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LIFE IN FERNIE

BORN.—In Fernie on November 26, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacLean, a daughter.

J. E. Wood of Seattle was in the city last week for a day.

Samuel Graham has purchased the Palace Meat Market from J. McMaster.

In Nelson D. J. Robertson & Co sell beds that even a defeated candidate can sleep in.

Fernie has the finest stores in East Kootenay, and the finest sidewalks this far west of the Red river.

E. Ennerson has returned from Spokane to superintend the balance of the Great Northern work in this city.

Dr. Walkem's wife and family have taken up their residence in the city. They arrived from Creston last Friday.

Wm. Tuttle is an old friend of President Roosevelt. Teddy did not forget to write Bill when the election was over.

For taking $15 out of a trunk belonging to Joe Roebuck, Henry Yates received on Saturday a month in the local bastile.

A sneak-thief has been working the town the past week. His specialty is clothing. Tom Pogue of the Northern was one of the victims.

The city clerk has just about completed the assessment of the city. He states that the population of the city is still largely cosmopolitan.

Some of our hotel men have quit endorsing drafts for foxy drummers. One smooth villain worked Fernie men for about $400 a short time ago.

C. O. Demaurez is anxious to sell a carload of white diamonds before Christmas. Diamonds are nice presents to send to editors and others during the presentation season.

W. J. Blundell has the honor of getting the first car of goods over the Great Northern from Spokane to Fernie. It is not known who will bring the last car over this route.

Jacob Fleishman was in town last week. He is much opposed to the high license bylaw of this city and states that it breeds monopoly. He intends to test the matter in the courts this winter.

O. N. Ross had a visit from his old enemy last week. He thinks of taking a trip to Halcyon, where the natural hot water will in a short time make rheumatism look like the minimum end of 80 cents.

In a telegram to Fred Stork, W. A. Galliher expresses himself as well pleased with the vote he received in Fernie, and stated that this city would receive something later on. Give us a postoffice, Bill! If possible, before Christmas.

Many a widow in Canada blesses the day that her departed husband took out a life insurance in the Mutual Life of Canada, and all women should urge their husbands to take such a precaution. For further particulars call on Mrs. Harris at the King Edward hotel.

Pincher Creek will put in a telephone system that will connect with nearly all the ranches for a hundred miles around. If it could be extended to Fernie we might occasionally call up George Jordan and find out how many horses he would bet on a Nelson four-flush.

It is getting so now that you are liable to find coal almost any place in British Columbia, even around the roots of the apple trees in the Okanagan. The latest report states that the black stuff has been found near Enderby. The coal is soft and the seam four to six feet wide on the surface. A tunnel is being run to test the value of the discovery.

A man whose front name is Harry, went to live a short time ago in a shack near the brick yard. One morning last week he arose early and went outside for some wood. Just then a big cottonwood fell across the little building and smashed it into a farewell. The tree fell across the bed, and if Harry had not been such an early riser his name would now be Dennis.

A. B. Grace was in town last week. He has made a fortune running a newspaper at Fort Steele, and would not leave that beautiful spot for any other abode, except heaven. Grace has his life down to a system. He writes stirring editorials in the forenoons upon the solidity of Bull river iron and kindred subjects, and the afternoon he devotes to fishing. His life is a glorious dream undisturbed by the tread of the maddened throng, or the burly sheriff with a long sheet of blue paper.

The Great Northern bridge over the Kootenay at Bonner's Ferry is finished, and the building of the depot and yards will be commenced this week. A stub passenger train will likely be put on right away to run between Fernie and Rexford, where connection is made with the main line, enabling passengers leaving here at 9 a. m. to reach Spokane at 7:15 p. m., or nearly an hour less than it takes from Nelson to Spokane. This route will cut down the time from Fernie to Victoria, Vancouver and other coast cities 24 hours. When the Great Northern advertises this fact extensively the trade from here to the sea will certainly go over their line.

Webb's chocolates from ten cents to $4.00 a package at Bleasdell's.

Master Wilfrid Keath died in Spokane last Friday. His father was once a C. P. R. engineer at Fernie.

Don't forget the recital in Knox church Thursday evening by Helen Lazien Peake, gold medalist in elocution

At Morrissey Mines on Monday the jury exonerated both company and employees from all blame for the recent disaster in No. 1 mine, Carbonado.

B. F. Shanley, contractor for building the depots and signal towers along the Great Northern is confined to his room at the King Edward with a slight attack of congestion of the lungs.

A. J. McCool, provincial road foreman, came in from Cranbrook the past week, having finished the season's work for this district. He will winter in Fernie.

Mrs. J. W. Nunn and her young son returned to the city last week from Montreal. In that city for the past two months her son's eyes were treated by the celebrated eye specialist, Dr. Buller, with the result that his eyesight is greatly improved.

J. R. Roaf, outside superintendent of the Carbonado colliery, has gone to Wilkesbarre, Pa., to wed Miss Frey. Upon his return he will meet with a warm reception in Fernie. Miss Frey formerly resided in Fernie and is a sister of Mrs. Tonkin.

In the Presbyterian Church last night Rev. A. Dunn, D. D. was inducted. Rev. Reid of Michel preached the sermon to the people while Rev. Fortune, of Cranbrook conducted the induction services in a manner that made a deep impression upon a large audience After the services the ladies served refreshments and a pleasing musical program

In Fernie a proposition is now under way by the miners and others to organize a company with a capital stock of $50,000 for the purpose of acquiring the business of the Crow's Nest Trading company, and carrying on the business of general merchants. The company will be co-operative, and carry on business in the various camps of the coal regions.

Under the guidance of Miss Whimster and Miss Kirkpatrick, 15 merry couples surprised Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bricker last Monday evening and danced until the hours were small on the clock. J. H. Bricker and wife will leave this week for Stratford, Ontario, where he has a position with the Globe-Wernicke Co., and their departure from Fernie is regretted by a large number of friends. Mr. Bricker was among the oldest residents of this city.

At a court case in Fernie not long ago a witness gave evidence who spoke a little of four languages, but none complete. He was brought up on the borders of Russia, Poland and Prussia, and his lingo was a four-timer when he threw in the English he had learned around Fernie. An interpreter was found at Coal Creek who hailed from the same town and being more learned, he readily explained why the witness was apparently a man of no nationality.

A MODERN HOTEL.

Good hotels are a great benefit to any city, and Fernie has, and will have, when those building are finished, the finest hotels of any place of its size in Canada. S. F. Wallace expects to have the Hotel Fernie ready for business by Christmas. He is investing nearly $30,000 in the building and furnishings The hotel is three stories high with a basement, and contains 46 large rooms, and not a dark room in the house.

In the basement will be the barber shop, billiard and card rooms. The barroom, which is on the first floor, will be the largest in the city. The reading room is 17x24 feet, well lighted, and plentifully supplied with desks and chairs. The office and sitting room chairs cost $15 each at the factory. The dining and sitting rooms will be elegantly furnished.

The dining room is 20x37½ feet, with a 14 foot ceiling, and has eight windows to light it by day, and eight large chandeliers by night. Mr. Wallace has had $150 worth of mouldings put in this room, which further enhances the beauty of its appointments

The bed rooms will appeal to all who love comfort. They are 12x14 feet in size, with high ceiling, and a steam radiator in each room, and electric return call-bells. The latter are a blessing, especially in the dry moments of the early morning. The halls are six feet wide and large windows predominate throughout the entire building, while the bathrooms are fitted up in a way that will make the bath a daily luxury. All the rooms are outside ones and the sun has a chance to touch them every day it shines.

The carpets and furniture have arrived, and the hotel will be furnished throughout with everything in the line of furniture and apparatus are on the way from the East. A steam fitter arrived from Toronto on Monday to put in the boiler, pipes and radiators. The boiler is a low-pressure sectional one, and self-regulating, making it impossible to carry too much steam and overheat the rooms.

Tom Rooks of Cranbrook will be head clerk, and the transient rate will be $2.50 a day. Fernie has reason to be proud of this handsome hotel and the traveling public will bless Steve Wallace for furnishing them with such a pleasant resting place when far away from their homes.

Born—In Fernie, November 20th, to the wife of Albert Mutz, a son.

Work has been resumed on the building of the English church.

Paymaster Olsen of the Great Northern railway was in the city on Saturday.

Blackjack is rolling high, and occasionally the bets scrape the paint off the ceiling.

Send a copy of Float to your friends at Christmas. You can buy it ready for mailing at this office.

Dave Dover of Nelson was in town last week showing some of the nuggets he found in Poplar last summer.

"Big Jim" McDonel has a contract on the Toronto-Sudbury railway. He probably has the old mule with him.

The Great Northern depot will be commenced just as soon as material can be brought over the Elk river bridge.

During the matrimonial season it is just as well to remember that this office prints the most recherche wedding invitations.

Wm. Baker has gone to the Boundary to work on the Great Northern railway. His brother Fred is looking at the sights in St. Louis.

Handley has painted his down-town office in blue and white, so that the public will not miss it amid the busy scenes on Fernie's main artery.

Ross Brothers have bought Chenette's interest in the Queen's hotel Mr Chenette intends to resume business at Staples, not far from Cranbrook.

The Fernie Quadrille Assembly will hold the first dance of the season in Stork's opera house on Monday evening. The music will be supplied by Staebler's orchestra.

Frank O'Neill came in from New Denver last week to take a position with the B. C. Furniture company. He reports an excess of tranquility around all of the Slocan towns.

V. Granatoo and Miss Mary Bafor were wedded in the Catholic church early Saturday morning. The happy bride and groom have entertained a host of friends during the week.

The Beggar Prince Company played twice in Fernie last week, and gave the public full value for their money. A good troupe of this kind relieves the impression made by so many punk outfits, that all shows are bad.

The Mutual Life of Canada is one of the greatest companies in the world and has millions behind it. Its rates are the cheapest and its profits the highest. For further particulars call on Mrs. Harris at the King Edward hotel.

After living for ten years in Fort Steele E. J Caun has moved to Fernie and opened a music and stationery store in the L. T. W. block. He will have his Christmas goods all in place in a few days and expects Santa Claus to camp in his place for the next four weeks.

Since opening his cigar store in Fernie, L. Atkinson has been agreeably disappointed in the volume of business transacted. It is greater than he expected, although with one of the finest stores, together with his courteous treatment of all customers, it is little wonder that he is doing a large business.

J. F. Spalding will open a photograph studio in Fernie just as soon as the building now occupied by the postoffice is empty. In the meantime he will take photos at the homes of his customers and do scenic and architectural work. His views of local scenery are excellent and his terms reasonable.

The Italian band is an asset to the city of Fernie, and it should be encouraged in every way. Within its ranks are some of the best embryo musicians in the West. With proper support this band can easily be made probably the best in British Columbia, which would certainly be one of the best ads this city could have. Give the band your hearty assistance, and we will soon be known for something besides coke and coal.

The academy-convent building at Pincher Creek will be finished in January. It is four stories in height and will be attended by children from various towns along the Crow. Madame La Ronte was in the city this week collecting funds for the institution, but met with indifferent success, owing to the many calls at present upon the people of Fernie. The ladies are successful in her trip along the Crow, especially at Cranbrook, Coleman and Blairmore.

Coal constituted about forty per cent of the total tonnage of all railways last year. To carry a ton in England from the Yorkshire coal fields to London, a distance of 178 miles, costs $1.87, while coal is carried from the Carbondale coal region in Illinois to Chicago, a distance of 275 miles, for 75 cents a ton In Fernie Coal is brought by rail five miles from the mines and sold in the city delivered somewhere near your back door for $5.50. It is hot stuff, and will burn a grate to an ashy coal in about four weeks, and will extinguish itself in a few minutes if you do not feed it constantly, and stir it up as a careful cook does a mess of partridge.

LATEST BY WIRE.

SHENKING, Nov. 30.—The fight of the Japanese against General Reminkampff lasted from Nov. 24 to Nov. 28. The Japanese were repulsed and were never able to approach nearer than 600 yards.

TOKIO, Nov. 30.—Official dispatches from Port Arther are anxiously awaited. The newspapers here have accounts in them, which says the Japanese right column, after repeated desperate charges on Monday, succeeded in carrying the greater part of 208-metre hill. The Japanese now hold the entrenchments near the top and are endeavoring to effect a complete occupation. The bombardment of the warships in the harbor by the Japanese is now more effective. One of the Russian warships has been struck fifteen times, but she was able to shift her position. It is announced that the time is not yet ripe for the Japanese to force the interior of the fortification.

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 30.—Rev. David Williams of Stratford was today elected Bishop of Huron in succession to the late Bishop Baldwin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—Young Corbett was defeated last night by Nelson of 'Frisco in a 10-round fight.

THE DICK CASE.

Judge Spinks was in the city on Friday and Saturday, holding an investigation on the conduct of Archibald Dick in his capacity as inspector of coal mines. A letter published in the Clarion at Vancouver and written by a miner named Dickson charged Dick with having given untruthful reports of the Coal Creek mines prior to the great explosion. The investigation ended in Fernie on Saturday evening and was adjourned to Nanaimo. The evidence taken here proved little, if anything Frank Sherman stated that Dick's methods were old-fashioned and out of date in reference to present day coal mining, and that the current opinion was that his reports favored the Crow's Nest Coal company more than the miners in their employ.

Archibald Dick has been coal mining since 1850. At one time he worked side by side with the elder Dunsmuir. He remembers when Dunsmuir drew his first coal with ox teams from the mine on the Island. Also the time when Dunsmuir took in a partner who had horses enough to draw the coal to market. Later Dunsmuir got a colonel and a captain to go in with him, and then a railway was built Seeing millions in sight for him, Dunsmuir got his military partners to quit for something like $700,000 each, and now Jim is said to have more than $28,000,000 lying around in different altitudes.

Provincial Police Court.

During November there were thirteen cases before the provincial police court in Fernie, and the fines amounted to $65. Whiskey was back of all the trouble, except one lonely case of vagrancy.

CITY COUNCIL

The city council met on Friday evening, all the members being present except Alderman Trites. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

A letter was read from J. L. Gates in reference to draining block 27 into the present open ditch running down Jaffray street. Referred to the works committee. Faulkner & Johnson were granted their request regarding a drain to the postoffice block.

A communication from L. P. Eckstein regarding his account was laid over until after the next meeting of the board of trade.

Dr. Bonnell was appointed medical health officer for the city.

A letter was read from J. S. T. Alexander re the purchase of the fire hall lot. Instructions were given to pay the interest due him.

A petition was read asking for an early-closing bylaw. As the petition was signed by others than business men of the city, it was not legal and the council would take no cognizance of it. The solicitor was instructed to prepare a proper early-closing bylaw for the use of the council.

Accounts were ordered to be paid:

McLeod & Brown	$10 00
Clark Bros. Co.	19 60
N. E. Suddaby	18 25
Coal company	8 50
J. D. Quail	32 00
Elk Lumber Co.	1 80
Wm. Handly	3 75
R. Hammond	22 [illegible]
John Barnsley & Co.	21 00
Taking Prisoners to Nelson	25 35
Sundries	2 00
Total	[illegible]

Bylaw No. 8, re Sunday closing of business houses, was introduced by Aldermen Beck and Lundie, read three times and ordered to be reconsidered at next meeting.

The chief of police was instructed to notify Wm. Lochwig to remove frame building within a week from the background of the Hotel Waldorf. The chief was also instructed to warn George Cody to replace the crossway torn up by him on Howland avenue.

The clerk was instructed to sign the voucher for the B. C. government for October rent of jail. The city pays the government $15 a month for use of the jail, and the government pays the city 40 cents a day for keeping of prisoners. In October the city had a balance of $4,55 coming from the government.

The present poundkeeper was discharged and the clerk authorized to procure another by hanging up an ad in the postoffice.

Council then adjourned to meet Monday, December 5.

THE REPORTER'S TROUBLES

ROSSLAND, B. C., Nov. 26, 1904.

To the Editor of THE LEDGE.

DEAR SIR:—In your report of my speech at Fernie, you say "To protection on these industries (lumber, coal and lumber), Mr. Macdonald expressed himself as opposed, contending that it would work a hardship on the people of Manitoba and the Territories."

The only tariff question affecting B. C. industries discussed by me was that relating to lumber, and on that question I emphatically declared for a tariff on lumber and a dumping clause to protect our lumber industry from unfair foreign competition.

I quite believe that your reporter did not intentionally misreport me. And as the question is to my mind an important one, and one which our lumbermen are about to again take up and press at Ottawa, I feel that my attitude should not be misunderstood. Yours truly, J. A. MACDONALD.

[The representative of this paper certainly did not "intentionally misreport" Mr. Macdonald, so to one of two causes must be attributed the alleged error in the report: Either the reporter was spellbound by the eloquence of the speaker—a very unusual occurrence in the life of a newspaper man, or the speaker was carried away by his own enthusiasm—a not unusual happening in the "declamatory" period of a young politician's life. The everlasting difficulty between reporter and spell-binder could be satisfactorily arranged were the young legal gentlemen who overrun the country during a political campaign to have their speeches typewritten and published in the local paper at 10 cents a line, cash. Then, owing to the financial benefits accruing to his paper, the reporter could afford to overlook the enthusiastic lapses from sanity. We appreciate Mr. Macdonald's position when in Fernie—an apologist for the mistakes and neglect of Mr. Galliher and the Laurier government. We also appreciate the fact that he is leader of the Liberal opposition in the province, and that his attitude on the platform in Fernie will not add to the strength of his party in a provincial campaign.—THE REPORTER.]

City Police Court.

During November nineteen cases were tried in the city police court, and the fines amounted to $175. Five gamblers, one drunk, one slugger, three thieves, one destroyer of property, one indecent exposure, and four drunks with trimmings passed before the beak during the month, and received their various doses of legal medicine with all the grace they could command under the trying circumstances.

Mining Records.

During November four sand creek iron claims were recorded in the sub-recording office in Fernie. The claims were recorded by J. B. Turney, T. M Turner, A. McLean and Jan Podbielanik.

IN THE SLOCAN

Operations have been stopped at the Mountain Con.

The capacity of the lead refinery at Trail has been doubled.

The force at the Ottawa was reduced to seven men on Sunday.

Sandon mines last week exported 260 tons of galena and zinc.

A heavy foreign demand has forced copper up to 15 cents a pound.

More ore sacks and supplies were sent up to the Graphic on Sunday.

At the Ottawa everything has been prepared for winter, and the new ore house completed

One third of the force at the Black Prince was let out during the week, there being now less than 20 men employed.

Billy Cotterill and partners are doing well on the Northern Light. They have driven 18 feet on the ledge and eight inches of ore exposed. A shipment will be made shortly.

Eastern capitalists have bonded the Grant, a silver lead proposition on the north fork of Woodbury creek. It was owned by C. Rossiter and D. Grant, and the property will be worked this winter.

Asbestos has hitherto been an unknown mineral in this camp, at least, close to hand, yet indications of it were picked up this week. Geo. Stoll on Tuesday, handed into this office some samples he had picked up on the Republic wagon road, just out from town. It is in a schist formation and the fibre is short. It has not been proven whether the mineral exists in quantity, but there is plenty of float lying scattered around.—Slocan Drill.

S. M. Martin & Grand Forks has been awarded the contract to erect all stations and other buildings on the Great Northern branches now building in Boundary district. The contract calls for the erection of eighteen different buildings, the largest of which will be the station at Phoenix, the dimensions of which will be 35 by 76 feet.

ALONG THE CROW

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

Recent advices from the Windemere district report the various camps in a very active condition. Five or six companies are taking out pay ore.

Compared with a year ago the present situation of the mineral industry in Southeast Kootenay is vastly improved.

Coal mining at Fording River will commence in the near future. The coal area is one of the largest in the Crows Nest district. The coal is of a high grade for coking.

This year silver-lead mining in Southeast Kootenay has shown very much greater activity. Operations at the St. Eugene indicate that the mine has produced more lead than any other mine in the Province.

The North Star has also shown an appreciable increase this year over that of 1903.

The year of 1904 has been one of steady progress and development in the placer mines of the district, and throughout the quartz camps a better feeling prevails. Attention is again directed to the quartz mines by the near approach of active construction of the Kootenay Central Railway.

Hydraulic sluicing on Wild Horse Creek is about closed. Water has been turned out of big ditches. Cleaning up is now progressing, and from all reports there seems to be reasonable assurance that the 1904 production will be found to considerably exceed that of last year.

In the silver-lead camps of Southeast Kootenay the St. Eugene at Moyie continues to attract much attention. The large output has enabled the company to pay a substantial dividend. The showing of the North Star is most favorable, and a three per cent dividend has been declared. Work on the Sullivan smelter is progressing, a large number of men being employed. As soon as the smelter is completed, the company will put a large force at work taking out ore from the mine.

On Wednesday Mrs. G. E. Henderson, wife of the president and manager of the Bull River Mining and Power Company., tried her hand at placer mining. Mrs. Henderson secured two pans of pay dirt from the bed of the stream and washed out $2.60 from one and $1.85 from the second pan. Mrs. Henderson will keep the gold as a memento of her visit to Southeast Kootenay. -- Fort Steele Prospector.

The Mitchell-Renwick Foot-race

A couple of weeks ago Mitchell of Fernie and Renwick of Nelson ran a foot-race at the latter place, and the decision was against Mitchell. The result was not satisfactory to the Fernie sports, and they issued another challenge, the race to be run in Cranbrook today, and $200 forfeit was put up by both sides with V. A. Rollins. Both sprinters and backers arrived yesterday but as there was snow on the ground Mitchell refused to go ahead, and to-day his backer, Tom Pogue, had an injunction served on Rollins, the stakeholder. The money will be held until the two parties come to an agreement. The injunction proceeding is a reminder to Cranbrook people of the Nevins-Mitchell race a about year ago. As the original race was not pulled off another was fixed up between Renwick and a man named Hammond, he to have three yards start in 100, the purse to be $80. The track was cleaned off and the race run at three o'clock. It proved a pudding for Renwick, who won it in a walk. Immediately after the race Mr. McTavish offered to run Renwick against Mitchell for $500 to $500 and give him two yards the start in the 100. Mitchell declined the challenge [illegible] to $200 and three yards start offered But no race was arranged as Mitchell's backers said it was impossible to find a track at this time of the year.—Cranbrook Herald.

CRANBROOK

(From the Herald)

F. W. Glover and his two sons of Jaffray, left recently for London, England, where he will put them to school Mr. Glover is an old timer in the Kootenays having packed into Wild Horse in the eighties.

At the manse on November 9, by the Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, Robert Clark to Miss Bessie Sadler, both of Cranbrook.

Harry Bowness has purchased the Manhattan hotel at Moyie of Messrs Armstrong and Swinnerton, and took possession yesterday. He will go to Moyie sometime next month to live.

Ole Lundquist an employe at Kings Mills met with an accident last Monday that might easily have proven fatal. He fell from a flat car and lighted on his head and shoulders, receiving injuries that rendered him unconscious for several hours.

The Knights of Pythias gave a very enjoyable "At Home" last evening in their hall. There was a large attendance and a most interesting program was presented consisting of vocal and instrumental music. The crowning feature was the lecture on Damon and Pythias by Thomas Rookes, illustrated by colored pictures thrown on the wall. Cards were indulged in by those caring to play and about eleven o'clock an appetizing lunch was served.

COAL AT LILLE

Although little has been said about the doings of the West Canadian Collieries Co., of this place, who own and are operating the mines at Bellevue and Lille, this company is one of the strongest and largest operating in the Dominion. Work on their properties has been carried on continuously and systematically for some time past with the result that the properties are well developed and equiped and as a producer they now are of first rank.

At Lille, where they have one of the best laid out and built up towns in the Pass, is situated the coke ovens of this company. These ovens, which are fifty in number, are of the Solvey type and the first to be built of that pattern in Canada. These ovens are charged and drawn by machinery and although but 31 of them are in operation they are turning out 120 tons of first class coke every twenty-four hours. All of the product of these ovens is being shipped to smelters of B. C. where a ready sale is found for it as well as considerable coal from these mines. A connection is being driven, and is about completed between the No. 1 and 2 camps with the intention of working the whole of this mine through the entry at No. 1 mine. This connection necessitates the driving of a raise of 510 feet to connect the two workings. A force of carpenters are now at work putting in a large tipple at the entry of No. 1 which is directly upon the railway. The Lille mines of this company are connected with the C. P. R., at Frank, by a standard gauge railway built and operated by this coal Company.

At the Bellevue mines, which are situated one and a half miles east of and directly upon the C. P. R., a very large amount of both outside and underground development work has been done within the last twelve months. Room for yards has been excavated and side tracks have been put in to accommodate empty and loaded cars Tipples have been erected and a prosperous village built up. The main entry on the coal seam at Bellevue is now in a depth of over 2000 feet and the coal taken out here is considered about the best mined in this district. There are six coal seams in the series operated by this Company that varies from six to twenty feet in thickness and all of which contains a first class quality of steam and coking coal.

The output of the mines of this company at present is some 750 tons of coal per day most of which is delivered to the C. P. R. for steaming purposes. The output will be more than doubled as soon as the present development work now underway is completed.

Besides the mines at Lille and Bellevue which are being operated by this company, they also own the Byron Creek and Blairmore Collieries, both extensive properties, but which are idle at present.—Blairmore Times.

PERRY CREEK NEWS.

The prospects of Perry Creek look very good just now and next season promises to be a busy one in many ways.

Mr. Trow, of the Perry Creek Hydraulic and Mining Co. has started a gang of men logging and will do some sawing before Spring to get timber for further work on their plant next spring.

J. Thompson and the Bass boys are working away on their shaft and are down 40 feet and expect to strike bedrock in about 20 feet more. They are putting in a steam pump to cut the water. The probabilities are that they will strike it in good shape at bedrock.

J. Hennessery went into Cranbrook this week for supplies and men. He is sinking a shaft on his claim on what is generally supposed to be the old channel of Perry Creek. He has reached a depth of 30 feet with a cross compartment shaft, and expects to reach bedrock in a short time.—Cranbrook Herald.

The Oldest Voters

The Richmond Record says:—

Probably two of the oldest men in Canada voted in this county on Nov. 3. Mr. Christoison, aged 102 years, father of ex-warden Christoison, of Loch Lomond and Dr. M. Christoison of Halifax, walked three miles to poll his vote This shows the remarkable endurance of the old gentleman who gives his age. Imagine, too! The other was Thomas Berge, of Rocky Bay, aged 100.

THE LEDGE.

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THE LEDGE is published every Wednesday in Fernie, B.C. The price is $2 a year. Advertising rates given upon application.

JUST 25 days to Christmas, and every stocking in our wardrobe has a hole in it.

IT may be snowing around the town, but the fall has not yet come to Port Arthur.

CANADA is filled with parties rich in platforms, but broke when it comes to votes.

THE sun will make a stand on the 21st of next month and refuse to go any further south.

IN Germany the Kaiser is getting severe. He recently reproved a bishop for carving a cemetery.

DOMINION politics have grown too one-sided to be any longer interesting. Too much sugar ends in dyspepsia.

THE Dominion elections have passed away, but the yearly ordeal of municipal battles will soon be upon us with all its oratorical terrors.

WITH its prosperous mines and the Great Northern in the door, Fernie should be able to wear its long pants without breaking any suspenders.

THE Dominion government can now do as it wishes with British Columbia. There is no further need for granting us favors now that the bride is won and has seven rings.

THE politics of Ontario are so vile that justice shivers naked in the back-yard while the grafters loot the public pantry in search of a grafting stake for themselves, and the pap-sucklers who yap at their heels.

ALL exchanges should be sent to this paper at Fernie. It took the Spokane Chronicle ten years to find out that we had moved from Nakusp to New Denver. All our mail reaches us but it is better to send it direct.

THE Toronto News cries aloud against corruption and then sends out circulars offering its paper at less than cost to Western people. It must have some graft to boost or else such generosity would not be found in cold Toronto.

EVERY little while a street car runs away in Toronto, and creates more or less of that chemical change usually called death, and the motorman is blamed for losing control of his car. Probably better brakes or better paid motormen would insure greater safety for the public.

IT is getting near Christmas. The other day we received a package from home containing a pair of socks and a bottle of old-time catsup, made by mother, and a tie slipped in as ballast, by our wee brother Sam. Mother regretted that she did not have time to send us a night shirt. So do we, but in the meantime we will keep warm at nights on the catsup.

The World thinks that Vancouver may some day be larger than New York. This is an extravagant assertion that cannot be disproved unless the brocky World sets a date. We venture to throw in the assertion here that within ten years Fernie will be the second largest city in British Columbia, and we haven't a farm or a salmon canning factory within hailing distance of the city.

IN issuing his thanksgiving proclamation, Mayor J. H. Powell, of Henderson, Ky., has not overlooked the babies. He says thanks should be given "for the most charming crop of beautiful babes ever born in the old town since creation dawned and the morning stars sang together. Sweet, dainty, darling ones, like sunbeams in shady places, kick up your little heels and make of earth a heaven."

LIVING in high altitudes has a tendency to make some people insane and others confirmed liars. In all towns in which we have lived that were several thousand feet above the sea we have noticed the effect of the rarified atmosphere upon those around us. Some could not tell the truth above 2,000 feet, while others above 3,000 feet would get their heads so full of whoels that you could hear the cogs grinding every time they passed you on the street. Only those with strong brain pans should live high up in the mountains. Otherwise the lack of atmospheric pressure will produce a condition that runs to lying and imagination.

A LADY traveling through Canada states that between Winnipeg and Calgary the hotels are full of uncultivated comfort. The majority of the inhabitants of the towns are dough-heads made in a crude imitation of man, and incapable of rising in thought above the pork line. They are more easily swayed by the fakir than the man of science, and will laugh themselves into spasms over a short dress show, while the delights of grand opera appeals to them like rust on the wheat or water in their whiskey.

THERE is hope for Manitoba. It has decided that to charivari a married couple is illegal. It is high time that this barbarous custom was laid to rest. It is a relic of the lewd period in England's history, and if its origin were known by those who indulge in it so largely, it would long ago have been abolished by those who into the dirty things of past ages. Along with it might go that insane idea that it is good luck to waste rice on every newly wedded couple.

THE lumbermen of Kootenay will seek assistance from Ottawa to better the condition of their business. They need protection against lumber coming into Canada from the States. As the Liberals are opposed to protection, it is likely that aid in the form of a bounty may be given. Owing to the modern methods in the handling of logs, mills and capital, the lumbermen of Washington and Oregon can produce lumber at from $2 to $6 a thousand feet less than many of the mills in Kootenay. This makes it all the more necessary for our lumbermen to have the government to make good their lack of mechanical and financial ability.

SOME of the B. C. Liberal papers say that an opposition member from this province would be absolutely without influence at Ottawa. This is not so, for does not the Bible say that when one sheep is missing you must leave the flock and go out into the brush and round up the lost one. This is just what the Dominion government would do if we had one or two Conservative members in B.C. They would leave Premier Ross, Big Bill and the others in their warm nest in the back room at Ottawa and go out into the hills after the missing ones. In doing so they would discover British Columbia and we might have a chance to do something. As it is, with such a Liberal majority, there is no occasion to help the West. The Dominion has got us on a steep trail without any nails in our shoes.

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Self interest will pull the traffic towards Portland with nothing but contract obligations pulling the traffic towards Canada.

Self interest will be more truly influential than contract obligations if the Grand Trunk Pacific is anything like the old Grand Trunk.

Canada should be about tired building railways which divert Canadian trade to the great work of keeping the State of Maine out of the poor house.—Toronto Telegram.

NEVER HAPPENS IN FERNIE

There is a man up on Capitol hill, says the Washington Post, who sings with a number of old college chums two or three times a year, and usually after one of these suppers he is fit to roost with boiled owls. The last gathering of the clan was about a fortnight ago, and before Mr. Jenks set out for it he promised Mrs. Jenks solemnly that no matter what the others did, he would drink nothing but charged water and lemonade.

Mr. Jenks came home about 2 o'clock, walking very carefully and sedately. Mrs. Jenks was awake and she turned up the gas as he came in.

"Are you sure you didn't drink too much?" she asked.

"You hurt me when you speak like that," said Mr. Jenks, somewhat indistinctly. "I had only two small drinks."

Mrs Jenks lay back on her pillow regarding him. Under her gaze he was most careful to be sure all his belongings to the proper places. His feelings were hurt, and he was determined to show his wife how unjust her suspicions were. He was standing at the stationary washstand in the corner of the room when she spoke again, and it was not so much the matter as the manner of her word that cut.

"Charles," she said, "you might as well stop trying to light the hot water faucet. That's the third match you've wasted."

Woes of Political Leaders.

To become a political leader and to retain the post successfully requires eternal vigilance, said a well known politician. In the thickly settled sections of Philadelphia the leader becomes a sort of unofficial mayor, guardian and father of his constituents. He can never ignore a request; to do so is to offend not only the individual who makes it but all his relatives.

One woman asked the leader recently to take her baby into his family while the mother went out of the city for a week's visit. Again, he was called up at 2 o'clock in the morning by two men who had a dispute and wanted him to arbitrate. He is expected to see that the poor have coal, to bail out those who have been arrested, to secure work for those out of employment, to have police fines remitted, and to attend marriages, picnics and funerals.

One family of voters renomed him permanently because he did not call when the seven year-old son, Thomas, broke his leg.

"But I didn't know that he had broken his leg," the leader protested.

"Sure, and you should have known it," was the reply.

"But I didn't even know you had a son, Thomas."

"That settles it," exclaimed the father; who, taking up his hat to leave, remarked: "Charlie Donnelly would would have known it. Niver a meat have you ate in me house."

Could Make Use of It.

At a dinner to the Archbishop of Canterbury in New York, Bishop Brewster of Connecticut decried self-praise.

"Is there anything tamer, he said, than to hear a man praise himself—than to hear a judge praise a decision he has just made, or a clergyman praise a sermon he has preached?

Let me tell you about a certain self praising clergyman.

At a dinner similar to this one he began to talk of his own eloquence. He talked of it a long time. Finally he described a sermon wherewith he had raised enough money to build a magnificent new church.

He said that this sermon had thrown the congregation into a transport of liberality. From all sides of the auditorium there had resounded announcements of subscriptions of $1,000, of $2,000, even of $5,000. Women had advanced to the altar and thrown in their watches, their rings and their bracelets. One young woman had even—

But here a distinguished bishop interrupted. He bent forward and tapped the speaker on the shoulder. "Could you lend me that sermon," he whispered.

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In the Salt Mines.

There are four salt mines in Roumania, two quite close to one another, at Slanic and Doftana. One of the mines at Slanic dates back to the time of the Romans, whose methods were not so scientific as those of their modern successors. They made bottle-shaped excavations quite close to one another, with the result that the wedge of earth between bottles constantly threatened to subside. Indeed, the other day an enormous mass came down with a crash, and the old mine had to be abandoned. Modern methods avoid such danger. Instead of burrowing down again into a new mine, you cut horizontal galleries into the rock, huge pillars of salt are left standing to support the earth, and fresh caverns are hollowed out. Thus, without any extra amount of labor, it is possible to extend the mine almost indefinitely, and the pillars serve to confirm the ecclesiastical effect of the great subterranean basilica.

I saw the old Roman mine from one of the upper galleries, which was reached by strange, almost endless tunnels, illuminated with gay Chinese lanterns. A little verdure alone was needed to complete the illusion of the gardens of Aladdin. The impressions afforded by the view from this gallery were so unique and so marvellous that I hesitate to attempt to describe them. Some minutes were necessary to grow accustomed to the twilight. A few braziers containing shavings soaked in petroleum were flaring up in a feverish manner, and as I looked over into the darkness of the abyss I was reminded of Dore's version of Dante looking over into the uttermost depths of hell.

What struck me most was the insecurity of my position. There was, of course, no danger, whatever, and the ledge on which I stood was fairly broad. But it possessed no parapet, and in order to look down it was necessary to come very near to the brink. What added most to the sense of insecurity was a kind of pier or commencement of a bridge which projected over the abyss. I do not know whether it dated back to the days of the Romans, but at any rate it was almost prehistoric in aspect. I did not need the advice of my companions to discourage any attempt at walking the plank along this road to destruction, but I have seen few places capable of affording more temptation to those with suicidal inclinations.

Suddenly a signal was given and enormous bonfires were cast down from the roof of the mine. Several long seconds elapsed before they fizzled out in the pond of salt water hundreds of feet below. The effect was extraordinary. First the gray walls were illuminated as the huge molten masses blazed past them; then they were overcast with fleeting, ghostly shadows, and at last plunged once more into darkness, which was only emphasized by the flickering lights above.

Perhaps the prettiest object in this old mine was a common tub which had been placed some years ago upon the ledge to receive the droppings of salt water. I tasted this water and found it so salt that it almost bit and solidified my tongue. As the drops fell the greater part of them immediately crystallized with incredible rapidity. The original tub was no longer to be seen. It had been covered up entirely with glistening encrustations, which gave it the appearance of a huge snow fountain adorned with most exquisitely artistic designs. It was now about six feet high and several feet in thickness, while a piece of string which had been suspended above it had now become a rope of molten pearls.

Returning along the tunnel, we passed a little trap door about two feet square. This was pulled up, and I was privileged to look down into the new mine and behold one of the most remarkable sights to be found in the world. Hundred of feet below, upon a rugged field of dazzling whiteness, suggestive of the ice-pack in the Arctic regions, herds of men, each apparently as large as a cheese mite, moved about feverishly like the occupants of an ant-hill. Here and there points of electric light shown like suspended stars. The general impression was that of a insects viewed through a Brobdignanian magnifying glass.

A hushed tinkling noise came up from the depths like fairy music. I thought I should never tire of watching the graceful movements of these remote human insects. I almost began to fancy that they must belong to another planet, and such was the extraordinary fascination exercised by this miraculous sight that I found it a painful wrench to tear myself away. I continued my rounds, crossing over this peninsula of a bridge, and I felt quite annoyed with the director of the mine when he patiently reminded me that I still had very much to see before the departure of my train.

So we returned along the gallery and entered one of the powerful lifts which are employed to bring up trucks of salt from the bottom of the mine. The director assured me with a smile that I need not have any alarm about the capacity of the lift, as it was constructed to carry over twenty-five hundred weight. Indeed, we crawled down at a snail's pace, and had an opportunity of studying the strange natural frescoes on the walls. They were merely geological formations, of course, but they assumed the shapes here of wild sea-serpents, there of beautiful decorative patterns, and every now and then of impossible heraldic animals. Dados on dados, I mentally summed them up.

We stepped out on the floor of a Titanic cathedral, a vast basilica where armies might have knelt in prayer, and where people who knew no other world might easily imagine that this was the universe. Even the great, strong electric globes could only create a dim religious flight in this huge edifice. The lofty walls were marked with curly stripes of sparkling gray and white, running up and down like the waves of a tempestuous sea. Along the various naves and aisles rude trams were laid out upon a kind of embankment of salt. Here trucks were waiting to be fed by the miners, who came up ladders and elementary gangways bearing loads from the salt trenches below.

The atmosphere was utterly unlike any I had ever breathed elsewhere. It was very dry, very pungent, highly exhilarating, like some mineral water turned into gas. There was a pleasure in quaffing it, with deep breaths, but presently as you licked your lips you tasted salt, you smelt salt, you found yourself impregnated with salt. It was almost possible to understand the sensations of Lot's wife. The prevailing desire was an inordinate craving for the immediate consumption of beverages by the bucketful.

I remarked this to the director, who told me two things. In the first place, the free workers in the salt mines acquire so perpetual a thirst that very few of them can resist the temptation to become habitual topers. During their work teetotalism is enforced, and they are always finding excuses to make their way to the tank of fresh water which is kept near the bottom of the lift. But directly they emerge upon the outer earth they make a stampede to the nearest public house and spend most of the night, as well as a greater part of their wages, in a continual carouse. But they are not so much to be pitied as might be imagined by readers of sensational fiction about the miners underground by Nihilists in the salt mines of Russia. Indeed, the second fact, which the director told me was that the climate of salt mine is the best in the world. It is even said to be a certain cure for consumption.

Though in summer the even temperature of the heart of the earth must be very pleasant as a refuge from the roasting Roumanian sun, and even in winter, after the arctic atmosphere outside, the work is undoubtedly hard, and probably monotonous. To the stray visitor it possesses a charm of its own. The workers are divided up into squads of six. Each man takes for himself an oblong piece of the floor of the mine, about as big as a tombstone. It is his business to scoop round it with his pick a little channel or moat, some five inches deep. When he has done this he summons the other five members of his squad and they stand beside him on the slab. Then they all raise their picks together and bring them down simultaneously at the word of command. A good deal of force is necessary, but what is much more important is that they should strike with rhythmical accuracy. If they do not strike together and in the right place the whole effect is spoiled.

I wondered that they did not sing at their work, as the Soumis do, or think the administration did not provide a band, but I was told that by dint of long practice they have become extraordinarily expert, and that they scarcely ever diverge a hair's breadth from the point at which they aim. This process does not last many minutes, and as soon as the squad has hammered away long enough, the men know by a kind of instinct from the sound of their blows that the job is done. The persistent blows have detached the slab, which may now be raised by a lever with a long strong prod of the six men together. As soon as they have raised one slab they proceed to the others in turn, until they have raised all six. It is a simple form of co-operation.

Then each man returns to his own slab and breaks it up into hunks, which are placed on a truck sent up by lift and credited to his account. A very native man can earn from half a crown to three shillings a day, but beginners must be content with a good deal less. Each man has a particular mark or sign which he carves upon one of the lumps in his truck before he sends it up to be weighed.

The convicts who work in the salt mine at Doftana are in many ways almost as well off as the free miners, except that when their daily task is over they cannot quench their great thirst at the tavern and must return to their prisons. But they are actually paid for their work from sixpence to eightpence a day, which is enough to encourage their industry and enable them to obtain a few extra comforts such as tobacco.

The work of superintending the convicts in the mines cannot be by any means a pleasant one. They have an unpleasant habit of dealing with an unpleasant taskmaster. Apparently without premeditation, they gather into knots in his neighborhood, and then all of a sudden he finds himself surrounded. In the course of a few minutes all the breath has been squeezed out of his body, and on more than one occasion men have actually been killed in this way. The object of this action is, like that of the roundrobin, to shirk responsibility. No one convict more than another has done the deed, and it is difficult to punish the whole gang to the same extent which would be possible in the case of one or two. As there is no capital punishment in Roumania, the convicts are really not much worse off when they have added one more crime to their record. The only possible punishment is to knock off their small comforts and privileges and to inflict solitary confinement, which in the case of a whole gang would mean knocking off work for some time.

Perhaps the chief charm of a Roumanian salt mine is that it perpetuates the same old methods and the same old implements which have been in use ever since the dark ages. An attempt was made at one time to introduce machinery, but this was found to add too much to the cost of production. It is true that the machines produced more salt in a given space of time, and that manual labor wastes about 25 per cent. by crumbling and powdering the salt with picks, but as men, and particularly convicts, are much cheaper than machinery, and as the supply of salt appears practically inexhaustible, it is better economy to adhere to the old methods. And a visitor to the mines will not regret this fact, which affords him an opportunity of witnessing so wonderful and romantic a survival of ancient times.—Herbert Vivian in the Strand Magazine.

Young Girl Showed Bravery.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Rowe, who live on a large farm at Crystal, went away one day recently, leaving their 12-year old daughter, Emma, to keep house. As soon as they went away a big tramp who had been watching the place boldly entered the house and demanded something to eat of the little girl. She set out a lunch for him, and while he was eating he growled.

"If there's any money in this house I want you to get it for me. As soon as I get through with this feed I'll look for myself."

"I'll see if I can get something for you" replied the child as she left the room.

She went into an adjoining room, climbed into a chair and got down her father's rifle. It was not loaded, but she filled the magazine.

The tramp looked up in the muzzle of the gun, which was resting over the back of a chair, with the child's snap plug eyes resting behind the sights and her finger on the trigger.

"Now Mr. Tramp, you run away before I can count ten, or I'll shoot you dead as sure as my name's Emma Rowe. One, two, three——"

There was nothing to do for the tramp but to get out. He was thoroughly frightened. The little girl kept him covered until he was well out of range.—Portland Argus.

Great Strike at Leadville

A Leadville dispatch of last Sunday says that the greatest strike ever made in Colorado mining camp, and what is believed to be the largest body of high grade ore ever found in the world, have been definitely located under Coronado ground in the Leadville basin. The amount of wealth in sight is almost beyond the power of science to calculate. That it will run into the hundreds of millions is beyond dispute. The mass of ore which has been discovered has gone beyond the realization of the company itself, although the drill-hole finds were such as to lead to the belief that an extensive ore-body would be opened up. The ore is practically all high grade silicious lead ore, with occasional pockets of carbonate and some sulphide. Much of it will average thirty ounces in silver to the ton, while some of it goes considerable higher.

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J. L. BUCHAN, 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 of Kootenay and Yale for a lease 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 twelve miles West of the Kootenay Pass trail, commencing at a post marked South West corner of David M. Lapham'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.

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

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

RICHARD COCKLE, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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

WILLIAM A. DIXON, Locator.
David Black, Agent.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company" intends to be presented to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the next session thereof, and that the objects of the said Company are to construct, maintain and operate a Railway, in accordance with the provisions of the General Railway Act, from a point on the Crow's Nest Pass Branch of the C.P.R. to Fernie, at or near the Elk River, thence up the Elk River Valley to the Summit of the Rocky Mountains, thence by the most practicable route over the Selkirk Range to Nelson, thence with a branch line to Kootenay Lake, thence by the most practicable route to the Boundary Creek Mining Districts, thence running north to Lillooet, thence by the most practicable route to the Yellowhead Pass, thence by the most practicable route to Fort George, thence by the most practicable route to the Pacific Ocean, with power to acquire, construct, maintain and operate branches, tramways, telegraphs and telephones, and to build, equip, maintain and operate steamships and other vessels on the navigable waters in connection with the said Railway, and to acquire lands, water rights, rights of way, and other rights, privileges and powers, and to do all other things necessary for the carrying out of the said objects.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1904.

TILTON & TAIPPY, HANE & GREENWOOD, Solicitors for the Company.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, intend to make application to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Fernie for a transfer of the Hotel License now held by me for the premises known as the "Imperial Hotel" situate on lots 13 and 14, block 9, Fernie Townsite.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1904.

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

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The pastor will preach at both services. The morning subject will be: "True Values in Life." Evening subject, "Three Serious Questions; what answer?" REV. J. ROBSON, B. A., Pastor.

BAPTIST.

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The amalgamated Copper Company is said to have its experts in all parts of the mining world looking up copper properties that are obtainable at bedrock prices. A Boston authority is quoted on the subject as follows.

"From information which I have received I believe that the Amalgamated Copper Company has had experts all over the world looking up desirable copper properties which are now in the prospect stage, but might be developed into large producers.

"I take no stock in the reports that the Amalgamated is contemplating the purchase of any large producing mines whose shares are listed upon the exchanges, for it would have to pay too large a price for them.

"I think the Amalgamated people would have purchased the Green Consolidated at around $10 per share if they could have secured it, and that they tried it and failed. They would not purchase it on the basis of $22,000,000, for which the property is now selling in the stock market. The same holds true of Utah, United States Mining and other companies operating in the Bingham district.

"Amalgamated has missed a number of opportunities in the last few years to get some large producers at prospect price, but Heinze is probably responsible for this, as he kept the management too much engaged in "mending their fences" in Montana to look elsewhere.

"Arizona is the most promising copper field at present, but the Phelps-Dodge interests are active there in getting the most promising properties since they realized their mistake in not securing the Calumet & Arizona when it was offered them for $500,000.

In East Kootenay not far from Marysville are some of the richest copper prospects in the world and the Amalgamated should look them up. There's millions in it.

Socialism Too Good for Us

The underlying idea of Socialism is benevolent and philanthropic, says the Sacramento Bee. Its doctrines accordingly appeal strongly to many persons who have large private means, and hence cannot expect to benefit by the Socialist program. The objections to it, in the main, are that it is Utopian and impracticable; that it tends to pauperize the people, to lessen individual exertion and development, by diminishing the rewards and putting all producers on a common level, like bees in a hive or ants in a nest; that it could only work well in practice when men become unselfishly devoted to the common welfare, which is far from being the case at present. In short it may be admitted that Socialism will come with the millenium, but yet asserted that it was impractible until mankind reach a far more exalted plane than has yet been attained. Even as an ideal condition, profound philosophers such as Herbert Spencer, have condemned it, as tending to retrogression and not to advancement.

Perseverence in Prospecting

The search for valuable mines is not always promptly rewarded by the discovery of that for which search is so earnestly being made, says the Mining and Scientific Press. The Bessemer Steel Company, have been engaged for more than a year prospecting with diamond drill and otherwise for iron ore in the Baraboo range in Northern Wisconsin. Until recently their efforts were fruitless. Now they are developing a rich deposit of iron ore found by means of diamond drill. This illustrates the need of perseverance under certain circumstances. The engineers were satisfied that the geological conditions were favorably to the occurrence of ore, if only they could find the locality. By persistent effort they have discovered a valuable deposit. Had they discontinued drilling operations, the entire vicinity would probably have been abandoned as an unpromising field in which no iron was likely to be found.

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Another calamity has overtaken the miners of the Crow's Nest valley, fourteen men having met their death by a sudden outburst of gas in No. 1 mine at Carbonado, B. C., the property of the Crow's Nest Coal company. The outburst took place on November 18, 1901. By this disaster, seven widows, fourteen children and three dependents have been suddenly deprived of their bread winners and left to the mercy of the world. Most of these families have lately arrived in this country and are in poor circumstances and in need of immediate help.

We therefore appeal to the charity of all people to come to the immediate assistance of these poor widows and fatherless children.

A relief committee will be appointed to administer any funds that may be donated.

Donations may be sent to J. N. Howbrook, box 311, Fernie, or to Dr. W. H. Willsen, Carbonado, B. C., who will acknowledge receipt thereof.

A list of subscribers and balance sheet will be published by the press.

FRANK H. SHERMAN, President.
J. N. HOWBROOK, Sec'y-Treas.
District 18, U. M. W. of A.

OLD CAMP MADE NEW

The revival of an old mining camp at Reveille, Nye county, Nevada, is an instance of the energy with which the mining industry is being urged in that State, says the Mining and Scientific Press. Reville was an old and practically abandoned camp thirty years ago. During the early days in the latter sixties it was a shipper of high-grade ores, but the rich spots were not numerous enough for the times and gradually mining in that district came to a stand-still. Now, however, with a railroad at Tonopah, only fifty miles away to the westward, new conditions have developed for Reville district, just as they have for many other districts, both old and new, in Nevada and Utah. The veins of the district are large and well mineralized, and the probability is that some of the new and long continued producers, with some of the old ones, will share in a measure this revival of prosperity. The camp is only another illustration of how time and changing conditions make the unsuccessful and poverty-stricken camp of today, the rich and prosperous one tomorrow.

Ten Hours a Day

Work commences in Germany at 6, 6.30 or 7 o'clock in the morning, and usually stops at the corresponding hour in the evening. The workman has a quarter of an hour for breakfast, from an hour to an hour and a half at noon for dinner, and a quarter of an hour in the afternoon fort a.e. Some times and in some factories the breakfast period is not authorized, sometimes afternoon tea is omitted. The average length of the day's work is ten hours. In the textile industry it may be a quarter of an hour longer. The care of women and children has concerned the state far more than the hours of the male workers. Night work for women is prohibited, nor can they remain in the shops after 5:30 on Saturday afternoon, or on the eve of a holiday. The law fixes the maximum of the woman's working day at 11 hours, except on Saturdays and the day preceding holidays, when it is 10 hours. A midday rest of one hour is compulsory, and women with household cares may claim an extra half hour.

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This Woman Wants Skin.

A woman whose skin is a patchwork of pieces of epidermis taking from persons representing every nation on earth is Miss Emma Gallaher, of Evanston, Ind. Twenty-three skin grafting operations have been undergone by Miss Gallaher since she was burned from the neck to waist in a gasoline tank eight years ago. Her left arm is still without skin and has grown to her body. "Skin is higher price than oilcloth," commented Miss Gallaher sagely recently, when she was asked to tell about her efforts to buy skin. "The average cost of human skin is about $1,000 a square foot. When I once advertised one hundred men volunteered to sell theirs. Many of them faltered when they came to the test. Negro skin, the doctors say, will turn white when grafted on a white person. When I was in St. Elizabeth's hospital for two years thirty-three nurses volunteered to give me skin, but I refused to let them do so. All the nations of the earth are represented in the skin that covers my back. You can call me Chinese or Eskimo if you like, and the chances are that you will not be far from right in some measure. I was originally an American, but my skin is cosmopolitan—decidedly so.".

Miss Gallaher is now trying to earn enough selling sewing machines to buy skin to cover her arm. Here's hoping she'll succeed.

Apparitions After Death.

How are we to explain apparitions of the dead? The evidence for these was much less copious and, necessarily, much less satisfactory. No coincident crisis in the affairs of the dead, could, of course, be detected, as in the case of the living. Again, even if we grant that telepathy between the living is a fact in nature, a ghost of the dead can hardly hope to prove his identity.

To take a case: A young American commercial traveler, alone in his room at a hotel, suddenly saw his dead sister standing beside him. He rose to embrace her, but she fled like the shade of the mother of Odysseus in Homer. He went to his distant home, and told his parents, adding that on the cheek of his sister there was a scratch which he had not seen in her lifetime. The mother explained that in arranging, when alone, flowers around the dead body of the sister in the coffin, she had accidentally scratched the face, but concealed the mark with powder.

Now, if telepathy exists, the mother, brooding over the memory of the daughter, might transmit the whole vision of the dead, scratch and all,, to the mind of her distant son.—Harper's Magazine.

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of luscious roast beef the appetizing odors escape and the rich brown gravy trickles temptingly out to dish. That is the kind of roasts our meat produces. Tender, juicy, nourishing, it will make you healthy and strong.

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