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BOOK V. SANDON, FEBRUARY 16 1901. CHAPTER 20

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Soft weather.

R. A. Creech visited Nelson on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jas. Vallance spent the week visiting friends in Kaslo.

Peter Mullen of Three Forks has taken up his residence in Trail

E. M. Sandilands went to Nelson yesterday to attend the court there.

J. D. Howarth of the Ivanhoe mill staff spent a few days in Nelson this week.

George Hamilton is back again with the [illegible] Byers company after an extended visit to Rossland, Nelson. Spokane and other points.

Fred Hulten, of the Miner's Hotel, is in Salt Lake looking for a new location along the line of the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railroad.

Mayor Pitts and Chief Stubbs are attending the Supreme Court in Nelson on the Harris vs. Pitts case, which will probably come up today.

A social under the auspices of the Presbyterian church was held in Crawford hall on Thursday evening. The attendance was good and the event was a most enjoyable one.

A. M. Benard and family have gone to Greenwood to live. Ike was a pioneer in Sandon, having been here since '94 His daughter was the first child born in Sandon.

Jim Wilks is organizing a Miners' Union at Kamloops this week. There are several hundred men engaged in the different branches of the mining industry in that camp.

Rev. J. G Shearer, advance agent for the Lord's Day Alliance, was in Sandon Tuesday evening to establish a branch of that organization in the metropolis of the Slocan.

Mike Penrose, one of the leading citizens of McGuigan, went to Revelstoke on Wednesday with the intention of committing matrimony. The bride is from Kingstone, Ontario.

Mike Kerlin and Geo. Fisher are attending the Supreme Court in Nelson on the case connected with the [illegible] to the ground which was occupied by the Comique previous to the fire.

"Dutch Jake" Kelsen intends to head next summer in the golden regions of the Klondike. Jake says the camp is becoming much too civilized for a life-long pioneer like himself.

Peter McVeigh has received the contract for the Canadian Pacific railway wharf at Lardo. Last week he let a contract to the Lemon Creek sawmill for 150,000 feet of timber to be used in its construction.

With the hockey boys and their followers out of town the camp assumes the calm quietness of a Bruce cemetery. Which is probably more than can be said of Rossland at the moment of writing these lines.

J. H. McNeill, who has been working for the Ruth company for a long time, left on Wednesday morning for Calgary to spend a couple of months in the cattle region He has a ranch at Cochrane, Alberta.

A Kansas man has discovered that brandy can be made out of wet elm sawdust. Now a discouraged prohibitionist asks what chance can a good cause have when a man can go forth with a rip saw and get drunk on a rail fence.

The snowslide season is open again with the K. & S. and the annual guessing contest as to when the overland limited will arrive in town is now on. Thursday no train arrived in Sandon, owing to some slides in the vicinity of McGuigan.

The Sandon Forwarding Company has taken a contract from the Mines Exploration Company to transfer a ten stamp mill weighing fifteen tons to the Lorne mine, fifteen miles from Bridge River in the Lillooet country. On Monday Bill Dunn and Jack McIntyre took out fourteen head of pack animals over the C. P. R. The company has been offered a further contract which will keep the packtrain busy until next November.

A party of Great Northern officials took a run over the K. & S. on Monday evening, and rumors are rife that the long-wished-for change of time will soon be made. The officials were, H. A. Jackson. commercial agent, Spokane, G. O. Somers, general freight agent, J. N. Hill, president of the Spokane Falls & Northern, and Sup't Forrester, of the S. F. & N. and Kootenay Valley road. H. Giegerich and a number of other Kaslo citizens accompanied the officials on their trip over the road.

SLOCAN MINES.

The Alamo mill will be re-opened next spring.

The Chapleau property, on Lemon Creek, has been closed down. It is said that the mill is not a success.

The Surprise, in McGuigan basin, has seven men on development. A car of ore was shipped last month.

The long tunnel at the Antoine is in 500 feet. This tunnel will have to be run about 1200 feet to tap the Antoine ledge. Twelve men are working, with M. R. W. Rathburn in charge.

There was an informal meeting of the Silver Lead Mines Owners Association in the Virginia Block on Thursday evening. The business under consideration was in connection with the lead market.

Nothwithstanding the reports that the Whitewater mine was to be closed down, that property is still working full-handed. Over 750 tons of ore are piled in the sidetrack. Water has been scarce lately, inconveniencing the mill somewhat.

The Tom Moore property is being developed by a long tunnel on the vein. This property belongs to Green of Saginaw. J. C. Ryan is superintendent. He has ten men working, putting in three shifts on the drift.

The Rambler-Cariboo has 38 men on the payroll. The shaft from the 300-foot level is down 200 feet and a contract for an additional 100 feet is about to be let. A new hoist was recently installed on the 300-foot level The property shipped 150 tons of ore to the Hall Mines smelter during January.

RUTH CLOSED DOWN.

Difficulty in Marketing the Ore Leads to Suspension of Operations.

The Ruth mine and mill was closed down on Monday and the whole force laid off, only a watchman remaining on the hill. The shut down is due to the difficulty in marketing the ore. Since the expiration of its contract the Ruth has been shipping to the sampler at Kaslo from where the ore has been shipped in small consignments whenever an opportunity presented itself. This arrangement was not satisfactory to the company and the mine will remain closed until satisfactory contracts can be made.

At the time of the shut down there were sixty men on the payroll. The mine itself looks better just now than it has done for a long time and when contracts can be made will be a heavy shipper.

The Week's Ore Shipments.

FROM SANDON OVER THE K. & S.

Last Chance	60 tons
American Boy	41
Ruth	96 tons

FROM SANDON OVER THE C. P. R:

Payne	120 tons
Ivanhoe	40 tons
Slocan Star	40 tons

Let there Be Light.

Up to the hour of going to press no agreement has been reached between the city council and the Sandon Water & Light Co. The company, in order to supply the city with nine arc lights, which it offers to do at $90 a month, will have to lay out $1750 on new plant. This improvement would take two months in completion and unless a contract is made in the immediate future citizens will have the experience of slopping along thru another rainy season in the dark. Turn on the lights Mr. Pitts and let the citizens get that much benefit from the city's finances. We have lived in the darkness of Egypt long enuf.

Will Play in Sandon.

Arrangements were made by telegraph yesterday with the Revelstoke hockey team to play in Sandon on their way home from the Rossland carnival, and they will meet the senior team in the Sandon rink on Tuesday evening. A guarantee of $50 is being put up by the local team.

The Red Fox people have taken over the old Antoine tunnel and are now running on the ledge to develop it in Red Fox ground. There are ten men at work on the property now. Ore is being sacked in the upper workings. Alex Dodd is in charge.

The Rossland Carnival.

Two rinks from Sandon went to Rossland to take part in the curling bonspiel. M. L. Grimmett's rink in which W. G. Clark, A. M. Sanford and D. J. McLaughlan played and Hall's rink, in which were Wm. Karr, Wm. Hood and Dr. W. E. Gomm. At last reports Hall's rink was in the finals for the Walkerville and the same rink, skipped by Hood, won the Hudson Bay.

The Sandon junior hockey team and a party of about thirty Sandonites left Wednesday's train for Rossland. As the Sandon seniors did not go and consequently could not fill a date arranged for them on Thursday afternoon, the Sandon juniors played a game with the Victoria juniors of Rossland and defeated them by five to nothing.

Revelstoke and Rossland senior Victorias played on Thursday evening, Rossland winning by six to one. Phoenix and Nelson are slated to play last night, but no report of the game has yet been received.

Yesterday afternoon the first game of the junior series was played between the Nelson juniors and the Columbias, Rossland's crack junior team, the game being an easy victory for Rossland.

The Sandon juniors will meet the Columbias tonight for the junior championship of B. C. This will probably be the most interesting game of the carnival. Sandon has held the cup for two years and if the boys win again tonight they retain it. In this competition in previous years Sandon has met Rossland twice and Spokane once and Nelson once, but not a goal has ever been scored against the cup yet. If the boys win tonight?†!‡ § ‖ ¶?$ₙ☞

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EDITOR PAYSTREAK :

SIR,

Permit me thru the columns of your paper to extend to the citizens and electors of Sandon my thanks for the honor they have bestowed on me in electing me to the city council, which honor is duly appreciated by

Yours Respectfully

E. A. CAMERON.

Off to Victoria.

Robt. F. Green, M. P. P., was in town yesterday on his way to Victoria to attend the opening of the legislature, which takes place on the 21st. "Bob" predicts a warm session at the capital this year. The application for a bonus or the Coast to Kootenay railway will be the particular object of contention.

A Man's Life.

Man that is born of a woman is small potatoes and few in a hill; in infancy he is full of colic and catnip tea, and in old age he is full of cuss words and rheumatism. In youth his mother taketh him across her knee and sweetens his life with her slipper, and when he is a man grown the sheriff pusheth him all the days of his life. He spreadeth like a bay tree. He getteth into office and his friends cling to him like flies to a sugar barrel. He swelleth with vanity and cutteth ice for a while, but is hewed down at the next convention and is cast into the salt box, and his name is Dennis. Out of office and out of friends, he soon gets busted, and lieth down in the cow pasture beside the still waters of the brook. He dieth out of the world and goeth where it is warm enough without clothes. The last end of this man is worse than the beginning.

While the opinion is generally held that Great Britain is in a state of decadence, none of the powers seem anxious to test the theory.

The suggestion of recalling the damaged bank bills has shown how widespread the unconcious need of such a step has been for years. The fact that the newspaper men have been so slow in catching on is due to their ignorance of currency of any kind.

A New York man has not slept for seventy-three days. He has tried every thing except joining the police force.

The railroad companies must make their money off the middle class of humanity. I have notieed that they are the only class which actually pays. When a man is very poor he can't afford to buy a ticket, and when he's rich he travels on a pass.

To Hell for Twelve Dollars, is the name of an article in an eastern religious publication. If these are railroad rates that price will just carry us to San Francisco.—Los Angeles Times.

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SANDON, B. C.

Stranger

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Remember that there is a hotel in the Lucerne of America at which pilgrims may enjoy all the comforts of a home, at prices on a par with the damage levied by other houses thruout the district. The Idealistic Scenery of this Beauty Spot in Nature's Wonderland can be best enjoyed from the balcony of the

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 Licenuse No. B39087, as agent for myself and as agent for H. B. Alexander, Free Miner's License No. B39092, 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. B27098, 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 1¼ 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. B39089 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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BEYOND.

Queen Victoria always spoke calmly of death, regarding it with a certain fond anticipation as a reuniting with loved ones from whom she had been too long parted. The following beautiful poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox was a favorite with the Queen :

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country—the beyond ;
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.
They make it seem familiar and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant regions near.

So close it lies that when my sight is clear
I think I almost see the gleaming strand
I know I feel those who have gone from here
Come near enuf sometimes to touch my hand.
I often think, but for our veiled eyes,
We should find heaven right round about us lies.

And so for me there is no sting to death
And as the grave hath lost its victory.
It is but crossing—with a bated breath
And white, set face—a little strip of sea
To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,
More beautiful, more precious than before.

ONE OF THE GENUS HOBO.

Only a poor old, wretched tramp,
Ragged and dirty, matted and damp,
Bearing the unmistakable stamp
Of one of the genus hobo.

One of humanity, who has stood
Against working himself for his daily food,
One of that famous brotherhood
That goes by the name of hobo.

A wreck on the sea of life adrift
Where gales are frequent and currents swift,
Where the clouds of adversity never lift
O'er the derelict soul of a hobo.

Useless hulk 'mid the worldly strife,
Where stormy weather is all too rife,
Where the ship that battles the odds of life
Sails scornfully by the hobo.

Toss'd about by the winds of fate,
Heading a course that is never strait,
Till the gulf of death, that for all await
Close over the helpless hobo.

Only a "bum"—does it matter then
If his soul flits forth, how it goes, or when ?
He is simply a leech on his fellow men,
And goes by the name of hobo.

A day there cometh when death will strike,
As it cometh to rich and poor alike,
And Weary Willie, or Mouldy Mike,
Will go as a simple Hobo.

Then, the flame will fade from the flick'ring lamp,
And the soul will flit from its earthly camp,
And the world will be rid of another tramp,
And one of the genus hobo.

Bearing the soul of a man withal,
Tho dwarfed and stunted, compress'd and small ;
The end of the trail is not ending all,
To even the soul of a hobo.

—R. T. ANDERSON.

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SANDON, FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

THE cinches of monopoly are tightening on the Slocan. The American Smelting & Refining Company refuses to take lead ore at any price. A solid trainload of galena is standing in the cars on the sidetrack at Nelson. Hundreds of tons ready for shipment are awaiting a purchaser at the mines. Refining rates have been advanced $4 per ton on matte, thereby putting the Hall Mines smelter out of competition. The Trail and Everett smelters as still in the market, but the combined capacity of these two concerns is not sufficient to handle the total product of British Columbia lead mines. Already one Slocan property has closed. Others may follow.

This is a serious state of affairs. The lead mining industry is up against a proposition compared to which the two per cent. tax or the eight hour law difficulties are insignificant.

The problem which presents itself to the mining industry is something like this : Canada is a producer of raw lead and a consumer of refined lead. The smelters are located in the United States and are the property of the enormous trust of which Hill, Morgan, Rockefeller, Gould, Vanderbuilt and Harriman are the chief manipulators. This combination is already in control of practically the whole of the railway systems of the Western States. Thru these systems they control the oil, coal, smelting and in fact every industry in the country served by their lines, in which country their reign is absolute. No one can carry on business in their territory without the consent of these railway magnates.

Having captured and controlled the business of the Western States, they are now reaching out for the business of Western Canada. Already the Crow's Nest coal lands have passed into their hands, and while British Columbia smelters are short of coal hundreds of tons are shipped daily to United States. This is the first of a long list of penalties that British Columbia will pay for her suicidal policy in letting the coal lands slip from public ownership.

Having acquired control of the coal lands, this syndicate in the name of the Great Northern seeks a charter to build a line direct from the American smelting points to the coal fields. Should they succeed in getting this the smelting busieess of B. C. will be subject to their sanction as completely as the smelting business of United States is now in their hands, and the cost of smelting lead ore will be what they choose to make it.

Just how this state of affairs can be remedied is not plain. In the crazy contract which the Dominion government made with the Crow's Nest outfit an f. o. b. price for coal was set, but there is nothing that compels the company to fill orders, and by simply refusing to sell coal to Canadians the coal company can tie up British Columbia smelters or compel smelter men to go farther for an inferior quality of fuel. It matters nothing in this partibular whether the Great Northern charter is granted or not. Unless all signs fail the American combine has control of the coal fields and can do as it pleases with the coal, charter or no charter.

Just what the outcome will be is a hard guess. It hardly seems reasonable to turn to the Canadian Pacific for relief. That corporation is as relentless a monopoly as any of Morgan's Hill's or Rockefeller's concerns. If the charter to the Great Northern is refused it may help the C. P. R. but it is not quite plain how it will benefit the Kootenay as they are at present getting but little coal from the Crow's Nest anyway.

In the meantime the outlook is not cheerful for the lead mining industry. Lead smelters and refineries sufficient to handle the Canadian product will no doubt eventually be established on this side of the line, but there are enormous difficulties to be overcome.

In the immediate present the question that confronts the Slocan is, what advance will the American Smelting & Refining Company ask on the former price of treating lead ore ?

THERE is a touch of the sublime in the simple, child-like faith of the numerous British Columbia journals which seek to justify the Chinese immigration commission with the contention that the eastern people must be educated up to a pitch of patriotism where they will be able to see the justice of stopping the influx of Asia's horde which is devestating this province and robbing Canadian laboring men of their homes.

The east must be educated ! What rot. Was that what Wilfred Laurier meant when he telegraphed John McLagan in the campaign of '96 that the "wishes of the western members" would be accepted as the policy of the government on the Chinese question ?

We are told that the east does not understand the Chinese question ; that the slant-eyed heathen is regarded as a curiosity rather than a menace in eastern settlements ; that eastern folks are blissfully disinterested in the Mongolian invasion of B. C. Well, what then ? It is a pretty tribute to the credulity of the people of this province to ask them to believe that the publication of a blue-book report of the Chinese commission is going to arouse the whole of eastern Canada to a blaze of enthusiasm which will demand and procure an act in which they have only a sentimental interest.

If eastern people and eastern members have, as we are so often informed, no decided convictions for or against Asiatic immigration, wherein lies the necessity of a commission ? Laurier has control of the house ; he has a majority of fifty members at his back. He only needs the O. K. brand of liberalism on anything he wants passed, and it rushes thru parliament like a steer thru a cornfield. If he wanted to pass an Asiatic exclusion act he could do it without a tremor by simply making it a party issue. Members whose constituents have no convictions would have no occasion to desert the party on such a bill.

The plain facts of the case are that Laurier is making a cold-blooded attempt to deceive the people of British Columbia, and the newspapers which eulogize his commission are helping him out, The Liberal government at Ottawa is more amenable to the influences of the corporations which profit by the immigration of Asiatics than it is to the will of the workingmen whose homes are ruined and whose lives are wrecked by the presence of the yellow horde in the Province of British Columbia.

Workingmen are flattered and sought for when elections are nigh, but they cut no ice at Ottawa when the influences of great transportation concerns and millionaire canning companies are working against them. If the influences which favor the Chinamen were working for their exclusion, Laurier and his colleagues would shatter all previous records in a mad race to do their bidding. As long as it is only workingmen who want the Chinese excluded, Laurier will turn on the smile of his sunny ways and take his time.

The Chinese commission is a fake, a farce, a subterfuge, a deception and a hypocritical lie. The newspaper editors who accept the government's actions for anything else are too confiding to be at large. The proverbial poverty of the journalist is all that prevents the gold brick man or the three shell shark from gathering them in. They should go and join the angels. There is too much sophistry in this life for their simple, child-like natures.

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How Sure Thing Cassidy Took in the Tenderfeet.

One of the most successful 'gold bricks ever sold to eastern tenderfeet, Sure Thing Cassidy worked off at Wallace, Idaho, in the earlier days of the Cœur d'Alenes. It had been a hard winter in the camp. The boys were all broke, and it had snowed and snowed and snowed until the country was five feet deep in the beautiful. Sure Thing was as hard up as the rest of us, and we were all rustling for grub.

At this juncture word arrived at Wallace that a party of eastern capitalists were on their way to visit the camp for the purpose of investing therein. Great was the rejoicing when the news arrived, but in it all there was an element of doubt, for fear that the pall of snow that rested on the country might discourage the easterners, as it would prevent our showing our claims to best advantage.

The whole camp was in a state of excitement as every man-jack there had a scheme or a claim with which he fondly hoped to separate the tenderfeet from their wealth, if only the white and deadly mass of snow did not prevent. Of all of us Sure Thing was the only one wise enuf to take advantage of that which he could not prevent, and compel the snow to further his own designs.

Amid the general conversation apropos the expected arrivals Sure Thing said little, but he was doing a lot of thinking, and the event showed that his thinking was not wasted. As a result of it Sure Thing got together all the money he could beg, borrow or steal and with it he purchased two dozen stovepipes. These he took to some unstaked land about a mile beyond the eastern limits of the town and planted in the snow, on the side of a hill, at regular intervals, 30 or 40 feet apart. In the general excitement no one noticed what Sure Thing was doing. Sure Thing said nothing. His stovepipes planted he just sat down and waited.

In due time the tenderfeet arrived at Wallace, and there were great doings. Finally, one day, after the excitement had begun to die down and we had become used to having them among us, Sure Thing got hold of the mavericks.

He escorted them to that hillside, pointed out those regularly planted stovepipe, and then he poured a piteous tale of woe into their sympathetic ears. It was a sure enuf hard luck story, and to the effect that under each and every one of these was a snug miner's cabin, which Sure Thing had just succeeded in completing when the blizzard came along and covered them with snow and made it impossible to rent them. Now the banks were pressing him on some notes they had and threatened to grab the cottages if he didn't pay up. He wanted to do the banks and would therefore sell cheap to the easterners.

The tenderfeet swallowed that innocent tale whole. Inquiry developing that high rents prevailed in Wallace, they eagerly took Sure Thing's 24 stovepipes off his hands, each at the price of a completed cabin. We stood in with each other in those days, and everyone gave the tenderfeet an awful steer when they made inquiries. The money safely in his sack, Sure Thing straitaway departed for California, strangely neglecting, however to leave his address.

Did you ever hear of the Chinook wind? It is a breeze that comes strait to us from far away Japan, and under its balmy influence snow will disappear from the map even more rapidly than did Sure Thing after he had secured that good eastern money. A chinook wind will melt four or five feet of snow in a night, and when that particular chinook wind had passed by, the country about Wallace was completely bare. Then did those guileless tenderfeet eagerly sally forth to see their newly acquired cabins, only to discover that they had literally purchased a pig in a poke.

There lay the bleak hillsides, and scattered about it were 24 stovepipes. There was nothing else, and slowly the truth dawned on them. But, poor fellows, what could they do? There was no one left in Wallace for them to take it out of. Sure Thing had some time previously folded his tent and stolen gently away to parts unknown. After uselessly wasting much money and more profanity in an effort to get even, those poor shorn lambs without their fleece departed for their eastern homes, poorer, it is true, in pocket, but, oh, how much richer in experience.

Expectations Realized.

Apropos of a recent article on the Seventh Day Adventists, a rather good story is told. As is well known, these people have very decided views as to the nearness of the end of this mundane sphere, and on more than one occasion a leader has preidcted the coming of the "glory day" on a specified date.

On one of these occasions one of the leaders took himself to Belleville, Ont., and soon had gathered a considerable following. In a moment of "elevation" he proclaimed that the date of the end of all things had been communicated to him, and his followers evidently had enuf faith to believe. Accordingly, on the appointed day they all gathered clad in white robes, and to be away from the noise and bustle of the city, repaired to a neighboring field where they gave themselves up to prayers, hymns and exhortations. These people believe themselves to be the "elect" and that those of them who are alive on the great day will be carried bodily to heaven. One enthusiast, wishing to be ahead of the rest in the race, climbed upon a hay stack. and finally wearying of the fatiguing exercises, fell asleep in the hay. The gathering later dispersed and then some practical jokers who had watched the gentleman in the stack set fire to it. They waited near to see the result and delight in telling how their victim sprang up, choking with smoke and surrounded by flaming hay, exclaiming:

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The Promise of Socialism.

PROF. GEORGE D. HERRON.

Socialism comes not as a remedy for the evils of existing society, but as a program of principles for a new society; or rather, let us say, as the first proposition for social order that has ever been presented to the world. Mankind has not yet had anything that can properly be called social order. Society has not yet been created. The materials for the building of a human world are here, but the creation remains to be undertaken. The task of creating a co-herent and free society is the mightiest to which man has summoned himself, and it is the task which now presses urgently upon us.

Socialism starts with the brotherhood and unity of the race as a fact. It does not proclaim it as a sentiment, but recognizes it as a scientific fact. Each for all and all for each is the only rational mode of procedure in view of That where one suffers all not a sentiment to meditate the hardest unescapable fact h we have to deal. The grip in a wretched hamlet of two undred peasants on the Siontier, and every home in endangered or broken. A is shot down by the constihorities at a Pennsylvania coal d every thoughtful American s that capitalistic government w, but brutal and lawless founded on economic might, his little girl in Chicago or may be the next victim of the lessness of capitalistic govern-

od or ill, whether we will or re bound up together in this nd can only achieve our well gether. We might like to parate interests, and be able to ourselves as individuals from e compulsions of this unity; annot do so any more than we dividually extricate ourselves e law of gravity. We all in depend on the same common es of nature and history. None e rightly or nobly born until hild born into the world is born immediate inheritor of all the es of nature and history, of inand society, of inspiration and , of all that tempts to goodness reatness and makes for fullness eedom and gladness of life.

If the whole world were full and glad with life, and should yet consent that one child should be born with less, the world would be economically and spiritually damned. Until all of us together see to it that every man is equal to every other man in resource and opportunity and resource and liberty we shall none of us see the kingdom of fullness and freedom upon the earth. In this sense the brother-interes and self-interest are one and the same, for no man has a true and noble interest in himself who does not regard the whole life of man as his calling and interest, and no man has a true regard for his brothers who does not seek to make himself a whole and free man in their service.

Now, socialism comes as the scientific and economic recognition of this unity. Since all people in common depend upon the sources and tools of production, there can be no individual liberty save these tools belong to the people in common. There can be no social peace and sanity, no full liberty of the human soul, so long as some people own that upon which all people depend.

If a man owns my bread, or owns that which I must have in order to get my bread, he owns my moral being unless I choose to revolt and starve. Private ownership of the earth and its productive machinery means private ownership of the people who live on the earth. He who sells his labor-power for wages sells himself, for his labor-power is his life. The wages system is merely an advance in the slave system, but it is no fit system for free men, and there can be no true freedom for all men until there is not another hireling under the sun.

The labor of the world is essentially slave labor. There is not a wage-earner on the earth to-day who is not in some degree debauched in soul, even in spite of himself, by his dependence upon the private buyer of his labor. So long as some men own that upon which all men depend the owners and dependents are alike corrupted and enslaved and robbed.

Yet our whole industrial system rests upon this power of private capital to legally appropriate the fruits of the labor of society. But behind the economics of capitalism rests the question of elemental right and wrong. If nature and history have a meaning and goal, if the uniuerse be sincere, then it is elementally wrong that some people should own that upon which all people depend; and the only elemental right is that the people in common should own that upon which the people in common depend, and the only just reward of labor is the whole produce of labor. This elemental right cannot be amended or evaded, as history well witnesses,

The centralization of the wealth of the people in the hands of the few has been the poison of history, and has brot the decline or destruction of ever nation, every civilization, every religion that has come to its end or decline. The pages of history are blood red with the retribution that comes to the whole people thru the centralization of wealth in the hands of a few, for centralized wealth is not prosperity, but disease, congestion and destruction. No man or civilization can escape this retribution.

It lies not in the power of man or governments or armies to make practicable what is elementally wrong. No religion can go deep enuf to bring forth universal individual nobleness out of a political or economic system that enslaves souls and bodies by enslaving labor. No law or custom is mighty or sacred enuf to bring forth peace and order out of injustice and elemental disorder. It is beyond the power of kings or parliaments, priests or politicians to bring forth good effects from bad causes. There is no god in the universe almighty enuf to make right out of sheer economic might, and there is no civilization strong enuf to prevent that which is elementally right from becoming the ultimate and universal might.

We build on a sure foundation only when we build a system that has for its end the common wealth, the common wholeness, the common freedom, the common abundance and gladness of all men and women. Nature convicts our impoverishing civilization to its face, for profusion of life is nature's eternal message. Nature offers resources enuf for abundance of life for countless billions of human beings, and will never consent that these resources should be appropriated by the few for the exploitation of the many.

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At the Ivanhoe Mill.

A scarcity of water and consequent lack of power at the Ivanhoe mill has interfered with operations for some time back. Since the Ruth has shut down and the weather moderated somewhat there is less difficulty in getting the necessary water supply. At present there is sufficient for all purposes during the day time and on Wednesday an all-night run was made. As soon as the soft weather and consequent increase in the flow of water sets in the mill will be run day and night.

At the mine a force of fifteen men breaking ore has been sufficient to keep the mill going, the rest of the gang being employed in the upraises and winzes connecting the lower tunnel with the upper workings. The tramway is working to perfection. The class of ore being shipped down gives a ten per cent. feed after the clean ore has been picked out on the conveyor belt. There is now three hundred tons of slimes in the settling tanks ready for shipment. Only the finest of the ore is sacked, the rest being shipped in bulk. The loss in the tailings is only three-tenths of one per cent. lead and three ounces silver. The Ivanhoe ore is being shipped to Trail and no difficulty has been met with in disposing of the product.

A Burton City Man Sentenced in New York.

Walter J. Finn was sentenced in New York last Saturday to one year in prison for grand larceny. Finn, in 1896, was in the employ of the American Express Company at 65 Broadway. On October 24th of that year he disappeared, and $1100 of the express company's money went with him. Agents and detectives traced him for a year or two to various places then lost track of him altogether until last summer, when he was finally located in the Cariboo Creek camp where he worked under the name of E. C. Black. He was extradited and taken back to New York and his trial and sentence followed.

Finn has wealthy connections in New York who are using all their influence to secure a suspension of the sentence. While in Burton City he lead a very exemplary life. He holds mining property of considerable value there and was instrumental in promoting several important deals in that camp.

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