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RAILROAD PRATTLE

Competition Foreshadowed in this District for Its Ore Tonnage.

Discovery of Scheelite in Cariboo—Mining Men at Kamloops Revive Outlook.

The Boundary Creek Times says: "It is not to be supposed that the C.P.R. is going to sit idly by and allow that awful man Hill to gobble all the good things in the way of freight in southern B.C. and before snow flies again it is more than probable that the big company will do a little railway building on its own account. While Hill is busy in the Boundary there is nothing to prevent the C.P.R. building from Spence's Bridge through the Nicola coal fields, Aspen Grove, Tulameen, Princeton and Hedley as far east as it cares to go. Harry E. Macdonnell, general freight agent of the C.P.R. is going into the Similkameen and Nicola on a voyage of discovery. He will probably inform the officials of his company that here is a district where the railway that gets there first is sure to do a large and profitable business and would have the cream of the trade in a district which is bound to become the banner camp of the province."

One thousand men are employed on the Phoenix branch of the Great Northern and there are no idle men in the Boundary. Contractors figure to finish in October.

President Hill of the Great Northern passed through Ottawa on his way west last week from a fishing excursion to lake St. John. If Mr. Hill could be induced to try the waters of the Similkameen he would have good sport and easy grades. A gentleman with the initials "C.P.R." has had pressing invitations to fish here but as his feet are tender and he cares for nothing but suckers he will get left.

There is immediate need of a soaking rain if the hay and grain crops are to be benefitted. The drouth has been long and excessively hot, the thermometer hovering around 90 degrees for many days at Princeton and soaring as high as 105 at Otter Flat. It is now cooler and rain has fallen, but not enough to wet the parched ground deeply.

About a dozen applications have been received for the position of public school teacher here. Some of the applicants are graduates of universities with first class certificates and high testimonials.

Fires have been raging in the vicinity of China creek, about two miles from town. There is a law against setting out fires during the summer season and the penalty is very severe when fully meted out. Great precautions should be taken by campers and others to prevent fires from running as great damage might be done. Already considerable destruction has been caused by fences being burned.

E. Voigt is energetically doing a lot of preliminary work on his large mineral holdings on Copper mountain in which Portland capital is chiefly interested. Mr. Voigt will be one of the first ore shippers from that camp with the advent of the railway to Princeton. There are few difficulties in constructing an electric tramway from here to his properties and the generating power of coal or water is without limit. He has great faith in the future of Princeton.

MINING NOTES.

Chinamen Work Placers in Kootenay—Bonding Nicola Coal.

Johnson and Fry, gold miners and prospectors, have discovered a rich deposit of scheelite in the Willow creek region of Cariboo. The provincial mineralogist says it is more valuable than gold. Hitherto the only place in the world that scheelite has been found is northern Australia Johnson and Fry say they have an immense deposit of the stuff, which they will work at once. It is the mineral from which tungstic acid is manufactured. The original discoverer was K. W. Scheels, the Swedish chemist.

The last week at Kamloops witnessed an influx of experts, engineers and operators representing wealthy corporations and private funds ready for investment in suitable mining properties. Coal Hill and Cherry creek camps received careful examination.

One hundred Chinamen are engaged in saving placer gold from White Horse creek in east Kootenay. Last year they saved $20,000 and this year is expected to yield $30,000.

A mining engineer has recently been in Nicola district bonding coal properties. As Nicola coal is valuable for coke its demand will be large. Henry Hewett of Tacoma is also examining coal properties with a view to investment. He is a large shareholder in the Tacoma smelter.

The $300,000-cyaniding plant at Republic, Wash., which was to treat the ores of the once famous Republic mine, as well as the ores from other mines of that camp, is to be sold at public auction on Saturday, August 6th.

Seventy men are at work on the Slocan Star mine at Sandon and the mine is shipping 500 tons of silver and lead ore and 600 tons of concentrates to the smelter at Trail each month. The Slocan district is showing up well and a number of new prospects are being opened up.

The 40 stamp mill of the Daly Co. at Hedley is running smoothly and the ore is coming regularly over the steep tramway. It may now be classed as one of the permanent industries of the Similkameen.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Similkameen Attracts Visitors from All Poinfs of the Compass.

Running Fires do Considerable Damage in this Vicinity—Drouth is Serious.

Hugh Campbell is in the hills in search of the ever alluring metal. Though 70 years old Mr. Campbell is as frisky as a colt and as tough as rawhide. Good luck, old boy!

W. E. Butler, thoroughbred stock raiser of Ingersoll, Ont., is a visitor to Princeton and is pleased with the country generally and the town in particular. Mr. Butler thinks the climate and grazing conditions are very favorable for horse raising in this valley.

G. L. Mason, formerly of Princeton, now a Presbyterian missioner to the natives of Grande Prairie, is having vacation and revisiting his friends here.

Messrs. Horton and White arrived in Princeton Saturday last from the Slocan country where they have been mining for the past several years. They report fair times in the Slocan and there are no unemployed from lack of work. They are the advance guard of a lot of miners and prospectors who are looking toward the Similkameen with wistful eyes. Both Mr. Horton and Mr. White are practical men and have engaged with the Nickel Plate manager to work. They are both struck with the climate and location of Princeton and will gravitate toward it as soon as conditions are favorable for a railway depot.

A. Morrison and W. Schaefer of Vancouver were in Princeton Monday after having made a tour of Cariboo, Chilcoten, Nicola and a portion of the Similkameen. They are agriculturists. The Similkameen suited them all right, especially the range country about Dog Lake and Osoyoos. They intend to go into cattle raising and mixed farming and expect to have a large home market within a short period, a conclusion which seems amply justified by the evolution in prospect from pack horse to locomotive.

W. A. Davis, alias "Podunk," was in town Sunday and will make his headquarters here in future.

A. Gallinger and T. A. Rogers came down from Otter Flat Sunday. They say that they ran into a belt of mosquitoes below Granite creek that fairly made their blood curdle. Both gentlemen had seen and felt mosquitoes in the swamps of their native Wisconsin, but for real torment and ready adaptation to business they have not experienced anything like those encountered Sunday. Work is progressing steadily on the Cousin Jack mine and everything indicates that it will be a large dividend payer when in operation. There will be a liberal exhibit of Cousin Jack ore at the Spokane fair.

Hotel Jackson, always up-to-date and studious of guest's comfort, is enlarging sitting room during the lull days and preparing for the railway boom.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., is surveying Fred. Baker's ranch, and he has also recently surveyed Mr. Norman's.

C. E. Oliver of Hedley was in town this week on a periodical visit. He had the misfortune to lose his seat from a fiery broncho and received some severe contusions and slight abrasions of his epidermis. He is delighted with Princeton and always dislikes leaving it.

The death is reported of W. J. Snodgrass of Okanagan Falls while on a visit to relatives in Washington.

C. O. French came in from Granite Saturday where he is developing mineral properties and prospecting. There are unmistakable evidences of mineral wealth around the old camp and it would not be surprising if it should retrieve some of its old glory and renown as a gold producer. Old prospectors say that is simply a case of seeking and finding, so firm are their convictions of buried treasure being there. Mr. French brought down some ore specimens and will contribute others for exhibition purposes.

Luke Gibson has a fine crop of hay and had just started in to make some the other day when his hired man lost his grip on a span of skittish steeds attached to a rake resulting in a mass of tangled steel, iron and a couple of involuted wheels resembling the skeleton of a parachute. Jack Lyall and Claude Snowden are now helping Mr. Gibson and no more runaways are expected.

Mrs. Daly, daughter and neice, of Keremeos, were recent visitors to the United Empire mineral property, which is being developed by D. Coutenay.

Miss Olive Lyall has recently accepted the position of assistant and amanuensis for the A. E. Howse Co., L'd.

D. J. Starwalt came in from Aspen Grove recently and is camped in the suburbs.

The prospects for a record grain crop in the Northwest and Manitoba are very bright.

C. F. Law had an assay of $141.50 from a recent strike made on the St. George on Bear creek. The strike has added zest to the efforts of prospectors in that neighborhood who now think that Bear creek camp will rank with the best.

J. McFarlane and R. Cramer have completed their tunnel contract on the Boulder porphyry dyke and are now surveying in the Five-Mile country.

Isaac Skelton of Greenwood has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman for a week during which time he has been looking over the country with a view to acquiring farm land.

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RAILWAY VIA HOPE RANGE.

For sinister reasons and for the purpose of delaying the construction of a coast to Kootenay railway certain newspapers lose no opportunity of parading the natural difficulties to be encountered along the route. They magnify every obstacle and heap up imaginary and dire destruction of the trade of the province; industries will collapse and the country denationalized, they say, if a well known American gentleman is permitted to build his line into the Similkameen.

The writers hope by misrepresentation to create a sentiment antagonistic to the project, thus enabling the monopolistic interests which they serve to take the field in their own good time and pleasure. It is only a few years back that the local government sent a survey expedition into the Hope mountains at a cost of about $30,000 to report against the coast to Kootenay all-Canadian route. That expensive report was made by a townsite boomster who relied on a Canadian railway monopoly to help make his town.

In verification of foregoing statements as to feasibility of Hope mountains for a railway, quotation is made from Frank Moberly, C.E., who has had large experience in locating railways in mountainous districts. He says: "Lack of transportation has been caused by an unfounded fear of the difficulties of railway construction through the Hope mountains. To make connection with the Kootenay and the coast there now lacks the link between Midway and the mouth of the Fraser river and to make this connection there are at least four feasible routes through the Hope mountains, viz: Via Allison Pass, Skaist Pass, Coquihalla Pass and Railway Pass; and they vary in length from 299 to 284 miles of the three first named. In regard to cost of construction these different routes figure out within a few hundred dollars of each other and average about $35,000 per mile, fully equipped for traffic."

In the light of recent explorations and on the authority of eminent railway engineers who have neither townsite, railway nor political interests to bias their personal observations and examinations the Hope mountains offer no difficulties that are not common to mountainous districts. No one denies the existence of tonnage. Then why all this sparring for time? It is the old story of the fox and the grapes. The American railway is looked upon as an intruder in the land of the octopus, which has got more new railway to build and track to double than it can possibly manage. Paradoxical as it may seem its great prosperity has been its main drawback, and in trying to corral the Dominion it receives transcontinental competition, or knockouts from the master hand such as is observed in the Boundary today.

The C.P.R. has had most pressing invitations from nature and men to build from Spence's Bridge to and through the Similkameen. All unheeded and rejected by a native enterprise those invitations are now earnestly thrust into the hand of an alien with every show of their acceptance. The people of the Similkameen cannot be blamed if they resent the procrastination of governments or railway corporations, for with them time is paramount and the essence of their existence in this isolated region. The cruelties inflicted upon them have seared the finer sensibilities of kinship and they now welcome the stranger who will deliver them from the agonies of slow death. The salvation of the Nicola and Similkameen districts rests solely on railway construction and the man or company to first undertake it will be hailed with gratitude and loyal support.

Enough has been said and repeated to fully answer the imputations of the monopolistic and ultra loyal press that the proposed route "has little to recommend it to a shrewd manager like Hill." Another engineer says, as a final confirmation of other professional opinion, that he will avow "the absolute reliability of his figures that from Princeton to Tulameen summit in the Hope mountains a uniform grade of 1.25 per cent. can be obtained, and from Tulameen summit to Hope an easy grade of 2.25 per cent., which is the maximum, can be found. On other railroad lines the grades are often double those named."

The STAR has an onerous mission in this valley to ward off attacks of the viper press and hostile corporations and expose political connivance therewith. But duty is a pleasure where the general good is sought and the permanent welfare of the people aimed at. No political views or considerations can be tolerated which do not first look to the prosperity and progress of the masses; nor shall the despotism of a great corporation be allowed to stifle development without earnest and vigorous protest.

NOTICE.

Copper Glance, Azurite and Alpine mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for John R. McRae, free miner's certificate No. B72143, and Hugh McRae, free miner's certificate No. B62053, intend, sixty days from the 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 9th day of July, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post marked A. Green's ¼-S. 3, and ½-S. 4; placed on east side of Coldwater river, at out 3 miles south of Coutlee.

And running 40 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, and then 40 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

WILLIAM RICE, Locator.
CHARLES STIRLING, Agent.

Nicola, May 20, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows Commencing at a post situated on the south side of Similkameen river, about 8 miles from Princeton and opposite the mouth of Whipsaw creek marked T.C.R's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains following the meander of Similkameen river, thence 20 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 20 chains west to initial post.

T. C. REVELY,
W. F. REVELY, Agent.

Princeton, B.C., April 21st. 1904.

NOTICE.

Kenley mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, free miner's certificate No. B72039 for myself and for Edwin Barr Hall, free miner's certificate No. B72040, intend sixty days from the 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 9th day of April, 1904.

NOTICE.

Olympian mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Joseph Wright, free miner's certificate No. B75373; J. S. C. Fraser, free miner's certificate No. B42433 and L. G. Barron, free miner's certificate No. B57590, intend, sixty days from the 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 25th day of April, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Great Republic mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, John P. McLeod, free miner's certificate No. B80240, for myself and as agent for Charles H. Bonter, free miner's certificate No. B75510, intend, sixty days from the 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 18th day of April, A.D. 1904.

J. P. McLEOD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase eighty acres of second class land, situated in Osoyoos district: Commencing at a post marked J.L. situated about forty chains north of northeast corner of John Kearns' preemption lot 3098, thence 20 chains east, thence forty chains south, thence 20 chains west, thence forty chains north to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

JOHN LOVE.

Fairview, B.C., April 13, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of crown lands for agricultural purposes, commencing at a post marked C. A. Joyner's N.W. corner, thence running 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

C. A. JOYNER.

Dated April 8, 1904.

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NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To ARCHIBALD GRANT or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in Klondyke mineral claim, situate on Copper Mountain, and about ten miles from Princeton, in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district.

Take notice that after the publication hereof once each week for ninety days, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required by section 24 of the "Mineral Act," being chapter 135, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897, in respect of the Klondyke mineral claim, situate on Copper mountain in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District, British Columbia, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in your co-owner, Thomas F. McAlpin, of Princeton, Free Miner, who has made the required expenditure.

The amount due by you in respect of each of the said mineral claims, not including costs, is $25.62½.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1904.

THOS. J. McALPIN.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To W. E. WELBY and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interests in the Elbe, Sunset, Maid of the Mist and War Cloud mineral claims situate at Camp Hedley in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district:

You are hereby required to take notice that we have for the last two years done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned mineral claims as required by section 24 of the mineral act and have paid for recording the several certificates of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work and expenditure together with all costs of advertising, your said proportion amounting to One Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars ($159.00), exclusive of costs.

If you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion and all costs of advertising within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, which date is hereunder written, your interests in said mineral claims will become vested in us, your co-owners, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.

Dated this 4th day of June, A.D. 1904.

H. W. YATES.
J. F. CAMPBELL.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To PETER SCOTT and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Sacramento mineral claim situate at Camp Hedley—20-Mile Creek—adjoining the Oro Plato in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district.

You are hereby required to take notice that I have, for the last four years caused to be done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned mineral claim as required by section 24 of the Mineral Act and have paid for recording the several certificates of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work and expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your said proportion amounting to two hundred and five dollars, ($205) exclusive of costs.

If you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion and all costs of advertising within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, which date is hereunder written, your interest in said mineral claim will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.

Dated this 30th day of April, A.D. 1904.

DANIEL BRAITHWAITE.

NOTICE.

Tempest fraction mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining Company, free miner's certificate No. B72038, intend, sixty days from the 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 13th day of April, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Mogul, Mogul Fractional and Red Butte Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, Charles Willarson, free miner's certificate No. B63394, acting for myself and Peter Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B63393, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 14th day of May, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Ada B., Ada 8, Fractional and Centre Star Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Charles Willarson, free miner's certificate No. B63394, acting for myself and Peter Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B63393, and Robert O. Cramer, free miner's certificate No. 63382, and William H. Morrison, free miner's certificate No. 75486, and Furman R. Whitwell, free miner's certificate No. 72045, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to abply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 14th day of May, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

J. Edmonds and Geo. Cawston, Hedley's obliging butchers, were in town yesterday in search of some stray beef cattle.

The only enterprising newspaper in Vancouver, free from the domination of railway corporations, is the World. It recently contained a 2-column article on the Similkameen and Nicola districts which is a credit to the paper and the country.

L. F. Scholes, of Toronto, won the Henley, Eng., diamond rowing sculls in the record time of 8 minutes 23 seconds.

John Bouchier, the well known chef, came up from Hedley last week and is enjoying a vacation among the seductive trout of Ashnola's rippling streams.

Geo. Aldous arrived from Vancouver via Hope Pass on Thursday.

Constable Nesbitt of Penticton has recently prosecuted several persons for shooting game out of season.

Emerson Woodward has gone to Hedley where he is an employee of the Daly Reduction Co.

After looking over the Okanagan and a portion of the Similkameen Ronald and Gus Hewat have made up their minds that Princeton district is the best place to locate in. They have purchased a farming outfit and expect to settle on land soon.

Frank Webb left for Vancouver this week, going by way of Hope.

Thos. Snitheran, a Cornishman, ranching near Keremeos, died, after a short illness, last week. He leaves a wife and family and was highly respected.

D. O. Day, when last heard from, was at Nelson.

H. McDiarmid has recently arrived from outside points and is glad to be back to sunny Similkameen where the prospects are brighter than in most sections.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick has introduced an amendment to the Election Act providing that the returning officer shall fix the dates for holding the elections in Comox-Atlin, Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo.

A General Banking Business

A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. Capital all paid up, $2,229,280.00. Reserve fund and surplus profits, $2,067,080.95. Interest allowed on Savings bank deposits of one dollar and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal. A. H. SKEY, Agent, Kamloops, B.C.

Mineral Exhibit

Spokane Fair Oct. 3-9

Prospectors and others are invited to contribute mineral specimens for an exhibit at the Spokane Fair. Specimens should be of about 25 lbs. weight with names of claim and owner attached. Specimens will be received by C. E. Thomas, F. W. Groves and at the Mining Recorder's office.

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MINING NOTES.

Improvements and additions to the mine equipment of the Granby Co. at Phoenix, which are now being arranged for by the management, are expected to require the expenditure of about $150,000 in this camp before the year is out. Some of the improvements to be made are two large ore bins to receive the ore for shipping purposes from each of the two tunnels, which will have a capacity of some 3000 tons each.

Ore shipments from the different mines of the Boundary for the year so far now run considerably over 400,000 tons. For the week ending July 2 the tonnage from the several low grade mines is as follows: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 12,180 tons; Mother Lode to Greenwood smelter, 2848 tons; Emma to Trail and Nelson smelters, 103 tons; Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 363 tons; No. 37 to Granby smelter, 132 tons; total for week, 16,546 tons; total for the year to date, 413,007 tons. The Granby smelter has treated a total of 312,795 tons so far this year.

A controlling interest in the Rockland group of three copper claims in the Slocan country, four miles south of Silverton, has been sold to eastern people, and 18 men will be put to work upon the property immediately. Jas. W. Hamilton, of Spokane has been made superintendent. The mine is one of the oldest discoveries in the Slocan country, and about $37,000 has been expended in development work. A vein 200 feet wide of low grade copper ore has been uncovered and 800,000 tons of ore are blocked out. The mine has been idle for two years.

June 30th is the end of the fiscal year of the Granby Consolidated Company, when the annual clearing up at the works and such repairs made as may be necessary. The smelter will resume in a few days when 2000 tons daily will be handled.

Humorous.

Mr. Stubbs—Look here, Maria, why is our daughter's head so full of nonsense these days? Mrs. Stubbs—Why, John, she's been putting her curls up in comic papers.

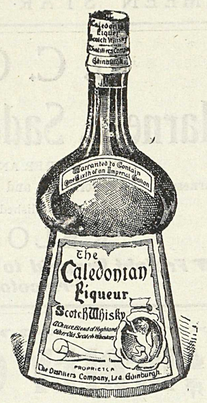
Tom—But isn't your love for Miss Plainum rather sudden? Jack—I suppose so. But, you see, her rich aunt died rather suddenly.

Mistress (to pretty housemaid)—By the way, Mary, should my husband ever attempt to kiss you, just box his ears soundly. Maid—Shure, ma'am, he's felt the weight of me hand twice already.

Fussy Man (hurrying into a newspaper office)—I've lost my spectacles somewhere, and I want to advertise for them, but I can't see to write without them, you know." Advertising Clerk (likely to be business manager some day)—I will write that ad. for you, sir. Any marks on them? Fussy man—Yes, yes. Gold-rimmed, lenses different focus, and letters L.O.C. on inside. Insert it three times." Advertising Clerk—Yes, sir. Five dollars, please. Fussy Man—Here it is. Advertising Clerk—Thanks. It gives me sir, great pleasure to inform you, sir, that your spectacles are on the top of your head. Fussy Man—My stars! So they are. Why didn't you say so before? Advertising Clerk—Business before pleasure, you know.

Yeast—He bought his automobile on the installment plan. Crimsonbeak—And the way he runs it, I expect to hear of him being taken to the hospital in the same way some day.

Joe—One of the carpenters who is working on my new house drove 123 nails in one minute yesterday afternoon. Josh—Hush! Don't let the police hear about it. They'll arrest him for fast driving.



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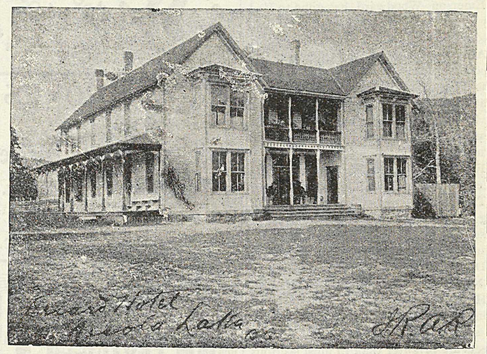

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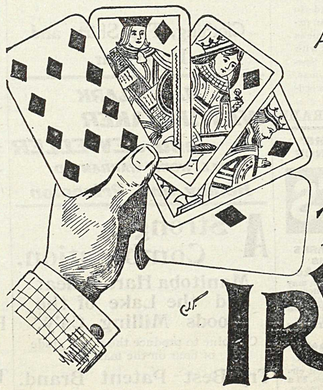

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Marvellous Cures by a Scotchman.

The marvellous cures effected by William Rae, a Scotch miner, living at Blantyre, a little village near Glasgow, has created a sensation. Special correspondents have written columns telling how the halt were cured and the deformed made straight by an old man whose medical knowledge was limited by a cursory study of a handbook. His cottage presented a remarkable sight daily. Crowds of people, some on crutches, others hobbling along with walking sticks, but all filled with hope of being cured, besieged the former miner, who is devoting twelve hours daily to treating patients. One instance of Rae's methods was given by a highly veracious correspondent as follows: "The patient was a little boy who could not walk here. Said Rae: 'This is a case of a dislocated hip; the doctors call it disease, but it is not.' He made the boy lie down; then suddenly seizing the limb he gave it a jerk. There was a sharp crack, a sharper cry from the boy, and before the latter's mother, who was present, could recover from her astonishment, her child was walking about the room delightedly waving his discarded weighted boot in the air. Another case termed typical was described as that of a girl who was a hunchback. In this instance the mother was not permitted to be with the child, but a quarter of an hour later the child came out of the cottage "straight as a die" and sobbed out her happiness on her mother's shoulder. To all alike he charges half a guinea.

A Novel Fire Alarm.

A good way to prevent yourself from being burned to death in your house is to have on hand a large supply of dynamite firecrackers. Commenting on this theory Chief Horton of the Baltimore fire department says: About the best fire detectives are large dynamite crackers. I have these distributed all over my house. The idea is decidedly practicable. One of the crackers is attached to a length of wire, and it is then suspended from some place where it is likely to be useful. I have these crackers hanging from the roof of the cellar, from the ceilings of the stairways, from under the padded seats of the chairs and sofas—every place where they can be conveniently put and are likely to be of use. The idea is simply this: If a fire breaks out it can't make much headway before it reaches one of the crackers, and the explosion gives the alarm. There is no danger from the dynamite cracker. It is a good plan to keep a couple of them in a wardrobe where there are a number of garments. The probabilities are that if a fire took place the force of the detective cracker going off would extinguish the blaze. I have fixed up hundreds of these crackers for various persons and advise their use where a fire is likely to get considerable headway before it is discovered.

Mule Gives Birth to a Foal.

The offspring of two different species, when such offspring is possible, is usually sterile. It is this fact which renders a general mixture of species impossible, and it was relied upon by the early opponents of Darwin to show the falsity of his theory of the origin of species. One of our most familiar hybrids, the mule, usually follows the law of species with great rigidity. Much interest, therefore, attaches to the news that an Egyptian mule has recently given birth to a foal. Even here, however, the father was not another mule, but a donkey. Whether the new hybrid will be the progenitor of a species remains to be seen. Probably the law of sterility, though suspended for one generation, will appear in the next and preclude such an interesting result. —Literary Digest.

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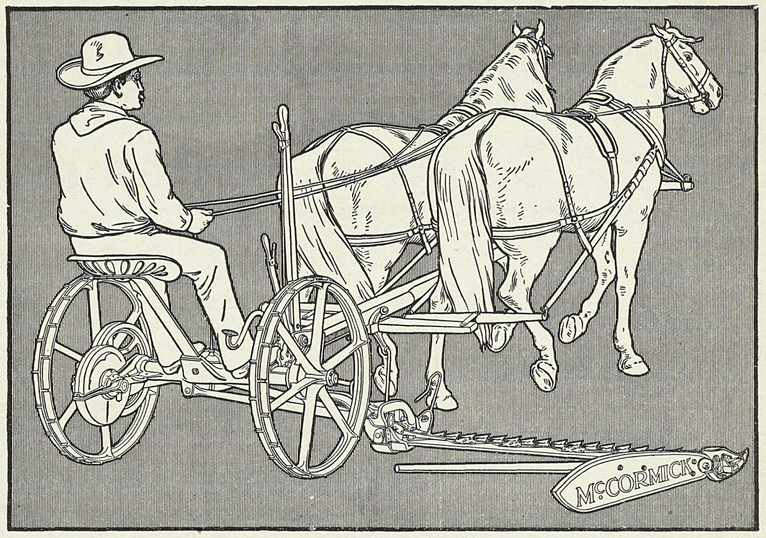

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