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LIFE IN FERNIE

Snow on the mountains,
Dust on the street,
Thirst in your thorax,
Whose turn to treat.

People with small wings should never try to fly high.

Fernie will play Cranbrook football team at Cranbrook on the 23rd.

The stores closed up here on Thursday while the ball game was in progress.

Dr. Howe, eye specialist will be at the Fernie Hotel from the 13th to the 18th inst.

The return football match, Fernie vs Coal Creek, will take place at Coal Creek, on Monday 19th.

The Christ Church Junior Guild are rehearsing "The Rough Diamond" and will shortly present it to the public.

For a quiet afternoon, Thursday loomed up big. Everybody who could get away was out at the ball grounds.

The foot ball match between Fernie and Coal Creek resulted in a win for Coal Creek. Score, Coal Creek 1, Fernie 0.

A lawn social will be held in the Park on Tuesday 20th inst. by the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church. Band in attendance.

A boxing contest will come off in the opera house on Monday evening, June 19th between C. Burrows of Fernie and J. Wilson of Havre, Mont.

The Kootenay Rifles will parade to Christ church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, where services will be conducted by the Rev. E. R Bartlett.

A bill that would abolish open gambling is before the Nevada legislature. At present the gamblers pay a license, the revenue going to the public works

In Genoa the policemen wear silk hats and carry silver headed walking sticks. Genoa seems to be the only place where a policeman can look as big as he feels.

There will be a public meeting of Citizens in the Opera House on Friday evening next, to discuss fire protection, brigade matters, etc It is called by authority of the the Council.

The annual decoration of graves by the Oddfellows will take place on Sunday June 18th. The members of the order will meet at the hall at 3 o'clock, and proceed in procession to the cemetery.

The "Hottest Coon in Dixie" played in the opera house here on Thursday night. Willis has a great combination and put up a good clean show. On his return he should be greeted with a packed house.

The miners celebrate here on Dominion Day. To our outside readers, a pointer to get here on that day is hardly necessary, for it is enough to state that the miners are spreading themselves, and the time of your life is in sight.

Mrs. G. G. Melkle and family arrived from Winnipeg on Saturday, and have taken up their residence at 26 Victoria avenue. THE LEDGE mascot who has been running wild for the past month will now have some one to look after him.

The baseball match, Fernie vs "The Hottest Coons in Dixie" drew out a fair crowd to the recreation grounds on Thursday afternoon. On the boards the "Coons" were all right but on the diamond the Fernie boys were a long way ahead The score was Fernie 10 Hottest Coons in Dixie 3.

A circular letter from the provincial secretary encloses a copy of a letter to the lieutenant governor from H. W. Goode, president of the Lewis and Clarke centennial exposition, containing the information that the week from July 3rd to July 8th, inclusive, has been set aside as a British Columbia week, and asking that the attention be drawn to the fact through the press of the province

J. A. Rennie, the new manager for W. R. Mogaw came in from Fernie on Monday and at once assumed his new duties. Mr. Rennie is a business man of some experience, having had charge of a general mercantile establishment in Manitoba for some years, and later on in Fernie. In the latter place, of which he was one of the pioneers, he conducted his own business till he was burned out over a year ago He has also been city clerk and treasurer of Fernie.—Vernon News.

Shortly after going to press last Wednesday, a Kappoie dance was held at "Edgecliff" in honor of Mrs. Lindsay (patroness). The children taking part were admirably trained by Mrs. Purdy, Miss Hall and Mrs Reading. Refreshments were supplied by the senior Guild, and the net receipts amounted to $93.80, which go towards furnishings for Christ Church. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent, and much praise is due to the Junior Guild of Christ church who so kindly furnished this novel form of entertainment.

The Bank of Commerce will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 17.

The Bank of Hamilton will open on Saturday evening, June 17th, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Saturday was pay day at the St. Eugene mine. The amount distributed was in the neighborhood of $30,000.

Mrs. Geo. Cody has received word of the death of her uncle, the Right Rev. Alexander Macdonell, Bishop of Alexandria who died at Montreal on May 9th.

Last Wednesday night the plant of the Fernie Manufacturing Co was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at about $30,000. Insurance $13,000. Origin unknown.

The use of loose blasting powder is to be discontinued in the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. One of the "permitted explosives" sanctioned by the British government is to be substituted, probably "roburite."

Mr. Reading proposes to give a series of anthems, interposed with popular hymns and vocal solos in Christ church on the 25th of this month. Admission will be free, but a collection will be made in aid of the choir fund.

Mr. McCrea, a wood turner employed at the Elk Lumber Co's. works met with a serious accident on Monday. A chisel he was using caught in a knot and slipping from his hand flew up and struck him in the eye. He was taken to the hospital.

For some weeks a rumor has been in circulation that the Coal Co. will erect and lease a club house at Coal Creek. It is said a large recreation hall will be run in connection, and some of the men assert that beer will be sold at five cents a schooner. This rumor is not confirmed.

The weather man has not much consolation to offer the man who is weary of mud and carries an umbrella. The rain storms through here have been sudden and frequent, and although the licence commissioners have recently been active, you can hardly look upon Fernie as a dry town.

The Baseball excursion on Sunday to Kalispell was well patronized, some 80 people digging down for the necessary $6 60. The boys report a good time, wide open and generous, but the Kalispell boys were toot too many for Fernie. The score stood, Kalispell 12, Fernie 10. The party returned at 3 a m. Monday.

A meeting of the delegates of the four Protestant churches of the city was held in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening the 7th inst. to make arrangements for a Union Sabbath school picnic. It was decided to hold the picnic at Elko in the second week in July, the exact date not having been decided upon on account of no definite arrangements having been made with the railway company. The next meeting was called for Tuesday, the 20th inst. in the Methodist church, at which all interested are invited to attend A list of the committees was drafted and the preliminary arrangements made. It is the intention to make this occasion the largest excursion that has ever been held in this part of the Province.

PERSONALS

D. O. Corbin, of Spokane is here.

J. F. Elliott took a trip to Calgary last week.

Fred Kirkham of Jas. Turner & Co., Calgary, was here on Saturday.

Dr Howe, eye specialist will be at the Fernie Hotel from the 13th to the 18th inst.

J. F. Deane, editor and proprietor of the Nelson Daily News is here on a business trip.

Mrs. W. J. Blundell will receive at her new home, Square View Cottage, Friday June 16th.

Mrs. C Richards and family, sail for England on July 6th, and will probably remain till spring.

R A Wright, jeweller of Lethbridge and Cardston, is here looking for premises to open up business

J. G. Whitacre, of Nelson, representing the Mason and Risch Piano Co of Toronto was in town this week.

John Mitchell, president of the U. M W. of A is expected to be on hand on Dominion day and deliver an address.

New Offices

The Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. are building new offices, large enough to accommodate their increasing business for some time to come. The building will cover the complete square bounded by Howland and Pellatt avenue and Cox and Hanson streets. They will be built with cement blocks, and fitted up in a modern style. The work is already under way and will be rapidly pushed to completion.

BALL PROGRAMS in choice and beautiful designs with pencils and silk cord and tassels, neatly and promptly printed to any style you like, at the office of THE LEDGE

Dinna Droon the Miller

The waters too high for fishing,
A little too muddy to swim,
So the most of the masses,
Want their beer glasses,
Filled up pretty well to the brim.

Note and Comment

A Montreal minister speaking of pew rents before his congregation the other day, stated that the reason they were not charged in that particular church was because the imposition of a fixed rent seemed like dictating what the offering of each should be to the service of God. That is so, and the reverend gentleman might with truth have added, it oftimes resulted in the best seats in the church being sold to parties who will have no seat in the congregation of saints.

Fernie Appeal Case Dismissed

Before the full court at Vancouver on Thursday last, the appeal in the case of Lee vs. the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. was dismissed. The case is an appeal from an arbitration award at Fernie in June last, under the workmen's Compensation Act. Robert Lee was a shot lighter, who was killed in the mine of the C. N. P. Coal Co., near Michel His widow made claim for $1500. The matter was tried before a county court judge as arbitrator and he awarded the full amount of the claim. The company appealed against the arbitration. The court held that there was no reason for interfering with the arbitrator's decision, and dismissed the appeal with costs.

A Nursery Convenience

A little maid who had not yet reached her third birthday was one day recounting to her mother the many accomplishments of her adored cousin, Margery, who looked down on life from the exalted height of eight summers.

Just think, mamma, Margery can dress herself, and button her own shoes, and bwush her own hair, and button little Edna's clothes, and hold Tiny-Baby, and put on her own wubbers and coat and hood, and—and (casting about for still greater marvels) maybe she can even spank herself and save her mamma the twouble.

A Friend at Court.

Every man in every town during the course of a lifetime has to ask a favor of an editor—not an exception to this rule, says an exchange. A man may escape a doctor, keep clear of the courts, but once in a lifetime, at least every man has to go to the newspaper to have a certain piece put in—a death notice, a marriage notice, etc., to have a certain piece kept out or to have his name printed in, or omitted from some item. It is therefore to your interest to treat the editor fairly. He desires to be fair; he would rather do the right than the wrong thing, but if you give him a kick the dent of it may be found in the top of your own hat some day and you will never know how it got there. Don't think you are immune; don't think that Providence has especially favored you. Your time will come, and when it does come it will be a fine investment if you have a friend in the editor's office.

Tribute to the Old Prospector.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Here he comes, with his overalls or cordurays well marked with gouge or grease, usually both. His whiskers are ragged and he has a hungry physiognomy. Listen to his tale of riches to be acquired if only the hole could be sunk deeper. Who is the cuss, anyway? Sometimes he is an individual who could resurrect a gown issued by the professor of our most noted universities; oftener he is a plain citizen with little schooling, but versed in the lore of individual contact and belaug up against it.

Nutty? Not much—only born with the pioneer instinct—the wandering foot—the ear which hears only the call of the wild. Many of them? Si, Senor; many.

The prospector is always a liar. He cannot help it. The bright sunshine reflected from the snow masses which cover the upper peaks, the vast stretches of mountain ranges, looking like a frozen ocean spread before him as he gazes from a star striking peak, the vivid sunsets which he admires almost daily, the exaggerations of the atmosphere, his natural exuberance and abnormal bump of hope—all these make him a liar even with himself.

Blessed be the prospector, and may he, when his days are numbered, depart to a realm where every rift in the clouds discloses to his fascinating eye a paystreak of gold, and may he at least depart to a place where there are plenty of canned baked beans and a sufficiency of baking powder, raw bosom and flour, for the prospector is the man who finds the mines that furnish the gold for the world to do business with. Curse him not, ye infidels!

Plant Cherry Trees

The people in Kaslo are complaining about hard times, and yet last summer one cherry tree in that town produced $13 worth of fruit. If the citizens would plant cherry trees and stop waiting for something to turn up they would soon need more than three restaurants in the burg.

I. O. O. F. Decoration Day.

Sunday, June 18th, is the day set apart for decorating the graves of deceased brethren of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and it is requested that all members of Mt. Fernie Lodge No. 47, and all visiting brethren in the city will meet in the I. O. O. F. hall at 2 p.m. on that date to march to the cemetery. The services of the Italian band have been secured and it is hoped there will be a large turnout to honor the dead.

BRIDGE WANTED

A bridge is sadly wanted across the St. Mary's river leading to the valuable copper claims on White Fish creek. The river at present is too high for prospectors to ford it and the progress of this great copper belt is retarded by the lack of government enterprise. Hon. R. F. Green has promised a bridge when capital comes to develop the Harris group, but in the meantime the section is suffering for the lack of a $5000 bridge.

Western Terms

A new comer to Fernie in making some purchases the other day, asked the grocer, "how much are potatoes a bushel?"

"You're from the east, Eh!? he queried. Well, nothing is sold by the bushel here, everything goes by the pound."

"I'll take a few pounds of eggs" said the customer.

"Oh, eggs, they go by the quarter," he laughed, "a dozen for a quarter."

The next man, the newcomer called on handled wood.

"How much is wood a cord?" he questioned.

"Cord, cord," said he, "where have I heard that word. We don't sell wood by the cord, its by the rick."

"And how much is a rick?"

"Well a rick's a boxful."

"How big a box?"

"A wagon box."

"And how many loxloads in a cord?"

"Oh three or four, a half a dozen perhaps."

Is a queer country.

OVER OLD TRAILS

By the Editor

From Fernie to the land of fruit and flowers on Kootenay lake 'tis but a fleeting spell—about five hours on the fast Crow express with its four dollar dinners, and your vision rolls against one of the great beauty spots of America. Kootenay lake always has a charm for the writer although for a sixth of a century we have glided over its surface in crafts varying in size from a dugout to the stately Moyie, and never in all that time stood off the purser or had to swim ashore from a wreck.

Nelson is a city of flowers, gasoline launches and municipal war. It is the most delightful summer city in Canada, and the tourists who stray within its walls are loth to leave it for their more sombre homes.

We found Lardo in a state of commotion. Jack McLachlan had a hen nursing a brood of young ducks, and their fondness for aquatic sports is gradually driving the hen to the verge of nervous prostration, and Jack has to give her a Collins every morning before she can eat her breakfast.

Poplar seems to be happy and has one hotel to every twelve inhabitants The citizens meet all express trains, and many of them have gold nuggets concealed in their clothes. There seems to be plenty of hope and gold in the camp, but the gold has no legs. It cannot walk out to the railroad and load itself into the cars. If it could Poplar would soon be the greatest camp on earth.

Trout lake is suffering just now from blighted hopes. It builded upon the great things that a sawmill would do for a town, and the sawmill boom was stillborn. However the day will come when that mill will run, and then prosperity will again mingle with the scenery. Trout Lake has some up to date people within its limits, and it is a town that will yet come to its own.

Any man who has mingled with the real west always likes to unroll his blankets in Ferguson. It is a camp where the men rise above the shadow of a nickle, and in whose souls abide that spirit which has blazed the trails of the wilderness in order that others could come in without stubbing their toes. At present Ferguson is the best camp in the Lardeau, some 140 men being engaged hitting the drill, and kindred pursuits. The writer found plenty of money in the Lardeau, and met many of the old timers who were with him in many a camp before the canary birds or pinochuccs in.

JUST FOR FUN.

A clergyman was recently telling a marvellous story, when his little girl said, "Now, pa, is that really true, or is it just preaching?"

A chaplain at a fashionable continental winter resort, having the charge of the children's service, when catechizing on the parable of the unjust steward, received the following answer:

"What is a steward?" he asked.

A little boy, lately arrived from England, put up his hand and eagerly answered—

"He is the man, sir, who brings you the basin."

"I want to get a good dining room table," said the customer, "if you can sell it to me right."

"I can do that," answered the proprietor of the furniture store. "You have come to the right place for a square deal."

"But I don't want a square deal I want a round cornered black walnut."

C. P. R.'s Spokane Branch.

The Bonner's Ferry Herald of Saturday has the following respecting construction work on the road that is to be built from a point on the Crow's Nest branch of the C P R, southwesterly through Bonner's Ferry to Spokane.

"The first contractors to arrive for the construction of the Spokane & International railway were Twohy Bros., whose outfit reached here Saturday, consisting of 15 cars laden with horses, cars, track and other construction material. M. S. Ross, the general manager of the outfit, is on the ground, and, on Monday, he was very busy with a gang of men transporting the supplies, etc., to the headquarters of their contract across the river. Their contract begins about one mile east of Owen's ranch and continues towards the Moyie for a distance of six miles.

"Burns & Co. received the contract for furnishing the fresh meat for the contractors, and Blake Wilson of Nelson, a member of the firm, arrived on Tuesday to make the preliminary arrangements for supplying the meat.

"The Kootenay Valley express and baggage car was used to its full capacity last Tuesday, owing to a large crowd of landlookers going to Alberta. There was much comment among the passengers having to pay 7 cents a mile and ride in a baggage car Standing room was a premium. The landlookers would transfer to the Crows Nest branch of the C. P. R at Sidar junction

CITY COUNCIL

At the opening of the Council last night the city solicitor was relieved from attendance unless his services were required.

A telegram from Victoria Times asking about write up was read. Manuscript was ordered returned and illustrations of the city will be used.

A report from J. G. Cummings regrading was received and filed. A letter from the General Manager of the Coal Co, stated that the Co. would not sell their waterworks within the city limits, but offered to dispose of the hydrams. Letter filed for future use.

The Coal Co. objected paying taxes on some properties in the Fernie Annex, referred to Court of Revision.

Returning officers report of voting on by-laws Nos. 14 and 15 was accepted.

Offer from Miss Jodoin, stenographer, was accepted.

By law No. 16 was given its first reading. This is an amendment to "trade licence by-law" and relates to hawkers and pedlars It places the license at $50 for 6 months. It passed its second and third reading and will come up for reconsideration at next meeting.

H. A. Wilkes appeared before the Council and spoke on fire protection and the state of the fire fighting apparatus. He was given a careful hearing and assured these matters would be attended to at once.

Ald. Tuttle was authorized to call a public meeting to appoint a chief re-organize the fire brigade and generally to have things put in a satisfactory condition. This meeting will be held in the Opera House on Friday evening, the 16th inst.

An advertisement in THE LEDGE is read by people who have money to spend. Is your ad in?

In all our wars we have won the average of 82 per cent of the battles. This is the world's record.

Russian railways are the most dangerous in the world. Thirty passengers in every million are either killed or hurt.

The United States pays more pensions on account of a war ended forty years ago than France spends in support of her army.

WEDDING INVITATIONS We are now prepared to execute Printing of this class in the latest styles and at reasonable prices. Your work solicited. THE LEDGE

ALONG THE CROW

BLAIRMORE

From the Times

Alex Beck, of Fernie, has taken over the International hotel at Coleman.

H. L. Cummins left yesterday for Fernie, where he will have charge of the engineer's staff on the construction of the railway from Fernie to Michel.

Word was received during the week from Regina that no permit would be granted the hotels here to keep open later than usual on Dominion Day. As a consequence our celebration has been declared off for this year.

The Crow's Nest Coal Co. of Fernie, are increasing the coke output at their Michel collieries, owing to their having secured another contract for coke from Montana points. It is their intention to send 600 tons of coke over the Crow's Nest B. R. via the Lethbridge route into Montana.

Monday two miners employed at the Bellevue mine were caught by a gas explosion and had their hands and faces badly scorched The fire boss had been to the face as customary, after a shot had been fired, with a safety lamp and found no gas. Shortly afterwards J. Ellison and S. Humble went in to work when an explosion of gas occurred, scorching both men They were taken to the Frank hospital for treatment and are both doing well.

While hunting on Monday near the No. 1 bush camp at Crow's Nest, Mrs. W. F. Pollok and Charles Brooks, of Coleman, encountered a large black bear. Mr. bear showed fight, but was quickly despatched by Mr. Brooks, who is an expert rifle shot The bear was brought into Coleman and when weighed tipped the scales at over 300 pounds. It was placed on exhibition and was the centre of an admiring crowd of envious hunters.

MOYIE

From the Leader

James Cronin brought three thoroughbred Irish terrier pups from the east with him, two for himself and one for W. H. Aldridge of the Trail smelter. He procured them from Father O'Gorman, of Gananoque, Ont. The pups' sire is the famous Badger, champion of this special breed in both United States and Canada. The pups cost nearly $70 each landed in Moyie.

Man's inhumanity to man was illustrated at Calgary the other day. A resident of Lethbridge arrived here after four days walking, with boots worn out, feet blistered and "broke" He has a brother at Lethbridge worth $50,000, who would not contribute the amount of money to purchase a railway ticket.

The erection of the Hanbury planing mill at Elko is surely the beginning of better times for the town which is already wearing a brisker appearance. The mill will turn out between fifty and seventy five thousand feet per day and will employ about thirty men. The lumber will be purchased green from the near by mills and will be sorted, planed and dried at this mill. The output will be shipped to Brandon, where the same firm operates a sash and door factory.

FRANK.

From the Frank Paper.

Two box cars, loaded with concentrates from the St. Eugene mine for Belgium, were smashed up in the yards here, Monday, while being switched by the local.

John Godsell, nephew of Mr. Godsell, one of the largest and oldest ranchers near Pincher Creek, left on Tuesday of last week on an extended trip to the old country, going via the great lakes and Niagara Falls.

Pincher Creek will hold its race meet on July 3 and 4.

A new bridge has been built over Gold creek and a new siding is being laid in front of the station by the Grassy Mountain road, affording more convenience for handling the product of the Lille mine.

A postoffice has been established at Oil City, in the local petroleum fields, with John Lineham in charge.

Recently two French engineers succeeded in reading the contents of the Emerald Agnes, in Switzerland, and

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald)

It is too bad that the Cranbrook band has become defunct. This town should have a band and a good one. The instruments are here and all that is needed is players.

There was a slight blaze at Staples' mill last Monday. It started in the shavings that had gotten on the roof of the planing mill, but the fine fire protection that the mill and grounds is supplied with made the extinguishing of the flames an easy matter, and there was little or no damage.

Rescued Seven Children.

C. J. South, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, returned home yesterday from a child-saving expedition to East Kootenay, says the Vancouver Province. Mr South brought back all the children of two families—seven in all—so that he had a real lively time on his trip.

There were three children of the Murdoch family—Sadie, aged 9, Jack, aged 6, and James aged 4. The parents were residents of Fernie, and parted last January. The mother was unable to look after them, and the youngsters appear to have been practically running wild. One was the chief witness in a sensational assault case at the assizes recently at Fernie.

The other four children belonged to a family named London at Marysville, a new smelter town a short distance south of Cranbrook. The eldest is a girl of 14, and the next a boy of 12. The youth had been poorly clad during the winter, and was in such a neglected condition that he had become weakened to the point of illness. He had been cutting wood all winter, and stated that his father took his earnings and spent them for whiskey. In court Mr. South was given charge of the children.

Snake Took Boot Off.

An Allentown, Pa., despatch says: Snakes are cut in Lehigh, and according to the declaration of Joel Hoffman, of Siesholtzville, one big black snake in particular is a living boo jack. Hoffman limped into Reliion with one boot off and one bent in. He asserted that he had tried to kick what he thought was a stick out of the path when he was suddenly tripped up.

Recovering his scattered senses he found that a seven-foot black snake had coiled half its lithe sinuosity around his left boot and the other half around a small pine tree. Hoffman tried to yank his foot loose and the boot came off. Terrified by his experience, he fled.

A party of doubters went in search of a snake, but after it had gone a short distance it met a breadth as runner, who inquired if there was a preacher in the crowd, as he wanted to take the place. Being cross examined, he deposed that it had seemed a black snake crossing the hills, carrying what appeared to be a section of stovepipe. No further confirmation of Hoffman's story being desired, the doubters turned back.

Shorty's Bear Fight

Shorty Higgins is qualifying for the title of champion hunter of the district. This year, so far, he has bagged three bears. On Sunday last on visiting one of his traps, he found it attached to a very big fellow. As the trap had only caught the end of Bruin's long claws Shorty executed a strategic movement. The bear had crossed a log, together with the trap, in a deep ravine, out of which it would be difficult to get him when killed. So Shorty delivered a "tickler" in the neck, which caused Bruin to snort with rage, and rush frantically up the bank. Having thus accomplished the object of the diplomatic hunter, he was shot through the head which promptly put a stop to all his troubles. The beast was a magnificent silver tip, and when stretched the hide measured eight feet by seven feet, the fur being in excellent condition.—Ymir Herald.

EAGER FOR BALLOTS

So eager are some of the mail clerks in B. C. to obtain Spokane Review ballots that without permission they cut the ballots out of the Review passing through the mail, without paying any attention to the law that the contents of mail matter must not be tampered with.

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The Dominion Government is getting silly. It ordered half a dozen railway officials out of St. Thomas because they were not Canadians probably to please a politician in the rival and jealous city of London. Such petty tricks against cities of the United States is worthy the contempt of all broad minded people. The boycott acts as a boomerang whether used by an individual or a nation and the politicians at Ottawa should timber their upper stopes with something stronger than petty meanness against a neighbor.

Names of Puritans

I have been studying the Puritans, said a Minneapolis antiquary, and what most struck me was the intensely Christian character of the names the Puritans gave their children of the seventeenth century.

I am glad the Puritan fashion in names did not continue. Those appellations must have been extremely awkward. Here are some of them:

God Reward Smart, Stand Fast on High Stringer, Be Courteous Cole, Repentance Avis, Head the Scriptures Moreton, Fight the Good Fight of Faith White, More Fruit Fowler, Hope for Bending, Graceful Harding, Weep not Billing, Seek Wisdom Wood, Elected Mitchell, The Peace of God Knight.

AN EXPENSIVE FAD

We have quite a few old cups that we wouldn't like to sell a little below the market price prevailing in London as per the following:

A small sixteenth century drinking cup carved out of rock, crystal-mounted, and enameled with gold, was sold at auction here yesterday afternoon for $81,375. It is said that the cup was purchased for J. P. Morgan of New York. It belonged to J. Gabites of London, who placed the reserve price at $25,000. There has been much discussion over its authenticity, but the British museum has pronounced it genuine.

The bidding was fast and furious from $25,000 to $50,000 but thence forth the duel was between two prominent London dealers. It is believed that $81,375 is the highest price ever paid for a single object of art in an English auction-room.

The Japanese Tragedian

I attended the theatre often in Japan, said a naval officer. I became very fond of Japanese acting. Your Japanese tragedian is often a great artist.

He does many things though, to spoil the illusion. He will for instance, slay himself, with revolting realism, die in a great puddle of blood, and get up a few minutes later and stalk off the stage.

What right have you to walk off the stage after you are dead? I said to an actor once.

Why should I waste my time lying on the hard floor? he answered. My part is played; the audience knows I'm not dead really; therefore it is no harm for me to get up and go about my business.

That is the way the Japs regard the theatre, and they do things on the stage that we would never tolerate. The star, for instance, has always an attendant at his elbow with a lantern to light up his face. The star sets great store on his changing facial expressions, and the attendant with the lantern on the end of a bamboo pole, is always at hand to throw a strong light on the features of his master.

I spoke to a Jap actor about the absurdity of this.

It is no more absurd, the actor answered, than your limelight.

In some Japanese theatres I have seen the star's dresser follow him about the stage throughout the performance. In the most trying moments the dresser would rearrange a fallen fold of the actor's robe, or dab a little more powder on his face, or straighten his headdress. All these things Japanese audiences take as a matter of course.

Kipling and Fame

Rudyard Kipling visited my apartment once, said a New York publisher. He sat in that chair there. He was in the height of his fame at that time. It was before the outburst of the Winston Churchill historical novel and the Conan Doyle detective story. This brusque, jerky young man was probably, just then, the most brilliant star in the literary firmanent.

He talked beautifully. On his departure I escorted him down on the elevator to the ground floor. Then, when I got into the elevator again to go back to my rooms, I couldn't resist saying to the elevator man:

Did you notice that short, thickset gentleman in spectacles who came down with me? Not partic'lar, why, the man asked.

That, I answered was Rudyard Kipling.

Rudyard Kipling? the elevator man exclaimed. Rudyard Kipling, the great African explorer.

Ten Commandments

I. Thou shalt not go away from thy home to do thy trading, nor thy son nor thy daughter.

II. Thou shalt patronize thy home merchants, thy home printer, for yea verily doth the home printer spread over the tidings of thy goodness and many will patranize thee.

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V. Thou shall not ask for reduced prices on thy influence, for guile is in your heart and the merchant readeth it like an open book. He laugheth thee to scorn and shouteth to his clerks, ha, ha.

VI Thou shalt do whatever lieth in thy power to encourage and promote the welfare of thine own town and thine own people.

VII. Thou shalt not suffer voice of pride to overcome thee and if other towns entice thee consent thou not for thou mayest be deceived.

VIII. Thou shalt spend thy earnings at home that they may return fourth generations that they may be nourishment to such as may come after thee.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against the town wherein thou dwellest but speak well of it to all men.

X. Thou shalt keep these commandments and teach them to thy children even unto the third and fourth generations that they may be made to flourish and grow in plenty when thou art laid to rest with thy fathers.

Prayer Drinking

During my stay in Gambia, said the sailor, the king was taken sick. He rolled all over the mud floor of the royal kraal. He groaned and swore, and he touched his fat stomach with both hands. He had, it seems, a cramp.

Gambia is on the African west coast, and the people there is very primitive. When the medicine man arrived to treat the king, I went into the krall behind him, being anxious to see what a Gambian prescription would be like.

The king stopped rolling about. He lay quite still on his back. His stomach, much swollen, stuck up in the air, and he rubbed it gently with the palm of his hand.

Do yer best for me, father, he says to the physician.

Have no fear son, the physician answered.

Then this African M. D. took out a wooden slate and a charcoal crayon and he began to write. Scratch, scratch, scratch, away he went. The slate filled up with fine, close writing.

Do your best father, repeats the king.

I'll spare no pains, says the physician.

What are you writing, says I.

A prayer for our great king's recovery, was the answer.

When the slate was full, the physician took some water and washed it clean, and he saved all the dirty water in a cup. In this here dirty water he said, is the prayer I have just wrote. Drink my son the draught. In it the prayer lives.

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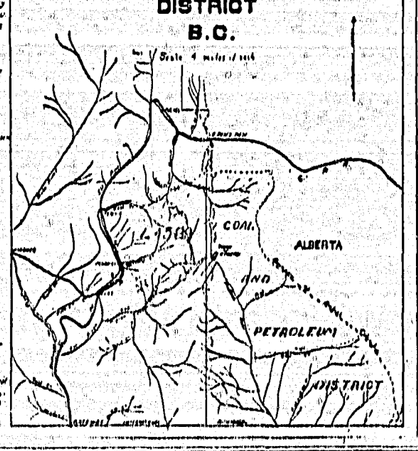

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The farmers of fire valley, which is considerably north of the section along the Columbia between Trail and Robson, grow wheat to perfection. It is certain that the bench lands along the Columbia if cleared, would raise wheat This fact would make the section particularly valuable to those who desired to embark in the raising of chickens, turkeys and ducks. By raising wheat, the best food for fowl could always be secured, and as fowl of all kinds bring the highest prices the chance for making big profits in chicken, duck and turkey raising are more than ordinarily good.

The orchards around Trail, some of which have been planted for nearly ten years, produce enormous quantities of fruit and show the capabilities of the soil. In the neighborhood of Kaslo, Nelson and Creston a most encouraging degree of success has attended the efforts of the fruit raiser. In the Nelson district in particular, all along the west arm of Kootenay lake between Nelson and Proctor, every available acre has been taken up, and orchard after orchard may be seen from the steamer in passing. In the section be-Trail and Nelson, and along the Arrow lakes for that matter, the soil, temperature and everything in fact, are similar to those which exist along the west arm of the Kootenay lake and offer equal advantages to the fruit raiser, the small farmer and the raiser of fowl, or to those who desire to embark in dairy farming. There is this difference however, that the lands along the Columbia can be purchased for less than one-half the price for which it can be obtained along the west arm of Kootenay lake.

It is a singular fact that nearly every business and professional man in Nelson has acquired from five to fifty acres of land at some point along the west arm of Kootenay lake and is engaged in improving it by putting up country residences, clearing the land and planting orchards. The residents of this city should do the same with the nearby, and equally valuable lands along the Columbia River. In a few years they would be deriving large incomes from the sale of fruit, and during the interim they would have pleasant retreats, where they could hunt and fish during the summer and fall months.

The lands along the Columbia River have lately been opened to purchase, and those who desire to buy them can do so for a nominal figure.—Ex.

COKE SNUFFERS

About the next sensation to come along will be the allegation that Henry Clay Frick is at the head of the greatest "Dope Trust" in the country, and that Andrew Carnegie, A. J. Cassatt, George Gould, the Baltimore & Ohio and other railroads running through the bituminous regions are a part and parcel of a conspiracy to sell coke by the ounce instead of the millions of tons.

The police of New York probably will be called before the next congress investigating committee in this event, they having made a raid on a disreputable place in First Avenue, near Fifty-Ninth street, where half a dozen women and a couple of men were indulging in an amazing orgy, brought on they said by "coke snuffing" and "coke eating."

This is the newest and the worst, the detectives say. They have had some experience in raids on degenerates in the Tenderloin, stretching far up town, and have soothed the glassy-eyed cocaine fiends to a standstill with a club, or coaxed the worshippers of "Blowing the Birne" into slumber and a patrol wagon by wiles of their own; but never so help the detectives, never, did they stagger against the "coke dope" before.

They had little trouble in breaking into the place, the women and men being too dreamy even to lock the door, and only lying around languidly, with the lower whites of their eyes showing, the expended pupils turned upward to the lids.

Veterans in all sorts of sin in others, and the detectives were puzzled at finding not a bottle of dope, nor a ball of opium for the smoke, yet all in the rooms were under the influence of some narcotic. Their lips were stained as if with carbon, while the teeth of some of women were as black as a betel nut chewer's. On the window sills, in the hands of the men, and pockets of the women were found pieces of coke, and and a light dawned on the raiders.

Detective Isenberg questioned the women, who were the most communicative, and they said they were only "coke eating" and "coke snuffing." It had an effect something like cocaine they added, and was ever so much cheaper. A Bellevue hospital physician, when asked what all this meant confessed himself at sea. The sedative qualities of coal tar produced were well known, of course, but he never heard of coke being powdered and snuffed or eaten to get the same effect. However, the fact of coke being carbon bituminous might retain the qualities of the coal tar dope,—anyway, anything was possible in the Tenderloin.—New York Dispatch.

Andrew Carnegie has said: "The best friend I ever had in the world were my competitors in business. You only hate those you do not know." Mr. Merchant, cogitate upon this! Think how much more can be done for the general good in any line of business by friends working together than by enemies holding aloof from each other!

DIVORCE

How long are Canadians going to stand the present absurd and antiquated system of obtaining divorce? If this remedy for certain ills of married life is permissable at all it should be granted through a responsible court of law, after regular process and other regulations which render it available to all sections of the community. At present although the right or remedy is recognized, the cumbrous and expensive method of securing it by a private bill requiring the assent of both houses limits it to the rich. The door is opened to the use of private influence and the procedure lacks the safe guards which this particular class of case imperatively requires.

The other day a divorce bill granted by the senate came up in the house of commons. It was discussed at some length and carried on a division. Can anything less conducive to the public interest be conceived? Divorce is allowed by law and should therefore be granted where the necessary causes exist. Presumably in this particular instance they did, since the senate had so found, yet valuable public time was consumed upon a matter whose nature specially unfitted it for discussion by an irresponsible body. Common fairness calls for the establishment of a court of competent jurisdiction to deal with applications for divorce. The present system is unjustifiable because it deprives injured parties of limited means of their legal right to redress and the state of the requisite guarantees for the proper and impartial administration of justice.—Rossland Miner.

THE MEAT BILL

The meat bill of a family—say, of six, often equals if not exceeds the grocery, provision and fisherman's bill, all together. Meat is the most difficult part of the bill of fare to most housekeepers, or few know how to serve the cheaper grades of meat tempingly.

The cheaper cuts are said to be just as nutritious, and here is a pointer:

Get five pounds of good, meaty, boiling beef, having enough fat for richness, but not enough to be greasy. Put it to boil early in the day, keeping a slow steady fire under the pot, and salting when partly cooked. At noon remove enough of the broth to make a nice dressing for the potatoes, thickening as usual. This gravy will have a flavor of blended beef and chicken. When the meat is cooked later, remove from the stock, which will make a nourishing soup for the next dinner. Slice the best part of the beef cold for tea, and use a portion with potatoes for hash for the morning's breakfast.

Make croquettes with what is left by chopping meat fine and mixing with bread crumbs and potatoes moistened with egg or milk. If a little meat is yet left, put it in with proper ingredients and make one or two mince pies. The stock will make the main part of any soup which requires stock for a foundation, as vegetable, tomato, macaroni or noodle. What more can be done with 40 cents' worth of meat?—March Housekeeper.

Evolution of the Dominion

The expansion of Canada since confederation, 38 years ago, is briefly shown in the statement of dates of admission of the several provinces and their area, following:

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Quebec—Admitted July 1, 1867; 351' 873 square miles.

Nova Scotia—Admitted July 1, 1867; 21,428 square miles.

New Brunswick—Admitted July 1, 1867; 27,685 square miles.

Manitoba—Admitted July 15, 1870; 73,732 square miles.

British Columbia—Admitted July 20, 1871; 372,630 square miles.

Prince Edward Island—Admitted July 1, 1873; 2 184 square miles.

Saskatchewan—Admitted July 1, 1905; 300,000 square miles.

Alberta—Admitted July 1, 1905; 150, 000 square miles.

The other territories of Canada, not yet made provinces, and the date of their organization are as follows:

Kewatin—Organized April 1, 1876; 470,416 square miles.

Yukon—Organized June 14, 1898; 196,876 square miles.

Mackenzie—Organized Oct. 12, 1894 562,172 square miles.

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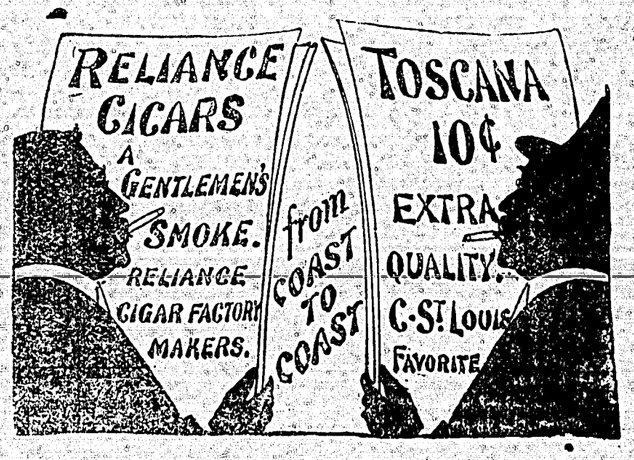

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W. Bryan, of the Blairmore Hotel, was on a visit to friends in Fernie this week.

The Fernie Cigar Store offers a first class return ticket, Fernie to Portland as a prize to customers.

Frank Worthington left on Tuesday on a surveying trip up the Slocan. He will be gone about ten days.

Thos. Whalen, of the Napanee Hotel and R. W. Wood, of the the Trites Wood Co., were in Spokane this week.

Masterson, Griffith & Co., Trout Lake, have all the supplies needed by lumber camps and mines.

J. C. Hutchison is still doing business at the old stand. Have a chat with him about your next suit of clothes.

It takes 35 tailors to make one Semi-Ready coat. They are all specialists on that part at which they excel. F. J. Mitchell.

The King Edward Hotel in Fernie is only a few steps from the C. P. R. station, on the corner opposite the post-office. Travellers should not forget the location when they arrive at the coal metropolis.

Dr. Howe, eye specialist will be at the Fernie hotel from the 13th to the 18th inst.

Semi-Ready tailors who are specialists in collar-making or in moulding shoulders etc., do nothing else, therefore must get perfect. See F. J. Mitchell.

Before you go east or to Elko call on Geo. W. Carruthers, and get a nobby suit of clothes.

Don't wait for weeks on a tailor to have your clothes cleaned and pressed, but notify F. J. Mitchell, he will attend to them at once. Semi-Ready store.

The Kootenay at Sandon has not locked the door for nine years. Right handy for strangers when they're out late, and cannot trade their thirst for anything.

J. C. Hutchison may not be in the shop most of his time but he is always ready to take orders for tailor-made clothes.

Patronize Kenny & McLeod and support home industry.

Pipers McLeod and Tucker accompanied the excursionists to Kalispell on Sunday. They were arrayed in full Highland costume, and created a sensation amongst our American cousins.

The train from the east yesterday due here at 7.45 a. m. did not arrive until 11 p. m, being delayed by a derailed freight at Cowley.

A full line of Edison's phonographs and Columbia graphophones with a complete stock of records, can be had at the Fernie Drug Store.

Ethical by Day.

Dr. Francis L. Patton, President of Princeton Theological seminary, preached an interesting and powerful sermon to the undergraduate body Sunday morning on "Christian Morality." He said, in part:

"The meek shall inherit the earth, but we all want the earth, and there is poor show for the meek. In the future meekness will not be considered a virtue, but 'might makes right' shall prevail. Now the philosophers, headed by Nietzche, are slapping at the validity of the principles of Christian ethics, and in the future the moral standard is destined to be lowered. It is easier to write a perfect system of ethics than to practice it. A man may sit all day evolving ethical problems, but keep an eye on him at night.

"I hate to see a cold-blooded, right-living rascal, who has $40,000,000, and can teach Sunday school regularly and drive his hard bargain every week, always keeping just within the range of the law. If I were asked what I thought of such a man, I would say he was lucky not to be in jail."

Vital Spark of Advertising.

Advertising pays, pays handsomely and promptly in almost every line of mercantile pursuits. The aim of all advertising is to aid in the selling of something. If it does not accomplish this, it has failed in its mission, and the money expended in the endeavor is lost. The preparation of one's advertising matter is an all important element in one's business. It deserves time, thought and study.

Good copy is the vital spark of advertising. If your copy is not right your space is wasted. The best space in the world can be made utterly valueless by poor copy, or profitably valuable by good, bright, clean, convincing copy. The price you pay for space is not half as important as what you put into it, and not so vital as the story that is to be told and the manner of telling it.

Some business men will chase a five cent expense item from the head book keeper down to the stenographer for economy's sake, and all the while their advertising space needs new copy more than a rubber plant needs water. They seem to forget that advertising space neglected is an extravagant waste of money, that is, is a salesman that is not working, a lever waiting to be used, a good machine standing idle.

No matter how extensive the space, if it is not selling your goods, or assisting, it is a loss and the opportunities it possessed are gone forever.

THE LEDGE keeps an expert ad writer on its staff whose services are free to its advertisers.

Classified Advertisements

FOR SALE.

3 LOTS WITH BUILDINGS ON HOWland Avenue, near the Fernie Brewery Apply to N. Klapsman.

A BRITANNIA ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 32 volumes, Guide and Case. Cost $75 but will sell for $45. Geo. W. Carruthers.

A 2½ HORSE POWER GASOLINE ENGINE. Apply at this office.

OLD NEWSPAPERS AT THIS OFFICE.

WAGONS, CUTTERS, HARNESS, SADDLES and two up to-date Express Wagons. All goods in prime condition, and Prices Reasonable. Nelson Freighting and Transportation Co., Nelson, B. C.

TO RENT

TWO ROOMS SUITABLE FOR OFFICES. Apply to A. Beck, Fernie.

PERSONAL

INFORMATION WANTED OF EDMUND STATHAM, last heard of in Macleod, Alberta, June 21st, 1901. He also lived at No. 12 London, Ont. Is a native of Salford, Manchester, England. Brother Joseph Statham inquires of his whereabouts. Address Okotoks P. O., Alberta, N. W. T.

"Nettletons"

We have a swell line of

Patents, Black Kid and Box Calf

In Nettleton's famous fine Shoes for Men. See them before you select your Summer Best.

THE W. C. HAMILTON CO. Men's Outfitters

FIT-REFORM WARDROBE

NOTICE

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in East Kootenay district. Commencing at the northwest corner post, marked "F. H. Hale," running thence north 80 chains, thence west 10 chains to line of C. P. R. land, thence south along C. P. R. line 160 chains, thence east 10 chains to southwest corner post of Lot 5423 marked "Cedar Valley Camp Limits," thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

F. H. HALE

Dated at Fernie, B.C., May 4, 1905.

HEADQUARTERS,
June 14th 1905.

EAST KOOTENAY RIFLES
No. 1 Company
Capt. JAMES MCEVOY, Commanding

The Company will parade in Drill Order at the Armoury, on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., at 7.45 p. m.

G. H. BOULTON,
Lieut. and Acting Adjt.

NOTICE

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR LAND GRANT ACT

GRANTS of land made to Volunteers, their heirs or assigns, under authority of this Act, are subject to the condition that such lands shall have been selected by the grantees on or before the first day of July, 1905. Notice is, therefore, hereby given that applications for such lands must be filed at a Government Office by that date.

R. F. GREEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 25th May, 1905.
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NOTICE

FOR the convenience of customers the Bank of Commerce will be open on Saturday, June 17th, from 7 to 9 p. m., and each pay-day thereafter, until further notice.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE Bank of Hamilton will be open from 7 till 9 p. m., on Saturday, June 17th for the convenience of those who are unable to reach the office during business hours.

Notice.

THE undersigned having sold out his restaurant to Frank M. Fukuyama (the same to take effect on June 16th), requests that all persons owing him to kindly call and settle up, and anyone having accounts against him to present same for payment, and thanks the public for past patronage, and solicits a continuance of the same for his successor.

GEO. ICHIKAWA.

June 7th, 1905.

CULLED FACTS.

Japanese dead are buried in a squatting posture, chin up on the knees.

Danjiro, the great Japanese tragedian, is also the most skillful dancer in Japan.

Winnipeg board of trade urges the opening of the Hudson Bay route. A Liverpool company is announced to be ready to put on a fleet of steamers.

The marine and fisheries department is sending from Halifax by special car a lot of Nova Scotia lobsters and Prince Edward Island oysters to the Pacific in the hope that they will thrive there.

At every period of life, in all seasons of the year, and from the tropics to the poles in every climate and country the temperature of the human body is the same, to a degree—that is, 98 of Fahrenheit.

The British admiralty has just made its first dental appointment. A dental surgeon has been appointed for the sailors and marines at Portsmouth. He will rank as a civil servant, and so will not wear a uniform.

In the Montreal conference, Rev. T. E. Burke made a charge of "wirepulling" by ministers to secure good stations. The chairman shut off discussion, telling Mr. Burke if he had charges to make they should be laid against individuals.

On the borders between China and Russia in Asia, almost due south of Lake Baikal, is a good-sized town known as Marimatchin, which is exclusively inhabited by men. The place has a considerable trade and is also a military post. An old law forbids women to live in this territory.

Something New

We are Sole Agents for

ARMOUR CELEBRATED

SIMON PURE LARD

If you want the Best buy from us. CASH ONLY

Prompt Delivery

TELEPHONE 5

W. J. Blundell

The People's Grocer, P. O. Block, Fernie

Singer Sewing Machines

These machines are now being sold at lower prices, quality considered, than any other, either for cash or on instalment of $3 per month.

NEEDLES and OIL for Sale.

Sewing Machines Repaired or Exchanged

J. P. Houlahan,

FERNIE, B. C. Agent

A Summer Suit

Is probably the proper caper at this time of the year. If you have a desire in that direction

CALL ON

Kenny & McLeod

IF YOU PLAY

Tennis
Baseball
Cricket
Football
Lacrosse

OR FOLLOW THE

Example of Ike Walton

YOU CAN PROCURE the necessary

AIDS and Paraphernalia

AT

The Fernie Drug Store

Grand Hotel, Spokane

(Corner Howard and Main Streets)

Entirely remodelled and newly furnished throughout
Steamheated and telephone in every room
Free bus meets all trains
Electric fire alarms in each room
Kootenay daily papers kept on file

EUROPEAN PLAN

Rates: 75c to $2.00 per day

E. E. Phair, Proprietor

Late of the Phair Hotel, Nelson, B. C.

Specials This Week

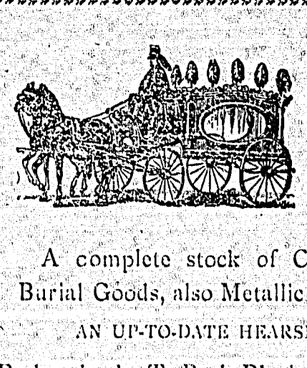
71b. Onions 25c.

White Star Baking Powder 15c. per Tin

BEE BRAND TEA 40c. per lb.

CHAS. RICHARDS

TODD BLOCK



ALL ROUND THE ROUND

of luscious roast beef the appetizing odor escapes and the rich brown gravy tickles temptingly to the dish. That is the kind of roasts our beef produces. Tender, juicy, nourishing. I will make you healthy and brawny.

Of course we sell the choicest cuts of veal, lamb, pork, etc., also. But just now we are talking beef. Beef ware of our offerings.

CALGARY Meat Market

Twitching Eyelids

indicate eyestrain.
The slightest hint of it should not be neglected
We test eyes free of charge, and recommend glasses only when absolutely necessary.

A. C. Liphardt

Jeweller Optician

TELEPHONES { OFFICE - - 41 RESIDENCE 67

Scott & Ross

UNDERTAKERS
EMBALMERS

A complete stock of Coffins, Caskets, and Burial Goods, also Metallic Lined Shipping Cases

AN UP-TO-DATE HEARSE IN CONNECTION

Parlors in the T. Beck Block Victoria Avenue

Halcyon Hot Springs Sanitarium

Now under the new management of Harry McIntosh, Hoffman House, Rossland.

Its baths cure all nervous and muscular diseases, its water heal all kidney, liver, and stomach ailments and they eliminate all metalic poisons from the system.

Report of Analyst

Of Samples of Water from Halcyon Hot Springs, Arrow Lake, B.C., 27th February, 1898.

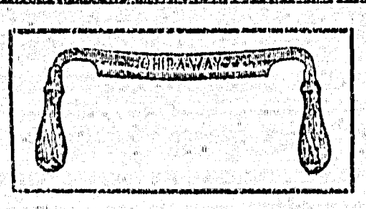
Laboratory of City Analyst, Edinburgh, Scotland, March 3, 1898

One gallon of water contained the following ingredients, the results are expressed in parts.

Chlorine	8.14	Magnesia	232.00
Sulphuric Acid	363.43	Lithia	.86
Silica	74.20	Sulphuretted Hydrogen	32.00
Lime	84.57		
Alkalies as Soda	5.71		

Boating, Fishing and Excursions.

Terms: $12 to $18 per week, according to residence in hotel or villas.



PERHAPS Solomon was right when he said there is nothing new under the sun. After the Israelites came into the Promised Land frequent mention is made of iron and its use in agriculture and for weapons for war. Those who are conversant with Bible history will recollect that in describing the armor of Goliath it is said that his spearhead weighed 600 shekels of iron (about 19 pounds).

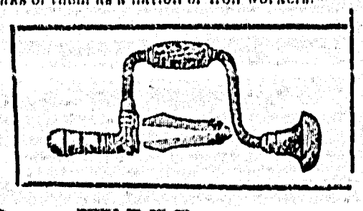
Axes, Saws and Harrows of iron are mentioned in the time of David, and Axes, Hammers and Tool of Iron in the reign of Solomon. In Ecclesiastes we read that if the iron be blunt and he do not whet the edge then must he put to more strength. We could not describe a cold chisel better to day. A thousand years before Christ, David, prior to building the temple, secured iron nails for the doors and gates, and in his instructions to his son Solomon he says that he had iron in abundance. While realizing its value, it is an open question whether or not the Israelites were workers of iron, for we read that Solomon sent to Hiram, *King of Tyre, for a man* cunning to work iron. The Chaldeans were famous for the fine quality of their iron and steel. Herodotus in the fifth century before Christ, speaks of them as a nation of iron workers.

The Persians, long before the Christian era, were workers of iron, and no man could be king who had not forged and tempered his own weapons of war. Iron and steel of a very fine quality are still made in Persia.

Extract from address by W. W. McLellan.

Our Trade is increasing in Carpenters' Tools

The TOOLS WE SELL ARE GOOD TOOLS



Sheppard & Elliott

FERNIE, B. C. 'Phone 4. Opposite the Post Office. Right in the centre of the city.

PHONE NO. 60

Paste this in your hat. It will pay you to remember it.

A. W. BLEASDELL

GRADUATE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Thirty-eight years in the drug business.

A NOBBY SUIT

Adorns the outer man, and raises the wearer in the opinion of the critical public

GET ONE FROM—

Geo. W. Carruthers

Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.

'PHONE 28 for Prompt Delivery.

Make your Way to Our Store for

STRAWBERRIES	PINEAPPLES
BANANAS	ORANGES
LEMONS	LETTUCE
GREEN BEANS	PEAS, ETC.
NEW POTATOES	and VEGETABLES

USE The

Best Creamery Butter

"Gilt-Edge"

FOR SALE ONLY AT THE BIG STORES

WE carry a complete line of All Kinds of Canned Meats, Canned Fish and Bottled Goods, suitable for Lunches, Picnics or Easy Made Dinners.

STORES AT

Fernie, Michel, Morrissey, Coal Creek.

Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.