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LIFE IN NELSON

There was a heavy rainstorm in Rossland last night.

Fred Willlamson is in the city waiting to see the Fair.

Wm. Koch has finished building the Alice mill at Creston.

Before the sun goes down Nelson may have a stock exchange.

G. B. Batho is a J. P. at Ferguson, and Chris McDonald at Lardo.

O. Strathearn, Kaslo's leading Stationer spent Sunday in the city.

The Nelson team will play lacrosse at the New Westminster Fair.

A. L. Houston has gone to Poplar to increase the force on the Red Rock.

The wires were down in many places last night and 30 was worn out by the time it reached this office.

The funeral of T. J. Heddle took place Saturday under the care of the Miner's Union, of which he was a well known member.

Al Graham who recently committed suicide on Texada Island was well-known in the Slocan having attended bar in Sandon for a long time.

Most of the 'phones Charley Walmsley got yesterday were pathetic and from Grand Forks. They all wound up with these sad words, "Send me 50."

Dan McLachlan came in from Creston on Friday and stopped a a couple of days in the city to say his prayers before he returned to New Denver.

M. Avery, M. P., of Sharbot Lake, Ont., and his son Fred were in the city last week. Mr. Avery is a brother of H. H. Avery whom he had not seen for 30 years. He has an interest in one of the sawmills at Arrowhead.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Blair Business College of Spokane appearing elsewhere in this issue of the LEDGE. This school is a reliable institution and affords a good opportunity to young people to secure a practical education.

YMIR

Ymir has nine hotels and three churches.

Dr. Dixon is in the camp looking for developed properties.

From 300 to 400 men are working in the mines tributary to this town.

E. W. Widdouson will give a silver cup for the best exhibit of B. C. ore at the Nelson Fair. No camp barred in the province.

The Porto Rico Lumber Co. employ 50 men and ship their product to Nelson, Rossland, Trail and points in the Northwest The logs are brought down the Salmon river. John Dewar is manager.

In Ymir the miners have one of the finest hospitals in the country. There are 15 beds with room for eight more. An operating room has recently been fitted up with one of the finest operating tables in the province. There are over 400 subscribers and the hospital serves the country between Porto Rico and Wauneta. There are three trained nurses with that genial surgeon, Dr Doherty, at the head of the institution

George S. Coleman of this town camped where Nelson now stands 34 years ago. At that time there was one log house in that section near where the C P. R. shops now stands, and it was occupied by a Frenchman named Willett. Coleman was accompanied by H. J. Wilson, C R Gillis, James Murdock and Bill Thompson. Thompson was a noted trapper, commonly known as Swamper Bill and a great favorite with the dusky belles of the forest.

At Hall's Siding Jack Falls and John Dewar have a mile of placer ground under lease. Coarse gold sampling about 60 cents to the yard has been found upon many parts of the ground. Mr. Fallows who examined the ground recently has gone to Portland to enlist capital with a view of working the gravel by machinery. If he is not successful the owners will probably buy some machinery from the Fern mine and do business themselves Below their lease, on the Salmon river the Petersen brothers are working by hand Last summer the Petersen's sold some [illegible] for $10,000 cash.

THE TELFORD CASE

Vancouver, Aug. 28.—The Telford trial will commence on Thursday, and H. A. McLean will conduct the prosecution.

TO COKE KOOTENAY COAL

Victoria Aug. 27.—Steps were taken here today which will likely result in the early development of coal lands in Southeast Kootenay, B. C. Representatives of the Kootenay Coal company, composed largely of Spokane men and some of Grand Forks, have agreed with those acting for the Nelson syndicate upon handing over 100 claims to a third company, which is to put in a railroad and coke ovens immediately.

Judge Prather of Spokane and J. McIntosh represented the Kootenay Coal company, while F. Teetzel of Nelson agreed upon the proposal for the Nelson syndicate. It has not been revealed who is back of the third company. The company is to be capitalized at $10,000,000. A charter already exists for a railway through that territory, for which the Dominion subsidy has been voted.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

Phoenix, Aug. 27.—For the current week the tonnage from Boundary low grade shipping mines was: Granby mine to Granby smelter, 8550 tons; Mother Lode to Greenwood smelter, 3158 tons; Emma to Greenwood and Nelson smelters, 1098 tons; Mountain Rose to Greenwood smelter, 100 tons; Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 33 tons. Total for week, 12,939 tons, total for year to date, 528,419 tons. The Granby smelter treated this week 10,500 tons, or a total of 388,348 tons for the year.

MINERAL OUTPUT

The local government has issued statistics of the approximate mineral production of British Columbia for the first six months of the present year, compiled by the minister of mines. The figures given shows a most encouraging increase over the production of the previous year, especially in the case of silver-lead ores. Moreover, the production of the last six months of this year will be considerably in excess of the first six months. The amalgamation of large concerns in the Boundary district, and the installation of several concentrating plants in Rossland, ensure an important increase in the production of silver-lead and low grade ore values. The total production is as follows: From January 1 to June 30, 1904: Gold 128,889 ounces; silver, 2,037,061 ounces copper, 18,518,886 lbs.; lead, 16,500,000 lbs.

The total production during the whole year of 1903 was: Gold, 232,831 ounces; silver, 2,996,201 ounces; copper, 14,459,921 lbs.; lead, 18,089,283 lbs.

GOLD FROM THE KLONDIKE

The Post-Intelligencer of Seattle, Wash., gives the total receipts of gold from Alaska and the Klondike for the year ending June 30, 1904, as $19,000,000. Up to June 22, $17,000,000 had been received at the United States Assay Office at Seattle, and between June 22 and June 30 about $2,000,000 came in. Advices to the north are to the effect that in the year begining July 1st receipts will be larger than in the preceding year, as this season on the Klondike has been the best experienced In the next four weeks receipts of gold dust at Pacific Coast points will be very heavy.

SLOCAN CITY

Labor Day will be celebrated in a royal manner. A special train service has been arranged for Nakusp and lake points. A satisfactory service from Nelson has also been arranged. The train from Nelson will leave earlier in the morning than usual and return in the evening. The Rossland Eagle Band has been engaged and a large crowd from that city is expected. There will be $900 given in prizes. Football, baseball, drilling contest, rifle match, foot and bicycle races, Caledonian sports, and a ball in the evening, with a few drinks at odd moments will make September 5 probably the greatest day in the written history of Slocan. Come and bring all your neighbors.

NOT YET AWHILE

Port Arthur May Not Fall till January

Liao Yang, Aug 28.—The Russians retired from Anchshan yesterday after a fight which commenced on the morning of Aug. 24 and continued in a desultory manner until the order to retire was given on account of the situation to the east. The order was received with disappointment by the troops. The retirement was made in an orderly manner. The plain between Annshanshan and Hai Chang was covered with Japanese troops who burned the bridge and shelled the railway station after the Russian retirement. The Russian losses amount to 400. The Japanese are advancing with great rapidity.

London, Aug. 28.—According to a despatch from Liao Yang, an artillery battle has been in progress since seven o'clock this morning. The Russians main position, is what was the formerly the out post line of the Liao Yang garrison.

THE SPYGLASS

John Winquist received the balance of the money due on the Spyglass on Saturday, and will return to his home in Michigan. The Spyglass is 11 miles from Poplar and has been worked steadily for several months. Ore will be shipped just as soon as the wagon road is finished or the rawhiding season opens. A meeting of the company will take place on Tuesday when the price of stock may be advanced.

SANDON

The citizens are concentrating their efforts upon making preparations for Labor Day. Everything will be in readiness by next Monday to take care of the immense crowds that will visit the Silver City upon Sept. 5 & 6.

FERNIE

There are four cases of typhoid here, 20 in Cranbrook, and it is an epidemic at Wardner.

The annual meeting of the Presbytery for the Kootenays and the Boundary country will take place in Fernie on Sept. 13. The last annual meeting was held in Nelson when Fernie was selected for the next meeting place. About fourteen Presbyterian divines will visit Fernie from outside points.

Chief of police Waring is gradually working some needed reforms. A wheel of fortune game has been stopped and the instrument shipped to a more congenial clime. One or more gambling rooms have been warned to cease operations, and some of the more notorious vags have taken a gentle hint and left the city. As soon as an officer is appointed to look after the city's prisoners and to superintend street improvements these individuals will not be asked to leave town.—Free Press.

SHORT BUT RICH

A claim at Dawson only 8 feet long measured up and down the valley the way the stream runs, and extending across the valley from rim to rim, is being worked and is paying snug returns to its owners The diminutive claim has been worked over since 1897 and paid well. Although scarcely more than large enough to be worked, this ground lies in the heart of the richest part of Eldorado. Last summer the claim was thought to be worked out. It was sold and the new owner immediately began work in the bedrock He [illegible] tion called bedrock and in two hours took out enough to pay for the claim The purchase price was $150. The pay found then may have been extraordinarily rich, but the ground seems to be rich to a considerable extent yet, and preparations are being made to work it this summer. It was not worked last winter.

Liao Yang, Aug. 26.—(10 a.m.) Delayed in transmission.—The rapid advance of the Japanese has forced their fighting line to within about ten miles of the Liao Yang, east and south, and guns are heard north and east on the Taitz River.

Liao Yang, Aug. 25.—(Delayed in transmission.) — After three o'clock yesterday the Japanese succeeded in commanding Kaofengshik from Pao Shanhkan where their advance first began on Aug. 24 and also their position at Laing Chikshan, on the east, in such a way as to force the Russians centre and right flank compelling the evacuation of Anshashan today. The Japanese south front therefore is several miles nearer Liao Yang. At 3:30 yesterday Japanese shells from a concealed battery began falling in a road lying to Liao Yang, thus threatening to sever communication to the west. The Russians still controlled the road to the north. The Japanese fire ceased in the evening but commenced again this morning upon the Kao Fengshik position, but as the Russians did not reply, the Japanese apparently suspended their operations to reconnoitre, while the Russians fell back to a more favorable position.

The gradual withdrawal of the Russians before the Japanese advance, the Russians consider as increasing the security of their position, as it is freely acknowledged that the Japanese are able to beat them in detail in the mountains.

There is still heavy firing in the direction of Anshanshan.

Numerous reliable reports which have reached here are to the effect that despite the extreme Japanese methods of the past fortnight to perfect a blocade of Port Arthur by means of sinking all junks near that place, the Russians outside Port Arthur are considerably under estimated as is also the resisting power of the fortress, which is likely to hold out for two months and possibly until January.

Contrary to the belief here that the Japanese had taken the outer forts at Port Arthur it is now understood that the Russians up to Aug. 15 were successfully defending a five mile circumference and that though the old town was receiving an average of 25 Japanese shells daily the cafes and clubs properly safeguarded, continued open, and there was order throughout the town. The Japanese occasionally shell the new town and often attempt to rush the outer trenches, sometimes arriving to within 100 yards of them, when they are unable to support their own, owing to the mortality in their ranks.

The wounded from Kaofengshik are arriving here today.

Two Japanese, supposed to be correspondents having cameras in their possession were captured outside their lines.

A big battle is expected to occur at Liao Yang to-morrow.

LONDON STOCKS

London, Aug. 28.—Russians steady; Japanese heavy, and Americans fairly active.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—There was a bayonet fight yesterday. The Russians retreated, losing 1500 men and six guns.

Lio Yang, Aug. 28.—The Russians have been ordered to fall back and stay close to Lio Yang.

THE HOT SOUTH

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 28.—Relations between Argentine and Uruguay are strained owing to a raid made by insurgents upon Argentine in which a dozen were killed.

ELECTIONS THIS FALL

Toronto. –Bill Galliher in an interview in the Toronto Telegram states that the Dominion elections will take place this fall, although the date has not yet been fixed. He also said that if any new blood was to be infused into the Cabinet it must be from British Columbia. Bully for Bill!

NOT WANTED

Kamloops, Aug. 28.—The city fathers strongly protest against the building of a sanitarium for consumptives, near Kamloops. One-lungers are not welcome in this healthy community.

THE POWER OF NUMBERS

British Columbia sends seven members to the House of Commons, Quebec sends sixty-five. Result—British Columbia's needs are systematically neglected, while Quebec rejoices in a plethora of appropriations. For instance, in the Supplementary Estimates, British Columbia in spite of its two thousand miles of coast line gets only $6,000 for wharves while the French province receives no less than $192,250!—Vernon News.

COMPRESSIUMS

Jack Madigan was killed in Goldfields, Nev., in a gun fight.

August Heinze will run for Governor of Montana on the anti-trust ticket.

Bert Oakman killed Frank Bennett at Hillsboro, Ore., with a knife on Saturday.

In Colorado Peabody offers troops to help the sheriff keep order in Teller county.

Jack Lawton was scalded to death on the tug Tempest at Everett, on Saturday,

The bears are making it hot for tourists in Yellowstone park.

Four Spokane boys rode the brakes to Seattle, and were put in jail.

Germany is not in favor of penny postage.

The battleship Louisiana was launched at Newport News on Saturday.

A cloudburst hit a Sante Fe train near Hinda Cal on Saturday. No lives lost.

An express train ran into some freight cars at Fort Worth on Saturday and severely injured four men.

The Cocur D'Alene mines are yielding a million dollars a month and employing 2,200 men.

A rich strike has been made on the Last Chance, near Northport.

KOOTENAY CENTRAL SURVEY

The Kootenay Central surveying party under the management of T. S. Armstrong were camped this week at Four-mile creek. The survey has been completed from Jaffray to Four-mile creek. The route selected is most favorable to railway construction. A grade of 2-10 of one per cent has been established. The party are now engaged in selecting the route into the town of Fort Steele.—Prospector.

WATER IS SCARCE

The scarcity of water is having a disastrous effect in the running of the St. Engene concentrator. The mill is running on a little over half feed, and it is doubtful if the shipments for the month of August will be over 1600 tons. In July 2900 tons of concentrates were made. The flumes are furnishing very little water and even with a small pump forcing water from the lake it is hard to get a sufficient quantity for washing the concentrates.—Leader.

END OF A ROMANCE

As a sequel of the suicide of the young Scotchman Cochrane at Notch Hill last week, the following despatch from London is of interest.

London, Aug. 23.—Edgar Wallace's search for a wife for Cochrane, a British Columbia rancher, has had a tragic sequel. Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, gave Cochrane a certificate of character, and over six hundred girls applied in answer to an advertisement. The successful girl was to have left London Sunday night to embark on the Lake Manitoba, but on Saturday morning a cable was received from Rev. Mr. Duncan stating that Cochrane had died suddenly.

ALBERTA OIL WELLS

Mr. C. L. Haggith of the Rocky Mountain Development Company, head quarters at Pincher Creek, was in town selling stock for his company. This company has several oil claims on the east slope of the Rockies about 40 miles south of Pincher Creek. One 8 inch well struck a 800 barrel flow at the depth of 1020 feet. Another well 8 inch in diameter is down 400 feet. The flowing well was capped and the Company is now putting 100,000 of its 500,000 shares on the market at half par value, 50 cents, to raise funds to build a refinery The refinery will be built at the Company's townsite, Oil City. It will be of sufficient capacity to treat all the oil likely to be found for some time in the locality. The refinery will be in operation in nine months and it will employ 50 men

The oil from the flowing well assays 52 per cent illuminating oil, a very high percentage indeed. The Company's claims adjoin those of the Vancouver Oil Company which has two boring outfits at work. The Great Northern, it is expected, will tap this field when the industry is put on a dividend paying basis.—Fernie Free Press.

KASLO

J. P. Crudge is now a J. P.

Charley Dimmit has gone to his home in Texas.

Gus Adams is looking at the scenery near Victoria.

Thursday was a civic holiday and the firemen saw Fry creek.

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L. W. Clark has gone to Winnipeg having quit the service of the K. & S. at Sandon.

After testing the Whitewater Deep [illegible] turned to the city.

Bob Green denies the report that he is building an $8,000 house in Victoria. Perhaps it is a $7,000 one.

A. R. Heyland is a busy man these days. He is surveying about all there is left along Woodbury creek.

THE SLOCAN MINES

New York Silver, 56⅞.

There was a big payday at the Ottawa a week ago.

A. W. Strickland has bought a third interest in the Club from J. Tinling.

Around Sandon more than a dozen properties are working under lease.

Last week the Ottawa shipped 41 tons; Black Prince, 22; Enterprise, 20.

Everything is being put in shape at the Rockland for working a large force all winter.

The Silver Leaf, Garibaldi and Rome have been granted certificate of improvements.

Fred Stock is increasing the force of the Cripple Stick, a property he owns near the Ottawa.

The government will reconstruct the wagon road to the Molly Gibson, and enable that mine to remain in operation.

Samples from the Real Idea No. 2, on Goat Mountain show $160 in gold and 275 ounces in silver. Goat mountain certainly has some of the richest ore in the district.

M. R. W. Rathborne has sold his interest in the Lorna Doone to the Heuett company. Frank Culver owns the balance of the Lorna Doone. It is a valuable property and adjoins the Heuett.

J. C. Fernau arrived in the Slocan last week, and will commence the building of the zinc enriching plant at Rosebery immediately. The site has already been paid for, and the machinery purchased. The plant at Rosebery will be the first of the kind in Canada. It will concentrate zinc concentrates, and handle principally ore from the Monitor mine. The plans for the zinc smelter at Fernie will be finished next month. The smelter will manufacture spelter and will be built with a view of eventually handling 100 tons of ore a day. The present available supply is about one third of that amount.

NEW DENVER

J. C. Fernow is expected to arrive on Tuesday.

A dance was given in Silverton on Friday evening.

John Williams has struck a steady job at the Alamo

The K. of P s are At Home this evening to their friends.

Miss Webb and Mrs. Harry Aylwin have returned from the Coast.

H. R. Ackman is selling his chickens, and Big Sandy has the lumbago.

The black cow still appears melancholy and often rubs her nose against the old LEDGE office.

Mrs. C. W. Aylwin and children are leaving for Portland, Ore., where Charley has been for some time.

J. C. Harris, Margaret Harris, H. J. G. Angell, C. J Campbell and M. L. Grimmett are the directors of the new water works company.

Miss Eastman, of New Westminster has taken charge of the Primary School. A number of bachelors were at the wharf when she arrived.

The hotel License at Rosebery has been cut off, owing to a rough house. The landlord was given until Thursday to sell the balance of his booze.

Alex McKay, well-known as Big Sandy is very ill with inflammation of the kidneys, and may not recover. He weighs nearly 300 pounds, and for his age (72) is probably the strongest man in the world.

W. C. Lawrence who had been working at the Ottawa for a short time died in the hospital at Slocan a few days ago of pneumonia The Miners Union took charge of the funeral and he was buried in New Denver The deceased had lived for many years in this town and leaves a wife and family. They will leave for Michigan on Wednesday.

WILL SHARE IN BOUNTY

Ottawa—The British Columbia lead producers are to have eastern competition. The bounty has induced the opening of lead deposits heretofore closed, because of the absence of silver and gold. A company has erected a smelter at Bannockburn and notified the Government to send an inspector to report on the bounties to which it is entitled.

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The Brown Jap

The Japs will soon have their big opponents backed over the dump. In the present war the Japs have astonished the world by their wonderful nerve and great skill in handling the things that cause sudden death. The heathen Christian sneers at the brownies because they are learned pagans, but the Jap has certainly tapped the lead that is filled with success. He is a good cook and takes no stock in holy water or unholy whiskey. He knows that temperance, exercise, health and strength are all brothers. Fear is unknown and soldiers who fear nothing, and are a unit in holding up their flag can only be made to quit by annihilation. The Jap is also almost entirely free from syphilis, while the Russian army is tainted with it in every rank. The Russians are gluttons and drunkards, while the Japs are just the opposite. The elements of defeat lie within the Russ's own camp. He does not live the correct physical life, and his mind is clouded with superstition. His brains are mud, and he fights like a machine turned by a crank. The Jap is full of enthusiasm and lives better than any soldier that ever cut a throat. Hence if they do not win out in the fight that is astonishing the world, we will put our judgment out of commission and cease to be a war critic.

The Wrong Name

A terrible story of wrong comes to us from Port Arthur. Not the Port Arthur of brownies and blood but our own dear Port Arthur at the head of Lake Superior. It is reported that many men have arrived there from the Soo in search of work, who state that they could not get work at the great Soo works because they were Tories, and had the courage to let it be known. Matters must have come to a pretty pass in the party-cursed province of Ontario when a man has to sell his soul and liberty in order to get labor for his hands and bread for his children. Such a policy means ruin for any country, and the enslavement of its people. It means the death of manhood for each man, be he king or peasant. Every man should have the right to vote as he pleases, and worship any god or creed he chooses to follow. If the report from the Soo be true it is a great blot upon the Grit party, and augurs defeat in the future, and we do not say this from a Tory standpoint, but from one of common sense and justice. Since the Liberals took the reins at Ottawa they have belied their name. They have sought to crush an honest press, and to keep the masses in ignorance for the aggrandisement of themselves and the parasital professions that fatten upon the fears and ignorance of the poor and unlearned. They cling to the customs of the past like an Alabama coon to a spring chicken, and act more like egotistical fools than sane men. To us they act like disguised Tories from the Dark Ages. You could not make us believe that we have a Liberal government in Canada. It is simply a re-incarnation of the chaps who hung around Jerusalem in the early days in order to spike the greatest socialist of ancient times.

DO NOT get discouraged. The darkest hour is often just before the dawn.

JAP labor is not appreciated in Port Arthur and the head tax is very high.

COLORADO is talking about some more foolish legislation. It wants every mine to make out a weekly report for the government.

THE United States makes more beer than any other country, but when it comes to good rye whiskey Canada still holds the bottle.

NELSON is a very peaceful town. Papers have been published in it for over 14 years and not a single editor has gone to heaven over the gun route.

THEY are so rough in the cent belt. At a lacrosse match the other day in Havelock, Ont., the editor of the Hastings star had his eye knocked out.

TORONTO bemoans the fact that beefsteaks costs as much as 18 cents a pound. Still, there is porridge in the city and there is no immediate danger of a famine.

IN South Africa the Chinese are already deserting their work in the mines. Although yellow they decline to be treated as slaves by the English mine-owners.

OWING to a pressure of other matter this week, we have had to leave out two sermons and a poem written by the younger Booth, entitled, "The Tinhorn's Lament."

RUSSELL SAGE has got 170 millions of dollars, and is not satisfied, for at 88 he is still doing business. He did not make any of it in the newspaper business, although with his pile a man would be safe in starting another daily in Nelson.

IN England the other night J. W. Ward went to bed wearing a tight shirt collar. He was found dead the next morning having been strangled to death by the pressure of the collar. This is another strong argument against the use of collars.

THE post-office in Nelson did a great business during the past week selling post-office orders to Italians. It is a surprise how business keeps up when so many are sending their money to Italy, China, Bruce, Nova Scotia and Big Tim. British Columbia is certainly hot cakes to the outside world.

THE Chinese have made a record in Canada. One of them was buried in a Roman Catholic cemetary in Montreal the other day, and followed to the grave by 60 of his countrymen. The Chink is a diplomat. He will do most anything to catch the washing.

IN THE Alps this summer 92 mountain climbers have lost their lives, while here in Kootenay not a climber has ended in a funeral. The Nelson Tourist Association from its perch in the tobacco smoke should make a note of this and push the fact that our mountains are majestic without being vicious, and that you can get right on their backs without falling off and increasing the demand for crepe.

THE disadvantage of a dual language was made apparent to us this week. The Post-Office Department at Ottawa sent us the regulations this week, relating to newspaper, printed in French, and as we forgot that language years ago, we are compelled to hire a translator or grope along in the dark. Just as well, perhaps, to be ignorant when you run up against a roll of red tape, for the more you know the less you will be appreciated by the power behind the mail sacks at Ottawa.

THE Methodist Advocate says: Just at this time the country needs a religion that will make a man pay his debts. Shouting doesn't settle accounts with God or man. We bounce right into a man and put him out of the church if he goes to a ball or a theater, but never say a word to the pious scamp who never pays his debts. People who do not pay their debts do the church more harm than dancers or drunkards for there are more of them in the church.

THE Christian Endeavor societies of Connecticut are protesting against the breaking of a bottle of wine over the prow of the battleship Connecticut when it is launched next month, and want water used instead. We quite agree with them. It is a wilful waste of good stuff to throw wine at a big ship when water would do just as well. By all means christen the battleship with water and send the wine to us. We will keep it in a safe place until it is old enough to present to a modern temperance society.

FROM reading the Carson Appeal we have got a bright idea about the effect of too much gold. If the mining boom that has hit Poplar and the creeks around Nelson keeps on growing it will soon be time to find another standard besides gold. Before spring we may be able to write something like this: "Today Joe Downes came into the office and handed us a two pound nugget for a year's read of Nelson's latest literary excitement. He had no smaller ones although he looked over the nuggets in his wagon for 30 minutes. We did not think Joe was treating us right in trying to find the smallest nugget in the bunch with which to pay us, so we threw the stuff at the fish in the window next door and marked Joe dead on our list. We had just received a ten pound nugget from the C.P.R. for boosting that road, and felt mean because Joe looked all through his wagon thinking that he might find some measly little 10 ounce thing to square his bill with us. Nothing but big nuggets goes with us now, because we are saving up to go to St. Louis, and we want to have the price of a night's lodging with us."

IT WAS'NT JAKEY

An earnest man said to have descended from a man who once wore a gorgeous "coat of many colors" in Egypt, had rented a house and was about to sign the lease, when the real estate agent remarked:

"Of course you understand that there is no bath-room in the house."

"Dot makes me no difference," was the reply. "Ve only wants it for one year."

COLD BLOODED

Congressman Livingston of Georgia expresses amazement at the cold blooded way in which Republicans consider public questions. "They seem to regard every conceivable subject from a party standpoint," says Mr. Livingston; "reminds me of a story they tell about a New York drummer who died suddenly in an Atlanta hotel. The coroner telegraphed to his firm, saying: 'Your representative died here today. I await your instructions.' In a few hours after this answer came back; 'Search his pockets for orders. Express his samples to New York. Give the body to a medical college.'"

HE MIXED THE PROVERBS

The other night at dinner Martin W. Littleton, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, told this story:

"On a cabbage patch owned by a negro in a Southern community oil was found. Speculators offered the negro $20,000, which he accepted without waiting to consider another proposition said to be $40,000.

"'How's this about your cabbage patch?' said Mr. Littleton to the negro. 'I understand you have sold it for $20,000.'

"'Yaas, that's true, boss,' replied the negro. 'Yo see, men come pickin' round my place an' dey say dar's oil heah. Dey say, "We gib yo' twenty thousan' dollahs," I say, "All righ'."'

"I am told if you had waited a day or two you might have sold it for $40,000."

"'Yaas, massa, dat maybe so; but a bird in th' han's th' nobles' wuk of God.'"

RULES OF LIFE

Here are some rules that are worth keeping. Cut them out. Put them up where you can see them. Look at them every day. They are written by Burgness Charles H. Pennypacker, of West Chester, Pa., and published in the Philadelphia Ledger:

First. Don't get mad. Leave that to the dogs.

Second. Walk a mile a day.

Third. Abstain from pork. Few Jews have cancers, tuberculosis or smallpox.

Fouth. Eat moderately of good food. Get bread baked at home. Get butter from some honest farmer. Eat all the apples you can.

Fifth. Be clean—in person, abode and conversation.

Sixth. Don't forget to speak to everybody. The salutation of a good rememberance is joy to the soul.

Seventh. Stand up straight; look people in the eye while conversing and speak the truth..

Eight. Respect age, honor age; treat all older people courteously. Their hearts are tender and true, and they wish you well. Seek the advice of old people.

Ninth. Get to Heaven by staying at home and making your Heaven there. Make comrades of your children. You don't need to go from home to get good fellowship. No club, no society can supply the place of the fireside, by the evening lamp at home.

Tenth. Sleep in a well ventilated room, doors and windows wide open.

SOME DEFINITIONS

A fool is a man who acts as his friends think he should.

A thief is one who steals a loaf of bread and is caught.

An embezzler is one who steals a fortune and dines and wines those who should punish him.

An architect is a man who builds houses that no one can live in and then makes his clients pay extra to have them made habitable.

A clergyman is one who is paid to work on Sunday and tries to create a monopoly.

A just judge is one who pleases both the plaintiff and defendant.

A poor man is he who has no debts.

BEANS WOULD BE CARED FOR

Even the efforts of the humorists do not, seem to have impressed upon the world at large the important place which baked beans occupy in the typical Bostou household. A true story which come directly from the Hub City illustrates the sacredness in which the properly prepared bean is held there.

A Boston mamma received an unexpected summons one Saturday afternoon which involved her going down town for several hours. "Mamma must go at once," she said to her bright little boy of five years, but who will take care of the beans in the oven?"

"I know," came the eager and confident relpy. "God will"

A LEARNED MAN

Here is an amusing story about late Dean Gilbert Stokes and the eccentric old verger of St. Biddulph's: "And who, my good friend, takes the lead in Sunday school matters here?" the dean said, in his most suave tones, to the verger, on their first meeting. "Well, I do, sir," was the proud reply; "there ain't no other scholards but me and Sir John in the parish. I learns the children on Sunday afternoons." "And what routine do you follow?" enquired the dean. "I fust reads 'em substracts from the Gorspels, then I gives 'em a little cataplasm, and I generally winds up with a few interesting antidotes, just to keep 'em from getting too restless. But, of course, sir, I always tells 'em in bibulous language."

NOT IN NELSON

They had been engaged only fifteen years, but it seemed a long time to her, and she was growing restless.

"Darling," she said, in gentlest accents, "our betrothal has been very sweet, has it not?"

"It has, it has indeed, my own."

"But it has been very long, don't you think?"

"Yes; it has been pretty midlin' long," he rejoined.

"I was thinking dearest," she continued, playing with his watch and casting down her eyes, "that our betrothal is nearly old enough to go out and work for its living. Couldn't we have it learn a trade, or get it a clerkship, or put it out at interest, or do something with it so that we might realize something on it? It has been hanging about home so long, burning gas and coal, and now it is nearly grown. It seems like a shame to have it doing nothing so long."

"What would you suggest?"

"We might get married."

"That's so. I never thought of that."

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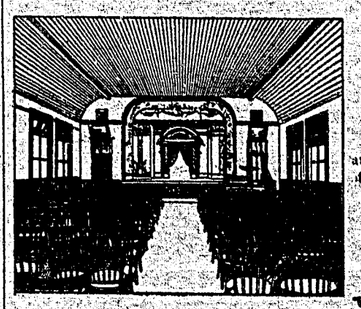

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Elbert Hubbard in The Philistine

As a cold business proposition, let me give you this: I would not trust an amateur gambler as far as you could fling Taurus by the tail.

I will not do business with a man who plays cards for money if I can help it.

No individual in my employ—or anybody else's—who plays cards for money can ever hope for promotion.

A professional gambler may be honest, but your clerk or business man who indulges in a quiet game of draw, is a rogue, a liar and a cheat.

And the man he cheats most is himself.

And the only man he realey deceives is himself.

And the man who deceives himself and cheats himself will get no chance to cheat me if the matter can be avoided.

Beware of the white face, the soft hands and the impassive smile of the poker-player!

The amateur gambler is not necessarily a bad man—primarily his intents are honest. He plays first simply for recreation; then to add interest, the game transforms itself into penny-ante. From this to betting all the money he has, is a very easy evolution when the fever is on.

He wins.

But to quit when you have won, and not give your opponents a chance to win their money back, is more or less of a disgrace.

He plays again—and losses

Then he wants a chance to get his money back.

He plays first only in the evening—an hour after supper.

Then if he can get away from work at four o'clock and play until supper time, he will do so, just as scores of government clerks do at Washington. In the evening he plays again—excitement in the air—challenge is abroad—he will come out even, and then quit. Men who have work to do cannot play all night and do business the next day, so midnight may end the game.

But Saturday night the game goes on until daylight.

Of the "morality" of gambling, nothing need be said—all I affirm is, that it is simply absurd to enter on a habit where success is defeat, and to win is a calamity.

The successful amateur gambler graduates into a professional; he has to, for business men shun him.

No man who plays cards for money can keep his position long The fact is, none of us have a surplus of brains, and if you are going to succeed in business, all the power you have to your credit is demanded. The man who can play cards at night and do business in the daytime, hasn't yet been born.

Life is a bank account, with so much divine energy at your disposal. What are you going to do with it? If you draw your checks for this, you cannot for that—take your choice. And above all, do not draw on the Bank of Futurity by breathing bad air, keeping bad hours and bad company.

The man who succeeds in business is the one who goes to bed before ten o'clock at night; and only one thing is he jealous of, and that is out door exercise.

Gambling robs a man of rest; and the keen edge of his life is lost in shuffling the pasteboards. All he gives to his employer or the world is the discard. Outside of his play he is a weak, inefficient person, and his weakness is very apt to manifest itself in burdening his friends. The curse of gambling does not fall on the gambler alone, any more than does the drunkard alone suffer for his fault. Suffering falls upon every one within the radius of the gambler.

If your gambler is on a salary, he very often comes around for his wages before pay day; then he gets to discounting his salary to a money shark; then, if he can, he will "borrow" his pay before he earns it, without first consulting you. He intends to pay it back —oh, yes!

He wins and pays it back.

This encourages him to borrow more the next time. He takes more in order to win more. He is now obliged to play heavily because his debts are accumulating.

It is an old story, and dozens of men [illegible]

One bad feature of the poker game is the pokerface—the impassive, white face with its cold smile. It reveals nothing—nothing but untruth And the principal reason it reveals nothing [illegible] to reveal: it does not token truth, talent, sympathy, kindness, love, nor intellect.

Our actions and thoughts are building brain cells, and the gambler is building cells of folly. His face is astute as the face of David Harum. It gives nothing away In time, the habit of the man becomes fixed—he is a living lie. He lies to friends, family, employer, and business associates. He forever plays a part. Life to him is a game of bluff. And get it out of your head that the lier does not look you squarely in the eye. The poker player is a scientific lier, running on the low gear, and his eyes look calmly into yours. He is astute Astuteness is only valuable in protecting us from astute people It adds nothing of value to the community.

Astuteness adds no beauty to the world, nor does it make life for any man happier.

In strict scientific economics the gambler is a parasite and a thief. He consumes but does not produce.

If four men start in to play poker with ten dollars each, or a thousand dollars each, it is just a matter of mathematical calculation before all of them will have nothing. All they have will go to the rake off and for cigars and drink, and the midnight lunch, which they would not need if they went to bed a a reasonable hour

No man can play the races continually and win. John E. Madden, who has made a million dollars out of horse racing, says that defeat and nothing but defeat awaits the bettor on cards or horses. And of all the fools,the biggest is the man who bets on "a sure thing." Madden has followed the business for a quarter of a century, and says: "I quit betting years ago, and if I ever bet again, it will be because the disease has gotten the best of my business judgment" The bookmaker gets in all—he has but to wait and the whole thing is his.

It is just like a game of stud-poker, where the dealer takes care of the bets, and gives the first booster an ace in the hole. If the boosters don't get the "live one's" money, the dealer will—he gets all the others have, as sure as death, if they continue to play.

Do not imagine that all the gambling is done in the cities—man made the cities, God the country—but the devil made the small towns."

Hardly a village in America is free from the scourge

Gambling means blurred visions, weak muscles, shaky nerves. Loss of sleep, lack of physical exercise, irregular meals, bad excitement, form a devil's monopoly of bad things—and the end is disgrace, madness, death and the grave.

I am not a member of the Christian Endeavor Society, the Epworth League, the Baptist Union, the Knights of Columbus, or the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and all I say here is simply a little plain talk by one business man to others, with all soft sentiment omitted.

Boys, we need all the brains we have, in our work. If by concentration, and cutting out folly, we succeed in degree, we do well. But I do not believe we can reasonably hope for success unless we eliminate the pasteboard proclivities—this as a cold business proposition! I am done.

Out in Colorado, the other day, a doctor told me this:

Tuberculosis is only a bad habit.

It is a form of laziness

There are various degrees of laziness, but consumption arises from a lazy habit of breathing The individual does not use all of his lungs, and the cells not used, collapse, the tuberculae find a nesting place and hatch, and gradually the disease spreads. With consumption there is always imperfect nutrition, and mal-assimilation comes largely from lack of exercise.

The germs of tuberculosis are in every individual—existence is a fight between the factions of life and death Life is a matter of elimination. If you use all the lungs you have, every day, in the open air, even but for a short time, you may get killed in a railroad accident, but you will never die of consumption.

And then my Denver doctor told me this:

People who were born in Colorado, or who went there in childhood, occasionally die of consumption.

If a man, say in New York State, has incipient tuberculosis, and goes to Colorado, and there continues the same mode of life he followed in the East, he [illegible] as sure as fate, and [illegible] about the same time as he would had he *remained at home*.

And yet many people who have consumption go to Colorado and get we'l. But these people not only change their [illegible] they change their entire course of life as well.

So let this be noted: Telegraph operators, clerks, bookkeepers, engravers, printers and all those who in New England lead sedentary lives, and are in *danger of the Great White Plague*, are in just as much danger in Denver, if they go into the same business they *followed before*. The consumptives who go to Colorado and get well, are those who go out on the ranches and live out doors.

Horseback riding shakes a man up so that the breath enters every corner of his lungs. Swing an ax, swing a broom, swing your arms and breath deeply and slowly. It takes will, but exercise in the open air is the price of life.

The Denver doctor is right—consumption is a disease of the will. People in New England need not die of consumption if they will only get out and exert themselves.

And so thoroughly is this fact known that in the city of Denver the "lunger" gets very scant sympathy. Every store and office and factory is on guard against him.

"Are you here for your health?" And if the reply is "yes," he is damned on the spot No consumptive admits he has consumption, but most lungers are patent medicine fiends.

They seek a substitute for deep-breathing and exercise. And they all die before they find it out. Nothing that can be poured out of a bottle and taken with a spoon, will take the place of the saw-buck.

The lunger in Colorado who is really wise will swear i' faith he is out there to train for a prize fight or a long-distance pedestrian match, and then by his daily life will carry out the idea.

The aversion to the stricken person is a good thing—he ceases to talk about his malady. And if he can be made to cease giving the woodpile absent treatment, he will get well.

There is a law in Colorado making it a serious offence for any one to employ a consumptive in a bakery, dairy, restaurant or hotel, or any other place where food is prepared or served Customers instinctively boycott the concern that harbors the lunger. And so they fall prey to the third-class boarding-house who charge a first-class price, and get no one else but lungers. The lunger has to associate with lungers, for everywhere he is shunned and scorned. He is a pariah, and only last year a bill was introduced into Colorado Legislature, requiring every consumptive to carry a bell suspended around his neck and ring it, as the leper is compelled to cry, "Unclean, unclean!" Only bum doctors, undertakers, and the men who keep the "lunger-ranches," welcome the consumptives to Colorado—business men flee him as a pestilence.

This seems hard indeed; but if by a natural method of fastening disgrace on a sick man, he can be forced to bring will to bear, he can cure himself People live longer in New England than in Colorado, if they only hustle—and hustle out of doors.

Disinclination to stir is the damnation of the man with the so-called consumption taint The trouble is in his brain, not his lungs.

The person who has will enough to sleep out of doors the year 'round in Massachusetts will snip the growth of consumption in the bud.

Midnight suppers, steam heat, cushioned chairs, ease, and a lazy habit of life, are the things the tuberculae love. All this doesn't sound sympathetic, but it's God's truth.

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

LIFE IN NELSON

Forest Pelton, of Rosebery was in the city this week.

W. J. Twiss, the well known life assurance orator lit in Nelson this week and did a large business.

Ed Pyke was in town this week spreading the good news about something that looks like chaff, but is really Malta Vita.

J. A. Whittier dropped in this week and said that even California had it drawbacks. He evidently prefers the rich hills of the Slocan.

About the easiest thing in Nelson is to get your name in the paper. It is not even necessary to get drunk in order to obtain the honor.

James Vallance was in town this week. Jim says that Winnipeg is certainly busy, but he prefers the balmy ways of Nelson's famous climate.

M. R. W. Rathborne, of Silverton was married on Wednesday to Miss Maud Little of Nelson. They will take up their residence in Los Angeles, Cal.

Small ads, such as Wants, For Sale, Lost, Found, Strayed, Stolen, etc., cost 25c each insertion in THE LEDGE. Birth, Marriage and Death Notices are 50c.

A despatch from Fernie states that Bill Tuttle did not mind his defeat as much as the fact that the votes showed he was not as popular as the duke from Italy.

About 150 people from Nelson attended the races at Grand Forks on Thursday. Most of them returned with a dollar or two but those still there will walk back next week.

Joseph Martin has returned from a pleasant visit to his family in Manitoba. Joe guides the gastronomical department at Winlaw's mill, and is no relation to Fighting Joe, of Vancouver.

The owners of the Hecla, one of the good looking claims on Rapid creek, near Poplar, were in Nelson this week. They had an expert with them and it is their intention to erect a stamp mill at the Hecla.

In Nelson all subscribers to THE LEDGE will receive their papers in the Post-office. They are deposited in that office at 7 a.m., and are obtainable when the wicket opens at 8 o'clock, and sooner to boxholders.

Nelson should advertise the fact extensively when a civic holiday is declared. Several people who arrived in the city on Wednesday evening were much disappointed that Thursday was a dead one in a business sense.

The cauliflower was ten cents, but the customer offered five for it. When the Nelson grocer would not cut the price he bought it and requested its deliverance at his residence about 10 blocks toward the sky. Thus is the life of a grocer made happy.

W. Campbell Patterson is in Nelson from London. He says that it is almost impossible to get capital in England just now for investment in the B. C. mines owing to the war, and the fact that the present government is expected to collapse at any time.

Colonel Jack Egan dropped in the other day and said that if he had two million dollars he would play poker occasionally as a diversion from the cares of life. The Colonel is wise on that matter as no man should sit in a game with less than that amount, especially in Nelson.

Adam Wallbridge was in the hub this week. He sells cash registers and knows B.C. from the rain-touched coast to the foothills that butt into the horizon this side of that great cow camp, Calgary. Adam is a wonderful judge of good things and has taken this paper for ten years.

J. Davidson, of Nelson, came in on Thursday to start the electric light system at the Coldstream Ranch. While he was here, Mr. Davidson was consulted as to the probable cost of greatly extending the present telephone system. It is proposed to form a local company for this purpose and it is thought that the system might be put in for $1000.—Vernon News.

Messrs. D. R. Young and H. P. Lee, late of the Vernon-Okanagan Land Co., have dissolved partnership, Mr. Young retaining the firm name and the agency for the O'Keefe property, while Mr. Lee takes charge of all the other property with the firm.—Vernon News. So "Windy" and "Breezy" have parted. The News should have stated which one will keep the "Cyclone."—Armstrong Advertiser.

W. W. Harris came in from Rossland yesterday on a visit to his mother and brother. He states that the Le Roi is still the anchor of Rossland. His uncle Billy made a fortune out of the Le Roi stock in the early days.

Harry Graves, wife and children returned last night from a two month's visit to New Brunswick. Harry is one of the oldest and most popular conductors in B. C., and during the year he has been running the Poplar express between Lardo and Gerrard.

John Linebaugh has the best hack west of the Red river. It was built especially for the Nelson trade, and is more comfortable than the easy side of a Pullman. Big Jack knows all the points of interest around this beautiful city and tourists should mark his name in their books, and ring up Phone 35 just as soon as they reach the city. John charges for the use of his hack, but gives away his speeches upon local events and scenery.

At 1 a.m. last Monday morning, Joe Ryan pushed our door open and dropped on the floor a valise and sundry other articles, and requested the privilege of leaving them until morning. He evidently took our printing palace for an hotel or some kind of a home for orphans. He did not ask for a drink, but told us that back in Wisconson he was once a boss man on the upper deck of a Hoe cylinder. The bulldog growled and Joe flew the tapes, and we examined his baggage. The valise was so heavy that we thought that perhaps Joe had just got in from Poplar with a load of nuggets, or else he had been hired by some local paper to drop an infernal machine handy to our pen, and take to the woods, so we refrained from a further search of the plunder and waited for Joe. Morning came, and no Joe. Days slipped by, and the mystery deepened. Then we read an ad in the Daily Noose about a lost valise and hunted up the accessory before the fact and convinced him that it pays to advertise, especially when a lapse of memory makes all things dim. We now lock the door at 2 a.m., so bring in your ads early.

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Located the 28th day of July, 1904.

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Commencing at a post planted on the East bank of Wilson creek, in the West Kootenay District, about 7½ miles above the falls, marked J. B., N. E. C., thence south 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement.

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