far west, and made it easy for the chaps in the boiled shirts and the feather beds to come and pick the plums of fortune.

There is a future for Morrissey Mines although it is very trying for the people in business there to sit and wait for it. When thousands of miners are working in the mines of Carbonado, a mile or two farther up the gulch, this handsome town will be drenched in the golden rain that falls so copiously around a camp with a big payroll

BOARD OF TRADE.

A meeting of the Fernie Board of Trade was held in the fire hall Wednesday evening of last week. A number of communications were read by Secretary Alexander. Three of these dealt with the proposed trail to Flathead, all favoring the Fernie route.

After considerable discussion a committee, consisting of Messrs. Eckstein, Mott, Bleasdell, Cree, R. W. Wood, W. Tuttle, and S. F. Wallace was appointed to present the matter in as strong a light as possible before the city council that a grant might be secured to pay expenses of surveys, etc

A letter from L. P. Eckstein, asking the board to deal with his bill referred to that body by the city council, was taken up. The city solicitor was requested to go over the bill with Mr. Eckstein, and the city council was recommended to pay the amount agreed upon by this committee.

The resolution in reference to the prevention of bush fires, forwarded by the Nelson board of trade, was endorsed by the board, on motion of J. A. MacLean and D. V. Mott. This resolution asks the government to appoint more fire wardens during the dangerous months, to pay them suitably and to empower them to call upon all citizens to assist in fighting fires.

Mr. Mott spoke in favor of an excursion from Spokane to Fernie to mark the formal opening of the Great Northern railway into this city. He moved that the Spokane board be communicated with to seek its cooperation in the matter. He had no doubt the Great Northern would assist in every way possible. Dr. C. P. Higgins in seconding the motion, favored the holding of a winter carnival in connection.

A. D. Kildahl, manager of the Elk Lumber and Manufacturing company, asked the aid of the board in presenting the lumbermen's cause at Ottawa. The Mountain Lumber association was sending delegates to ask the government for a duty on American rough lumber. Boards of trade in other towns were sending delegates, and he asked that one be sent from Fernie. Several members spoke sympathetically of the cause, but some doubted where the funds were to come from, there being only $59 in the treasury. The matter was laid over until next meeting.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OIL.

W. O. Robins returned from Pincher on Monday and states that the people of that place are deeply interested in the oil wells south of the town. The Rocky Mountain Development Co. is operating at the base of Chief mountain, six miles from the boundary line, forty miles from Pincher, and about one hundred miles from Fernie. Mr. Robins says that the company has one well 1,120 feet deep, that pumps 75 barrels every ten hours. The petroleum is dark green in color, carrying 50 per cent illuminating oil, 15 per cent benzine, 20 per cent lubricating oil, and the balance tar, paraffine and other products. The well now being drilled will be sunk at least 1,400 feet, unless oil flows in very large quantities above that level. This depth in some oil fields would be considered very shallow, as the writer has seen many wells drilled 3,000 feet in mountainous districts before the greasy was found in paying quantities. The tanks are full at the R. M. D. Co's pumps and it is the intention to build a pipe line to Pincher and erect a refinery. There is a fall of 1,700 feet between the oil well and Pincher, so that piping the product is the cheapest method of transportation.

At the drilling rig the furnace under the boiler is fed with oil sprayed in much the same as tar is injected under the stills of refineries. The country between Pincher and the oil well is fairly level and adapted for ranching. The people are praying for the advent of the Great Northern.

A sample of the oil, probably a gallon, will be on exhibition in THE LEDGE office in a short time.

Poetry of Motion.

The Fernie Dancing Club was organized Monday evening at a meeting held in the offices of Herchmer & Herchmer. The club will have an assembly every fortnight during the dancing season. S. Herchmer is president; J. L. Gates, vice-president; A. N. Wilmot, secretary-treasurer; and Messrs. Cree, Lawe, Bolton, Whelan, and Kastner, a committee of management.

About the Coal Co.

General Manager Lindsey of the C. N. P. Coal company will arrive in Fernie about the 10th. Shortly after his arrival the M. F. & M. Ry. will take over from the C. P. R., on a lease, the short line now in operation between Coal Creek and Fernie.

There is absolutely no truth in the rumors circulated by the Cranbrook Herald, and other false alarms, that the Coal company intend building an hotel at Coal Creek. Several parties have constantly made overtures to the company for permission to run a tavern near the mines, but have always met with a refusal, as it is not considered good business judgment by the company to allow intoxicants within five miles of their workings.

At Coal Creek recently a small section of No. 1 was closed, and the 42 miners and drivers employed in it distributed in the other workings.

The Fernie Liberals.

At a meeting recently held the Liberals of Fernie elected the following officers:

Honorary president, W. A Galliher, M. P.; president, W. Coulthard; first vice-president, Dr. C. P. Higgins; second vice-president, W. W. Tuttle; secretary, F. J. Watson; treasurer, F. C. Lawe. Executive committee: H. H. Trites, E. Kummer, W. Campbell, R. Kerr, James MacLean, John A. MacLean, John Hunter, Joseph Aiello, Jan Podbielaneck, F. Stork, W. W. Leach and John Balke.

The Fernie Schools

The following is the November report for the schools of Fernie.

There were 213 pupils on the roll

Honor roll for attendance, punctuality and department:

DIVISION I

Sr IV—Katey Milton, Elfrida John Elliott Kirkpatrick. Jr. IV—Raymond Giddings, Arthur Geddes, Euphemia McCliment.

DIVISION II

Perfect attendance—Ada Kent, Fred Hutchison, Roy Hutchison,, Roy Kirkpatrick, Charlotte Rennie, Ada Robson Thos. Southern, Laura Telfer, Edna Tuttle, Aaron Walde.

Commended for good conduct and diligence—Sr. III—Mabel Graham, Amelia Schofield,, Amy Tutty. Jr. III Eliza Holmes, Edna Tuttle Charlotte Rennie, Laura White. Sr. II—Rheta Todd, Laura Telfer, Thos, Southern

DIVISION III

First Reader—Lawrence Wildman, Martin Brobovski, Garnet Dudley, Second Reader—Menlo Giddings, Florence Davis, Leonard Dudley.

DIVISION IV

II Pr. Edith Tutty, and Fairy McDougall, equal; Walter Rennie, Alice Quail. I Pr.—John Poole, Jas. Graves Tony Carosella.

DIVISION V

Class A—Jas. Patterson, Hannah Jewett, Max Klausman. Class B—Harold McFarquhar, Cara Graves, Harold Wildman. Class C—Lylia McKane, Mike Kost, Sylvester Van Dusen.

Coal in November.

In the month of November the three colleries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. produced 71,628 tons of coal, and the coke ovens made 19,251 tons of coke. Owing to a shortage of C. P. R. cars the coke ovens were not in full blast. Nearly two-thirds of the coal was dug out at Coal Creek while the making of coke was divided between Michel and Fernie. At Carbonado all the ovens were cold last month.

LATEST BY WIRE.

ROME, DEC. 7—The Pope is ill with rheumatism.

MUKDEN, DEC. 6—No change in general conditions. The prospects for a big battle have disappeared.

NEW YORK, DEC. 6—Mrs. Chadwick is suffering from nervous prostration and strenuous efforts are being made to settle her affairs.

Kootenay Central Survey

The Kootenay Central survey party in charge of T. S. Armstrong, were camped at Wasa this week. The survey has been completed from Windemere to Wasa.

The party are now engaged in running a line on the west bank of the Kootenay River to a point near Fort Steele Junction. As soon as this line is located, a line will be run from Wasa to Fort Steele, on the east bank of the Kootenay, thence south to a point on the Crow line near Jaffray. It is reported that if sufficient west bound freights is secured the line on the west side will be built. The main line of the Kootenay Central will be located and constructed on the east side of the river from a point about four miles north of Wasa to a point on the Crow line near Jaffray.

The survey party will move their camp to the vicinity of Fort Steele some time during the coming week.—Fort Steele Prospector.

A Future for Zinc.

It is almost certain that within the next few years British Columbia will be an important factor in the production of zinc ores, says the Mining Reporter of Denver, Colo. Investiga- [illegible] zinc resources of the Slocan country. Already it seems possible for zinc ores to be mined as such, without relying on the precious metal contents. We learn from private sources that an important group of Chicago investors is seriously considering taking hold of a property which will almost exclusively be worked for its zinc values.

The Mormons in Nevada.

People from Utah are purchasing all the land they can in Pahranagat Valley and the day is not far distant when there will be a line of Mormon settlements from one end of the valley to the other. The church has to expand and for the purpose of keeping their people together they are purchasing up the land of the valleys in Nevada and building up settlements.

ALONG THE CROW

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

It looks as if the rink proposition would be a failure in Cranbrook. It is pretty hard to arouse enthusiasm over a skating rink in a town where there is as much sunshine as can be found in Cranbrook.

Mr. McGregor, who was accidentally shot a few weeks ago and brought to the St. Eugene hospital, and afterward left it, was compelled to return there last Monday, as his condition had taken a turn for the worse.

James Burkett, an old-timer in Cranbrook, but who has been at Crow's Nest for the past year, was in town this week. He may return to Cranbrook to live, a move that would meet with the approval of his many friends in this community.

Jack McGrath, foreman at camp 6, Jaffray, was brought to town Tuesday of last week very sick. Maurice Quain, who has been shacking with him, came to the hospital last week and has been sick since that time. The complaint is in the nature of pneumonia, but in Quain's case it was not as serious as it is with McGrath.

A few of the men in this community who toil not, neither do they spin, have been given a nice blue paper by Constables Morris and Hoskins. There has been about as nasty a bunch of red-light deadbeats hanging around the town for the past two months as could be found anywhere in the west, and the officials are doing a good act when they send them out to battle with booze and the cold world in some other camp.

Minard Ferguson, a miner employed at the St. Eugene mine at Moyie, died last Sunday at the hospital in this city of blood poisoning. He was dumping ore cars a few days ago at the mine and a car of which only a part of the ore had dropped out ran back on him and caught his foot, bruising it pretty badly and lacerating the flesh in one place. He laid off for a few days and then went back to work, thinking he was all right. Blood-poisoning set in, however, and he was brought to the hospital, but it was too late, and he soon passed away. Mr. Temby, secretary of the Miners' union, came up Monday and remained until today endeavoring to secure word from the relatives of the deceased, and yesterday he received instructions to forward the remains to Nova Scotia.

MOYIE

From the Leader

C. I. Armstrong is again in charge of the Manhattan Hotel.

It is reported that Rev. C. McDiarmid, the Presbyterian minister, has gone east to get married.

John Daly came over from the Slocan this week and has taken up his position in the St. Eugene office.

The output of the St. Eugene mine for the month of November was 21,000 tons, of which about 15,000 tons was of concentrates, and the balance of 6,000 tons was of clean ore.

Sam Grant, formerly manager of the Moyie Lumber Company, but for some time a railroad contractor in the Indian Territory, met with a severe loss a short time ago by having nearly his entire outfit destroyed by fire.

So far this is one of the mildest winters ever experienced in the history of the Kootenays. This time last year there was two feet of snow at the St. Eugene mine, the bays around the lake were frozen over and mercury had been down as low as six degrees below zero.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

Prospects in Southeast Kootenay are very bright and it looks very much as if construction work on the Kootenay Central railway would soon commence.

Fort Steele is the pioneer camp of the Fort Steele Mining District, and until the building of the Crows Nest branch railway, the supply point for all that section now included under the head of Southeast Kootenay. As far back as 1864 or 1863 placer mining was carried on at Wild Horse creek and from that day from this there is a large part of the local activity in placer mining carried on in this vicinity. The first lode mine located in this district was the Kootenay King and was recorded in 1885. The North Star was the first mine in the district to ship ore, and the St Eugene has been developed into the largest silver lead producing mine on the American continent.

The Sullivan group of mines are considered to be one of the best properties in the province, a considerable amount of ore has been shipped, and it is estimated that there is over [illegible] tons in sight. The completion of the smelter at Marysville will enable the Sullivan mines to take a prominent place among the producing mines of the Province.—Prospector.

THE ST. EUGENE.

In four months the St. Eugene mine has produced and marketed quarter of a million dollars worth of lead ore, and $[illegible] were expended to secure that result. A large proportion of that expenditure consists of wages to miners, railway employes, and men working in smelters. Some of it went to support Belgians or Dutchmen in Belgium or Holland, but most of it to support British Columbians in British Columbia. The margin of profit made by the mine would, apart form the Dominion bounty, have been too small to attempt the company to resume operations. Therefore the lead bounty has been of distinct and positive advantage to the interests of the country. The advantage of a bounty is more direct and obvious, but not so permanent and far reaching as the advantage of a duty. As people's minds are influenced greatly by what is direct and obvious a bounty may be good politics, but a protective duty would have been better statesmanship.—Nelson Tribune.

KOOTENAY CENTRAL

Considerable activity is being displayed around Golden at the present time by officials having some connections with the Kootenay Central Railway. Levels are being taken and sights staked out with a view to preparing plans to be forwarded to headquarters for consideration by the company as speedily as possible, so that the grading contracts may be let immediately. Of course all this will take some time, but it is given out that actual work on the construction will begin shortly after New Year's, and the Columbia Valley will present the busiest sight in British Columbia in many ways.—Golden Star.

HOTEL LICENSES.

The following hotel and liquor men are applying for licenses in Fernie, Cranbrook and other places along or near the Crow:

FERNIE.

Philip Carasello, Roma; John L. Gates, King Edward; Wm. Eschwig, Northern; Thos. H. Whelan, Napanee; John F. Jarvis, King's; Mrs. Sarah Jennings, Central; Alexander P. Chinette, Queen's; Stephen F. Wallace, Fernie; Antonia Caravetta, Calabia; William Mills, Waldorf.

For wholesale licenses, Pollock Wine Co., and Louis Carasello.

CRANBROOK.

A. L. McDermot and A. C. Bowness, wholesale. L. B. VanDecar, Royal; Dan McDonald, Manitoba; J. R. Downes, Cosmopolitan; Hoggarth & Rollins, Cranbrook;

Joseph Brault, Canadian; M. J. McPeak, East Kootenay; W. Small, Imperial; Shelton & Clapp, transfer to Wm. Rollins, Wentworth.

MORRISSEY.

W. M. Stewart, Grand Union; J. Hurrell, Morrissey; W. J. Moore, Australian.

OTHER PLACES.

A. Good, Summit, Crow's Nest.

S. Herchmer, Michel hotel, Michel.

F. Labelle, Canadian, Hosmer.

A. Mutz, Union, Fernie.

W. H. Willson, Miner's Morrissey Mines.

E. C. Willson, Alexander, Morrissey Mines.

D. Clark, Clark hotel, Morrissey Mines.

Chas. Farrell, Western, Morrissey Mines.

N. Hanson, Windsor, Morrissey Mines.

John Mott, Hoffman, Elko.

D. McNeish, Elk, Elko.

T. Whelan, Jaffray, Jaffray.

Jessie Disle, Cosmopolitan, Baynes Lake.

Fred Roo, S. Louis, Roosville.

John Irvine, Royal, Gateway.

J. H. Scott, transfer to Central, Wardner.

James Brown, International, Wardner.

A. A. Currie, transfer of Wardner hotel, Wardner. Robert Bohart.

Sidney Redding, Imperial, Fort Steele Junction.

H. Reineman, transfer to Imperial, Fort Steele. N. Hanson.

H. S. Mather, Windsor, Fort Steele.

R. A. Fraser, Strathcona, Fort Steele.

S. Cadieux, Premier, Sheep Creek.

H. W. Drew, North Star, Kimberley.

Jas. Carroll, Ontario, Kimberley.

W. S. Forsythe, Royal, Kimberley.

J. McDonald, transfer to Robert Johnson, Central, Marysville.

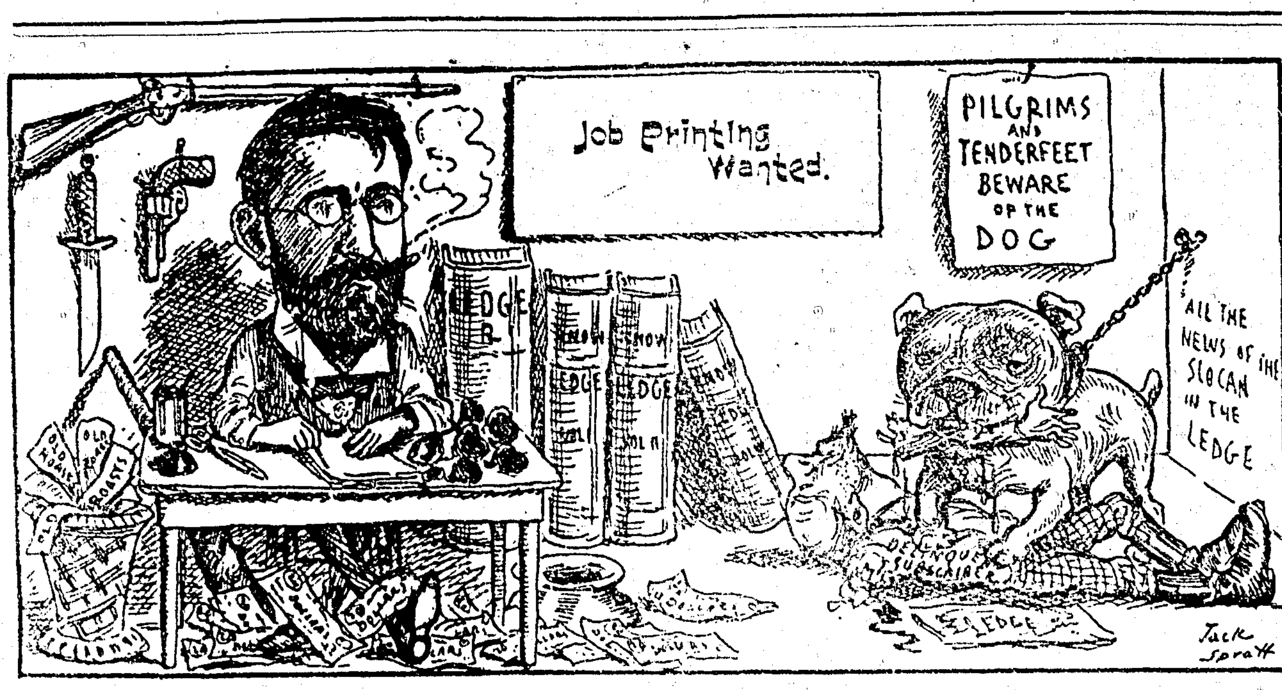
Finch & Jones, Falls View, Marysville.

W. H. Bradford, St. Mary's, Staples' Siding.

Oliver Burge, Perry Creek hotel, Perry Creek.

The man who never crosses a bridge until he gets to it sometimes fails to cross it when he reaches the river.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you." And it also laughs at you, and thereafter refuses to take you seriously.



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MAYOR OF NELSON.

John Houston is out for the mayoralty of Nelson. His platform appeals to all who really have the welfare of Nelson at heart. That city is suffering from partial paralysis and requires some strong spirit to sit in front and pump air into its sagging tires. Houston seems to be the man. He already has done more for Nelson than any other biped that ever breathed the ozone of Baker street. He has some faults, but nothing is perfect except an embalmed corpse going east. Houston does not love the grafter, nor the wobbler nor the chaps with the short pants who suck their Scotch with a straw, and blow the atmosphere full of "Aw" expressions. John will have the support of the real people in his city. Those tied to corporations and beer wagons will clutch his throat like a bald-headed coon reaching for flies, but the citizens who desire their city to become progressive will mark their ballots for the old battle-axe that has blazed many a hard trail, and made himself poor in the service of the public. Nelson needs a jolt to get it on the track again, and John is the man to supply the jack screws. If he cannot pull it onto the main line of prosperity the town might as well be marked a flag station, and the cows turned in to keep the grass from hiding the scenery.

AN editor always considers that one subscription in his hand is worth five on the books.

GENEROSITY begets generosity. Think of this when you are writing ads for the newspaper.

ONE of the best ways to help your town is to subscribe for the local paper and pay for it in advance.

IT seems about the time that the Doukhobors should shed their clothes and start out on a pilgrimage to Winnipeg.

THE Herald says that Cranbrook is in the banana belt. It probably means that bananas are brought to the village in refrigerator cars.

WITH two railroads there is little reason why Fernie should not become a wholesale center. All it needs is to have the rates adjusted to suit the situation.

IT is useless to help those who will not help themselves, Confucius remarked many centuries ago. This does not apply to the chap who steals your coat just before a blizzard.

FERNIE has one advantage for the newspaper man. He is seldom stopped on the street by the chap who has a piece of rock to show him. In quartz camps editors are sometimes driven insane by a rush of rock fiends to their offices.

PEOPLE from the United States are usually called Americans. The title rightly belongs to all who are born in America. The real American is the Indian, whose folks were here first, and as a consequence he belongs to the oldest families.

IT is possible for a British subject to legally vote in the United States. During the war between the North and South many Canadians fought for the Union without renouncing their allegiance to Great Britain. These men can vote in the United States without being citizens of that country. At least one in Fernie holds the privilege.

MORE steel is now used in making pens than implements of war. The pen is still mightier than the sword. The sword is a rude thing and appeals to the brute in man by sheer force, while the pen in the hands of polished and trained experts can move a nation to tears or break the chains that bind freedom in slavery. Napoleon was right when he said he would rather face 100,000 bayonets than have four hostile newspapers against him.

KAMLOOPS is fighting vigorously against the establishment of a sanitarium for consumptives at that town. There is no need for such alarm. In Los Angeles there are over 25,000 people all the time more or less tainted with the white plague, yet that city within the last fourteen years has grown faster than any city in America. Kamloops people might stick this argument in their petition against allowing unfortunates a chance to breathe ozone around their windy location.

THERE is no truth whatever in the story printed in a Vancouver paper that the Methodists would open a tavern in Winnipeg, a la the Bishop Potter gin-mill in New York. The Methodist church is radical in many respects, but it will never attempt to convert souls by selling gin-fizzes as a side line. The church and saloon can never be successful partners, in spite of the fact that Potter thinks so. Salvation is always free in churches, but such a thing is out of the question with the saloon.

AUTUMN weather hangs on to Fernie like an Ontario Grit to a pap barrel. It is loth to depart and toys with December like a June bug with the butter. We wish it would go away so that the beautiful could carpet our streets with a mantle of white and the tinkle of sleigh bells again oscillate the ozone outside our editorial palace. There is nothing like having everything in season. Mud, with Christmas just over the summit, is seriously out of place, especially in Fernie, where the latter part of the adage about a green Christmas is not necessary.

CONSUMPTION is mainly a house disease, caused by breathing bad air and not enough of the outdoor article. Breathe deeply of pure air and you need have no fear that your lungs will ooze away in small clots of phlegm. The more we breathe the more we live. Burn up the carbon in the flesh by deep draughts of ozone and you will soon know what it means to be alive and doing well. In Canada consumption is rampant because ignorant people rely upon heavy clothing to keep them warm, instead of exercise, shut down the windows tight, build a big fire in the stove and wonder in the morning that they are sick. It is really a wonder that some people live as long as they do.

A SWEAT-SHOP TRAGEDY.

It was no uncommon thing in these sweat-shops for men to sit bent over a sewing machine continuously from eleven to fifteen hours a day in July weather, operating a sewing machine by foot power, and often so driven that they could not stop for lunch. The seasonal character of the world meant demoralizing toll for a few months in the year, and a not less demoralizing idleness for the remainder of the time. Consumption, the plague of the garment industry, carried off many of these workers, poor nutrition and exhaustion many more.

They dared not stop working, knowing that there were plenty of other men ready instantly to take their places; and the contractor, himself the victim of frightful competition and the tool of the manufacturer, always playing upon their ready fears, always demanding a swifter pace, forced the price constantly downward. If, by chance, a man appeared who was so highly expert or so unusually robust that he could do a few more pieces in a day, the price went down, and the weaker ones were remorselessly spurred forward to keep pace with him, until they dropped out from exhaustion.

In one of these sweat shops one day a woman worker in a [illegible], gave birth to a child behind a curtain hung at the corner of the hot, noisy room. Another woman had stolen a few moments to be with her. The child was born dead. When the mother saw that the child was dead, she cried out, shrieked, but only for a few minutes. Then she dried her eyes.

"Thank God!" she said. "I could not take care of it."

And a few days later she was again at her place in the shop.

That sort of work made [illegible] men and women.

Nowhere was there, apparently, any relief for this ferocious waste of human life. These people were cast into the turmoil of the let-alone civilization of America; no one paid any attention to them, or cared what happened to them—with the result that many of them were literally worked to death.—Ray Stannard Baker, in "The Rise of the Tailors," in December McClure's.

LIKE A SQUARE DEAL.

It pays to be a man all through and at all times. There are rewards for those strong characters who do not measure all things by money, says the Minneapolis Bulletin and Trade.

The country appreciates such men. The recent elections show it.

Folk of Missouri is a good illustration. He stood for clean government, duty, and a clear conscience. It matters little what Folk's politics are. What he stands for and how consistently he stands for it is what the people of his state thought of on election day.

Principle must guide every man and every businsss. The people may be a little slow at times in ferreting out him whose ways are dark; but the reckoning comes sooner or later and the public is sure to reward the man who gives the people a square deal all the time.

If you have been in business long in your town, or wherever you may be located, you have probably seen merchants come and go. Some of them probably lacked ability. That explained their failures. But others who had ability were using it in the wrong way. They were giving the laugh to the honest, sincere and frank business policy. They could make money easier than by that avenue. They seemed to prosper for a time, but it was soon over. When the crash came the truth stood out. They simply could not fool all the people all the time.

Whether you are in business or in politics it pays to be fair and frank.

The Commercial Spirit.

We are called a commercial nation, said Stephen F. Weston, the president of the Antioch college, Ohio, and there is nothing opprobrious in such an appellation, for it is good to be commercial, to be industrious. At the same time, though, this spirit should not be carried too far.

There was an American who carried it too far in Scotland. He went with a party of tourists to see one of the grandest Scottish ruins—a gray castle, centuries old, that crowned a beetling crag.

The guide pointed out the wonders of the castle, and the wild, romantic view from the cliff on which it stood.

"The estate," he said in conclusion, "has been in the family of the Earl of Mar for four centuries."

Then it was that the American's too commercial spirit cropped out. Embracing with a gesture the bleak scene, he said:

"Four centuries, eh? Well, I don't wonder. The only way to get rid of a property like this would be to cut it up into building lots and sell it at auction, with a free excursion, a brass band and a hot lunch thrown in."

Curing Bright's Disease.

At the fifty-fifth meeting of the American medical association, Prof. Ayres, of the New York post-graduate hospital, is said to have startled the convention by the announcement that he believed that Bright's disease in the early stages, at least, was curable. His treatment consists in the injection of drugs directly into the kidneys. According to the newspaper accounts he has cured 43 cases and out of 93 which he has treated [illegible].

It is said by many that in the early stages—rather an indefinite phrase—a patient can cure himself by a rigid devotion to buttermilk. We have known at least one man, a very brilliant man, who found this simple remedy worse than the disease. After three months of nothing but buttermilk he said that he preferred to die, and he died.—Everybody's Magazine.

Nearly every man is willing to spend two dollars worth of time to get fifty cents without work.

THOUGHTS OF HOME.

It duz me good to go back hum,
Where all my folkses be,
An' git th' rousin' welcome thet
They allus have fer me;
I like tew see my neighbors, too—
Th' wuns I uster know,
When I wuz jes' a little tad,
A long, long time ago.

The ol'house looks about th' same,
A-nestin' mungst th' trees;
Th' birds is singin' jest as sweet,
Likewise the honeybees;
And up and down the front yard walk,
Where once I uster play,
The same sunflow'rs thet bloomed thar' then,
Is bloomin' thar' tew-day.

Ole Shep, who's know'd me ever sence
I wuz a little boy,
Will allus meet me at th' gate
An' bark an' jump fer joy;
I notice pap ain't quite so spry
Es he wuz years ago,
An' mother's head is mos' es white
Es last December's snow.

Thar' hain't no spot on this green earth
Whar I kin feel es free
Es back hum' whar' I allus know
A welcum waits fer me;
I hate ter think about th' time,
Which soon er late must cum,
When thar' won't be nobody left
Tew welcome me tew hum.

—Ohio State Journal.

Cut Glass

Our facilities are unsurpassed for obtaining the best possible assortment in cut glass.

A handsome one-quart water bottle, graceful in shape, is No. 15717 at only $5.00.

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The Carpenters & Joiners of Fernie meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month at the Oddfellows' Hall.

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Agents in Fernie: Mott, Son & Co. — T. G. Proctor Manager Nelson

Hotel Strathcona

Is in a delightful location and from its balconies can be seen all the beauty of the grand scenery that surrounds, hems in, and adorns the busy city of Nelson. It is the home of tourists and business men from all parts of the world. The cuisine never drags in the mire of mediocrity and every room is an enemy to insomnia. If you need rooms when on the way in, touch the wire and the deed is done.

B. Tomkins, Manager, Nelson, B.C.

BEER & SCIENCE

That an ordinary American beer mug should be the means of creating one of the most tremendous sensations in the history of science, that it should drive a great man from fame and fortune to the life of a common laborer, seems almost inconceivable outside the realm of fiction, yet this is just what the miniature imitation of an ordinary beer mug has done for Professor Beal Steere, Michigan's most eminent scientist, who, a short time ago recognized as among the most famous of living zoologists, is now an ordinary truck gardener and peddler.

Never has a story of great human interest been told than that which has driven this man, the leader of many of the most important government and scientific expeditions ever sent out from the United States, to weed, dig and clean vegetables, and then to peddle them among his hundreds of old assoniates in his own town of Ann Arbor, where for seventeen years he had held a professorship in the University of Michigan.

Ask any of the thousands of new students at Ann Arbor who Professor Beal Steere is and they will tell you that a while back he was an instructor there, and that he has a big zoological collection in the museum.

Ask any great student in any part of the world and he can spend hours in describing Professor Steere's exploits. European scientists will point out that Professor Steere has in the British museum the greatest collection of birds ever brought together by one man; that he was the first scientist to undertake the exploration of the Philippines, and that in the British museum alone he is represented by fifty new species of birds. Others will tell of his great scientific expeditions for the United States government and the Smithsonian institute, and of the priceless South American collection he made for the Buffalo exposition. Yet only a few of these, if any, will know that, in farm clothes, battered hat, and cowhides, this great zoologist now makes a livelihood as a truck gardener and peddler.

At the time the fatal beer mug came into the life of Professor Steere, he was recognized as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of living zoologists and ethnologists. From 1871, when he made his famous trip for 2,000 miles up the Amazon, up until his second Amazonian institution for the Smithsonian institution in 1900, when he discovered a new race of people, he was constantly called upon to lead new expeditions.

Unfortunately for himself, and the world of science, Professor Steere had become an active temperance worker years before this, and in spite of the protestations and warnings of those friends who knew what enmity his active campaigning against liquor would bring against him, he continued the fight in his own university.

Each year he made fewer friends, and more enemies. Brother professors argued with him, and, finally, it was pointed out by the faculty that the University of Michigan had no place for Professor Steere to set up as a temperance preacher. He was there to teach zoology and ethnology, and he would draw his salary as such.

But Professor Steere was not a man to be brow-beaten or threatened. He became more and more enthusiastic in his bitter war against liquor in the university town. No sooner would he return from one of his expeditions into the wildernse of Formosa, Austria, South America or the new South Sea islands than he would take up the cudgel again.

Then came the straw that broke the camel's back.

The senior class at the university adopted a beer mug as their emblem.

The great zoologist temperance war was waged cheaper than ever until the end came. Professor Steere's resignation was asked for, and he handed it in without a word.

What would the great scientist do?

Would he go to a great eastern college that had tried to get him before? Would he become associated with the Smithsonian institution, or would he go to Europe, where his fame was [illegible]

There were many roads open to Prof Steere, but he chose none of them. He had not accumulated a fortune, for the great love he possessed for his work had made him spend all he made in research work. He had [illegible] different institutions, including his own university, with rare and valuable collections, but Professor Steere was too much a lover of science to ask money remuneration for these. He could not retire, and still, almost heartbroken, he declined all offers made him.

"If, after seventeen years of service, my own university does not care for me I will go to no other," he explained to his friends.

Then Professor Steere heaped burning coals upon the heads of his enemies by taking one of the most remarkable steps in the history of great men.

He became their truck gardener and peddler.

In his rambles in search of birds and animals in the swamps about his home he had discovered a filled-up lake—a tract of ink-black loam and muck, situated in a wild marshy stretch, far away from neighbors, and here, six miles from the university, he began raising green stuff for the tables of his associate professors and for the boarding houses of the hundreds of students he had once taught.

And if one goes to see Professor Steere today he will find him down there in the black loam in the marsh, perhaps on his hands and knees weeding onions or picking potato bugs from growing vines. For hours he will kneel, dragging himself along between the rows, and then will slip away to some corner of the field and become absorbed in a work of science. It may be that in the morning when he goes to his onion or bean patch he carries under his arm a rare beast or reptile, whose stuffed skin needs repairing and upon which he works during the interval of "rest." The barns and sheds and house on his swamp farm are filled with the rarest collections, and among these he spends all of the time he is not at work.

Instead of rising at 8 o'clock, in time to get a light breakfast before meeting his classes, he now rises at 4, and milks cows and feeds chickens and pigs. Instead of leaving his house the immaculate Professor Steere, he has on the rough, cheap clothes of the farmer, stained and soiled with the work of the fields. But the greatest and most pathetic change is seen when Professor Steere goes to town, driving a truck wagon loaded with onions, celery, beans and other garden produce. Everybody knows him and everybody is willing to buy. And each time he comes and goes his road lies along the campus, and as strange as it may seem, his great ethnological and zoological collections, numbering hundreds and thousands of specimens, stare out at him through the big museum windows. Yet never will one of these specimens be sold, for though Professor Steere works hard for his meagre living, he would not acceptaid by sacrificing them.

He seeks few new friends and does not force himself on his old ones. His little world is now on his swamp farm, with his family and his scientific treasures. He has aged rapidly, and resembles the forceful, aggressive man whose indomitable courage and rare perseverance called him to all parts of the world. But mentally he is the same, and should the Smithsonian institution, the United States government, or the British museum call upon him tomorrow to cross the world for science, as any one of them is liable to do, he would still be one of the best men in the world for the work.

His great scientific work practically began with the famous Steere Amazon Expedition up the Amazon thirty-three years ago, though that was after his expeditions to Formosa and Australia, when he penetrated further into both countries than any other white man had done. Professor Steere's literature on cannibal tribes is among the most valuable in existence, and it was on his first Amazon expedition that he personally made the acquaintance of wild and savage tribes whose people ate human flesh. In this expedition Professor Steere secured much interesting information, which later appeared in scientific works, and the big ethnological collection he gathered from among wild and little known tribes was turned over to his own university and the British museum.

In 1887 he led another expedition into the Philippines, being the first scientist ever to penetrate that country. It was here that he made the greatest collection of birds in existence, a collection of 5,000 specimens, now in the British museum, among which were fifty specimens entirely unknown to science before that. It was during this expedition that he discovered an entirely new animal, a [illegible] buffalo-like animal called the anoa. He brought [illegible] and it is now to be seen in the national museum.

In [illegible] the [illegible] sent Professor Steere to settle the boundary [illegible] in South America, between Peru and Bolivia, which [illegible] nations. In the final settlement the "Steere findings" were brought into considerable prominence. But his [illegible] exploit was the discovery of an entirely new race in [illegible], when the Smithsonian [illegible] Purus river, Brazil.

After making his most famous collection for the anthropological and natural history exhibits at the Pan-American, Professor Steere pushed on into the unexplored wilds, away beyond the Marmorea Mari. After traversing hundreds of miles of almost uninhabited country he came upon a number of ruined villages, around which human skeletons lay in great numbers. Still beyond this he encountered a solitary family, and held them captive for several days, until he found that another hundred miles on was a whole tribe hurrying for the interior in order to escape a terrible malady that was destroying them. This disease Professor Steere found to be measles. In the course of a fortnight he overtook the strange people, who called themselves Jamamadi, and lived among them for some time.

After an exciting career of more than thirty years, during which he has led eight different scientific expeditions, few people believe that Professor Steere can always devote himself to the raising of garden truck, but if this greatest of Michigan's scientists has any plans for the future he keeps them to himself.

But science the world over would not be surprised if they learned tomorrow that Professor Joseph Beal Steere, peddler, had been suddenly called upon to lead another great expedition to faraway part of the world.

But until then this great man will continue to raise vegetables for those among whom he once lived.

Silver Production in Mexico.

Mexican government reports show that more silver was produced in Mexico during the fiscal year 1903-4 than was produced in the United States. The value of the silver exported by Mexico during the year was $78,987,891, as declared at the custom houses, divided as follows, the figures being taken from the Mexican Investor:

In bar silver	$45,788,106
In Mexican coin	18,635,595
In other forms	14,564,189
Total 1903-4	$78,987,891

The amount of silver coined at the three mints and put into home circulation, apart from the coinage exported, was $22,025,450. This amount added to sxports, bring's Mexico's total silver production for the year to $101,013,341, making Mexico the greatest producer of silver in the world.

TOO KEEN A BARGAINER

The late Levi Z. Leiter now and then used to narrate incidents of his early life as a clerk in a dry goods store of Leitersburg, Md. With one of these incidents, as a parable, Mr. Leiter would often illustrate some point he wished to make.

"Be frugal and careful in your dealings," he said to a young business man one day, "but never be grasping. Never try to overreach. Such courses too often make a man ridiculous, and give him besides a bad reputation that lasts all his life.

"A reputation of this kind was acquired in a moment in our Leitersburg store by a woman, and she could never shake it off.

"This woman came into the store and said to me, in the presence of a good-sized crowd of people.

"'How much is this guimpe, young man?'

"One dollar a yard, ma'am," said I.

"But she was slightly deaf. She misunderstood.

"'Two dollars a yard?' she exclaimed. 'Well, it ain't worth it. I'll give you a dollar and a half, and that's all I'll give.'

"One dollar, ma'am, is the price, I repeated in a louder key.

"'Oh,' she said. 'That's much too high. I'll give ye 75 cents',"

BARNUM WAS RIGHT.

Himself the prince of humbugs, Barnum was in a position to speak with authority when he declared that people liked to be humbugged and would meet the fakir half way. The News doubts if the banks of Decatur could sell $4 gold pieces at auction for 50c. on their face. But if one of the tribe of long-haired, leather-lunged, brazen-throated "doctors" hits the the town with a twanging banjo and a singer or two with a voice which is a cross between a keyhole saw and a corn-sheller, he has only to tear off a few yards of rag-time and hand out a batch of jokes that blew over in the Mayflower when the average crowd is ripe for wicking. A pleasing array of worms and other parasitical monstrosities easily puts the crowd into a state of suspicion as to whether or not they [illegible]. They tread upon each other's heels to buy the "yarbs" that are guaranteed to cure every ill from falling of socks to twins. They pay 25 to 50 cents for tooth soap, and take corn salve like a perch takes a fly, that can be had at any grocery store for 2 cents. He can sell a gilded nickel for $6.50 quicker than a home merchant could dispose of a double eagle at the same price.

"Most any man can be humbugged through his ignorance of medicine, and a smooth-tongued fakir can soon work up most alarming symptoms. In view of the success of all manner of skin games, shell and gold-brick schemes, we are convinced that Phineas T. Barnum knew what he was talking about. —Decatur News.

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Wm. Tuttle, Prop.

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NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of 30 clear days from this date, I intend to apply to the Ass'stant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the district in which the under mentioned lands are situate for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum for a term of one year over the following described lands; situate in the District of South East Kootenay about two miles West of the Summit of the Rocky Mountains and about eight miles North of the Kootenay Pass trail commencing at a post marked South West corner of Samuel P. Tuck's coal and petroleum location thence running East 80 chains thence North 80 chains thence West 80 chains thence South 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Located and dated the 2nd day of November, 1904.

SAMUEL P. TUCK, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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SYDNEY A. KELLY, Locator.
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JOHN PATTERSON, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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Located and dated the 2nd day of November, 1904.

J. L. BUCHAN, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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Located and dated the 4th day of November, 1904.

DAVID M. CARLEY, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of 30 clear days from this date I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the district in which the undermentioned lands are situate, for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum for a term of one year over the following described lands, situate in the District of South East Kootenay, about four miles west of the summit of the Rocky Mountains and about [illegible] miles north of the Kootenay Pass trail, commencing at a post marked South West corner of Richard C. Clark's coal and petroleum location, thence running north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Located and dated the 4th day of November, 1904.

RICHARD C. CLARK, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of [illegible] to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands [illegible] mentioned lands are situate for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum for a term of one year over the following described lands, situate in the District of South East Kootenay, about five miles west of the summit of the Rocky Mountains and about thirteen miles north of the Kootenay Pass trail, commencing at a post marked South East corner of [illegible] running west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Located and dated the 4th day of November, 1904.

L. G. GORDON, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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COAL LAND SUIT SETTLED.

The suit of A. D. Hopper, representing the Spokane Falls Gas Light company, against Andrew Hackett, involving 2,500 acres of coal land, was dismissed by Judge Belt, it having been settled out of court, says the Spokesman-Review. Mr. Hopper brought suit on the ground that Hackett, who is a prospector, had agreed to locate the Gas company on 2,500 acres of coal land in East Kootenay, and that he had failed to keep his contract. It appeared that after locating the land, Hackett disposed of it to a third party.

None of the parties to the suit will discuss the terms of settlement, but it is understood that Hackett compromised by locating Mr. Hopper on another 2,500 acres near where the first locations were made.

A Husband Badly Treated.

In the district court of Lamar county W. Strickland has instituted suit for divorce from his wife on the ground of cruel treatment. In his petition Mr. Strickland relates experiences that force tears to the eyes of every sympathetic husband. He declares that his spouse is morose, cruel and insulting. That many times when he would go home from his daily toil hoping that his spouse would meet him at the door wreathed in smiles his joy would be turned to grief by finding his wife a raging torrent of temper. She would rage like a hungry hyena in the sight of raw beef; her eyes would snap like a turtle's, and she'd call him a nasty stinking nothing. Furthermore in order to turn his life into a hell, mentally and bodily, she would sprinkle his underclothes with red pepper, and also fill the bed upon which he slept with the same calorific vegetable. When the weather was real cold she would dash a bucket of cold water on him at every opportunity.

But worse than all, one night when he had to work late, she erected a ghost in the yard out of bed sheets to scare him. When he went into his yard about 11 o'clock he was so frightened at the ghost that he fled in terror, ran into a creek nearby, and came near being drowned. All this time his wife was standing in the door clapping her hands for joy and shouting, "run little devil, big devil will get you."

As we write this a number of leading men are holding a meeting at Dallas with the object of devising ways and means to crush the divorce evil. Before going too far in their work of perpetuating human misery they should read the tale of woe of this injured husband. To cut off his way of escape would be a work of cruelty that would fill the heart of any man with remorse.

Wood Prices in Texas.

The prices of wood has gone beyond editors' reach in Bonham. The Herman is suffering from an attack of shivers and gave forth the following cold notes a few days since:

"Following are the prevailing prices of wood in Bonham: Cord wood $5 to —— all according to how you strike the popular chord on the seller. Rails, rotten, $4 a wheelbarrow load and then "not much punk." Rails, solid, at solid gold prices. "Long wood" at longer prices and shorter waits for the money. Knot holes $1.50 per bushel, take them as they come. Kindling, just chop up your furniture and save money."

Audacity Won Captain.

In the days of frontier army posts and Indian fighting a certain captain was as famous for his courage as he was notorious for his love of liquor. One night he thought he heard a burglar in his quarters, so, pistol in hand, he stepped across the hall to the dining room door.

Sure enough, there stood an intruder at the sideboard, where the silverware was displayed.

"What are you doing there?" said the captain, covering his man with the gun.

"Getting a drink of whiskey," the burglar answered, calmly filling a glass from one of the captain's bottles.

The fellow's serene audacity appealed to the brave captain.

"Say," said he, lowering the pistol, "make it two."

Death of Peabodyism

The sovereign will of the people in the State of Colorado has dethroned James H. Peabody, says the Miners' Magazine. The peaceable, silent weapon—the ballot—has hurled this official degenerate from public life. In two months more, the executive chair of the State, which he has disgraced by his polluted presence, will know him no more. The corporate tool has met his Waterloo, and the very name of Peabody will only be remembered by the great mass of people with loathing and contempt.

That he has served the corporate interests of the State with a loyal and unswerving fidelity, no one will attempt to deny, but now that he has been stripped of official power and authority, that he has been relegated to the political junk pile, there are few even among the masters whom he served as a truckling tool, "so poor as to do him reverence." The corporations nominated him in the convention, entertaining the belief that the power of money would conquer, and that with two years more of the Peabody reign, the laboring class, through bayonet rule, would surrender the last vestige of their spirit of independence and kneel as abject slaves at the feet of despotic tyrants.

The result on the 8th of November demonstrated that military rule is not yet welcomed by the people of the State of Colorado.

Eighteen months of war waged against the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America, pulling up an indebtedness against the State of more than one million dollars, touched a sensitive chord in the hearts of the taxpayers, and the war cry of Gen. Bell in his military delirium: "To hell with the taxpayer," doomed the corporate combination of official vassals to the political cemetery.

The people of the State by their ballots have served notice upon the corporations that the murder of constitutional law to attain their unholy ends will not be tolerated in the Centennial State.

Terrible Colorado

The reign of terror in Colorado is not ended. Peabody, the military governor, who was defeated by the democratic candidate, says he will not vacate the gubernatorial chair, and he has the support of all the big mine owners. The election is to be contested and the probabilities are that much blood will be spilled before order is restored. The greatest outrages known to a republic were committed by Peabody and his military tyrant Sherman Bell last Spring. Miners and men who sympathized with them were deported and dozens of laborers were shot down like dogs. The fight is on again and the indications are that Colorado will have to pass through a bloody civil war before the tyrant is dethroned.

A Sad Condition

At a meeting of the Presbyterian synod in Winnipeg a sensation was caused by the address of Rev. Dr. Warden, financial agent to the church who said that considering the prosperity of the west and the great growth of the country it was bitterly dissappointing to him to note the paucity of the work of the church was receiving. Subscriptions instead of increasing, as might be expected, were actually falling off and the missions especially were suffering in proportion. Receipts towards the support of Manitoba College were also falling off, and the prospects for this institution were becoming alarming. Sunday school work also was showing signs of retrogression, and altogether matters were looking serious for the work of the church. He did not, he said, like referring to these matters in open session, but it was a matter that concerned every member of the church and was one that could not be concealed. Rev. Dr. Carmichael, superintendent of home missions, spoke in a [illegible] impression.

Will Double Smelter Capacity.

At a meeting of the directors of the B. C. Copper Co., lately held in New York, authority was given for the preparation of plans for two additional 400-ton furnaces for their Greenwood smelter. The new furnaces will be modern in every respect and have all the latest improvements. It is officially stated the company has no debt of any description, but has a big balance in the bank and sufficient cash to pay for the new furnaces. The company is earning about twenty per cent upon its capital stock.

A Jefferson Anecdote.

Joseph Jefferson once told a friend that during his long stage career he had never been associated with any one showing undue familiarity with him save one individual, a man named Bagley, who some years ago was property man in the comedian's company.

This Bagley annoyed Mr. Jefferson very much by his somewhat offensivs manners, but, owing to the valuable services rendered by him, Mr. Jefferson had always been loath to take measures more severe than a reprimand. But finally the familiarity of the property man increased to an extent impossible to endure, so he was summarily discharged. The dismissal occurred just before the opening of Mr. Jefferson's engagement one year in Baltimore.

That night Bagley got exceedingly drunk. Paying his way into the theater, he repaired to the gallery, there to see his old employer enact Rip Van Winkle,

The angry Gretchen had just driven poor, destitute Rip from the cottage, when Rip turns, and with a world of pathos, asks: "Den I haf no interest in der house?" The theater was deathly still, the audience half in tears, when Bagley's cracked voice was heard in response:

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