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FIRE FOLLOWS FLOOD.

FOREST FIRES CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE ON ALL SIDES.

Fires Raging to the East, West and South—Narrow Escape at Twin Butte—Snowsheds at Clanwilliam Have a Close Call—Penalty for Setting Out Fires.

It never rains but it pours, says the old proverb, and it never lights, it might be said in allusion to the forest, but it burns. There is a peculiarity in the way that accidents or catastrophes follow each other, and it is exemplified in the way that the great fires follow the floods in this country. If but the floods would follow the fires there might be more opportunity to extinguish them, but nature has ordered it otherwise.

Hardly had the waters of the Columbia, Eagle, Illecillewaet and other rivers in this section subsided when the heavy smoke ascending in the air bespoke the presence of forest fires. For days the smoke hung, shrouding everything and growing denser day by day. In the early part of the week the flames began in the Eagle Pass to be seen from the town, and danger was apprehended in the neighborhood of Griffin Lake. It was not enough, however, to delay the traffic on the C. P. R. line and soon spread away up the hills to the north.

East of Revelstoke too, about Tuesday, word came from Albert Canyon that the fire was assuming large proportions, endangering Albert Canyon station buildings and Hotel. Owing to the herculean efforts of the C. P. R. hands and the residents, the houses were saved, but the vegetables and other improvements at this station were all destroyed.

On Tuesday night a great wind brought the fire down the pass from Albert Canyon and it struck Twin Butte with great ferocity. It licked up the office and section men's houses like winking, giving the men only time enough to get out with what they stood in. D. Alton, bridge foreman, had to start his work cars from Twin Butte to escape from the fire, and run to Greely Creek. A train left Revelstoke with tank cars at 11 p. m. Tuesday night to fight the fire, but could not get further than Greely Creek as the fire had burned out five small bridges on the track between the 5 mile board (six miles east of Revelstoke) and Albert Canyon. The promptitude of the road management was such, however, that No. 2, which arrived at 9 a.m., was able to leave in the evening for the East, No. 1 coming in about the same time.

On Wednesday evening another scare was had when it was learned that the snow sheds near Clanwilliam, were in danger, but it was not nearly as bad as reported. The same intelligence came again on Thursday, and this time it was more correct. Three flat cars filled with men left Revelstoke about 6 o'clock to check the fire and under the supervision of R. Marpole, superintendent, succeeded in saving the sheds, only about $150 worth of damage being done altogether. The fires at this moment are still smouldering away and running slowly up the hillsides, but a strong wind might start them into sudden fury at any moment.

In view of the great amount of loss to timber and improvements done by these fires, which are in the railway belt and under Dominion care it would not be a bad idea for the government to appoint forest rangers or conservators to take the whole thing in hand. The forest (though some of the timber adjacent to the main line is better burnt than standing) is a source of much natural wealth that should be conserved and steps should be taken to do so.

Reports have been received from other parts of the district and province which shew that fires are raging wildly all over. Thursday of last week a considerable portion of the Idaho tramway, near Three Forks, was burned out, and on the Kaslo-Slocan Railway fires are threatning. In the Ten Mile basin at the foot of Slocan Lake much damage has been done and on the coast and other portions of the province lots of valuable timber is being destroyed.

How these fires are caused is often a mystery, some are by lightning and combustion, others by negligence or malice. In all cases strict inquiry should be made and if anyone by negligence, wanton carelessness or malice, is guilty, the following Act should be applied to his case in its strictest sense.

2. If any person, during the month of June, July, August or September, shall ignite in the air, in any forest or woods, being the property of any other person or the property of the crown, any inflammable material, and shall leave the same before it be thoroughly extinguished, and any damage shall result therefrom, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered with costs of conviction in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace, and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for any period not exceeding three months, one moiety of the penalty to be paid to the informer.

3. If any person shall ignite, or knowingly permit to be ignited, in the open air, upon his own land, any inflammable material, and shall by gross carelessness and negligence, permit any fire originating therefrom to escape on to any adjoining or adjacent public or private property, whereby damage shall be done or timber destroyed, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered before any two Justices of the Peace with costs of conviction in a summary way, or in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for any period not exceeding three months, one moiety of the penalty to be paid to the informer.

New Mode of Quartz Mining.

The report comes from the Slocan that the ledge has been discovered on the Wonderful. This location was made on the strength of very large quantities of float galena. It was bonded to John A. Finch who spent thousands of dollars in a fruitless search for the ledge, and afterwards threw up the bond. Recently the Wonderful Group Mining Company undertook the search. After considerable ground sluicing, the company is credited with having uncovered the ledge. There is said to be a large quantity of ore in sight. Eighteen sacks were filled with ore from a boulder of float displaced in the sluicing operations.—Nelson *Tribune*.

He Wants a Resident Assayer.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

SIR,—With the development of the adjacent camps of Trout Lake, Lardeau, Illecillewaet and Big Bend, where mining operations are becoming active, comes, as a matter of course to Revelstoke, amongst other businesses, much in the way of assaying. But as no one in that line is there the work goes farther afield and does nobody in the town any good. Considerable money is being sent out of this part of the country to far off assayers, that might with advantage, more particularly to the assayer but incidentally to others, be kept at home if a reliable man could be induced to establish an office in Revelstoke. There is room for an assayer there, who could, until he had worked up his business, do something else "on the side" such as keep books. I take this opportunity of trespassing on your space in the hope that it may meet the eye of some one looking for a location, or some one who knows somebody else that is. MOUNTAINEER.

Trout Lake, July 20, '96.

Possession Not Nine-Tenths of the Law.

On Friday morning a man named Wm. Searle, who has been around town for a few days, was noticed with a fat pocket-book to which he often applied for funds to liquidate his purchases. He was evidently much impressed with the future of Revelstoke and anxious to invest his "pile," as he applied to a local real estate agent for prices and information about town lots. A resident of the town had reported the loss a wallet containing a large sum of money, and suspicion immediately rested on Searle. He was arrested by Constable Vickers and, when searched, a pocket book containing $753 was found in his possession. The owner identified the pocket book as the one lost by him Thursday night. At the police court to-day the prisoner was committed for trial on a charge of theft.

The brands La Morena, Pride of Kamloops and Interior cigars are all manufactured by G. Borthwick & Co., Kamloops.

Rev. Father Peytavin will celebrate mass in the Catholic church at 10:30 a.m. to-morrow.

Church of England: Services at the usual hours in the new church building to-morrow; Rev. F. Yolland.

Get a Kamloops cigar made at home with union labor and enjoy a good smoke.

Presbyterian church: Service to-morrow evening at 7:30; Mr. Geddes, B. A., missionary.

Services at usual hours, morning and evening, in the Methodist church to-morrow. Rev. J. A. Wood, pastor.

A WORLD'S FAIR.—At Joe Joe's parlor. For gents who want a shaving, shampooing or sea foam, hot and cold bath, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes of all kinds, fruit or confectionery, stationery and so forth; next door to the Columbia Hotel. J. A. MORGAN.

NORTH KOOTENAY CAMPS.

Continued Interest in the New Finds Near Revelstoke.

REVELSTOKE.

Cowley & Newell are still hard at work on their ledge near town, and recent blasts have produced some very good looking rock in which the gold is visible to the eye.

Wolcott & Kendall are also turning out some likely looking rock from the Santa Nina, which is but one and a half miles out.

Interest in these finds still continues, and new claims are being staked on the hill every week.

Reighly & Frisby left Tuesday for their claims in the Jordan. They are going to go down still further and test the claim thoroughly before saying anything. They have their trail pretty well brushed out.

Four more locations were made this week on the hill near town. Good looking float having been found, the hill is gradually being staked all over.

Some new discoveries of a very fair character have been made on the other side of the river only a few miles from town. There is a possibility that rich claims will be discovered in this vicinity as the town has caught the prospecting fever, and there is no doubt but the mineral belt is around it.

BIG BEND.

G. J. Atkins and Wm. Kirkup went up the Big Bend trail to look over the ground of the French Creek and Gold Stream Mining Companies' ground. They will probably decide upon the site for a sawmill to be put in this fall.

The men working on the Vancouver Syndicate's claims in Ground Hog Basin came down Wednesday, having been paid off, the assessment work being completed.

Work on the Consolation is progressing nicely.

TROUT LAKE.

Messrs. Abrahamson Bros. have been looking over their silver claim "the American" and find it up to their best expectations. It has been pronounced by experts to be a true fissure vein and the grade of the ore is about $100 to the ton. They have about 12 tons of this kind of ore ready sacked for shipping. They will probably let a contract for a tunnel of some depth to catch the lead lower down. Their properties on the Duncan are also looking much better than they were last year. The asbestos property, which the Abrahamsons discovered last fall is to be developed this year also. As the grade of this asbestos is very good it will be a most valuable property when opened up and may prove of considerable value to the owners.

LARDEAU.

G. D. Scott, of the Kootenay Consolidated Mining Co., went in to Sable Creek to see how work is progressing on their claims. These properties on Sable Creek are very rich and will yet make a sensation.

FROM THE MINING RECORDS.

REVELSTOKE—

July 21—Cataract, D. McCarthy, located July 11.

July 21—Selina, E. Metcalf, located July 10.

July 22—Dundee Lode, P. J. Cowley and J. Newell, located July 9.

July 22—Syracuse, J. Burke and E. Fromey, located July 20.

TRANSFERS—

July 22—D. McCarthy to J. T. Simpson, ½ interest, consideration $1.

Ore Shipments via Revelstoke.

For week ending July 18:

Slocan Star, 200 tons, value $14,619, shipped to Omaha.

For week ending July 25:

Slocan Star, 180 tons, value $15,985, shipped to Omaha.

Metal Quotations.

New York, July 22.—

Bar silver ..... 68⅞.
Copper (Brokers price) ..... $11.00.
Lead " " ..... $ 2.80.

How the Cabinet is Made Up.

The ages and occupations of the gentlemen composing Mr. Laurier's cabinet are as follows: Wilfrid Laurier, lawyer, 55 years of age; Sir Oliver Mowat, lawyer, 76; Sir Richard Cartwright, financier, 61; L. H. Davies, lawyer, 51; Wm. Paterson, biscuit manufacturer, 57; Sir Henri Joly, lawyer, 67; W. S. Fielding, journalist, 48; Wm. Mulock, lawyer, 53; Dr. Borden, physician, 40; J. I. Tarte, notary and journalist, 47; Sidney A. Fisher, farmer, 46; A. G. Blair, lawyer, 52; Chas. Fitzpatrick, lawyer, 43. Lawyers are away in the lead, there being 8 out of 14, journalism claims two followers and medicine one.

FROM DOWN RIVER POINTS.

Happenings Amongst the Treasure Vaults of South Kootenay.

TRAIL CREEK.

The C. P. R., it is said, will build a smelter of 2,500 ton capacity on the Columbia River somewhere above Trail.

The showing on the City of Spokane mine is reported as beautiful. This property was recently purchased by the Caribou Gold Fields people.

A good shewing of clean solid copper ore is in sight on the View. It goes 15 to 20 per cent copper and five or six dollars in gold.

The Crown Point is now shipping 12 tons a day to the Trail smelter.

Three feet of clear ore is now in the Nest Egg shaft.

The properties on Monte Christo Hill are developing into good mines, notably the Monte Christo, Georgia, Evening Star and others.

The minority stockholders in the Homestake refuse to pay an assessment of 5½ cents per share to lift the bond on the property which falls due August 1.

The Mayflower ore returns from the smelter went $56 per ton gold and silver.

The War Eagle Co. have entered into a contract with the Trail Smelting Co. to smelt their ores if Corbin does not lift the bond on the property which matures on September 2.

A new discovery has been made on the north fork of Salmon River.

The Trail smelter is putting in a new 250 ton blast furnace. This will give it a capacity of 500 tons a day at full blast.

Murphy Creek camp is attracting more attention every day. Several claims have been sold already.

Rossland mining stocks are reported duller than for some time past.

SLOCAN.

The Washington is turning out 17 tons of concentrates per day from the old dumps.

Ground sluicing on the Wonderful has resulted in disclosing the lead and a large boulder.

The Reed & Robertson and Tenderfoot mines, near New Denver, were sold last week to E. E. Evans, representing English capital, for $15,000.

On the Galena Farm, the Currie, Kate and Peerless have been bonded to Mr. Evans for $30,000. Work was commenced on the 15th.

Over a quarter of a million dollars worth of ore is now blocked out on the Enterprise on Ten Mile Creek.

The Vancouver people who have a bond on the Two Friends are rushing work to tap the ore chute at a depth of 100 feet.

The Alamo concentrator, which has been shut down for a month, opened up on the 15th.

Some capitalists were examining the Dardanelles last week with a view to purchase.

Work is being started again on all the principal Slocan properties and shipments will soon commence to roll out.

Eli Carpenter has located two claims on 12-Mile Creek naming them Reno and Get There Eli. Eli deserves to get there as the discoverer of the great Slocan camp if nothing else.

Twenty-five men are working the Wonderful, sluicing the hill side, uncovering the lead. A large boulder of galena was discovered in the operation.

Work is to be resumed on the Blue Bell at an early date.

The Charleston, in the Whitewater basin, has been bonded.

The Whitewater mine has shipped to date ore to the value of $30,321 and will recommence operations immediately.

GENERAL.

Through train service between Spokane and Nelson was resumed last Thursday.

Eber C. Smith, of the Rossland *Record*, was last week held for trial in $500 bonds for defamatory libel of H. Jackson, of the *Miner*.

The leaders of opinion in Rossland are publishing "sarcastic allusions" to each other on the matter of incorporation or its substitute.

On Tuesday of last week, a young man named Driver was killed in the White Bear shaft by falling out of the bucket.

A collision occurred on the C. & W. Rly. on Monday week. No one was hurt.

The camps all along the Columbia and Arrow Lakes are reported very lively with numbers of men engaged in prospecting.

The Slocan Star mine, near Sandon, is said to have produced for the month of June $6,400 worth of concentrates at an expense of $8,000. In consequence the capacity of the mill is to be at once doubled. At the present rate of working the Star should pay $1,000,000 in dividends this year.

Fires are assuming dangerous proportions on the line of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway.

The bond on the No. 1 at Ainsworth, has been lifted by the Nova Scotia Co.

Rossland's electric light plant is to be enlarged.

The Rossland *Miner* promises an enlargement next week.

It is reported that the Pilot Bay smelter has been sold to the Kansas City Smelting Co.

Receipts at the New Denver record office are said to be nearly $200 a day.

Railroad Rumblings.

The C.P.R. people are busily engaged in building and repairing the bridges and track on the Arrow Lake branch. The bridge over the Illecillewaet will be finished to-day, and the track will be in running order by the end of next week or, at the furthest, the beginning of the one following.

The steamboat Nakusp expects to be able to make connections with the trains at Arrowhead about next week.

There were 300 cars of all kinds of freight for points east, west and south in the Revelstoke yards at noon yesterday. Of this enormous amount of freight, which shows what the traffic over the main line is, 60 carloads were for South Kootenay points.

The steamer Trail is making the run up to Revelstoke, as well as the Nakusp, so as to clear some of the large consignments of freight for points south.

Albert Canyon News.

J. Skogstrom has opened up his hotel at Albert Canyon Station under the name of The Springs Hotel. Guests of Mr. Skogstrom may be sure of the best attention and comfort.

A crew of masons, R. Spence, foreman, are building a culvert at Albert Canyon, and are stopping at Skogstroms.

Bush fires have been raging at Albert Canyon in the fore part of the week and occasioned considerable anxiety and some damage to the residents. The hotel and station buildings were in great danger, but after a strong fight were saved. Skogstrom's place caught fire twice. Ben Green and Skogstrom lost all their potatoes and other vegetables, and most of their fencing.

Conundrum—What is the difference between a bee hive and a bad potato? Answer—A bee hive is a be(e)-holder, and a bad potato, a spec(ed)tater (spectator). Next! ALBERT C. ANYON.

A New Enterprise.

J. A. Magee, superintendent of the Kootenay Lumber Co., arrived from Victoria yesterday. It is the intention of Mr. Magee's company to begin operations at once clearing ground and preparing for the erection of a mill on their land at Lardeau, on McRae's pre-emption. The mill will have a capacity of 20,000 feet and be so built as to be easily increased. A number of men will soon be employed in getting out timber from the company's limits. This is a great enterprise for the Lardeau district and will materially help its building. It will also benefit this town which is the natural base of supply for the surrounding camps.

The Excursion From the East.

Secretary Wills, of the Toronto Board of Trade, states that the matter of hotel accommodation for visitors is practically the only obstacle in the way of the proposed joint excursion of the boards of trade of Toronto and Montreal to Kootenay. The C.P.R. people have intimated that they are prepared to grant liberal rates. The excursion idea is popular both in Toronto and Montreal, and it is certain that over 200 of the leading business men will take it in if the question of accommodation is satisfactorily arranged.

A Master of Music.

With commendable energy Messrs. Bourne Bros. have succeeded in securing the appearance of the great violinist Remenyi in Revelstoke on the night of August 4th. This is a treat which may be looked forward to with anticipation by all lovers of good music, as Remenyi is a genius amongst musicians and a man of world-wide fame. It is, perhaps, not saying too much, that it is expected this will be the best thing in concerts ever held in the town, as the artistes who accompany Remenyi are all first-class. Messrs. Bourne deserve credit for securing this opportunity, and no doubt it will be appreciated by a crowded house of music lovers. The programme will be a varied one that will please all.

FROM ALL QUARTERS.

IMPORTANT DOINGS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Laurier to Declare His Policy—A Conservative Convention Wanted—Maud is Married—Populist Pronouncement—Unionists Defeated—Canadians Win the Cup.

The Toronto *World* is proposing to hold a Conservative convention in the near future "to rid the party of the noxious gang that led it on to destruction last month." This is a latter day confession that, better late than never, would have been better if made before the campaign.

Hugh John Macdonald is being spoken of as the leader of the reorganized Conservative party. He will be a popular leader with his party, but it remains to be seen if he has the gift of leadership.

The *Mail-Empire* says the reason the Hon. David Mills was turned down was because he had certain notions on the school question, believing in the efficacy of an arrangement among political leaders on both sides to keep the matter out of the House.

Mr. Bechard has resigned in St. Johns and Iberville in favor of Mr. Tarte. He will be opposed.

Mr. Laurier will outline the government's policy in speeches in St. Johns and Iberville this week.

Senator McInnes, of British Columbia, is a likely candidate for cabinet honors. He is said to be the choice of all the Liberal B.C. members, and has claims upon his party that will be hard to ignore.

Vancouver has got to work on its carnival programme and is making arrangements for a big time in September.

A strong organized movement has been started in Vancouver for the restriction of Mongolian emigration.

Mrs. C. E. Poulin, wife of the manager of the Hudson's Bay Company's store at Vernon, died on Thursday of last week from accidental carbolic acid poisoning.

Fires are doing damage on the K. & S. Railway between the 10 and 17 mile houses.

Two men were committed for trial at Rossland, Monday, for assaulting a man named Craig in a murderous fashion.

The Montana Co. have let a contract for road work on White Grouse Mountain amounting to nearly $10,000.

A great rush is in progress at Salmon River, some wonderfully rich gold strikes having been made.

Kamloops has had the excitement of holding an inquiry into the conduct of its chief of police and fined him $1 for consuming whiskey while on duty.

Alberni is surrounded with bush fires and much damage has been done to buildings.

The Populist convention opened at St. Louis on Wednesday. There was an exciting time and no nomination was made. The middle of the road populists made a big demonstration. Later—J. St. John was elected permanent chairman of the populist convention, and a platform calling for treasury notes instead of bank bills to purchase gold and silver bullion at 16 to 1, was adopted.

The Democrats are talking of putting up a candidate unless the Republicans stop making an issue of the tariff.

The marriage of Princess Maud of Wales to Prince Charles of Denmark was celebrated in the chapel of Buckingham Palace on Wednesday. The celebration was not as elaborate as on the occasion of other royal marriages.

The Unionist Government of Britain received a defeat on a snap vote on the Irish Lands Bill on Wednesday. The vote was on an amendment to Sec. 24 of the Act, and stood 99 for and 86 against. The whole clause was withdrawn.

There was a large withdrawal of gold from the U. S. treasury on Wednesday leaving only a reserve of $2,776,500, about half of which was coin. The banks have been called to replenish the reserve and are responding.

The first trial at the Bar since the Tichborne case was begun on Monday when Dr. Jameson and his associates appeared before Lord Chief Justice Russell and two other judges of the Queen's bench. The charge was breach of neutrality laws.

The Canadian rifle team won the Kolapore cup on Monday at the annual rifle contest at Bisley, and by the latest reports three Canadian marksmen will be in the final bout for the Queen's Prize.

Sir John Millais is still in a precarious condition.

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REVELSTOKE, JULY 25, 1896.

From Eastern exchanges to hand it is apparent that British Columbia is attracting in that part of the Dominion considerable attention. The great dailies, and weeklies too, the *Globe* and *Mail-Empire*, but particularly the *Globe*, are now devoting considerable space to the resources of this Province. This is as it should be. Too long have they been blind to the enormous advantages of this country and silent as to its wealth. As regards the *Globe*, in its capacity as chief organ of the new Government, this active interest is worthy of note, and may mean a direct and generous policy at the hands of the Laurier ministry in the building of railroads, better mail service and general development. It is pleasurable also to note that the boards of trade of Toronto and Montreal are organizing an excursion party to visit this district. This will no doubt result in the investment of considerable money and also ensure a personal knowledge (which is much lacking) of the advantages this country offers to the business men and investors of Eastern Canada. The possibilities of this province are enormous, and it is encumbent on all its residents to be awake to the fact.

The whole province of B. C., with the exception of municipalities, has been created a fire district for the purpose of enforcing the Act passed last session preserving the forests from destruction by fire. This Act provides for the punishment of anyone starting a fire between May and Oct. 31st, except for ordinary industrial purposes, and not using ordinary precautions to extinguish same, to the extent of one hundred dollars. It also requires the equipment of locomotives with spark consumers or other means of preventing sparks. It is all very well to pass laws but they are meaningless without enforcement. Some investigation into the origin of the fires now raging through different parts of the country should be had, and if the carelessness or negligence of any one the provisions of the act should be fully enforced.

It is not pleasant to be given to understand by Wolf Dent the locum of the year Sloan fire of '91, which wiped out Bear Lake, Watson and Three Forks, should not be forgotten. There are several localities in this province that would be in danger of a similar destruction, given hot weather and fires around them. We hope by that time any calamity of this kind may never occur again, but the lessons of '91 should not be forgotten. The Act is the result and we do not see any grounds for the strictures.

The Nelson *Tribune* in the following article on the question of the necessity for protecting miners to take out certificates of competency while coal miners have been so long exempt and in connection with the anomaly, points out the amount paid to the Province for coal licenses and the coal mined. While it is just that if this imposition of a miners' license is levied on the one it should be levied upon the other, it is questionable if it is just or reasonable to levy it on either one or the other. Two wrongs never make a right, and we still maintain that the principle of examination of miners is unreasonable and unjust. For such it really is. Why should a miner be examined as to his knowledge of the mine in which he is working? Who is to be the examiner? Is he to be appointed by the Government? Is he to be a practical miner? Is he to be a mining engineer? Is he to be a mine owner? Is he to be a mine manager? Is he to be a mine foreman? Is he to be a mine inspector? 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Wise and Otherwise.

A discovery has just been made of a relic which, should it prove genuine, will be a national object of veneration to the French. It is, says a Paris correspondent, the armour given by Charles VII at Bourges to Joan of Arc. He ordered it to be made for her during the siege of Orleans. The armour has long hung in the hall of the Chateau de la Tour de Pinon in the Aisne, along with other suits of armour. They were bought by the father of the present owner, the Marquis de Courval. He had a taste for Gothic architecture, built the hall, and furnished it in 1830 like a fifteenth century armoury. Nobody suspected the Joan of Arc's coat of mail was among the acquisitions that he bought. It bears the arms that Charles VII granted her, matches with the descriptions handed down to us, and would be a fit for a girl of 5ft. 3in.

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New Servant Girl (at the house 'phone)—No, the master is not in, and he and the mistress cannot come to your house next Sunday, because I am going out myself.

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Women have succeeded in all professions but one—that is the profession of law. For everything else they are admirably adapted. As cashiers and saleswomen they excel. They display wonderful aptitude in conducting a business, as the famous Paris Bon Marche, conducted by the widow of the former proprietor, shows. Women are successful as writers and teachers. Only as lawyers they are not successful. Every woman should be thoroughly educated. When she is being educated some specific talent usually manifests itself, and when the general education is completed she should devote her energies to developing that specific talent. A woman's best creed is that which she finds best, distasteful, and for which she has talent.

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A few years ago England had 20,000 miles of turnpike roads, but it has gradually made them free, until now the last toll gates have been abolished.

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Field and Stream tells of a curious way by which Eskimos catch wolves. They plant a stake in the ice, with a sharp piece of flint on the top, which is surfaced with seal or deer blubber. Along come the wolves and go to licking the frozen blubber. After a while they get down to the flint and cut their tongues on it. Being ravenously hungry, when they taste the warm blood they fall to and chew the life out of one another. The familiar trick of putting a long piece of sharpened whalebone into a ball of rubber which is released by the heat of an animal's stomach is much less effective than the flint stake, because rarely whole packs of wolves are killed by the latter device.

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Herbert Spencer objects to the name "protection" and says taxation for the benefit of favored interests should be called "aggression." Very neat, Herby, old boy.

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It is costing the Cape Colony £3,000 a day to guard its borders against the terrible rinderpest, and Dr. Edington, director of the Bacteriological Institute, Graham's Town, says that £1,000,000 will have to be expended before the scourge is overcome. According to Dr. Edington, it is, "the real rinderpest, which has been known for 1,500 years." The Italians introduced it with their European cattle into Northern Africa at Massaua in 1890. It passed down the Nile valley with the Arabian caravans, and passing down central Africa was heard of in 1893 at Kilima Njaro. For a year or two it remained north of the Zambezi, committing terrible ravages among the cattle and buffaloes, and even the elephants did not escape.—*London Chronicle.*

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Nearly ten per cent of the recipients of the Victoria cross are military doctors.

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It will probably be found that the estate of the late lamented Baron Hirsch will realise £10,000,000 sterling after deducting the £2,000,000 already generously expended for the benefit of the Jewish community in the Argentine scheme. Of this one half is devoted to charitable purposes under the supervision of four trustees, who, in addition to all their expenses, are to receive for five years as compensation for their trouble the sum of £5,000 per annum. The Baroness is absolutely at the disposal of the Baroness, who is thus left in possession of about £5,000,000.

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The property of the Salvation Army in the United States is valued at nearly $5,000,000.

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A Japanese millionaire is visiting Victoria. He is neither a Gould nor a Vanderbilt. He is simply a Chinaman, wears a pig-tail, dresses in the usual Oriental fashion and is proud that he is a native of the Flowery Kingdom. His name is Lee Kang and, by shifts from Trinidad. Mr. Kang is one of the few individuals who make a success of life either through propitiating the goddess of fortune or through good management. He arrived in Victoria some decade years ago without a dollar in his pocket. He now is reckoned among the millionaires, is married to a French lady and has a family of four daughters and one son. He is proprietor of the largest wholesale establishment in Trinidad and is now on his way to China. He will leave on the next Empress. "The eldest daughter is 17 years of age. She has been well educated, and strange to say her only language is the English."—*Times.*

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A man named Simmons is said to have declined to become the private secretary of a man named Green for a peculiar reason. The salary was tempting, and the work would have been light and agreeable; but then, as he said, he couldn't bear the thought of signing letters: "Green, per Simmons."

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A wonderful mechanical contrivance is announced from Switzerland in the shape of a watch that calls out the hours in a voice like that of a human being. This mechanical curiosity is the invention of one Casimir Livan, who based its principles upon his knowledge of the workings of the phonograph. The case, instead of containing a striking apparatus, as some of the late reality watches do, is provided with a phonographic cylinder, which is fitted with a sensitive photographic plate, which has received the impression of a human voice before being inserted in the watch.

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It is a great thing to thoroughly understand what simple antidote to take if one is so unlucky as to swallow poison of any kind through mistake. Sweet oil is to be found in nearly every house, however humble, and half a pint of it, taken immediately, is said to be a sufficient antidote to almost all poisons. Anybody without a strong constitution should take a larger quantity of this simple remedy.

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Stranger—So you don't use paper for this town?

Native—No, sir. We did have one, but it was a mistake, and we were glad to get rid of it.

"What was the matter?"

"Well, in the first place, the editor didn't know what deeds might often call to mind some long and humiliating story, and shamefully refer to another girl as just pretty, leading to threats in regard to the use of a shotgun. Then, when he got to writing up the weather, he was so afraid of offending some of the farmers that he couldn't say anything about it, and the paper got to be a regular bore. So we just quit taking it, and the man who started it left town."

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Richardson, liberal, has been declared elected in Lagan on the recount.

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One of the best acts of the present ministry at Ottawa was to recommend a large number of barristers for appointment as Queen's Counsel. The total number recommended was 17, of which 9 are in B.C. The B.C. list includes A. E. McPhillips and R. Cassidy, Victoria; R. W. Harris, W. H. Cowan and St. G. Hagarty, Vancouver; J. B. Bowes and John Ellis, Nelson; A. S. M. Sprague, Revelstoke; C. W. McAuley, Kaslo. Such a batch of legal honors is carrying the thing too far and will only degrade the title and detract from any distinction which it confers. It will probably be, if this kind of thing continues, rather an honor to be without than with the title which allows a barrister to wear silk. Commenting on these appointments the Victoria *Times* remarks: "One Indust'y Sir Chas. Tupper did contrive to foster successfully, namely the manufacture of Queen's Counsel. No other government ever conveyed the rather large task of turning out 17 wearers of the silk in one batch and the result of the Tupperian enterprise may well astonish the profession.

"Only by organization is expressed, which is that the Tupper government deliberately set out to degrade the title."

Recent advices state that Sir Oliver Mowat will retire (or die?) on the probably the K.C.M.G. will be picked up elsewhere, which would be a good thing.

A Collision for Fun.

At Columbus, Ohio, recently, twenty-five thousand people saw two monster locomotives deliberately put in terrific collision. The collision was arranged by the Hocking Valley Railroad Company as a means of drawing people to the new park. The machines were old-fashioned and worn out. Neither had been used for some time and both were only candidates for the scrap pile. A small engineer put them in safe condition for the purpose. A special side track a mile long had been prepared and the locomotives, with four old freight cars attached to each and under full steam, were started, one from each end. It is estimated that they were going at the rate of fifty miles an hour when they met. The crash was heard for miles. The two monsters were of about equal weight and when they struck they reared up to the air fully twenty-five feet. The freight cars piled up in a wreck under them and the wreck of the engines fell back upon them, hissing, smoking mass. Dummy firemen and engineers had been placed on the tracks to make it all the more realistic, and many women fainted, supposing they were real men and could not get off. As the clouds of dust and steam obscured the wreck there was a tremendous shout. Then, when the escaping steam subsided the people clambered over the wreckage and every loose piece of iron that could be found was carried away as a relic. Kinetoscopic and stereoscopic views of the wreck were taken by experts. Chief Clerk Thomas Peck, of the general ticket agent's office, was the victim of the only accident. A bolt from the wreck hit engineer Sloan 100 yards to where he was standing and, striking him on the leg, breaking it in two places.

Monkeys as Miners.

Captain E. Moss, who has returned from the Transvaal, tells the story of the monkeys who work for him in the mines. "I have twenty-four monkeys," said he, "employed about my mines. They do the work of seven able bodied men and it is no reflection upon the human beings to say that they do a class of work a man cannot do as well as they. In many instances they find valuable and where a man is useless. They gather up the small pieces of quartz that would be passed unnoticed by the working man, and pick from it the little specks that gain the gold, gathered up in a shovel and thrown in a mill. They are worth $40 a month and their keep, which is very little, for they pick up their own living. Two years ago, when I went to Johannesburg, I had two monkeys that were extraordinarily interesting pets. They were constantly following me about the mines and one day I noticed that they were busily engaged in gathering up little bits of quartz and putting them in piles. They showed a fondness for this labor, very much, and would go to the mines every morning and work there during the day. I did not take me very long to learn their value as laborers, and I decided to procure more. So I sent to Johannesburg, procured a number, and now have a regular monkey force working in and about the mines. It is exceedingly interesting to watch my two pet monkeys teach the new ones how to work, and still stranger, to see how the new comers take to it. They work just as they please, sometimes going down into the mines when they have chosen up all the riches of the outside, and they live together without quarreling, which is more than men do."

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" " east [illegible] 8:45 a.m.
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Kootenay Lodge No. 15 A.F. & A.M.

The regular meeting are held in the Masonic Temple, Bourne's Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

H. E. SMYTHE, SECRETARY.

REVELSTOKE LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 25.

Regular meetings are held in Odd Fellows' Hall every Thursday night at eight o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed.

C. LINDMARK, N.G. E. O. LEWIS, Sec.

Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1658.

Regular meetings are held in the Odd Fellows' Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday's of each month at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

T. STEED, W.M. J. I. WOODROW, Rec. Secy.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Hon. Joe Payne arrived from down river Thursday.

Miss Grace Hamilton left for Clanwilliam yesterday.

Frank Lewis returned from South Edmonton Saturday evening.

R. Green left for Clanwilliam yesterday.

R. Williams and R. Blackmore are down from Ground Hog basin.

Bicycles are multiplying in town, over a dozen being in use.

J. A. Mara, Ex-M.P. for this district, was in town for a couple of days this week.

Tom Kains, Surveyor-General of British Columbia, came in Monday morning.

Mrs. Govett and family, of Kamloops, was in town for a few days this week.

Capt. Grant of Illecillewaet came in on No. 2 Thursday morning from Victoria.

Miss Alice Northey arrived home from the Hot Springs, where she went on a visit, on Thursday.

Parties wishing to have surveying done in this district will find it to their interest to call on R. Tapping.

When you buy the famous BEAVER Chewing Tobacco, be sure the word Beaver is on each plug.

G. D. Scott, the rustling mining broker from Vancouver, went into Lardeau Wednesday.

If you want to enjoy the comforts of home buy a 10c. package of genuine TONKA Smoking Mixture.

No. 2 on Thursday was made up of ten cars and two engines. It carried a number of Mongolians for the east.

Tom Dunn, hardware merchant, of Vancouver, who is interested in the Silver Cup at Trout Lake, arrived Monday and went south.

J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., left Thursday morning for East Kootenay to do some development on a claim he is interested in. He will be away about 10 days.

Alex. Begg, publisher of the *B.C. Mining Record* and author of the History of the Northwest, arrived in town Tuesday on his way to Rossland.

Jack Sands is always prepared to do teaming and hauling of all kinds at shortest notice. See him about your winter wood.

H. N. Coursier returned Tuesday from a visit to Trail. He reports business as good and says the water was well up on the lower part of the town.

The Gold Hill Hotel is determined not to be unknown to the public. A nice sign in white letters adorns the front. The whole building is being artistically painted by Ramsay.

D. Crowley is doing some of the finest upholstery work that has ever been done in the Interior. He has finished a magnificent chair and lounge which were bought as soon as completed.

John R. Hull, the well-known stock and cattle man of Kamloops, and who has long run a branch house in Revelstoke, was in town for a few days this week. He is much pleased with the results of his business here which is ably conducted by J. I. Woodrow.

Major Bateman, D.D., who exemplifies in name, at least, the idea of the church militant, preached and lectured on behalf of the I.O.G.T. on Sunday and Monday last to fairly large audiences. His discourses were very interesting and resulted in an increase to the order.

A good cigar is the ideal of a smokers enjoyment, buy a Kamloops one and you will smoke no other.

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A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Revelstoke Board of Trade will be held at the School House on Monday evening, July 27, 1896, at eight o'clock, for receiving new members and general business.

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J. D. GRAHAM,
Collecting Officer.

Revelstoke, B.C., July 25, 1896. 14-2t

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, A.D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.

Revelstoke, July 17th, 1895. 13-6t

NOTICE

NOTICE I hereby given that 30 days from date I intend applying to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing opposite 9-mile post, east bank, thence east 20 chains; north 20 chains, east 20 chains, north 60 chains, west 40 chains, south 80 chains. Containing 360 acres.

Also commencing south-west corner A. J. Scott's timber claim, thence east 40 chains, south 64 chains, west 40 chains, north 24 chains, west 20 chains, north 40 chains. Containing 320 acres.

Also commencing 40 chains above One-Mile bridge, Fish Creek, thence east 40 chains, north 80 chains, west 40 chains, thence south along the river bank to starting point. 320 acres.

In all 1000 acres more or less.

June 30, 1896. F. HEBERT. 11-4t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend applying to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber, from the following described lands, situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay: Commencing at south-west corner of Kate Scott's timber claim, thence west 40 chains; north 120 chains; east 40 chains; south 120 chains, to starting point, containing 480 acres.

Also commencing north-east corner of J. W. Thomson's pre-emption claim, near Lardeau City, thence east 40 chains; south 80 chains; west 40 chains; north 80 chains to starting point.

Also commencing about 40 chains from mouth of Big Creek, east bank, near Lardeau City; thence north 40 chains; east 40 chains; south 40 chains; west 40 chains, containing 160 acres.

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R. SCOTT. 9-24-11-10

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