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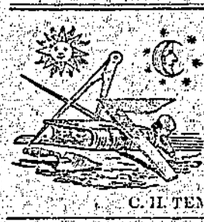

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The powder house at Trail Creek is completed and a large quantity of powder is now being hauled from Trail Landing for the mines there.

The miners and prospectors of Trail Creek are all feeling jubilant over the future outlook, as everything looks promising for a steady and permanent growth for Thompson and the entire district.

The Le Roi Mining Co., of Trail Creek, is shipping a large amount of hay from Colville to the mine at Thompson, B. C. The company has also contracted for a large quantity of grain and feed, to be shipped as soon as the harvest closes.

Big Gold Output at Coolgardie.

Accounts of big gold finds at Coolgardie continue to be received. The former lack of water has been overcome by a great influx of the precious fluid being struck in the Carnage mine in the northern part of the district. One lot of 500 lbs. of stone from the Londonderry mine was exhibited in Perth, estimated to contain nearly 100 lbs. of gold. Capt. Beaglehole describes the Londonderry find as the richest stone yet discovered in the Coolgardie district, and states that he had been offered £50,000 for the claim with the gold and specimens already produced. The offer has not yet been accepted.

A telegram received this week says: "Nearly 12,000 oz. of gold arrived in Perth to-day from Coolgardie, and about 4,000 oz. a day ago from Murchison. The export of gold for the six months ended the 30th of June was valued at £230,000 as against £249,000 for the first six months of last year, owing to the rainy season being in the last half of the year return is much greater as a rule than in the first half of the year. The revenue for the year ended June 30th was £681,000, as against £575,000 for the year ended 30th June, 1893, showing an increase of £100,000 on the year."

ALASKA MINING NEWS.

Gold Discovered on an Indian Reservation.

The steamer Chilkat arrived at Seattle from Alaska last Friday and brought papers to July 30.

Work on the Cross Bay claims, two miles south of Juneau, is progressing rapidly. A tunnel has been driven into the footwall 14 feet, and it is expected to tap the ledge within forty feet of the beach. The lava capping removed indicates a well-defined mineral-bearing rock, and it is estimated a conservative assay will show $4.50 to $20 to the ton of ore.

The Berner's Bay Mining and Milling Company have shipped two bars of gold bullion and 270 sacks of concentrates to the Everett smelter, as a result of its last two clean-ups. There is yet a quantity of concentrates to be shipped.

Although the work of mining and prospecting in the vicinity of Juneau has been somewhat retarded this season on account of the heavy fall of snow last winter and an unusually late spring, work is progressing rapidly on all important properties, and several of the prospectors have already made some valuable discoveries on new ground in different parts of the range. Good ore has been brought in within the past month from ledges which are well defined and extensive.

The steamer City of Topeka which arrived at Port Townsend from Alaska last Saturday reports that a big mining excitement had broken out on Annette Island, near the boundary, and that a large number of miners had come down from Juneau and staked out sixteen quartz claims. The island is an Indian reservation, and some doubt prevails as to whether mining claims can be located thereon. The agent, Rev. Mr. Duncan, in behalf of the Metlakahtla Indians, has sent a request to Washington City asking that the government remove the miners from the reservation before trouble ensues, as the Indians dislike the invasion of the white miners. Many of the miners apprehend trouble if the government does not take cognizance of the proceedings. They are now holding the claims at the point of rifles. Both sides are watching closely, and any indiscreet action will surely precipitate a bloody battle. Some unsettled spirits among the Indians declare they will kill the miners if the government fails to take quick and decisive action.

A case of leprosy has been discovered in Nanaimo. Constable McLean met a Chinaman named Sing, and suspecting him, took him to the Bastion. Dr. McKechnie unhesitatingly pronounced it leprosy, but a consultation of Doctors McKechnie and McLeod was held on Wednesday, and the opinion of leprosy was confirmed. The victim was sent to Victoria for conveyance to D'Arcy Island.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR.]

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What is Mundic?

SIR,—In a recent article you mention a mineral called mundic, saying that it contained a great deal of arsenic. I have not met with such a mineral, or at least not under that name. You also say it is found in copper lodes. As we have considerable copper veins in this country I should like to know mundic if I see it.—Yours truly, MINER.

[Mundic is really iron pyrites. It is a local name among Cornish and Devonshire miners. In the copper mines of south Devon mundic is probably the preponderating mineral found in the lodes, especially in what is known there as yellow copper ore. It is looked upon as a strong poison. The water pumped from these mines used to flow into the streams and rivers which were from time immemorial noted for speckled trout and other game fish. But it was found that wherever mine water polluted the rivers the fish were destroyed. This was owing to the poison contained in the mundic and copper ore. Parliament legislated upon the matter, and an Act was passed making it compulsory for mine-owners to purify the water from their mines before allowing it to enter rivers or their tributaries. This purifying process which has become general in Devon and Cornwall, is attained by means of catchpits at intervals of two or three feet and extending sometimes for half a mile. "Mundic water," as it is called there, is also poisonous to vegetation. If left to overflow meadows it kills the grass. Cows have been poisoned by drinking mine-water. It was probably this poisonous character of mundic, or iron pyrites, which led assayers to discover the process by which to-day pure marketable arsenic is extracted from it.—ED.]

IT MIGHT BE DONE HERE.

There is no great obstacle in the way of this town being able to utilise the current of the Columbia River, after the fashion of Great Falls, Mont., as given below:

"According to the account given by a correspondent, Great Falls, Mont., appears fairly entitled to the distinction of being called the Electric City. At Black Eagle Falls, three miles above the town, an immense dam has been thrown across the Missouri, and hydraulic works and power-houses erected. Not only are the street cars propelled and lighted by electricity from the power-houses, but they are heated as well by electric radiators placed in each car. Elevators, printing presses, cranes and all kinds of machinery are operated by the ubiquitous force. There are automatic excavators, electric pumps and electric rock-crushers. A not uncommon sight on the streets is a mortar-mixer attached to an electric wire leading down from a pole. The restaurants cook by electricity, the butcher employs it to chop his sausages and hamburger, and the grocer to grind his coffee, and so likewise does the tailor to heat his goose. The subtle fluid is a welcome blessing in every home; the housewives run their sewing machines and heat their flatirons by electricity; they bake their cakes on wooden electric cake-ovens that can be set away on a shelf like pasteboard boxes. They have electric boilers and broilers and teakettles. What a singular anomaly when one pauses to think of it; that of broiling steaks and heating flatirons through the instrumentality of a waterfall!—*Engineering Magazine.*

Gold in The North-west.

Dr. J. G. Calder, of Medicine Hat, who is in Montreal just now as one of the deputation to wait upon the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway on behalf of the citizens of Medicine Hat, on his return to his home in the North-west, proceeds on an interesting prospecting expedition. The party starts from Calgary, and is to thoroughly explore Battle Creek from its mouth to the Cypress Hills, where the Indians have always had traditions of immense gold mines of unusual productiveness. A great deal of attention has been paid lately by the people of Alberta and Western Assiniboia to prospecting for gold, and a great deal of gold is being extracted from the sand bars in the Saskatchewan, in the vicinity of Medicine Hat.—*Montreal Star.*

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Uses and Manufacture of Arsenic.

[WRITTEN FOR THE KOOTENAY MAIL.]

In view of the late extensive discovery of arsenic in the Big Bend district, it may not be out of place to give a short historical description of this very well-known poison, which is so very largely used in the arts. As regards its poisonous effect on all animals it is unnecessary to say much more here than that its action has been known and studied in all its aspects for very many years; so much so that it is even common in many countries to actually take arsenic as a sort of condiment, and the writer is acquainted with several cases where arsenic, in small doses, is considered to vastly improve the (feminine) complexion, and is regularly taken for that purpose. Such a dangerous proceeding, however, cannot escape the gravest censure. As the poison is most rapidly absorbed into the system, nothing but an immediate antidote is of any use, and the most handy one seems to be a heavy dose of Epsom salts with a little *sal volatile* or ammonia added. Copious draughts of water are also useful. Fortunately, arsenic is about the most easily discovered poison among those known, and there can be no doubt whatever, knowing the previous circumstances of any case, whether death was caused by arsenic or not. In one very celebrated case it is emphatically the writer's opinion that death was not so caused.

To return, however, to the more strictly metallurgical history of this metal. It is found abundantly all over the world—commonly in combination with iron pyrites (also well-known as mundic), and in other ways combined with iron. Also it is found "native," or in the "free metallic state," as gold is, but far more usually combined with iron, copper, especially nickel and cobalt and other metals, from which it is extracted in various ways according to circumstances—whether the arsenic is to be wasted and the other metals saved, or *vice versa*, or whether, as is now usual in well-managed works, everything is to be saved. In Swansea, where most of the copper ore raised in Cornwall is smelted, the roasting furnaces (used for roasting the ore previous to smelting it) are provided with very long flues, arranged horizontally, so that any arsenic driven off the ore by the operation of roasting may condense in them and be collected at intervals. Iron doors are provided every few yards whereby to gain access to the flues when desired. Arsenic being one of the most volatile substances known (it will pass from the solid metallic state into the gaseous form without melting), it is invariably by means of heat applied to the ore, and very long flues to condense the vapor given off, that the metal is separated; and when so separated it in the form of white arsenic, or arsenious oxide, which requires but slight additional purification to render it fit for the market. Various forms of furnaces and systems of condensing flues have been invented, but the principle is the same in all. Some keep the smoke from the furnace fire separate from the fume from the roasted ore; these, of course, yield a cleaner product. In any case it is a most unpleasant job to clean these flues, and the greatest care is needed to prevent arsenical poisoning. The crude white arsenic is usually re-sublimed in another furnace with special care, and this process renders it a marketable article, worth perhaps three or four cents a pound.

Now, let us turn to the industrial uses of arsenic in some of its various combinations.

In the manufacture of glass white arsenic is used to destroy the color that would otherwise be formed in the finished product by the presence of a little iron and some other metals (as manganese) that may exist as impurities in the materials used, which, as a matter of fact, usually do exist. In calico printing and dyeing it is also very largely employed; also in the manufacture of the well-known aniline dyes, though to describe the exact ways in which it is employed under this head would require a considerably longer time and larger space than can be given to it here. It enters into the composition of arsenical soap, so much and so successfully used in preserving the skins of animals, more particularly when the skins are intended to be stuffed; its great use being to render the skin poisonous to moths and other destructive insects. It is also used to a considerable extent in medicine, and appears to have a special value in curing some forms of skin disease. But perhaps it is more in the making of colors that its principal employment is found. Orpiment—a beautiful yellow, and realgar—a splendid orange, are both compounds of arsenic and sulphur; but the various forms of green, emerald green, Scheele's green and others are perhaps even better known and more largely used for pigments. It is unnecessary to point out that extreme caution must be used in handling these compounds; these green pigments are compounds of copper and arsenic, both of which are poisonous, and many cases are on record of continual illness, apparently unaccountable, occurring in families who lived in a house where the room mostly used was papered with green paper. This green color was due to some arsenic compound, and the inmates of the house, quite unsuspectingly, were being slowly and continually poisoned by the dust naturally rubbed off the walls. Green "flock" papers in particular are very doubtful, and should be examined to ascertain whether or not they contain arsenic before being used in a living room; this is not at all a difficult matter, but one that can hardly be accomplished without a small amount of chemical knowledge. There are some other colors into the composition of which arsenic enters more or less, but green is the commonest. A sort of solution of emerald green is employed to spray plants with, for the purpose of killing insect pests; this is commonly used, but it is doubtful if all the users are aware what a dangerous weapon they are employing, and unless the greatest care be used accidents are likely to happen. Some very well-known fly-papers depend on arsenic for their effect, and these consequently are not at all safe in careless hands. In various forms arsenic is used in making fire-works—according to the particular form used it will cause a brilliant white light or a magnificent green one; and in many other trades, to which we cannot now allude, arsenic is very generally employed. We trust enough has been said at least to give prospectors some encouragement to look for other metals besides silver; a good big lead of arsenic is by no means to be despised.

A. H. HOLDICH.

GENERAL NEWS.

Charles Mitchell, the pugilist, has announced his intention of returning to the United States in October.

A Winnipegger just returned from a trip through the province, reports a great demand for harvest hands by farmers.

C. P. R. traffic for the week ending August 7 amounted to $359,000; for the same week last year the earnings were, $419,000.

The steamship Fremona sailed from Montreal for London last Sunday with 400 tons of sand and ballast, no grain offering for shipment.

A cable from England states that the $2,000,000 Montreal 4 per cent. debenture loan, put on the market last Friday, is all subscribed.

In consequence of the spread of cholera in Holland, steerage passengers for America are subjected to five days' quarantine before being allowed to land.

Sidney Drew, the actor, and his wife, a daughter of McKee Rankin, it is said are at loggerheads over the attention bestowed by the former on Miss Eloise Willis, an actress.

A large public meeting was held in New Westminster last Saturday night at which the Fraser river bridge by-law was discussed. The by-law is sure to carry by a large majority.

A state sub-committee has reported at Albany that the granting of any more riparian rights, utilising the Niagara River therfor, will dim the scenic grandeur of the Falls. They recommend that no more such privileges be granted.

Members of the Vancouver Scientific Association unearthed on the North Arm a skull with a broken spear-head in it. Over the mound from which it was dug was a tree fully 1,000 years old. The skull was in a fine state of preservation.

A new giraffe has been discovered in Africa near the Gulf of Aden. Its skin is a bright chestnut, marked with almost invisible lines of creamy white instead of the striking mottlings of the species known hitherto. At a distance the color is perfectly homogeneous.

Corbett and Jackson met in New York Monday afternoon to arrange for their much talked of match, and after a wordy warfare, nearly settled their respective claims to superiority on the spot. It is now about certain that the chances of a match being arranged are very remote.

French Canadians are flocking into Northern Ontario in hundreds. Official figures show that during the past few months some five hundred French-speaking families, representing 2,500 souls, have settled in that part of the province. Of these a majority are returning settlers from the Eastern and Northwestern States.

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Geo. Amor, who lives a few miles south of Brandon, Man., sought to poison a snake with some strychnine she had placed in a buttered piece of bread. Percy, her two-year-old son, noticing the bread, picked it up and began eating it. In a few moments he was in the agony of death, and died before any medical relief could be given him.

CASSIAR ELECTION.

The result so far as ascertained in the Cassiar election is as follows:

	Irving.	Dalby.
Essington	44	20
Inverness	12	8
Port Simpson	23	2
Naas River	7	4
Skidegate	4	0
River's Inlet	12	2
	102	45

Majority for Irving, 57.

There are several places to hear from yet, which, it is believed, will increase Capt. Irving's majority. Both candidates are staunch supporters of the Government, so that the contest is purely one of a choice between two men. Full returns will not be obtained for a month, as the polling at Deas Creek will not take place until Sep. 5th. Passengers who came down by the str. Danube say that Mr. Dalby formally retired from the fight upon the receipt of the returns from the lower portion of the district, hoping thereby to save his deposit.

AN EDITOR'S TRIALS.

A contemporary thus breaks out in virtuous wrath at the meanness displayed in its own town: "A newspaper man's business is to boom a town for all it is worth month after month and then see $100 worth of printing go out of the town because 10 cents can be saved by so doing. It is the business of the paper to give every local enterprise enthusiastic and frequent send-off, and then catch shed because he failed to record the fact that some prominent citizen has had his woodshed whitewashed. To subscribe liberally to every public, charitable or church enterprise, advertise them for nothing, pay his own way to everything, and then be called prejudiced and mean spirited because a column is not devoted to that particular affair."

We are proud to say things are different here. Our people are tumbling over each other in their haste to get their jobbing work done, because they know they can't do better by sending away for it. Our advertisers don't kick, and our subscribers pay up as soon as asked; still we want more business to make the business a success. If a paper does not get an income large enough to pay the employes' wages it can hardly be termed a financial success.

Ruined by His Children.

J. H. Bunce, formerly mayor of Louisville and for many years a member of the city council, has turned up a member of Kelly's industrial army. He is now one of the crowd of vagrants around Washington. He left Louisville ten years ago in good circumstances and made a fortune in silver mining in Colorado. His sons led a dissipated life and cost him his all. Then Bunce went to California and joined Kelly's army. Friends are making an effort to have him return to Louisville.

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THAT POLITICAL RUMOR.

THE Nelson *Tribune*, discussing the rumor of Mr. Kellie's retirement in favor of Mr. Vernon, says Kellie is to be bribed with the appointment of "gold commissioner and government agent for the district of which Revelstoke is the commercial centre. Every man is said to have his price, but we never thought Kellie's price was so low." The *Tribune* is quite too previous. Mr. Kellie came down from Big Bend only two days ago, and he says he has not heard the first hint of such a thing. He also says he has not the slightest desire for the gold commissionership. In fact, it is not in his line at all. He is a miner, more versed in minerals than in red tape, and prefers the honor of representing a free and enlightened constituency in his country's legislature to anything the Government can offer him. He did not hesitate to characterize the *Tribune's* effusion as "rot."

CESSATION OF WORK ON THE WAGON ROADS.

WORK on the Big Bend trail has ceased for the present. The last gang of men were those employed under Tom Downs in the construction of a bridge across Downie Creek. These men came down on Monday, thus concluding all Government work in the Bend for 1894. The trail for the first ten miles, it is said, cannot be excelled, and for the remainder of the distance is in a passable condition, but, according to the reports of those using it, is far from being complete. There are still many people of the opinion that a wagon road to the head of Steamboat Canyon, as was at first projected, would have been of greater utility than the present trail, but as it was utterly impossible to make a wagon road with the small amount of money appropriated it is useless to discuss that question. As there were so many bridges carried away between Revelstoke and Gold Stream which it was absolutely necessary to replace, the full appropriation could not be spent on the trail. With the amount at his command the Government Agent has—so say those who have been over the trail—made an excellent showing.

The Lardeau-Trout Lake wagon road is not completed, and, according to some statements, is not likely to be this year. This will be a drawback to the whole Lardeau district. We understand there is more than one mine from which it was intended to ship ore this fall. Mr. Lee, the surveyor, made an estimate of $12,000 as the cost of the road, and the Government made a supplementary appropriation to bring the amount up to his estimate. This will probably be spent by the end of this month, as the expenditure to the end of July, including $915 for trails, had been $9,110.75. Many of the men employed will be enabled to develop their mining claims a little with the money earned, others will go out in the hills prospecting, but there will probably be 30 or 40 with nothing to do. Some people think a tramway will have to be laid down to make the road of any service for hauling ore. There is no doubt that one horse could draw on rails more than six could on a soft roadbed. But, then, in winter time a tram road is no better than a wagon road.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[ADDRESSED TO THE EDITOR.]

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The Gold Commissionership.

SIR,—Rumors are flying about that we are to have a new Gold Commissioner, and that Mr. Kirkup is to be removed to Fort Simpson. It is whispered that we are to have a milkman for Commissioner; while the Nelson paper says Mr. Kellie is to be the lucky man, and that Mr. Vernon will be our representative.

Can these things be? I sincerely hope there is no foundation for such rumors; yet we might swap off Mr. Kellie for Mr. Vernon with great profit to the district. But why Mr. Kirkup should be removed to make room for anyone I fail to see. He has been a faithful and trustworthy officer and the charges brought against him were disproved. Miners made no complaint against him. So why send him away? If the Government contemplate any changes in that direction the miners should have the privilege of selecting a Gold Commissioner. The office should seek the man and not the man the office. Mr. Goepel is doing good work in straightening out matters neglected by Fitzstubbs, and there is no kick coming about mining matters; but there will be a big kick if the Government saddles us with a tenderfoot Commissioner.—yours truly, MINER.

Revelstoke, August 17, 1894.

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Revelstoke, Aug., 1894. JOSEPH DUNN.

The prizes won at the Tennis Tournament on July 3rd will be distributed this afternoon at 5:30, on the grounds of the Revelstoke Tennis Club.

THINGS SAID AND DONE ABOUT TOWN.

[BY DIOGENES.]

(*Continued from page 4.*)

I also hear that while this distinction has befallen the Methodist brethren, the Presbyterians are about to extend an invitation either to Rev. G. A. Wilson, B. A., or Rev. J. Miller, M. A. Both of these gentlemen are well and favorably known, and should either of them accept, it is to be hoped that the people of Revelstoke who attend either church will know enough to appreciate among them gentlemen of such sterling worth, and will give them their loyal support.

A persistent rumor has been flitting about town for more than a week, and has caused innumerable questions to be put to newspaper men here, as being likely to know something about it. It is no less than that Mr. Kellie has been asked to retire from the representation of the North Riding, so that the Chief Commissioner of Works, who was defeated in East Yale, might have the seat. It is only a rumor, but at the same time it is not unlikely that it may ripen into a fact. I have endeavored to trace the rumor to its source, and I find it started on its rounds the day after Capt. Edwards came back from Vancouver. I don't say Capt. Edwards brought it here, but I can vouch for the fact that it was widely circulated in Vancouver, and from that source it flew across snow-clad mountains and lonely forests and alighted in West Kootenay in the sanctum of one John Houston.

Before I can refute or verify this rumor, I should like to say that the heads of the Government themselves do not yet know for certain whether such a contingency will arise as will enable this riding to again experience the delights of an election this year. Mr. Kellie has been in Big Bend for some weeks past, but he probably knows as much about it as any one else, which is very little. The facts of the case are like this: A number of aliens and non-qualified persons voted in East Yale. Mr. Graham's majority over Mr. Vernon was only 13—fateful number. An election may bring things to light that will transform Mr. Graham's majority into a minority. See? A man that wins by 13 may reasonably expect bad luck to follow. So if Mr. Vernon can drop into his own seat he will not come to North Kootenay. See? I may not say any more just now, but look out for a petition in East Yale.

Even in the event of Mr. Kellie resigning his seat, it does not follow that Mr. Vernon will get it. I don't know Mr. Vernon. I hear he's a very nice man and so forth. But it is not the personality of the man that some people will object to. It is the idea of accepting as our representative the man that East Yale rejected. They say it would be lowering to our pride as West Kootenayites. Should Mr. Vernon seek our suffrages he will certainly not have the walk-over that Mr. Kellie had, unless he should be opposed by a stranger that we know less about than we do about Mr. Vernon himself. One thing is certain—If Mr. Vernon is to retain the chief commissionership of lands and works he must sit for a mainland constituency. It would never do to make an opening for him on the island. There are already too many island ministers and not enough for the mainland, and the Government is quite aware of it. So, don't be surprised, good people, at whatever happens.

The Nelson *Tribune* is inclined to be facetious over the Kellie retirement rumor, and puts it in the mouth of an "enthusiastic Trail Creeker" to say that he (presumably) can "knock the socks off old Vernon." Now I think the "Trail Creekers," especially, should be eager for another election, because the votes they recorded last month went for nothing—they were not counted! But had they been allowed, Kellie's majority would have been precisely the same. The analysis of voters in this district, made by a competent analyst the other day, showed: Indifferent, 50 per cent.; "don't care which way it goes," 25 per cent.; "twon't make a bit of difference whichever goes in," 15 per cent.; "better vote for the strongest party," 10 per cent. "Old Vernon," in seeking the suffrages of such a peculiarly constituted people, would probably be able to retain his socks and his lands and works, and all the fat perks pertaining thereto. But should the dire threat of the "enthusiastic Trail Creeker" be consummated and the socks forcibly removed—by the by, the "enthusiastic Trail Creeker" should have said "pull" off, not "knock" off—"old Vernon," sockless, would have an illustrious precedent in the example of that shining light in American history, Sockless Jerry Simpson, and, like Jerry, he would doubtless "get there."

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BIG BEND.

THE VARIOUS GOLD MINES NOW IN OPERATION.

As the water has now dropped sufficiently at Carnes Creek work will soon be in full swing there.

At the Whalen-Kirkup claim, up McCulloch Creek, they are taking out gold, although the work being done at present is only preparatory. Six men are employed.

Tom Downs and his bridge gang came down from Big Bend on Tuesday morning, having completed the Downie Creek bridge. It is said that this is the best on the trail, and is as substantial as any trail bridge in the province.

The Sol Holden mine, near Smith Creek, is in full work and big pay is being taken out, although the flume is of the most primitive kind. With a long hose and a six-inch nozzle about twenty times the amount of ground could be hydrauliced in a day's work.

The Fairhaven people interested in Big Bend gold claims are jubilant over their prospects on French Creek. They were ditching last week, and Mr. Nestelle, who is superintending the work, says the dirt has averaged $3 a day per man. Great things are anticipated when bedrock is reached.

A. N. Beaton, partner in the Vandall mine on French Creek, who came down two weeks ago with $750 in nuggets, returned here this week from down the river, where he had been to purchase horses. He bought seven and will pack supplies from Revelstoke. He loaded up and started for the mine on Thursday.

The pack trains running between Revelstoke and Big Bend find a great scarcity of fodder along the trail, owing to the recent bush fires and also on account of the high water from the Columbia and tributaries overflowing the low-lying meadows where grass was plentiful. When the water receded vast deposits of sand were left behind, which will prevent the growth of vegetation for a long time to come.

J. W. Haskins, who is conducting operations for the Smith Creek Mining Co., is meeting with the greatest success in the work of development. He has put in a 27 ft. pump and has already got through 12 ft. of boulders and two feet of sand. Several small nuggets have been taken out, and the indications are that gold is lying thick upon the bedrock. If the pump proves insufficient Mr. Haskins will erect a wheel, water being plentiful.

At the Consolation mine they are still at work repairing the damage done by the washout last June. The dam across the creek has been completed, as well as most of the buildings on the mine, and if nothing happens to prevent its work in the tunnel will commence about the 1st September. As they were in good pay ground when the floods struck the mine it is reasonable to believe that the output will equal, if it does not exceed, the amount which was being taken out then—about $25 a day per man. There are ten men working at the mine.

Mr. Geo. C. Marsh, who has spent nearly the whole of the summer on Downie Creek, came down this week. He has a pre-emption there, and has been clearing and planting a portion of it. Downie Creek has never been prospected for gold yet, and Mr. Marsh expresses the belief that placers will be as profitable on that creek as in any other portion of the Bend. He says he can wash gold in paying quantities in several places from the sand along the creek, and intends doing some prospecting on his return. He says the Big Bend mines will be sending out $1,000 a day in six or two months.

Jos. Bourgeois, who has been employed on Government trails during the summer, went up on Thursday to work on the North Star mine on McCulloch Creek. The owners are Messrs. Geo. Laforme, Gus Lund, Sullivan and Sweeny. Six men will be employed. The three men who have been working on the claim up to the present have met with gold on several occasions. Bedrock is about 50 feet deep, the bottom being very hard, which is not so easily worked as soft bedrock. Great things are expected from the North Star, and the belief is expressed by competent gold miners that it will be one of the best paying properties in the Big Bend before the year is out.

Reports from the Hardpan mining claim, located in August, 1893, on Lookout Mountain, Big Bend, go to show that a prodigious body of ore exists there. Mr. Tom Bain, who is in charge of development work upon that property, says, for the amount of work done, he has never seen such an immense showing. The vein is a strong, well-defined contact ledge, and varies from 12 ft. to 20 ft. in width. A tunnel has been commenced to strike the vein at a depth of about 75 ft. The ledge has been traced a distance of five claims and shows a large pay shoot on each claim. Assays made in Seattle last fall from the surface croppings, by C. H. Voll, gave $19.84 in gold per ton. If the ore on this claim increases in value as depth is reached, or if the surface croppings are any indication of the ore body, in all probability the Hardpan mineral claim will become one of the noted gold properties of the now famous Kootenay district.

Mr. Charles Molson, who is, perhaps, one of the best practical miners in the district, came down this week and recorded four placer claims located on Gold Stream. They are in two groups, named Twin Falls and Alki, and are owned by a partnership. The claims are each 200 ft., and are, Mr. Molson says, situated in one of the most beautiful spots Nature could conceive. Picturesque falls tumble down the steep cliffs into Gold Stream, which is a fine river 200 ft. in width. As soon as the water in the Columbia recedes sufficiently to permit of rowboats being used from the head of Steamboat Canyon to Downie Creek, machinery—for which all the arrangements have been made—will be taken up for the working of these claims. There will be an innovation made in the method of conducting operations, and the community in the Big Bend are waiting to see how Mr. Molson will improve on the practices now in vogue. He has every confidence that the claims on Gold Stream will prove bonanzas of the first water and "eye-openers" to the whole district.

Extracting Gold by the Cyanide Process

Mr. Pellew Harvey, F. C. S., superintendent of the Cassel Gold Extracting Co.'s works at Vancouver, is anxious that mining men should see the plant in operation. The process is known under the name of the MacArthur-Forrest Cyanide process, and is credited with extracting 90 per cent. of all the gold produced from South African refractory ores. The cost of treatment is very little, and we should advise our mining men who have claims in this district to communicate with Mr. Harvey on the matter of reduction. The following result of a parcel of ore recently treated speaks for itself:

ANALYSIS:

Silica	16.2 per cent.
Sulphur	21.9 "
Arsenic	22.8 "
Iron	23.1 "
Zinc	8.1 "
Lead	4.5 "
Antimony	0.1 "
Bismuth	0.1 "
Copper	0.1 "
	99.9 per cent.

The U. S. Tariff Bill Passed.

The House of Congress last Monday night passed the senate tariff bill, unchanged, unamended, untouched, and the measure now awaits only the signature of the president, or his failure to sign it within ten days, to be enacted into law.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

A workman is wanted at the Revelstoke Brewery.

Miss Hattie Lee left on a visit to Vancouver last Monday.

Bourne Bros. are showing a splendid assortment of carpets.

School opened on Monday with an attendance of 38 pupils.

Doering & Marstrand's Iced Lager on draught at the Union Hotel.

Miss Lida Edwards leaves shortly for Vancouver, where she will attend school.

Mrs. Nelson, the well-known proprietress of the Dominion Hotel, Kamloops, died on Monday last.

Geo. Kemp, the brakeman who was injured in the Field accident, returned to work last Wednesday.

Master Ross Fullerton, of Vancouver, is on a visit to Capt. Edwards, of the Victoria Hotel.

Miss Addie Brown and Master Willie Beavo returned on Sunday from a three week's visit to the coast.

The New Denver Theatre Co. will at once build on the lots at the intersection of Union and Slocan Avenues.

Mrs. John Kirkup left on Monday to join her husband at Victoria, where she will remain three or four weeks.

Mr. Frank Bourne, of Bourne Bros. left on Monday for Cariboo Creek, Arrow Lake, where he has a placer claim.

George Hannam, of Banff, died at Calgary Monday night from the effects of an operation performed a month ago.

Mrs. J. W. Dickey, and her sister, Mrs. A. N. Smith, and families, left on Tuesday last for a visit to the old home in the east.

Two hogs were killed in the neighborhood of Mara last week by the train. A claim of $150.00 has been presented to the railway for the animals.

H. O. Johnson, of the Revelstoke Lumber Co., has been laid up for about ten days, presumably with an attack of the grip, but he is around again.

Mr. F. B. Wells is selling some choice eating and cooking apples. As apples are the very best aids to good digestion, no fruit can be more welcome.

We stated last week that Mrs. Bickerton would go to Montreal shortly. This was an error on our part, and we are requested to contradict it.

Geo. Hughes' horses and mules were not burned in the Three Forks fire. They were safely pastured 25 miles away. He lost, however, his sleds, wagons, harness, feed and buildings.

Mr. Thompson, Dominion Inspector of Boilers, visited Revelstoke this week, and yesterday morning made his annual inspection of the boilers on the steamer Lytton.

The Silver Bow mine at Flat Creek, Illecillewaet, has 40 tons of ore ready for packing out to the railway. A packer is wanted to contract for carrying the same a distance of seven miles.

Mr. Hans Johnson Weitstrup, who left here about six months ago for Minnesota, returned this week, looking the better for the trip. He will go into the farming business at Tappen Siding.

At the weekly assembly of the Y. P. S. C. E. in the Presbyterian Church on Monday night, Mr. Johnson led the meeting. Messrs. T. Lewis, F. W. Laing and J. Lewis took part in the after discussion.

The floods did a great deal of damage to Mr. F. Fraser's property across the river, but even he has found some benefit from the inundation. This week he cut from 10 to 12 tons of first-class hay on his meadow.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Haig and son, Miss Kate Maunsell and Mr. A. B. Cochrane, returned on Monday from a fortnight's rusticating on the shore of Arrow Lake near the Hot Springs.

Hon. T. Daly, Minister of the Interior, arrived at Winnipeg on Tuesday and left for the west same day. He will visit B. C. on official business. If he comes here, it would be no harm to inquire of him whether he meant last Christmas or next when he said the townsite dispute would be settled before Revelstokians ate their Christmas dinner.

Col. Forester has opened his new hotel at Sicamous. This will be good news for a great number of travellers. Such a wide circle of friends has the Colonel that he was not allowed to retire into private life.

The toot of the locomotive was heard in New Denver last week for the first time. The Nakusp & Slocan Railway is now as close to that thriving town as it will be until a spur is run down the shore of the lake from the main line.

The suitability of this district for apple growing is being decided by Mr. O. H. Allen, who has some young fruit trees, planted in 1891, bearing thick clusters of fruit, which are nearly ripe. It is a crab apple, but of a large variety.

The statement that Mr. Molson had disposed of $500 worth of furs to a local merchant a couple of weeks ago, as published in the MAIL, we find on investigation to be erroneous. He is holding his furs for the higher winter prices.

Messrs. F. B. Wells and C. Abrahamson brought home a fine string of fish on Tuesday evening—mostly trout. The catch weighed 28 lbs. The fish were caught at the mouth of the Tum Tum, where they say the sport is better than has been known for years.

The time for big potatoes has come, but the usual whopper has not been turned up yet. This time it is a turnip 18 inches in circumference. It was grown in Bourne Bros.' garden at the station, under the fostering care of Wm. Lawrence.

Mr. Joseph Dunn has been appointed agent here for the sale of fruit trees for Brown Bros., of Rochester, N. Y., and Ridgeville, Ontario. He carries a splendid collection of colored plates of the various fruits and flowers supplied by the firm.

An accident happened at the sawmill on Tuesday. John Ringer, who was sawing laths, brought his hand in contact with the saw, and the result was three lacerated fingers. Dr. McLean, who attended the sufferer, says amputation will not be necessary.

Mr. A. McCleary returned to town this week after an absence of several months. He will build a boat at Beaver for the purpose of taking himself and outfit down the Columbia to Gold River, about 20 miles north of Beaver, a locality in which he did some prospecting last year.

Mr. J. Skogstrom, an old Revelstokian but now a rancher at Albert Canyon, visited town on Monday. He says the late high water has proved beneficial to his land, and he has not felt the effects of the drouth quite as much as we have in Revelstoke. Mr. Skogstrom returned home on Tuesday.

Two prospectors, T. Avison and J. Franz, have located three claims in the Trout Lake district, which they have named the Excelsior group. They brought out some specimens of galena which looked exceedingly rich. The ledge is over 20 feet wide, with a solid two-foot vein of ore running the entire length of three claims.

M. H. Boulais, who has been residing in Revelstoke for some time, having had charge of P. R. Peterson's team, left on Wednesday for St. Albert, Alberta, where he has a farm which requires a further residence thereon for six months before he can obtain the patent.

Mr. R. H. Lee, of Kamloops, surveyor, who has been making the survey of the Haskins group of claims, which is owned by C. P. R. officials, at Healy Creek, Trout Lake, returned to town on Wednesday. He was not feeling well and had to quit. Ten men were employed on the survey, and Mr. Lee left Surveyor Harrison in charge. They also made a survey for Andrew Abrahamson of a block containing 160 acres near the townsite.

H. N. Coursier, merchant, returned from a business trip to the lower country on Wednesday. He was away a week, and visited most of the towns in South Kootenay. He reports great activity in mining at Trail Creek, and thinks the town of Thompson, B. C., will be heard from shortly. Nelson, he says, is the prettiest place in West Kootenay, but at present very dull. He left Mrs. Coursier and children at Nelson. They are expected home on Sunday's boat.

Mr. A. H. Holdich, assayer, left for Illecillewaet on Wednesday. He will meet Mr. Wood, of Hamilton, who is coming west to inspect his mining properties in the vicinity of Illecillewaet and Fish Creek.

A runaway team caused a commotion on the new road to the freight shed last Monday. It belonged to Mr. P. R. Peterson, and it is said Pete had been feeding the horses on home-grown oats, which diet would soon enable a broken down hack to make a gait of 2.10.

Mr. John Stone's new dwelling house at the corner of Douglas and Benson streets is rapidly approaching completion. A fine cellar was excavated last week and now the frame of the building is up and Mr. Stone and family will probably be occupying it before the month is out. A well was dug on the lot some months ago, and the lumber has been seasoning all summer.

Mr. J. S. Freeze has returned from Trout Creek, on the west slope of the Selkirks, about a hundred miles south of Revelstoke, where he recorded a claim. He and Mr. Dick and several other Calgary men have commenced operations on this placer mine and expect before the season ends, with the aid of a flume they are constructing, to collect a satisfactory heap of gold. —Calgary cor. Winnipeg *Free Press*.

The Chicago *Blade* and *Ledger*, which are probably the most widely read weeklies on the American continent, have quite a circulation in Revelstoke. The *Blade* gives the current news in an up-to-date style, while the *Ledger* is full of first-class serials and short stories. Both are profusely illustrated, and are about the best five cents' worth of reading matter that can be obtained. Weekly circulation of the *Blade*, 275,000; *Ledger*, 140,000.

Thos. Righton, cattle man, met with a peculiar accident on Tuesday. He was trying to catch a sheep at the back of McCarty's butcher shop, and somehow tripped forward against a protruding root, tearing his ear in a frightful manner, and almost severing it from his head. He was at once taken to Dr. McLean's office, who stanched the flow of blood and replaced the torn ear as far as was possible. Mr. Righton is doing well at present, but it is not yet known whether the drum is injured.

Mrs. Jackson and child were drowned in the Columbia at Golden last week, a short distance below the lumber mill. The little boy aged six years fell into the water and his mother endeavored to save him. Another boy about seven years old ran to the mill, where his father was at work, and gave an alarm. This accident is particularly sad, as Mrs. Jackson and her three children, the youngest not quite two years of age, arrived here from Washington only a few days ago, intending to make their home in Golden.

Capt. Ritchie, who was in charge of the str. Queen when she blew up on the North Thompson River a short time since, was in town this week. He has almost entirely recovered from the injuries sustained in the accident, having spent 23 days in the hospital. The captain is an old-timer in the mountains, having been in this neighborhood during the stirring times of C. P. R. construction. Since then he has put in a considerable portion of his life in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, but is not enamored with the lawlessness which obtains in those States. He has followed sea-faring for a long time and had many interesting reminiscences of his voyages to relate. He spent a couple days here renewing old acquaintances, and left on the steamer Lytton Tuesday morning for down river points.

CASERIO EXECUTED.

The murderer of President Carnot was executed at 5 a. m. on Thursday in presence of a large number of spectators, most of whom had been on the ground all night in order to get a good position for viewing the ghastly operation. Caserio struggled violently when the attendants laid him on the block, and shouted: "Courage, courades! Long live anarchy!" Precisely at five the knife fell and the murderer's head dropped into the basket.

GLACIER NOTES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

GLACIER, Aug. 16.

Col. Rugg and party of about seven, in a N. P. R. R. private car, spent Wednesday here. They are returning from the coast, and are *en route* for St. Paul.

Judge Spinks gave the Glacier residents the pleasure of his company on Wednesday, on his return home.

Blackberries are very plentiful and large in proximity to the hotel, and are relished by everybody, but none more so than by Joe, the station agent.

C. P. R. Engineers Cambie and Vautelet are staying at the Glacier House.

Messrs Fay and Curtis, elderly gentlemen from Boston, who registered at the Glacier House on Monday last, and who have made the ascent of the Asulkan Glacier and other points, started early Wednesday morning with the intention of climbing Mount Avalanche. As they had not returned this morning —Thursday—a search party was organized, and left here early; but up to the mailing of this, 2 p. m., nothing has been heard of them, and it is feared that they have met with an accident, as they took no provisions with them, and even went without any breakfast.

GLACIER, Aug. 17.—The two Boston gentlemen turned up about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, uninjured, and apparently in excellent condition. They expressed themselves satisfied with their two days' climb, and will continue the experience at Laggan and other points. Their reason for not returning the previous evening was that they had reached a difficult place of ascent late in the evening, and on account of darkness found it dangerous to proceed or return.

THE WEEK'S ARRIVALS AT GLACIER HOUSE:—Messrs. Down, Gilbert, L. Oppenhin, England; Geo. J. Mackie, Geo. H. Richard and son, Toronto; Jos. Grant, Chesby; J. C. Heaviside, E. D. Fridlander, Coventry, Eng.; Rest F. Curtis, Charles E. Fay, Boston; D. Todd Lees, C. F. Freeman Lake, H. J. Cambie, Vancouver; Mrs. W. H. Tuck, St. John, N.B.; Mrs. Newbury Adams, Dubuque, Ia.; James Gray and son, Cincinnati, O.; J. E. Griffiths, Thomas Kilpatrick, Donald; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dymond, Mrs. and Miss Phillimore, J. D. Temple Westy, London, Eng.; Mrs. Geo. L. Wilson, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss M. L. Lee, Danielsonville, Conn.; Miss Tousey, Miss Kerr, A. Sheppard and wife, New York; Mrs. C. T. Taylor, Chicago; Geo. W. Kerr, Miss Mitchell, Miss Clendenin, F. W. McCullough, St. Louis; Misses M. and Jennie Smith, Portland, Ore.; Andrew Bouman, Shanghai; Walter Herbitt, Car 8, N.P. R.; Wm. J. Copp, Hamilton, Ont.; Kenneth Cochrane, Galashiel, Scotland; Adam Brown, Selkirk, Scotland; Ward Spinks, Okanagan; Lady and Miss Stawell, Melbourne, Aus.; H. Hrath Gordon, P. E. Island; Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Seattle; E. Vautelet, Montreal; F. E. Johnson, Mt. Vernon, Idaho; Anna Morgan, Webster, Idaho; Francis M. Thrupp, Bermuda.

A British officer, who apparently knows, says that it "would be as reasonable to charge brave men armed with pitchforks against brave men armed with rifles as to pit, man for man, the Chinese in their present condition against the Japanese. Of all the native and colonial troops I have seen, and I have seen most of them" says he, "I would, next to the Goorkhas, prefer a regiment of Japanese. They are brave, temperate, patient and energetic, and at this moment the Chinese, whatever might be done with them, are 200 years behind." There is a gymnasium in every Japanese barracks.

TITLES CANNOT BE REGISTERED.

Our "Diogenes" last week stated that titles to lots in Revelstoke could now be registered, and instanced a case in point. We have ascertained that it was Mr. F. Fraser who sent the deeds in question to the Land Registry Office in Victoria. The reply returned to him was on a printed form as follows:

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.

Victoria, B. C., 7 Aug., 1894.

SIR: Your deeds have now been registered, and the charges thereon are:
Robson to Fraser, Recording, $1.00

I am, Your obedient Servant,
S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar-General.
pr. E. C.

Fred. Frazer, Esq.,
Revelstoke, B. C.

It will readily be seen that the words "Your deeds have been registered," led "Diogenes" to believe such was the case, and he had no hesitation in proclaiming the good news to the public, although he thought it strange that such an important announcement should be made known in such an obscure manner. In consideration of the announcement that Mr. Fraser's deeds "had been registered," the word recording was thought to mean "registering," hence the mistake.

The Deputy Registrar-General writes as follows:

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 15, '94.

DEAR SIR,—My attention has been called to an extract from the "Kootenay Mail" which appeared in the "Victoria Times" of last evening, to the effect that a deed for a lot in Revelstoke, registration of which was refused last year, had now been registered by me. To allow your statement to remain uncontradicted would, I fear, create a wrong impression, so I have deemed it advisable to ask that you will kindly, through the medium of your journal, inform the public that I have written to say that no deeds of either Farwell or Revelstoke lots, or of any portion of Lot 6, Group 1, Kootenay District, have been registered since the 20th day of June, 1892, and that no application for registration of any portion of the property mentioned has been made for some time past. I presume the deed referred to by you is one which has lately been *recorded only* at the request of Mr. Fred. Fraser, who knew that the same could not be registered, and who no doubt received the usual printed notice of the fees due for *recording*, but did not receive a letter from this office in the words published by you.

Yours truly,
S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar-General.

A Chinese Leper at Kamloops.

A Chinaman, who for years had been mining on Tranquille Creek, which flows into Kamloops Lake, was brought into Kamloops this week suffering from the dread disease, leprosy. He was deserted by his own countrymen and had been working alone. The Provincial authorities procured his passage to Vancouver, whence he was carried to the lazaretto on D'Arcy Island. He was packed in a long box, which was addressed: "One Chinaman, Kamloops to D'Arcy Island." The disease was well advanced. The toes had dropped off, while other portions of flesh and limbs had also gone. It seems strange that this man should have the disease after being so long away from infection, as he had been mining in the same place for years.

REVELSTOKE COUNTY COURT.

Judge Spinks held a sitting of the County Court here on Thursday last. The docket was a light one, only six cases coming up for hearing.

The case of Coursier *vs.* Crawford, an action for debt, was laid over to next court, owing to an error in affidavits.

Collotto *vs.* Scott, was a debt action, was dismissed and defendant awarded costs. The plaintiff did not appear.

A debt action, Sutherland *vs.* Tapping, was dismissed, and costs awarded defendant.

Arena *vs.* Marsh, an action for wages, was dismissed owing to an irregularity.

In the case of Mun Fun *vs.* Sampson, for debt, the matter had been settled and the money paid into court.

The case of the Shuswap Milling Co. *vs.* Valentine again came up for hearing, when Mr. W. G. Paxton, who had been appointed accountant in the matter by the Court, submitted his report which was examined by the Judge who rendered decisions upon certain items therein. His Honour then instructed the accountant to prepare a new set of accounts in accordance with the rulings made. This will be done, and the report submitted to the Judge, who will be here next week, when it is expected a final decision will be rendered.

Naturalization papers were issued to Wm. Crawford (American) and Jules Perrin (French).

Will Carry Home Their Dead.

"Oh, carry me back to ole Virginny,
To ole Virginia shore."

The long, red Chinese poster which has been a conspicuous object outside Lum Chung's door for some days past has caused considerable enquiry among the white people of the town. It is a notice to the effect that an official sent by a Chinese company will be here next month to gather in the bodies of the Celestials lying beneath the sod in this vicinity, and take them back to the Flowery Land for re-interment. The cost will be $5.00 for each body. There are three Chinamen buried here—one in the cemetery, one near the C. P. R. track in the first cutting east of the bridge, and one several miles up the Big Bend trail. So our Chinese population will have to stump up $15. Disinterring the bodies will not be a pleasant task, as all three have been underground for many years.

France has offered to co-operate with the Russian fleet at the seat of war.

There is no danger to foreign residents in Corea.

The English papers in Japan ridicule the claims of Japan to a great naval victory in the first engagement, as the opposing vessels were in no way equal.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of James McTavish (Deceased).

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of James McTavish, late of Revelstoke, West Kootenay, in the Province of British Columbia, carpenter, deceased, who died on or about the tenth day of June, 1894, are hereby required on or before the tenth day of October, 1894, to send by post prepaid to the undersigned, John McTavish, administrator of the said estate, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

After the said tenth day of October, 1894, the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1894.

JOHN McTAVISH,
Meade post office, Michigan, U.S.A.
Administrator.

THINGS SAID AND DONE ABOUT TOWN.

[BY DIOGENES.]

Some good practical jokes have been got off in town recently. The irrepressible Morgan has been the central figure in one or two. Last Saturday night some of the boys at the mill got hold of a "coon" (nigger) and dressed him up in fantastical raiment—the "Uncle Sam" outfit sported by Billy Glenn at the masquerade ball. Then they put him in Morgan's bed, expecting to see some fun when that redoubtable warrior came home. But the jokers found out that Morgan was gone down river and would not be back that night; so the coon was hustled over to McCarty's and put in the bed occupied by E. Syder. When Syder went to bed he thought at first that he had entered the wrong room, or it might be that he had an incipient attack of D.T., for grinning at him from the white pillow was a row of ivories set in an ebony face. Pulling himself together he approached the bed, when the dusky occupant squeaked out: "Doan' yo go fer to monkey wid me; some gen'lums put me in yere, an' I'se yere to stay; he! he! he!" Syder's "git out of here" was of no avail, the obdurate darkey would not budge, and poor Syder had to seek a resting-place elsewhere. It is said the coon rigged himself out next morning in Syder's clean collar and white ball-room tie, but whether the jokers derived much enjoyment from their rather senseless joke my informant saveth not.

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Morgan David went down to the Hot Springs last Saturday and had a bath, intending to turn over a new leaf when he came out purified and the old leaven washed off. But the force of habit was not to be got rid of so easily, and he told Cap. Sanderson he would "put up" a good joke on the bath-room attendant, the captain agreeing to "put up" the drinks if he succeeded. Before going to the bath Morgan divested himself of his socks and underclothing, and after coming out the attendant wrapped him in blankets for the usual sweating operation. When he had had enough of this Morgan said, without a smile: "Hand me my socks." The attendant searched around for some time, but nary a sock could he find. Then the imperturbable asked for the various articles of underclothing which he had left in his bedroom in the hotel, putting on a genuine shiver and saying he would catch his death of cold. Of course the attendant could not find them, and then the joker hinted at robbery. The attendant caught on to the idea at once, and fixed on a Missourian who boarded at the hotel as being the robber, and, notwithstanding that the man had been in bed a quarter of an hour, he went upstairs, hammered at the door and woke him up, telling him to "come down at once and clear yourself." As the joke had gone far enough Morgan and the captain explained. The man was a little mad at being made a butt, but he refrained from eating Morgan on the spot, and merely said he could not expect anything better from "a whiskey barrel." Cap. Sanderson "set 'em up," and peace reigned again.

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Another good story goes like this: A certain blacksmith not a hundred miles from the station greatly desired to become the purchaser of a sow of a certain breed, of which there were two at the mill, one of the animals possessing a white face. It appears the sow that didn't have the white face was the one that found most favor with the blacksmith, and the one he was after. At last, after long waiting, he was offered one of the sows at $20, and he closed with the bargain at once. Morgan David conducted the negotiations on behalf of the mill people, and strongly impressed upon the buyer that he must take the sow with the white face, as the other was not for sale. Well, the blacksmith fetched the sow and put it in his own pen. Next morning Morgan made two discoveries. One was that the white-faced sow had been left, and the other was that during the night she had given birth to twelve little pigs! Here was a grand opportunity for the artful joker; so off he trotted to the blacksmith, bent on having a little fun. Says he: "You've taken the wrong sow, T——; the one you bought was killed last night." Says T——: "The sow I bought is in my pen." "No," says Morgan: "you bought the white-faced one." Then they went to the pen, where the argument was continued, but the blacksmith could not be prevailed upon to believe that he had bought the sow that was killed. Then Morgan said: "Well, T——, if you bought this sow you can keep her, for I must tell you that the white-face one is quite as good; and, besides, she had twelve little pigs last night." Tableau! Then, I am told, the blacksmith began to protest that it *was* the white-faced sow he had bought, and that he had taken the other by mistake. But it was too late. By this time the jokist was almost doubled up with acute spasms brought on by convulsed hilarity.

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Rev. C. A. Procunier, who is a very unassuming gentleman, received about two months ago the degree of Ph. B. from one of the foremost universities in the State of Illinois. Mr. Procunier need not have kept his honors so securely hidden all this time, but I suppose he felt something like the mule that was placed between the shafts for the first time—a little bit afraid of the new appendage.

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