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MINING AND MINERAL

Quicksilver and Platinum Production and Value—A Giant Crusher.

Lead an Important Product of the Kootenays—Asbestos Yield in Canada.

Last week two carloads of machinery for the new giant ore crusher for the Granby mines, were received, and are being put in position. The crusher is a duplicate of that already in use at the Knob Hill mine, and will be used at the No. 3 tunnel, from which shipments over the Great Northern from this camp will first be sent out to the Granby smelter.

In November the Nelson smelter handled 1,048,262 pounds of lead ore.

California, Texas and Nevada are the only states in the union that produced quicksilver during the year 1903. California mines yielded 30,526 flasks, worth $1,330,916. The production of quicksilver in Texas amounted to 5029 flasks, valued at $211,218. Nevada could claim only 65 flasks as the year's output. The total production for the three states was 35,620 flasks of 76½ pounds each, valued at $1,544,934.

Ten blast furnaces in three Boundary smelters are now in operation—six at the Granby, two at the B. C. Copper and two at the Montreal & Boston.

The price of pure platinum in wholesale quantities at New York continued during the whole of 1903, as during the last seven months of 1902, at $19 an ounce.

Asbestos is mined on this continent chiefly in Canada, which had a production in 1903 of 42,382 tons, with a value of $904,852. The United States produced only 887 tons, with a value of $16,767. Commercial asbestos consists of two varieties, chrysolite and amphibole. Chrysolite, however, is a true asbestos, amphibole being very short fiber.

The Greenwood smelter was put out of business twice recently by the derailing of the slag hauling locomotive, which took a trip down the bank each time.

The average daily pay of the miner in South Dakota is $3.50, helpers $3, shovelers and mill hands $2.50. The compensation of skilled mechanics about the mines, hoists, mills and related departments is considerably higher. Generally the length of the working day is ten hours where mining is regularly conducted, although in the sinking of shafts and the running of other new work, where conditions are trying and where the most rapid possible headway is desired, thaee shifts of eight hours each are sometimes employed.

The St. Eugene Mining company at Moyie have a big contract on hand. They have to get out of the mine 19,000 tons of ore and concentrates between now and the first of July next. This means a daily output of 2700 tons.

It will probably be the first of February before ore shipments are started from the Granby mines over the V., V. & E. extension of the Great Northern.

The mines of South Dakota have produced $7,070,481.71 in gold bullion for the twelve months ending November 1, 1904.

The Tyee mine, on Vancouver island, paid on December 15th a dividend of $86,400 on 48 cents a share.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Christmas Joys and Glorious Weather Make Life a Sweet Melody.

Tomorrow, write it carefully 1-9-0 5.

Princeton still looks good to the STAR

School re opens Monday, much to the parents' delight and pupils' disgust.

A sprig of holly and a bouquet sent by the Victoria Times to its journalistic confreres is the unique and pretty way which it takes of conveying Christmas compliments. Brother Times: Many happy and prosperous New Years to you.

There is a scarcity of coal in many cities of Ontario. The denizens of the cent belt ought to move to Princeton where we have coal to "burn."

Everybody in Princeton hung up their stockings Christmas eve, and Mr. S. Claus was here with the goods. Many costly presents were left for the big folks, while the little ones received toys, dolls, confectionery, etc. The STAR did not hear of anyone in Princeton getting an automobile or a cottage organ in their stockings.

A meeting of stockraisers of British Columbia will be held at Kamloops on January 4 at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of forming a live stock association. All stockmen are cordially invited to attend.

Religious service will be conducted by Rev. A. J. Fowlie in the court house tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

The only and original J. Peck MacSwain, author, critic and circumnavigator, blew into town last week on the tail end of a nor'-easter snow storm. He came from various points in the Kootenay and Washington, his destination being anywhere. He is a member of the International Typographical Union which entitles him to craft courtesies anywhere on the round world. He had long ago heard of Princeton and was only recently enabled to include it in his itinerary. He thinks it an ideal situation and will come again, probably to locate permanently.

Notwithstanding the rigors of winter Great Northern engineers are still in the field. They are now making the location and final survey, working east from Oro towards Midway. The first sign of spring will find construction of the V.V. & E. begun into the Similkameen if the legislature does not prevent it.

FESTAL CHRISTMAS

Entertainment and Xmas Tree Make Everybody Glad and Happy.

Hotel Hospitality and Much Private Feasting in Charming 'Old' Frontier Town.

The Christmas tree and entertainment held in the court house on Friday the 23rd inst., was an unqualified success The various numbers rendered by the children were thoroughly appreciated by the audience who gave spontaneous applause and persistent encores. If one might venture to particularize in a programme of such uniform merit the historical tableau of Joan of Arc commends itself to many by reason of the great achievements of this "Maid of Orleans" on the battlefield and in paths of peace and finally her cruel death at the stake by her ungrateful countrymen. Other numbers were amusing, in some of which the little toddlers showed conspicuous courtesy to their female partners while the maturer boys and girls gave every evidence of latent ability and careful training. To Mrs. Lyall and Miss Dalby the burden of training and rehearsing fell and with them Mesdames Murdock, Hewat, Hunter, Groves, Jackson, Bell, Schisler, McMullen, Young, Spencer, Gulliford, Thomas, Gibson and Hagerman, the Misses Lyall and Findlay gave liberally of labor and the many toothsome things with which the audience were refreshed.

The tall Christmas tree with its broad branches was well laden with presents and Santa Claus most pleasantly dispensed the good things to each recipient. A feature of the evening was the address by Santa Claus in which he told in simple yet impressive terms the origin of Christmas Day in the birth of the Saviour. An impromptu dance brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

During Xmas week social receptions were given at the homes of Mesdames Groves and Lyall when many friends enjoyed the hospitalities of these ladies. Tomorrow, New Year's day, will be observed by many gifts and greetings and it is hoped will mark a new era in the prosperity of the whole community.

The observance of Christmas has always been associated with festal and joyous gatherings. At the Princeton hotel an excellent luncheon was served to all who desired and on the wish of the hospitable host. The hotel Jackson gave a free dinner which was most tempting to look upon and delicious to the palate. Judge Murphy presided at the table and gave loyal toasts, also to host and hostess. The Jackson is known far and near for its splendid culinary department at the head of which is a chef of more than local renown in the art of cookery. Many private dinners and reunions of friends filled the day with social gladness In the evening an able and appropriate discourse was preached by Rev. A. J. Fowlie to a large audience.

Ventilation in Mining.

Poor ventilation in long crosscut tunnels is sometimes due to the too rapid rise of the floor of the tunnel. Contractors, as a rule, have to be watched very carefully to see that they keep the floor of the tunnel down. The tendency is to make the grade too steep. A grade of from one-half per cent to one per cent will allow the tunnel to go in a long way without interfering with ventilation. The ventilation also depends upon the ground driven through. In Colorado there is a cross-cut tunnel nearly 1000 feet long, and in which there is considerable stoping, where ventilation is remarkably good. In other cases cross-cuts have been stopped by cause of bad air when they have been driven 200 feet.

Coal and Coke Supply.

The Mining Reporter says: It was recently announced that the big steamships of the Seattle Oriental line to be established by the Great Northern Railway company will be supplied with hard coal from the Comox colliery. About 3000 tons per month will be required for the Minnesota and twice that quantity for her sister ship, the North Dakota, now being built. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company has made contracts for the delivery at Montana points of large quantities of coal and coke, while the extension of the Great Northern railway west to New Westminster, will largely increase coal consumption, as will also the extension of the Great Northern branch railway from Jennings, Montana, to Fernie, to be completed this winter. Altogether the indications are, if existing amicable relations between colliery owners and their employes continue undisturbed, that the coal industry of British Columbia will have the most prosperous year in its history. Besides the demand by railroads, the gradually enlarging requirements of home industries and an increasing population are sure to increase the consumption of coal and coke.

Mr. and Mrs. Macphail of Granite creek were in town enjoying Xmas festivities.

Dr. Schon has his office in Luke Gibson's house, next the A. E. Howse Co's store.

D. W. Grover, chief counsellor for the Great Northern railway company, and father of Mrs. C. E. Barnard, died recently at Minneapolis. Mrs. Barnard has the sympathy of many friends made during her stay here last fall.

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Commanding respect, and homage too, exacted by that great conqueror—time—the receding year offers much for profitable reflection and instruction. It will add another page to history in which man will recognize his insignificance and inability to alter the decree of a great unseen power. The year began with conflagrations which devastated large cities and ruined many commercial institutions. Then came the thunder of war between two nations whose mighty hosts now confront each other in battle array. Surely the record of disaster and death for the year is enough to appease the most insatiate.

But if there have been misfortunes there have also been successes, and so long as the world wags these, no doubt, will form the burden of the annual history. The past year was prolific in scientific research and discovery, in great public undertakings and political achievements. The Panama canal and the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental railway outclass any similar projects in political or commercial importance that have been undertaken in many preceding years. The great wave of immigration into the Canadian Northwest during 1904 has scarcely had an equal in the history of any country and marks the beginning of a rapid increase in population which must soon place Canada among the leading nations in wealth and numbers.

If prosperity smiled upon the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the past year it is with renewed hope that the coming year dawns upon every portion of it. The people in the Similkameen certainly never have been in such hopeful mood as the new year now finds them. They have the assurance of practical demonstration that the district contains enormous mineral deposits of incalculable value. They have all the outward and visible indications that one or more railways will tap the Similkameen in 1905 and thus supply the last and all-important means for the development and advancement of the district. Lucky indeed are those who had business foresight to invest while the dead calm prevailed. Fortunate, indeed, are those who through good and ill report have persevered in their efforts of prospecting and making known the vast riches of the country. The prospectors of the Similkameen deserve the reward of wealth, for they have spared neither strength nor comfort in their quest for the ever-alluring metal. Without them little would be done in discovery and the country continue to be a great lone land. Therefore, all will enter upon the new year with stout hearts and encouraging prospects, believing that before the close of the year the realization of their hopes will be a matter of fact and actuality.

The present and future welfare of this district hinges upon the transportation afforded, and the coming sessions of both federal and provincial legislatures are fraught with the deepest interest to inhabitants of the Similkameen. At no period in the history of this district or of the Coast-Kootenay railway projects has such anxious suspense been observed as now. Within six weeks of New Year's day the question of a railway will have culminated favorabiy or unfavorably at the hands of the provincial administration, for either the government must adhere to its pledges of support or suffer ignominious defeat. In this crisis the action of certain legislators, especially the socialists, will be keenly noted with a view to testing their mettle upon a question in which the rights of the people are opposed by monopolistic railway corporations.

The STAR extends to all its sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Those wishes are coupled with the plea for forgiveness for errors of judgment and for the many frailties common to men. The difficulties and perplexities which beset the path of the journalist on the confines of civilization are known only to angels and those invisible spirits which keep the recording book. To gather news in a country as barren of it as the great rocks are of verdure is one of the most wearying occupations that ever befell mortal. The STAR has learned, however, to bear its burdens with composure knowing that the dawn of better times is at hand, yea, the horizon is already aglow with the sunshine of fortune and success. Once more, a happy and prosperous New Year to all.

The Dominion government will not send a Canadian exhibit to the Portland exposition next year, on the ground that there is very little prospect of attracting settlers from the Pacific coast to the Canadian northwest. But this should not hinder a thoroughly representative exhibit of British Columbia minerals at Portland next year. No time should be lost in preparing a display.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, H. H. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72190, for myself and as agent for W. H. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72189 and S. L. Allison, free miner's certificate No. B79914, 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 28th day of November, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Princeton 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 and Development Company, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B72174, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate 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 Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 21st day of November, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Shamrock and Billy Goat mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Riordan mountain.

Take notice that I, R. H. Rogers, as agent for Robert Gaede, free miner's certificate No. B78828, and James Riordan, free miner's certificate No. B78824, intend sixty 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 1st day of December, 1904.
REGINALD H. ROGERS.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 point on the west line of lot 300, 20 chains south of the north-west corner of lot 300

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

F. W. GROVES, Locator.

Princeton, 7th Nov. 1904.

Commencing at a point on the west line of lot 300, 20 chains south of the north-west corner of lot 300,

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

T. H. PARR, Locator.
Per F. W. GROVES.

Princeton, 7th Nov. 1904.

NOTICE.

Silversides and Ironsides mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: Camp Hedley.

Take notice that I, J. Fraser Campbell, agent for Sydney M. Johnson, free miner's certificate No Ba1751; H. W. Yates free miner's certificate No. B78808 and J. Fraser Campbell, free miner's certificate No. B78807, 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 first day of November A.D. 1904.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To STEVE MANGOT or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Gold-Platinum mineral claim, situate on Champion creek, a tributary of the Tulameen river, 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 Gold-Platinum mineral claim, situate on Champion creek, in the Similkameen 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, Daniel Coutenay, free miner, who has made the required expenditure.

The amount due by you in respect of the said mineral claim, not including costs, is $33.33.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1904
DANIEL COUTENAY.

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:—

Situated on Nine-Mile creek, Yale district, about 9 miles south-west from Princeton, B.C., commencing at a post marked D.L.H's north west corner post and running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north back to post, containing 640 acres, and adjoining L. E. Hanley's south boundary line.

D. L. HOPKINS, Locator.
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Dec. 20th, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vancouver and Coast-Kootenay Railway Company will apply to the parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act to increase its capital stock, build branch lines, and to extend the time in which it may construct its works.

D. G. MACDONELL,
Solicitor for applicants.

Dated at Vancouver, B.C, this 19th day of November, 1904.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 point south of B. White's claim,

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

W. J. WILSON, Locator.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

Commencing at a post near W. J. Wilson's claim,

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

P. BURNS, Locator.
W. J. WILSON, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

Commencing at a point near west end of Wilson's claim,

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

GEORGE URQUHART, Locator.
W. J. WILSON, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 1904.

Commencing at a point near George Urquhart's claim,

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

ALEX. SHARP, Locator,
W. J. WILSON, Agent.

Princeton, 28th Nov., 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 the S.W. corner of lot 300. thence east 40 chains, south 80 chains, west 20 chains north 40 chains, west 110 chains along the north line lot 230, north 52 chains along the east line lot 71, west 20 chains to the S.E. corner of lot 75, north 125 chains along the east line of lots 75 and 74, east 19 chains along south line of lot 246, south 160 chains along the west line of F. W. Groves' and T. H. Parr's coal claims, east 80 chains along the south line of T. H. Parr's coal claim, north 20 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres

C. H. TYE, Locator.
per F. W. GROVES,

7th November, 1904.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 E.S.N's southwest corner,

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, and adjoining J. Lang's locations on the east boundary.

E. S. NEAVE, Locator.
ERNEST WATERMAN, Agent.

Princeton, October 10, 1904.

NOTICE.

Northern 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 J. S. C. Fraser, free miner's certificate No. B42433 Joseph Wright, free miner's certificate No. B75373, and L. G. Barron, free miner's certificate No. B57500, 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 October, 1904.

NOTICE.

Honeysuckle 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. B72155, acting for self and as agent for Thomas Day, free miner's certificate No. B72123, 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 Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 15th day of November, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Peerless, fractional, 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 A. E. Irvine, free miner's certificate No. B76870, intend sixty days from the 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 section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 15th day of November, A.D. 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Board of trade meeting next Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The wiremen on the telephone line have passed Granite creek and may be expected to reach Princeton with the wire in the early part of next week.

Manuel Barcelo came up from Olalla as violinist for the social dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Lyall on Thursday evening at which a most enjoyable time was afforded.

Pete Nissing, a rancher near Hedley, is in town for a few days.

Coal is now being delivered in quantities to suit local consumers and miner Gulliford is busy as a bee filling orders. Princeton coal has almost completely crowded out wood as a fuel owing to its cheapness and superior quality.

The local legislature is expected to meet at Victoria on Feb. 2nd.

Hedley has an athletic club with a membership of about 40. The club's headquarters are in the Sproule hall, where a gymnasium has been fitted up.

The twins, Tom and Jerry, at the Hotel Jackson tomorrow.

The bachelors have shown themselves to be imbued with a genuine courtesy by inviting ladies to their afternoon teas during the holidays. The function may be regarded as typical of man soon taking his share of the pleasures and cares of social intercourse in a sphere which is usually considered exclusively woman's. Well done, bachelors. There can scarcely be too many opportunities for these social tete-a tetes and the bachelors are to be congratulated for the innovation and the example they have set.

Billy Clements is wintering in Slocan city.

Baled Hay For Sale—Apply at Central stables.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasture land. The described land is as follows Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of W. H. Thomas' pre-emption and about three miles from Princeton, and running south 80 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 20 chains, to place of commencement and containing 160 acres more or less.

AMY A. WORGAN.

Dated December 23rd 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 80 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows Commencing at a post marked N. D. Y. and running 20 chains north, 40 chains east 20 chains south, 40 chains west, back to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less. Situated about 8 miles from Princeton on Wolf creek.

W. D. YOUNG.

Princeton, Nov. 11, 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 80 acres of mountain pasture land, situated and commencing at the southwest corner of lot number 1937 and running south 40 chains, east 20 chains to lot No. 1937, thence north 40 chains, west 20 chains to point of commencement.

THOS. J. McALPIN.

December 6, 1904.

STRAYED.

Came to my ranch on the Similkameen river in the winter of 1903-4,

One Roan Yearling Steer, no brand.

The owner of the above animal may obtain the same by paying expense of keep and cost of advertisement. If not claimed within 30 days from this date and charges paid, the animal will be sold.

E. BULLOCK-WEBSTER, J.P.

Keremeos, 1st Dec., 1904.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the east side of the Tulameen river, commencing at a post by the N.W. corner post of lot 252, running east 20 chains, north 120 chains, west 140 chains more or less, to a point on river, thence following the line of river to point of commencement.

ANGUS STEWART.

Princeton, Nov. 19, 1904.

NOTICE.

William A. McLean, of the Commercial Hotel, Hedley, intends to apply to the License Commissioners for the Nicola district for permission to transfer his hotel license to William J. Henderson.

Signed,
WILLIAM A. McLEAN.

Dated at Hedley, Dec. 6th, 1904.

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She—Does your husband skate? Her—Yes. She—What kind does he use? Her—Seagram's.

Wiggs—Is your wife living still? Waggs—Yes, she's living, but she's not still by any means.

She (at the opera)—Mrs. Newriche puts on lots of style, doesn't she? He—Judging from the way she looks that's about all she' got on.

"Did you ever try any of our whisky, judge?" asked the dealer. "No," replied the judge; "but I tried a man today who had."

"Yes, sir, he was the laziest man on record. What do you reckon he did when his house was on fire?" "Dunno." "Warmed his hands at the blaze and thanked God he didn't have to split the wood for it!"

Teacher—If your mother bought four baskets of grapes, the dealer's price being twenty-two cents per basket, how much money would the purchase cost her? Tommy—You never kin tell. Ma's great at beating them hucksters down.

Tom—I don't see you automobiling with Miss Giddyun any more. Jack—No; I weighed her in the balance and found her wanting. Tom — Wanting what? Jack—Well, wanting to face the parson with me, for one thing.

Knox—I hear you're getting up an amateur theatrical club. Woodby—Yes, and now we're looking for a good motto for the club. What would you suggest? Knox—What's the matter with: "Think twice before you act?"

"This servant girl problem will make me old before my time!" "Bothers you too, does it?" "Indeed it does. If I have an ugly maid my husband is away all the time, and if I have a pretty one he is at home all the time, and I daren't go away; so there it is."

Two men went into a Boston drug store and told the proprietor that they had made a soda water bet and would have their sodas now, and when the bet was decided the loser would drop in and pay for them, if that would be satisfactory to the druggist. He answered that it would, and after the sodas had been enjoyed, he asked: "By the way, what was the bet?" "My friend here," said one of the men, "bets that when Bunker Hill monument falls it will fall towards the north, and I bet it won't."

Judge Saunderson, who is pracising law in Everett, Washington, formerly lived in Kentland, Indiana, the boyhood home of George Ade, the humorist. "Ade was a peculiar character in his younger years," says the judge. He made my office a sort of loafing place during the little time he spent in loafing. He was employed on a farm owned by a banker. One day he walked into the office and said to me: "That man is the best I ever worked for." "Why?" I asked, for I knew that something funny was coming from Ade. "Well," he replied, "he doesn't ask a man to do a day's work in ten hours—he gives him seven."

Mrs. Ferguson had just returned from entertainment and was in ecstacies over a young woman elocutionist who had taken part in it. She had a trained gown of dark purple velvet," she said, "with bodice trimmed in deep cape collar of real Irish lace and lace cuffs. She wore her hair pompadour and had a diamond cluster at her throat." "What did she recite?" asked Mr. Ferguson "Something about a little girl whose father lost her in the park, or somewhere. I've forgotten the name of it but you know well enough what a wretched memory I have. But it was awfully sad. What are you grinning about for?"

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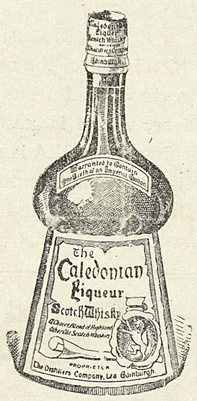

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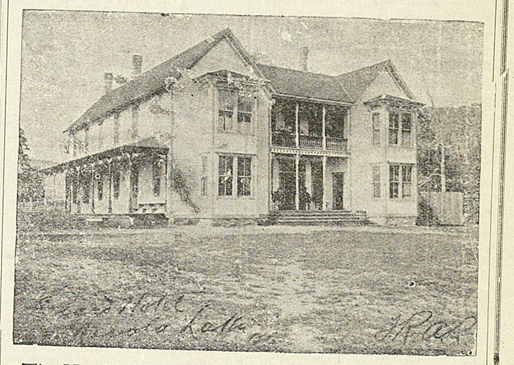

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Items of Interest.

Dr. Sven Hedin, the eminent Swedish explorer, has just discovered in Thibet a new "Dead Sea." It is far more wonderful than its Palestine prototype in that it is at least ten times as extensive. Its waters also contain an infinitely bigger proportion of salt Indeed, the bottom was found, on sounding, to consist of a vast unbroken bed of salt, and this bed proved by boring to be at least 800 yards thick.

In the state of Bermudez, Venezuela, is a pitch lake of unknown depth and vast extent. It was discovered some years back by A. Howard Carner, an American prospector, who, recognizing the value of his find, succeeded in acquiring a title thereto from the Venezuelan government. Hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth of asphalt have since been exported from it. The surface of the lake is so hard that for some distance from shore it will support the weight of a loaded train, but a few yards below the surface it is in a semi-fluid state. Several attempts have been made to sound it, but vainly, and the natives assert that it extends to the bowels of the earth.

The island of Lele, in the Southern Pacific, has been known to voyagers for many years past, but it is only quite recently that a landing has been effected upon its shores. It is surrounded by dangerous reefs and fringed with a continuous ring of precipices. These obstacles to easy access were, however, overcome by H. B. Strandale, who found in the interior a perfect wilderness of ruined cities, the wall in some cases 12 feet thick and from 30 to 40 feet high. They are in the form of parallelograms, 200 feet by 100 feet for the most part, but some are described as much longer. Many of the buildings appear to have been erected upon artificial islets, which in turn are surrounded by canals lined with stone.

But the most extraordinary dissovery of all took the shape of an extinct volcano, which had been scarped and walled to the very summit so as to form a complete, self-contained, and practically impregnable fortress. What manner of people built the mighty works? Whence did they come? Whither have they gone? Fronted by such questions as these, even conjecture is dumb. Concerning them we know nothing—are never likely to know anything.

Even more wonderful in a sense is the vast subterranean city of Mingal, in Turkestan, unearthed by Mr. Bower. These remarkable ruins are said to be far more extensive than those of either Herculaneum or Pompeii. They are situated 16 miles from Kuchar, on the banks of the Shahyan river, and are said to have been built, as his capital, by King Alrasiab, a contemporary Rustam, who ruled over a country corresponding to the present Chinese Turkestan. The labor excavated and decorated a series of underground corridors, temples and palaces, which cover an area that M. Dupont, the French explorer, calculates they must have absorbed the equivalent of the labor of 40,000 men toiling continuously night and day for 40 years.

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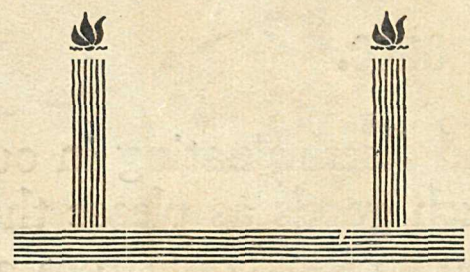

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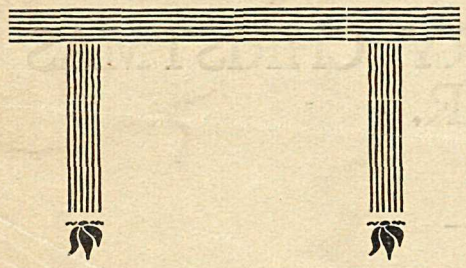

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