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HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church intend giving a concert some time in the near future. The date has not been set yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Alexander will occupy the Sunnyside residence which C. J. Smith and family vacate on their departure for Spokane.

C. D. Hunter was in town for a few days this week from Phoenix. He reports business very good in that camp just now with prospects for a lively summer.

Booth & Roblnson have opened in the painting, sign writing and paper hanging business in the building next to E. M. Sandiland's office. Mr. Booth was formerly in business in Trout Lake. His partner is now in Kalispell, Mont.

H. E. Crouse, formerly of Sandon, but now a resident of Republic Wash., is suing for a divorce in the Spokane courts. He was married in Wallace, Idaho, in '96. His wife now lives in Colorado.

The hockey club is trying to make arrangements with Nelson and Kaslo hockeyists for another game with each team in Sandon before the ice disappears. The Nelson team will probably be in Sandon on Wednesday evening.

Wilkie Mackenzie was heard from yesterday, having arrived in Halifax on the Numidian with the returning second contingent. Wilkie served thru most of the campaign with Buller in the Ladysmith country. He will probably be in Sandon next Thursday evening.

The pool and billiard tournament in the Reco hotel is the local sensation of the week. Over 30 players entered the pool tournament and the contest is getting down toward the finals now. The finish will take place sometime next week. The games are on every night, and star shots are numerous enuf to retain the attention of a large audience.

C. J. Smith, who has been with the Sandon Water & Light company and the Reco Mining cempany for the past four years, has severed his connection with these companies and will leave Sandon for Spokane about the first of April. Mr. Smith has an offer in Spokane of a more lucrutive situation. Mrs. Smith is leaving next Thursday for Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's departure from Sandon will be a matter of regret to their friends who are legion in this camp, and it is the universal hope that they will meet fortune face to face at every turn in their new surroundings.

Whitewater Closed Down.

The Whitewater mill has been closed down and all the men working on ore in the mine laid off, only a small force being retained on development. The company was forced to suspend operations until a satisfactory market can be found for the ore. No shipments have been made since January 1st and in the neighborhood of 1000 tons of concentrates are piled along the K. & S. sidetrack awaiting a market.

TO BUILD AN ELECTRIC PLANT.

J. M. Harris Will Install a Power Station at Three Forks.

J. M. Harris is applying to the Land & Work's department for water rights on the south fork and Seaton creek branches of Carpenter creek at Three Forks. The Sandon Water & Light Company already has privileges under its charter on the north or main fork, which flows thru Sandon. It is Mr. Harris' intention to incorporate a company to install an electric plant at Three Forks with 1000 horsepower capacity.

The station will be made to furnish power for the Reco mines and for any other users of power who care to purchase electric energy. A double line of wire will be run, one to the Reco mine and intermediate points and the other to the city of Sandon. Power will be supplied to the Sandon Water & Light Company when the water supply is inadequate to run the Sandon plant. The cost of the plant and mains will be something over $40,000.

Three Forks has many advantages as a site for a power station. There are at least 500 inches of water available in the South Fork of Carpenter, 250 inches in the north fork and 250 inches in Seaton creek, making a total flow of 1000 inches of water, sufficient to develop an enormous power. The fall at this point will permit of a large head being gained with a comparatively short penstock. Three Forks also has the advantage of being a central location, the distances being about equal to Whitewater, New Denver, Silverton, and the mines around Sandon. Nearly every producing mine in the Slocan is within a ten mile radius of Three Forks.

The Week's Ore Shipments.

FROM SANDON OVER THE C. P. R:	
Ivanhoe	47 tons
Slocan Star	20 tons
Reco	27
FROM SANDON OVER THE K. & S.	
Last Chance	77 tons
American Boy	60 tons
Ruth	31 tons
Payne	62 tons
FROM WHITEWATER.	
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	21
Silver King	13 tons
Sunset (Gold Fields)	20 tons
FROM MCGUIGAN.	
(For the month of February.)	
Rambler	148 tons
Antoine	16 tons
Red Fox	21 tons

The black jack industry is languishing in Sandon. The national game is in evidence in only one place in the city.

CITY COUNCIL.

The city council held its regular meeting on Monday evening last. There were present Mayor Pitts, Ald. Atherton, Gomm and Folliott.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From J. W. Balmain re $35 due for services rendered to the relief committee. As this is a matter with which the council has nothing to do no action was taken.

Wm. Walmsley sent in an offer to do the scavenging work for $50 a month providing the city did the collecting.

The matter was left in Mayor Pitts' hands to make a contract.

A letter was received from H. R. Jorand, solicitor, of Slocan City, claiming $150 for injuries sustained by Joe Thompson at the Sandon fire. The city clerk was instructed to reply that the city was in no way responsihle for the accident which befel Mr. Thompson and that he had already received very corteous treatment at the hands of the relief committee.

A communication from Mayor Carthew of Cumberland appealing for assistance for the sufferers by the recent explosion at the South Wellington mine was answered by a donation of $50 for the benefit of the widows and orphans.

FINANCE.

Moved by Ald. Folliott that the following accounts certified to by the finance committee be ordered paid:

Salaries (February)	$270 00
Wm. Walmsley, scavenging	19 00
Wm. Stubbs, Coal	16 00
H. Byers & Co., hardware	41 60
Gutta Percha Co. fire dept. sup.	13 00
Booth & Robinson, painting city hall	21 00
W. B. Livingston, rep. harness	8 50
A. Osborn. wood	2 50
Sandon Cartage Co., carting fire department supplies	7 50
J. A. Morgan, labor	9 00
W. H. Lilly, sundry acct's freight and cartage	5 67
A. Crawford, fire dept. blacksmithing	28 75
Bank of Commerce, balance of contract on city hall	2,484.00
E. A. Brown, commission as architect on city hall	169 90
Frank Lowes, special constable	15 00
Mining Review, printing	18 75

An account of $25 from Geo. Lovatt for use of his map of part of the townsite of Sandon was rendered. It appears that J. W. Balmain referred to these maps last September when getting up a new map of the townsite referred to Lovatt's map and Lovatt now wants to charge $25 for use of same. The account was laid over.

A bunch of accounts from the Sandon Water & Light Co. were also passed but the vouchers have not yet been signed by Mayor Pitts. The accounts were for water service as follows: November $138.80, December $140.30, January $105.10 and February $102.10, less a rebate for fire hydrants out of repair amounting to $189, making the total due the water and light company for the four months $277.30.

The committee appointed to confer with the Sandon Water & Light Co. reported that an agreement had been reached with the company for a fire protection service. It was moved by Alderman Atherton, seconded by Alderman Gomm that the mayor and city clerk be authorized to sign a contract with the S. W. & L. Co., and attach the corporate seal thereto.

The motion was carried but the contract has not yet been signed.

The contract accepted by the council provides for 11 hydrants at $10 each a month, payments to commence on February 1st, and to be made in advance on the 1st of each succeeding month. The company guarantees a first class service. A rebate of $10 a month, the re it of the hydrant, will be made for any hydrant out of repair. In the terms of the old contract the rebate for hydrants out of repair was placed at $1 a day. There are at present eight hydrants in working order in the city

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Carnival.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of the carnival, as prepared for publication by the committee.

AMOUNTS COLLECTED.

Subscriptions, Carnival Tickets	$293 00
Rossland vs Nelson gate recp's.	99 00
Sandon Sen. vs Rossland	35 00
Kaslo vs Silverton and Rossland vs Sandon Jun	144 00
Masquerade	71 40
Total	$742 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing and Advertising	$ 76 00
Decorating	18 85
Nelson Team Sen	26 10
Rossland Teams, Sr. and Jr.	108 95
Prizes	69 00
Dance	60 00
Wires, Phones	13 80
Band	43 15
J. J. Godfrey, Secretary	30 00
Incidentals	4 40
Drayage, etc	3 50
Sandon Rink Company	288 15
Total	$742 40

Charles Walmsley.
Percy Johnston.
E. M. Sandilands.
Carnival Finance Committee.

NIGHT IN THE CITY.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The evening shadows blanket all the town,
The weary husband homeward takes his way
In fear his waiting wife may call him down.
Behind the billboard on the vacant lots
The holdup crouches with his bag of sand,
And clustered ronnd the corpulent jackpots
Sit anxious men with pictured cards in hand,
And lovers stroll beneath the starlit skies
And feed each other's ears with honeyed lies.

The are lights spit and sputter overhead
The noisy tramcars roll along the street
The big policeman of the funeral tread
Swipes peanuts from the stands along his beat:
Within the washy house the snowy shirt
With spray from puckered mouth Wun Lungee wets;
And prowlers pick cigar stubs from the dirt
Which later we will get in cigarettes.
And oe'r his fragrant, greasy steaming can
Of mystery stands the hot tamale man.

In moisture joints where glasses clink we hear,
As thru the dimly lighted streets we walk,
Men curse expansion o'er their lager beer
With tongues expanded till they scarce could talk
And heelers flush with cash of candidate,
To drink with them the red nosed rounders press,
And in their slangy eloquence dilate
Upon the ballot's guarded sacredness,
And ask the bummers to do all they can
To land their pure, unspotted, honest man.

The night creeps on, the hackman at the call,
Their sleep-banked eyes with chilly fingers rub.
Then speed away with rattling wheels to haul
The men with tangled legs home from the club;
The tired barkeeps close and lock their doors,
The bums themselves to ten-cent beds betake;
Thd weary cop in darkened hallway snores
And dreams of clues he sees not when awake.
The wicked town relinquishes its sins
To catch a nap before the day begins.

—DENVER POST.

Unique Epitaphs.

An addition to the ever increasing collection of curious epitaphs is the following, which is said to have been copied from a stone in a country graveyard on the banks of the St. Lawrence river, near Prescott:—

Erected to the Memory of
Elizabeth Richardson
Who heroically defended the life
of her lover by sticking a
pitchfork in a mad cow's nose,
age 38.

This is only equal to the historic example in a South of England churchyard:

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a Loving Mother,
by her grieving children
What is home without a mother?
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Thos. Duffy, Prop.

Stranger

Should your meanderings about this mundane sphere take you to

New Denver

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Newmarket Hotel.

The cuisine supplied assays high. The bedrooms are large, airy and luxuriously furnished. The other accomodations are unexcelled in the Slocan, and the brands of bottled comforters kept in stock are health-giving and soul-inspiring when taken in proper quantities. The proprietor's name is

Henry Stege.

NOTICE.

DAVID MCNICOLL and Thomas Tait of Montreal and Harry Abbot and Geo. McL. Brown, of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, Esquires, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for an act incorporating a Company under the name of the KOOTENAY AND ARROWHEAD RAILWAY COMPANY, with power to construct or acquire and to operate a railway from a point at or near Arrowhead, on Arrow Lake, Kootenay district, British Columbia, thence by the most direct and feasible route via Trout Lake or Duncan River to some point at the north end of Kootenay Lake in said district and branch lines, with power to own and operate telephone and telegraph lines, ropeways and tramways, warehouses, steam and other vessels, ferries, mines, smelters, timber lands, wharves, roads, docks, saw mills, water rights, dams, flumes, water power, to generate and transmit and deal in electricity and electric power, together with powers assuch to maintaining and operating or disposing of its railway and works, and such other powers and privileges as are usually given to Railway Companies incorporated by the Parliament of Canada, and for other purposes.

J. E. MCMULLEN,
Solicitor for Applicants.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

OGEMA MINERAL CLAIM.

Situated in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located: In Ruby Silver Basid, adjoining Silver Cord on the north.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. Moore, of Kaslo, acting as agent of W. J. Trethewey, Free Miner's Certificate No. 44,802, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under seetion 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1900.

CHAS. MOORE.

NOTICE.

The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for an Act extending the time within which it may construct its railways and works, also authorizing the Company to own and operate steam and other vessels for the carriage of freight and passengers on any route connected with any of its railways and appinting Montreal as the place for its head office with power to the Directors from time to time to change it By-law and for other purposes,

J. D. TOWNLEY,
Secretary.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

CLIFF EXTENSION MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On west side of Standard gulch, near Four Mile Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, M. R. W. Rathborne Free Miner's License No, B39087, as agent for myself and as agent for H. B. Alexander, Free Miner's License No. B3092, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements

Dated this 17th day of December, A. D., 1900

M. R. W. RATHBORNE.

Certificate of Improvements.

MILLER CREEK FRACTION MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Miller Creek, about two miles from Sandon.

TAKE NOTICE that I, M. L. Grimmett, acting as agent for E. L. Warner Free Miner' Certificate No. B39,016, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of suce Certificate of Improvemts.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1900.

M. L. Grimmett

Certificate of Improvements.

L, D. FRACTIONAL AND LEGAL FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Noble Five Mountain, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. B Docksteader, Free Miners' Certificate No. B39003, as agent for James Wilson, Free Miners, Certificate No B36143, Lewis S. Thoms, Free Miners' Certificate No B44725, Caleb A. Freeman, Free Minors' Certificate No B27271, William D. Mackay, Free Miner's Certificate No. B27698, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements

A. B. DOCKSTADER.

Dated this tenth day of November, A.D., 1900

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

SANDON CHIEF MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 1 miles from Sandon, B. C., in a North-Westerly direction, adjoining the Elkhorn.

TAKE NOTICE that I, E. M. Sandilands Free Miner's Certificate No. B39080 Issued at Sandon May 30th, 1900, acting as agent for H. A. Barton, Free Miners' Certificate No 84463, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this Twenty-Sixth day of November 1900

E. M. SANDILANDS.

NOTICE.

To Delinquent Co-Owners.

TO PETER SWANSON, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the King Oscar mineral claim, at Bear Lake, and recorded in the Recorder's office for the Slocan Mining Division

You are hereby notified that I have expended One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim, in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under Section 4 of an Act entitled, "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

JOHN EMDAL.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1900.

NOTICE.

The Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for a Act extending the time within which it may construct its Railways, and appointing Montreal as the place for its head office with power to the Directors from time to time to change it by By-law, and for other purposes.

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DAVID LEITCH, K. R. S

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I. O. O. F.

Meetings in the Union Hall every Friday Evening at 7:30. Visiting Brethern cordially invited to attend.

A. J. BLANCH, N. G.
GEO. WAITE, Secretary. R. CUNNING, Vice Grand.

Gem Mining in Ceylon.

The districts in Ceylon in which most of the precious stones are found are in Ratnapura and Rakwana, both in the southwestern portion of the island, and within about 30 miles of each other, the former place being about 65 miles from Colombo, the chief port and gem market of Ceylon.

It is a very curious feature in mining in Ceylon, that with the exception of the diamond, emerald, torquoise and opal, almost every precious and semi-precious stone is found there, and frequently a great variety of them are dug out of the same pit. Rakwana is especially famed for its sapphires, and if a native dealer wants to thoroly impress you with the quality of his goods, no matter where they may come from, he will assure you most solemnly that they are the true Rakwana sapphire. Almost all the dealers in gems are Mohammedans, the native Cingalese having very little to do with the business except the manual labor of digging for them.

"The mines, or, more correctly, diggings, are located in a rather mountainous country, and with the exception of the Everton mine, which has a depth of several hundred feet, and which is considered to have been the most successful on the island, are really only shallow pits, usually measuring from 6 to 10 feet, and rarely exceeding 10 feet in depth.

There are certain well-defined features in the geological formation of the country to be looked for in seeking for the gem-bearing ground, and when the spot is decided upon digging can proceed, provided one is possessed of the license granted by the proper authorities. The gems are found in a stratum of earth usually from 3 to 8 feet below the surface. The stratum is called by the natives "Illamr" it is a loose, gravelly soil and is easily manipulated; when a sufficient quantity has been brot to the surface the "Illam" is taken in small hand carts or carried in baskets on the heads of coolies to the nearest stream and there washed. This is done by means of a closely-meshed seive made of plaited cane strips and about 30 inches in diameter by 9 inches deep, running to a conical point

The "Illam" is then thoroly washed in the stream until only the clean pebbles remain. These are then brot ashore and sorted over and the gems picked out. It is in this process of washing that white man, trying to work one of these mines, loses the best stones, as he cannot look over more than one washer at the same time, while the native is wonderfully quick at throwing out a fine specimen to a place where later on he can come and look for it.

Spaniels of all colors and garnets are almost invariably found in conjunction with the other stones; also the different varieties of zircon, commonly termed jargoon. Cat's-eyes are usually found together with aquamarines and the different kinds of beryl, of which the alexandrite is the most valued. There has also been some successful dredging in the Ratnapura river, and a party have been working in the river in diving suits, a new departure. The results seem promising.

Gem mining in Ceylon has of late years been on the decline owing to the old mining districts being seemingly worked out, and there are now comparatively few people engaged in the industry, the majority being engaged in seeking plumbago, which is abundant and is readily marketable; or else they are working on the numerous estates, which, while bringing them in less money, is yet a sure livelihood for them at all seasons.

A good proportion of the stones found are cut locally in the village of Ratnapura and Kalutara, a small place on the coast some 40 miles south of Colombo. The quality of the cutting is improved considerably, tho the cutters still insist on making them very thick and bulky so as to have them weigh as much as possible. — Engineering & Mining Journal.

THE BIG STORE.

A Word to the People of Sandon and Vicinity.

Having taken stock and cleaned up generally, we find in our several departments a surplus, such as Shoes, Underwear, Dress Goods and Men's Clothing. To those who delight in obtaining bargains and good values for fine new up-to-date goods a visit to the store will amply repay them. In our

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SANDON, MARCH 9 1901.

JOHN COSTIGAN, an Irishman by accident of birth, a Catholic by superstition and a parliamentarian by election, has dragged the coronation oath into the House at Ottawa and wants it changed. The oath which King Edward is required to take when he goes on shift is somewhat ancient and contains certain references to Catholicism which are not flattering. This oath had a great run about the time of William and Mary and a perusal of its contents would lead one to infer that it is just about the sort of an oath that King William would be guilty of getting up himself, as in it the king promises to protect his throne and empire from the designs of the bad, ambitious Catholics. Costigan is now the father of a resolution in the Dominion parliament asking the Imperial government to revise the oath and cut that out as it is not palateable to the several million Catholic Britishers who are as loyal as they make them.

In this particular Costigan certainly has a case. There is no reason why Edward should be required to declare himself in a manner distasteful to the Catholics. But what about the other fellows? There are calculated to be some three hundred million Buddhists living under the shadow of the flag, not to mention several million Mohammodens, Taoists, Brahmans, Confucians, fetish worshippers, ghost dancers, Seventh Day Adventists and adherents of many other faiths and superstitions. If the Protestants have a vested right to favorable mention in the oath why should not all these others be included? They are surely Brstish subjects, and so far as the true religion part of it is concerned, that is entirely a matter of opinion. The sun dancers of the Sioux are just as likely to be on the main trail to the happy hunting grounds as the followers of the Protestant doctrine. No denomination has a lead pipe cinch on the glory of God.

The fact of the matter is that the coronation oath is out of date. King Edward is a hired man in just the same sense as a customs official or a section boss on the Intercolonial is an employee of the people. His job consists mostly of going thru certain perscribed motions in connection with the conduction of parliament. Outside of this line he cuts an excellent figure at the laying of corner stones and other public functions, but there is no reason on earth why the matter of religious discrimination should find a place in his program. His respected mother was diplomatic enuf to be an Episcopalian while in England and a Presbyterian while in Scotland, but that is a matter in which the public at large need have no interest and certainly should have no say. Edward should have a right to follow any old kind of creed that he fancies, but there is no necessity of incorporating his religious preferences in the coronation oath, and, for that matter, there is no necessity of a coronation oath anyway. Cut out the religion altogether and peace, harmony and concord will rule where dissention and factional strife prevailed.

IF the government of the Province of British Columbia were to build a line of railway from the coal mines at Fernie to the boundary it would be able to lease it to Jim Hill for a good stiff figure. It would also have the coal supply of Kootenay well under control as the lease could be made terminable any time B. C. smelters ran out of fuel. This would settle the coal business by placing the control of the export in the hands of the government and it would shut off the C. P. R. argument that Jim Hill will drag all the coal in British Columbia to the American smelters. If the coal fields of East Kootenay are properly developed and the Crow's Nest made the supply depot of the coal consumers across the line there will be employment for ten thousand men in the coal region. The Province of B. C. cannot afford to sluff off an opportunity like this for the benefit of the C. P. R. railroad monopoly, and it can no better afford to give Jim Hill a temporary monopoly of the coal supple. The government should build the railroad.

MAYOR PITTS has turned dictator and has taken the government of the city of Sandon into his own hands. Under the new order of things the city council is overlooked like a white check when an opportunity comes up for His Worship to get back at John Morgan Harris, president of the Sandon Water & Light Company.

Mayor Pitts built his store on Reco Avenue. J. M. Harris took action against him and the court has promised a decision which will compel Mayor Pitts to move his building off the street. Now Mayor Pitts displays his personal animosity by refusing to sign a water service contract with the Sandon Water & Light Co. which has been accepted by the city council. He also refuses to sign vouchers for accounts passed by the council for water service for November, December, January and February.

Here is a pretty state of affairs. For the lack of street lights and adequate fire protection Sandon is deprived of insurance. Should a fire sweep Sandon tomorrow almost every business man in the city would be flat broke and in the hole, simply because no insurance can be had. Until a contract is entered into guaranteeing proper protection against fire no insurance will be obtainable.

The offer made by the Sandon Water & Light Co. is acceptable to the council. Mayor Pitts should either sign it or hand in his resignation. He should keep his personal feuds to himself and not drag them into municipal affairs. The city of Sandon is too poor to father the animosities of Herbert Herschall Pitts.

The most graceful thing Mayor Pitts can do is to resign.

THE paragrapher of the Pueblo Courier expresses a sentiment with which many will agree. He says:

"The most glaring travesty that has come to my notice was the carting of the body of Queen Victoria to the grave on a cannon caisson. Queen Victoria loved peace, and her most commendable trait was that she did all she could to prevent war. Under these circumstances common decency should have prevented her pomp-loving subjects from showing such an insulting disregard of her views, opinions and wishes, when living, as to load her dead body on a connon—the very emblem of war—to transfer it to the grave."

LABOR is claiming its own. In Great Britain an eight-hour mining law has passed its second reading. The state legislature of Oregon has just passed an eight-hour law for miners, mill men and all classes of labor relating to mining. In the state of Montana the long struggle has been won and an eight-hour law for miners now graces the statute books of the copper state. In Colorado the labor members have control of the legislature and a eight-hour mining law will find its place among the statutes of that state within thirty days. Even in the old Keystone state of Pennsylvania the agitation is being felt and the coal miners who struck against starvation wages last fall may soon be enjoying an eight hour shift. In Ontario also and eight-hour mining law is talked of.

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Will Silver Supercede.

"If the price of gold goes down, another metal must be looked for as a token of international value, I think this metal will be silver, because silver is not found in alluvial plains and because owing to the difficulty in mining it will never change in value."

This statement was made by Prof. Shaller, Harvard's geologist, in a lecture to 600 students in Saunder's theater. He predicted that within the next 30 years there would be an influx of gold such as the world has never known. Prof. Shaler bases his statement on geological conditions, combined with recent improvements in mining apparatus. He said in part:

"Within the past few years men have come to realize that a large portion of the earth's surface is charged with gold. Gold is insoluable, and when gravel banks are cut away it is not easily carried off by streams to the sea, as is the case with other metals. Instead, it is carried along, broken up into finer fragments and gradually deposited over alluvial plains. The new systems of mining which have recently been discovered about the middle of the present century almost an intolerable supply of gold. I should say the supply would be at least quadrupled. On the continent of America alone I have estimated that the amount of gold to be won from gravel within the next 100 years will be worth $30,000,000.

"Up to the present time men have been greatly handicapped in searching for gold by the fact that it was so thinly scattered thru the earth. They have been able to find any amount of gravel paying 10 to 30 cents to the cubic yard, but the expense of dredging has always been so great that they have been unable to extract it with profit. Now, however, the dredgers have been greatly improved. Within the past three years dredges have been operated in Russia and in the United States, especially in Leadville, Col., which have proved beyond question that alluvial soil can be profitably worked for gold. In the the United States there are from 6000 to 8000 square miles which will give miners employment and which can be accurately depended upon for producing gold. Similar areas in Russia, India, Africa and Australia will flood the market, and if the value of gold remains the same the quantity will increase tenfold by the middle of the century.

"The production may be limited, however, by a similtaneous rise in the price of labor and by the fact that the mines in South Africa and in other places where the solid rock bed is worked cannot be operated by reason of the increased expense. Still, there will be a vast influx, and what its effect will be cannot be estimated. It may play havoc with commerce, but to my mind it is more likely to bring about the long looked for golden age, an age of peace, prosperity and hope."

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WHAT PRODUCES CRIMINALS.

Some of the Causes that Fill our Prisons With Unfortunate Men and Women.

Much interest just now in criminals. Much horror aroused by depravity. Many plans more or less appropriate for making the air pure.

Many good people, politicians, women and clergymen, who spent the summer at the seaside, willing now to spend a few days wiping "crime" off the earth.

What is crime? Who are the criminals? Who makes the criminals?

Do criminals viciously or voluntarily arise among us eager to lead hunted lives, to be jailed at intervals, to crawl in the dark, dodge policemen, work in stripes and die in shame?

Hardly!

Will you kindly and patiently follow the lives quickly sketched, of a boy and a girl?

THE GIRL: Born poor, born in hard luck. her father, or mother, or both, victims of long hours, poor fare, bad air and little leisure.

As a baby she struggles against fate and manages to live while three or four little brothers and sisters die and go back to kind earth.

She crawls around the halls of a tenement, a good deal in the way. She is hunted here and chased there.

She is cold in winter, ill-fed in summer, never well cared for.

She gets a little so-called education. Ill-dressed and ashamed beside the other children, she is glad to escape the education. No one at home can help her on. No one away from home cares for her.

She grows up white, sickly, like a potato sprouting in a cellar. At the corner of a fine street she sees the carriages passing with other girls in warm furs or in fine cool summer dresses.

With a poor shawl around her and with heels run down she peers in at a restaurant window, to see other women leading lives very different from hers.

Steadily she has impressed upon her the fact absolutely undentable, that as the world is organized there is no especial place for her—certainly no comfort for her.

She finds work, perhaps. Hours as long as the daylight.

Ten minutes late—half a day's fine.

At the end of the day, aching feet, aching back, system ill fed, not enuf earned to live honestly—and that prospect streatching farther ahead than her poor eyes can see.

"What's the charge, officer?"

"Disorderly conduct, Your Honor."

There's the criminal, good men, politicians, women and clergymen, that you are hunting so ardently.

THE BOY: Same story, practically.

He plays on the tenament staircase—cuffed off the staircase.

He plays ball in the street—cuffed, if caught by the policemen.

He swings on the area railing, trying to exercise his stunted muscles—cuffed again.

In burning July, with shirt and trousers on, he goes swimming in the park fountain—caught and cuffed and handed over to the Children's society.

A few months in a sort of semi-decent imprisonment; treated in a fashion about equivalent to that endured by the sea turtle turned over on its back in the market, he escapes to begin the same life once more.

He tries to work.

"What do you know?"

"I don't know anything; nobody ever taught me."

He cannot even endure the discipline of ten hours' daily shovelling—it takes education to instill discipline, if only the education of the early pick and shovel.

He had not been taught anything. He had been turned loose in a city full of temptation. He had no real start to begin with, and no effort was ever made to repair his evil beginning.

"What's the charge, officer?"

"Attempted burglary; pleads guilty."

"Three years in prison, since it is his first offence."

In prison he gets an education. They teach him how to be a good burglar and not get caught. Patiently the state boards him and educates him to be a first-rate criminal.

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A man or woman stricken with a loathsome disease, such as smallpox, is seized, isolated, and the individual sores of the smallpox patient are earnestly scraped with sea shells—until the patient dies. It hurts the patient a good deal—without ever curing, of course—but it relieves the feelings of the outraged good one who wields the sea shells.

You kind-hearted people hunting "crime" in great cities are like the South Sea Islanders in their treatment of smallpox.

You ardently wield your reforming sea shells and you scrape very earnestly at the sores so well developed.

No desire to decry your earnest efforts.

But if you ever tire of scraping with shells, try vaccination, or better still, try to take such care of youth, to give such chances and education to the young as will save them from the least profitable of all careers—Crime.

Rich good men, nice clergymen, comfortable benevolent ladies—every man and woman in the workhouse, every wretched creature living near the "red light" would gladly change places with any of you.

Scrape away with your sea shells, but try also to give a few more and a few better chances in youth to those whom you now hunt as criminals in their mature years.

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