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LIFE IN FERNIE

A. H. Cree spent Christmas in Nelson.

Old newspapers always on sale at this office.

The B. C. legislature will meet on February 9.

The finest confectionery in the market at S. Slinn's.

The city council will hold a session Thursday evening.

Buy a copy of Float and send it to your friends anywhere.

S. Slinn will shortly leave on an important trip to the East.

It looks as though a policeman might be useful at Coal Creek.

For expositions of the art of boxing Fernie beats all the cities in B. C.

Rev. Mr. Reid has charge of the Presbyterians in Michel and Morrissey.

In Nelson D. J. Robertson is selling pianos and talking election at the same time.

No arrests on Christmas speaks well for the quality of the whiskey sold in Fernie.

Fred Ritchie and B. Bewley are the new landlords of the Reco hotel in Sandon.

The weather is delightful in Fernie, with the snowfall a good second to Sandon.

At Michel, the English church now building will be ready for services in February.

J. C. Fernan has rented an office in Frank and already work has commenced on the zinc smelter.

A. Joyce has been appointed to fill the several offices of L. R. Forbes during the latter's absence in England.

The Canadian American Co. is producing 650 tons of coal a day at Frank. About two hundred men are employed.

The Fernie churches were largely attended on Christmas and a generous people did not forget the hard-working parsons.

The bounty on lead has been of very little assistance to the Slocan mines. Up to date the Slocan mines have paid in dividends $4,763,297.

Wm. Handley has secured the sole agency from the Coal company for the handling of their coal in the city. The price delivered is $1 a ton

Mr. and Mrs Lyons of Sandon spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. John Gusty. They were accompanied by John Crawford and his wife.

Do not be bashful about bringing news to this office. The city editor does not care about chasing items through the snow any more than is absolutely necessary.

Frank is making an effort to build a trail into the Flathead country. The Flathead is something like heaven, judging by the many routes by which it can be reached.

The Nelson News states that Fernie coke is now delivered to the Northport smelter for $2 a ton. This is a reduction of 50 cents from the price before the C. N. S. ran into this city.

It was 45 below zero in Winnipeg last Monday, and 30 at Medicine Hat. The storms in Manitoba during the past week have made nearly all express trains running west behind time.

The Cranbrook Herald was big enough last week to hail from New York. If Simpson can make money in a small town out of such enterprise he is entitled to rank with Morgan as a financier.

John Gibbs was up in the provincial court this week, charged with raping Lena Rudd, who was 13 years old last June. The case was proceeding this morning, with a likelihood of Gibbs being sent up to Nelson.

Judge Leamy on January 6 will arbitrate the case of Mrs. Lee against the Coal Co., under the Compensation Act. Mrs. Lee's husband was killed at Michel last July, and the company claim that his death was due to his own carelessness.

Mr Brown who does the ad writing for Sheppard & Elliott of this city is an expert admsith. If every firm handled their advertising as Mr Brown does for his firm, publishers and merchants would have much more money and business.

The report comes to us that the surveyors of the C. P. R. have been doing some work at Hosmer preparatory to the erection of a tipple and concentrator. It is said that the C. P. R. will develop their coal properties near that camp in the immediate future. Hosmer is eight miles east of Fernie.

It is illegal, according to a local law, [illegible] Fernie except milk, drugs and medicine. This permits the sale of whiskey either as a drug or medicine, but why bread should be shut out and milk allowed does not appear reasonable to anyone living on a bread and milk diet.

J. E. Rogers and Miss Bessie Frayter were married at the home of the bride on Monday evening. The wedding was a quiet one, and the ceremony performed by Rev. A. Dunn. The young couple are very popular in Fernie, and The Ledge wishes them a long continuance of the happy day. They will reside on Pellatt avenue.

The postoffice is moving this week.

It was 45 below zero in Fernie on Sunday night.

Buy the fruit for your New Year dinner at S. Slinn's.

A social dance was given in the Roma hotel Monday evening.

Quite a bunch of Chinamen are working at the coke ovens at Coleman.

The Eagles install their new officers next Wednesday evening.

Dick Twohey dropped dead in Saulon last Thursday.

A heating stove for sale at a bargain. Apply at this office.

The Salvation Army entertains with a Christmas tree on Saturday.

J. G. Cummings will survey several ranches near Gateway this winter.

John Hepburn is spending a few weeks of his valuable time in Nelson.

Sheppard & Elliott ship goods to any part of the country. Send in your mail orders.

The best dinners of the year were given by the Fernie hotels on Christmas.

Fernie is entitled to just as fine a postoffice as the government has built in Nelson.

The chances are good for Fernie having a local company of militia about next June.

The dinners at the King Edward in Fernie are not surpassed by any hotel along the Crow.

The case against Scott for hitting Sanford with a hammer has been remanded until Thursday.

Many of the Slavs are deeply religious, and will sometimes kiss the hands of priests in the streets of Fernie.

R Roaf and bride have settled in Carbonado Mr. Roaf is outside manager of the colliery at Carbonado.

A. Mutz was doing business in Frank last week. The product from his gigantic brewery in Fernie is popular all over the Crow line.

Dan Alton was in from Cranbrook yesterday, and said he knew nothing about the building of a new C. P. R station at Fernie.

The menu card used at the Christmas dinner of the Napanee hotel was the finest typographical work ever turned out along the Crow.

Owing to the natural advantages, coal miners make about $1 a shift more at at Frank than they do at most of the mines along the Crow.

Westbound express trains on the C. P. R are nearly always late these days passing Fernie. Last Saturday the express was ten hours late.

A blue mark here means that your subscription has expired, and that the editor would be pleased to learn your intentions regarding the future.

Fernie should have a daily mail service to Spokane, via the Crow's Nest Southern, but as usual it will take some time to unwind the balls of red tape between here and Ottawa.

The Cranbrook Herald says that in November, 1897, Alex Stewart was the only resident of Fernie, and that he started the first hotel and made $27,000 in thirteen months. Lucky Alex.

Mrs. M Raney still continues Christian Science meetings at her home on Victoria avenue. Experience meetings every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Regular meetings Sunday at 4 p. m. All welcome.

Up to Tuesday only 162 voters eligible to vote at the municipal election had entered their names on the voters' list in Fernie. Evidently there is a lack of public spirit in the civic affairs of this city.

Under the guidance of W. Hill, the railroad instruction car of the National Correspondence school was in Fernie this week. In this car, which travels all over America, practical instructions are given in the working of air brakes, electric headlights, locomotives, etc. The interior of this car is a wonder to behold, so complete is the machinery it contains.

THE ZINC SMELTER.

As announced in our columns over two months ago, the first zinc smelter in Canada is to be built at Frank, about sixty miles east of Fernie. Fernie, although a much superior site to Frank, never had any chance of obtaining the smelter, owing to the fact that the men behind the smelter project are also interested in the welfare of coal mining at Frank.

The smelter will be located a little east of the "big slide" at Frank, and it is stated that construction will commence this winter. When first in operation it will employ about thirty men, and draw its supply at first from the concentrating plants of the Slocan and later from East Kootenay and other parts of B. C. where zinc ore abounds.

Of late years zinc has become very valuable, and the production will soon be a valuable asset to this province. In the Slocan it was looked upon for a long time as a curse, but now its abundance is considered a blessing—the strongest hope that the famous Slocan has for its future prosperity. Across the line, in the Western states, the hunt for zinc mines is very keen. Many of the old mines of Butte contain zinc, and these are now being exploited for that mineral. Two companies have recently been formed to operate the Alice and Emma mines near Butte, and at the Alice $50,000 worth of zinc concentrating machinery is being put in. If our neighbors can make fortunes out of zinc there is no reason why the same experience should not be repeated in British Columbia. If Fernie keeps alert, this city may yet be a center for smelting of zinc, lead, silver and copper ores. The proximity of excellent coking coal gives us an advantage over all points in this province.

At present there is a steady market for zinc, the London price being £26 a ton, and within the next year it will not likely rise or fall more than a pound in price. Prices are always higher in winter than in summer, owing to the decrease of production in the cold months. A few years ago zinc was £15 in London. The demand for galvanized iron goods in South Africa gave it a push upwards and it has steadily climbed ever since. Its increasing use in paints and electrical appliances have tended to keep the price up. The extension of the use of electricity means prosperity for zinc.

Walter Renton Ingalls, in a recent issue of Metallurgie (a prominent German publication) in discussing the present outlook of zinc smelting in the United States, says:

Zinc smelting in the United States may be divided into Eastern and Western practice. Eastern zinc is chiefly from the old workings at Franklin Furnace, N. J., Friedensville, Pa., or the Bertha Furnaces in Virginia. The ores are lead free and make a very pure spelter, which commands a correspondingly high market price.

In 1892 some small zinc furnaces were erected in Indiana, using natural gas as fuel, but with the failure of the wells they were closed. In 1895, following the discovery of natural gas at Iola, Kansas, zinc smelting was begun and there are now in that state 20 plants, with 60 ovens, and about 37,500,000 retorts, with a yearly consumption of about 5,000 tons of ore per oven. At first the gas was very cheap, but when the owners began to recognize the value of their property, prices rose. With the increased use of the gas the pressure began to fail, and the plants were compelled to purchase larger rights to secure themselves in their supply. In none of the plants was the gas consumption measured, but calculating from the fuel requirements of similar ores, it has been estimated that about 1,200 cubic metres of gas, costing about 30 cents, are necessary per ton of ore.

The increased cost of natural gas, combined with the increased labor rates, both at the smelters and at the mines of the Joplin district, have worked together to raise the cost of zinc in the United States. In 1902 and 1903 this steadily increased until the end of the latter year and for the first half of 1901, the demand sank so rapidly that to stimulate it prices had to be reduced to such an extent that any further reduction would have forced the mines to close.

At present the main source of ore is in Joplin district. The new sources in Colorado, British Columbia and Wisconsin, are, however, entering the market and must react unfavorably on the prices of Joplin ore. The main line adopted seems to be the recovery of the by-products, through roasting or sulphuric acid, and the smelting of lead and silver-bearing ores, with furnaces either located on outlying parts of the natural gas field, or utilizing gaseous fuels made from coal.

A FORTUNE IN WATER

William Lindsay and his wife spent a few days in Fernie last week. Their present home is in Brisbane, Australia. Mr Lindsay is a Canadian, although his wife had the first sleigh ride of her life in Fernie. In the early days of Petrolia, Ont., Mr. Lindsay made considerable money out of oil, but lost it at Fargo in the mad boom that swept over the west in '82. Returning to Petrolia he knew the lean side of financial life for many moons, but was ever alert to better his condition. About twenty years ago a start was made in Australia by some Canadians to supply the ranchers with water by drilling artesian wells. For lack of good management the company did not prosper, and Mr Lindsay was engaged to go to the land of the Southern Cross and place the affairs of the company on a paying basis. He intended to stay a year, but remained fifteen, and made a great for[illegible] which he is the mainstay, is composed entirely of Canadians from Petrolia. This company has rendered greater service to Australia than any other company that has ever operated in the Commonwealth. It is called the International Deep Well Boring Company, has a large warehouse in Brisbane, and drills water wells in every part of Australia except Victoria. Water is found beneath the burning sands of our antipodes at depths varying from 250 to 1,500 feet and some of the wells flow daily as much as four million gallons of excellent water. In one part of the country tools and supplies have been hauled by wagons 700 miles to the scene of operations, so that getting into the Flathead from Fernie diminishes into a trifle by comparison. Australia is a great sheep and cattle raising country and the discovery of underground water has been a great boon to the squatters, as the ranchers are called. In some places the water as it comes from the well is run 120 miles through open ditches. Two ditches are generally used because the constant flow of water over the ground causes the flags to grow too thick and dam the ditch. The flags die when the ditch goes dry for a short time. The ranchers are the most hospitable of people. The first thing they do when you step into their homes is to set out a glass with a bottle of whiskey and ask you to take a drink. What a pleasing custom instead of setting the bull-dog on a stranger. After you take or do not take a drink the next custom is to offer you a shower bath.

Nature does nothing by fractions in Australia. In some of the rivers a plant similar to water-cress grows so densly that it impedes navigation and has to be dredged out. The grass-seed kills the sheep. It gets in the wool and works its way through the bodies of the sheep, while the cattle tick has shattered many a herd. The rabbits have been a standing pest in Australia for many years. The flying foxes are a menace to fruit growers. The flying fox is a bird covered with fur. It is something like a crow with claws in the wings. During the day they hang head downward in the mangrove and other trees and at sundown they sally forth in flocks and clean up orchards quicker than a coon can skin a hen house. The animals, even the native bear, nearly all belong to the kangaroo family, and carry their young in a pouch or on their backs. The native bear lives in the tops of gum trees and subsists upon the leaves. They never stay on the ground except when changing shifts on trees. The wail of their young when hurt is a phonographic reproduction of a human child's cry.

Drinking water is kept in canvas bags, and little ice is used although it is easily manufactured. In the cities beer is 6 cents a glass, but in the interior booze that often resembles Calgary whiskey flavored with cayenne pepper, sulphuric acid and brimstone, is sold for two bits a gurgle. The people as a class are very sporty and will as a rule go broke on a horse race, although up-to-date they are strangers to the delight that comes to the soul from looking at an ace in the hole or viewing with fond eyes the beautiful expression on the face of a black-jack when it falls your way in a lively game. Nap is the national card game, although lately some Americans have introduced draw poker, and if it spreads like rabbits and other things not indigenous to Australia, the four-flush may yet become the emblem of the land of the Southern Cross. Since Charley Adams died and his sweepstake lottery lives sub rosa in Tasmania, the government satisfies the mad desire of the populace to bet on horse races by allowing a machine called the Totalizer to be operated at the races. It gives every one a square deal, but the government gets 2½ per cent and the operator 10 per cent of all the money taken for pools on the races.

Australia is the land for oranges, bananas, mangoes and pineapples, but a poor place to raise apples, peaches, pears or plums. Potatoes are rather tame, and the wheat grown is soft enough to make brains for the average Ontario politician.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, after spending a few days in Cranbrook, Nelson and the Okanagan, will sail for their southern home on the Aorangi (sky-scraper) January 6. It is the intention to eventually return to Canada and make his permanent home in British Columbia. During his travels through the mountains he has had his eyes open to the possibilities of the oil and coal belt in and near Fernie, and expects to invest considerable money in this province before very long. His wife is delighted with the wonderful scenery and glorious climate of British Columbia. The scenery appeals to her more strongly than to the average tourist, owing to the fact that she belongs to one of the most renowned families of artists in Australia. Thousands of friends will welcome Mr. Lindsay's permanent return to the land of his birth. He is a man of sterling integrity and has done more to advertise Canada in Australia than possibly any other single individual. The writer who has known him for 36 years, wishes bon voyage and a speedy return to the land of Laurier and the maple leaf.

A NEW DEPOT

A year ago the C. P. R. intended to build new stations at Fernie, Calgary [illegible] extra expense put upon the road through bucking snow in Ontario, the work was deferred. The Cranbrook Herald now states that a $12,000 depot is to be built in Fernie, although the date of commencement is not stated. Fernie is entitled to a new depot of the most modern type.

A KICK ON MULOCK

To the Editor of THE LEDGE.

SIR: Would you be so kind as to allow me a small space in your valuable paper to protest against the present system of delivering mail.

If a man can not afford to pay box rent he is supposed to wait a certain time before he gets it, and if he is not there at that time he has to wait until next day. I think it would be more suitable to every one if this system was abolished. Why cannot we have postmen to deliver mail the same as in other places I know of? The amount of money paid for box rent would nearly keep two postmen. Can the council not do anything in this matter, which is a proper nuisance? It is high time something was done to wipe this out. Thanking you in anticipation for the publication of this letter, I am, yours respectfully,

A CITIZEN.

Fernie, December 26, 1904.

THE FLATHEAD ROAD

J. G. Cummings returned to Fernie on Monday, having practically completed the survey for a route into the Flathead from this city. He found four feet of snow on the summit, but discovered a good place to build a wagon road free from snowslides. The route is eight miles to the summit from Coal Creek, and then nine miles down the hill to the valley. About $15,000 will build a wagon road into the Flathead over this route, or $500 will put in a good trail. The citizens of Fernie should lose no time in getting this route open and then advertise the fact far and wide. "There's millions in it."

A STRIKING BUSINESS.

There has been a boom in pugilism during the past week in Fernie. On Thursday evening Jim Burrows in four rounds put Arthur Waering hors du combat and won a purse of $500. On Saturday evening Billy Burrows was crushed in four rounds by Jack Overdorff, from Idaho. On Monday night Jim Burrows and Overdorff went at it for a big purse. On account of a foul Burrows lost in the fifth round amid considerable dissatisfaction. The sum of $150 each has been deposited as a forfeit by Jim Burrows and Jack Overdorff to fight twenty rounds in Fernie on January 24 for $1,000 a side. That will be the pugilistic event of the season.

GALT COAL.

The Fernie Cartage Co. is bringing coal to Fernie. Last week O. N. Ross visited Lethbridge and secured the agency for Galt coal in the district between Crow's Nest and Kootenay Landing. The firm will build a warehouse close to the C. P. R track and keep from five to ten cars of coal on hand all the time. The price is $6 per ton delivered, with car lots at a less rate. The firm has also the agency for Bain wagons, and in a few days will have a large stock of sleighs, cutters and wagons for sale.

HELPS THE WIDOWS

The Coal company has arranged to pay six of the widows resident in this section at the time their husbands were killed in the Carbonado mine disaster last November, the sum of $1,500 each, under the Compensation Act. The balance of the claims are in abeyance owing to the widows and heirs of the deceased miners being resident in foreign countries.

Greedy for Money

Through his lawyers, W. Renwick has entered suit to recover from Victor Rollins of Cranbrook the sum of $200. Rollins was the stakeholder in the race arranged to come off at Cranbrook between Renwick and Mitchell of Fernie. A garnishee summons was served on Rollins for the money deposited in the interest of Mitchell. The race was called off and Renwick's money was returned to him. He is now suing to recover the $200 deposited by Mitchell, which he claims is forfeited, according to custom in such matters.

LATEST BY WIRE.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Russian legation has made a demand for the return of the 1,000,000 rounds of rifle ammunition seized by the Chinese authorities at Feng Tain on suspicion that it was intended for Port Arthur. The Russians claim that the ammunition was intended for use of the legation guard.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—Attorney-General Moody has commenced suit against the General Paper Co. and other paper companies comprising what is known as The Paper Trust. It is charged that the trust is an unlawful combination.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Admiral Von [illegible] navy [illegible] appointed to form [illegible] national commission of inquiry into the North Sea affair.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28. Every [illegible] of the [illegible] authorities will be used to stop all anti-government meetings.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—Grand Duke Alexis is said to favor the terms proposed by the minister of the interior.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed to succeed Admiral Domville in command of the Mediterranean squadron.

[illegible] but she kept right on talking.

ALONG THE CROW

ELKO.

This fall hunting was good around Elko. One day Billy Pouley got four deer, and some of the Indians made even better records.

There are about thirty school children in this section, although opinion is divided in regard to the best kind of a teacher to employ. Some want a male teacher, while others claim that only a woman should guide the young to knowledge in the three R's.

Alex. Watson was in Fernie last week having an interview with Santa Claus.

Just now ties are the leading product of this camp.

Mr. Hammond of Brandon has bought twenty acres of ground between the two railroads, and will build a lime kiln and planing mill. This means quite a payroll for Elko.

EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

Within two years a large number of power plants will be established in Southeast Kootenay. The Bull river plant, now under construction preparatory to being installed next spring, will exceed 10,000 horse-power.

While all the mines in West Kootenay report larger outputs in November, it is an interesting feature that the bulk of the increased yield in lead came from the St. Eugene, the big silver lead mine of Southeast Kootenay.

Production by the North Star mine continues. The company is greatly benefitted by the advance in the metal market. It is confidently expected that 1905 will show excellent returns.

Many improvements will be made at the Bull river iron mines this winter. Development work will commence about the second week in January.

Among the great natural sources of wealth in Southeast Kootenay and one which with the building of the Kootenay Central railway will yearly become more valuable, are the vast timber tracts found in the Kootenay valley in the vicinity of White river.

The greatest gift bestowed by the bounteous hand of nature on Southeast Kootenay are her rich mineral deposits. Time is only required for their exploitation and that period is not far distant, and the power necessary for the economical working of the mines can be cheaply and easily supplied by the electric power generated in the neighboring rivers and streams.

MOVIE

(From the Ledge)

Frank McDevitt has returned from the Cranbrook hospital.

The new pump at the St. Eugene will be running in a day or two.

The Movie Odd Fellows have decided on January 27th as the date for giving their dance.

E. J. Hill left Sunday for Carman, Manitoba, where he will take up his home, and where he is interested in the mercantile business.

Mrs. H. P. Dandurand, Miss Lillie Dandurand and Georgie Dandurand arrived in Movie last Wednesday from Rossland and will make their home here.

A. G. Monkhouse left last Saturday for a six weeks' visit in the East. He will spend most of his time in New York, where his mother, brothers and sisters reside.

L. W. Patmore is now in J. A. Harvey's law office in Cranbrook, and has made application to be admitted to the bar. Mr Patmore is one of East Kootenay's rising young men and is rapidly coming to the [illegible] prominence [illegible] some [illegible] brigade. These buckets were bought and paid for by public subscription and are to be used for fire purposes only. Persons retaining these buckets are requested to return them to the fire hall at once, and thereby avoid the unpleasantness of being compelled to return them.

No Danger of Pinching.

Dr. Ami, the eminent geologist, stated in a speech delivered some time ago in London, that the coal deposits in the Crows Nest pass were so extensive that 2,000,000 tons could be taken out annually for 7,000 years before the seams would pinch out. At the present rate of production it will take 70,000 years to exhaust the coal region of which Fernie is the center, and a man has a reasonable chance for his money by buying real estate in this city.

A ROSY FUTURE.

A sensation was created by the announcement made at a board of trade meeting recently in Victoria that the Victoria and Sydney railway was about to be abandoned and the Great Northern would withdraw entirely from Victoria. The C. P. R. has thus a monopoly of the carrying business for Victoria and merchants and others are beginning to awaken to the fact that they are at the mercy of the giant corporation.

The Kootenay Central, which connects Golden with the boundary, has a Dominion subsidy of $3,500 a mile, and will seek at the coming session of the legislature a cash subsidy, a guarantee of bonds or a land subsidy. In case none of these three plans be accepted by McBride, it is suggested that in dealing with railways seeking assistance, the administration should set aside the revenue accruing from lands likely to be developed in the near future by railroads, and allow the railway bonds to be guaranteed by such lands.

A party of Seattle mining men who were recently at Hedley, stated that the railway question was finally settled, but that the public would not get the details until the railway companies were ready to give it to them, and that would not be before the provincial legislature met. They had the best authority for stating that both the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern had definitely arranged to go into the Similkameen as soon as preliminaries could be fixed and weather permitted. The C. P. R. was compelled to build because the Great Northern was doing so, and commissioners from the two great railway companies had met and arranged the routes so the lines would not parallel each other and tap different sections of the country through which they passed. The Great Northern would build under the V. V. & E. charter. When the provincial legislature meets the G. N. R. will ask for power to expropriate lands, and with privilege secured actual construction into the Similkameen will begin, and the C. P. R. will go into Nicola.—Similkameen Star.

A Cheap Light.

Natural gas is a great boon to Medicine Hat. It is owned by the town, as is also the waterworks system. The pumping station of the waterworks is run with natural gas, and all the engineer has to do is to sit and smoke his pipe and occasionally oil the machinery. In private houses the gas is used for lighting, heating and cooking. In furnaces it is a great success—no coal to shovel, no ashes, no dust. The lighting is very cheap. In the largest drug store the total light bill is only 75 cents a month. In a large private house it costs from $10 to $15 a month. This includes light, heating and cooking. The price charged for the gas is from 12½ to 27½ cents per 1,000 feet.

MINING.

After a second visit to the smelter and mines, J. P. Graves, general manager of the Grandby mines and smelter, announced that $[illegible] would be spent next year in improvements. Two additional furnaces, increasing the capacity of the smelter from 2,500 to 2,700 tons daily, will be installed in February.

The item in last week's Star referring to the bonding of the Maggie mineral claim near Ashcroft on the Cariboo road, is confirmed. The bond is for 18 months, and the total investment will amount to $[illegible]. Mr. Rogers of the Daly Co., Hedley, is the purchaser, and will put on a large force of men and spend $[illegible] in development before [illegible]

The [illegible] Reduction company of Hedley [illegible] that a big steam hoist will soon be installed and the capacity of the mill increased to [illegible] daily clean up of $[illegible] when running full power, at present he is taking $[illegible] off the plates daily. The Hedley mine is richer than anything ever found at Cripple Creek, Colorado.

[illegible] takes a man's bank [illegible] the world. A [illegible] [illegible] In Africa the [illegible] a week, a [illegible] but at the present writing she passes as the whole [illegible]

[illegible] he doesn't [illegible] man who is always wanting to borrow a quarter.

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TAKE ANOTHER TRAIL

The path of literature is filled with thorns and torn roses. If you would taste of the roast goose of life, never become a poet, author or editor. You may pound the gray matter in your upper stope to a dull red evolving thoughts that burn, and find as a rule that the careless world will let you starve to death and then build a monument to your memory that will cost more than would keep a dozen poets in mush for their natural lives.

For proof of what we say look at Bret Harte. He died at 63 worth $1,800, while common personified pork like Rockefeller wallows in diamonds. Look at Frank Norris, California's great novelist, who had $1,000 when he cashed in and took the route to that land where the coal baron has no agents. Then, again, see how poor Artemus was when he went through the shadows, leaving $12,000 behind him that no one has ever found; while that child of genius, Edgar Allen Poe, once wept for joy when he got a job at $20 a month working for a magazine. Poor chap! He died with not a friend to smooth the path that leads to all or oblivion, and yet his name will live and be handed around in padded leather when kings are forgotten, even by the worms that feast upon everything that is dead, or rotten. As there are exceptions to every rule, we are glad to say that as the New Year stands in the door we can see two figures on our bank account. One bright spot in the lives of those who draw inspiration from the lumnified ether and weave it into words, is the fact that they seldom die of Bright's disease.

STATE-OWNED RAILWAYS

State-owned railways in Prussia appear to be a success. A recent Berlin cable says:

"An official memorandum of the Prussian ministry of railways, showing the growth of the state-owned system since 1879, compares the rates and the management with those of private owned lines in foreign countries. No figures are given concerning the United States lines, but this generalization is made: It is true that the United States rates are generally lower, especially through freight and bulk goods than with us. Local charges are high, unequal and fluctuating, and are so classified that shippers often are unable to determine in advance what the rate will be. Reductions and increases often follow each other in rapid succession. This is a condition which is justly condemned by industrial and shipping people. The great number of insolvencies and foreclosure sales of American railways which occur yearly down to the latest date, must not be forgotten in comparing the German with American railways." The memorandum says that the Prussian rates per kilometre hauled have been reduced 16 per cent since 1879, when Russia began to nationalize her roads. The existing rates are about two thirds those in Great Britain, taking the London and Northeastern as standard. The volume of freight in Prussia has increased 182 per cent and the gross receipts 127 per cent.

THE way to Judatory is paved with good resolutions.

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[illegible]

IT is [illegible] If you have the goods and know how to advertise.

THE LEDGE wishes all the world, including its delinquent subscribers, A Happy New Year.

IN Somerville, Mass., a female child was recently born with two heads. The parents cannot be thankful she was not [illegible] twins.

IN a little town in Texas two weeks ago two children were drowned in a bath tub. This is an awful warning to those who persist in having baths and water around their premises.

STRENUOSITY is sometimes fatal. A girl in Minnesota died the other day from blowing her nose too hard. In some of the other states during the year several men have died from the girls blowing them too hard.

EDUCATION in advertising is just as necessary as in other pursuits. The fakir preys upon the ignorance of some advertisers just the same as the three-shell man ropes in the smart country boys at the fall fair.

THE druggists of Minnesota are asking for a law to do away with the selling of drugs to dope fiends. The passing of such a law in that state will make it impossible for fiends to obtain sleep outside of the store that does not advertise.

W. J. BRYAN has turned relic hunter, and has already obtained a punch bowl that once belonged to the Democrats' patron saint, Thomas Jefferson. This helps some, but if the silver tongued orator of Lincoln, Nebraska, could get some of the punch that Dad Jefferson used to drink, he might strike a jig that would make Roosevelt change shifts.

IT cost this year to pick the cotton crop of the Southern States $100,000,000, but this will probably never occur again, as a machine has recently been invented that will do away with hand-picking and reduce the cost 80 per cent. An invention that would destroy the gas in coal mines would receive a royal welcome in the coal-seamed mountains around Fernie.

THE statistics show that drunkenness is on the increase amongst the men in Ontario, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, but it is pleasing to note that the women in those provinces are not drinking as much as in former years. In the cent belt the women rely principally upon tea and revival meetings for hilarity, while in B. C. the weaker sex are more prone to gurgle the gin-fizz out of a long glaws when they seek exhilaration.

AN oyster from Shrewsbury river was opened in New York the other day and found to contain 195 pearls, valued at $150. If this item has not been sent out to boom the oyster trade or the little town of Redbank, it certainly behooves us all to prospect for new ground. However, when summering on Shrewsbury river in '82 we lost all our jewelry and this fat oyster may just have caught them up, although the dispatch says nothing about diamonds.

IN the United States if a man steals 50 cents he is liable to get ten years in jail; but if he steals a million his chances are fair for becoming a senator. Lettson Balliet, of the White Swan stock swindle, has recently been sent to jail for three months and fined $500 for robbing the confiding public out of dollars of money. After the lawyers got through with his ill gotten pile he possibly could not pay any more than $500, but the law could have been more generous and given him 20 years. Such a burlesque of justice is an incentive to crime.

NOT IN FERNIE.

There are many incidents attending the issuance of marriage licenses at County Clerk Jones' office, says the Houston Chronicle, and one that caused considerable amusement took place during carnival week. A young man who said he was from Virginia applied for a license, and when he came to the point of giving the bride's name, could not think of [illegible] ning his fingers through his hair and clutching a handful. He jerked the hair into acute activity. Don't [illegible] me: I had it on the end of my tongue [illegible] Fanny? I am sure that is the first part, though. I called her Dimpsy, and the last I think begins with a K or a G. With his knuckles he thumped his head hard and with one foot kicked his other shin. His muddle was complete and he had to give it up. I tried to have written it down, he said, but if you have a telephone I think I can find out in the grocery store that is near where she lives. He was [illegible] the place, rolled up the stairs, and after giving a detailed description of the girl he was to wed got the much wanted information. The license was issued and their marriage took place that evening.

Happy Death.

Representative Fitzgerald of Boston, has a story of an Irish couple in that city who, despite a comparatively happy married life, were wont to have violent misunderstandings. Nevertheless, the pair were devoted to each other, and when the husband died not long ago the widow was inconsolable.

Shortly after the funeral a friend who had dropped in to see Mrs Milligan, chanced to remark:

"Well, there's one blessing, Maggie, for they do say that poor Mike died happy."

"Indade he did," responded the widow. "The poor lad! The lasht thing he done was to crack me over the head wid a medicine bottle."

The Tail Hold.

The following bit of humor floating around is full of truth: We hear much about forging to the front, taking time by the forelock, seizing the bull by the horns, and the like, but the man with the tail hold is entirely ignored. Nine men who follow succeed, where one who charges around to the front all the time. If you miss the forelock seize the tail. It is the hanging on more than the particular hold that counts. The man will go just as far or nearly as far who holds to the tail, as the one hanging on to to the horns, besides he can hold better and is in less danger. Young man, do not be too anxious to get rapidly to the front, but hang on to what you have and you will get ahead in the world just as fast as you deserve.—Sentinel Newsboy.

IT MIGHT BE TRUE

Not every one can kick holes in the toes of his boots on golden nuggets. There is a man in East Los Angeles who literally stubbed his way to affluence, says an exchange.

Hamilton did not always have the prefix of "Lucky." Three or four years ago he might have had "Unlucky" for a title with all propriety. Such was his financial straits that he fled to the desert for relief. He had heard that rich finds were being made in the Mojave desert and he procured a prospector's outfit and started out across the burning plain. It was in this region of terrors that luck was waiting him.

He had hardly begun his quest when he met with fortune. Not many miles from the town of Mojave is a place where the ground is strewn with rocks and boulders. In crossing this bit of rough territory Hamilton stubbed his toe upon a small rock. Tradition says that Hamilton fell to the ground; at any rate the rock rolled over, and Hamilton, when he arose, caught a glimpse of yellow in the stone. It looked promising, and he at once pulverized the rock and horned out the diminutive chunk something like a dollars worth of the precious metal. He was from that moment "Lucky" Hamilton.

Hamilton returned to Mojave, secured a team and began hauling the loose, disintegrated quartz which lay on the surface to the station. When he had four tons of rock hauled he shipped it to the smelter. It netted him $1,000 to the ton for surface ore. He was rich and could have sold his claim immediately for many thousands of dollars. He refused all offers.

Hamilton considers that claim a bank upon which he can draw at any time and have his drafts honored. About once a year he goes up to the mine and works out a few hundred dollars and then returns to enjoy the ease and comfort thus secured. He says that he does not wish to develop the mine. His money is safer in that bank than any other. Panics or speculative crashes have no effect upon his bank. His credit is there, all he wants, and he procures to get it as he wants it.

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The Mountain Lion at Republic is shipping 50 tons daily.

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The Lucile Dreyfus mine near Ivanhoe, Wash., has resumed operations with a force of men under [illegible], and is now shipping ore to the Granby smelter.

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

THE GREAT WEST

Everything points to 1905 as an even more prosperous year than any the Canadian West has enjoyed since the opening of the present period of rapid development. Owing to the unusually long period of fine weather, fall plowing has been carried on far beyond the limit of any previous year. The result is that a large increase in the acreage under wheat can be counted on. This year the total wheat acreage in Manitoba and the Territories was something over 3,300,000. A conservative estimate gives 4,000,000 acres for 1905.

At 25 bushels to the acre Western Canada will have a crop in the fall of 1905 of 100,000,000 bushels. At 24 bushels, the total crop will be 96,000,000; and even at 20 bushels, the total crop will be 80,000,000 bushels, which far exceeds Canada's record crop for the year 1902.

The same favorable conditions will apply to the crops of oats, barley and other grains. There is an acreage in all these grains available in 1905 largely in excess of the acreage this year. The Dominion colonization agent at Winnipeg—who has special facilities for securing reliable data—estimates that there will be an increase in th acreage in the Territories for all kinds of grain of at least 25 per cent, and that the total acreage in the Territories (which, of course, does not include Manitoba) will be next year 2,500,000 acres or over. It was 1,800,000 this year. Though the increase in Manitoba will not be so large, there will nevertheless be a substantial increase in the acreage for all kinds of grain.

While wheat is the pivotal influence prosperity of Western Canada, one finds in many other directions indications pointing to the same favorable conclusion. One of these is the enormous program of railway building planned for next year. It is expected that building operations will be commenced on the new transcontinental road early in the spring, both east and west of Winnipeg. As the road is to be pushed to completion as rapidly as is consistent with thorough workmanship, this will involve the spending of millions of dollars in Western Canada next year.

The Canadian Pacific also intends to do much building next year, both in the direction of double-tracking the line from Winnipeg to Fort William, and in the building of extension of branches throughout the West. The Canadian Northern will also push its main line forward to Edmonton next year, and probably build several important branch lines. All this will have a material influence upon the growth and prosperity of Western Canada.

Reports from immigration agents in the Western States, as well as Great Britain and on the continent, indicate a large increase in immigration next year.

Perhaps no more reliable sign of the present and prospective development of Western Canada can be found than the rapid growth of Winnipeg. A few years ago Winnipeg was a comparatively unimportant town, still staggering under the effects of its exploded boom. Today it counts a population of nearly eighty thousand, and confidently expects in the next year or two to pass the hundred thousand mark. Millions of dollars worth of buildings have already been contracted for in the next year.

And what is true of Winnipeg is equally true, on a minor scale, of other Western Canadian towns. Edmonton, particularly, is growing at an astonishing rate, partly by reason of its favorable position in the heart of an excellent country, both for farming and small ranching, where Western American settlers are coming in in large numbers, and also because both the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern will make it the chief center in the far western country.

Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Prince Albert and many other towns are making equally satisfactory progress, each being the distributing point for an important farming or ranching district. Battleford is in a state of suspended animation. It possesses the unique distinction of being the only considerable town in the west which is as yet without railway communication. Next year, however, the Canadian Northern will reach Battleford, and probably by 1906 the Grand Trunk Pacific will also be completed to that place. Battleford will then take a new lease of life.

GAME PROTECTION

The Victoria Times states that an interesting communication has been received by J. Musgrave, secretary of the Victoria Game Club, from Allan Brooks, a naturalist, who has spent most of the past fifteen years on expeditions in different parts of British Columbia. He makes a number of suggestions regarding amendments to the present Game Act it is proposed to introduce at next session of the local legislature.

The most important of these follow: (a) The number of animals to be killed in one season by an individual to be restricted as follows:

Elk, one; caribou two; sheep 2; goats, two; mule deer, six; blacktail six; whitetail, one buck. (b) Open season for deer to be extended to January 1st, and not more than two to be killed in any one day by an individual. (c) Not more than eight of any one species of grouse to be killed in one day. (d) Not more than twenty-five ducks to be killed by an individual in twenty-four hours. (e) One Indian in each reservation—or group of reservations—to be appointed a game warden under the local authorities. (f) Sale of all game animals and birds to be prohibited. (g) Naturalists to be allowed a permit to collect for their own collections and museums other than the provincial museum. (This should only be allowed for cabinet specimens—skins—and not for mounted or ornamental subjects).

Mr. Brooks' communication to Mr. Musgrave says, in part:

"Knowing the interest you take in the question of game preservation, I venture to make some suggestions regarding the amendments you propose to make to the present Game Act.

"I have had exceptional opportunities in this line, as I have been continuously in the field for the last fifteen years in different portions of the province, and have also seen the working of the different acts in the other provinces.

"The present law, if enforced, is about the best in America, taking it all round. Too stringent regulations are apt to make too many men into law breakers.

"The greatest damage is undoubtedly committed by siwashes, and the only way to control these is by the appointment of a number of Indian game wardens—say one Indian to each reservation, who would act under the local authorities.

"The Indian agents should also be compelled to instruct the Indians as to the game laws, and be required to control the Indians during the close seasons.

"Elk should have complete protection for a period of years, though I am afraid they are doomed to speedy extinction in any event. The whole northern portion of the Island has, in different localities, isolated bunches of elk, which will die off through lack of fresh blood.

"Caribou should also be protected more stringently in the southern portion of the province, as they are getting very scarce.

"The majority killed in Cariboo district are killed from February to May, mostly cows.

"The white-tailed deer of Southern Okanagan are getting very scarce. These have a very restricted range and should be protected.

"On the other hand, black-tail and mule deer should be allowed to be killed up to 1st January. At present they are killed by most hunters throughout the winter regardless of the law. Extending the season two weeks would give these a chance to kill their winter's meat without breaking the law.

"Mule deer do not now come down to the foothills till December, and most men wait until the weather is set cold before shooting any.

"The sale of all game, except, perhaps, wild fowl, should be prohibited.

"The bag of game per day should be limited. This is much easier of enforcement than controlling the season's bag.

"For instance, tremendous bags of grouse are being made this season in [illegible] prairie chicken to the verge of extermination. Personally I always stop at six of any one kind of grouse, or pheasant in a day, but eight should be ample.

"Bona fide naturalists should be allowed a permit to collect insectivorous birds for their own collections and for those of the larger museums in the east and in England."

To Build Northward.

At the next session of the Dominion parliament the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon railway will apply for an act to provide that the capital stock of the company shall be increased from $2,000,000 to $12,000,000, to provide that the time for the completion of the railway shall be extended five years, and to give the company power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, to any railway company, the whole or part of the railway lines or property of the company.

This is looked upon as indicating that the Great Northern company is about to begin construction of the line from Vancouver northward through the interior of British Columbia by way of the Pemberton Meadows and Quesnell. The line has already been surveyed and the Great Northern is believed to be back of the scheme.

The intention is thought to be to invade the northern section of the province before the Grand Trunk Pacific is built. By means of the New Westminster bridge the Great Northern could make this country tributary to Seattle.

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

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

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David Black, Agent.

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David Black, Agent

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National Executive, U. M. W. of America	$ 500 00
Thomas Crahan, Michel	20 00
G. G. S. Lindsey	50 00
Coll. by L. U. 1233, Lile	52 10
Coll. " 2314, Fernie	656 00
Friend, Carbonado	3 00
Collected in Fernie	424 40
W. A. Galliher, M. P.	50 00
J. A. Macdonald, M. L. A.	15 00
Col. by J. Angus Macdonald, Blairmore	41 50
Stocket Miners' Union, No. 2,301 U. M. W. of A.	25 00
U. M. W. A., 2512, Cle Elum	50 00
Ladysmith Lodge, P. W. A., Westville, N. S.	25 00
Drummond Lodge, P. W. A., Sydney, N. S.	25 00
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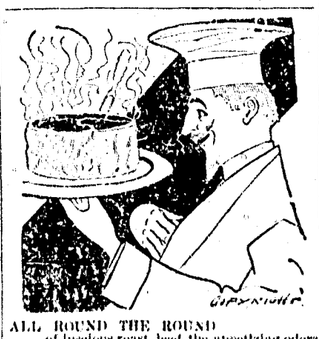

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