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PRINCETON, B.C., SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1904.

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DELIBERATE SUICIDE

Bert Roques Swallows Poison and Farewells to Cares of this World.

Landslides Along the Rivers and Mill Dam Washout Caused by the Freshet.

The layover on placer claims in this district expires today.

Willerson & Johnson are working on the Princeton at Kennedy mountain.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., has recently surveyed the Mogul and the Mogul fraction on Kennedy mountain.

Al Johnson and J. Coulter came up from Keremeos where they cut about a quarter of a million feet of lumber for Bullock Webster.

Geo. McCoskery, Geo. Robinson and Homer McLean came up on Sunday from Hedley, taking in the sights and enjoying the beauties of nature for a couple of days.

The dam at F. P. Cook's mill was partially destroyed on Tuesday night as the result of the spring freshet. Manager Webb was at the breach in time and by his assiduous efforts the damage was limited to a few hundred dollars.

Hugh Kennedy came up from the coast on Wednesday, coming in via One-Mile from Aspen Grove. In crossing that turbulent stream he and his horse were nearly carried down it through mistaking the ford. The snow has nearly all disappeared.

The earth on the south side of the Similkameen, extending for about 200 feet from the bridge along the roadway, has sunk about six inches. It is certainly on the move, but nothing can prevent an avalanche. All that can be done is to hope that the bridge may escape when it does come.

The inquest on the man Roques found dead by the roadside near Keremeos disclosed the fact that it was a case of deliberate suicide. From letters found on him addressed to friends it was evident his rash act had been contemplated. He was an Englishman and about thirty-five years of age. Death was caused by morphine.

Roads and Bridges Damaged.

The road between here and Nicola is impassable. Driver Chenall is barely able to get through with the mails and then only by packing and making a long circuit. Bridges are gone and washouts unnumbered prevent any freight coming over the road and business is almost at a standstill. How long this condition of things will last depends entirely on the speed with which they are repaired as

the Otter is now subsiding. The easterly abutment of China creek bridge in the suburbs of Princeton went out a few days ago. The thermometer touching 75° of heat during the week melted the snow with a rush on the mountain sides, hence the overflow.

Fine Bridge in Danger.

The wash of the water on the cribbing and its foundation which protects the south pier of the Similkameen bridge, has carried away some of the filling. If it is not replaced with rock before the river rises again the pier will be attacked by the swirling water and undermined or subject to the bombardment of swift-running snags. Once the water gets behind the pier its case will be bad indeed. The resident manager of the V.F.M.D. Co., E. Waterman, has asked for the government engineer to inspect, he also personally conducted Mr. Shatford, M.L.A., and superintendent Bates to the bridge, pointing out the danger and finally he petitioned the "Big Ogema," Mr. Stevenson, to remedy the defects, but so far nothing has been done. On whom will the blame rest if this fine bridge should go out on the rising waters?

Will Invest in Real Estate.

John M. Wise, hotelkeeper of south Westminster, came in on last Saturday's stage. He had read and heard of Princeton but had no idea of its central location and surroundings. Mr. Wise is here on business. Having come in close social contact with Great Northern officials during the winter Mr. Wise feels justified as the result of such intimacy, in making some real estate investments here or hereabouts. He went to Nine-Mile on Monday and will interview the 'spectre' there as to eligible townsite property, etc. By putting two and two together Mr. Wise is convinced that the Great Northern will be the first railway into the Similkameen and that before many months have elapsed.

Viewing the Country.

Wm. Fish, who hails from many mining camps in the U.S. was in town during the week. For some years Mr. Fish had 'threatened' to come here in answer to some mental promptings and also some hints given him by a Philadelphia mineralogist. So far as he has been able to form an opinion from surface indications he pronounces the country highly mineralized and from specimens he has seen and information received as to quantity he believes it to be rich. He intends remaining long enough in the country to familiarize himself with it and, though he did not say so, yet, as a reasonable sequence it is fair to say he will invest.

J. R. M. Greenfield has been appointed P.O. inspector vice W. H. Dorman, deceased. Mr. Greenfield has been twenty years in the postal service.

JUMPED THE TRACK

Ore Car Took Leave of the Tramway and Pounded the Ties.

Snakes at Hedley—Doubtful About the Railway; No Wonder—Mirth at Club.

Hedley, April 26.—Ivan Armstrong, stenographer to the Daly Reduction Co., left on Friday last for his home in New Westminster.

Owing to the defective condition of the tramway between the Nickel Plate mine and the stamp mill a car loaded with provisions for the mine ran off the track a few days ago and tore things up generally. The track is being repaired and properly ballasted.

Thos. Bradshaw is working a few men on a claim on the Nickel Plate mountain, about two miles up the canyon from Hedley. He has driven a tunnel 75 feet and expects soon to cut an ore body cropping above from which excellent assays are obtained.

R. J. Edmonds killed the first rattlesnake of the season last Sunday. It was basking in the sun (for the first time probably after its winter siesta) on some shell rock above the flume. It appeared very sluggish after its long sleep and Jack put it out of business by stepping on it with the heel of his shoe.

Nothing further has been heard about the "hot air" line to the coast since Mr. Shatford left for Fairview late last week. It is probably coming all right, but the Hedley people are all from Missouri: "You have to show them."

C. E. Oliver made the hit of the season at the last meeting of the Twentieth Century club in a song entitled "Mr. Dooley." He composed a number of topical verses dealing with various recent occurrences in Hedley that fairly took the crowded audience by storm. The first issue of the "Hedley Blast," edited by C. Schilling, was also a huge success.

W. P. Rodgers, who has been on a visit to Chicago and other eastern cities during the past six weeks, returned to Hedley on Saturday accompanied by his brother Harry. The latter has been superintending the development of a prospect on the coast belonging to the Marcus Daly estate.

Dunc. Woods left the other day for camp after interviewing L. W. Shatford, M.L.A., making himself solid with the ladies in the Twentieth Century club and arranging the politics of the town so everything would run smoothly during his absence.

The friends of John McIntosh, who disappeared so mysteriously from Hedley nearly two weeks ago will be glad to

learn that he has turned up safe and sound at Loomis, Wash. He stated to an acquaintance he met there that he was down trying to collect a back pension due him from Uncle Sam for his services during the civil war. SCRUTATOR.

OKANAGAN FALLS NOTES.

Interesting Items from the Pretty Hamlet on Lake and River.

Okanagan Falls, April 20.—Poverty row is no more. A few months ago we were a respectable community, but lo! and behold, there has been a great change. The young bloods congregating on our street corners in the evenings are seriously discussing the use of tar and feathers. What use they are going to put it to is a mystery, but boys will be boys wherever they may be.

One young bachelor recently reported he was married. On further investigation it was found that he was possessor of a cheque, which, (try as he would) had a beastly habit of returning to him. Sorry to say, others (in this vicinity) are married in like manner.

Bassett Bros. have just got through preparing the soil and sowing the golden grain. We trust their yield may be an hundredfold.

Thomas Bros. very hospitably distributed their surplus hay among the needy stock owners this spring.

Joe Brent is about to leave us for a while—ticke mamlock ilahee, copa Shingle creek—we believe Joe has a good property there.

Never mind Dick! Cheer up old boy! In future do business with a person that pays promptly and who has some money. Wind is much more in demand on the English channel than it is in Ok. Falls.

N. Nelson is making extensive improvements at the Somerset, formerly Mexican Joe's ranch.

Walter Gillespie has offered his estate for sale.

Andy Hamilton is lubricating the Geoghegan ranch for Lord O'Kanagin.

The excitement caused by the report of Mr. Ellis's land deal is now down to normal once more.

Under the tuition of Miss Mills, our ever popular teacher, the school children are certainly forging ahead remarkably.

Tony Pleasance is gathering his horses preparatory to leaving for Hedley.

Jno. McLellan has returned from Fairview where he was remodelling the Columbia hotel.

The editor of the Okanagan Herald recently paid us a visit.

Roads are in a deplorable condition.

Land of the mighty-timbered wold,
Land where the river gleams with gold;
Where Nature pierced the azure clear,
And mirrors in the lakes appear.
SPECTATOR.

Court of assize and general jail delivery will be held at Kamloops on the forenoon of Friday, May 6th.

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OPEN UP THE COUNTRY.

Any thoughtful man will observe by a glance at the map of Canada the necessity for a second transcontinental railway. The great lone regions of the northern plateaus are all either suitable for cultivation or mining. Enormous timber areas and vast coal and oil fields only await the railway. The great lakes and rivers await the steamboat to extend trade and commerce to the doors of the Arctic. Surely there is scope and reason also for another great ocean to ocean railway. Instead of the Conservatives giving every possible assistance to this great undertaking they heap all manner of obstacles in the way. Why? Because of the ties of parentage between them and that spoiled child of Canada—the Canadian Pacific railway. This railway at present has a monopoly of the transcontinental carrying trade and that monopoly has caused every industry in the country to cry aloud for relief from it. In a recent editorial the Nelson Tribune (Conservative) takes the following sensible view of the railway question:

"The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway as speedily as possible is almost as essential to the upbuilding of Canada as was the building of the Canadian Pacific twenty years ago. There should be no factious opposition to the road. Had Canada waited a dozen years, better terms might have been made for the building of the Canadian Pacific. It is just possible, if a wait of a dozen years were made, better terms might be made for the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific. If the building of the Canadian Pacific had been delayed a dozen years, what would western Canada be today? It would be a wilderness. The people have little patience with political faultfinders. They want men in office to do things. The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific under the agreement entered into between the Dominion government and the Grand Trunk railway company is a step in the direction of government ownership of railways. The step might have been farther reaching, but great reforms or changes are not brought about in a day. The people of British Columbia should be a unit for the

speedy building of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, and the political party that opposes its speedy building will go down to defeat, as it should."

The foregoing is of especial significance to the people of the Similkameen who know to their sorrow the full meaning of delayed railway construction and election promises.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"More railways for Canada"—that is the Liberal war cry. It includes one for the Similkameen.

These warm, sunny days with the buzzing of the fly, the bizzing of the bee and the singing of the 'squito as it inserts its business end, all remind one of the near approach of that promised summer railway session.

As the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific advances in the commons it becomes more and more evident that the actual leader of the Opposition on this question is not Mr. R. L. Borden but a C.P.R. director, Mr. E. B. Osler.

It is a matter of regret that there should be found in the Dominion house of commons men who resort to every nefarious device for the overthrow of the government and the defeat of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway measure. The other day, during the debate on this measure, the Conservative leader, "Hon." R. L. Borden, flashed a stolen document intended only for members of the government and which had the printed note on it "private and confidential." Man's honor is low indeed when private knowledge is thus flaunted before an assembly, when by this very act he puts himself on a par with the thief and degrades the party of which he is a member. The man guilty of such offensive conduct forfeits all right to the title "honorable" and his name becomes as spew to all who think and act honorably. Bad as the local legislature of B.C. is and has been nothing so utterly indecent and ungentlemanly has ever transpired among its members. It is hoped the people of Canada will draw another long breath before entrusting the guidance of public affairs to a man who has all the propensities well defined and developed of one who would not hesitate on a dark night to appropriate his neighbor's wood pile or the guests of his hen roost.

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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. B24233 and L. G. Barron, free miner's certificate No. B75750, 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.

TAKE NOTICE that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase forty acres of Crown lands for pasturing purposes; commencing at a post marked F. Frembd's S.W. corner on the east and west line on the north end of my pre-emption in Otter Valley, thence running 20 chains north, thence 20 chains east, thence 20 chains south, thence 20 chains west to place of commencement. F. FREMDD. Dated March 12th, 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.

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. B7209 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 5th day of April, 1904.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

To ANTONIO SCARPELLI and any person to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Victoria and Two Brothers mineral claims situate at 16-Mile Creek in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. You are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for recording certificates of work done on the above claims for the years ending June 10, 1901 and June 10, 1902, the sum of Ten Dollars, being an expenditure necessary to enable me to hold said claims and you are hereby required to contribute your share or proportion of such expenditure, namely, Three Dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents, together with all cost of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including advertisement, within ninety days from date of first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts. Dated this 12th day of December, 1903. FRANCESCO PERA.

STRAY MARE.

CAME TO MY PLACE over a year ago, one sorrel mare, branded IX on left shoulder. Owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take away within thirty days, otherwise will be sold to pay expenses. AUG. CARLSON. Princeton, Feb. 27, 1904.

F. W. GROVES

A. R. COLL., SC. D.,

Civil and Mining Engineer

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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 Whip-saw 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. REVELLY, W. F. REVELLY, Agent. Princeton, B.C., April 21st, 1904.

NOTICE.

Ingersoll Belle mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate No. B63274, Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate No. B75518, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. B75318, 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 12th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate No. B63274, and Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, 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 12th day of February, 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, free miner's certificate No. B72044, acting for self and Sydney M. Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B47151, and Claud M. Snowden, free miner's certificate No. B62365, 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 11th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Sydney M. Johnson free miner's certificate No. B47151 and Herbert R. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. B5212, 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 11th day of February, 1904.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Thomas Henderson, free miner's certificate No. B74795, Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate, No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate, No. B75318, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. B75317, intend 60 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 12th day of February, 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. Hickling's N.W. corner, placed on left bank of Similkameen river, about 1/2 miles south of Princeton, and running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres. A. HICKLING, Locator, E. WATERMAN, Agent. Dated March 9, 1904.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Five years' extension of the charter to build the V.V. & E. has been granted by the federal government.

Charlie Bonnier has returned to Princeton after being absent during the winter and will begin work on his mineral properties soon.

J. C. Riley laid over here this week on his way to Otter Flat to develop his mineral properties in that vicinity. Mr. Riley intends making his headquarters at the Flat. He was at Camp McKinney a short time ago where he found things rather quiet owing to the shut down of mining operations. However, he thinks that camp will yet be a lively one when shipping facilities and smelting are given.

Kit Summers, the Princeton fletcher, left for the Boundary with A. Macdonald on Thursday morning. Kit's brother Bill will cut steak and play his part while he is gone.

In trying to make way for the mail coach the horse and buggy driven by Miss Moore went off the grade and made several revolutions towards the river on Wednesday. Slight damage was done and the occupants, the misses Schisler and Miss Moore escaped unhurt.

F. P. Paddon, first assistant manager of the C.P.R. at Penticton, was in town on vacation tour this week. He believes Princeton will be a great city and thinks it an ideal place to settle down in.

Trapper McLeod made a vain attempt to reach his line of some forty traps on Stirling creek a couple of weeks ago. The altitude of that section with the encompassing mountains has a refrigerating influence upon the "beautiful" which he found to be some ten feet deep. Two of the traps which he dug out of the snow had a weasel and a lynx, the latter becoming restless gnawed his foot off and vamoosed.

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 Plati in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district.

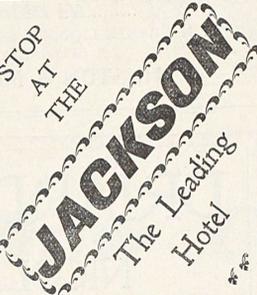
You are hereby required to take notice that I have, for the last four years caused to be done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned mineral claim as required by section 24 of the Mineral Act and have paid for recording the several certificates of such work, and you are hereby required 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, (\$200) 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.

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[Continued from Last Week.]

"I don't think much of Indians now," said Brown, "poor, miserable wretches, but I saved a whole tribe of 'em once. They'd got small pox here pretty bad, dying like rotten sheep. I'll show you the cemetery soon. I was buying furs at the time. They 'most all knew me. They were badly scar't and asked me for a cure. I told them to catch a good healthy skunk and drink the broth of it diluted with watq—it cured the epidemic all right. You see," he added, with a touch of grim humor in his tone, "it made 'em smell so bad that they had to keep away from each other— isolation did the rest."

"Brown," I asked, "did it ever occur to you what an excellent specific it would make against creditors?" "I never had any," he painfully remarked.

We took lunch at a road house on the trail. There was a small boy there who borrowed my jack knife and finding it of satisfactory make steered off into the woods. He will some day be president of the Canadian Pacific railroad, he has all the characteristic features of one well marked. He had a little sister who had a pet cow of her own. Presently a lady Brown knew dropped in for lunch—she had a baby about three months old with her. The little girl borrowed the baby to play with. I expected that she also would steer off into the woods with it, but she knew better. Brown, who, I suppose, knows his own business best, offered to swap her the baby for the cow. "No," she answered, "babies are all right, but there is more money in cows." I'm glad I haven't two children like that. They'd be trading me off for a second hand rip-saw. Such mercenary precocity seemed to make Brown unusually dismal and as we started he told me another starvation story. I forget the scene of its happening, somewhere in Canada in the spring time.

Brown was trapping in the woods and a man called at his shack one night. He was clamoring for food and quite light-headed. He offered Brown venison but he replied "No! no!! no more meat. I never want meat again so help me Jimmy Johnson. I want bread. Look at this!" "This" was a portion of the leg of a prospector companion who had started out with him a month before. Crossing a creek a pack horse was drowned and all their grub lost. His companion got hurt and eventually died. For fifteen days the survivor had lived on his flesh, carrying portions of it with him as he retraced his steps. The alternative of starvation or cannibalism, the horrid burden and its awful associations had rendered him demented. It really is surprising how Brown keeps his youthful appearance through so many trying and terrifying experiences. I think it is his Micawber-like faith in the future that annihilates in him the ravages of the present and the past and enables him to renew his youth like the seagull. But he isn't daunted by ordinary difficulties anyway. For instance, our stopping place that night was at a trail side farm house. We

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had for some time been in a region where roads were not. The total accommodation consisted of three beds in a garret, an open garre. One, screened by a curtain, was reserved for the farmer family, the two others were common property, or at least intended so to be. Now there were five men for those two beds and three of them were strangers to us and to each other. Left to myself I should have just quietly sneaked out to the hay loft and passed the night there, but I had Brown at my back and that made all the difference; the result being that he got one bed and I got the other and the rest of the community slept on the floor. A good many people who have belittled their own understandings by calling my friend Brown "crazy" could not have achieved that diplomatic feat to save their reason. I need not go into details, even if he did tell the rest of the community that he was just recovering from small pox and that I was an escaped lunatic with marked homicidal tendencies, all I can say is that we got the beds and what is more, slept very soundly. Indeed I was only once disturbed all night and that was at hearing my cicerone turn over in bed and gnashing his teeth incoherently mumble something about the loan of my tooth brush. What a man wants with a tooth brush at 2 a.m. I have not yet discovered.

Early next morning Brown made his usual aggressive visit to the stables, waking everybody within two miles by so doing. However, he got the horses well fed and had a good look around to see where the best hazel switches grew and appeared quite happy at breakfast time. Someone happened to remark that it was the twentieth of the month, with the effect that my mind was immediately filled with misgiving. I had a dim, uneasy notion that I had an important engagement on that date. I looked up my note book. Yes, there it was, an important enough engagement in all conscience—the letters seemed to scorch the paper and then to thicken out into a ponderous Gutenberg black-faced type. I had done it this time, no mistake, and instinctively looked out for a scapegoat; there I found him right before me, eating steak and bread and butter with the nonchalant avidity of a growing school boy. "Brown," I said, "this is your fault." "I'm not complaining any," he answered. "Well, but look here," I cried. "See this?" "Nov. 20th—Get married at Grand Forks 10 a.m." "Well, why don't you keep your appointments?" he asked. "I will," I replied. "I'll go right back, I'll telegraph, I'll take the first train. I'll—" "There ain't any telegraphs, there ain't any trains, and see here, there are five hundred million women in this world and most of 'em are good enough to keep, but there's only one Sunset mine, and now I've got you so far I'll take you the rest of the way, even if I have to bash you on the head with a club and handcuff you to do it. Calumet and Hecla! Fancy anyone wanting to go and get married with the Sunset staring him in the face!" That seemed to settle matters. Brown was evidently determined. Presently he added, "take her some Sunset stock when you get back and if she is a woman of sense she'll forgive you at once, if she isn't she won't and you'll be lucky to be rid of her."

Just then we met another three-ton-to-the-acre-shareholder in the Sunset and once again did Brown take my name in vain but apologised for it shortly afterwards and drawing a slip of paper from his pocket carefully wrote down my patronymic appellations letter for letter, after which he seemed much relieved.

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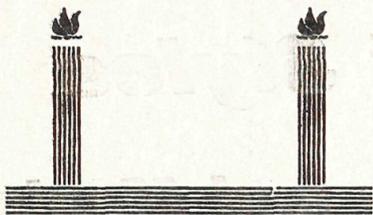
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