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CREAM OF THE WORLD'S NEWS.

France is to hold a world's fair in 1900.

A revolutionary movement is in progress in Bolivia.

Chicago is threatened with another smallpox epidemic.

The board of health now estimates the population of New York to be 1,820,000.

The Peruvian ministry has resigned, being dissatisfied with the administration.

Scarlet fever is raging in London. There are 2430 patients in six public hospitals.

Colonel L. Nulia heads a revolution in Honduras, and has had successful battle with the government forces.

Miss Lottie Collins, the music hall singer who created such a sensation by the "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay" song, died in Paris July 12th.

The Russian government is preparing a bill intended to stamp out Mohammedanism by means of harsh measures, such as those applied to the Jews.

Lord Salisbury, on July 5th, instructed the British representative at Washington to demand an explanation of the seizure of the Coquitlam by the United States steamship Corwin.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has refused to give any further credit to the state of Kentucky. There is no money in the state's treasury and the account for June remains unpaid.

A discovery of great importance to South Africa is a stone capable of being burned into a natural cement of good quality. The deposit covers 1000 acres, and varies in thickness from 10 to 20 feet.

George William Curtis, the distinguished orator, editorial writer of Harper's Weekly, and the conductor of the Easy Chair department in Harper's Monthly, is dying in New York of cancer in the stomach.

Official returns establish the fact that whereas only 5 passengers were killed on the railways of the United Kingdom put together last year, no fewer than 147 persons met with fatal accidents and 5781 were injured in the streets of London.

The investment of £4,000,000 made by the British government in the Suez canal shares will in a year or two, according to Mr. Joseph, be worth £19,000,000, which proves it to have been an excellent stroke of business as well as of diplomacy.

Trial by Judge Lynch is no longer a peculiarly American institution. In Algeria eight criminals have been hanged down and shot by the people without pretence of trial. Only the other day an Arab who had slain a little girl was flung over a precipice by his fellow-countrymen.

In satisfaction of an outrage recently perpetrated on two Americans, Chambers and Bousal, who were severely maltreated in the Moorish capital, the British minister to Morocco has obtained a letter of apology from the pasha of Fez and a letter of regret from the sultan, together with a gift of a sword to Mr. Bousal.

There is an alarming scarcity of farm hands in Kansas. At the stations along the Santa Fe railway the trains are daily besieged by farmers trying to secure men to work. They offer from \$2 to \$3 a day with board wages which have never been known to prevail in the state before. Last year's wheat crop was 51,000,000 bushels, and the yield this year will probably exceed that of any previous year in the history of the state.

The Minerals of British Columbia.

The mineral resources of British Columbia will be largely represented at the World's Fair at Chicago. The provincial government having taken the matter up in a business-like way, are leaving no stone unturned to accomplish their object—that of having the mineral wealth of British Columbia well represented. They have

appointed Charles F. Law of Golden to collect samples of minerals throughout the province, and as Mr. Law has had considerable experience in mining matters, he is a very competent man for the office. He is the gentleman who opposed Colonel Baker in East Kootenay at the last general election, and came within 5 votes of having the honor and responsibility of signing M.P.P. after his name.

GOLD YARNS.

The story of the famous treasure of the "Madre d'Oro" is an old one. It comes from the Aztecs of Mexico. Somewhere in southeastern Arizona there is a small valley, about 5 miles long and 2 miles wide, walled in by towering mountains. The sides are so precipitous that it is impossible to climb down them, and there is only one entrance, through a cave, which is carefully hidden by Indians, who guard the treasure for the second coming of Montezuma. It is said that even among them the entrance is only known to the 3 most aged men, and is never communicated except when, on the death of one, it is necessary to give the knowledge into the keeping of another. The valley itself, though surrounded by inhospitable rocks, is a paradise. Watered by the stream which flows through it, its soil is covered with flowers and beautiful trees, through the branches of which flit bright hued birds. The only reptiles seen are the gold snakes, with their glittering greenish yellow scales.

Stretching across the valley from one side to the other is a ledge of pure gold, its masses of virgin metal gleaming and glistening in the sunlight. It is said to be 5 feet, 10 feet, 50 feet, 100 feet wide. The gold lies in it in great veins and nuggets, imbedded in clear quartz, the sharp angles of which glitter in the sunlight like gigantic diamonds. Across the ledge the stream flows, forming a little waterfall, below which the nuggets of gold can be seen in the water and out. Gold in the ledge, gold in the scales of snakes, gold in the stream, gold in the birds—gold, gold, gold—is the refrain of the golden story.

The fearful precipices which surround the place, the strange ceremonies and horrid banquets which have served to keep the secret safe, the tribe of Aztecs, living only to preserve for their mysterious ruler this treasure house of nature, have all aided in giving to the story its strange interest. Small wonder is it that the pulse should quicken and the eye grow bright as you hear the tale from the lips of men who more than half believe it. The lonely desert surrounding you, with the tall cacti looking like ghosts in the half moonlight; the long drawn melancholy of the coyote's howl, the prospector's fire of grease wood, the men with their rough clothing and quaint language, all vanish as you listen, and in imagination you are transported to the wonderful valley in which is the "Madre d'Oro," the "Mother of Gold."

Nor are they content to tell the story of an Indian legend. They cite instances of white men who have seen the place, who have descended into the valley in some way and returned with all the gold they could carry. The location of the spot is always in a dangerous Indian country. I have been told twice that it was in the Chiricahua mountains. It is always said to have been found merely by accident by men who were either hunting or prospecting for ledges, about the only 2 occupations which will make unscientific men climb the mountains. It can only be seen from the upper end after the morning mists in the valley have cleared away. Then, as one stands on the rugged peaks and looks down, he sees the great ledge spanning the valley below him, the virgin metal glittering in the sunlight, and he knows that he has before him the place of which he has heard so much and dreamed so often.

The legends of lost mines of fabulous wealth in Pima county are almost numberless, and it might be truthfully added, general mythical. The old timers can tell of them by the hour, and a few persons have been shown glittering evidences in confirmation of the wonderful tales reluctantly recited with superstitious dread of the consequences of their perfidy by almost superannuated Indians and Mexicans.

That the precious metals were mined on a gigantic scale in the dim past the many remaining evidences already discovered fully verify, yet the investigation of those that chance has revealed has seldom proved financially successful. Old arrastres, covered with the decay of centuries, and crude smelting furnaces that have almost returned to the dusty destiny of all matter, speak of industries once in active operation that history and even aboriginal tradition fail to mention.

Some of the traditions told sound like fairy tales, and one, however skeptical, cannot but become deeply interested in their recital.

"Speaking of old mines," said an old mining man, "I have spent a good deal of time and money in hunting up clues, and one mine was actually found, and I can go to it at any time. Out in the Silver Bell country I can take you to a mountain so full of tunnels and shafts that, if they were in good condition, you could travel through all day long and not reach the end."

"A number of old timers have visited it, and, judging from the vast work done there so long ago, they concluded that a great mine of some kind had existed there, which had likely been worked out. Many times has it been located, and though its walls, roof and floor were carefully scanned and sampled, the result, while showing some gold, was discouraging, assays showing from a trace up to several dollars per ton."

"Many years ago I talked with an old Papago Indian, with whom I was on very friendly terms, having often extended him little favors, about the gold and silver mines. In a burst of confidence he told me that a great many years ago, when he was a very small boy, the Indians at San Navier del Buc made weekly trips to a very rich gold mine. On Saturday night they returned with the products of their toil. The priest in charge of the mission kept a small table in front of the altar, covered with a white cloth, upon which the pious toilers placed their metallic offerings to the church."

"This table was covered with golden nuggets varying in size from a pea to one's fist, and it was a rich sight. After the usual service the priest would descend, and as he picked up each precious piece he would proclaim the name of the donor and afterward would call them forward to receive the special blessing of heaven. On the following Monday they would again take up their march in a northwesterly direction for the mines, and for a very long time this was repeated, until the priests were driven out of the country, when they abandoned mining entirely."

"The old Indian had one time gone with the miners, who followed a well beaten trail toward the Silver Bell country, and he saw them take out the gold. He agreed to show me the place, and out of curiosity I sent a man with him one day. They went out to the old mine I have spoken of the Silver Bell country, and when they reached a certain gulch the Indian pointed to the top of a mountain and said he would find a shaft there, covered with cat claw bushes, out of which the most gold was taken. The man found everything just as the old Indian told him, but long disuse had filled up the shaft until it was nearly full."

"On returning, the Indian could not be found. He had gone ahead and was not met for several days. He then said he dare not show the mine to the white people, and protested that he did not show it for fear the great spirit would take his life. He said the white man had found it, but he did not show it. I visited the mine afterward, but the work necessary to clean out the shaft was too great and too expensive to undertake, and it has never been touched."

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Hot Springs News.

MAKE SURE OF YOUR FACTS.

The outside press, animated by we know not what spirit of jealousy and criticism, and relying on the rumors and reports about the Slocan country, spread by disappointed prospectors and others, has apparently united to give it a black eye. The Spokane Miner, in particular, has an article on the country which is a most curious mixture of truth and falsehood, sound advice and self-contradictory drivel. It begins by saying that "the great predictions and alluring promises in regard to the rich strikes that were reported from this camp last year have unfortunately not materialised." Probably it alludes to the gigantic fables which were circulating around the saloons and street corners of Spokane last winter, and which the Spokane press dished up to its readers as historical facts. "Subsequent events have fully justified the views expressed by The Miner last winter." We do not know what those views were and really they cannot have been very important, as the article admits they were based on complete ignorance of the facts. But we will say that subsequent events have more than justified the views expressed by the NEWS and by everyone who knows anything of what they were talking or writing about. The snow has been gone from the Slocan country about 4 weeks. What has happened in that time? Jim Wardner, who was, as usual, the first to get to work, has, in 4 weeks, taken out the value of what he paid for the Freddy Lee in solid ore. He maintains it is the greatest mine in the greatest country in the world. Messrs. Burke and Garrison have bonded the Blue Bird, a claim discovered this month, for \$25,000, and do not hesitate to say that anyone who decries the Slocan country must do so from interested motives. Dr. Kilbourne of Seattle, has bonded the Lucky Jim group for \$40,000 and set 12 or 14 men to work. Mr. Jefferson has begun work on the Washington, and swears by the country. Numerous other claims have been bonded and sold, all in 4 weeks. Twenty-three thousand dollars has been raised by private subscription to build a wagon road from Kaslo, so as to ship ore. And the mining season is 4 weeks old. We do not know what the Spokane press expected, but that is good enough for us. The conclusion of the article from which we have quoted contradicts the rest of it, and for that reason, among others, may be taken as sound gospel. "Much work," says the Spokane Miner, "will have to be done to give the camp the prestige to which it aspires." Perfectly true. Work, and work only is required. The mineral is there; it only needs to be taken out, and the future of the camp depends now on the energy, industry and push of its founders. Work is the only thing that will make a country. Tap-room talk and whiskey swilling will never do it. Let the boys get out and rustle and Slocan is bound to become a country famous in the annals of mining, and that within a short space of time.

THE NEW DENVER SALE.

The sale of town lots at New Denver shows conclusively that the Slocan country has backers who are not afraid to stay with it. Con-

fidence in the Slocan is the last thing wanting among the people who know the least thing about it. Amid the various and conflicting rumors, optimistic and reverse, from which mining camps suffer, the price of real estate is a fair test of the general feeling in regard to them. Real estate in itself is not a source of wealth, but it is a barometer which tells with tolerable certainty how the weather sets. And that barometer is in the Slocan country pointing fixedly to "set fair."

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THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Professor Saunders, executive commissioner of the World's Columbian exhibition for the Dominion, is in Winnipeg making arrangements for the creditable representation of Canada's resources in Chicago next year. Having this work entirely under his charge, he is visiting the different provinces for the purpose of interviewing the various governments and endeavoring to excite as warm an interest as possible in the enterprise, so as to secure a complete series of exhibits from every province, especially such as will show the resources, agricultural, mineral, and timber, in every department in which the province desires to exhibit. He calls attention to the fact that the Dominion government offers to pay transportation charges of all exhibits to Chicago and return; also to provide the necessary caretakers to look after the exhibits and keep them in presentable shape throughout the 6 months of the exhibition. The co-operation of the provinces is asked, for several reasons. It is believed that they will be benefitted by taking up the work energetically, also that they can do better work in many departments than could possibly be done by the Dominion, as their local organizations enable them to reach the farmers and others who will provide the materials.

About 100,000 square feet of space altogether has been secured. Of this 10,000 feet will be allotted for the government building; 10,000 feet for the mineral products; 4000 feet for the forestry building, in which the various timbers will be exhibited; 20,000 feet for the building for manufactures; and smaller areas in a number of other buildings will be allotted for various other purposes.

The eastern provinces, professor Saunders says, are taking active steps now to bring together representative exhibits in all the departments in which they are severally interested; and his object in visiting the west is to do the same for the western provinces as is being done for the eastern ones, namely to make provision for their exhibits in a manner satisfactory to the provinces themselves and the whole country. It is proposed to erect a Canadian building as a place of rendezvous for the Canadian people, at a cost of \$20,000; and the provinces are asked to assist in this work on the basis of the Dominion government paying one-half the cost, and the provinces dividing the other half amongst them. Ontario is contributing \$3000; Quebec, \$2000; Nova Scotia, \$1000; and proportionate amounts are expected from the western provinces. These contributing provinces will be entitled to expect office accommodation for their own representatives, and people from Canada everywhere will be welcome to the public use of the building. There will be a large reception room provided with a postoffice, where Canadian papers will be on file. The building will be so constructed outside as to afford ample verandah accommodation; hence, when the reception room is over-filled, people can meet on the piazzas and discuss with their friends the different features of the exhibition and thus make the reception room a sort of homelike place.

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THE SMALLPOX IN VICTORIA.

Captain Rudlin, of the Yosemite, in spite of all opposition, quietly landed all his passengers on the mainland. If you ask the captain where he got them ashore, he will tell you at Omaha, and there is a keen suspicion abroad that Omaha is not more than a cool thousand miles from the Terminal city itself.

Already the stringent regulations adopted for the prevention of the spread of smallpox is having its effect, there being a decided and noticeable decrease in the number of new cases reported, as will be seen from the official report of provincial health officer dr. J. C. Davie. The city cases which were moved out to the Jubilee quarantine hospital are all receiving the best possible attention.

The government, on July 18th, by an order-in-council, removed medical health officer Milne, of Victoria, placing the city under the provincial health officer dr. Davie.

No fresh cases of smallpox have been reported for three days.

Those who have died of smallpox, since the present visitation commenced, are 10 in number.

United States consul Meyers considers that the Puget Sound health board are making themselves look foolish in trying to quarantine Victoria.

The Dominion government has purchased the steamer Earle as a quarantine vessel at Victoria and it will be fitted at once with a machine, to give a di-oxide blast, the latest and most effective fumigator known to science. The machine has arrived and the di-oxide plant will be fitted on board without delay. The fumigation from this machine is so powerful that it would instantly kill anyone remaining in the hold of a vessel where it was being used.

Following is the report of the provincial health officer, dr. J. C. Davie, viz:

Nanaimo—No cases of smallpox in the city or district.

New Westminster—Two cases in the city and two in the district.

Vancouver—Five cases in the city.

Victoria—Fifty-six cases, as follows: Albert Head quarantine station, 14; Jubilee quarantine station, 23; in city proper, 19.

During the past 24 hours there have been 2 deaths—both city cases. No deaths have occurred at either of the quarantine stations.

Hon. Forbes G. Vernon has been removed to the Jubilee quarantine hospital and is doing very well.

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KASLO NOTES.

John Fielding, P.L.S., is surveying mineral claims in the vicinity of Ainsworth.

Mr. Baume opened his new hotel, The Noble Five, situate on Front street on Saturday.

A number of specimens of gold were exhibited here from Fry creek and Duncan river during the past week.

There are so many purchases going on and strikes are so frequent that Mr. Bryan, the assayer, is kept busy assaying night and day.

The Monte Christo on Bear creek is looking well. Two and a half feet of solid galena has been uncovered, assaying 100 ounces in silver and 72 ounces lead.

H. B. Fletcher, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel, Kamloops, who has been visiting his brother Archie Fletcher, proprietor of the Grand Central hotel, Kaslo, left for home Tuesday morning.

Mr. Kemp, proprietor of the mineral springs near here, made his first shipment of mineral water Thursday morning to Nelson and Pilot Bay. He says that the demand already exceeds his present limited means of supply.

B. H. Lee of B. H. Lee & Co. has gone to New Denver, not for the purpose of purchasing lots, but to convince the people there that there are other places except Nelson and New Denver in the Kootenay district where property can be bought to advantage.

John R. Toole of Anaconda, chief expert of the Anaconda Mining Company of Montana, arrived here Tuesday evening and left for the Montezuma claim the following morning with a view of purchasing the same. Mr. Toole proposes visiting all the most important claims in this district before returning to Montana.

Negotiations which have been pending for the sale of the Lucky Jim consummated Wednesday in the purchase of that claim by Dr. E. C. Kilbourne of Seattle for \$41,000. The doctor left for Seattle on Thursday morning, but expects to return shortly to work the claim. Before leaving he offered \$2000 towards the construction of a wagon road into the mining country.

The Blue Bird mineral claim has been sold by messrs. Thompson and Whitten to messrs. J. N. Burke, O. D. Garrison of the Cœur d'Alenes, and E. E. Coy of this town for \$25,000. Mr. Coy left Tuesday morning for the claim with supplies and a force of men to commence the construction of a trail up to the claim, and he expects within a month or six weeks to ship five tons per day. This claim averages \$220 per ton.

A certain gentleman who claims to be a Mason has been haunting this district for the last week or ten days, and obtaining money under such representations. This individual has been offered work on several occasions, but being afraid that the dignity of the order would be impaired thereby, refused to take it. The party referred to has gone to Nelson and we would like to advise the citizens of that place to look out for him.

The Yankee Relic Hunter.

"Americans are the vandals that are now devastating Europe," was the startling assertion made by Dr. Thomas Baxter a few days ago. "They are the most indefatigable relic hunters

that are to be found in the world, and every historic spot between the pyramids of Cheop and the tower of London has suffered more or less at their hands. I verily believe that my fellow countrymen would chip the nose from the Venus de Medici and carry it away if they were not watched. And the women are even more aggressive than the men. Relic hunting has become a craze with Americans, and manifests itself both at home and abroad. The old chair in which Lincoln put a splint bottom has to be kept in a wire cage to prevent relic hunters carrying it away piece-meal."

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Notice is hereby given that I intend to make application to the licensing board at its next sitting for a license for a hotel at the forks of Carpenter, Seaton, and North Fork creeks
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APPLICATION FOR CROWN GRANT.

Notice is hereby given that S. S. Bailey and William Alpers have filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim "Dellie," situate in the Ainsworth mining division, West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days of publication.
N. FITZSTUBBS,
Nelson, B.C., July 13th, 1892. Gold commissioner.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to make application so the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase under the provisions of the "Eagle Pass Wagon Road Act, 1883" 160 acres of land, more or less, situate on the north side of the West Arm of Kootenay lake, adjoining the townsite of Balfour, West Kootenay district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post marked A, placed at the southwest corner of the townsite of Balfour, thence due north along the west boundary line of said townsite of Balfour 40 chains to post marked B, thence due west 40 chains to post marked C, thence due south 40 chains more or less to post marked D, placed at the water's edge of the West Arm of Kootenay lake, thence following the meander of the shore line of said West Arm in an easterly direction to the place of beginning.
T. LUBBE.
June 8th, 1892.

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DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The copartnership (unregistered) heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Lean & Parkin, carrying on business as plasterers and masons at Nelson, B.C., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the firm are payable to Allan Lean, who will discharge all liabilities.
Dated at Nelson, 29th June, 1892.

Witness:
JOHN C. HAYES, ALLAN LEAN,
JOE PARKIN,
In future the above business will be carried on by Allan Lean.